



## JANUARY 2014 DEVOTION

### DEVOTION - TRAINING K-9 COMFORT DOGS FOR LCMS CHAPLAINS \$30,000

*Leader: Christ has compassion for the suffering people and He instructs His disciples to have compassion for their neighbors. We praise You, Lord, for guiding Lutheran Church Charities to become aware of the use of dogs, in particular Golden Retrievers, as a means through which we can show compassion to those in a crisis.*

READER 1: WE LOOK TO YOU, LORD, TO GUIDE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD CHAPLAINS TO SEE ALL THE WAYS THE DOGS CAN BE USED FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

READER 2: WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, FOR THE CALMNESS THE K-9 COMFORT DOGS BRING TO YOUR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

**All: Thank You, Lord, for the K-9 Comfort Dogs.**

*Leader: These dogs only work where we can proclaim the Name of Christ. They are prepared to interact with people in ways that provide a bridge for compassionate ministry to take place.*

READER 1: THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY PROVIDE FOR US TO TOUCH PEOPLE WITH MERCY AND COMPASSION.

READER 2: WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, FOR SHOWING US THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AND GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THESE NEEDS WITH MERCY, COMPASSION, PRESENCE, AND THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST.

**All: Thank You, Lord, for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod chaplains and Lutheran Church Ministries.**

*Leader: Heavenly Father, We ask You to bless the work of the K-9 Comfort Dogs, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod chaplains and handlers, and Lutheran Church Charities who began this ministry. We pray for the perseverance and good health of those who are training new dogs for this service opportunity. We pray also for those who have experienced the gentleness of the dogs, and pray they continue to carry home with them the hope and peace that only You can give to them. In Your Son's name we pray, Amen.*