<u>LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District 2022 – 2024 Mission Grants</u>

1. Covering Costs of The Village Lutheran Church Feeding Ministry

\$5,000

For over 10 years the Village Church (LCMS) of Lacombe, LA, has had a Feeding Ministry; providing meals to those in need following natural disasters. The \$5,000 would cover the cost of food, serving containers, and drink for 1500 meals.

2. Purchasing Perishable Food Items for the Food and Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary \$5,000 Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, maintains a Food and Clothing Co-op where the families of seminarians may shop and take what they need free of charge in exchange for volunteering at the co-op. The \$5,000 will be used to buy perishable food items such as eggs, milk, ground beef, fruit/vegetables to be given directly to the seminarian and families.

3. Supporting the LCMS Southern District Financial Grant-in-Aid Program

\$5,000

The LCMS Southern District operates a Financial Grant-in-Aid program to assist those students from our district who endeavor to become LCMS pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other vocations within the church. The \$5,000 will be used to support this program of the LCMS Southern District Church Worker Student Endowment Fund.

4. Offering Service and Hospitality in Christ by Providing a Host Area for Disaster Relief Workers \$5,000 Redeemer Lutheran Church, DeRidder, LA, is offering disaster relief workers a place to rest and restore as they serve the communities of Beauregard and Vernon Parishes of Louisiana during times of disaster. The \$5,000 would go toward the cost of handicap showers and bathrooms, sleeping cots, and laundry facilities.

5. Improving Entrance Accessibility and Building Visibility of First Lutheran Church, Natchez, MS \$5,000 First Lutheran Church, Natchez, Mississippi, is located on a busy intersection with an entrance that has become difficult to maneuver. Overgrown trees and brush have made it hard to see the church from the road. The \$5,000 will be used for the materials, labor, and rental of equipment to clear and improve the entrance to the church.

6. Expanding Services and Facilities of a First Responders Substation

\$4,500

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Covington, Louisiana, is committed to serving the community's first responders (fire, police, sheriff departments, EMS) by providing a secure and safe place to rest and recharge. The \$4,500 will go toward the purchase/installation of a refrigerator, desks, charging stations, water dispenser, and cabinets.

7. Walking By Faith, Not By Sight

\$500

Lutheran Braille Workers produces Bibles and other Christian resources in both Braille and Specialized Large Print. They distribute these materials free of charge to people who are blind or visually impaired. The \$500 would be used to offset expenses to produce 750 volumes of Christian materials at Ministry Production Centers in the district.

