

## Missouri District LWML Mission Grant 2006-2008

Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri (LMP of SEMO) \$15,000



LWML mites will enable the Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri to continue pastoral support for members at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kennet, Grace Lutheran Church in Malden and Trinity Lutheran Church in Doniphan. These three congregations are geographically distant from one another and cannot individually or collectively support a pastor. With the help of the Missouri District, the congregations formed the Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri and decided to introduce the old idea of a “circuit rider.” That “circuit rider” is Pastor Benjamin C. Meyer. Pastor Meyer travels to each of the congregations at least

once during the week and again on Sunday for worship and Bible Study. With their pastor’s help, the members are being fed with God’s Word and Sacraments, and are being trained in the Word so that they can reach out with the love of Christ to their communities and surrounding area.

*Heavenly Father, when circumstances around us change, it sometimes takes creative thinking to change our methods of meeting those challenges. We ask You to provide for the spiritual, financial, and growth needs of these three congregations. We pray for a co-operative spirit among all the people. Provide good health, safety in travel, wisdom, vision and strength for Pastor Benjamin Meyer as he serves, encourages and equips them to reach out to their communities. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

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April 13, 2007

In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

It was indeed an honor and privilege to meet you and for you to present the Missouri District LWML grant to the Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri. It was surely my honor to accept this grant on behalf of our Mission Pastor and the Mission Partnership members. Pastor Meyer and all the members of the Mission Partnership are truly thankful and wish to express their gratitude to all the members of the Missouri District LWML for their Christ centered compassion and love in recognizing the needs of the Partnership, and their decision to support us financially through this generous grant.

The work of the ladies of the LWML is truly amazing. When one stops to consider that “Mites” given by the LWML membership account for no small amount of the monies needed by our Church Body to support mission work, both abroad and at home, it can truly be said that the LWML is a valued leader in the mission field. Rural Missions within or homeland may well be a way of the future for the LCMS. This is especially true when there are so many small rural congregations who are without a shepherd and are unable to support a full-time Pastor by

themselves. I ask that you ensure that your President receive copy of this letter and please express our gratitude and appreciation to her personally. May God be with you an all other members of the governing body of The Missouri District LWML, as well as your genera-  
membership.

I close with a verse from Romans, Chapter 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for the good of those who love god, to those who are called according to His purpose".

Serve the Lord with love and devotion.

James Keesling, President  
Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri

