



## LWML MISSION GRANT

### MISSION OUTREACH ST. PAUL COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) mission grant for St. Paul Community Lutheran Church in Pontiac, Michigan, has made a wonderful difference and blessed their mission. Being able to hire a part-time secretary to organize the church office and having an extra set of hands to do many daily tasks has given Pastor and Becky Gladden more time to devote to their duties. They now have more time to plan and lead the ministry, to care for, teach and counsel community members, meet physical and spiritual needs, and direct volunteers among other things.

The enhanced music and technology resources in worship has seen more young people attend and more regular attendance among all ages. As a result of LWML-funded outreach a large number of Spanish speaking children have attended Vacation Bible School. Because of the funds from the grant, St. Paul was able to purchase additional materials. Included were lunches and school backpacks which the children may not have otherwise had to start school.

Some of the youth transportation expenses were paid with part of the grant. Some of this expense was used for the basketball team who even won their league championship in the process. They also have a new experienced youth ministry leader. The youth are showing growth in their community and in their personal faith walk. Much is being planned to engage even more youth.

A new digital sign is bringing awareness of St. Paul's presence and attracting interest from the local community on their busy connector street. The sign communicates their events and worship, and helps those going by to realize there is an active, contemporary church housed in an old church building. Many other new things are taking place as well, such as: a new website under construction, a Friends of St. Paul newsletter, and a volunteer experienced in digital communications.