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*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

God’s peace and blessing be with you all as we engage in the full calendar section of the life of our parishes and ministries. In these days we each must exercise good judgment as we qualify and prioritize our work so that the main things remain the main things.

The *Ablaze!* movement throughout the LCMS is the initiative for each believer to share the hope he or she has in Jesus and His free gift of salvation. It encourages every one of us to keep the main thing in our focus. ***Fan into Flame*** will help educate people about *Ablaze!* while securing new funds for mission work to take place locally, nationally and internationally.

As the congregations of the Kansas District continue to learn more about ***Fan into Flame*** and consider their participation, 27 congregations from a cross-section of the District have stepped forward to lead the way, providing examples of what ***Fan into Flame*** can look like in Kansas. These congregations have already completed their congregational appeals or are committed to begin their appeals later this year or the beginning of next year.

These pilot congregations are spread out across the District, placing a participating congregation in your circuit or in a nearby circuit. The pastor and members of these congregations are willing to visit with you and encourage you as your congregation makes plans to participate. They will be able to share with you things that worked well for them and answer questions you might encounter as you plan your appeal.

The Kansas District ***Fan into Flame*** congregations having completed, currently running or planning appeals are:

**Atchison** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Circuit 1  
**Easton** – St. John Lutheran Church, Circuit 1  
**Nortonville** – St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Circuit 1  
**Leavenworth** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Circuit 2  
**Gardner** – King of Kings Lutheran Church, Circuit 3S  
**Overland Park** – Bethany Lutheran Church, Circuit 3S  
**Chanute** – Zion Lutheran Church, Circuit 5  
**Girard** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Circuit 5  
**Humboldt** – St. Peter Lutheran Church, Circuit 5  
**Lawrence** – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Circuit 6  
**Topeka** – Christ Lutheran Church, Circuit 6  
**Alma** – St. John Lutheran Church, Circuit 8  
**Junction City** – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Circuit 8

**McFarland** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Circuit 8  
**Hillsboro** – Zion Lutheran Church, Circuit 9  
**Marion** – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Circuit 9  
**Cheney** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Circuit 11  
**Haven** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Circuit 12  
**Salina** – Christ the King Lutheran Church, Circuit 12  
**Hays** – Messiah Lutheran Church, Circuit 13  
**Colby** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Circuit 15  
**Phillipsburg** – First Lutheran Church, Circuit 15  
**Dodge City** – Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Circuit 16  
**Garden City** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Circuit 16  
**Kinsley** – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Circuit 16  
**Liberal** – Grace Lutheran Church, Circuit 16  
**Offerle** – Zion Lutheran Church, Circuit 16

God will give these congregations opportunities for their hearts, eyes and ears to see and hear the mission field opportunities in their communities, in the Kansas District and throughout the world. As their members learn more about *Ablaze!* and the opportunities they have to “give witness about Jesus of the hope that is within him or her to another person so that person may encounter Christ,” the Gospel message is being shared and hearts are being touched.

Please keep these congregations in your prayers as they take the lead to model, inspire and set the pace for *Fan into Flame* in the Kansas District. Other congregations are still considering the timetable for their participation. If your congregation would like more information about starting *Fan into Flame* this fall or at any time this year, I encourage you to contact the District Office at 800-357-4421 ext. 223.

It has been exciting to see the miracles God is doing in these lead congregations as they prepare and implement their appeals. I am moved by the level of commitment and the hearts for work in the Lord’s mission fields that have been evident so far. I pray the Lord will continue to bless the efforts of these congregations, and that their examples will be a spark that inspires others to keep the main thing the main thing throughout the congregations of Kansas. Please join me in that prayer.

In Christ’s Service,



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