

### "But we've always done it that way!"



**Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther**District President

Sometimes these words in the headline are heard as something of a death knell for a staid institution that's unable to adapt to changing circumstances. Perhaps, at times, there's a grain of truth in that.

Yet that consistency about the way we have done things with respect to mission and outreach in the Texas District is far from a death knell. It is faithfulness to the scriptural imperative to reach those far from God with the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the past few months, I've been writing to you about our common convictions that impel us to our common cause, both of which are best maintained in a vital and common community. We are people of common convictions — a commitment to the truth of God's Word. That passion for the truth cannot help but impel us to our common cause — reaching a lost world with God's saving grace. "For Christ's love compels us" the Bible says (2 Cor. 5:14 NIV). And we can best maintain our convictions and impact our cause when we work together in common community. (Please see my previous two articles in this publication, with my comments about Acts 15:1-31 and 1 Cor. 12:4-31.)

And in Texas, we've always done it that way.

In 1854, 600 intrepid Wends boarded a ship under the leadership of their pastor, John Killian, and sailed across the Atlantic. They landed in Galveston on Dec. 15, 1854, and walked to what is now Lee County. The first winter was rough — they survived in crude dugouts and had little food. And no doubt they mourned the 13% of their number who had perished in transit.

Why all the sacrifices? Because

they had common convictions.

wanted a common community.

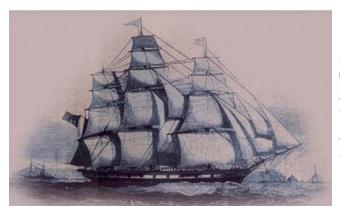


John Killian

They were unwilling to concede the theological compromises being imposed on them by European leaders. And if their convictions hadn't already highlighted their common cause, the death of their compatriots certainly must have. How people spend eternity matters! And they wanted to be together and work together on behalf of their convictions and cause. They

Soon after establishing their own church, they established four new congregations in surrounding communities — some of the work being crosscultural. It was a real stretch for the Wends to reach out to the Germans, just as much of a challenge as anything we identify as cross-cultural today! And then, because of their church planting prowess, they were called upon to help plant new congregations in other parts of the state, forming the heart of what we know as Lutheranism in Texas.

That was just the start. Today, we stand on the shoulders of a community of great men and women who followed their convictions and engaged in the cause. More on that community to come...



Pictured is an artist's rendition of a ship that carried Wends from Europe to the United States in the 1800s.

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What a great time this is for proclaiming Christ's name. Neighbors who weren't engaged with a church are now among those actively participating at The Table Church.

- Pastor Chad Bresson, The Table Church





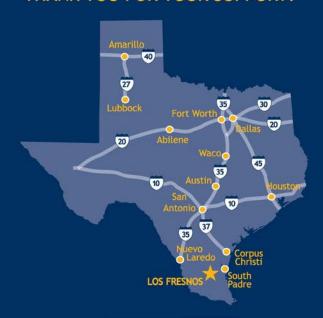
After five years of heartfelt ministry in Los Fresnos, The Table Church, a congregation rooted in serving others and paying grace forward, was donated a historic church building and moved itself to nearby San Benito. Since opening its doors, The Table has connected with hundreds of neighbors.



# SPREADING THE GOSPEL ACROSS TEXAS

Your contribution to Texas Partners in Mission goes directly to support missions in the Texas District.

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#### PRAY

It is our number one priority. Our goal is to have 10% of the Texas District, LCMS members praying regularly for the mission. bit.ly/missionprayertx



#### GIFTS

No gift to Texas Partners in Mission is too small. We need gifts to reach the thousands of people in Texas with the life-saving Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Every dollar contributed to Texas Partners in Mission goes directly to bringing the Gospel to people who don't know Jesus Christ. Thank you for your dedication to the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." ~ Mark 16:15



# Meeting the thirsty at the well

evangelist's home.

### Why the LCMS needs evangelists working alongside our pastors



**Deaconess Noemi Guerra** Districtwide Evangelist Development Ministry Leader

Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." JOHN 4:7

When Jesus approached the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, He began with a simple

request: "Give Me a drink." In one sentence, He crossed cultural, social and religious barriers — not to replace the worship of Israel, but to draw a wea-

ry woman toward the living water of God's mercy. He did not wait for her to enter the synagogue. He went to her. And through that encounter, an entire community found its Savior.

