

# Missouri District

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

### 2016-2018 GRANTS

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- 1. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank** **10,000**

The Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank makes seminary preparation more affordable by providing healthy food and personal care items at no cost to seminarians and their families. This ministry is a blessing to help seminarians and their families month after month as they answer God's call to prepare for the Holy Ministry. **LWML mites will:** Put food on the table for seminarians and their families. Purchased food for the Food Bank includes: milk, eggs, cheese, meat, bread, bakery goods, household items, personal & baby items. \*The food bank is a ministry of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis MO. [csl.edu/resources/food-bank/](http://csl.edu/resources/food-bank/)
- 2. Urban Youth Outreach** **16,800**

Heit's Point celebrates 35 years of Ministry this year. Heit's Point has partnered with the Missouri District and individual congregations to offer programs that reach out to those who need to hear the message of Jesus Christ and develop a relationship with their local church to grow in their faith. This past year Heit's Point provided camperships to 19 youth from homes of single mothers. There is great benefit for these youth to experience camp. **LWML mites will:** Provide camperships (scholarships) for 30 youth each year. \*Heit's Point is located in Lincoln MO.
- 3. Little Bit of Haven** **15,000**

Families from outside the St. Louis area often must find a place to live while their loved one is ill and confined to a hospital. This is exhausting for families and can be a financial burden. Little Bit of Haven is a faith-based hospitality house, providing bedrooms, a communal kitchen and living areas. Bibles and devotional booklets are in each room, a library with Christian materials is available, and staff members share about God and His love for them. **LWML mites will:** Provide sponsorships to help families stay at Little Bit of Haven. \*Little Bit of Haven is located in St. Louis, MO, serving people outside of St. Louis. [littlebitofhaven.org](http://littlebitofhaven.org)
- 4. Healthy Homes, Stronger Families, Successful Kids** **15,000**

St. Trinity Lutheran church, a 160 year old congregation in St. Louis was on the verge of closing its doors forever only five years ago. The members of St. Trinity and partners from other Lutheran churches have demonstrated the desire, willingness and ability to reach out and serve the children and families that live in the struggling neighborhood around the church, both with the Gospel of Jesus and with social, school, tutoring and parenting assistance. With the beginnings of rebirth at St. Trinity, the church has slowly grown over the last 3 years and is in need of more consistent leadership, staffing and programming to be most effective. **LWML mites will:** Fund curriculum, supplies, advertisement, food, scholarships and staff salaries. \*St. Trinity Lutheran Church is located in the St. Louis neighborhood of Carondelet. [sainttrinity.org](http://sainttrinity.org)
- 5. Assistance for the University Lutheran Chapel of Hope** **10,000**

Our Lutheran students on college campuses are exposed to many temptations of our sinful nature and of false teachings, all of which endanger the faith which God has given them. Chapel of Hope provides a place for students to go and be fed by the Word of God. Every Wednesday, they have a Bible study, and are served a free lunch. This is a way to 'connect' with both Lutheran students and others including international students who are not Christians. Chapel of Hope also provides a Sunday evening worship service & supper for those students unable to go to a local Church. These meals are provided on a volunteer basis from local church groups when possible. **LWML mites will:** Provide Bible study materials, including the Small Catechism in other languages, support the Wednesday Lunch Program and refurbish the student lounge. \* University Lutheran Chapel of Hope is located on the campus of Southeast MO State Univ., Cape Girardeau.

