



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We have "mission heart" volunteers who are dedicating our lives to making a difference in this world.



We are women finding avenues to use our God-given talents to share the Gospel message in our congregation, our local area, and throughout the world. A major emphasis to support this outreach is means of Mite Box offerings. These Mite Box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942. (See grant list below.)

We also, as our pledge states, we “use our hands to work for Him” (Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ). St. Matthew LWML society’s work has included serving meals at the local shelter, parties and gifts for residents of nursing home care facilities, blankets for homeless and hurting souls, hosting after-service family meals to comfort the grieving, and Spring luncheons.

Our society welcomes willing hands from the entire congregation as we collect items which, when redeemed, provide funds for our many district or international mission projects. Bring us:

Used postage stamps – bring entire envelope or trim to ¼” inch.

Used greeting cards – Our ‘Crafty Ladies’ team turn them into new greetings

Compassion Items and Gospel outreach: Bring us:

Hotel Soaps – these are gladly received by 3rd world countries

Little dresses for girls in Africa. Often sewed from pillow cases! Patterns available.

Quilts and blankets – 60”x80” –for local charities –or- Orphan Grain Train

Soap or used soap bars – Central Illinois District collecting

Bibles – we send to Illinois prisons, or to the Lovepackages ministry in Butler, IL. This ministry puts Christian literature and Bibles into hands of people around the world.

Learn more about the local LWML at lwmlcid.org –or- National LWML at www.lwml.org

See our Clarion newsletter at lwmlcid.org/clarion –or our National LWML Publication (the Quarterly) at lwml.org/lutheran-womans-quarterly

The League Pledge - In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields,

We pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him,

our feet to go on His errands,

our voice to sing His praises,

our lips to proclaim His redeeming love,

our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom,

our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

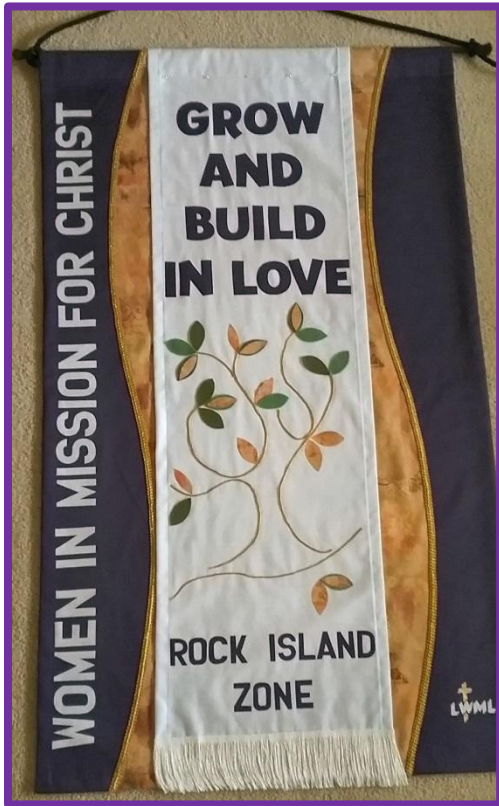
More on MITES - Through our mite boxes, monies are collected to fund the mission projects below. Grant projects are focused on spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and on showing Christ’s love to those in need. 3/4 of our mite monies support our District projects, and 1/4 is forwarded to support our National projects. See list below.

**Lutheran Women Missionary League
Central Illinois District Mission Grants 2017-2018
District Mission Goal: \$67,500.00**

	Mission Topic	Amount
1	Student Aid for Church Workers Paid in Full	\$30,000
2	Fort Wayne & St. Louis Seminary Food Banks	\$10,000
3	Human Trafficking Education	\$3,350
4	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charleston, IL, (LCC) K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry Affiliate Membership	\$8,500
5	Our Savior Lutheran, Milford K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry	\$5,000
6	Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team (Antsirabe, Madagascar)	\$3,000
7	Lutheran for Life	\$5,000
8	Books for Papua New Guinea (Enga Province) School	\$2,650

**National LWML Mission Grants 2017-2019 Biennium
National Mission Goal: \$2,075,000**

		Balance
1	Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children - Mercy Meals of Siouxland	\$40,000
2	Mercy House for Women and Children - Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, MI PAID	\$100,000
3	Christ for Veterans and Their Families - LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces	\$27,750
4	Tanzanian Sewing Center - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)	\$25,000
5	Current Missionary Need - LCMS International Mission PAID	\$100,000
6	Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide - Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$100,000
7	Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt - Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$100,000
8	NOLA 4H: Hearts for Hungry, Homeless & Hurting - Christian Families United for Progress	\$100,000
9	Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund	\$80,000
10	Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti - Ministry in Mission	\$100,000
11	Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries - Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$93,000
12	Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda - Lutheran Church Uganda	\$48,000
13	Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life - Lutherans for Life	\$25,000
14	Laborers of Love - Lutheran Braille Workers	\$100,000
15	Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities - Bethesda Lutheran Communities	\$100,000
16	Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants - Ministry Focus	\$100,000
17	Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team - LCMS Office of Intl Mission	\$25,000
18	Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians - Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$75,000
19	RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 - Texas District	\$50,000
20	Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018	\$36,500
21	Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips - MOST Ministries	\$60,000
22	Raising Pastors and Deaconesses - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia	\$97,000
	>>> TOTALS >>>	\$2,075,000



Above: Creative Crafters meet once a month to create handmade greeting cards, bizarre items & tie quilts for charities.

Left: Rock Island Zone Banner for 2017 District LWML Convention in Altamonte, IL



Spring Luncheon and Quilt Show 2017