

INTRODUCING **K.I.D.S.**



KIDS INTO DISCIPLESHIP AND STEWARDSHIP STAMP PROGRAM

Lutheran Church Extension Fund



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Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is a ministry program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). LCEF exists to support the LCMS 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.

This is accomplished through the unique ministry-through-investment program. Through the continued grace of God, LCEF provides low-cost loans and services to LCMS ministries across the country in ways that further His kingdom. LCEF investors earn competitive interest rates, while ministries borrow at cost-effective loan rates.



Introducing K.I.D.S.

K.I.D.S. stands for Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship and is an LCEF stamp program providing children a fun way to learn about investing while educating them about LCEF's mission and ministry.

The K.I.D.S. Stamp Program allows younger investors to participate in the LCEF ministry through the purchase of stamps that are eventually deposited into a child's very own LCEF investment.

Kids Involved in Ministry

The K.I.D.S. Stamp Program gets kids involved in the ministry of the Church, while also teaching them lessons about discipleship, stewardship, and investing.

When the children of your church or school become K.I.D.S. investors, they will invest their money as well as take personal pride in knowing their money helps to build, expand, or renovate churches or schools just like those in their own community. Over the years, thousands of children have participated in the LCEF K.I.D.S. Stamp Program and thousands of dollars (belonging to kids) have been used throughout the LCEF ministry as loans to LCMS churches, schools, and rostered church workers.

LCEF Investing with K.I.D.S. Stamps

To begin, each child receives a K.I.D.S. Stamp Book.

Children purchase stamps from the K.I.D.S. Coordinator in amounts of 25-cents or \$1.00 that are then pasted in their special books.

Once completely filled, the book has a \$25.00 value and is sent to LCEF to open the child's LCEF investment. This investment immediately starts earning interest. Children may even add other funds they receive.



K.I.D.S. with a Purpose

The K.I.D.S. Stamp Program from LCEF offers:

- To teach children how the acts of discipleship and stewardship are God-pleasing.
- To help young investors be more conscious of the benefits of investing money.
- To create interest in LCEF in children, parents, teachers, and congregation members.
- To allow children to directly participate in the ministry of LCEF. Their dollars help build churches, schools, childcare centers, and other worship facilities.

Getting Started

K.I.D.S. Coordinator

Each organization should appoint a K.I.D.S. Coordinator to administer the program. Coordinators may want to enlist the help of other adults or even youth to assist them with their responsibilities of:

1. Purchasing stamps.
2. Tracking the stamp inventory and money collected.
3. Introducing the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program.

Purchasing Stamps

Stamps are sold in two denominations, 25-cents and \$1.00, and must be purchased in advance from LCEF, St. Louis, Mo.



**Free
Offer!**

If your organization is new to the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program, your church or school will receive your first order of stamps *FREE* (up to \$100.00). As stamps are sold to the children, the collected money should be used for additional stamp purchases.

K.I.D.S. Coordinators will purchase 25-cent stamps in \$50.00 books and \$1.00 stamps in \$20.00 sheets.

LCEF StewardAccount®

To increase the ease and reduce the time of making stamp purchases, K.I.D.S. Coordinators may consider opening an LCEF StewardAccount in the name of the church or school's K.I.D.S. program.

The LCEF StewardAccount* offers competitive interest rates, free check writing (with certain restrictions), monthly statements, VISA® ATM/Check card, online financial information through the LCEF MyAccount® service, and more!

With an LCEF StewardAccount, K.I.D.S. Coordinators will deposit the collected stamp money (by mail or through electronic funds transfer). Purchases for additional stamps can easily be made by calling LCEF at 1-800-843-5233, e-mailing info.kids@lcef.org, or by completing and mailing a K.I.D.S. Stamp Material Order Form. Payment will be withdrawn automatically from your StewardAccount, and the stamps will be sent immediately to you.

Organizations without a StewardAccount may easily complete the K.I.D.S. Stamp Material Order Form and mail with your payment to LCEF.



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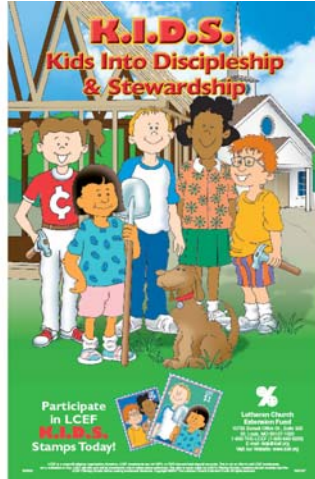
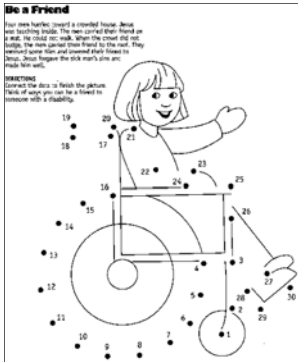
*LCEF StewardAccount access features provided through UMB Bank, n.a.

K.I.D.S. Stamp Material Order Form

All K.I.D.S. materials (excluding stamp orders) are FREE. Materials include brochures, posters, children's activity books, coin boxes, stickers, and more!



