

# AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

*Dear Father,*

*We thank you for the gifts you give us-so many blessings that they outnumber the stars. We are sorry for the times we take these gifts for granted. Please excuse our complaints, our needless banter over trivial things and help us to focus on You. Help us to be lights in this dark world. Please keep us safe as we help tend to our families and the sheep of Your pasture. Please bring clarity to this crazy world. Help us to make pure and wise decisions and fill us to overflowing with Your wisdom. Bless the hands and feet of all who read this and guide us as we spread the Good News of Your salvation throughout the world. Keep our bodies cool in this summer heat and keep our hearts on fire for serving Your Kingdom. All this and whatever else you know we need, please grant it to us in the name of Jesus, our Savior, King and Lord!*

*Amen*

## **Grant Highlight of the Month**

**Grace Lutheran Church's Food Pantry; Queens Village,  
\$5,000**

Grace Lutheran Pantry operates from contributions and donations, and we thank God for that. Unfortunately we see more families coming for assistance, and there have been times we had to turn them away. The recession is not over for everyone, and we believe that we can make a difference. In addition to distributing food, we provide information about services provided by government agencies and include a schedule of our church services and upcoming activities and extend an invitation to all to worship and participate with us. This grant would enable us to do more for more people in need.



## MITE UPDATE

A strong woman has faith  
that she is strong enough  
for the journey..

But a woman of strength  
has faith that it is in  
the journey that  
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she will become strong.. ♡

May we build each other up as we work together to spread His Word throughout the world! Our goal is \$76,500 and we have already collected just over \$4,400. We have a long way to go, but with His help, we can work together to make this happen! Spread the news! Jesus lives!

Let me share these verses with you....

*Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)*

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*Psalms 113:3 (ESV)*

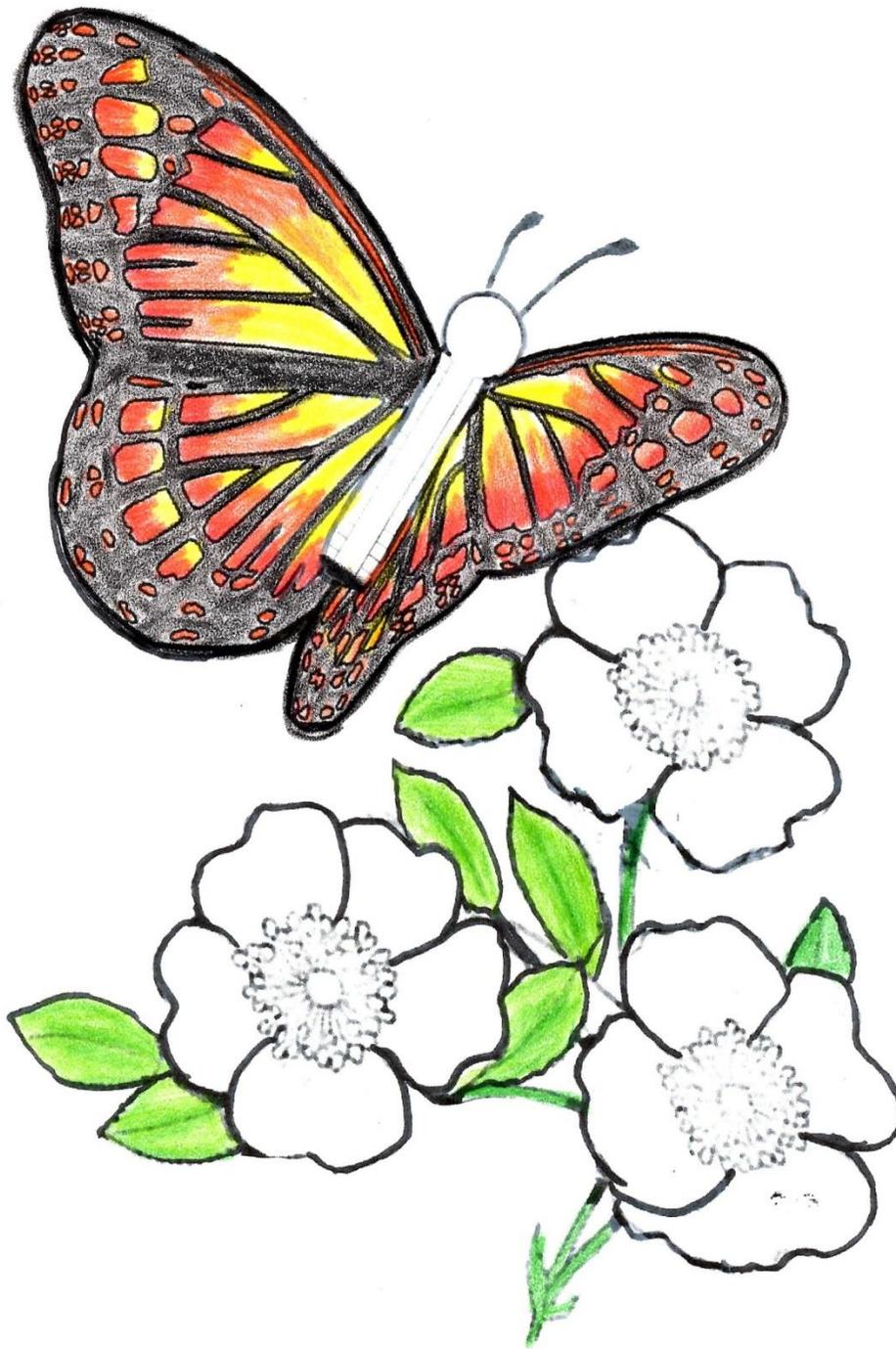
*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

