

## NID-Bits

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## What's the Significance of 75 and 80?



by LWML NID President Janice Gerzevske

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." Ps 9:1-2 (ESV)

Psalm 9 is predominately a psalm of praise, which is what we as the LWML and the Northern Illinois District will be doing in 2022. We will give thanks and praise for district conventions here in Northern Illinois and for national LWML's years of service.

Seventy-five is the number of conventions held by the Northern Illinois District as of last year, 2020. Since we were not able to meet in person, our historian was not able to display memorabilia or provide us with historical facts at our convention—instead we will rejoice and celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 at our 76<sup>th</sup> District Convention.

LWML turns 80 years in 2022, so we will have many reasons to sing praise and give thanks to our Lord for the people who have been touched by the gospel during the 80 years of our existence as the women's auxiliary of the LCMS. But we are being asked not only to praise and give thanks to the Lord for the past, but as women of the LWML, we serve Him through our deeds.

In thanksgiving for 80 years each member, group, zone and/or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. It could be 80 pairs of socks, mittens, hats, or another item of clothing given to a homeless shelter. It could be 80 hours of visiting shut-ins or 80 cans of food donated to a food pantry. What we can do personally, as a group, as our zone and our district is limited only by our brainstorming. National is planning a montage of these activities at the 2023 Milwaukee Convention but we can do the same thing here in the district in 2022 at our district convention. Start planning early!!!

## First Thing, Pray!



Rev. Jeffrey P. Howell  
Pastor  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
—Grand Crossing  
Chicago, IL

Luke 18:1 – *“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.”* (ESV)

One of the first things we learned as babies besides the natural things like eating, burping and crying, was to roll over on your side. Once that has been mastered, we learned to lift ourselves up on our hands and feet, crawl, and finally, walk.

As we grew in our lives as Christians, one of the first things we learned was to pray. We have learned that this is God's communication with us right from the start. As a member of the LWML, you know that prayer remains an important part of life no matter how mature we become.

Jesus, Himself demonstrated prayer's importance by the time and effort He took to withdraw from the crowds so He could be alone to pray. How is prayer demonstrated in your life?

Is prayer a priority, or is it often an afterthought or only a support for tough times? Through the LWML theme text, the Holy Spirit will remind us to *“Always pray and never give up.”*

What a blessing God give us to be connected to Him through prayer! It's only by His grace that we can come before Him as we are assured

of God's promise to listen and answer. We have a marvelous privilege given to us! Prayer should not be taken for granted. It's one of the first things we learned as Christians so allow the Holy Spirit to help us demonstrate its continued importance as He prays with us! **Amen.**

# NID's Young Women at the Natl. Convention



*By Sherrie Smith, Young Women's Coordinator*

Running the Race, Looking to Jesus was a mountaintop experience for the four YWRs from Northern Illinois District LWML. Our YWRs focused on Jesus as they worshipped and engaged in Bible study. Here are some thoughts from each of our young women:

**Emelia** – The level of the generosity of the mite grants is something I have not seen before in my life. The work accomplished with those grants shows that God has a plan for saving people all around the world. I am excited to continue doing God's work with this amazing organization.

**Jamie** – LWML seems to quietly possess the antidote to women's ministry looking inward - intergenerational service that pulls us out of our many petty anxieties and fears. I am humbled and so glad to have older women wanting to run alongside young women in the goal of serving and glorifying God.

**Ninette** – I loved going to the convention to see how LWML works. It was a joy to participate in the activities – banner processions, Bible study and fellowship. I made connections with women that will last a lifetime.

**Hannah** – My eyes have been opened to all the wonderful work LWML does. We all walked away being excited and inspired by that work. On behalf of all the YWR's, I would like to express our gratitude for LWML NID sending us to this convention.

The YWRs are ready to come down from this mountain top experience and go into the valley. The work of the LWML is done in the valley and our YWRs are ready to work. Let us all warmly welcome them and work by their sides. Most importantly, let us all pray with them and for them. To God be the Glory!



NID's YWRs with Natl. Pres. Larson



YWRs Having Photo Booth Fun!