This is more than a touching moment. It's a mission strategy.

Pastors remain the shepherds Christ has given to His Church — called, ordained and entrusted with Word and Sacrament ministry. Nothing replaces that. Nothing equals that. But the growing mission field of our

communities calls for additional partners at the well — lay evangelists who work under and alongside their pastors to connect people to the Body of Christ.

An evangelist is a trained layperson — a baptized believer taught to witness, share Scripture in relational settings, build connections and form faith communities, always under pastoral supervision. Their work is outward-focused, relational and missional. They meet people in homes, coffee shops, break rooms, parks, schools — where pastoral presence may not naturally occur.

Evangelists do not replace pastors. They extend the reach of pastors. And this vision is not new. It is exactly what our Synod has asked us to do.

In 2013, an LCMS Task Force made a clear recom-

mendation: district lay training programs should place a major emphasis on developing evangelists for outreach in an increasingly diverse and challenging mission field.

The report even urges districts to identify and train laypeople for the specific work of evangelism, assigning them (under pastors) to help gather new believers and form faith communities that may become future congregations.

In other words, the Evangelist Training Ministry in the Texas District is doing exactly what the LCMS asked us to do.

Evangelists are the "go-to-the-well" people who prepare the soil so that pastors may later bring Word

> and Sacrament ministry to those newly connected believers.

Each faith community launched by a trained evangelist is supervised by a pastor and moves toward one of two faithful outcomes:

- 1. Connecting people into an existing LCMS congregation, where Word and Sacrament life continues under their
- plant, which will ultimately call its own pastor.



Both outcomes serve one mission: connecting the

disconnected to the Body of Christ. The LCMS has called for the development of evan-

gelists. The Texas District has answered that call. And Jesus is meeting the thirsty through this ministry.

If you are ready to reach the disconnected, you are warmly invited to learn more.

Visit txlcms.org/evangelisttrainingseries.

Explore the training. Talk to your pastor. Consider becoming an evangelist.

The wells are everywhere. The people are thirsty.

And Christ is still meeting them there — through pastors, through evangelists and through His church.

# Your legacy. His story.



**Dayna Dinan**Administrative/Marketing
Coordinator

As Christians, we know that our lives are woven into the greater story of God's redeeming work. Everything we are and everything we have — our time, relationships, resources and influ-

ence — are gifts entrusted to us by a gracious and generous Lord. In The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we cherish this understanding of stewardship as a joyful response to the Gospel, not a burden or obligation. It is an expression of faith shaped by the cross and empowered by grace.

With the beginning of a new year, God gives us a welcome moment to pause and reflect on how we steward these gifts. Our 2026 theme, "Your Legacy. His Story." invites us to consider how the story of our lives can continue to proclaim His faithfulness long into the future.

In a world that often treats giving as a simple financial transaction — a momentary act disconnected from identity or calling — the church offers a different vision. Scripture teaches us that generosity flows from discipleship, from lives shaped by Word and Sacrament, from hearts transformed by Christ.

Our giving is never merely about dollars. It is about participating in the mission Christ has entrusted to His church: proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing the faith of future generations and serving our neighbors in love.

The "Your Legacy. His Story." theme encourages Christian donors to move beyond short-term, transactional giving and embrace a mindset of legacy stewardship — a long-term, prayerful approach grounded in faith, obedience and trust.

### Legacy Stewardship: An Act of Faith

Legacy stewardship recognizes that every Christian, regardless of age or wealth, has the ability to leave a meaningful, God-honoring impact. This may include:

- **SUPPORTING** congregational and district ministries;
- STRENGTHENING Lutheran schools and seminaries:
- **PROVIDING** for missions and mercy work;
- **CREATING** endowments or planned gifts that bless future generations; or
- **ENSURING** loved ones are cared for in ways that reflect Christian values.

Such gifts extend our witness beyond our own lifetimes. They tell the story of what mattered most to us — Christ, His church and His mission.

God has uniquely shaped your journey with experiences, relationships and callings that are part of a much greater narrative. As stewards, we are not the authors of this story, but we have been given a significant role within it.

