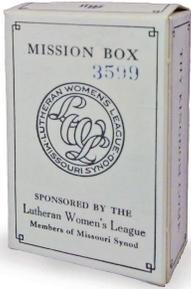




CELEBRATING
75 years

A TIMELINE CELEBRATING The Mighty Mite Box!



Since 1942 when the LWML was born and the Mite Box was selected as the “uniform collection device,” this mighty box continues to serve as a witness tool. Imagine it on your kitchen table, on an office desk, or in your car. People will ask, “What’s this box for?” And then you can tell them about the 75-year-purpose of the LWML: **missions!**

Years before the LWML was established, Lutheran women collected funds in small white cardboard boxes for various mission purposes.



1942

The first Mite Box pictured a globe representing the vast mission field of our church. Clara Schmitt, LWML’s first President, personally mailed 50,000 of the boxes from her home! Despite several suggestions to change the name to “blessing boxes” or “mission boxes,” the name “Mite Box” was retained through the years.

1982

A streamlined edition featured the newly adopted LWML logo.

1991

2001

Children’s Mite Box introduced.

2001

2016

2017

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Lutheran Women in Mission, a limited-edition commemorative box was issued.

The beauty of each box was (and is) unique. But the deeper beauty lies inside the box: funds to share the Gospel with all people of the world.



Noteworthy

- An LWML member in the 1940s called the box a “mike box.” It was her understanding that since it looked like the microphones which radio announcers used at that time, funds placed in the box would “broadcast” God’s Word!
- An unusual contribution was found in a Mite Box in the 1970s: A 5-dollar gold piece, dated 1901. A coin dealer bought it for 75 dollars, illustrating how LWML cherishes each and every dollar!
- In 1982, the home of an Arkansas woman was damaged in a tornado. Her Mite Box, although soaked with rain and collapsed around the coins, was still in the same place on her dresser. Not a penny was lost!