*Malachi (ESV)*

*For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.*



It is a privilege for me to be the LWML representative of my congregation! Last Sunday I was blessed to have an adorable young man of about 5 years old hand me a filled mite box. What an absolute gift this was for me to be able to witness and accept this donation. What blessings have you encountered being a LWML member in your congregation? Share your stories with us to encourage others.



The above page can be used to track the receipt of mites for the 2016-2018 biennium. For each \$4,250 collected, a section of the butterfly's thermometer body can be colored in. There are 13 petals on the three flowers representing one of the mission grants. As each mission grant obligation is fulfilled, another petal can be colored in. Enjoy!

## ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS 2016-2018

1. **From Mourning Glory to Morning Glory: Rescuing Women with the Gospel;**  
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church; Bronx, NY \$4,000
2. **VBS for Deaf Children;**  
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf; Mill Neck, NY \$4,500
3. **Risen Christ Women Sewing Ministry;**  
The Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ; Brooklyn, NY \$1,500
4. **Grace Lutheran Pantry;**  
Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village, NY \$5,000
5. **Reaching our Hispanic Neighbors;**  
Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist; Brooklyn, NY \$630
6. **Sharing God's Word through Service;**  
The Chapel School; Bronxville, NY \$3,000
7. **Mission Outreach to Street Children in New Amsterdam, Guyana;**  
St. Matthews' Lutheran Church; Brooklyn, NY \$3,000
8. **Long Island Deaf Missions;**  
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf; Mill Neck, NY \$5,000
9. **Trinity Food Pantry;**  
Trinity Lutheran Church; Islip, NY \$4,500
10. **Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations;**  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; St. Louis MO \$2,000
11. **Concordia Seminary Food Bank;**  
St. Louis, MO \$5,000
12. **Free Medical Check-up Camps & Eye Screening Camps in Rural parts of India;**  
Lutheran Hour Ministries; St. Louis, MO \$5,000
13. **La Vida Nica;**  
The Life Lutheran Church; Westbury, NY \$2,770



### *A Note of Thanks*

We are very grateful for this support. While Pastor Vetrano has led many adults and youth to serve the people in Nicaragua, this year we will launch our first mission trip to Nicaragua with the youth from THE LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH. Our intent is that these mission trips will take place regularly, and we expect to use the LWML funds for our next trip.

Thank you for your financial support and for your prayers.

Blessings, Laura Bauer