

## YLM expands food ministry

The \$17,314 LWML Texas District mission grant awarded to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLM) in El Paso in 2024 has sparked remarkable growth in its food ministry. What began as a humble outreach has flourished into a vital lifeline for the community and a powerful testimony of God's love in action.



Today, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is one of just 18 remaining food pantries partnering with the local food bank. Every Saturday, it serves between 400 and 500 families with essential food boxes, offering nourishment and hope to those in need.

But the transformation goes beyond food; it is also about the volunteers. Facility upgrades have made a significant difference in both safety and comfort. Concrete repairs and a new garage door have stabilized the pallet-wide cooler, ensuring food stays

fresh. Volunteers, who serve faithfully in all weather conditions, now benefit from free-standing industrial A/C units in the summer and heaters in the winter. Feather flags now mark the food distribution site, creating a welcoming and organized environment.

Each improvement reflects deep gratitude for the volunteers — the heart of this ministry. Their dedication, even amid personal challenges, is a living example of Christ's love. Through their service, the mission continues to open hearts, uplift lives and keep the spirit of Gospel outreach flowing strong.

## It's time to apply!

Do you know of a female member of your Texas District congregation studying at an LCMS university to become an LCMS full-time professional church worker? If so, it is time to encourage her to apply for an LWML Texas District scholarship for the 2026–2027 school year.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org). Go to "About Us," choose "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu, and download the 2026 scholarship application. For more information, contact Michelle Heckmann, Scholarship Committee chairman, at [scholarship@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:scholarship@lwmltxdist.org). Completed applications must be mailed or emailed to Michelle time-stamped or postmarked by March 31.

As one of our past recipients says, "This scholarship allows me to focus more fully on my studies and future goals of being a Lutheran school teacher and coach. This opportunity encourages me to continue working hard and aiming high."

## 2024-26 Mite Goal: \$403,000

Mites received through Oct. 31: \$293,648 (\$109,352 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through Oct. 31: \$220,314

Send your mite offerings, along with a remittance form to:  
LWML Texas District, Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 183; Seguin, TX 78156

## District Convention

The LWML Texas District 44th Biennial Convention will be held June 11–13 in Austin. The theme is "Celebrate the Goodness of God." More information is coming soon.



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