

# LWML News

## REFLECTING ON JESUS: REFLECTING JESUS

From God's first promise of a Savior to Adam and Eve, through Jesus' Great Commission to his disciples and his ascension to heaven, people have been getting the Savior wrong. People, whether they were prophet, priest, scribe, or disciple, expected a Messiah who would save by restoring the kingdom of Israel. They didn't expect a Savior who was true God and true man, who would permit himself to suffer and die on a cross. His once-for-all sacrifice redeemed all people and restored them, not to an earthly kingdom, but to their original relationship with God—a heavenly kingdom. We think about Jesus—reflect on Jesus—in order that we can reflect Jesus. "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV.) Imperfect though we are, we are being transformed and serve as Christ's ambassadors to the world, proclaiming his message, not our own ideas.

### Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At our November meeting, we decided that our Christmas offering should go to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, which is a Recognized Social Ministry Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch mission is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

Please bring two dozen cookies, so we can exchange cookies and pack tins for our shut-ins. Be prepared for fellowship and song!

### Ongoing First Lutheran LWML projects

Through our monthly offerings we support financially Lutheran Bible Translators, the LCMS Montana Prison Ministry, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and gift cards for the Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home. We have been supporting Alvina Federwitz of Lutheran Bible Translators for many years. She and her family have been working on Bible translation and literacy in the countries of Liberia and Ghana.

### Mission Projects (Mites)

The December Mission Grant is \$100,000.00 to MinistryFocus for Education Loan Repayment Assistance. This grant aids called church workers to repay educational loans accrued in preparing for service to the Lord through the church, a repayment of debt often made more difficult by the very modest salaries of church workers. We are already making an impact in 2018 with a partial payment of \$25,000 to aid 23 church workers. One recipient shared, "Your support eases our family's burden as we seek to serve the Lord. Your care for the daily lives of those in the ministry is especially appreciated. Your faith and hope in the Lord strengthen my own faith and I rejoice in the unity we have in Christ's many gifts."

### Meeting Dates:

Christmas Party Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. with 2018 Cookie exchange and packing

Please check the weekly bulletin for locations and any changes.

LWML offers all women of the congregation an opportunity for Bible study, service and fellowship.