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# TREASURED NEWS



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR MITES GONE??

### VOICE OF CARE

**Northern Illinois District of  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
\$50,600—Paid in Full**



The Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod saw a need to reach out to persons in the area with developmental disabilities.

Voice of Care Ministry to the Developmentally Challenged was formed to reach those not being served by local congregations and residing in secular facilities.



Of the 300,000 people with developmental disabilities in northern Illinois, over 90% have been raised without belonging to a church home and have a critical need to know their Savior and receive eternal salvation.

Through the work of Pastor Paul Klopke at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, a model has been developed to show how a congregation can include people with disabilities in the life of a congregation.

He is bringing that and other components of disability ministry to about 50 congregations in the northern area of Illinois.

The model is reproducible for any LCMS District.

Through this LWML grant, the word continues to spread about Voice of Care's desire to increase the number of churches doing intentional ministry so that people with disabilities may share in the life of the congregation and eternal life in Christ.

MITE REPORT BY DISTRICT — OCTOBER 2014

DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL	DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL
ATLANTIC		16,146.05	NEBRASKA NORTH	1,335.41	16,539.25
CAL-NEV-HAWAII	1,876.48	32,267.29	NEBRASKA SOUTH		27,486.65
CAROLINAS		8,954.65	NEW ENGLAND		9,452.84
CENTRAL ILLINOIS	1,965.21	32,039.73	NEW JERSEY	312.58	4,625.19
CHESAPEAKE	3,535.14	17,566.37	NORTH DAKOTA	1,723.03	22,304.60
EASTERN		8,442.60	NORTH WISCONSIN	1,094.00	25,071.00
ENGLISH	200.29	9,797.86	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	1,250.72	30,903.06
FLORIDA-GEORGIA		29,142.14	OHIO		27,047.35
GULF STATES	931.43	8,956.67	OKLAHOMA	1,849.91	48,087.70
INDIANA	1,453.99	25,890.50	OREGON		14,802.58
IOWA EAST	3,322.02	24,362.73	PACIFIC SW		33,382.32
IOWA WEST		30,523.29	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	543.03	21,980.79
KANSAS	3,839.54	26,262.23	SELK	178.53	2,994.30
LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI	873.37	8,591.78	SOUTH DAKOTA		17,425.60
MICHIGAN	2,776.93	50,594.71	SOUTH WISCONSIN	2,314.50	35,912.89
MID-SOUTH	2,284.94	21,866.11	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	1,698.31	12,713.02
MINNESOTA NORTH	2,841.04	27,999.20	TEXAS	3,667.26	57,505.51
MINNESOTA SOUTH	1,663.60	43,763.28	UTAH-IDAHO	379.53	9,374.86
MISSOURI	2,422.83	54,493.10	WASH-ALASKA	1,770.52	25,910.50
MONTANA	657.80	9,093.63	WYOMING	1,090.40	12,862.48
			TOTAL	49,852.34	943,136.41

MITES FROM OTHER SOURCES

Mite Donations	6,066.45	67,076.09	Annual Appeal	195.00	51,012.38
Mite Donations Restricted		8,428.48	GoodSearch		1,807.49
Conv. Offering #1		54,017.32	Thrivent Simply Giving		345.00
Children’s Miss Adv	220.63	1,380.41	Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	35,175.00
Mission Pledge Walk		73,791.04	AmazonSmile		109.35
Golf Tournament		7,218.74	<b>OTHER MITE TOTAL</b>	6,537.08	307,087.30
PayPal	30.00	6,726.00	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	56,389.42	1,250,223.71

Needed each month until March 31, 2015, to support our mission grants = \$115,955.25.



## STEWARDSHIP TIPS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

### Stewardship Involves Giving Some of What God Has Given Us Back To Him

#### Part 2

(Last month Rev. Heckmann's article ended as he mentioned tithing of our treasures. We can also give back to God a portion of the other six T's: time, talent, tissue, touch, testimony, and trash. Read on as he explains this further...)

An example of this is seen in the lives of a couple of families I have been blessed to know over the years who make it a yearly event on birthdays and at Christmas time, as the new presents are given and opened and played with, that the children, with the help of their parents, **go through the things they already have and give some of them away to people who are in need.** (Not the broken junk that is no longer of any value, but as they say, those "gently used items.") As this is done, a few things take place: **the children learn about sharing with others, "less-fortunate" children are blessed, and the bedroom does not bulge with too many things.**

If I might be so bold, this would also work with adults as far too many of us know about bulging storage places and monthly rental checks going to the storage shed people. We can also relate to the amount of money we spend to put up another shed on our property, or the fact that a congregation just voted to spend \$300,000 to add storage space to the church. Why not be good stewards of what God has given to us and maybe, just maybe, give some of it away?

Again, this does not refer to the junk that needs

to be thrown away or recycled. Some mission congregations tell stories of how "generous people" and sister congregations are all too happy to help the struggling new congregation **by giving them their 1940's mimeograph machines or outdated fax machines using thermal paper.** Or they feel helpful to share other things that are cluttering up their storage space as they have bought new copiers and plain paper fax machines.

**Good stewardship does not include giving "junk" to others!**

In short, as we teach our children Christian stewardship principles, we are blessed to be able to share with them and model for them through our actions this whole idea of **giving with thankful hearts a portion back to God who has given it all to us in the first place.**

As St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, *"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*

Rev. John Heckmann  
LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor



## JUST AS I AM

Charlotte Elliott - 1836



*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,  
and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out (John 6:37).*

Charlotte Elliott, Brighton, England, was a bitter woman perhaps as the result of her poor health and physical disability. “If God loved me, He would not have treated me this way,” she grumbled.

A Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, visited her, hoping to calm her. However, just the opposite happened! After a violent outburst against God and family, everyone left the room except for Malan.

Trying to reason with her, Malan said, “You are tired of yourself, aren’t you? You are holding to your hate and anger because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently you have become sour, bitter, and resentful.”

“What is your cure?” she asked.

“The faith you are trying to despise.”

Charlotte softened somewhat and asked, “If I wanted to become a Christian and to share the peace and joy you possess, what would I do?”

“You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fightings and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame,” he explained.

Charlotte answered, “I would come to God just as I am? Is that right?”

And Charlotte did come just as she was and her heart was changed that day. She claimed John 6:37

as her verse: “...he who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

Her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, was raising funds for a school for children of poor ministers. She wrote a poem and it was printed and sold in England. The leaflet said: *Sold for the Benefit of St. Margaret’s Hall, Brighton: Him That Cometh to Me I will in No Wise Cast Out.* Then under that statement her poem was printed—words that have become the most famous invitational hymn in history.

*Just as I am without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

Charlotte wrote approximately 150 hymns and never enjoyed good health during her 82 years. As her loved ones looked through her papers after her death, they found a thousand letters from people who expressed to Charlotte their thanks for her hymn and the way it had touched their lives.

—Taken from [Then Sings My Soul](#)  
By Robert J. Morgan 2003  
(Thomas Nelson, Inc.)

### WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW?

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