



Mission Grants Bank

The grants listed below were not chosen for the 2021 LWML Convention ballot, but were approved by the Mission Grants Selection Committee for placement in the Mission Grants Bank. LWML districts may want to consider them for their convention ballots. Please contact the person named with each grant for updated information.

Building Hope & Strengthening Faith in Kenya — Project 24 and Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya \$120,000

“Project 24 and Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya” provides an opportunity for vulnerable children to thrive in all aspects of life, particularly to grow in faith. Project 24 is a church-operated, school-based boarding facility program in Kenya that offers a safe environment to grow in the Gospel, access education, and receive other basic needs. The LCMS, in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK), provides a Christ-centered, loving, caring, and safe environment as well as food, clothing, healthcare, and access to primary school education that otherwise would be out of reach for vulnerable children throughout Kenya. The mission grant funds would cover construction cost to complete another boarding facility for 80 children near Wamba Town. Once the facility is in full operation, children will be matched with sponsors in the United States through Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya.

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Gospel Outreach to Muslims — Salam Christian Fellowship, Lombard, Illinois \$18,000

Salam Christian Fellowship, an ongoing missionary project based at Peace Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois, is reaching out to Middle Eastern and North African Muslims in their area with the Good News of Christ. In addition, Salam helps with resettlement and immigration services for asylum seekers and new immigrants. Area Lutheran churches provide donated clothing, food supplies, furniture, and vehicles. Salam is a faith ministry and is dependent on donations from God’s people. The funds from this grant will provide financial assistance to Salam Christian Fellowship as they preach the Gospel to Middle Eastern and North African Muslims.

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Enhanced Children's Ministry — Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity, Florida \$31,987

Trinity Lutheran Church in Trinity, Florida, was founded in 2005, and is in a fast-growing area north of Tampa. With increasing attendance in worship and planned expansion of ministry to children through summer VBS and the initiation of Rebecca's Garden of Hope, they are enlarging their facilities. The design of the new building includes an area for food distribution, serving, and clean-up which is needed for the expanded children's ministry. Funds from this grant will help complete the furnishing of the new kitchen area and help with the start-up costs of Rebecca's Garden of Hope.

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Outreach, Meals, and Bible Study Materials — International Student Ministry/Lutheran Student Fellowship of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania \$30,000

Pittsburgh has one of the largest concentrations of international college students of any urban setting in the nation. First Trinity Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh serves as a home base for campus ministry to almost 85,000 students within a five-mile radius of the church. International Student Ministry (ISM) and Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) create connections and bring the saving Word through the many outreach programs of First Lutheran. ISM and LSF members also work with Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, First Trinity Homeless Ministry, and Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry. Grant funds will provide financial assistance to maintain the ministry with campus students.

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Tuition Assistance for Deaf Students — St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf, Dearborn, Michigan \$50,000

St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf seeks to provide Christ-centered education for K–8 students who are Deaf or Hard-of-hearing in Dearborn, Michigan, and to bridge the gap that is keeping these children from knowing their Savior. Much of the Deaf community in the United States is unchurched. St. Martin, with Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, reaches out with the Gospel to the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing. This grant will provide scholarships for those students and their families struggling to meet the tuition costs for attending St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf.

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Wheels for the Lord's Physically Disabled — Good Shepherd Family, Stockton, California \$36,000

For the past 55 years, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Stockton, California, has reached out to adults in their community who are mentally and physically disabled through a ministry called Good Shepherd Family (GSF). Three Saturdays a month, ministry volunteers welcome them to the church. These adults attend chapel and hear a Christ-centered message, followed by Bible-based crafts and songs. Birthdays are celebrated and prayer concerns are shared. The people are happy and excited to see one another and are eager to worship and learn more about God. Participation is hindered by lack of appropriate transportation vehicles, especially for those using wheelchairs. The grant funds will be used to purchase a van that will accommodate wheelchairs and provide sufficient seating for others.

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Rev. Harold Kamman Chapel Expansion — Concordia Life Plan Community, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma \$100,000

Concordia Life Plan Community has a mission to uphold Christian values while meeting the needs of seniors in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Services and care provided include independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, long-term care, respite stays, and memory support. The purpose of the grant funds is to support the planned expansion of the Kamman Chapel at Concordia Life Plan Community. With expansion of the chapel, the capacity will double to 100 people, being able to then accommodate all who wish to attend worship services, morning devotions, or educational programs where their faith is nurtured and strengthened in Christ.

