Mite Bytes 2023-2024 Mission Grants

Zone Presidents and Officers, Pastors and Church Secretaries:

Please help spread information about the 2023-2024 LWML CID Mission Grants in your church’s bulletins and newsletters throughout the 2023-2024 year. Use at your discretion or with the monthly suggestions. THANK YOU for your help.

LWML is happy to announce the mission goal of $105,000 with $78,750 (75%) for district grants and the balance going to national grants. As funds become available during the year, mission grants will be paid. 25% of receipts is forwarded monthly to national.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS BLESSINGS TO US!

Grants will be funded in the following order:

1. Student Aid for Church Workers…………....$30.000
2. Lutheran High Transportation-Springfield….$25,000
3. Resourcing LERT…………………………...$10,000
4. Hope for the Hopeless……………………....$10,000
5. Well House Bible Study Support, Quincy…..$ 500
6. Our Savior Lutheran School-Uganda………..$ 3,250

**JUNE & JULY: Grant #1 Student Aid for Church Workers…………..……..$30,000**

 Church workers are desperately needed in this world and the cost of education is high for them. Partial funding through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee is provided to CID students who wish to become full-time church workers. LWML sees this as a priority and continues to fund and pray for these workers.

*Prayer: Lord, we ask your blessing on those who wish to enter and/or continue their education to be your called workers in the harvest fields. May our mites and prayers continue to uplift them in their endeavors. In your name, we ask this. Amen.*

**AUGUST: Do you have a grant proposal you would like to see on the ballot? Gather your information. The form is one the website. Send it in by October 31, 2023**

**SEPTEMBER: Grant #2 Lutheran High Transportation-Springfield……….$25,000**

Lutheran High School, Springfield, experienced a tremendous loss when the school was deemed unusable for classrooms due to mine subsidence before the 2022-2023 school year. Transporting students from a pick up point to the new temporary location has taken a toll on the current buses. Funds would be a partial payment for a 12-16 capacity bus.

*Prayer: Lord, we know not your ways. Mine subsidence has placed Springfield Lutheran High School in a sad situation. Continue to hold the students, various boards and supporters in your hand as they work through this dilemma. In your name, we ask this. Amen.*

**OCTOBER:Grant #3 Resourcing LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) with RV Rapid Response Center for Disasters……………………….$10,000**

LCMS Mission Advancement in response to continuing disasters would develop RV Rapid Response Centers. These RV trailers, equipment and supplies would increase the capacity for the feeding ministry of volunteers, provide trauma kits to trained responders as well as advanced trauma kits for the trailers and AEDS for the trailers and Response Centers.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, natural and manmade disasters seemingly happen with more frequency these days. LERT volunteers carry the mission message to those in traumatic distress. Please be with both volunteers and those suffering in such times. Your Word is carried to them in their most stressful times. Continue to provide your care to all. In your name, we pray. Amen.*

**NOVEMBER: Grant #4 Hope for the Hopeless……………………..…..$10,000**

A Christian response to mental illness is much needed in these times. This LCMS Life Ministry program would assist in funding for curriculum and resources with an emphasis on the Gospel and sharing of Christ with psychological sensitivity. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders will be equipped to share the Gospel with those feeling hopeless and in despair.

*Prayer: Lord, when the world closes in and all seems to be despair, may the sharing of your love and Gospel be available to those in need. May these grant funds provide guidance and instruction to those who could help in these situations. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.*

**DECEMBER: It’s a BUSY month. Keep your Mite Box handy and the mite grants in your prayers.**

**JANUARY: Grant #5 Well House Bible Study Support, Quincy….……..$500**

Funds would provide Bibles and Bible study materials for women incarcerated (Adams County Jail) through the Christ centered Well House. Guidance and practical vocational training as well this Bible study would be beneficial to those transitioning outside and becoming contributing members of society.

*Prayer: Lord, we are often led astray. May your Word be a guide returning us to Your side and to productive lives in society. Stay with those who aid in the transitioning as well as those who are reentering the outside prison world. In Your name, we pray. Amen.*

**FEBRUARY: Grant # 6 Our Savior Lutheran School-Magamaga, Uganda…$3,250**

The Lutheran Church of Uganda is building the school so that local children can attend a school not operated by Muslims. School supplies, Bibles, Catechisms, and other books will be needed and purchased locally for the school being built next to the seminary. This grant is being partially funded. Surpassing our mite goal will allow more funding here.

*Prayer: Lord, Spreading Your word in Uganda is increasingly important as the Muslim influence grows. May our funds provide the spiritual knowledge for growth in the Word. Be with those who teach and lead this school and seminary. In Your name, we pray. Amen.*