



Dear Father,

Before you set the world on its axis or placed the stars in the heavens, You thought of us. We thank you for Your indescribable love. You continue to forgive us even though we sin. We cannot fathom the depth of Your grace. We are grateful and humbly ask You to bless us and guide us to do Your will. Please keep us in line with Your Word and create in us a deep, insatiable desire to know You more. Give us wisdom in all that we do and allow us to reflect Your

goodness in our words and deeds. Help us not to lose heart and keep us engaged in spreading the Gospel throughout our homes, our communities and the world. All this and whatever else You know we need, please grant it to us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and King. Amen

Grant Highlight of the Month

**Risen Christ Women Sewing Ministry;
The Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ; Brooklyn, NY
\$1,500**



Risen Christ Women Sewing Ministry has been in existence about one year, meeting two days a week and servicing both the church and community. This ministry has afforded us the opportunity to share the Gospel as well as donate clothing to families in the community. We will also be adding a Saturday time so the youth can attend. The funds will be used to purchase two sewing machines, two folding tables, and materials used for sewing.

MITE UPDATE



If we can bring home the bacon and fry it up in a pan, then we can meet our mite goal! Currently, we have a little over \$4,400 towards the mite goal of \$76,500. Let's work together to not only reach but exceed this goal. Share your ideas and projects with one another. Be encouraged and be richly blessed!

Let me share this with you...

Ephesians 5:6-21 (NIV)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible-and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

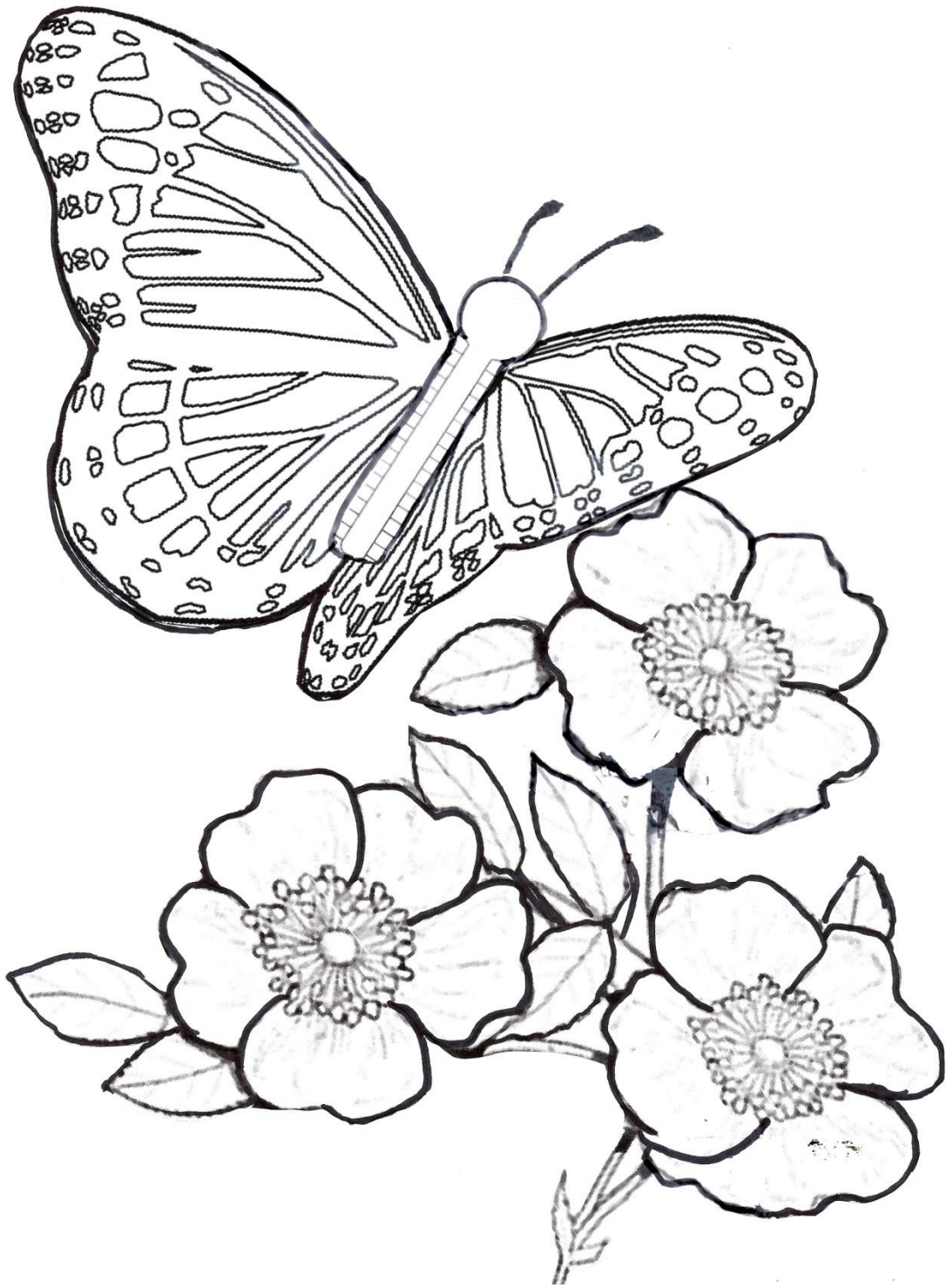


"Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



Why not try putting a mite box in your car? Every time you stop for a cup of coffee, soda, or burger and fries, you can simply put the change into the mite box. Keep a mite box near the washing machine and then on those "bonus" days when someone left change in their pants pockets, you can deposit those funds into the mite box. What clever places do you keep your mite box? Share your ideas with all of us!



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



On behalf of our students, we at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis express our deepest gratitude to the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League for its decision to award our Food Bank a \$5,000 grant for the 2016-2018 biennium. This vital grant will be an extraordinary blessing to our students, the large majority of whom live with limited means and depend very strongly on the Food Bank to provide them, free of charge, with health food as well as need personal care and household items..

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