Living Logos

News for the members and friends of Living Savior Lutheran Church
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A Note from the Pastor . . .

Crowded but good

Whenever I come to this time of the year I have the sense that I’m in a funnel. The days that remain in the year are limited and there are all these things that need to happen before we turn the calendar to yet another new year. Or, a little like merging onto I-5 at rush hour – crowded!

The Spiritual Life Board has established our worship schedule for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas and with Christmas Day falling on a Tuesday this year there will be services on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday – perhaps that is what contributes to that feeling of being in a funnel.

This month let me point to our additional Thanksgiving Service that will be held on Wednesday evening, November 21 at 7:15 pm. Even though as I write this, our son still sits at a base in Kuwait – we are thankful that he is in a base in Kuwait and done with this second deployment in the Marines. He will have about eight more months of service in the Marines, unless he decides to re-enlist. I offer no comments on that subject. That’s in his hands. However, if he does not re-enlist he should be out of the Marines near the end of June. But we are not alone in a spirit of thanksgiving. You too have many things happening in your lives as well. We live under the watchful eye of our Lord. Even in the midst of our aches and pains and worries, He knows our needs and has sent His Son to be our Savior. It is good, right and salutary that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Knowing that the December newsletter will also be crowded with our attention rightly focused on the Nativity of our Lord, I would like to point you to something that has been happening behind the scenes. There has been one piece of chancel furniture that followed us from the original building, through the fire that we have still used down through the years – the Advent Wreath. And while I have enjoyed this connection with the past it is also true that when we used it, it looked “out of place.” The wood matched the wood from the previous altar. The size matched up well with the original space, but looked rather small in the new space. With the help of our Architect Dennis Thompson, and metal worker Robert Tussi (who built the present altar and baptismal font), we will be dedicating a new Advent Wreath at our first Advent Service this year – December 2.

With the new Advent Wreath, you will see that an immediate connection with what we have in the other furnishings of the sanctuary. The base is a set of hands lifted up to God in prayer. A wooden ring will sit on top of the uplifted hands (in the same style that adorns the top of the altar and baptismal font) and on top of the wooden ring will be a metal wreath that will hold the four advent candles with the framework needed to hold the Christ candle in the center of the wreath. And as we move the altar to the distant side of the chancel during the season of Advent, the wreath will occupy the space that the altar has in the Easter season, being attached to the floor. At the same time, the Advent Wreath will also come with a portable feature that allows for its placement anywhere in the chancel. And as we move the altar to the distant side of the chancel during the season of Advent, the wreath will occupy the space that the altar has in the Easter season, being attached to the floor. At the same time, the Advent Wreath will also come with a portable feature that allows for its placement anywhere in the chancel.

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I could put a picture of it here in this article, but the space is crowded and that way you can be surprised as we come to December 2. Thanks must be given to Architect Dennis Thompson, Metal Worker Robert Tussi, Wood Worker Dennis Olson and Project Manager Carleton Lindgren – for they put their heads together and came up with a flexible and fitting last piece of chancel furnishing that prayerfully will be used for many, many years to come!

Pastor Brandt
At Preschool

This month as we look towards Thanksgiving we count all our many blessings. Our health, family, friends, and this colorful season are all things to be thankful for. Most importantly, we give thanks for Jesus and His gifts of love and forgiveness.

Our Bible stories this month all share the lesson of giving thanks to God, often in difficult situations. We start the month learning how David defeated the giant Goliath. Then we hear how Gideon was able to defeat an army much bigger than his. The last week we hear the story of Jonah. Through all the difficulties these people faced, God was with them every step of the way. For that, they were all thankful.

Secular themes this month include leaves and Thanksgiving. The children will explore leaves on the playground & through books, observations, art, and experiments. Thanksgiving will be explored through books and projects.

The drama corner will be converted into a puppet theater. Children will be able to tell stories with puppets and watch as their friends perform. The last two weeks, the children will be able to order, cook, and serve food in a restaurant.

Mark Your Calendars for Pie Pickup:
IF you supported the preschool fundraiser and bought a “Pie for Preschool”.
Friday morning, November 16th the pies arrive! Denice will be calling you to setup a time to come to church and pick up your order that day.
Thank you all for your support of preschool! Enjoy your pies during the holidays!
The preschool staff and I give thanks for all your support! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Denice and Staff

I have a folder which includes articles about Thanksgiving which I remembered to get out and look at this year. I was looking for the proclamation written by George Washington, dated October 3, 1789.

Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the Beneficient Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering Him our service and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed and the means we have of pursuing and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

There is a lot of conflicting information about the first American Thanksgiving celebration. One place I read said it was three days of prayer and feasting celebrated by the Plymouth colonists in 1621 to give thanks for their first harvest. Having survived the 63-day crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and many hardships in the New World, the settlers recognized their survival was due to the assistance of several Native Americans. In planning their first Thanksgiving festival, they invited Squanto and several other local Indians to join them. Food was prepared for 50 Pilgrims and the 10 expected guests. Much to their dismay, nearly 90 Indians showed up. Realizing there wouldn’t be enough food, Chief Massasoit’s hunters brought in five deer, insuring plenty of food for all.

However, another source said that the First Thanksgiving is steeped in myth and legend. The Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving after the first year’s celebration at least not for many years. Some of their descendants later made a “Forefather’s Day” which usually occurred on December 21 or 22. President George Washing made a one-time Thanksgiving Proclamation, but it was only after Mrs. Josepha Hale began lobbying several residents in 1827, for the instatement of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. It wasn’t until 1863 that her efforts were successful as President Abraham Lincoln finally issued his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, which designated the last Thursday of the month to be the official day of celebration. Under the leadership of President Franklin D. Roosevelt the date was changed to the fourth Thursday of November.

I suspect that if anyone is interested in more opinions about the origins of the American Thanksgiving, a web search would be fruitful. There are a couple of descriptions including ones by Edward Winslow and William Bradford.

And we in America have much to be thankful for as we remember all of the blessings we experience in our daily lives, especially that we live in a country where we are free to worship our God openly and with the ability to share His Good News for all people. But even in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith, there is much to be thankful for, because being blessed is not a matter of what we have or don’t have. Our blessing is that God loved us so much He sent His Son to be our Savior. God loves us so much that He desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth. (1 Timothy 2:4)

As we think of all the blessings we have received we can see the character of God as He reveals Himself to us. Most of all He is our Savior. He is also Provider, Physician, Omniscient, Powerful, Just, and on and on. Being thankful in theory is only a beginning point in our faith walk. Living with thankfulness in all of our circumstances allows us to acknowledge how great is our God.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Come Check Us Out!

In addition to the regular library material,

DID YOU KNOW?......

• That we have a book shelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read.
• That we have a book shelf of puzzles for you to check out.
• That we have reference material, Bible studies, children’s craft & learning idea books.
• That we have devotions that you may take home and use for as long as needed.

The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.

BOOK CLUB

Lovers of books come together the second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:30am in the Jericho Room, September-May. A lively discussion of the book occurs, fellowship is shared and we are refreshed with morning goodies, coffee or tea. Please consider joining the group when you can and invite a friend! There is no obligation to attend every month and no pressure to have the right answers because there are NO right answers. The following is a listing of the books that will be read and discussed.

Nov. 10 The Present by Spencer Johnson
Jan. 12 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Feb. 9 Border Child by Michel Stone
Mar. 9 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave by Frederick Douglass
Apr. 13 Albanian Escape: The True Story of U.S Army Nurses Behind Enemy Lines by Agnes Jensen Mangerich
May 11 Love to Water My Soul Dreamcatcher Series #2 by Jane Kirkpatrick

Many thanks to those who have been contributing items in the purple bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall.

Community Warehouse is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin at 8380 SW Nyberg Street. They are open M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm + Sat.-Sun. 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

We will continue to collect smaller items that will fit in or next to the purple bag. You can either drop it off yourself or they will pick up large items at your house for $30.

For information about Community Warehouse go to: www.communitywarehouse.org

Shut In Ministry

“Your are those who have stood by me in my trials.” Luke 22:28

Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone’s life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

• WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT SHUT INS? Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, contact Peggy H. or Lola E.
• DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT? Contact Peggy H. or Lola E. at the church office.

YOUTH NEWS FOR EVERYONE

This past summer, Living Savior’s Council voted to help support Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. FPTV is a non-profit organization that serves homeless children and their families. They are creating a network of religious and civic organizations that help provide shelter, meals, and resource assistance. Individual family plans are developed with a FPTV case manager to help families identify and connect with services specific to their needs with permanent housing being the priority. They have plans to add a new program for our own Tualatin, Tigard and Sherwood communities and have already identified 159 homeless children registered in these three school districts.

