

The purpose of the Mission Moment:

- <u>To increase</u> awareness of our missions to the LCVH church family.
- <u>To inspire</u> greater participation by our congregation in these missions.
- <u>To invite</u> prayer petitions on behalf of these missions.
- <u>To thank</u> God for the privilege to partner in missions.

This week's spotlight...

LCVH Braille/Large Print Center

On the lower level of our facility (directly beneath the altar) is the Braille/Large Print Center.

Founded by Betty Susina and Lois Huey, this mission dates back to 1983.

Eight faithful members serve every Tuesday morning. Miriam Hartley serves as the coordinator.

For decades the center produced braille. A transition took place a few years ago when the national organization, Lutheran Braille, requested our center start producing large print materials.

Our center produces the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the hymnal in our pews. Six volumes are needed to complete the set. Our center also produces several books of the Bible. Currently, the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament.

The workers busy themselves each Tuesday with printing, sorting, punching, binding, packing and mailing the materials. They also spend time together in friendship with coffee and brownies.

These materials are shipped domestically and internationally. From Canada to Africa to India – even reaching into predominately Muslim countries such as Pakistan.

Here is an excerpt of a letter from Pastor Marvin Oduor Odale from Eldoret, Kenya to our Blind Center:

"I thank and praise God for the chance to write to you. I am incredibly grateful for all you are doing, may God bless you in everything...I believe that God did not connect me to you in vain, but for a purpose and for a reason."