

We are blessed to have two educational scholarship funds available to us at First Evangelical Lutheran in La Crescent. They are the Weist Fund and the Pieper Fund. Below is a summary of both funds, where they come from, and why they were given.

The Weist Fund was generously given by William F. Weist. William Weist bestowed a trust to First Evangelical Lutheran of La Crescent, Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran South Ridge and Zion Evangelical Lutheran of Hokah. This trust is being used to help provide for any level of education that will help enhance the student's academic and religious well-being.

The Pieper Fund was generously given to the members of First Evangelical Lutheran of La Crescent by Edith Pieper as a part of her last will and testament. It was Edith's wish that this part of her estate be used to assist the members of First Evangelical Lutheran of La Crescent in two ways. The first was that it would assist members with the cost of high school education in a Lutheran high school. The second was that it would assist members with the cost of a college education if the applicant was studying for the ministry at colleges such as Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

It is with great thanks and appreciation to these past members that we are able to offer these scholarship funds to you. We pray that these funds are able to assist you as your family continues its Christ-centered education.

Again this year Lutheran elementary school is being offered tuition free, with the exception of fees and registration costs, to our members who send their children to First Lutheran, La Crosse Elementary School. This is a wonderful opportunity the Lord has given us because we feel that Christian education is a vital part of growing in faith. We pray that all our families would take advantage of this blessing to the glory of the Lord and the growth of his Kingdom.

Even though the Lord has blessed this partnership with First, La Crosse, we encourage all our families to send their children to the WELS Lutheran Elementary School of their choice and encourage them to apply for assistance from the scholarship fund if needed. And as always, all members needing assistance for Little Lambs Preschool and/or Luther High School, as well as Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary or Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato are also encouraged to apply.

Yours in Christ,

The Scholarship Team