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## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS Prayers for Support for Lutheran Public Radio

### PRAYER #1

Dear Lord God Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessing of Lutheran Public Radio and the ministry it provides for its listeners. For many years they have proclaimed the Word of salvation, provided a better understanding of contemporary social issues, served as a resource for pastors and other professional church workers, and been a source of catechesis for those listening on the radio and over the Internet. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and keep them firmly grounded in Scripture. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### PRAYER #2

O most gracious God, we live in a world filled with many social issues that are challenging to the faithful Christian. We give You thanks and praise for the dedication of those working at Lutheran Public Radio who provide live, interactive, Christian talk radio programming which includes Bible study, hymn and liturgy study, discussion of theological topics, and discussion of timely social issues addressed in Scripture. We ask You to keep Your Spirit stirring in their hearts and in those who are listening. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### PRAYER #3

We are thankful to You, O Lord, for the blessings of technology. Conventional media (print, radio, etc.) and the new media (Internet, live streaming, podcasting, social networks, etc.) have provided unprecedented opportunities for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be broadcast to the world. Thank You for Issues, Etc. of Lutheran Public Radio for making the most of these opportunities. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRAYER #4

Triune God, the harvest is ripe and the workers are few. We give You thanks and praise for those workers in the fields at Lutheran Public Radio along with the guests who bring the very best talent, knowledge, and wisdom of the LCMS to its listeners. Bless their efforts as they continue with the priority of global mission and impacting the world for Christ. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

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## MISSION GRANT STORY

### SUPPORT FOR LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO \$40,000

Lutheran Public Radio (LPR) is home for the weekday terrestrial and Internet radio show "Issues, Etc." which has been on the air for 20 years proclaiming the Word of salvation and providing a better understanding of contemporary social issues in a Christian context. Being the principle effort of LPR, Issues, Etc. is a live, call-in, topical radio show featuring The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod pastors, professors, and laypeople, and other professional church workers that provide catechesis for its listeners. Experts on social issues, government relations, church music and liturgy, church history, and journalism are frequent guests on the show where the audience is invited to respond and interact by phone, email, Twitter, and Facebook.

LPR is deeply rooted in the teachings of the LCMS and is clearly committed to the Scriptures, creeds, and confessions. Just as the LWML has the priority of impacting the world for Christ, LPR has the same global mission.

Issues, Etc. has a very small staff of three full-time employees. They are responsible for producing 10 hours of live radio programming each week. Each staff member has multiple daily duties and responsibilities, and the maintenance of the development programs and activities has grown creating a need for additional staff.

The grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will make it possible for Lutheran Public Radio to employ a part-time bookkeeper who will free up the existing staff to concentrate more effectively on the development goals and donor needs. It will help to ensure the continued, long-term financial viability and sustainability of Issues, Etc., allowing them to expand the goal of educating a new generation of Lutherans.

