***Gospel Outreach Report – November 2024***

***Solveig Schick, Vice President***

We are truly blessed in the Washington-Alaska District! Through your faithful collection of mites and prayers, Jesus’ love shines throughout our district, our nation, and the world as you support Missions and Ministries in His name! Praise be to God!

After prayerful consideration, Judy Norton agreed to become Chairman of the Short-Term Missions Committee, while Ruth Ann Shimoi agreed to become Chairman of the Mission Servants Committee. With these women at the helm and with the help of the Lord, we can be secure in the knowledge that these committees will continue serving the Lord with gladness throughout the 2024-2026 biennium!

***Mission Grants Committee***

Webmaster Joyce Berger has created printable posters for each of our WA-AK District Mission Grants! Thank you, Joyce! You can find the downloadable posters on our district webpage at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org)! The Mission Grant posters are colorful and have photos and information pertinent to each mission grant; they can be posted on your LWML bulletin boards or excerpted for use in bulletins. Let the posters spark discussion and prayer for a selected mission at your next LWML gathering! Descriptions of each mission grant are also available in text form in a downloadable Word document on the district website. As we get updates on our mission grant recipients, we will post these to the website as well.

Through your mites, as well as donations given directly to fund scholarships:

 Fall semester scholarship payments were made to 2024-2025 LWML WA-AK District Scholarship recipients Justin Chester (Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne), Grace Macduff (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), Benjamin Oesch (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), and Isaac Stults (Concordia University, Irvine). We pray that Justin, Grace, Benjamin, and Isaac will be blessed this semester. Strengthen their faith and equip them with the knowledge they will need to serve your church on earth.

Two mission checks were sent through the generosity of your mites:

• The Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck ministry in Republic, Washington was funded in the amount of $6,000. This mission grant will enable Trinity Lutheran Church in Republic to provide three or four food trucks to feed hungry families in Ferry County, helping many in need of food assistance. We continue to pray for families in need of food in Republic and throughout our district. We pray that you may strengthen and sustain volunteers in the Trinity congregation involved in carrying out this vital ministry.

• The Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat ministry in Wickenburg, Arizona was funded in the amount of $3,000. This mission grant offers hope, help, and healing to pastors, ministry workers, and spouses by offering extra financial assistance scholarships to attend a weeklong counseling retreat for those in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds. We pray that with this help, ministry workers can be renewed in their calling and refreshed in the Lord. We pray for all those in full-time ministry in our district. Even as Christ works to support them through the countless challenges of their work, we pray that we are mindful and compassionate in our words and actions, helping them as they labor in God’s vineyard.

The next district mission to be funded by your mites is:

• Lutheran Braille Workers’ Seeing Christ Through Dots of Love ministry. Through this mission grant, we will help fund a LBW project to share the Word of God with people in Africa who are blind, through the production and distribution of Braille volumes of Bibles and other Christian Materials in multiple languages. These Braille books may be some people’s first experience with the Word of God, a blessing that can enable them to live in the Light of Jesus.

As well as this upcoming mission and others, we will set aside funds for spring semester payments to our 2024-2025 scholarship recipients and for short term missions. Your mite
contributions make a difference in all these ministries! Thank you for your faithfulness!"

RuthAnn Shimoi, Donna Chow, and Carol Coerber have all accepted the call to serve on the Mission Grants Committee. I know that our WA-AK District will be blessed this biennium with your wisdom and faithful service to the Lord through your work on this committee! Thank you!

New Mission Grant Proposals for the LWML WA-AK District 2026-2028 Biennium will be due October 31, 2025. If you have a ministry to support through LWML WA-AK District Mission Grants in the next biennium, please download the district’s Mission Grant Application form on the district website ([www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org)).

A prayer list of all our current 2024-2026 LWML WA-AK District Mission Grants can be found on the district website. Thank you for your prayers; God hears the prayers of His people! *Dear God, with thanksgiving and awe, we watched at Christmas as You gave Your only Son into the world for our salvation. In this season of love and light, renew us and equip us to better serve You and tell of Your Glory.*