



GRANTS UP TO \$75,000 NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH LCEF'S KALEIDOSCOPE FUND

On April 1, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) [announced the 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund grant process is now open](#). Funds will be granted in amounts between \$15,000 and \$75,000.

“The Kaleidoscope Fund is an additional avenue for us and our faithful investors to support the work of the Church,” said Rev. Bart Day, LCEF president and CEO. “When we have a good year, we can pass on those blessings to strengthen [Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod] ministries in the form of this grant.”

This is why, in 2016, LCEF established the Kaleidoscope Fund. In the last 3 years, over \$2 million in grants have been given to 30 LCMS ministries.

“The Kaleidoscope Fund has been a huge help in so many ways,” Rev. Afam Ikanih said, 2018 grant recipient with the South Wisconsin District. Rev. Ikanih is the LCMS chaplain to the Milwaukee County House of Corrections, located in Franklin, Wis.

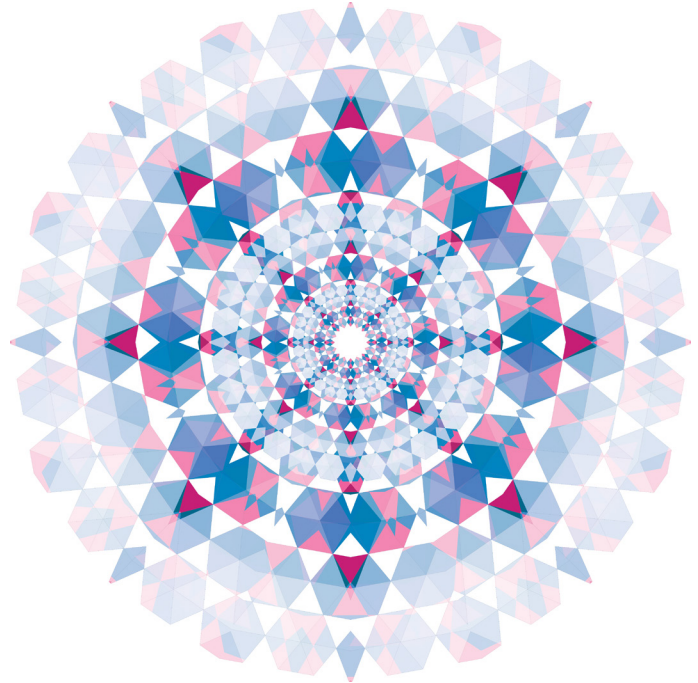
“We have the desire to prepare a place of worship that exudes excellence. Offenders must find the space inviting and if just for a short period of time remove the stigma of incarceration and enjoy the full fellowship with God.”

Through the grant, the district was able to expand the chapel, install a restroom for inmates, provide Ikanih with a private office and buy new sound equipment, instruments and correctional grade chairs.

New focus in 2019

This year LCEF is narrowing the focus of impact for the grant to Lutheran elementary education. Kaleidoscope Fund grants for 2019 are open to LCMS K-8 elementary schools. (LCEF Articles of Incorporation and Synod Bylaws prohibit LCEF from distributing net operating results to Auxiliaries, RSOs, seminaries, colleges or universities of the Synod.)

The grants focus on four categories: faculty enrichment; curriculum development; facility improvements; and endowment creation.



The endowment creation aspect of the 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund is in partnership with the LCMS Foundation.

“Our Lutheran schools perform incredible ministry work,” said David Fiedler, president of the LCMS Foundation. “It is a terrific honor for us at the LCMS Foundation to have this opportunity to partner with LCEF in service to them. Through the Kaleidoscope Fund and this matching fund endowment opportunity, we pray that this will provide long-term funding for our schools with the Lord’s help and through our expertise in planned giving and investment management.”

Those interested in applying for a Kaleidoscope Fund grant must first complete a grant proposal summary.

The deadline to submit grant proposals is May 31. [Start the grant process.](#)

LCEF, a non-profit organization, has served as the financial extension of the LCMS since 1978, offering funding and resources to congregations, schools and rostered church workers through investment support of LCMS members.

The mission of LCEF is to support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of the LCMS, ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.

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