

Explanation of Budgeted Income and Expenses

LINE #	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
5	Grants	Grant received (Siebert Lutheran Foundation, etc.)
13	ELCA Mission Support	For every mission support (formerly called "benevolence") dollar the Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) receives from congregations, 52.5 cents is sent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Churchwide).
14	ELCA Shared Risk	Each of the 65 synods in the ELCA contributes to this fund as needed to emergencies for people in need.
15 - 16	LSTC and Wartburg Seminaries	By sending dollars to the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, GMS helps to prepare candidates for rostered ministry.
17	Wisconsin Council of Churches	The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is a network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations committed to working together across our many differences. Exercising holy imagination, we help each other make courageous choices that lead toward peace with justice, the vitality of the church, and the well-being of our neighbors. The Council connects 20 Christian traditions, which have approximately 2,000 congregations and over one million church members in Wisconsin.
18	Wisconsin Chaplaincy Commission	Dues paid to support the state wide chaplaincy system.
19	Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee	Founded in 1970, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a 50-year-old nonprofit organization through which the regional leaders and adherents of 22 member faiths and denominations dialogue to build personal relationships, conduct public programming to counter hate and fear while fostering interfaith, intercultural and interracial understanding, tolerance and friendship, work together on hunger, unemployment, environmental challenges and other social issues to create a better society for everyone.
20	Native American Ministries	Support provided to the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit in Milwaukee
21	Hmong Ministry Conference	Support provided to this annual conference
22	Lutheran Office for Public Policy	LOPPW is a ministry of advocacy for the ELCA expressed through partnership of the six ELCA Synods with congregations in Wisconsin and ELCA World Hunger
23	Lutheran Outdoor Ministry	Support provided to camping ministries in Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
24	Lutheran Volunteer Corps	LVC unites full-time stipend Volunteers with financial supporters, non-profit organizations and ministries to work for peace with justice across the nation. In addition to working for justice, LVC Volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-7 people to encourage simple, sustainable living.
25	Region 5 Office of the ELCA	Region 5 encompasses the twelve synods of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Region 5 is a link between churchwide and the synods by assisting in communication and working on tasks between the two expressions, such as the assignment process for seminaries.
26	Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin	The ELCA Foundation is the private foundation that exists to help all members of the church practice good stewardship of their assets. It is a pass through foundation cultivating gifts for ministry and providing a full range of gift planning services and gift vehicles. Cynthia Halverson is the Regional Gift Planner for LPGW.
34	Lutheran Campus Ministry	We support two campus pastors, Rachel Young Binter & Jessica Short who work with students from UWM and Marquette Universities.
35	Committees' Programs and Mission	Funds to support the various small committees in our synod ministries. This is seldom used.
36	Communication Dept.	Support the communications of our synod with the 122 congregations.

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37	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	Used where needed as determined by the bishop
38	Cross+Generational Ministry Programs	Support various Cross+Generational Programs such as the National Youth Gathering.
39	Congregational Assistance & Sabbatical Support	Support for congregations in an emergency situation or when their pastor goes on a sabbatical.
40	Synodical Candidacy Committee	Support provided for people entering the candidacy program by paying part of the application fee for a candidate.
41	Evangelism/New Mission Starts	Funds used to aid in the start of new congregations in the synod
42	Companion Synod Visits	Funds used when delegations visit from the El Salvador Lutheran Church and the Meru Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.
43	Anti-Racism Training	Support for workshops and other training events for the synod's commitment to anti-racism training.
44	Leadership Support Events	Used to supplement events (Fall Leadership Conference, Together in Mission etc).
51-57	Compensation and Employee Benefits	Funds are provided to pay for the ministry of the synod staff.
59-62	Travel, hospitality and meetings	Provides for synod staff & council meetings, staff travel to various events, and meetings at the synod office.
64-66	Office Expenses	Includes postage, office supplies, paper and software expenses.
68-73	Purchased Services	Covers legal expenses incurred throughout the year, payroll, and the annual audit of the synod's finances.
74	Office Insurance	Dollars are used to cover GMS's property and equipment, liability and bonded coverages.
78	Leased Equipment	Funds are used for leased copier and postage equipment.
80	Facilities Expense	Covers rent and utilities at the synod office at Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.