

Dear Father,

We give you all honor, praise, and glory! We ask you to accept our humble gift of worship! Thank You Father for loving, forgiving, and saving us! We cannot thank You enough for the gift of Your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ! As we continue our Lenten journey, keep us ever mindful of the price Jesus paid on our behalf.

We ask for Your almighty hand to bless the efforts of the AD LWML in this last month of our biennium. We have many mission grants that still need funding. Please Father, bless our efforts we desperately attempt to fulfill commitments.

Father, help our churches to be in one accord as we proclaim Your message of salvation. Watch over and guide all our congregations who are searching for the Pastor You have chosen for them. Infuse our Pastors, Deacons, and Church Workers with a renewed sense of purpose. Give all of us a deep hunger to know You better. Give us an urgency to study Your Word. Let Your church be a beacon of light in this dark world.

Protect us as we minister to those in need. Give us wisdom and boldness as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Go before us and make our way smooth; help us to give generously and show hospitality towards others.

There are so many who are broken, ill, and grieving. Please allow Your Holy Spirit to minister to all who are hurting and guide us to do the same.

Father, please give strength to those fighting addictions. Give patience and perseverance to their family members, and keep them safe.

Place Your hand of blessing on our upcoming convention and all who are working diligently to make it happen. Please help and guide all involved toward Your desire for this gathering. Give us wisdom to choose the missions we should support and help us to reach this goal.

Please bless all our Zones and Districts with Your blessing. Please, Father, forgive us our many sins and help us to live for You.

All this, and whatever else you know we need, please grant it to us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen!

## GRANT HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

**From Mourning Glory to Morning Glory:  
Rescuing Women with the Gospel;  
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church;  
Bronx, NY \$4,000**



Caught in the cruel clutches of “the oldest profession,” some women in the north Bronx and southern Westchester walk the streets late at night and in the early morning looking for quick cash and false fulfillment. Redeemer wants to reach out to these women by sharing the Gospel with them and providing counseling for them that can liberate them from the grips of their lonely existences. Instead of mourning how their previous and precious glory days have been lost in the cycle of sadness, desperation and pain, they can embrace the morning glory of the resurrection that transforms their lives as they can become witnesses to women and men throughout the neighborhood. The grant will be used for materials that have the message of the Gospel and that speak to their predicament and needs, including Bibles, devotional materials, and electronic media.

**WE STILL NEED \$15,222.14 TO  
COMPLETE OUR MISSION  
GRANT OBLIGATIONS!  
PLEASE GIVE!  
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

Look what I found on LWML.org!  
*Sharing Jesus' Love through Action-  
March's Plan Guide*

*A Year's Work of Mission Service Activities*

**Nurture Faith in Christ:** *Rather than “giving up” something for Lent, “take up” something. Perhaps you’ve gotten lax when it comes to daily devotions or Bible reading. Now is the time to get back to it!*

**Make Our Faith Meaningful:** *Fill the long days of winter by hosting a quilting bee at church. Invite youth and anyone else who has never made a quilt to come and learn how. EXTRA CREDIT: Take a field trip to deliver quilts or blankets in person to a hospice organization, mission, nursing home, pregnancy center, etc.*

**Sharing Encouragement:** *Check in on new members of your congregation. Be sure they know about any extra Lenten activities such as mid-week meals, special devotions, the Holy Week schedule, etc. Try to pair each new church member with a mentor in the church to be their cheerleader.*

**Mission Service Activity of the Month**  
***March 2018 Mission Service Activity:***

***Sharing Jesus' Love in Action — with an Easter Basket***



Easter gives joy! Share the joy of Jesus' resurrection with people of all ages during this blessed and holy season! Remember the thrill of getting an Easter basket as a kid? Create a basket for shut-ins, someone in a nursing home, or widows/widowers. Form a Thrivent Action Team and use the seed money to help purchase your items.

*For more information about LWML, please visit [LWML.org](http://LWML.org)*



*MOST Ministries is looking for participants for the following mission trips. Please see if anyone in your District is interested. It's a great way to encourage and engage women in actual mission trip experiences.*

*Trip #1807 Nicaragua Water Outreach-dates can be set by the group that would like to take the team. Please visit [https://www.mostministries.org/team\\_schedule#1807](https://www.mostministries.org/team_schedule#1807)*

*Trip #1809 Nicaragua Water Outreach-dates can be set by the group that would like to take the team. Please visit [https://www.mostministries.org/team\\_schedule#1809](https://www.mostministries.org/team_schedule#1809)*



**Lutheran World Relief** has many ways YOU can make a difference. Please visit "**[buildkitsofcare.org](https://www.buildkitsofcare.org)**" for specific directions on how you can help people with school, fabric, personal and baby care kits.

## 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>PAID</b>
<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."*





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!