What does this mean for LSLC? We will be a host congregation. We will provide at least one volunteer to stay overnight with the guest families. We will host for one week at a time, for four or five times a year. Portable beds are provided by FPTV. This generous and hospitable outreach includes providing a warm dinner to be eaten with families and volunteers; safe, private and comfortable sleeping accommodations for up to 14 people (usually 3 or 4 families); breakfast and supplies for making lunches; the kind and supportive social interactions for the guests.

The Junior Youth CREW class is also gathering weekly offerings for the Family Promise of Tualatin Valley High Five Program through December. Each youth is attempting to give at least $5.00 (a HIGH FIVE) and we have hung a HIGH FIVE poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who wishes to join them in this effort. You can bring offerings to our class on Sunday mornings or put them into the offering plate in an envelope labeled Family Promise or visit www.familypromiseof.tv.org

From our new Youth Board Director

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer K. I have prayerfully considered the position of Chairman of the Youth Board and am graciously accepting. I have been a board member for the youth since my oldest, Ty now 21, was in 7th grade. Trevor is completing his senior year of high school. With no one to help run the board, meetings and what nots, I was trying to gather some ideas to help along Sr. youth. I presented them to Pastor Brandt and he gave me the reassurance that this would be good idea for me. I would like to keep some of the events from past years the same for the sake of tradition; however, other services could be updated a bit.

Once I get my feet planted, I will need a team for Sr. Youth. Luckily, Ginger L. is a wonderful advocate for the middle schoolers and I don’t need to worry much about Jr. Youth!

I do want to reach out to you all. Without our youth there is no congregation. So I am asking you to prayerfully consider helping our church stay young and thriving by serving alongside your fellow parent, neighbor and friend. If you feel a “tug”, please email your concerns, questions or comments to me and I will get back to you in a timely manner. Thank you for your blessings. Cannot do it without you.

jjtyhero@frontier.com

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING – Join Ginger and other youth members for a time of service and fellowship on Sunday, November 4th at 12:30 pm. We will be decorating cookies and making cards to distribute to community members that have made a difference in the your lives. Bring a sack lunch. Friends are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PARTY – The Junior Youth Potluck Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 9th at 12:30 pm. Sign-up sheets will be in the Jericho Room each Sunday between now and the end of November. Parents welcome!

SR YOUTH – Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Sorting food for Thanksgiving Baskets. Lock-in on November 16 at 10:00pm. Food shopping for baskets begins as midnight. Baskets will be delivered on November 17.
Thanksgiving Food Drive!

It’s Thanksgiving Food Drive time!
YOU can help contribute to the Thanksgiving Meals that the Jr. and Sr. Youth will prepare for Tualatin families in need. Please bring non-perishable food items or a cash/check donation to Living Savior from SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 through WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

OUR WISH LIST!
• Canned Fruits & Vegetables
• Rice
• Stuffing Mix
• Canned Cranberries
• Olives
• Salsa
• Canned Refried Beans
• Cash or Check

Checks payable to: Living Savior with note: “Thanksgiving Meals”

NOTE: Be sure to check the expiration date on the items— we are unable to use if expired.

The Sr. Youth shopping spree for perishable items will be part of their lock-in on Friday, November 16 at midnight!
The Sr. Youth assemble and deliver meals Saturday, Nov. 17.

Don’t miss your opportunity to help!

December Planning

Church Decorating: December 2 after 2nd service.
Pizza will be served and a Christmas movie shown for the kids. If you would like to help, please let Shane Jenkins know so enough food can be provided.

Advent Soup Suppers:
Mark your calendar for December 5, 12, 19.
Sign up sheets will be posted Nov. 25 in the Narthex. Suppers begin at 5:45pm.

December worship schedule:

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Once again the Shut In ministry is collecting cards to place in two assisted living facilities, Marquis and Riverwood in Tualatin. These cards enable the residents to not have to shop for cards nor pay for them. We can use all kinds of greeting cards, especially birthday, thinking of you and get well. This is also the time of the year in which residents of facilities appreciate Christmas cards to send to friends and family. A basket will be in the narthex on the main counter to collect these cards. Thank you for your support.

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We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We meet the third Saturday of the month, 10:00am (not 9:00am as before) to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us! Friends of Living Savior Lutheran are welcome to join us as well. You may know someone in the work place or community who would benefit from our group. Questions? Call Karen H. at the church office.

