

## LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED GRANTS 2026-2028

	Title of Grant	Amount	Summary
1	Christian Outreach for Africa (COFA) -- Christian Education to Battle Poverty in South Africa	25,000	COFA and the team at St. Peter Christian College are inviting the LWML Michigan District to participate in funding a portion of the 2026 “Good to Great” initiative aimed at updating classroom technology to prepare students for Christ-centered leadership, and striving to combat poverty. The capital required to complete the classroom technology upgrades is \$180K over five years, and it is our hope and prayer that the LWML Michigan District will partner with COFA for \$25K of that cost.
2	Building Bodies, Building Faith, A2E Sports Camp -- LCMS Michigan District	25,000	A2E Sports Camps engage students and families in health, hope, and healing through a Gospel-centered sports ministry. In a VBS format, students in Detroit and Pontiac will grow in mind, body, and spirit while building strong relationships. Grant funding provides essential equipment, curriculum, supplies, and meals for the 2027 and 2028 camps—removing barriers, equipping leaders, strengthening families, and restoring urban communities to deeper relationships with Jesus and His Church.
3	Living Word Orphanage Village in Yambia, South Sudan	25,000	Living Word Orphanage Village (LWOV) in Yambio, South Sudan, exists to provide destitute orphans housing, clothing, and meals; instill Christian teaching and values; and end illiteracy through education and training. Wars in Sudan have produced poverty, orphans, and lack of education. LWOV has been established to provide the immediate physical needs, and to teach and nurture the children. This grant will be used to help build two dormitories for LWOV.
4	Blessing International Students at More US Universities -- International Student Ministry, Inc.	20,000	One million international students are eager to have American friends. LCMS members (including Lutheran Women in Mission) living near university campuses desire to fulfill the great commission, but wonder how to start. Through this grant ISM Inc. will train, equip and mentor Lutherans to share Christ’s love with international students, scholars and their family members living near them. Approximately ten new ISM Sites will be jump-started by this grant.
5	South African Seminary Student Aid -- St. Philip Lutheran Mission Society in IL	20,000	The Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society exists to support Lutheran mission work in Africa by raising and dispersing necessary financial aid to support the needs of seminary students (many who come from poor countries and church bodies) at Lutheran Theological Seminary—Tshwane in Pretoria, South Africa, a confession Lutheran seminary which trains men to be pastors in many countries throughout the continent of Africa.

6	<p>Changed Lives, Shared Word: Restoring the Bible Printing Fund -- Lutheran Bible Translators</p>	5,000	<p>Lutheran Bible Translators seeks a grant to restore our Bible Printing Fund, providing Scripture to communities receiving God's Word in their heart language for the first time. Each Bible printed becomes a powerful proclamation: <i>God speaks our language</i>. Your support will place 250 Bibles into waiting hands, strengthen families and churches, and help prepare for upcoming Bible dedications—transforming lives through the shared Word of Christ.</p>
7	<p>Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries -- LWML Michigan District</p>	25,000	<p>With every-increasing numbers of Lutheran congregations waiting for their pastoral vacancies to be filled, an approval by voters of this proposal would help provide support for seminary students from Michigan seeking to complete their pastoral preparations at either Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne or Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.</p>
8	<p>Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker - LWML Michigan District</p>	18,000	<p>The need for deaconesses and other professional church workers in the LCMS are growing daily. The financial obligation for these women to receive the training necessary is sometimes cost prohibitive and a strain on their ability to attend a Concordia University or Seminar. Women students who are preparing at any of the Concordia universities for careers in church work would be eligible to apply for \$1,000 scholarships each semester in the 2026-2028 biennium.</p>
9	<p>Increasing Access to Christ-Centered Counseling -- Concordia Counseling: A Lutheran Outreach Ministry</p>	25,000	<p>Concordia Counseling seeks to widen access to Christ-centered mental health care, offering Gospel hope to those who are hurting, isolated, or unable to afford counseling. This grant equips Lutheran congregations to launch new counseling ministries and provides nearly 400 subsidized sessions for uninsured and unchurched neighbors. Together, we can open doors to healing, restore weary hearts, and draw people to Jesus—the true source of comfort and peace.</p>
10	<p>Reaching Distant Nations: Open Doors for Gospel Proclamation -- MOST Ministries</p>	25,000	<p>Mission Outreach Short Term (MOST) Ministries helps committed Christians go on short-term missions that share the Gospel in word and deed through acts of service that are requested by missionaries in the mission field. This grant, by providing partial financial support to team members, will encourage and allow more volunteers to serve on MOST mission teams to distant nations where the cost of serving is higher than on teams that are closer to home.</p>

