

LWML-CID Mission Grant Mite Bytes

Zone Officers, Presidents, Pastors & Church secretaries: Please help us to publicize information about the 2026-2028 LWML-CID Mission Grants in your church's bulletins and newsletters throughout the next biennium. Thank you for your cooperation!

The LWML CID is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2026-2028 of \$220,000 with \$165,000 for district grants and the remaining funds to national mission grants. As funds become available throughout the year, the mission grants will be paid in the following order. Updates will be available at www.lwmlcid.org. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

1. Student Aid for Church Workers - \$60,000
2. Christ Centered Crisis Pregnancy/Adoption Support -CID – \$25,000
3. Sharing our Savior, 1 Meal at a Time - \$7,500
4. Hands that Serve, Hearts that See - \$12,000
5. Care Packages – Phil's Friends - \$5,000
6. Children's Books LHM State Fair Booth - \$10,000
7. Lutheran Books for Children – World - \$5,000
8. Set Apart to Serve - \$10,000
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9. Gospel Access for Aging Adults in CID - \$13,000
10. Deaconess Kim Bueltmann in Germany - \$10,000
11. Family 4 Life - \$7,500

May and June 2026; May and June 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #1 - Student Aid for Church Workers - \$60,000

Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee, \$30,000 each fiscal year.

How can I help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

July and August 2026 LWML CID Mission Grant #2 – Christ Centered Crisis Pregnancy and Adoption Support- CID -\$25,000

Every year in Illinois, 40% of babies are born to single mothers. Being unprepared to parent and lacking essential support can lead young mothers to make a deadly decision to abort their children or be unable to adequately care for them after they arrive. Those who face unplanned pregnancy without support need attention, care, accurate information, and truth spoken in love provided through counseling, which offers life-affirming options of parenting or adoption, along with

clear messages of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation that are theirs in Christ. In partnership with the LWML CID, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) will grow its established pregnancy counseling and adoption services in Moline, to open a new office near the Bloomington/Normal area, and provide faith-infused services supporting pregnant women, their at-risk babies, and Christian adopting couples throughout the CID.

How Can I help? Pray that God uses the counseling to these mothers to promote adoption and show God's amazing grace. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. |n and show God's amazing grace. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. |

September and October 2026 LWML CID Mission Grant #3 – Sharing Our Savior, 1 Meal at a Time - \$7,500 |

Sharing our Savior, One Meal at a Time is the mission for Forged by Fire Services. They serve individuals and families living in communities across the United States who are recovering from natural disasters. Those in disaster-stricken areas will receive spiritual care, a freshly prepared meal, a cross necklace provided by LWML women from around the US, devotional materials, Bibles and eventually, thanks to a LWML National Mission Grant, be able to do laundry. These grant funds would be used to purchase food for meals, Bibles, devotional materials, and other operating costs. |

How can I help? Pray that Forged by Fire Services meals and Christian materials would be a shining light of the gospel to those heartbroken by natural disasters. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. |

November and December 2026 LWML CID Mission Grant #4 – Hands that Serve, Hearts that See - \$12,000 |

Lutheran Braille Workers requests these funds to produce and freely distribute approximately 3,000 volumes of Scripture and Christ-centered materials in Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Prison Large Print formats. These materials would be produced through LBW's Ministry Production Centers in Effingham, Peoria, and Decatur and distributed at no cost to recipients. The project is ready to be implemented immediately upon funding, with current requests in queue from individuals, congregations, schools, and prison chaplaincies. |

How can I help? Pray that the work of Lutheran Braille Workers continues to help those blind and visually impaired to be able to receive the gospel and come to know Christ. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. |

January and February 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #5 – Care Packages- Phil's Friends - \$5,000

Phil's Friends is dedicated to supporting cancer patients across the US by distributing free, personalized Care Packages filled with items that offer practical, emotional, and spiritual encouragement, including a Bible. Afterwards, each recipient receives monthly Cards of Hope—featuring Scripture and prayer- and ongoing prayer support for an entire year. Funds would be used to purchase the various items included in each care package and cover the cost of printing the cards of hope for 40 patients. █