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If you have questions, please contact at the church office.

Thank you.
Adam W.

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The LWML voted to fund a $6,500 grant to Logos After reading last month’s news in the Parish Notes for when and where the fund raiser over and have offered us the items. Watchpire Farm A local congregation ordered Columbia Empire Farm’s products for a Bethesda Auxiliary fund raiser. They have quite a lot left over and have offered us the items. Watch the Parish Notes for when and where the items will be available for our “Surprise fund raiser”. After reading last months news in the Living Logos, a church member gave me a very generous donation for the auxiliary. It was very much appreciated. Thank you! The LWML voted to fund a $6,5000 grant to help support the Bethesda Ministry Consultants. Again, we praise God.

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-Sylvia S.

Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays will meet Thursday, November 1 at the church. The November activity will be lunch at The Industry Restaurant (on Tuatatin Sherwood Rd.) on November 15, at 11:30am. Plan to meet and leave the church at 11:15 if you want to carpool. Following lunch we will set up and decorate the Christmas tree for the Angel Tree program in the church narthex.

Group Home

It’s starting to feel a little like Christmas. It is a beautiful and special time as a Christians, “Jesus’s Birthday” is so special for all of us. This year the theme for our Group Home bible lessons and meals is “Sharing and Caring”. The 1st lesson was in October the “Feeding of the Five Thousand”, there was a lot of sharing and caring in this story the little boy and his 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish. Jesus and his miracle of feeding 5 thousand from the boys food. It showed how much Jesus loves us and cares. Each year our church shows the joy of Christmas and shares with our Group Home Friends, the Staff and the needs of the homes. The Group Home Wish-Wreath will be up by Thanksgiving weekend. We will be supporting our Group Home Friends with some gifts they would like, needed items for the homes and gift cards for the staff. Please take a tag, buy the gift, wrap the gift, put the tag on the gift and return to church buy December 23,2018. If you would prefer to get a $10.00 gift card for staff or donate money an envelope will be in the office or you can give it to me, Kathye Greene. You can buy the card at church and the church will get a gift back. Instructions will also be by the Wreath. Gifts will be delivered to the home December Christmas Eve. Thank You for “Sharing and Caring.”

-Kathye G.

Scrip

Scrip is a simple way to raise funds to bring down the church’s mortgage. They are just gift cards that we are able to purchase at a discount that can range from 1.5% to 41%. You buy a gift card to your regular grocery store, department store, restaurant or many other vendors at full value, and the discount associated with the merchant goes to the church.

Questions: Call Holly W. at the church.

Some scrip is available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Otherwise anything you order on a Sunday will be available to be picked up the following Sunday. Give it a try or stop by the Scrip counter for more information.

Stephen BM

The BE Attitudes of Visiting

You don’t have to be a trained Stephen Minister to be a supportive family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. The following are some helpful guidelines to keep in mind when visiting someone who is experiencing an illness, loss of a loved one or a crisis in their life:

- Be prepared - take a moment to collect your thoughts, center on your purpose for visiting.
- Be present - give your complete concentration and attention.
- Be open - listen, don’t be judgmental.
- Be still - listen, don’t look for answers.
- Be sensitive to their needs and condition - read between the lines of what they are saying.
- Be human - admit that you don’t have all the answers.
- Be supportive - leave the person better than you found them
- Be silent - silence is okay which can allow the person to talk.
- BE empathetic - identify by putting yourself in their situation.
- BE compassionate – nonverbally be supportive; sit close, touch, eye contact, incline your ear in the person’s direction.
- Be yourself - don’t be superficial.
- Be selfless - you are there for the patient’s needs
- Be positive - delete negative words from vocabulary.
- Be willing to get involved - give a part of yourself.
- BE respectful of diverse beliefs of people - not the time to convert.
- BE mindful of using Scripture appropriately - don’t use scripture to be judgmental.
- BE ready to pray when given permission - not a mini-sermon, focus on the person’s needs.

from Bedside Manners by Katie M.

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. Our Stephen Leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader.

We will be training new Stephen Ministers beginning in September, 2019. If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry or would like a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: call the church office to reach them.

Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor Brandt

ARE YOU A DING-A-LING? WANT TO RING YOUR OWN BELL?
HAVE A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY?
HERE IS YOUR CHANCE...SOMETHING NEW...EXCITING...DIFFERENT!

