

1. Camp Luther Gerwick Kitchen Remodel \$ 10,000

Camp Luther's kitchen in Gerwick Hall is an integral part of our ministry, serving over 1,500 campers, volunteers, and guests each year. To continue providing safe and efficient meal service that fosters Christian fellowship, the camp seeks to upgrade essential kitchen equipment. This project includes purchasing a new commercial-grade stove, dishwasher booster heater, kitchen serving window door, wipeable wall paneling for sanitation, and a commercial food mixer. These improvements will make meal preparation more reliable and efficient.

2. Nourishing Bodies and Souls in Haiti (Trinity HOPE) \$ 5,000

Trinity HOPE'S mission is to nourish the bodies and souls of children in Christian schools throughout Haiti. By providing a daily nutritional meal in the name of Jesus, our goal is to equip children to learn and grow stronger, physically, mentally, and spiritually, throughout their school day. The Gospel is central to every school we support, aligning with the mission of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to share Christ with the world and care for those in need. Currently Trinity HOPE is feeding more than 67,000 children daily in 301 Christian schools across 16 districts in Haiti. A grant of \$5,000 would support one of these schools by providing 13,158 meals over two school years (2026-2028,)

3. Reaching Distant Nations: Open Doors for Gospel Proclamation (MOST) \$ 8,000

MOST Ministries enables committed Christians to go on short-term missions that share the love of Jesus through acts of service – through eyeglass clinics, clean water filters, English as a Second Language, children's ministry, health education, medical and dental clinics, and many other ministries. Every person directly impacted through these acts of service hears the Gospel in their own language from local pastor/missionary and receives a MOST Ministries witness bracelet to remind them of the Gospel message. However, the costs to participate in these mission trips to distant nations has become expensive and has put participation out of reach for many volunteers who simply want to use their time and talents to help fulfil the Great Commission." Financial support for someone who yearns to serve others in Jesus' name could provide the critical enabling boost.

4. Gospel Access for Aging Adults (Worship Anew) \$ 10,000

With this grant Worship Anew can provide "Gospel Access for Aging Adults" by equipping congregations in Nebraska with resources to connect aging adults with God's Word. Aging adults face some of life's most difficult circumstances, including illness and loss, fear, regret, and isolation. These things often make it difficult or impossible to participate in worship. At the same time, these things can make those who are unchurched more receptive to the Gospel message. Through Worship Anew, aging adults can hear the Gospel through resources made specifically for them, particularly a weekly worship program, a daily devotional (Hope-Full Living), a monthly magazine (The Broadcaster), and a Care Ministry, which provides care packages and grief resources for those in need.

5. "Daughters of the Savior...Depending on the Savior" Wives of Pastors' Retreats \$ 7,500
(LCMS Nebraska District)

A \$7,500 grant would allow the opportunity to arrange for speakers/presenters from a further distance for the Nebraska District LCMS 2027 and 2028 annual wives' retreats. Funds are not currently available to cover flights, housing, meals, and other travel incidentals for speakers on a regular basis and provide scholarships for those in need.

6. Listen! Listen, God Is Calling,,in Tanzania (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) \$ 8,500

Listen! Listen, God is calling in Tanzania (East Africa), where literally millions of His children have answered the call to join Lutheran churches. Yes, there are SIX MILLION Lutherans in Tanzania, but there is a challenge: LCMS missionaries and partner churches do not have good books like Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, children's Bible storybooks, evangelism and devotion booklets that are needed to teach and build a strong Lutheran foundation in these growing churches. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has been translating and publishing these faith-building resources for nearly 35 years at a cost of only \$3\$5 per book! With this grant, LHF will translate and publish 1,700 – 2,800 catechisms for Bible books for our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in languages they can read and understand, such as Swahili, Maasai, and Dholuo. For many Tanzanians, this will be the first book they own – and it's a book about Jesus.