At Legacy Deo, we are honored to help individuals, families, churches and schools discern how their God-given gifts can be used faithfully, wisely and joyfully. Through guidance, education and planning resources, we equip donors to align their legacy with the ongoing proclamation of Christ crucified and risen.

#### **Your Legacy Can Tell His Story**

As the new year unfolds, consider how the Lord might be inviting you to think more deeply about your legacy. How might He use your gifts — today and after your earthly life ends — to share His Gospel, strengthen His people and advance His kingdom?

Your legacy is not about personal recognition or earthly achievement. It is a testimony to God's grace in your life. It is an opportunity to ensure that the story of His love continues to be told, taught and lived by generations to come.

His story.

Your Legacy.

#### Your Legacy. His Story.

May this be not only a theme for our ministry, but a prayer for every Christian steward seeking to honor Christ with all that God has entrusted to them.

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#### **MCKINNEY**



Sixty-six new members were welcomed to Our Savior Lutheran Church on Nov. 9. Some of them are pictured with Rev. David Thompson (back), Our Savior associate pastor.

# Happenings around Texas

#### **Submit your news!**

Send photos, stories and newsletters for The Lutheran Witness to:

#### txmess@txlcms.org

Texas Messenger 1221 Satellite View Round Rock, TX 78665

Please be sure all photos sent electronically are in color and 300 dpi (high resolution).

The Texas Messenger is available online at **txlcms.org**.



#### **MEXIA**

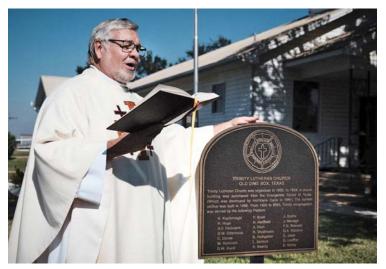
Dawn von Ahn, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, was sent on Oct. 26 as one of the newest Texas District Evangelists. Dawn is implementing a Faith Addiction Plan for those underserved in the community, helping to meet the physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of this impoverished subset. Her plan is to use the BLESS rhythms of Gospel intentionality along with the Discovery Bible Study method and addiction recovery strategies. Dawn is pictured with Rev. Gerry Harrow (left), Texas District church planter, and Rev. Joel Hall, Faith pastor.

#### **DEVINE**



The saints of Divine Savior welcomed the Stewart family into their fellowship on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 2. Pictured are Jordan and Sarah and their son, Almanzo. In back is Rev. Randall Wehmeyer, Divine Savior pastor.

#### **DIME BOX**



Trinity Lutheran Church rejoiced over 125 years of grace as a congregation on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 2. Above, Rev. Bernie Schey dedicates a new historic marker. Below, Pastor Schey is pictured with Rev. Tab Ottmers, pastor of Immanuel, Fairview, who served as guest preacher.



#### **RIESEL**

Trinity Lutheran Church held a German meal fundraiser on Oct. 25. The evening meal consisted of pork schnitzel, sausage, butter potatoes, green beans, homemade sauerkraut and homemade bread. There was live polka music and the LWML raised funds through themed baskets. There were over 350 plates served.



#### **HAPPENINGS**

#### **PASADENA**



Above, Zion Lutheran Church held its Youth Service Weekend Nov. 14–15. The group packed over 200 hygiene boxes for Orphan Grain Train, which will distribute the items to those in need around the globe.

Right, Zion welcomed Sherry Chance into God's family through Holy Baptism on Nov. 9. (Also pictured are Rev. Brady Blasdel, Zion pastor, and Bradley Chance, Sherry's son and sponsor.



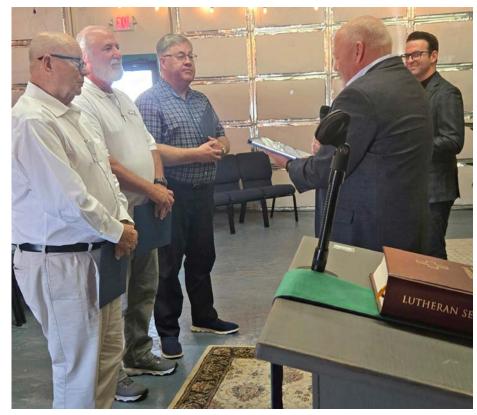
#### HARKER HEIGHTS

On Oct. 19, three evangelists were sent from Fortress Lutheran Church — Steve Lindsay, Maurice Weidler and Steve Schultz.

