

October 2023 Newsletter items from Lutheran Women in Mission:

What is the LWML? We are Lutheran – Women – in Mission who:

- ◆ proclaim Christ
- ◆ support missions
- ◆ equip women to honor God by serving others



If you have questions or would like more information about Women in

Mission, contact one of our leaders, Colleen Keiser, Eevi Prah, Pat Reichert, Darlene Sopko, Janet Borchard, Lisa Asmus.

Our local Women in Mission group is divided into two circles that meet for Bible study and fellowship in the morning or in the evening.

Lois circle will meet for Bible study and fellowship Wednesday, October 11 at 9 a.m. in the café.

Lydia circle will meet for Bible study and fellowship Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Timothy room.



LWML Sunday is October 1. We will have a special mite offering during the service. Bring your mite box or just an offering (above and beyond your regular offering). You are welcome to continue filling your Mite Box throughout the year. There is a wooden Mite Box on the book shelf in the entryway. You may always take a new one if you'd

like! We accept coins, bills, and checks (written out to **Memorial LWML**). 100% of Mite Box offerings go to support the work of LWML on the district (75%) and national (25%) levels.



YOUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

Each time place money in your mite box, you choose to give to LWML Mission Grants and you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others – some you may know and others you may never meet. The people you are helping range in age from little children to the elderly, and their homes are located across the globe. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are men, women, and children living abroad. No matter their age, or how near or far, God knows the needs of every single person. *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).*

Please pray for the following organizations who will receive funding from our mite offerings:

LWML Mites in Action: #1 Orphan Grain Train Servant Center - \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has carried out the mission of the Lord for thirty years by providing humanitarian service. They work through the church so the Gospel always accompanies their service. They have assisted orphans, carried out domestic disaster relief, gathered, sorted, packed, and distributed food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, and educational materials for those experiencing poverty in the U.S. and internationally.



The original facility in Norfolk, Nebraska, is outdated and lacking adequate space to carry out their expanding work. They need to build an additional facility to increase their mission capacity and increase the safety level for volunteers. With an increased work area, larger groups of volunteers can work on donations received and the output of mercy meals can double to 10,000,000 meals annually. This grant will help OGT complete their building project.

LWML South Dakota District Mites in Action: Spanish Braille Bibles for Central and South America - Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)— \$5,000 LBW is the only Lutheran organization which intentionally serves people who are blind or visually impaired both in the United States and across all continents, and the world's largest nonprofit producer of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials. LBW have been asked to produce over 20,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for use in Central and South America. This grant would help cover the cost of paper, cardboard and other supplies for the production of 1,000 of the Bibles. Lord, bless the efforts of the Lutheran Braille Workers as they complete the task of producing thousands of Spanish Braille Bibles. Open the hearts of the people who will read them, increase their faith, and encourage them to share that Good News with their loved ones. In Your name, Jesus. Amen!

October 7: Memorial Craft/Vendor & Bake How can you support the Craft/Vendor Fair & Bake sale?

1. Rent a table and sell your goods
2. Bake something for our bake sale
3. Come and Shop!
4. Help set up tables on Friday, October 21
5. Help take tables down on Saturday, October 22 at 2 p.m.
6. Offer to help work.
7. Help prep food for Taco Bar on Friday
8. Contact Colleen Keiser
colleen.keiser@gmail.com or Lisa Asmus
lasmus@yahoo.com if you'd like to help!

FYI: Women in Mission fundraisers are used for local missions that we support: South Dakota churchwork/seminary students, SFLS; staff gifts, Memorial's children & student ministries, kitchen supplies, banners, etc...



October Flowers for Worship Center:

- 1 – Mariane Wittorck (50th Anniversary)
- 8 – Don/Pat Reichert (56th Anniversary)
- 15 – Open
- 22 – Open
- 29 – Open

Do you have an anniversary or birthday you would like to celebrate with flowers in the worship center? Maybe you have flowers in your garden that you would like to share with your church family on a Sunday. Check out the sign-up sheet on the wall to the left of the kitchen to mark your date. You are welcome to take them home to enjoy any time after the last service on that Sunday. **Let Kathy know if you would like the occasion for the flowers listed in the prayers.**