7. Down Syndrome Life Advocacy & Adoption Initiative \$ 8,000
(Lutheran Family Services of IA)

This grant proclaims the value of every life created by God and offers Christian adoption as an alternative to abortion for parents facing a prenatal Down Syndrome diagnosis. In the United States today, nearly 75% of babies diagnosed in the womb with Down Syndrome are aborted. Through this LWML partnership with Lutheran Family Service (Iowa), OBGYNs in Nebraska will be fully equipped to present adoption instead of abortion to newly diagnosed patients, and one Lutheran/Christian, male/female married couple will be identified, prepared, and supported to adopt a baby with Down Syndrome. Babies with an extra chromosome will be saved from abortion to life with a loving family, and eternal life for eternity to come through baptism and faith – supported, nurtured, and loved by their adopting parents and church family.

8. Program Plans and Materials for Hispanic Outreach (Siouxland) \$ 10,000

The Hispanic population in the Siouxland area continues to grow rapidly. Many families are open to hearing the Gospel and desire community connection, but often feel isolated by language barriers. Most area congregations lack the bilingual materials and trained leaders needed to engage effectively in cross-cultural ministry. Additionally, the Siouxland Lutheran community has been praying for the Lord to raise up a Hispanic pastor who can shepherd, teach, and lead this ministry effort in the long term. This project will lay a foundation for that pastoral call by developing resources, outreach programs, and congregational relationships that support a future Hispanic ministry presence

9. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool Tuition Assistance \$ 10,000

This mission project would provide tuition for two years for 10 preschoolers each year. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool is located on the Winnebago reservation in northeast Nebraska. It is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and was started in 1997. The mission statement for Jesus Our Savior Preschool states that each child is a precious gift from Mauna (our Creator), saved by the love of Jesus. Because the majority of our preschoolers hear about Jesus for the first time or have a limited knowledge of Him when they enroll, it is imperative that we reach out to these precious preschoolers. As Kora, a current preschooler, told Mrs. Carson (the teacher) recently, "I know Jesus loves me, cuz He died on the cross for me!" That summarizes what our preschool is all about.

10. Facilitating Lifelong Christian Family Disciples \$ 5,000
(Concordia Center for the Family)

This project aims to train eight to sixteen (8-16) facilitators -pastors, lay leaders, and caregivers -who will equip families to nurture faith at home and unite homes with congregations for lifelong Christian discipleship. Funds will cover registration, materials, and resources for trainees. The program addresses the challenges posed by technology and declining family faith practices. Intensive training and ongoing mentorship are provided, with measurable outcomes including increased parental involvement and Biblical engagement. The initiative expects to reach 1,000 individuals, strengthen the faith of families, and inspire future ministry leaders. Continued support will come from donors, congregations, and additional grants to ensure program sustainability.

11. To ensure that no kids sleeps on the floor in S.C. (Sleep in Heavenly Peace) \$10,000

Quality sleep is essential for the overall well-being of children, both mentally and physically. During sleep, the body and mind undergo essential repair and rejuvenation processes, while the brain consolidates new information. Insufficient sleep can have detrimental effects on children, including difficulties with concentration, memory, mood regulation, behavior, and academic performance. Moreover, children without a suitable sleeping environment are more susceptible to sleep disturbances and are at a higher risk of developing mental health issues. The discomfort and insecurity of sleeping on the floor can contribute to stress, anxiety, and low self-esteem. The current request is to contribute \$10,000 to the cost of lumber, mattresses, and bedding to build and deliver beds to local bedless children by the chapter. The chapter has a goal of delivering 1000 beds to children in 2026. Project funding will be used solely to purchase lumber, mattresses, and bedding to build and deliver beds to local bedless children.

12. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats \$ 5,000

This grant would be used specifically to give scholarships to pastors, teachers, DCEs, ministry workers, and spouses to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. 13% of churches in the LCMS are vacant. Barna Research shows that 41% of pastors say they've considered quitting. When one of these servants quits, it takes hundreds of thousands of dollars to train their replacement. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is an LCMS RSO (recognized Service Organization) that provides week-long counseling retreats and has helped hundreds of ministry workers in various stages of burnout, stress, loss, compassion fatigue, and conflicts. One pastor wrote: "I have become a spiritual zombie – dead but moving. It's more than just a dark night of the soul...Can you help? I really have nowhere to turn." He came to our retreat and before he left, he thanked our staff and volunteers profusely and said, "This has been the best week of my life!"