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**Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission (TWIM)** jumped in to help! These LWML dynamos from **Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Oregon**, joined hands to help paint buildings, assemble flower and vegetable beds, donate beautiful handmade quilts, and stitch together window coverings to help turn simple wooden structures into homes for the homeless. Opportunity Village Eugene (OVE) delivers a hand up, rather than a hand out, by providing the homeless a safe, dry and comforting community where they can securely leave their belongings by day to look for jobs or seek out needed services, returning in the evening to warmth, food, and fellowship with their neighbors.

Living in a state hard hit by the recent recession, the ladies of TWIM are all too familiar with the sights of homelessness, joblessness, hunger, and hopelessness, but they keep their hands and hearts full doing any chore they can to relieve a neighbor's burden. Thanks to these caring women, OVE residents are learning how loving, caring, and ever-present God is in the lives of His children, even those who seem to have fallen too far away.



A group of eight women from the Utah-Idaho LWML District and hosts in Navajo, New Mexico

### Mission Trip to Navajo, New Mexico

Eight women from the **LWML Utah-Idaho District** spent a week during August 2014, in Navajo, New Mexico, at an LCMS mission church, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, on the Navajo Reservation. The women joined Tim and Heidi Norton (missionaries) and Louise Lee (Navajo Native), working alongside them to do outreach in their community. The ladies found the Navajo people to be a warm, loving, and welcoming group, as they had an opportunity to cook meals, paint away smoke damage in one home, lead Bible studies, sing, and do crafting, such as teaching young girls to sew. They shared a meal of Navajo fry bread tacos with the Navajo ladies, while also sharing many, many stories of their personal lives, their struggles, and their love of Jesus and His church. The eight women came away from this mission trip being fed by the Word and loving the Diné (Navajo) people.



Mr. Good

### LWML Mission Grant Brings Gospel to South Dakota State Fair

More than 1,200 people had the pleasure of seeing the puppet show, "The Good Fruit Tree," during the 2014 South Dakota State Fair. Part of an **LWML South Dakota** LWML grant, The Puppet Place is a show written by Pastor Andrew Utecht from Rosebud, South Dakota. (The Puppet Place ministry was begun by Pastor Bob Utecht in 1972.) Based on the story of Zacchaeus, the show, starring the puppet brothers Mr. Good and Mr. Bad, was presented five times daily. LWML women, who served as volunteers, invited people into each show and handed out Bible studies and whistles to all the children who attended a show. To God be the glory for allowing the Utecht family and the LWML to continue sharing the Gospel message to people at the South Dakota State Fair.

## Summer 2015 theme: Tough Stuff

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### An LWML New England District Convention First!

A check in the amount of \$2,500 for Basement Mold Abatement at Hope Lutheran Church in Bangor, Maine, was presented at this year's district convention. This was the first time ever that funds were available at the end of a convention to pay the first mission grant of the new biennium! Retiring and newly elected treasurers Donna Gruel and Shirley Schindler (pictured far left) presented a check to Cindy Zattich and Sharon Dever (newly elected and retiring VPs of Gospel Outreach, pictured right) as payment for the first grant of 2014–2016. All thanks to our generous God! Keep those mites rolling in!



Ready to serve are Faith LWML society members during the Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Appreciation Luncheon.

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Luncheon

A "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" luncheon held this past fall at **Faith Lutheran Church in Warsaw, Missouri**, came about as a result of a small group session at the 2014 LWML Missouri District Convention. Realizing that many grandparents in and around their community were parenting children, Roberta Schnakenberg and Pam Carleton — later joined by Shirley O'Brien, Viola Lampe, and Cris Strecker — began a conversation at the district convention that soon led to their LWML society's hosting an appreciation luncheon and program.

The grandparents were treated to a beautifully planned event: golden coins on the tables ("You're worth all the gold in the world to your grandchildren"), cheerful tablecloths and decorations, a meet-and-greet time, a watermelon fruit bowl, and \$25.00 gift certificates (funded by Thrivent Financial). Speakers shared words of encouragement and brought along resources to help grandparents going through difficult times. All these details testified to the congregation's care and concern.

The congregation plans to offer their building for possible future gatherings that discuss legal issues, procedures to enroll grandchildren in school, and financial problems and solutions.



### South Wisconsin LWML District Helps Clothe Those in Need

Women's clothing. Men's clothing. Children's clothing. Wash, if necessary. Sort. Classify. Box and send on their way to the world's needy via the Orphan Grain Train. Over 1,000 shoes and at least that many stockings have been sent to Orphan Grain Train because of the efforts of the women at **St. Peter, Reedsburg**. In keeping with the **LWML South Wisconsin District** convention theme, "Living in Step with the Spirit," shoes and stockings were an appropriate choice for the ingathering.



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