NID's President & YWRs with the District Banner



## NID (and National) Grant Highlight



Diana Maanum  
LWML NID  
Vice President of  
Gospel Outreach

### Phil's Friends — Christian Cancer Care Packages **\$10,000**

Phil's Friends's mission is to provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. One of the ways they provide support is by giving a cancer care package that includes practical, comforting, and spiritual items (Bible included). The care packages are shipped free of charge or delivered to patients in Chicagoland hospitals. This grant has purchased the spiritual items in their care packages, including Bibles. The request for care packages was up 40% in 2019. This mission grant will allow Phil's Friends to provide Bibles and the message of the Gospel to a potential 2,800 more individuals affected by cancer. **We have been able to pay this grant fully.** Many will be receiving God's word during the most challenging and scariest battle of their life. Please remember to pray for Phil's Friends and their mission, along with those receiving their cancer care package.

**Romans 10:17** – Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV)

Phil's Friends was also selected as a National Grant at the convention in June, pledged \$70,000!



Here you can see a sample care package, along with a map showing how many care packages have been shipped to each state over time.

Would you also like to help in a more hands-on way?

Phil's Friends's website lists additional ways to assist, such as making cards or fleece blankets.

Take a look at <https://philsfriends.org/volunteer/>

# Running the Race... Looking to Jesus

*2021 National Convention Reporting by Donna G.*

Would we or wouldn't we? And if we did, what restrictions would there be? These were just two of the questions facing the 2021 LWML Convention Planning Committee, as well as women from all over the country who look forward to traveling to this event every other year. They come to praise God for the opportunity to serve Him, select new mission grants to fund, elect new officers, hear how their mite offerings are being used, and spend time with other sisters and brothers in Christ.

"Take it to the Lord in prayer..." — that's what everyone did, and God answered with a resounding "YES!" Our LWML was the first organization to host a convention in Lexington, KY, since the beginning of the pandemic! How did the members respond? 2,792 attended in person and over 3,800 more live-streamed some or all of the sessions. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"



NID Delegates in Lexington

The theme of the convention was taken from Hebrews 12: 1-2: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (ESV)* It was hosted by the Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Districts.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Thursday evening's Opening Service is always something that attendees look forward to, with thousands of voices praising God together and the opportunity to take Communion with so many other LWML sisters and brothers, as well as family and friends. The proclaimer was the Rev. Dr. David Maier, president of the LCMS Michigan District. He reminded us that it is just as important to finish the race as to start it, looking to God to be with us all the way.
- Friday morning's session began with the procession of District banners, carried by the District Presidents and accompanied by their Young Woman Representatives. President Jan Gerzevske carried our banner. With her were our YWR's – Jamilyn Clausing, Ninette (Ponsolle) Robertson, Hannah Russell, and Emelia Waugh.
- The 2021-2023 Mission Goal (\$2,150,000) and grants had been selected by the eligible voters (using electronic balloting) prior to the Convention. 28 of the 34 proposed grants on the ballot will be funded over the next two years. Three of the grants have LWML NID connections: Phil's Friends, the Belize Mission Society, and Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. A full list of the grants can be found on the national website ([lwml.org](http://lwml.org)) under "Missions" or on page 15.



- Everyone always enjoys the Saturday morning Mission Flag procession, which gives witness to the 82 (six new ones this year!) countries around the world where God has led the LWML to share His love and His Gospel message. The voters also elected new officers, pastoral counselor, and nominating committee for the coming biennium. Following the afternoon session, almost 1,100 LWML'ers took to the streets of Lexington for the Mission Walk, which raised over \$96,000 for mites.
- Among the items of business on Sunday morning before the adjournment and Sending Service was the invitation to the 2023 Convention in Milwaukee. The presentation was given by members of the three host districts: North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, and Northern Illinois! We are very excited to be one of the hosts and look forward to seeing you there. There will be many opportunities to volunteer, or you can attend as a delegate or guest. There will be much more information available in the coming months, so be looking and listening for updates.

The goal statement of the Convention was "Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord." As we begin to meet again in our local groups and at zone and district events (The Fall Gathering is coming on September 25!), may we do so in His joy, trusting Him to guide and lead us as we continue to "serve the Lord with gladness!"



