



2026-2028 Mission Grants Prayers and Descriptions

Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students — \$50,000

Thanks to the support of the Lutheran Women in Mission, Texas District, seminary students have benefited from these scholarships for many years. They are grateful to be designated as recipients for this and future biennia. It is an honor to serve the Lord in mission and ministry alongside the women and supporters of Lutheran Women in Mission. Christ commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations, and pastors graduating from LCMS seminaries continue that mission by sharing the Gospel with all people. The encouragement these scholarships provide is immeasurable. Knowing that the church stands behind those preparing for ministry strengthens each student. This mission grant helps offset costs, fund scholarships, and reduce financial burdens for Texas District seminarians.

Gracious Lord, we bring before You the seminary students of the Texas District, asking You to strengthen their faith, deepen their wisdom, and sustain their calling. Use this mission grant to meet their financial, spiritual, and personal needs so they may prepare joyfully for lives of service. Bless their studies, guide their steps, and surround them with Your steadfast love as they learn to shepherd Your people. May this support equip them to proclaim Christ with courage and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASL Jesus Signs Workshops — Texas — \$15,000

The Deaf community is one of the largest unreached people groups in the world, with 98% having no knowledge of Jesus Christ. In Texas alone, an estimated 345,000 Deaf individuals remain unreached. Because Deaf people often blend into the general population, they are frequently overlooked, even within churches, where language barriers prevent meaningful access to the Gospel. Interpreters, when present, may lack training on how to communicate Lutheran theology clearly. Deaf Outreach Texas will address this need through three-day American Sign Language (ASL) Jesus Signs workshops designed for Deaf participants who communicate in ASL and hearing persons who wish to communicate the Gospel to them. These workshops provide biblical instruction, worship, fellowship, and culturally appropriate teaching. This mission grant will cover faculty expenses, Bibles, printed materials, food, and technical support.

Lord of the Church, we thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of all people. We ask You to bless Deaf Outreach Texas as it proclaims Your Word to those who have not yet heard the Gospel in their own language.



Guide and strengthen the pastors, deaconesses, and volunteers who serve, and provide the resources needed for this work. Open hearts to receive Your truth, and grant faith through Your Word and Spirit. Use these workshops to build Your Church and bring many to the saving knowledge of Christ crucified and risen. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Sharing Our Savior, One Meal at a Time — Forged by Fire Services, Mandeville, Louisiana — \$7,500

Forged by Fire Services, along with their Sharing our Savior meal ministry, aim to respond swiftly and compassionately after times of natural disaster, ensuring individuals and families are physically and spiritually nourished. A mobile kitchen trailer hits recovery zones fast, delivering hot meals to those in need. On average, 500–2,000 meals are served per day during deployments. In addition to meals, a spiritual care tent shares Christ's love through prayer, LCMS-approved devotions, new Bibles, and individual cross necklaces, offering hope, healing, and encouragement. Future plans include launching a free laundry service ministry in 2026. This mission grant will support the purchase of food supplies, fuel, spiritual care materials, essential items necessary for the mobile kitchen, and laundry supplies.

Gracious Father, we thank You for the opportunity to serve our neighbors in need. Bless this work, that through acts of mercy and the sharing of your Word, many may be comforted and strengthened in Christ. Grant that all who serve do so with compassion and faithfulness, and that those we serve may know the hope, forgiveness, and peace found in Jesus alone. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

Spiritual Care — Upbring, Canyon Lake, Texas — \$10,000

New Life Children's Center provides a safe, nurturing home for girls ages 11–17 who have endured trauma, abuse, or other major crises, recognizing that such harm stands in direct opposition to God's purpose for creation. Many of the girls arrive with no prior relationship with God. The ministry is dedicated to offering spiritual hope and guidance, introducing each girl to the loving God who desires their healing through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through its Spiritual Care Program, New Life generates meaningful opportunities for the girls to connect with God, including chapel services regularly led by local Lutheran pastors, creative art projects, music activities, counseling, and Bible studies. This mission grant will supply essential materials and Bible study resources.

