

MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Scholarships for Deaf Students St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf \$25,000

St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf was established by Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) in 2018 in order to provide education for students in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities, including hearing children of Deaf adults, with a focus on their specific needs and an emphasis on bilingual education in American Sign Language (ASL) and English. St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf is located in and partners with hearing Lutheran school, Emmanuel, located in Dearborn, MI.

St. Martin provides a Christ centered bilingual environment for students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. They are committed to provide a quality academic education which fosters each child's growth in knowledge, attitude, and skills. They teach faithful Biblical truths as confessed by the LCMS and strive to enhance the self-worth of each child, leading them to awareness of God's presence and developing the talents that God has given them.

ELMS requests this Grant for \$25,000 to establish scholarships for six students to attend St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf for the next two years.

Read more about St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf and view their You Tube video on their website: <https://www.smlid.org>

Please donate your mite dollars at www.lwmlmichigan.org OR contribute to your mite box to fund this mission.

WHAT'S YOUR 80?



Grace, Coopersville ladies collected more than 80 school supplies for middle school students in inner city Grand Rapids.

St. Peter, Hemlock LWML members made holiday baked goods for our God's Helping Hands community food bank. More than 80 plates of Christmas cookies, cranberry bread, fudge, pies, cinnamon rolls, and more, with Christmas messages of hope were distributed to each family, meant to share God's love by blessing others in the Advent Season.



Zion, Holland's goal had been 80 and they



went way beyond! They shipped 155 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with 150 soap sacks. Members helped with donations.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 4 - District Board Meeting, Zion, Mt. Pleasant
- May 20 - Women's Conference
- Jun 22-25 - LWML Convention in Milwaukee

Mite Report

National

As of November 30th

Goal: \$2,150,000

\$ Received: \$2,048,385

Michigan District

As of December 31st

Goal: \$386,000

\$ Received: \$153,267

Send your mites to:

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MISSION GRANT IMPACT

LWML Women in Mission, your mites impact beyond what we often can visualize. Your Mission Outreach VP recently received from LAMP Ministry, a most heartfelt, thrilling report of how LAMP was enabled to make precious personal contact with indigenous communities in the far northern Canada this past late summer. Since COVID 19 restrictions imposed upon Canadians were much more stringent and longer-lasting than in the U.S., far northern residents suffered greater consequences of isolation.

Catherine Williams, LAMP Executive Assistant, described the immense joy of Christ-centered fellowship that women of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia experienced when LAMP missionary teams visited bringing devotionals, Bible study, prayer, and specially planned crafts/activities to share through "Growing in Faith Together" funded through LWML Michigan's 2020-2022 mission grant to LAMP.



Brought to tears as I visualized in reunion, the native women and children felt joy as they interacted with women who traveled so far, especially to represent the Gospel, after such a lengthy, lonely, imposed isolation. Catherine's description showed the value of skin-to-skin, personal spirit-to-spirit bonding as far superior to remote contact.

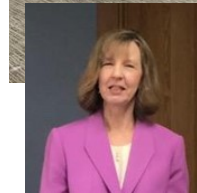
Ms. Williams closed her report: "To God be the glory, as we continue to minister and grow in faith together. We are very grateful to the women of LWML who so sacrificially remain committed and faithful to serving our Lord by supporting His ministry in northern Canada."

Mary Craaybeek, VP Mission Outreach

CHRISTIAN GROWTH RESOURCE SCRIPTURE NOTE CARDS AND BOOKMARKS

If you enjoy keeping your hands busy while you are praying, the LWML scripture note cards and bookmarks may be right for you. Go to the national LWML website; click on THE WORD and then on COLORING SCRIPTURE and you will find an assortment of seasonal and everyday bookmarks and note cards to print out and color. There are even some in Spanish! You could use these within your church or community; give them out with meals or other gifts to others; give them out to friends or family members; or use the bookmarks yourself.

IN THE ZONE



Lakeshore's Retreat: "Waiting on the Lord" with speaker Sharla Fritz. They collected 692 items for a preschool and \$500 in gift cards for Ft. Wayne Seminary food bank.

At its annual Advent by Candlelight St. James,



Grand Rapids, shared the love of Jesus, emphasizing that God is our strength, song and salvation, through its presentation of "Habaka's Tale of the Little Drummer Boy." Food, monetary and

other donations were collected to benefit the North End Community Ministry in Grand Rapids.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Join our Heart2Heart Sisters for prayer and fellowship - 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact Kimberly Salajan (kimberlysalajan@gmail.com) to get the Zoom login information.