NID YWR Hannah with an Invitation to Milwaukee 2023

## NID Fall Gathering

*By Marilyn Hess, Convention Co-Chair*

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries supports women who might not chose life at all for their unborn child—never mind **motherhood for life**. Come learn about this life-changing ministry opportunity in Northern Illinois! Live-streaming or in person you will enjoy a Bible Study led by Rev. Edward DeWitt and an inspiring presentation by Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director of Redeeming Life.



*Redeeming Life*  
Outreach Ministries Inc.

This year's LWML NID Fall Gathering will be at Good Shepherd, Elgin, on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 9 a.m. The registration form is on page 13, and details the date, time and location. Please note that registration is required for all, whether attending in person or online. Current Illinois guidelines allow us to have lunch and unlimited attendance, as well as other in-person activities. Masks are only required for the unvaccinated, though we will follow the CDC guidelines for health and safety current at the time of the event. Afternoon activities include lunch, fellowship, hands-on mission work, singing, and prayer.

Bring your friends and join in the Fall Gathering Saturday September 25, 2021, at Good Shepherd, Elgin!

*Please contact Kris Blackwell with any questions (her contact information is on page 13).*

## NID-Bits Book Club — *The Ebb Tide*

By Miss Paige Turner

*This commentary contains Spoilers for the featured book.*

***The Ebb Tide*** by Beverly Lewis (Bethany House, 2017)

I'm not much of a beach girl myself, but Cape May sounds lovely! I enjoy armchair travel; it might not hold a candle to real travel, but it's certainly faster! Speaking of armchair travel, I loved Sallie's adoration of travel books and their ability to display amazing wonders of God's creation, especially those one may never see in person.



For much of the book, Sallie is in a tough position, having to choose between her family's dreams and expectations for her life, and the tugs she feels to follow a different path. Being Lutherans, rather than Old Order Amish, we don't generally have to make such drastic decisions, pitting the life to which God has called us against our church's rules. However, expectations can still be hard to disappoint, even when both options serve God. Perhaps it's as small as that your mother always taught second and third grade Sunday School, and everyone (including yourself) simply assumed you would take over eventually, but now there's going to be a women's Bible study at the same time, and you've been asked to help lead. It can be hard to step away from the long-expected, but sometimes God calls us to walk untrod paths.

Such paths often come with dead ends, or so such spots look at the time. But an impassable thicket may merely redirect your path, rather than end it. Little Aaron's pressing need, and Sallie's resultant abandonment of her Australian travel plans, led to Sallie's time in New Jersey, without which she may never have chosen to change churches and almost certainly never would have met Kevin. Speaking of Kevin, though Sallie's path to a life with him seemed to end with the close of summer, God guided them onward. We may not be able to see around the bends before us, but when we follow a path set by God, we can trust that He has good ahead.

As noted by so many characters in *The Ebb Tide*, prayer is essential to following the path God has set before each of us. I think they all affirmed that the best way forward is to "always pray and never give up." I loved that despite their initial disappointment, Sallie's family, especially her parents, recognized that she made her decision through prayer, just as they were praying for God's guidance for her life.

Thank you for joining the NID-Bits Book Club! I hope that you (and your book buddies) enjoyed *The Ebb Tide* and will continue to follow along on our bookish adventures. You can find a PDF of [discussion prompts](#) for your group on the LWML NID website on the NID-Bits page.

Our next book will be...

***A Flame in the Dark*** by Sarah Baughman (Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

Wittenberg, Germany 1517

Heinrich is a law student at the University of Wittenberg, though his favorite lectures are Doctor Luther's studies of the New Testament. A concerning letter from his sister disrupts his life and that of his host family, the Diefenbachs. Meanwhile, Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses and sermons are stirring up theological debate. Can a restored theology really have an effect on common people's lives and crises?

***Will you read with us?***

## Ideas, Ideas — What NID Groups Are Up To

### St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods (submitted by Nancy B.)

The LWML of St. Matthew has been holding “Mite Box Challenges” among the congregational members for about 2 years to increase not only the awareness of the Mite Boxes but also the monies collected. Normally, we challenge the congregation to fill the Mite Box in exchange for homemade cookies. With COVID, that was not possible. So the creative minds brainstormed and a few weeks later the LWML announced the **Men versus Women Mite Box Challenge**. We had a Men’s Mite Box and a Women’s Mite Box in the Narthex and announced the challenge in March with an end date of May 2.



