

**1. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, Winnebago - \$6000 PAID**

This grant would provide the tuition for one year for 8 preschoolers to attend Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Winnebago, NE. Many families in the Winnebago area deal with factors like poverty, single parent households and children being raised by grandparents. With this grant families would have another option besides the public preschool which is tuition free. A majority of our preschoolers hear about Jesus for the first time when they attend Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool. These children become missionaries in their homes. Yvie is one of those little missionaries. Yvie's grandma and guardian shared that Yvie is constantly singing her songs and saying the Bible verses at home.

**2. Running the Race with Mission Central - \$6000 PAID**

To give financial assistance to called LCMS missionaries or projects as we are called to do. As in Hebrews 12:1b-2 ...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**3. Siouxland Hispanic Ministry - \$7500 PAID**

It's all about relationships! Authentic relationships where Christ's love is shown through our words and actions. Here in South Sioux City, NE - also called "Little Mexico" by the locals - we have been blessed with the opportunity to reach out to our Hispanic neighbors and share the love of Jesus. Through ESL and citizenship classes, home visits, door-to-door introductions, volunteering in public schools and connecting to other community organizations, we are moving forward to make connections that can lead to a relationship in which the love and message of Jesus can be shared. With the continued presence and work of our missionary Pastor Paul Flo, we pray to have a thriving Hispanic ministry on the horizon where God will use us as instruments to bring our Hispanic neighbors to the knowledge of their Lord Jesus Christ.

**4. The Fatherhood Initiative Project - Lutheran Family Services - \$7500 PAID**

The Fatherhood Initiative Project strives to re-engage fathers with their children and support the whole family in efforts to overcome struggles and improve their lives. Studies show that children with fathers who are engaged in their lives have more positive life experiences and are less likely to engage in high-risk behavior. These children develop healthier relationships and are less likely to have emotional or physical problems, perform better academically and subsequently better in their jobs and careers. With potential to expand into local, rural congregations (through virtual TeleHealth services), this program can be a resource to reach every corner of Nebraska

#### **5. CTS, Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Bank - \$3000**

When individuals come to Concordia Theological Seminary they have an increased financial burden due to lower financial income but still having the same financial needs. The seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students with access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80-90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the students, relying on donations from individuals, congregations and organizations. This grant would help purchase perishable items for the Food Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary.

#### **6. Logos Bible Software, Concordia Seminary St. Louis - \$4500**

Concordia Seminary seeks a mission grant to help support the cost for its students to purchase required Logos Bible Software and its accompanying lifetime license. The software contains more than 400 resources that augment advanced study of Lutheran theology, particularly toward developing and improving pastoral skills. Our seminarians' consistent use of Logos software improves their understanding of the Bible's original languages and bolsters the overall efficiency of their theological learning. When they graduate and become pastors, they will continue to use the software, which is regularly updated and expanded at no cost, to enhance their preaching and teaching of God's Word and enable them to better serve their congregations.

#### **7. Daughters of the Savior - \$5000**

The Nebraska District of the LCMS sponsors a yearly 'Wives of Pastors' retreat open to any current, widowed, or emeritus pastor's wife residing in the District, whose husband serves or served a Nebraska District congregation. These DOTS - Daughters of the Savior... Depending on the Savior retreats are a unique, safe setting with other women in the ministry to have a time of worship, learning, spending time with other wives of pastors to be renewed through His Word, refreshed through laughter and reminded of the freedom that is theirs through Jesus Christ.

A \$5000 grant would allow for the opportunity to arrange for speakers from a farther distance for the Nebraska District LCMS 2023 and 2024 annual wives' retreats. Funds are not currently available to cover flights, housing, meals and other travel incidentals on a regular basis and scholarships to those in need.

**8. Chancel furnishings for the University Lutheran Chapel/UNL - \$7500**

More than 26,000 students live and study at University of Nebraska - Lincoln each year. In addition, the neighborhoods around the campus are home to thousands of recently graduated millennials, many of whom are in need of a church community. The Nebraska District owns the University Lutheran Chapel building that sits of the very edge of the UNL campus and in the heart of downtown Lincoln.

The Chapel's most important ministry is Word and Sacrament, and the renovation work to the building has made the Chapel accessible and inviting, and a space where God's people are served with God's love and compassion. Several finishing touches to the Chapel remain unfunded and incomplete, including chancel furnishing such as an altar, pulpit, baptismal font and wall cross.

**9. . Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America - \$5000**

Lutheran Braille Workers' mission is to serve people around the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired. Through gaining access to the Scriptures, people living in physical and spiritual darkness can know Jesus in their lives through reading Spanish Braille Bibles.

Recently, LBW received a request to produce thousands of volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles, requiring the additional purchase of equipment and supplies for production of these Bibles. LBW is asking for our support to help produce Spanish Braille Bibles for free distribution primarily in Central and South America.

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