

Lutheran Women in Mission

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Welcome to the third issue of Lutheran Women in Mission e-News!

Diana's Angels Ministry Sweeps Country

It started nearly six years ago in Waverly, Iowa, with a burden of the heart. A story published in a local newspaper, then picked up in a magazine, soon spread the ministry to the West Coast. Now, Lutheran Women in Mission all over the United States are responding to the need: burial outfits for premature infants and newborn babies.

Imagine a mother's grief over the loss of her premature or new baby compounded by the need to find suitable clothes in which to bury her child. The last place she wants to be is in a toy store looking at doll clothes because they are the only items that fit.

Initially the women of a Bible study group at St. John Lutheran in Waverly sewed outfits for a local funeral home and a hospital. Patterns were developed and then printed for distribution to other women's groups. Last year the LWML included "Patterns for Premies" in its product catalog and is now averaging sales of eight per day.

"It seems to be taking off like wild fire," said Norine Stumpf, LWML office manager. "We've also received thanks and many touching stories."

Patterns and instructions for sewing garments for infant burial are available on CD for \$10. Included are four sizes and styles that will assure a nice fit for tiny infants. There are two designs for girls and two for boys. Each set includes a kimono, blanket, burial outfit (including covering for the feet) and a bonnet along with an appropriate gift card. [LWML Store](#).

Grant Information

Get a brief synopsis and prayer on each mission grant by clicking on "Missions" at the top of the LWML homepage, then click on the particular grant you want. [Mission Grants](#)

Mission-a-Month

A different mission grant is being featured each month with a mite calendar, update and story, and devotion. Share these in your church newsletter, rally or society meeting to dedicate your mites. Use them on LWML Sunday. Find it on the Mission Advocacy and Grants Web pages. Check it out at [Mission Grants](#)

Heartwarming Mite Stories

Mission Advocacy and Grant's Committee (MAGS) has stories to tell. Stories of how God is using your mites around the world. We have personal stories from the mission field. Share them with your churches, societies and everywhere else. To get these, go to www.lwml.org and send an e-mail to the MAGS committee at lwml@lwml.org Your e-mail will be forwarded, and we will reply as soon as possible.

New and Improved

The "Mite Box" explanation sheet has been updated. One side is in English and the other is in Spanish. Hand them out with your mite boxes, or use them any time you want to share the purpose of the mite box. Get them from the LWML Office. Call 1-800-252-LWML (5965)

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), with a membership of over 250,000, is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission.

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