# THIS IS THE LAST MONTH OF OUR BIENNIUM! IF WE DON'T MEET OUR GOAL, MISSION GRANTS WON'T BE PAID!!!

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 sorrow 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!

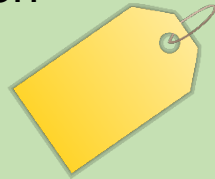
But most of all **PRAY**. Pray that the Lord will bless our efforts, and that the outcome is pleasing to Him.

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

Deacon Deborah Graybosch  
Mission Advocacy 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](mailto:arthon@aol.com)*



## 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).*



# what's happening



## **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

## **Women's Life Day**

Saturday, April 28, 2018, doors open at 8:30 am  
Grace Lutheran Church, Mastic Beach, NY

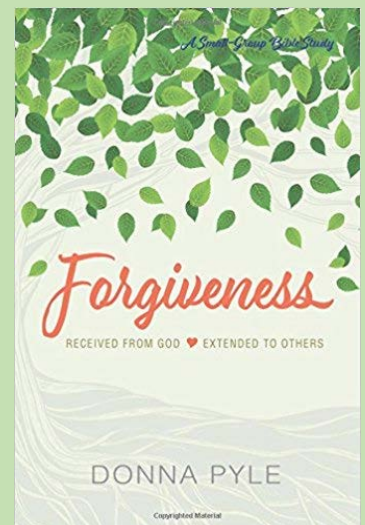
Special Guest Speaker Celebrated Author

### **DONNA PYLE**

of Artesian Ministries will present her message

### **“Living Forgiven”**

“If one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive” COLOSSIANS 3:13



Further information including registration forms is available at [graceinmb.org](http://graceinmb.org)

# **HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION YET?**

**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*

## Job Replies: Where Is God?

**23** Then Job answered and said:<sup>2</sup> “Today also my complaint is bitter;<sup>[a]</sup>

my hand is heavy on account of my groaning.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat!

<sup>4</sup> I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

<sup>5</sup> I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.

<sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me.

<sup>7</sup> There an upright man could argue with him, and I would be acquitted forever by my judge.

<sup>8</sup> “Behold, I go forward, but he is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive him;

<sup>9</sup> on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him.

<sup>10</sup> **But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.**

<sup>11</sup> **My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside.**

<sup>12</sup> **I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.**

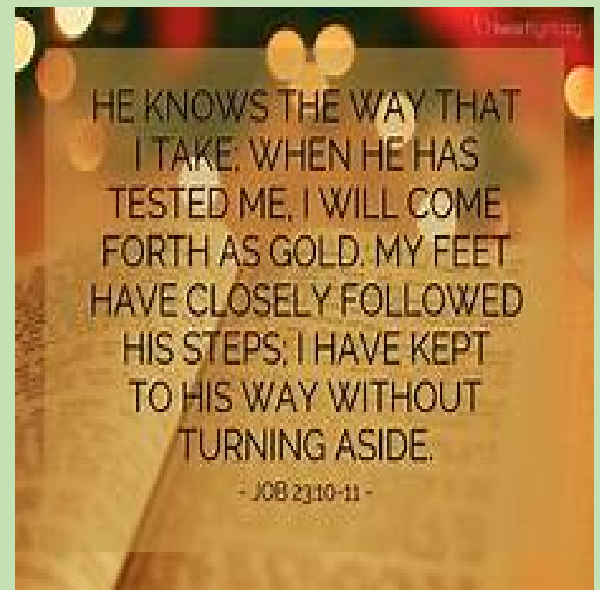
<sup>13</sup> But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does.

<sup>14</sup> **For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind.**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him.

<sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;

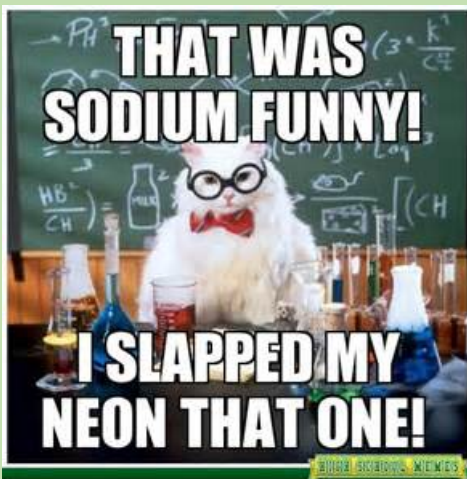
<sup>17</sup> yet I am not silenced because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covers my face.





He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside.

- Job 23:10-11 -



*Thank you all for allowing me to send out a Mission Grant Newsletter every month. I have enjoyed these last two years and I hope you have been blessed by these pages as much as I have.*

*In His Service,  
Linda Guteres  
VP Mission Grants*