

December 2022 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 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. Please join us if you are able.

Lois Circle - Wednesday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in Café Logos

- Celebrating Advent/Christmas
- Brunch pot luck
- Bring a white elephant gift (something you have at home that you don't use anymore that someone else might like to have)

Lydia circle meets for Bible study and fellowship Monday, December 26 at 7 p.m. in the Timothy room.

We will host our annual Christmas Bake Shoppe on Sunday, December 11 between services. Shop for some Christmas goodies. All proceeds will go to support our local group mission grant projects.

*If you care to donate goodies, you may bring them to church Saturday morning or early Sunday.



Please bring a Christmas Ornament **with your family's name on it** for our Memorial family Christmas tree.



YOUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

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

LWML: Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, Lutheran Bible Translators — \$70,000, PAID IN FULL

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) uses literacy programs within the local language communities to give people the skills to read the newly translated Bible which results in a personal relationship with God. When they can read God's Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. Local personnel in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, identified as partners with LBT, help teach their people. The long distances between the language communities have treacherous and hazardous terrain. The money from this grant will help purchase robust, reliable vehicles. Trainers will be able to travel to God's people who are waiting for the opportunity to learn to read the saving words of the Gospel in their heart language. This will impact multiple language groups in both countries.

LWML South Dakota District Mites in Action: 5. Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool Playground Area Upgrade — \$5,000

Providing a caring atmosphere for young children where they can experience the love of God through the care given them is the goal of the Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool in Pierre, SD. Though separate programs, they share the common commitment to provide children in their care a stable, healthy, and consistent environment to mature emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

It is their desire to update their outdoor playground area which is used by both programs. This would include replacing the well-worn wooden structure and concrete area with an updated play system; thus making better use of the space. The rocks in the playground area would also be replaced with rubber turf which would provide a much safer and softer ground cover. Finally, a new fence would be installed surrounding the area.

The total cost of this project far exceeds the \$5,000 LWML mission grant, but our mite offerings will help provide part of the funding for the play system. What a joy it will be for the children and the caregivers to be able to spend time in this updated play area!



Can you help? We are looking to involve more people in communion set up and take down on a rotating basis. Please contact Pat Reichert if interested. (605) 366-2188

December Flowers for Worship Center:

- 4 – Open
- 11 – Open
- 18 – Open
- 25 – Poinsettias

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.**

Mark your calendar: UNDECORATING the church will take place Thursday, January 5 at 10:15 a.m. Hope you can join us!
