

## LSI Goal

WELS pastors and teachers looking for resources on creation/evolution, will look to LSI and find useful ministry materials and ideas.

Today, few WELS called workers are even aware of LSI. LSI is in a multi-year expansion to change this, and there is much work ahead in this effort. We need to assemble Confessional Lutheran resources, and tell everyone how to find those materials. Last year we completely revised the LSI website and added plenty of new materials categorized by topic. This year we will increase our advertising, while continuing to add new articles, books, and other resources. Today most LSI Journal articles are written by LSI Board members. Another goal is that by 2016 half will be written by others, especially by WELS high school and college science teachers. This will free up board time for meeting other ministry goals.

Much of our initial expansion involves things we can do at minimal cost, but even these require an almost 100% increase in our budget from previous years. If the Lord blesses LSI with growth, future years will probably see additional large increases in our budget. A long term goal is to accumulate funding in our new LSI Trust to eventually support a paid staff for administration, speaking engagements, materials development, and other ministry tasks.

Please help in as many ways as you are able: with your prayers, generous financial gifts, by recommending specific Confessional Lutheran articles for inclusion on our website, and by offering to write an article for the LSI Journal.

## Easter Offering

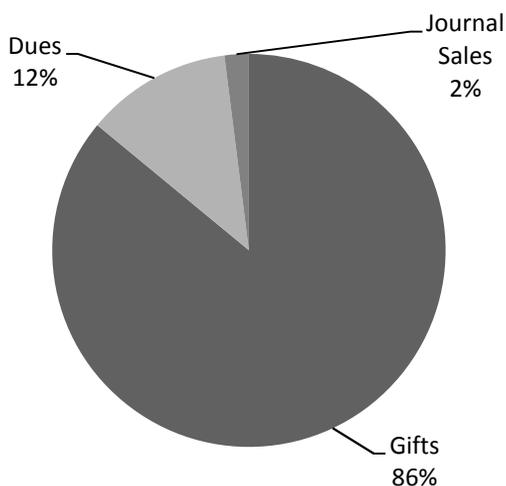
LSI is funded primarily through small and large gifts from people like you. To fund this year's ministry, and to provide a good start to our new LSI Trust Fund, we are having an offering this Lent and Easter season.

## DOUBLE Your Gift

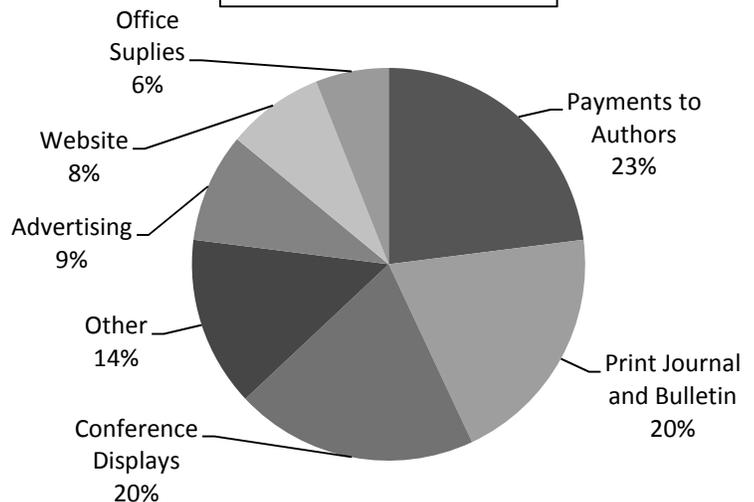
Gifts given to LSI from January through April 2015 will be MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR by a generous LSI member (up to \$3,000 in matched dollars).

## 2015 Operating Budget

INCOME: \$3,200



EXPENSES: \$3,200



## Budget Details

Changes to the budget from last year include \$300 for a new LSI display, \$200 for display registration fees, \$300 for advertising, an increase of \$96 in website costs, and \$107 to print and mail the LSI Journal to additional WELS officials.

We pay \$0.03 per word to authors of LSI Journal articles. Some authors decline payment, but if none decline our cost will be \$738 (23% of budget).

We print and mail 95 paper copies of the quarterly LSI Journal, and 29 paper copies of the LSI Bulletin, at an annual cost of \$644 (20% of budget). The 29 members/subscribers who receive paper copies, paid for them in previous years, so little income from Journal sales (\$51) is expected in 2015. Ten bulk Journal copies are sent prepaid to one congregation, while the remainder are sent at no charge to 55 WELS high schools, colleges, and synod officials.

Displays at WELS conferences (\$650: 20% of budget), advertising online and elsewhere (\$300: 9%), and our website (\$252: 8%) enable us to distribute materials and gather support. Office supplies (\$187: 6%) includes our ballot mailing and supplies not included in other categories. Other expenses include meeting room, banking, and incorporation fees, along with a contingency fund.

Income assumes that gifts received will be sufficient for a balanced budget.

Income from dues and Journal sales is based on the assumption that most dues and paid print Journal sales expiring in 2015 will be renewed (very few expire in 2015). Six new dues paying members are also included in the budget, and that may be exceeded significantly, as three new members already joined LSI in January alone.

Our General Treasury has \$1,801 as of January 1, 2015. Our new LSI Trust Fund has \$150 as of January 1, 2015.

## LSI Trust Fund

With the Lord's blessing, our Easter offering will greatly exceed the \$3,200 required for 2015 expenses. May the generous gifts of God's people also provide many thousands of dollars for our newly established LSI Trust Fund. The purpose of the LSI Trust Fund is 1) To provide stable year to year funding for general operations, and 2) To accumulate funds for future LSI ministry expansion which may eventually include a paid staff for administration, speaking engagements, materials development, and other ministries.

We are extremely thankful for gifts of all sizes, but meeting the long term goal of having a paid staff will require large gifts. Please consider adding LSI to your will. List LSI as "Lutheran Science Institute, an organization affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod," and include our federal EIN number (contact LSI for the EIN number). Please contact LSI for help in setting up a will, or if you are considering non-cash gifts to LSI. LSI can direct you to WELS resources to assist in setting up a will.

The document controlling the LSI Trust Fund was approved by LSI voters in October 2014 and can be read at: [www.LutheranScience.org/trust](http://www.LutheranScience.org/trust)

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*While Lutheran Science Institute (LSI) is a WELS organization, it receives no funding or support from the WELS. LSI is a non-profit entity and has tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

**Check:** Mail a check (Lutheran Science Institute) with this form to:  
Lutheran Science Institute, 13390 W. Edgewood Ave. New Berlin WI 53151-8088

I am giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the LSI Trust Fund.

I am giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ and ask the LSI Board to allocate it between the Trust and Operating Funds.

**Credit Card:** Make an online gift via credit card at:  
[www.LutheranScience.org/donate](http://www.LutheranScience.org/donate)  
Mention in the comment section if you wish some or all of your gift to go to the Trust Fund.

**Other Gifts:** Please contact us about giving stock, IRAs, or other non-cash gifts.

**Contact LSI:** Email [office@LutheranScience.org](mailto:office@LutheranScience.org); or call Mark Bergemann at 414-339-3925.