Dear Jesus, please be with the Spiritual Care Team at New Life Center. Guide them in wisdom and care for each hurting girl living at the New Life Center. You know what each girl needs to promote healing. Provide what is needed through the witness of your love and your Gospel of saving grace. Let their spiritual needs be



met and heal their hearts, bodies, and souls through this program. In your name we pray. Amen.

Generating Power of Christ — Camp Blessing Texas, Brenham, Texas — \$8,000

Camp Blessing in Brenham, Texas is a residential Christ-centered summer camp for children and young adults with special needs. The week-long residential camp offers barrier-free activities and surrounds campers with love, acceptance, and fun. The camp's mission is rooted in the gospel, expressed through service and compassion. Volunteers, ranging from middle and high school students to college students and adults, serve as one-on-one buddies, summer staff, cabin parents, and medical clinicians. During a camp power outage, medical connections and communication systems could fail, placing campers at risk. Backup battery-powered generators would provide essential power for medical equipment and uninterrupted power for critical health and safety needs. This mission grant will cover the purchase of three generators for the clinic and both a male and female cabin.

Dear God, You created this world and everything in it. We praise You for being the Creator and Sustainer of adventure. We pray You will provide the resources to purchase these generators to meet the special needs of children at Camp Blessing in Brenham. We pray that You will bless this ministry and strengthen it as its leaders minister to children with special needs. Provide them with resources that will help make the camp a safe place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bridge to Belonging — Camp Lone Star, La Grange, Texas — \$20,000

Camp Lone Star (CLS) provides transformative overnight camp experiences that nurture spiritual growth, leadership, and community in children and youth. Committed to ensuring every child can encounter the joy and life-changing impact of camp, CLS seeks a partnership with the LWML Texas District to remove financial barriers for families earning under \$47,000 a year. Currently, 65 percent of these families are unable to attend even with existing aid. By doubling scholarship support, CLS can welcome more campers into a Christ-centered environment where they experience belonging, adventure, and the gospel in a uniquely unplugged setting. This mission grant will match CLS's support, increasing the award level and enabling additional campers to receive the extra funding they need to attend.

Heavenly Father, Christ, in His Holy Word, has charged us to reach all nations, instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord, and asked that children be brought unto Him. Please, with this mission grant, bless Camp Lone Star in La Grange to reach more children and help parents send their children through financial assistance. Camp Lone Star is more than funding a summer



program; they are investing in the spiritual growth and leadership development of our next generation of Christian leaders. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mobile Ministry Van — University Lutheran Chapel, Bryan-College Station, Texas — \$20,000

College is a formative season when young adults explore identity, truth, and purpose, often while feeling disconnected from familiar support systems. University Lutheran Chapel meets this need through relational ministry built around a dedicated 15-passenger van. Serving American and international students at Texas A&M University, the RELIS Campus, and Blinn College–Bryan, the van becomes a practical expression of Christ's love. Many students who may never attend a church service are willing to join outings, where travel time naturally creates space for games, stories, and genuine connection. These shared moments open doors to meaningful gospel conversations. The van functions as a mobile ministry setting where pastors and student leaders can listen, pray, encourage, and share Christ authentically. This mission grant will support the purchase of a van.

Gracious and merciful God, Heavenly Father, You call your church to bear witness to Christ in every place and season of life. We thank You for the students You have gathered from many nations and backgrounds, and for the opportunity to serve them in love. Bless this ministry and the tools used for it, especially the van that will carry students safely and in fellowship. As conversations are shared and friendships formed, open hearts to hear your Word, comfort those who are lonely, and draw seekers to the truth of the Gospel. Grant wisdom to pastors and leaders, boldness to confess Christ, and trust in your gracious work alone. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tailgate Outreach — Lutheran Student Center, Lubbock, Texas — \$15,000

The Lutheran Student Center's (LSC) mission is to connect Texas Tech University students and the community with Christ and His Church through fellowship, service, and faithful teaching. After selling its former building, LSC has entered a new stage of ministry without a fixed location, creating an unexpected, but meaningful opportunity to go directly to the students wherever they naturally gather. The Pop-Up Tailgate Outreach will bring ministry directly to campus and neighborhood events. This mobile approach equips volunteers and students to share Christ's love, offer resources, and foster meaningful relationships that encourage young adults to grow in faith and live it out in service to others. This mission grant will provide portable branded equipment, supplies, and gospel materials to support this effort.