To order, K.I.D.S. Coordinators should complete the K.I.D.S. Stamp Material Order Form and mail it to LCEF. Orders may also be completed on the LCEF Web site, www.lcef.org or e-mailing: info.kids@lcef.org.



K.I.D.S. Stamp Books



Always have the children write their names on the outside cover of their K.I.D.S. Stamp Book. **Purchased stamps should always be pasted in their books immediately.**

REMEMBER: K.I.D.S. stamps have a monetary value! If lost, neither the congregation, nor LCEF, is responsible for their replacement.

The child and parent/guardian are responsible for sending the completed stamp book to LCEF. If the child does not have an LCEF certificate for the investment of stamps, he/she should complete the Dedicated Certificate Application attached to the stamp book. If the child already has a Dedicated Certificate (or any LCEF certificate that allows for additional investments), he/she only needs to complete the Additional Investment Form (also attached to the book).

After the application or additional investment form is completed, the child should mail the stamp book (with the stamps attached) to LCEF.

A full stamp book has a \$25.00 value. Even if a stamp book is not fully completed, it can still be returned to LCEF to invest the value of the saved stamps.

Encouraging K.I.D.S. Participation

Decide when, where, and how often K.I.D.S. stamps will be available for purchase by the children. Selling stamps at a designated time and place will help kids remember to bring their stamp books and money on the appropriate day!

Announce the start of the K.I.D.S. program by sending letters home with the children and printing special “Newsletter Notes” in your church/school newsletter or bulletin.

Letter Samples

Hey, Kids!

Did you know you can help other kids and their families get a new church or school building while at the same time setting aside money for something special you may want? The K.I.D.S. Stamp Program helps you do it!

You can buy K.I.D.S. stamps for 25-cents or \$1.00 each and put them into your special K.I.D.S. stamp book. When all the spaces are filled, the book is worth \$25.00 and you are ready to build up your investment with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). At LCEF, they gather everyone’s money together and use it to help build churches and schools while your money earns interest for you!

If you would like to take part, be sure to see me (when and where) !

See you then!

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce you to Lutheran Church Extension Fund’s (LCEF) investment program that gets children involved in the ministry of the Church. It’s called K.I.D.S.—Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship—Stamp Program.

As you may already know, LCEF is a unique ministry-through-investment program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Investors earn competitive interest rates while providing low-cost loans to churches, schools, and rostered church workers.

At (enter name of church/school), your child can purchase K.I.D.S. stamps for 25-cents or \$1.00 each and place them in his/her own K.I.D.S. Stamp Book. Once full, the \$25.00 book is sent to LCEF and placed into an investment in the K.I.D.S. investor’s name with a parent or guardian as the custodian. All investments through LCEF earn interest and are used to share the good news of Jesus Christ!

When the children of our (church/school) become LCEF investors, they will take personal pride from helping to build, expand, or renovate churches or schools—like those in their own community. Over the years, thousands of children have been stamp savers, and many thousands of dollars belonging to children have been used to build God’s Kingdom.

If you would like to take part, be sure to see me (when and where) !

See you then!

Encouraging K.I.D.S. Participation

Newsletter Notes

Add a message to your congregation or school's newsletter to share your organization's participation in the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program.

Children Can Build Churches!

Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship (K.I.D.S.) Stamp Program is a fun, easy way for children to learn the basics of investing. Come to the fellowship hall at (enter date and time) to learn how this investment stamp program from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund teaches children about investing and helping LCMS organizations share the Good News of Jesus with others. Cookies and punch will be provided!

K.I.D.S. Stamps

Stamps aren't just for envelopes anymore! Learn how saving a book of K.I.D.S. stamps from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund can help build a church or a school. Kids can learn about investing money and furthering the Lord's work—all at the same time. See (enter name) to learn how.

2-4-6-8, K.I.D.S. Stamps are Really Great!

Hey, Kids! Learn how stamps from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund can help you save money and also help build churches and schools. See (enter name) to learn how.

Hey, Kids! Coming soon . . .

Coming soon to our church *(or school)* is the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program. Learn how saving money for something you want will also help further the Lord's work at the same time! Watch for more news soon.



Here are a few more ideas to make your organization's K.I.D.S. Stamp Program even bigger and better:

- Observe one or two special occasions each year, such as Christmas or birthdays, by giving K.I.D.S. investors a free stamp.
- Ask LLL or LWML members to provide each child a K.I.D.S. stamp book with a stamp already in it.
- Remind members that baptisms, birthdays, and holidays are excellent times to give stamps to kids.
- Always include the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program when making a presentation to a group about LCEF.
- Never turn down a chance to talk about K.I.D.S. and its purpose.
- Set classroom goals and celebrate when they are reached.
- Use a traveling trophy for classroom competition.
- Always have plenty of stamps available.
- Never miss a scheduled stamp day.

LCEF Contact Information

Thank you for your participation in the Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship Stamp Program from LCEF. We look forward to working with you as you begin the K.I.D.S. program in your church or school.

For answers to your K.I.D.S. questions, contact us at:

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