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Special Needs in a Hybrid Classroom — Lutheran Special Education Ministry \$100,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministry (LSEM) partners with schools and congregations across the country, providing certified resource room teachers, special education consultation, professional development, and informational opportunities for classroom teachers, pastors, and families. The COVID-19 pandemic altered the landscape of education. As school buildings closed, teachers and students needed to adapt to virtual learning and hybrid classrooms. Hybrid learning is playing a large part in making sure that students can continue to learn whether they are in a school building or at home. The funds from this grant will support educational and spiritual growth for children with special learning needs, increase the capacity for using technology, increase the quality of virtual learning by educating teachers, and create new partnerships offering resources to more Lutheran schools serving children in a Christ-centered learning environment.

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Spreading the Gospel in Haitian Schools Through Meals — Trinity HOPE \$38,500

Trinity HOPE is a mission ministry that partners with Christian schools to share the love of Jesus with the children of Haiti, one meal at a time. Funds are used to serve meals each school day to children, teachers, and cooks in Christian schools throughout Haiti. Each day when they receive this meal, they are clearly reminded that the food is being provided to them through the love of Jesus. The daily meal helps them to learn more about Jesus and to be better students. This grant asks for funds for L'Univers Lutheran School in Thomassique, Haiti, and will feed approximately 400 students for two school years.

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Sowing a Missionary Mindset through Study Abroad — Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana \$56,000

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (CTSFW), brings the saving Gospel into all the world by forming servants in Jesus Christ who will teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. Because all Lutheran pastors and deaconesses should be knowledgeable about world missions and to have had firsthand experience in international mission work, students are encouraged to participate in a study-abroad mission trip. During mission trips to Kenya, students participate in theological seminars alongside African students from Matongo Lutheran Seminary in Kenya. They learn the history and current work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. Visits are made to the Evangelist School in northern Kenya, to the Diaconal Center and Home for the Severely Handicapped in Kisumu, and to the Lutheran orphanage in Matongo. Grant funds will assist 10 students with travel, accommodation, class credit, and course material expenses while participating in the study abroad mission trip.

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Open Arms — Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Floyd County, Georgia \$6,900

The purpose of Open Arms is to witness to and serve the needy of Floyd County, Georgia. It is estimated that in Floyd County, 37% of families are single parent homes. Volunteers of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rome, Georgia, serve and witness to young single moms under the age of 30 and their children by serving twice-a-month family meals, leading prayers, games, and Bible studies for children of all ages.

There is a “Moms Club” and a “Faith for Life” program for children in grades 3–5. Holy Trinity has a heart for the children and single moms, and they want to share the Gospel message of salvation through their actions and teaching. The grant funds will help meet the cost of monthly food, Bible studies, crafts, resources, and game supplies to reach the young single mothers and their children with the Gospel.

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Multi-cam Live Stream Equipment —The Village Church – Lutheran, Slidell, Louisiana \$9,799

The Village Church has made it their mission to spread the Word of Jesus and the importance of faith and family values through the live-streaming of services and special events. This has been especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a need for additional equipment to improve the live-streaming of services and special events, as they are an outreach to those who are unable to attend in-person worship such as students, people who are elderly or ill, or are shut-in and need to view from their home. Grant funds will be used to purchase multi-camera live-streaming equipment for The Village Church – Lutheran.

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Franklin Avenue Mission Daycare — Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan \$80,000

Franklin Avenue Mission (FAM) serves people who are poor, hungry, and/or homeless in Flint, Michigan, one of the poorest cities in America. FAM was established in 2015 to provide many basic needs for the residents of the neighborhood. The mission is comprised of missionaries from 20 local congregations. As community gaps become known, FAM develops programs to address the needs of the residents. The future of childcare has been drastically impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. FAM recognizes the need for free childcare and, therefore, addresses the closing of daycares, eases the burden of parents working remotely, and helps the essential worker find childcare. Childcare is an essential part of the economy and economic infrastructure, as it prepares children for the future and enables parents to work. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies for remodeling and equipment needed for the completion of the daycare facility.

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