Father of all nations, You invite us to bring all people to Christ. We thank You for the many volunteers who have carried the ministry of the Lutheran Student Center through changing times. We pray God's continued blessings on this ministry as the method of delivering Your message must change. We give thanks that this mission grant will be used to purchase portable equipment, branded outreach gear, supplies, and Gospel material to engage students and neighbors with the saving message of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Learning Center Flooring — Trinity Lutheran, Riesel, Texas — \$20,000

Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Learning Center in Riesel, Texas, has served families since 1996 as the only daycare in this rural community and an important ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, established in 1883. The Center currently provides Christ-centered care for 53 children from three months to five years, along with after-school programs, sharing the love of Jesus through daily teaching, weekly chapel, vacation Bible school, and community service. The current flooring, now 30 years old, poses safety concerns for children and staff and needs replacement. This project will enhance safety, create a welcoming environment, and support continued outreach to families, many of whom have no church home. This mission grant will allow the removal and replacement of the flooring.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for this mission grant that will provide new flooring for this Christ-centered children's learning center. Bless this project so the renewed space becomes safer, brighter, and more welcoming for every child who learns and grows here. May each step taken on these new floors be guided by your love, surrounded by your protection, and filled with joy. Strengthen the ministry of all who serve in this place and let your light shine through every lesson shared. We offer this prayer in the love of Christ. Amen.

Deploying Lutherans Doing Life Together — Baylor University, Waco, Texas — \$20,000

Lutherans Doing Life Together (LDLT) is a student-led LCMS campus ministry at Baylor University that partners with and receives support from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waco. For the past ten years, LDLT has provided students with opportunities to worship at St. Paul, along with meaningful faith development, and Christian fellowship on campus. First-year and other students lack access to off-campus transportation, making it challenging and often costly to attend LDLT events and church services. Despite these barriers, the ministry has played a vital role in helping students to remain connected to their Lutheran faith and receive spiritual support throughout their college experience. This mission grant will support the purchase of a van or bus to offer safe, reliable transportation and expand student participation in LDLT activities.



Dear Father in Heaven, we ask You to bless the students involved in Lutherans Doing Life Together. May they be drawn to You and seek time to worship and fellowship with Christians during their college years. We pray for St. Paul Lutheran Church to continue this ministry in support of this organization and the students seeking to follow Jesus. Keep all involved with this ministry strong to meet the needs of these students who want to worship in Word and Sacrament with fellow believers. Grant that their transportation needs may be met. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Together We Go, Together We Grow — Expansion Mission Network, Rockwall, Texas — \$24,000

Expansion Mission Network is committed to sharing the gospel with Hispanic communities across Northeast Texas. In partnership with LCMS congregations, the ministry focuses on planting Hispanic churches throughout the metroplex. Grant funding will support the operational needs of the organization so that leaders can focus on outreach events for children and youth and support Bible studies that bring parents and families together around God's Word. These efforts help individuals hear the Gospel, grow in faith, and become active members of local Lutheran congregations. The mission also aims to establish a Spanish-speaking congregation where believers can worship, receive the Sacraments, and mature in Christ. This mission grant will support the Church Planting Discipling Program, education, church planting operations, and outreach mission events.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to share your saving Gospel with children, families, and our community. Bless the outreach efforts of Expansion Mission Network, that your Word may take root, faith may be strengthened, and believers may be gathered into your Church. Guide all who serve in this ministry, and by your grace raise up faithful disciples and congregations according to your will. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#ShineSanBenito Mission — The Table Lutheran Church, San Benito, Texas — \$15,500

The Table Church is actively involved in mission outreach programs designed to serve the San Benito community. Through a variety of initiatives, the church seeks to make a meaningful impact on residents. The church organizes community service projects, providing meals, and classes. The Table Church hosts a vacation Bible school program, creating opportunities for community members, especially children, to learn and grow in a positive environment. With the gifting of a permanent facility, The Table Church needs to purchase supplies and equipment to fund its growing programs and support advertising



efforts. The goal of The Table Church's outreach is to connect community members with Jesus, as well as to the Word and Sacraments. This mission grant will provide furnishings, equipment, marketing, signage, outdoor tools, and cleaning supplies.

