

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 3

SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL | \$100,000



Transportation for Special Needs Students at Journeys Lutheran School

For 60 years, the distinctive ministry of Journeys Lutheran School has been to serve God's children with special needs such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorders. Families choose Journeys Lutheran School for a variety of reasons, including emotional and spiritual growth, a Christian worldview, an educational approach that works best for their unique student, or a more therapeutic approach to education.

We are all God's children despite our differences, challenges, or experiences. Journeys Lutheran School prepares students in Grades 3–12 with unique learning challenges to maximize their God-given spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential. The resources and experience of Journeys provides academic help to students and provides an opportunity for their lives to be touched by the Holy Spirit through devotions, prayer, Christian counseling, religion classes, and personal witness.

Grant funds will purchase two 15-passenger vans. The vans will allow Journeys to reach and teach more students and meet their academic and spiritual needs. In addition to the school bus already in use, the vans will provide alternative means to reach students in areas outside of Milwaukee. Additionally, the vans will transport youth to Martin Luther High School, a ministry partner, so that Journeys students can take elective classes in a Christian mainstream environment. This will enable Journeys students to earn a high school diploma, not just a certificate of completion. The vans will also transport students to potential school-to-work internship opportunities and to transport students to cultural, historical, and spiritual learning experiences without needing to use the full-size school bus.

Journeys children deserve the same educational and spiritual opportunities that other children enjoy. The van will help them experience the fullness of God's creation by opening the world and all its possibilities and opportunities to them.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).