



MARCH 2017 DEVOTION

Lutheran Youth Corps - \$25,000

Numerous sources discuss the traits and qualities of the “Millennial” generation – a generation more acclimated to snap chatting than passing a note; texting instead of walking into another room to visit; googling instead of going to the library to do research. A generation that some say seem to think they are entitled, are lazy and selfish. What negative adjectives were used to describe your generation? Although each generation seems to have their own contrary traits, by the grace of God, our nation has survived and thrived with more blessings than deserved.

Despite all the things we see as wrong—how much more is right? There is a generation of young adults willing to forgo the start of a career and devote time and energy in helping others; a generation that has been shown, and therefore reflects, the compassion and love of Christ; a generation that recognizes our dependence on one another in times of need.

With this in mind, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is developing the Lutheran Youth Corp to equip and support young Lutheran adults with service opportunities that will allow them to utilize their talents, training and educational foundations. With much thanksgiving and sharing of our mite offerings, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League seeks to aid in the development and launch of this tremendous opportunity. Is this not a wonderful blessing for us to support in a time when it seems our youth are leaving the church? Is this not a wonderful opportunity to show our young adults how valued they are? Paul reminded Timothy in his first letter *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity* (1Timothy 4:12). Our service to our neighbor is a reflection of Christ perfect service to us. With their energy and desire, the love of Christ will be shared with many. Through their actions and words, the hope and joy we find in Jesus will shine on many. May we through our actions and words, continue in our support of our Lutheran youth.

PRAYER: Lord, we ask your guidance for the leaders of the Lutheran Youth Mercy Corp as they seek to provide a means of service for our young adults. We are most thankful and praise you for these young adults. Guard and protect them, grant them wisdom and discernment, strength and stamina for the days will be long and at times trying. Keep them mindful of Your love and faithfulness, and keep us mindful of the continued need of sharing our blessings through the giving of mite offerings. Bless these funds, and bless this program as the church continues to follow Your command to love and care for one another. These things we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.