Or
BE A PART OF A MIRACLE! JOIN A HANDBELL CHOIR!

Living Savior is the recipient of a miracle. Many church music directors, organists, and singers have been in touch with me in the past few weeks wanting to know our secret for obtaining a five-octave set of Malmark Handbells for $5,000 when the set now costs $23,000 new. The set we were able to purchase, thanks to the generous gift of Dee Summers, was sent back to the Malmark Factory in Pennsylvania for refurbishing. Each bell was dismantled, cleaned, repaired made, polished and the entire set should be arriving back to LSLC this week. Several individuals have expressed an interest in joining one our new handbell choirs. If you are one of those, please call the church office and leave your name and the best way of reaching you. We’ll set a time for a preliminary meeting and be on our way!

-Kathy W.
**Mission and Service**

**SHARI R.**

**Military Ministry — Celebrating Freedom**

Honoring all who served — November 11, 2018 Veterans’ Day

War to end all Wars Commemorating 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, the end of WWI. The name was changed to Veterans day on June 1, 1954 by an amended bill under President Eisenhower.

This a portion of a statement that came from President Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919

...Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

Dennis Emmons sends a thank you to us for all our support, see picture of his unit posted on the bulletin board. Check out an article about Dennis’s Special forces team on [www.blackriflecoffee.com](http://www.blackriflecoffee.com). The Valley Boys: How a lone special forces Team is fighting ISIS in the remote mountains of Afghanistan.

**Prison Fellowship Ministries: Angel Tree**

Update on the Angel Tree program of Prison Fellowship that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. We are still waiting to get our list of names and contact information which is scheduled to arrive in October. Volunteers will be needed to call and get more information from the caregivers. Angel Tree tags will also need to be hand written. Any questions or if you want to volunteer, please contact Gea C. at the church office.

**Laborers of Love- Lutheran Braille Workers**

The ESV large print Bible is provided through the grant of LWML. Living Savior’s support of LWML contributed to the chosen project for Labors of Love (Lutheran Braille Workers). These funds then continue to provide, the visually impaired the opportunity to worship and study. We have received another shipment which includes a portion of the Old Testament books

**Tualatin Food Pantry: Living Savior contribution of #85 in September which brings to date a total of 624 pounds.**

Thank you for your continuing contributions to this neighborhood outreach program.

**These Numbers Have Faces**

http://thosenumbers.org/impact-circle/innocent

Choosing to support scholarships individually or connecting with friends and family to provide this investment in the future will again give more than an education. It is also ‘creating a culture of social responsibility’ as stated by Pastor Jim Pressnell. For more information visit; www.thosenumbers.org

**Lutheran Women in Mission**

2017–2019 Mission Grant 15 LWML

Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities
Bethesda Lutheran Communities

$100,000

Bethesda Lutheran Communities desires to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Operating at program locations across the United States, they provide homes and support, promoting awareness and advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Over 1,900 people at 300 program sites in 13 states are served. Travel is essential in achieving this mission. Costs are not subject to state reimbursement when faith supports are at the heart of the mission. Relying on the support of donors, Bethesda is able to nourish relationships and grow their network to support people of all abilities with their faith journey. Grant funds would be used to support ministry consultant travel.

2018-2020 Mission Grants

- Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic as God’s Word and Jesus Love is Shared $6,500.
- Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op $5,000.
- Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion $4,000.
- Mentoring Alaska Native Teen Leaders $6,500.
- Mobile Dental Van Program with Medical Teams International $6,500.
- Support Nathan Schmidt’s LAMP Ministry in B.C. Canada $6,500.
- Sharing Jesus with People of ALL Abilities $6,500.
- Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love $6,000.
- Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program $5,000
- Support for Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School Students $6,500
- Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families $3,000
- Financial Aid Funds for Latino Children to Attend Trinity Lutheran School $5,000
- Lace Up with Love—Love Inc. Shoe Drive $5,562.50
- Fully Funded

Oregon District LWML 2018-2020 Grant Goal: $72,562.50

Updates on grant funding are available at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants)

National LWML 2017–2019 Grant Goal: $2,075,000

- Bring your mite box to church and place it in the large mite box on the shelf by the exit doors and take a new box.

Check out LWML activities and resources at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) (national) and [lwmlor.org](http://lwmlor.org) (Oregon District)