



# Mission Grants 2022-2024

## 25<sup>th</sup> Biennium



1. **Bringing the Light of Christ to Our Seniors** \$2,000  
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethpage, NY

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is a small congregation comprised mostly of senior members. Some of our members who do not attend church are shut-ins who continue to increase in number. There are three senior communities in close proximity to our church. We have an outreach by inviting them to our church services and special events on a monthly basis. Many of these seniors need companionship because they receive little visitation from friends and family. We want to establish relationships with them and let them know God loves them. We want to give those who don't know Jesus the opportunity for eternal life. We would like to stream our church services so that worship can continue for our shut-ins and individuals who have not returned to church since the pandemic. This grant will help purchase materials needed for flyers and small care packages for seniors that would include daily devotions and tracts.

2. **Bibles for Young Children, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Monroe, NY** \$1,600

The school enrollment at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Monroe, averages about 130 students. We enroll children of all faiths. Every year a Beginner's Bible is gifted to new students to our school (Pre-K through First Grade). Some of the students come from unchurched families. Parents are learning about Jesus through reading the children's Bible to their children at night. Praise God that several families have joined the church. With this generous grant, we can place the Word of God into their hands. Our Sunday school has always given a Study Bible for Kids to our Third Grade students. We would like to continue this and be able to also gift a Beginner's Bible to students entering our lower division Sunday School (Pre-K through Second Grade) for their parents to read to them.

3. **Diapers and Shoes, Redeemer WRISTS (Women Rejoicing In Service to Society) Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY** \$2,500

Children are a blessing. As they are, they grow. And as they grow, basics are needed to support them in their growth. Babies go through diapers quickly. Children grow out of shoes. Other essentials often are consumed at fast rates so that it can be challenging to assure that children have what they need to



succeed. This challenge especially is poignant for single mothers in The Bronx and southern Westchester. Redeemer WRISTS (Women Rejoicing In Service To Society) has been identifying with the unfortunate plight of single mothers trying to make ends meet in their tight and stretched family budgets. Giving people diapers and shoes that they need can be a tremendous help for them. Our Lord's goodness and grace can be experienced when His saints rise up to help other people quietly and humbly so that all people may experience the goodness of God. This grant would help with this project. As costs for diapers and shoes continue to soar, preparing gifts in the amounts for each family in need will enable working women to make needed purchases that will make the difference in the lives of their children.

4. **Do Your Best to Come to Me Soon**, Lutheran Care Center at Concord Village Poughkeepsie, NY \$4,000

Lutheran Care Center (LCC) in Poughkeepsie serves seniors in four settings: long term care (skilled nursing), short term care (rehabilitation), Adult Day Health Care, and a Foster Family for Seniors program. This grant application is on behalf of residents who call "Lutheran" home long term as well as for those who are with us for a few weeks recovering in rehab. Our need is to make accessible the Gospel of Christ to residents when they are physically unable to attend scheduled worship services in our Chapel. Our need is to broadcast live worship services directly to the television in the rooms of individual residents. Funds requested will be used to purchase the equipment needed for this hookup plus a one-time connection to Spectrum.

5. **Hope for the Hopeless**, LCMS Office of National Mission, Life Ministries, St. Louis, MO \$5,000

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Life Ministry network is comprised of thousands of people throughout the LCMS who are passionate about and engaged in sanctity of human life efforts, both in our church body and the culture at large. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States. This grant will provide funding for curriculum and resources specifically developed to provide a Christian response to mental illness that includes an emphasis on the Gospel and sharing Christ with psychological sensitivity. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders will have access to the curriculum and resources, equipping them to share the hope of the Gospel with people who are feeling



hopeless and despairing of earthly life, and preventing the wish to die by suicide.

6. **Hope, Emotional Healing and Renewal for Principals, Teachers and Nurses as First Responders, Lutheran Counseling Center, Mineola, NY** \$4,950

The Lutheran Counseling Center (LCC) of New York is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1989. The primary mission of the Lutheran Counseling Center is to make available faith-based individual and family psychotherapy for people in need of healing. Hope, Emotional Healing and Renewal for Principals, Teachers and Nurses as First Responders will provide needed mental health counseling subsidies for individual and group sessions. This initiative will be open for New York based Lutheran school teachers and principals as well as public school teachers. It will also be open to nurses and medical staff members in our churches and communities. The goal is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our Christian therapists' faith based counseling. Faith will be discussed and the love of Christ will be included in counseling sessions. The grant will fund 50 counseling sessions subsidized by \$75 each and 8 group counseling sessions for LSA Principals.

7. **Shelter from the Storm, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries), Ann Arbor, MI** \$4,500

Since 1989, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries), a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, has been enabling committed Christians to go on short-term missions that share the love of Jesus through acts of service. We witness not only in what we say, but also in what we do. In many of the villages and towns that we visit, the churches, schools, clinics, and other community structures have been damaged by earthquakes, hurricanes, and the ravages of time. Other locations simply do not have these structures or they are inadequate to meet the need. As we plan mission trips for 2022-2024, we are receiving requests for construction and repair projects, especially in Central America and Mexico. The need is not so much for Christians who are willing to go. Funds are requested to purchase tools and materials for MOST Ministries construction and repair teams. These short-term mission teams not only serve and witness while performing construction and repair. They also support the local pastor and his church in outreach to the community – outreach that is continued by the pastor and the congregation long after the mission team returns to the United States.



