Mission Grant #16 \$25,000

Pray that children in inner-city Denver, Colorado will experience Jesus' love by attending summer camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat, learning of God's grace and glory through His creation.

Prayer #1

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of a beautiful outdoor world. Please bless this mission grant to allow Lutheran Valley Retreat to provide scholarships and transportation to summer camp for inner-city youth in the Denver area so they may see You in the midst of Your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #2

Dear Father in Heaven, please use this grant given to Lutheran Valley Retreat to bring Your Word and love to inner-city children and teens in Denver by providing scholarships for summer camp. Let Your creation be used to provide fun and learning activities that they may come to know of Your saving love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #3

Dear Jesus, You asked that the children be brought to You and not to hinder them. We pray that this grant to Lutheran Valley Retreat will show Your love and saving grace to inner-city children and teens in the Denver area through Your beautiful creation of the Rocky Mountains. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #4

Dear Father, please bless the ministry of Lutheran Valley Retreat as they use this grant to provide summer camp scholarships to inner-city youth from Denver. Let them learn of Your love and salvation through interactions with camp workers, fun outdoor activities, and worship. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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Sharing Jesus at Summer Camp in the Rocky Mountains

Bringing the Inner-City Children to Camp Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado — \$25,000

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares God's grace and glory through His creation in a year-round retreat facility surrounded by Pike National Forest in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. LVR hosts adult and family retreats, as well as summer camps for youth.

Each summer, the camp serves nearly one thousand campers, ages 8–17. Approximately one-half of these campers are teenagers coming from states across the country to serve in various projects to maintain the facilities of LVR. The remainder of the summer campers come primarily from Colorado, including Denver and Colorado Springs.

Research shows that camp transforms the lives of young people in many ways. Taking a break from regular routines, responsibilities, technology, and cell phones allows young people to truly be themselves. Campers at LVR have an opportunity to enjoy and explore nature, develop lifelong friendships, and cultivate meaningful relationships with adults who become mentors.

Each day, campers play in God's creation with activities like archery, rock climbing, fishing, and crafts. They experience God's Word through daily devotions, create and watch skits based on the Bible, learn praise songs, and worship around a campfire. Through these fun activities, the Gospel is shared showing God's love to all His children. *We love because he first loved us* (1 John 4:19).

The average cost of summer camp is \$400 per camper. LVR has been blessed with generous donors to provide scholarships for children each year; however, not everyone is aware of this option. There are families in the Denver area that are unable to fully finance camp or provide transportation to LVR for their children. LVR will work with Lutheran churches in Denver, over the next two summers, to arrange registration and transportation for multicultural children of all socio-economic levels to attend summer camp. With this grant, LVR hopes to offer fifty full scholarships to campers from inner-city Denver, using the remainder of the grant to provide transportation.

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