

## Missouri District LWML Mission Grant 2006-2008

To Continue to Bring Children to Learn of Jesus in North St. Louis – St. Louis - \$25,000

LWML mites would assist in funding a new 15-passenger van to transport young people to Bethlehem Lutheran Church ministry events. Located in St. Louis' Hyde Park neighborhood, the area is a place of significant crime and violence and presents dangers for children walking to and from church events at night. The van would be used to advance the Gospel through a weekly Bible program that touches more than 100 youth each week; a sports ministry involving 70 youth which combines basketball and cheerleading and requires church attendance to participate; "Taking Jesus to the Streets," a summertime street ministry that witnessed to over 4,000 people on 45 nights in the past three years; VBS; Sunday worship; junior and senior youth ministries and two youth choirs.



Dear heavenly Father, We are thankful for this unique ministry that reaches out to the community using many creative events that draw the children, youth and their families. Safety in travel to and from church, especially after dark, is an issue, please protect the youth and children who attend the weekly Bible programs, sports and music ministries at Bethlehem. Send your Holy Spirit to transform the hearts and lives of these young people. May their Christian influence have a positive effect on their parents, friends and neighbors, winning them for Christ as well.



Vice President of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Tyrone Jones received the grant from the Missouri District LWML. Pictured here are Tyrone, Pastor John Schmidtke, and Sally Krueger, Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

January 29, 2008

Dear Ladies of the LWML,

WOW! How incredible it was to receive your check to help us buy a new church van for ministry at Bethlehem! We know that your gift comes from hearts that deeply love Jesus and have given many sacrificial gifts to serve Him and do His Work. We praise God for you!

The Lord surely makes good on His promises! I'm especially thinking of His Malachi 3:10 promise to "pour out so much blessing that we won't even have room for it." You witnessed that in the abundance of your Mite Offerings. We witnessed it not only in your gift, but also in the Lord having prepared a van for us with just 10,000 miles on it, that we could acquire for UNDER \$25,000. Therefore, with great joy, we return to you a check for \$2,000 in order that God's multiplying blessing may spread to someone else.

Thanks for your kindness to us in the name of Jesus!

Your Servant in Christ,

John R. Schmidtke, Pastor