8. **Covered in a Robe of Righteousness, Redeemer HEARTS (Here, Eager, And Ready To Serve) Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY** \$3,500

Many young women in The Bronx and southern Westchester (especially teenagers) aspire to professional work but lack adequate clothing that will make them feel confident. They may not have been raised or mentored in ways to assist them in their Godly pursuits. As a result, many younger women lose opportunities to use their gifts and talents and they feel under-powered to compete with those from other economic groups. Young adult women also have a need to be mentors to younger women, being “big sisters” to those who are younger. Redeemer HEARTS (Here, Eager, And Ready To Serve) of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx is a society of young women that seeks to help younger women who need clothing for professional contexts. In addition to sharing lightly worn clothing used previously by others, HEARTS would purchase clothing for young women aspiring to professional service. The young women would be accompanied by one or more of the HEARTS members to purchase the clothing for their use. The fellowship of shopping together, learning how to budget, looking for good deals, and being smart about purchases and the like will be a mutual blessing for the young women and those accompanying them.

9. **Community Building Meals for Our Saviour Lutheran High School Students Our Saviour Lutheran Church and School, The Bronx, NY** \$3,500

Our Saviour Lutheran (OSL) Church, Bronx, is a faithful community in Christ that receives and shares the gifts of God. We seek to live out that faith more richly in building a stronger connection between our church and school. We have several residential students who are a blessing to our school and church community and call OSL their “home away from home”. Friends, faculty, and staff are their family while they spend 10 months of the year away from biological families and homes. Our residential students do not get the regular family meal experience, which can have a negative effect on their mental, emotional, and physical health. This grant would allow our church to begin a ministry by reaching out to the residential students of OSL at a critical point in their faith walk around the dinner table. The funds would be used to purchase food for students and devotional materials for use during the Community Building Meals which will be held twice a month during the school year.



10. **Young Women of Worth Empowered in Christ,** \$3,500  
Our Saviour Lutheran School, The Bronx, NY

Our Saviour Lutheran (OSL) School is an educational community that inspires academic success, cultivates holistic growth, and instills faithful Christian character in a caring, thoughtful, and engaging learning environment. The mission statement of our school tasks us with instilling faithful Christian character in the lives of our students. The young women of OSL are in a unique school setting as our student population is 80% male and 20% female. The leadership team is working on a recruitment strategy to help balance the student body and has approved the inaugural Young Women of Worth (YWOW) Club. The YWOW Club at OSL will facilitate the sharing of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour by teaching female students how God used women in the Bible as a part of the salvation story and to witness to others. It will also allow staff and students to connect in meaningful ways that can be extended to the larger community through service projects, outings, and explorations that celebrate God's creation and His design. It will also be a tenet of a larger program for raising up young female leaders at OSL school. The funds will be used to help purchase recruitment materials to go out to the community, offset costs for guest speakers, pay for snacks for attendees, and fund outings that build faith and fellowship specifically for young women. The funds would also be used to help educate our young men about how to have positive, healthy relationships and interactions with young women.

11. **Music Outreach to Toddler Foster Families, Arts in Mission—NY** \$4,000  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Yonkers, NY

Since the onset of the pandemic, God is opening new doors for Arts in Mission-NY (AIM) to share music with toddlers and their families. AIM, an outreach of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Yonkers, is now working with the NYC Administration for Children Services to provide music instrument kits to enable toddlers and their new foster parents to bond together with the gift of music. In addition to receiving a free kit with a variety of rhythm instruments, foster families will have access to AIM YouTube videos as they learn more about the ministry of AIM and St. Mark's through the website. The Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center will distribute kits to vulnerable families in need across the five boroughs of NYC.



12. **Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to South America, Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, CA** \$5,000

In Matthew 28:19 (ESV), we are directed by Jesus to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” It is impossible to reach people in other countries without the Word of God in their language. This is especially true for people who are Blind or Visually Impaired living in poorer countries, who need their language in Braille or Specialized Large Print, but struggle to even find these resources. Funds requested by Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) will fund the production of at least 1,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for distribution, primarily to Bible Societies in South and Central America over the next two years.

13. **Build Up One Another, Redeemer LIPS (Ladies In Prayer and Service) Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY** \$3,950

Far away from New York where LWML women are serving the Lord with gladness, many LCMS missionaries also are serving our Lord with gladness by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and planting congregations all over the world. LCMS missionaries are supported by funds raised in the United States by individuals, congregations, and other entities. At the same time, the zone groups of our LCMS Atlantic District LWML could use encouragement to work together on projects. Redeemer LIPS (Ladies In Prayer and Service of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York) desires to lead the Bronx-Westchester Zone in supporting three LCMS missionaries during a biennium. The support would include financial assistance for the families of missionaries and gifts of encouragement that include cards, letters, and the like. A relationship with missionaries would be fostered while relationships of women within the Bronx-Westchester Zone would be enriched because of the work on a group project over a period of two years.

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