Each week the congregation anxiously waited for Pastor Blonski to give an update of who was winning the challenge. We had one member, Don, who brought a large glass bottle filled with pennies. It took 3 people to carry it in and unload it. Our treasurer put the pennies into Ziplock bags and literally put them in the drawer at the bank drive through to deposit them! It totaled over \$150! Don was so proud of his contribution for the men. We returned the bottle to him, as we will make this challenge an annual event for St. Matt’s.



**In the end, we collected \$3,010 in mites.** The women did win but we all know the real winner of the Mite Box Challenge is LWML and the many missions they support.

### Zone 1 and Faith, Lake Forest (submitted by Janice B.)

#### Zone 1 Spring Rally

The Zone 1 Spring Rally was held virtually on April 5. In addition to the required business meeting, a devotion and game highlighted the event. Each woman who signed up for the event received a bag containing bath salts and a book mark in traditional LWML purple. An offering to support [Aid for Women of Northern Lake County](#) was collected.



#### Women of Faith Lake Forest Host Paint and Sip

On June 26, women of Faith Lake Forest and their guests were blessed to gather for their first in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic. The morning began with a brunch and concluded with the creation of floral art under the instruction of mixed media artist Tammy Haman of RAK Fluid Art.





## Women of Faith Lake Forest Gather for Ladies' Night In

On May 21, women of Faith Lake Forest were blessed to gather virtually to learn more about one another. Many interesting stories were shared as ladies responded to About Me Bingo prompts. Ladies learned that one of their members met Janet Guthrie; one has caught, cleaned, and eaten a fish; and one just completed her master's degree.



## Women of Faith Discuss “Faithful Women of the Bible — Their Historical Lessons for Us Today”

In recognition of Women’s History Month, on Sunday, March 21, Women of Faith Lake Forest and their guests met virtually to read from the Bible and discuss how faithful women of history used their God-given traits to contribute to their families and societies. They closed their time together by identifying their own gifts from God and how to best enhance and use them. As an additional treat, Irma Lenz provided instructions for creating decorative Easter eggs, and each participant received scented bath salts to enjoy at home.



## Women of Faith Recognize God’s Grace Through Pandemic

On Friday, February 19, women of Faith Lake Forest and their guests gathered via Zoom to share their thoughts about how the pandemic has caused changes in their roles, responsibilities, and relationships. As part of their conversation, participants discussed ways the blessings of faith and grace have become evident during this unprecedented time. Of special note was participants’ recognition of their increased intentionality of personal engagement, and the deepening of their relationships with God and others. Among the many things they recognized, and for which they thanked God, was their ability to gather with one another in a safe, physically-distanced, virtual manner.

Each participant was provided with a swag bag that contained candies, a facial mask, and a postcard to color and use to convey a caring message to someone of their choosing. Also included in their bag was a hand-made embroidered bookmark—a gift from Mary Petit.

## Women of Faith Hold Virtual Trivia Night

On Sunday, January 17, women of Faith Lake Forest and their guests enjoyed the evening demonstrating their knowledge of the trivial. A “swag bag” of sweets, warm drink mixes, and a scented coaster complemented their virtual time together. We thank God for the electronic options that allow us to spend time together in Jesus’ name while we remain physically distanced to protect one another.



# Jobs That Make a Difference

*By Teena Dorn, LWML NID Nominating Committee Chair*

Next Fall, September 2022, will be rolling around sooner than you think! This brings with it a change in the LWML NID leadership. These offices will need new leadership as we say good bye to the hard-working women (and one man!) that filled these positions, and they move on to other things:

- President (4 year term)
- Pastoral Counselor (4 year term)
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach (4 year term)
- Vice President of Organizational Resources (4 year term)
- Corresponding Secretary (4 year term)
- Finance Secretary (2 year replacement term, election in 2024)
- Treasurer (4 year term)
- Nominating Committee (North) (2 year term)
- Nominating Committee (South) (2 year term)
- Nominating Committee (East) (2 year term)
- Nominating Committee (West) (2 year term)



Pastor Howell reminded us at the July board meeting that God calls sinners to service and named a few: Moses was a murderer, and David was a murderer and an adulterer. Fill in the blank with your favorite bible sinner that God used. Sometimes trying something new and different is scary, but know that the previous office holder is there to support you and make you successful. Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) states, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

What can you expect on the district LWML team? Meeting new women, making new friends, fellowship (yes, even during a pandemic), learning new tasks, better understanding of how the district LWML operates and how the LWML NID changes lives through mites, grants and mission goals. You can make a difference.

Barb Belanski, LWML NID Past President, said this: "Leading the LWML NID as its president is the greatest honor ever and an opportunity to meet hundreds of women, pastors and leaders from all over the country and our District — all serving the LORD with gladness!!"

Sherrie Smith's comment about her experience as President: "Building Christ-centered relationships with women from across the United States and our diverse district is something I will always treasure. Remembering singing Lift High the Cross while processing into the district convention hall with the LWML NID team still gives me goose bumps."

If you are interested or you know someone that you feel might be a good fit for one of the above positions, ask them to go to: [www.LWMLNID.org](http://www.LWMLNID.org) and put "nominating" in the search bar to fill out the form for a nomination for a life-changing position with the LWML NID. Or Contact me for more information on a position you are interested in: [nominatingcommchair@LWMLNID.org](mailto:nominatingcommchair@LWMLNID.org)

# Now It's Our Turn —

## LWML 2023 Milwaukee Convention

### *A Message from the 2023 Host Committee Chair*

Lexington was a wonderful convention, filled with so many wonderful speakers, powerful worship and great exhibits to visit. We had many visits to the “Visit Milwaukee” exhibit on Friday night at the Winner’s Circle event. It was also a great time to meet some of the people I will be working with over the next 2 years.



LWML has a position called Convention Manager. Shelley Moeller from the Central Illinois District holds this role. Then there is a Convention Programming Committee. This committee works alongside Shelley and President Debbie Larson. In August, they will meet along with the LWML Board of Directors. This group of LWML leaders is the group that will choose the convention theme and Bible Verse, as well as the logo for the Milwaukee 2023 convention. They also choose speakers, musicians, etc.

The Host Committee will have our first job, the convention polo shirt, after they choose the theme. The sale of these shirts will be the fundraiser for the Host Committee. Along with funds that each of the 3 districts has put aside for the hosting expenses, the sale of these shirts will help us with all of our expenses. That is why it is the first item on the committee’s to do list.

Thank you to the many who have filled out the Volunteer Application. The application currently available is only for those interested in serving as a Department Coordinator or a Committee Chair. The Assistant Convention Manager is working on updating the application for Director positions on the committee. As soon as I have that available, I will get it to your district president.

Finally, when it comes time to volunteer to work at the convention, that is a whole other process and we will not be seeking those workers until much closer to the actual event. So if you are ready to volunteer, sit tight! The time will come.

It is exciting to host the convention. But as Shelley Moeller reminded me — this isn’t a sprint to Milwaukee, it’s more like a marathon — slow and steady for the next 2 years!

Serving Him,  
Anne Hartman  
[annelwml@gmail.com](mailto:annelwml@gmail.com)  
715-450-0681

## NEW Mission Statement for LWML

In January the LWML Board of Directors adopted a new Mission Statement, which was “premiered” at the Presidents Assembly in the end of January. It reads as follows:

**As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ,  
support missions, and equip women to honor God  
by serving others.**



## 2020-2022 NID Mission Grants

• Worship Anew Ministry to the Aging and Unchurched	\$17,600	
• Jacmel Lutheran Home and Center of Refuge Orphanage	\$15,000	
• Dr. William H. Griffin Community Center Food Pantry	\$18,000	(\$8,774.31 paid to date)
• Phil's Friends — Christian cancer care packages	\$10,000	(\$10,000 — paid in full)
• Dorcas Project — leadership training for women in Ghana	\$17,000	(\$5,798.20 paid to date)
• Lutheran books for Buddhist Southeast Asia	\$15,000	
• Salam Christian Fellowship	\$ 1,150	

Please make **checks payable to: LWML NID.**

Address for sending mites and memorials this biennium:

LWML NID

PO Box 958012

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

## Stamps for Missions — New Address

Did you know that cancelled postage stamps can earn money to support mites?