11	Engage and Equip Michigan Youth 4 Life -- Lutherans for Life	25,000	Today's youth desire to uphold life! Youth participation in Y4Life in Washington, D.C., a national youth gathering sponsored by Y4Life, the youth branch of Lutherans For Life, has grown over 400% in the last five years. This grant will cover registration fees and provide travel scholarships for youth from the Michigan District to attend the 2027 and 2028 Y4Life in Washington, D.C. conferences to become Gospel-motivated voices for life!
12	Mercy House Today and Tomorrow --- Frankling Avenue Mission	22,000	Psalm 16:1 "Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge" Imagine being a homeless, single mom with no place safe to go. Mercy House has been a safe home for up to 4 moms and their children over 6 years. This grant will help fuel house repairs, security, labor, utilities, and playground enhancements to continue providing mothers and children a refuge in the future.
13	Facilitating Lifelong Family Disciples -- Concordia Center for the Family	10,000	Concordia Center for the Family intends to strengthen faith at home by recruiting, training, and equipping 15 to 30 new Family Discipleship Facilitators from this district. These leaders will unite congregations and families, enhance parental and children's involvement, and deepen Biblical understanding through resources that nurture lifelong Christian discipleship. The overall project seeks to reach at least 2,000 people with the Gospel of Christ within the LWML Michigan District.
14	I was Hungry and You Fed Me -- Orphan Grain Train	18,000	Jesus said whatever care is given others out of Christ-centered love and Christian faith has been done to him (Matt. 25:40). Nourishing with food those who hunger is the most elementary act of mercy. Jesus did this Himself for thousands (Matt. 14:13-21). The Mercy Meals initiative of Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is entirely congruent with, and in furtherance of, the LWML mission intention of feeding people the Bread of Life.
15	Encounter Christ in Creation, Be Transformed by Grace, Go Light the World -- Camp Concordia	25,000	Since 1957, Camp Concordia has partnered with LCMS congregations, schools, and families to help children and youth Encounter Christ in Creation, Be Transformed by Grace, and Go Light the World. Aging restroom facilities now limit ministry opportunities. Phase 1 renewal will provide safe, welcoming, accessible restrooms supporting summer programs and expanding year-round outreach. With significant gifts already secured, your LWML support will strengthen faith formation, foster Christian community, and help prepare future leaders for Christ's Church.

16	LHF: Bibles for Our Hispanic Families -- Lutheran Heritage Foundation	20,000	Approximately 6% of Michigan's population – about 600,000 people – speak Spanish as a first language. For Michigan churches and members, the language difference can be a big barrier to faithfully sharing the Gospel with their Hispanic neighbors and family. This grant will help overcome that hurdle by providing 5,000 or more FREE Spanish <i>Bibles with Small Catechism</i> , children's Bibles and more to introduce Spanish-speakers to Jesus Christ.
17	Catalyzing Hearts and Transforming Lives Through the Love of Christ -- Camp Restore Detroit	25,000	In a Detroit neighborhood where 80% of children face generational poverty and violence, youth report “there is no hope.” Camp Restore Detroit leans in, sharing the Gospel through literacy, life skills, and mentorship. This grant provides year-round scholarships for 16 students, offering academic instruction, daily meals, and a safe space to encounter Jesus’s love. Help us restore hope and change lives through Christ-centered community.
18	Adventures to Achievement: Children's Summer Bible Camps -- Gifts For All God's Children	16,415	Gifts For All God's Children grant will expand its current summer programming for children. We aim to provide 50 children in need, in Detroit, with a safe, Christ-centered environment for 5 weeks. Free transportation, biblical instruction, crafts, computers, meals, and caring mentors are provided. Without this investment, these children face food insecurity, learning loss, unsafe neighborhood conditions and little opportunity to learn about Jesus.
19	A Chance In a Christian School -- Salem National, Westland MI	25,000	Many Michigan families long for a Christian education, yet one in five children struggles with invisible learning needs that can push them out of Lutheran classrooms. This grant partners with Lutheran Special Education Ministries to keep those children close to Jesus—through individualized support, inclusive tools, and teacher training. With outreach, resources, and evaluation, schools can welcome every learner, strengthen families, and grow vibrant Gospel witness statewide.
20	Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats	20,000	Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat is an LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organization) that provides week-long counseling retreats and helps hundreds of ministry workers in various stages of burnout, stress, loss, compassion fatigue, and conflicts. 18% of churches in the LCMS are vacant. Keeping them healthy, helps them stay in ministry. LWML mites would be used to give scholarships to pastors, teachers, DCEs, ministry workers, and spouses to attend a Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat at one of our locations.