How can I help? Pray that those receiving care packages from Phil's Friends would know that they are not alone and that there are people throughout the US praying for them. Pray also that they would feel the love of Jesus and His support in their journey. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

March and April 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #6 - Children's Books for LHM State Fair Booth - \$10,000

Central Illinois District Lutheran Laymen's League sponsors a tent at the Illinois State Fair annually. At the 2025 Fair Booth, the following children's books were given away: 776 copies of CPH hardback book "120 Bible Stories" and 960 copies of CPH "Story of Jesus Coloring and Activity Book". The grant would help to purchase 1,000 copies of each of the two books mentioned previously. █

How can I help? Pray that through the LHM State Fair Booth, children and their parents would come to know the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

July and August 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #7- Lutheran Books for Little Children Around the World - \$5,000

Every year, Lutheran Heritage Foundation receives overseas emergency requests for children's Bible books, translated into the languages of the people, so that they may introduce children to the Savior. At a cost of only \$4 per book, this grant will provide at least 1,250 brightly illustrated children's Bible books in the languages of the people to be served. █

How can I help? Pray that the children who receive these books will be introduced to Jesus and come to know who He is and what He has done for us. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

September and October 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #8 - Set Apart to Serve - \$10,000

There is a great need for pastors, teachers, and church workers throughout the Synod. We need to be intentional about talking to our youth about opportunities

to become church workers and supporting those who pursue these sacred and joyful vocations. Set Apart to Serve, a Synodical initiative, is building a culture of church work formation and recruitment to raise up future pastors and church workers. Funds would be used for staff, travel, workshops, conferences, resource development, etc. █

How can I help? Pray that the youth that attend these events by Set Apart to Serve would be encouraged to choose church work as their vocation. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

November and December 2027 LWML CID Mission Grant #9 - Gospel Access for Aging Adults in CID - \$13,000 █

We seek support to equip LCMS congregations in the CID with resources to connect aging adults with God's Word. Each week, aging adults can hear the Gospel through a weekly worship message on Worship Anew, can grow in His Word through daily devotionals in Hope-Full Living, can find understanding in the circumstances through practical articles in the Broadcaster magazine, and can see God's love by receiving a care package. Through your support, Worship Anew can connect churches to these resources that they can then share with aging adults in their congregations, especially with those who are homebound. █

How can I help? Pray that the aging members of our congregations would continue to meet their worship and devotional needs through Worship Anew and its resources. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

January and February 2028 LWML CID Mission Grant #10 - Deaconess Kim Bueltmann in Germany- \$10,000 █

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, Refuge Outreach Facilitator, assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz, Germany, providing outreach to socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans and refugees who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. She is trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, offering diaconal support and teaching the Bible and catechism to refugees and socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans. She is actively involved in worship planning, leading music for worship in the Farsi language, and developing more hymns and the liturgy in Farsi. The CID LWML grants funds would be used to provide the annual support needed for Deaconess Bueltmann to continue the Lord's work in Germany. █

How can I help? Pray that the funds used by Deaconess Kim Bueltmann will bring many Germans and refugees in Germany to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund. █

March and April 2028 LWML CID Mission Grant #11- Family 4 Life in CID - \$10,947

Y4Life, the youth branch of Lutherans For Life, desires funds for the creation and distribution of educational resources for families of young children birth through grade three. These resources would include Lil' Lutheran Activity pages, posters, Family 4Life Kits, and if interested, a one-day conference in CID on raising kids for life. Each component will equip parents with young children, Lutheran teachers, and pastors in the CID to begin addressing life issues that revolve around gender and sexuality, identity, safe touch, family, and marriage. In an effort to prepare adults to counter the cultural push to include secular standards for sexuality, Y4Life's efforts will produce child-friendly, Gospel-motivated resources.

How can I help? Pray the Y4Life funding will create resources to assist families and churches to raise up children that thrive in God's plan for the family. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

**DONATIONS TO THE LWML MITES CAN BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHURCH'S LWML GROUP TREASURER ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR!
IT TAKES ALL OF US TO REACH THIS GOAL!
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**