

Dear Father in Heaven,

We praise You for your Son, Jesus, who lived and died on our behalf. Our Savior who redeemed us, who put His life in place of ours, who was beaten, crucified and rose again solidifying His precious gift of eternal life which is available to all who believe.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ's defeat of death.

We humbly accept Your gift of grace even though we are unworthy to receive it. We ask You to forgive our sins, to wash us white, and to make us clean in Your eyes.

Bless our efforts as we proclaim Your goodness among the nations. Renew our hearts and minds and give us a clear vision for service.

Bless the works of our hands. Clear our minds of distractions, and help us to be focused on You.

Father, You know these last weeks have been difficult for many of our sisters in Christ. Holy Spirit, please fill the empty spaces with Your love. Heal the broken places in our hearts and give us the strength we need to face the coming days.

Holy God, Great Physician, please heal all those who are suffering physically and mentally. Give us wisdom and knowledge as we search for cures and relief.

Fill us with a renewed sense of urgency in spreading the Gospel to every corner of the earth. Help us never to take Your message for granted, and assist us as we boldly proclaim Your love and faithfulness to all.

Protect us, our families, our nation, and our world. Rain joy unto our churches, and give our Pastors Your message to preach from Your pulpit.

Watch over all our congregations who are searching for a Pastor. Guide our members towards Your choice to lead us.

Father, we thank You for Your love. As we embark on February, 2018, help us to remember how much You love us, how much You bless us, and how much You gave to insure our eternity with You.

Amen!

# GRANT HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

**La Vida Nica  
The Life Lutheran Church;  
Westbury, NY**

**\$2,770**



La Vida Nica means The Life Nicaragua. The Life Lutheran Church in Old Westbury, NY, plans to take 10-12 youths and 3-4 adult chaperones to do mission work in Chacra Secra, Nicaragua, a community where the average monthly income is \$50-\$75. Our students will share the love of Christ by bringing donated supplies and clothing, using their labor to install life-altering and life-saving sinks and cement floors. The youth will have their lives changed as they gain a new perspective by seeing faith in action. The funds will be used to purchase Bibles and tracts, to defray the cost of travel and lodging and to purchase the supplies necessary to install the sinks and floors.

## **You Can Be Part of Sharing the Gospel Message Around the World by Making Witness Bracelets for the Mission Field**

Each year MOST Ministries sends out thousands of witness bracelets to countries all over the world. These bracelets are used to breach the language barrier that would otherwise hinder the sharing of the Gospel message. You can help change lives by providing us with this wonderful evangelism tool. The



bracelets are very easy to make and all the materials can be purchased at your local craft store or [online](#).

People of all ages can make the bracelets and it is also an excellent craft activity for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School or Youth Group functions.

*Visit [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org) for further details*

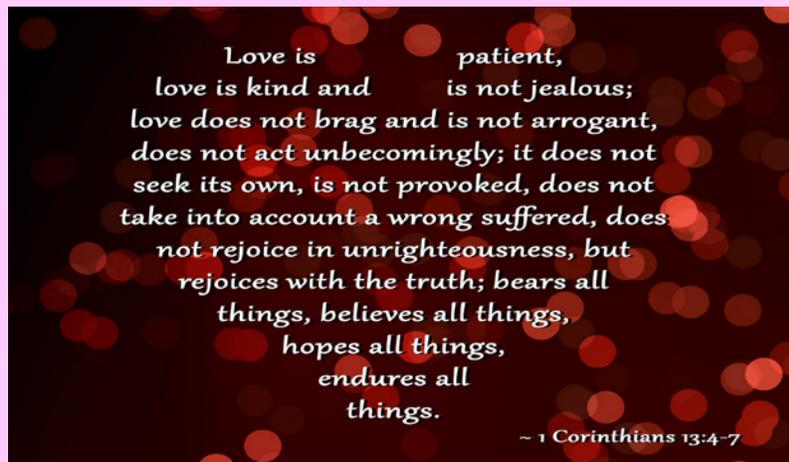
Look what I found on LWML.org!  
*Sharing Jesus' Love through Action-  
A Year's Work of Mission Service Activities*

*February's Plan Guide*

**Nurture Faith in Christ:** *Take the time to work through a difficult situation by writing down your blessings. Turn the situation over to the Lord in prayer. Chances are He will help you see something positive and uplifting through the whole process.*

**Make Our Faith Meaningful:** *Pack Valentine care packages for college students and military personnel away from home. Include notes of encouragement and Christian literature such as small devotion books or pocket New Testaments. You may also wish to donate to "Faith Comes by Hearing" to send Military Bible Sticks to our service members. EXTRA CREDIT: Volunteer at the local USO or campus ministry*

**Sharing Encouragement:** *Send Valentine's Day cards to your pastor's wife, the church organist, shut-ins from your congregation, and anyone else you know who could use a little extra encouragement.*



**1 Corinthians 13:1-2** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

## ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS 2016-2018

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

*Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*



This picture 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. Enjoy!

