

Sept. 24, 2010

Hi Bishop,

I thought you would be interested in a recent fundraiser sponsored by the Freeman Lutheran and De Soto Lutheran Men's Clubs for the benefit of our Synod Seminarian Scholarship Fund. A ham and potato supper was held on September 9, 2010, in De Soto's new fellowship hall. While the men did all the preparation of the main entrée, WELCA members from both parishes provided salads and desserts for the event. A free-will offering was taken . . . approximately 125 dinners were served; our net proceeds totaled \$700.

The \$700 will be donated to the Synod Seminarian Scholarship Fund bringing the total of the Fund to over \$20,000. This will get us closer to the \$25,000 required to partner with the Fund for Leaders to establish a sub-account for the Seminarian Scholarship endowment. Would it be possible for you to bring this fundraising effort to the attention of the other churches in our Synod? If two small rural churches were able to combine their talents and raise \$700, I find myself wondering what the larger congregations in our Synod would be able to do.

We are so close to our goal of establishing an endowment fund for the benefit of future seminarians and, with everyone's help, we can definitely reach it or surpass it.

Thank you.

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Chair, Synod Endowment Fund Board