- 6. Restored Hope Against Addictions (RHAA) 15,000**  
 Addicts in the church and in our communities are being offered hope through the power of the Gospel – in addiction classes and counseling, morality classes and counseling using Luther’s Small Catechism. They take part in classes teaching life skills to restore relationships using reconciliation materials. Many addicts have lost their jobs and their home. The RHAA ministry assists by coordinating job training in the community through local businesses, and by assisting with construction of simple energy efficient homes. In turn, Addicts may purchase these homes in order to return to being responsible citizens and leaders in the community, in the local churches and in their restored family. **LWML mites will:** Initiate the start-up of the housing project phase of the RHAA ministry.  
 \*Restored Hope Against Addictions is a ministry supported by Immanuel Luth. Church, Lockwood, MO.
- 7. Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center in Ozark MO 15,000**  
 LCMS has a rich history of starting a church with a school. The vision of Open Arms Fellowship is to gather families and individuals in the Ozark, MO area around God’s Word and Sacraments for the purposes of salvation, worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, outreach, service to the community, and connecting families to Christ. The vision starts with the opening of Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center, dedicated to sharing God’s unconditional love with each child and their parents. **LWML mites will:** Provide start-up funding for staff, food and rent.  
 \*Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center is located in Ozark MO. [openarmsozark.org](http://openarmsozark.org)
- 8. Bringing the Gospel to Muslim Refugees in St. Louis: Witness through Local Churches 12,000**  
 LCMS churches in the greater St. Louis area are feeling a sense of urgency to take the Gospel to the growing number of Muslim immigrants and Syrian refugees. POBLO international has begun outreach to Muslim immigrants through Arabic speaking missionaries and LCMS volunteers working together to touch Muslim families with Christ’s love. Outreach will be carried out through friendship, hospitality, meeting immigrant’s needs and sharing Christ’s love one-on-one. Missionaries and volunteers will start and run “International Friendship Centers”. **LWML mites will:** Provide English teaching resources, food for refugees in need, transportation to collect and distribute donated furniture, Bibles in the Arabic language, general transportation, food and lodging for missionaries & trainers, start-up costs for (3) International Friendship Centers and funding for missionaries.  
 \*POBLO International is a mission society of the LCMS, located in Clinton Township, MI. [poblo.org](http://poblo.org)
- 9. Our Savior Christian Academy 25,000**  
 Our Savior Christian Academy shares the love of Jesus and instills in each student a love of learning and desire to serve the Lord. Our Savior Christian Academy’s enrollment continues to increase as they offer Lutheran education from preschool through high school. They find they have already filled their classroom space for the 2015-16 school year and are in need of additional classrooms space and programs.  
**LWML mites will:** Assist with the School and Worship Expansion, and desks and classroom materials.  
 \*Our Savior Christian Academy serves the area of Platte City and Smithville MO. [oursavioracademy.org](http://oursavioracademy.org)
- 10. Financial Aid for Students in Need at Messiah Lutheran School 10,000**  
 Messiah Lutheran School serves as Christ’s hands and feet to a city that needs His love and has been serving the local community in this capacity for over 70 years. The student population has changed from 80-90% Lutheran to less than 40% Christian in a community that is in financial decline. **LWML mites will:** Offer financial aid to unchurched and de-churched families in the Independence area who could not otherwise afford to attend a Lutheran School.  
 \*Messiah Lutheran School is located in Independence MO. [messiahlutheralschool.org](http://messiahlutheralschool.org)
- 11. For the Greater Things, St. Matthew 20,000**  
 St. Matthew is a struggling church and school located in an area filled with single parent families who need to hear the Good News of God’s love. Based on the success of other near-by transitioning churches, St. Matthew will be supported in the same way through additional staff, change in worship format more understandable to unbelieving people, Bible outreach to children, youth ministry, basketball ministry and gym outreach. Renovations are needed to repair leaking roofs, and secure school entrance doors are needed.  
**LWML mites will:** Provide funds for additional staffing and for building renovations.  
 \*St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, is located in Walnut Park in North St. Louis.

**12. (18) Wonderfully Made – First Conversations about Disabilities  
and Supporting Families**

**4,200 (Partial)**

Parents need to hear God’s Word and receive compassionate care as they are first told by medical personnel and/or pastoral caregivers that their child may have/has a disability. Bethesda Lutheran Communities desires to equip those who have the “first conversations” with parents with God’s Word and suggestions for compassionate care. **LWML mites will:** Produce materials designed to equip these care givers to be distributed to hospitals and churches in Missouri. Materials will be initially distributed by face to face visits from Bethesda’s ministry consultants. Followed up via phone and email to assess and assist in the use of these materials.

\* Bethesda Lutheran Communities is located in Watertown WI. [bethesdalutherancommunities.org](http://bethesdalutherancommunities.org)

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