



TREASURED NEWS



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WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR MITES GONE??

Farmington Hills, Michigan

“I CAN” - \$25,000

SERVING AT-RISK CHILDREN WITH LEARNING NEEDS



\$25,000 - Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School



An additional \$5,000 has been paid to Lutheran Public Radio to allow the program, “Issues, Etc.,” to continue to proclaim the Gospel and to provide a better understanding of contemporary social issues in a Christian context. Our mites have provided the listeners of “Issues, Etc.” with continuing education and is drawing many to LCMS congregations.



To embrace and grow God’s mission - and ours - for the future! Will you help?

Sign up for the 2-Minute Tuesday email on the LWML website at lwml.org. Click on “The Time is NOW” button.

Good ideas are coming your way!

Join the 1,000 who have signed up!



PRAISE GOD!

2011-2013 GRANTS ARE PAID IN FULL!

The last gift for the 2011-13 grants has been sent to the recipient, EXODUS 2:6 Spiritual Care in Disasters - TX, LA, OK. A total of \$50,000 has been given to this grant to provide spiritual care through Lutheran Social Services of the South to children and youth who have experienced the devastation of natural disasters.

MITE REPORT BY DISTRICT — JUNE 2014

DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL	DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL
ATLANTIC		12,949.34	NEBRASKA NORTH	984.88	12,995.89
CAL-NEV-HAWAII	2,421.33	26,132.55	NEBRASKA SOUTH	5,635.22	23,275.61
CAROLINAS		7,178.63	NEW ENGLAND		7,029.82
CENTRAL ILLINOIS	1,127.33	25,752.06	NEW JERSEY	988.60	3,377.02
CHESAPEAKE		10,588.50	NORTH DAKOTA	1,301.34	18,086.84
EASTERN		6,741.35	NORTH WISCONSIN	1,037.00	20,849.00
ENGLISH		8,492.86	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	3,069.27	24,417.85
FLORIDA-GEORGIA		23,526.44	OHIO	1,056.77	24,544.19
GULF STATES		6,683.08	OKLAHOMA	1,240.23	39,715.04
INDIANA		19,819.10	OREGON		11,766.69
IOWA EAST		16,989.76	PACIFIC SW	3,264.40	33,382.32
IOWA WEST		25,732.23	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	2,297.02	20,098.02
KANSAS		18,201.39	SELC		2,301.92
LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI		5,779.67	SOUTH DAKOTA		13,386.33
MICHIGAN	1,892.16	42,042.46	SOUTH WISCONSIN	1,531.84	27,002.46
MID-SOUTH	193.70	15,946.99	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		9,195.90
MINNESOTA NORTH	2,781.56	22,827.20	TEXAS	3,218.81	45,740.56
MINNESOTA SOUTH		33,652.82	UTAH-IDAHO	1,280.07	8,183.74
MISSOURI	1,410.31	41,956.36	WASH-ALASKA		17,393.44
MONTANA	509.88	7,460.03	WYOMING	1,967.69	9,782.62
			TOTAL	39,209.41	750,978.08

MITES FROM OTHER SOURCES

Mite Donations	2,533.53	44,484.30	Christmas Appeal	395.00	49,252.93
Mite Donations Restricted		5,573.69	GoodSearch		1,807.49
Conv. Offering #1		54,017.32	Thrivent Simply Giving		345.00
Children's Miss Adv		581.28	Thrivent Choice Dollars	3,268.00	32,144.00
Mission Pledge Walk		73,791.04			
Golf Tournament		7,218.74	OTHER MITE TOTAL	6,226.53	274,908.79
PayPal	30.00	5,713.00	GRAND TOTAL	45,435.94	1,025,886.87

All totals are unconfirmed pending verification from the accounting office.

STEWARDSHIP TIPS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

For the past 22 months, Lois has been sending out these most wonderful *Treasured News* documents and has given me the opportunity to share with you some thoughts on what it means to be a Christian steward of all with which God has blessed us. This whole matter of Christian stewardship is a teaching of our Savior that is very near and dear to my heart. We have talked about the 7-T's of Christian stewardship. We have visited about various aspects of stewardship. Most recently, we finished a little series of thoughts that dealt with the fact that the giving Christian gives faithfully, compassionately, gracefully, proportionately, and globally.

As we have worked through these thoughts and shared them with others, it just dawned on me that oftentimes we look at Christian stewardship as something that the adults do, while forgetting to teach these concepts of the Christian life to our youth and children. That is why we hear in many congregations that when the present generations, who are in their 70's, 80's, and 90's, are with the Lord in heaven, the church is going to be in a world

of hurt in regard to finances because we will lose those regular givers who very often bless us with large gifts. Sadly, in many places, the young people who make up the generations that follow them have been taught very little, if anything, about stewardship.

So, if you will allow me, we will see if it works to share with you for the next few months some thoughts we can share with the children, teens, and young adults in our families and in our congregations. If you have no children or teens or young adults in your household right now, share these thoughts with those who do. Give this most wonderful newsletter wide circulation, even outside the LWML.

With all that said, the first topic we will consider next month will be: "Understand That All You Have Is God's."

Rev. John Heckmann
LWML Senior Counselor

Words from FDR

We still remain true to the faith of our fathers who established religious liberty when the nation began. We must remember, too, that our forebears in every generation, and wherever they established their homes, made prompt and generous provision for the institutions of religion. We must continue their steadfast reliance upon the providence of God.

No greater blessing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion. I doubt if there is any problem in the world today — social, political or economic — that would not find happy solution if approached in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1938

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Katharine Lee Bates - 1893



*The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;
The world and all its fullness, You have founded them (Psalm 89:11).*

The 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus was observed in 1892.

As part of this celebration, the city of Chicago sponsored a World's Fair that lasted into the next year. A group of professors from Wellesley College visited the Exposition on their way to teach summer school in Colorado. Months later, the women compared the wonders of the man-made Fair with the glory of God's handiwork in the Rockies.

When summer school came to a close, the teachers decided to visit Pike's Peak, elevation 14,000 feet, before returning home. Katharine Lee Bates, so struck by the scene from that height, wrote: "We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there ...

"It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind. When we left Colorado Springs, the four stanzas were penciled in my notebook ...

"The Wellesley work soon absorbed time and attention again, the notebook was laid aside, and I do not remember paying heed to these verses until the second summer following, when I copied them out and sent them to *The Congregationalist*, where they first appeared in print July 4, 1895. The hymn attracted an unexpected amount of attention...

"In 1904, I rewrote it, trying to make the phraseology more simple and direct."

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*



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"GLOCAL" CHRISTIANS



Often when we talk about living as a missionary, debate arises about whether we are to minister locally or go globally. The phrase "glocal Christians" means we're to be both local and global in our mission. Jesus lays down a challenge that isn't "either/or" but "both/and."

Being glocal involves being aware of your surrounding community as well as your larger world, and then entering into it with the love of Jesus. God is already at work out there. Our job is simply to have our eyes open to see Him and join in that labor.

As you and your church decide what part in God's story you're being asked to play, don't fall into the debate about whether it's in local ministry or global ministry. Be radical followers of Jesus in both.

—Rev. Mike Paulson