Heavenly Father, we lift up The Table Lutheran Church in San Benito. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work through the efforts of this church's leaders and members to reach the people of San Benito. We pray they will hear the Gospel message of Jesus through the programs and the community service offered by The Table Church. We pray that all people will be brought to faith and sustained through the Word and the Sacraments. In Jesus' glorious name we pray. Amen.

Spanish Resources — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan — \$12,500

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) exists to share God's Word in people's own languages. Hispanic congregations in Texas and across the U.S. long to teach about Jesus but often lack Spanish-language materials. LHF provides free Spanish books, including Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, and other Lutheran resources, to support Texas Hispanic ministries. More than 3.5 million Spanish-speaking people live in Texas, and many are either unchurched or not fluent in English, so these materials address a significant need. Providing these books places God's Word directly into people's hands, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through it to share the Good News. This mission grant will fund printing and distribution of over 3,500 Spanish-language books for Hispanic ministries in Texas and around the world.

Dear Heavenly Father, You are the Almighty God to all people. You would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Please continue to use the work of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to provide your Word in the language of all peoples on the earth. Provide staff with the skills, the knowledge of many languages, and the resources to produce books that tell of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that all people will hear and learn of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one true God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Interactive Classroom Displays — St. Paul Lutheran, Vernon, Texas — \$10,309

St. Paul Lutheran School is requesting funding to purchase interactive digital display boards to create a more engaging learning environment for children ages two to five. These tools will strengthen the school's mission of providing a strong Christian education while enriching early childhood development. As a mission outreach of the church, the school serves 69 children during the academic year and about 40 in the summer, welcoming families from Vernon's culturally diverse community. The teachers serve as front-line missionaries, offering each child a solid faith foundation and opportunities to grow. Through lessons and activities, teachers share the unconditional love of Jesus and



encourage children to develop as Christ-like followers. This mission grant will secure seven interactive display boards and related equipment and provide teacher training.

Lord Jesus Christ, your Word says, ‘Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest’ (John 4:35b). We ask your blessing on St. Paul Lutheran School in Vernon, Texas, that they may reach out to their community and church members with a vibrant school. Give the workers strength, patience, and wisdom as they labor with these children to share your Word through these interactive digital display boards. Draw these children closer to You so they may experience Your love and forgiveness. We entrust this prayer to You, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Christian Family Discipleship — Concordia Center for the Family, Ann Arbor, Michigan — \$4,123

A 2019 LCMS study found that only one in five baptized children remained active in the church into young adulthood, revealing a significant gap in faith formation within homes. Changing family structures and generational shifts highlight the need for Christian resources that serve diverse households. Technology is also reshaping how youth explore questions of faith, with many turning to artificial intelligence for answers they hesitate to ask adults. Concordia Center for the Family (CCF) aims to strengthen partnerships between homes and congregations in Texas by equipping families for lifelong discipleship. Trained CCF Family Discipleship Facilitators will bring theology, skills, and attitudes that support dynamic family discipleship, engaging children for life. This mission grant will fund facilitator training, including registration, facilities, supplies, and travel for CCF trainers.

Heavenly Father, You command us to joyfully “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19a). May this mission grant be used to provide congregations in Texas with resources and training for faith development through the Family Discipleship Training program. We pray that the Concordia Center for the Family will connect with church leaders, congregations, and families to promote lifelong discipleship. As they serve across Texas, let their efforts inspire parents, encourage children, and renew congregations in their shared calling to pass on the faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.