Learn more at <https://lwmlnid.org/missions/stamps-for-missions/>

The District office is being sold, so please send or deliver cancelled postage stamps to:

LWML NID

c/o Trinity Lutheran Church

1101 Kimberly Way

Lisle, IL 60532

## Calendar

- September 25, 2021 — LWML NID **Fall Gathering** (see article pg. 6 and flyer pg. 13)
- January 14-16, 2022 — LWML NID **Young at Heart Retreat** at Walcamp

## Announcements

- Mask patterns available: <https://www.lwml.org/posts/mission-servants-activities/april-2020?month=4&year=2020>
- Zones can send meeting announcements to be posted on the LWML NID website, Facebook, and Instagram to [president@LWMLNID.org](mailto:president@LWMLNID.org) for distribution.
- Follow the District on social media for the latest updates! Use the links below, or click the icons on the [www.LWMLNID.org](http://www.LWMLNID.org) website.
  - Facebook: LWMLNID — [www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/](https://www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/)
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Always  
Pray  
and Never Give Up



Fall Gathering  
September 25, 2021  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
195 Nesler Rd, Elgin, IL 60124  
9AM to 2:30PM



Check-in will begin at 8:30 with "coffee and"



Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Illinois Expansion  
Bible Study by Rev. Edward DeWitt, President  
Keynote Speaker Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director  
They are a recipient of a 2021-2023 LWML Grant!

Afternoon activities will include lunch, hands on mission work, and closing litany. Lots of time for fellowship and singing!

Questions? Call Kris Blackwell 630-234-1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com

Registration is available on line until Sept 18 at lwmlnid.org or mail in this form by Sept 15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$10 whether in person or watching the live stream:

☐ I will attend in person ☐ I will attend on line (you will get the link via email)

☐ I will stay for the afternoon fun!

Please order me a box lunch Cost is \$12 ☐ turkey wrap ☐ ham wrap

☐ I will bring my own sack lunch

Mail check payable to **LWML NID** to

Marilyn Hess 111 N. Wheaton Ave Unit 102 Wheaton IL 60187



# 2020-22 Mite Goal Collection Update



Please make checks payable to: LWML NID

LWML NID, PO Box 958012, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169



# 2021–2023 LWML National Mission Grants

Links connect to each grant's page on [LWML.org](http://LWML.org). Those in **bold** have a connection to LWML NID.

1. [Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch](#) — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, \$81,680
2. [Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses](#) — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000
3. [Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children](#) — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
4. [Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life](#) — LCMS Life Ministry, \$92,000
5. [Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach](#) — Lutheran Deaf Outreach, \$50,000
6. **[Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients](#) — Phil's Friends, \$70,000**
7. [Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia](#) — Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, \$100,000
8. [Light of Christ in Eastern Europe](#) — Mission Central, \$56,000
9. [Propelling the Gospel](#) — LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
10. [Educating Pastors in Africa](#) — Mission Central, \$100,000
11. **[Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion](#) — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000**
12. [Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania](#) — Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
13. [Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia](#) — Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
14. [Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People](#) — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000
15. [The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas](#) — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, \$42,000
16. [Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp](#) — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
17. [Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru](#) — La Mision Luterana del Peru, \$56,750
18. ["Ends of Earth" Scholarships](#) — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
19. [Sharing Jesus' Love in India](#) — Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
20. [Mission & Outreach to the Least of These](#) — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356
21. **[Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus](#) — Belize Mission Society, \$100,000**
22. [Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone](#) — Lutheran Bible Translators, \$70,000
23. [Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico](#) — God Cares About You Mission, \$98,000
24. [Reaching the Homebound with God's Word](#) — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), \$100,000
25. [Missionaries to America Project](#) — Mission Nation Publishing, \$88,000
26. [Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho](#) — Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, \$100,000
27. [Expanding God's Love in Uganda](#) — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region, \$92,000
28. [Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach](#) — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, \$70,208

**Total Mission Goal: \$2,150,000**