January, 2018

Greetings, in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

## **I come to you with an urgent plea.**

*"How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear."*

This is the first stanza to a popular Christian hymn. Maybe it's a hymn we have sung many times over, but never really thought about the words. Take a look at the words again.

What if you didn't know the precious Name of Jesus? What if you didn't have Him in your life? Who would you turn to in times of sorry and fear?

There are countless numbers of people who **don't** know Jesus. They **don't** know the One who soothes sorrow, heals wounds and drives away fears.

**You** have an awesome opportunity to help someone learn how sweet the Name of Jesus is.

At the Twenty-Second Biennial Convention of the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League, mission grants were **prayerfully** selected by the delegates. These mission grant requests touched the hearts of the delegates enough for them to be voted on and chosen as recipients. These grants **promised** that the grant funds would be used to spread the sweet Name of Jesus Christ to those who don't know Him. We **promised** them that we would financially and prayerfully support this awesome task.

We are in a **severe mite deficit**. There is a real possibility of not meeting our mission goal. Our biennium officially **ends on March 31st**. That leaves us only two months to get enough funding so that the goal will be met.

Please share this information with your respective congregations and LWML societies. Possibly have a special offering for the LWML mission goal, or a bake sale with proceeds going to Mites. Be creative!

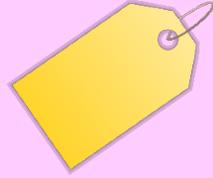
But most of all **PRAY**. Pray that the Lord will bless our efforts, and that the outcome is pleasing to Him.

May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in His care.

Deacon Deborah Graybosch  
Mission Advocay and Grants, Chairman  
Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Why not join in the fun? Join with members of the Suffolk Zone and make scarves for their **Scarf Sister Program**. Knit, Crochet or even sew scarves. Make scarves in colors for men, women and/or children in simple patterns. Finished scarves will be collected near the end of November to be delivered in December. Each scarf will be tagged by the LWML society at your church.



For more information contact: Honey Pabst, President AD LWML Suffolk Zone at arthon@aol.com

**1 Corinthians 13: 3-6 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,<sup>[a]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing.<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.



**SUFFOLK ZONE AD LWML  
DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

*Friday, February 16, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.*

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*465 Pond Path*

*Setauket, NY 11733*

*Please contact Honey Pabst for further details*



**Ladies in Prayer and Service-  
Redeemer LIPS Anniversary Luncheon**

*Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.*

**Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*4350 Rev. Theodore Wittrock Crossing*

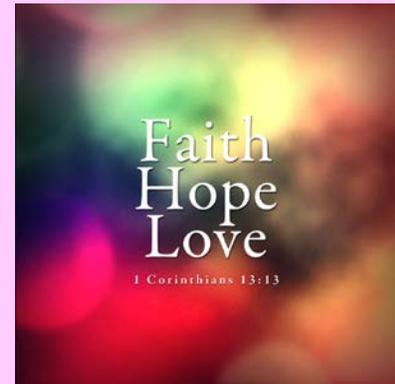
*Bronx, NY 10466*

*Price: \$35.00*

*Please contact Cecile Walker at [Cecile.Walker@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Cecile.Walker@ag.ny.gov) for further details*



**1 Corinthians 13: 7-9 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.



## HELP FUND THE INTREPRETER FUND BY SAVING CANCELLED STAMPS

*As you receive cards from family and friends, remember to save the canceled stamps that are on the envelope. Please leave approximately 1/8" of "envelope" around the stamp when trimming. If you have any questions, please contact Honey Pabst via email at [arthon@aol.com](mailto:arthon@aol.com).*

# SAVE THE DATE

**23<sup>rd</sup> BIENNIAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION**  
Hosted by the Nassau and Suffolk Zones

**April 21, 2018 – April 22, 2018**  
at the

**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

**Suffern-Mahwah**  
**3 Executive Blvd.**  
**Suffern, NY 10901**



*Ask and it will be given to you;*  
*seek and you will find;*

*Please visit [www.adlwml.org](http://www.adlwml.org) for Convention  
registration forms and further information*



**1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (ESV)** <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