21	Care Packages and Cards of Hope: Whole-Person Care -- Phil's Friends	25,000	Phil's Friends provides Christ-centered support and hope to individuals facing cancer through free, personalized Care Packages, which include a Bible, Scripture-filled Cards of Hope, and ongoing prayer. Grant funds from the Michigan LWML District will be used to purchase Care Package supplies, cover shipping costs, and print and mail Cards of Hope, reaching patients across Michigan with the compassion, hope, and salvation found only in Jesus Christ.
22	Nourishing Bodies and Souls in Haiti -- Trinity HOPE	10,000	"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 28:19. Starving children are unable to retain learning of academia or the Gospel. This grant will help Trinity HOPE and the Haitian Lutheran Churches finance a noon meal to help nurture the bodies, minds, and souls of young children, by providing a noon meal for hungry children and workers in Lutheran schools throughout Haiti, essentially affecting the whole community with the love of Jesus Christ through word and deed.
23	Vicar Williams to Germany -- LWML Michigan Gateway Zone	25,000	This grant supports Vicar Peter Williams' special two-year LCMS missionary vicarage in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Williams, having unique linguistic aptitude, will serve U.S. military families, refugees, and local Germans, focusing on evangelism in English, German, French, Arabic and Farsi. The grant covers housing expenses, enabling Williams to develop skills for lifelong mission service and strengthen Lutheran gospel outreach in a secularized region, where 90% of the population is unchurched/atheist/Muslim.
24	Preparing Pastors in Siberia -- Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	6,325	This is for a grant for materials for overdue and necessary maintenance for student apartments for seminarians in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Volunteers will do the labor. Our Russian Lutheran brethren are suffering from the war and economic sanctions, but they are determined to continue to deliver the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who were devastated by seventy years of Communism in the Russian speaking world.
25	Publication of The India Study Bible- Malayalam Language -- India Bible Study Translation Project	25,000	This grant will pay for the publishing of The Lutheran Study Bible (LBS) in Malayalam. This will provide a resource with Lutheran-based commentary and notes to guide inquirers to the Good News of the Gospel and help believers establish and grow their faith in God. It will also enable them to equip and train Indian Pastors to better understand God's Word and share the Gospel in their own Malayalam language.

26	Life and Hope for Moms in Need -- Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic)	25,000	Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic (Detroit, MI) provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable.
27	Strengthening Young Adult Faith through Resources and Support -- Higher Things	10,000	Higher Things exists to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults through faithful catechesis, worship, and teaching. Through HT–Beyond, this grant will support resources, events, and content for young adults navigating college, work, and family life. It strengthens their connection to Christ and His Church, equipping them to remain steadfast in faith and rooted in His Word and Sacraments.
28	Gospel Access for Aging Adults in Michigan -- Worship Anew	25,000	Worship Anew seeks support to equip the Michigan LCMS congregations with resources to connect aging adults with God's Word. This grant will share resources with churches by providing all interested churches with a sample resource box of materials then subscribing them to these resources, especially the Broadcaster, a free magazine. This grant would also support the airing of "Worship Anew" on multiple TV stations throughout Michigan.
29	Seeing Jesus Through Braille and Large Print -- Lutheran Braille Workers California	20,000	More than 285 million people worldwide live with visual impairment. The mission of the Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world. This grant will support the production and free distribution of at least 5,000 volumes of Braille and Specialized Large Print Bibles and Christian materials, enabling people around the world to truly see Jesus through His Word.
30	CTSFW Food Co-op Purchase Food for Seminary Students -- Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne	15,000	CTSFW Food Co-op provides up to 85% of our student families' monthly grocery needs at no cost to them. This is a tremendous blessing for families operating on a student budget. Operating as an actual cooperative, each family volunteers monthly to receive points used to purchase grocery items. The Co-op spends approximately \$7,000 a month on fresh produce, eggs, milk, cheese, ground beef, and other grocery items to fill in the shelves. The Co-op has taken away the concern for the men and women who answered God's call to serve Him and you.
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>		<b>\$605,740</b>