

## 2009 Report to the Northwest Synod

For 125 years, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has been responding with compassion to those in need. We are pleased to provide the following 2009 report to the Northwest Synod.



**People Served:** In 2009, LSS served over 120,000 people through a variety of compassionate social services. LSS services are open to all people, Lutheran and non-Lutheran.

**Services:** LSS offers over 400 services at more than 250 sites in over 90 communities throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. LSS has main offices in Waukesha, Appleton and Eau Claire, as well as an agency-wide office in Milwaukee and hub offices throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Our range of services includes adoption and foster care; counseling; community and residential services for children, youth and families; services for older adults and people with special needs; alcohol and drug treatment, refugee resettlement and Lutheran Disaster Response.

**Oversight:** LSS is overseen by 500,000 Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Lutherans in more than 800 congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Each year, throughout the two-state area, LSS benefits from the strong partnership with these Churches.

**Governance:** LSS is governed by a Board of Directors, including representatives from business, health care, clergy and other sectors of the community in the two-state area. Within the Northwest Synod, we thank Rick Hoyme and Bishop Duane Pederson for volunteering their time to guide LSS as part of our Board of Directors:

**Church Funding:** In 2009, benevolence support from ELCA congregations within the six synods affiliated with LSS totaled \$805,156. These funds subsidize services for people unable to afford the help they need. We are grateful to these churches for their continued support of our shared mission.

Serving in Christ,

Tom Scrivner  
Board Chair

Pastor David Larson  
President & CEO

***LSS Mission:***

***Motivated by the compassion of Christ, we help people improve the quality of their lives.***

***LSS Vision:***

***Changing the world – one grace-filled life at a time.***