Lindsay will organize "table talks" with veterans and first responders. These discussions will be held at a newly established food pantry at Fortress, a partnership with Operation Frontline Warrior Foundations.

Weidler has identified a need to create a space for his grand-daughter's unchurched friends in middle school. They have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus, and Weidler will facilitate exploring God's Word through food and fun.

Schultz plans to share his woodworking vocation with neighborhood children. He will slowly introduce them to woodworking while integrating prayer time and Bible stories as relationships develop.



From left, Steve Lindsay, Maurice Weidler and Steve Schultz are sent as district evangelists by Rev. Gerry Harrow, Texas District church planter. Pictured at right is Rev. Ryan Pennington, pastor of Fortress Lutheran Church.

#### **MIDLAND**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church recently celebrated Pauline Stork's 107th birthday. She is pictured with Rev. Erik Stadler.



#### **AUSTIN**



Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, teaches at Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, in October. A short-term team from St. Paul visited the congregation and the LCMS missionaries who are serving in Puerto Rico.

Photo: LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford

#### **HAPPENINGS**

#### **BASTROP**

On Nov. 7, Epiphany Lutheran Church held its first service on newly purchased property (right). Rev. E. B. Holschuh is pictured (below right) leading the service.

And on Nov. 16, was another first for Epiphany — members Rosie
Cabrera, was officially sent as an evangelist after completing the Texas District's Evangelist Training Program. She is pictured below with Pastor Holschuh and Rev. Jake Boessling, Area C lead evangelist trainer.







#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

# Congratulations to the following couples, who are celebrating marriages of 50 years or more:

#### St. Paul, The Grove

Mike and Diana Lockhart 51 years, Jan. 17

Jimmy and Catherine Peebles 50 years, Jan. 17

#### Our Savior, Abelene

Johnny and Sharon Sherbert 56 years, Feb. 14

#### St. John, Beaumont

Ernie and Kathryn Erickson 50 years, Nov. 7

### Mount Calvary, San Antonio Wally and Olga Mencke

Wally and Olga Mencke 62 years, Dec. 7

John and Carol Gilg 64 years, Dec. 16

#### Gethsemane, Houston

Scott and Kendra Williams 53 years, Jan. 6



Zion, Walburg Rev. Dr. Jerry and Terry Kieschnick will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Jan. 29.

#### **HILLSBORO**



Three new members were added to the Christ Lutheran Church family through the Rite of Adult Confirmation on Sept. 28. They are pictured with Rev. Michael Nemec, Christ pastor, from left, Daphne Nemec, Juli Paranuk and Cole Hollingsworth.



Two new members were added to the Christ family through the Rite of Adult Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26. Welcomed were John and Caitlin Schmedthorst (pictured with their children, J.W. and Ellis).

#### **PLANO**



On Nov. 16, Henry Otto Peters was baptized at Lord of Life Lutheran Church by Rev. Joel Shaltanis. His parents, Curtis and Sydney Peters, are members currently residing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Henry represents the fourth generation of the Peters family at Lord of Life.

Left, Curtis, Sydney and Henry are pictured with Pastor Shaltanis. Below, four generations are pictured from left, Scott Peters (grandfather), Dave Peters (great-grandfather), Curtis (father) and Henry.



### A heart for service



**Dr. Bill Hinz**Director, School Ministry

Early Childhood directors and leaders from across the state gathered for a retreat in San Antonio Nov. 3–4 to em-

brace this year's theme — "Lead with Love" — from 1 John 4:16. They gathered to be replenished in the Word through devotional time and song, and to learn and grow from outstanding presenters and from one another.

This year started off with sessions on the "Heartbeat of Your Program," which included time for networking and roundtable exercises on enhancing early childhood curriculum. There were also sessions on mentoring and growing staff, and ways to enrich programs. Attendees participated in sessions on serving children with special needs, and diversity in the classroom. They gathered vital information and resources to serve these children and their families.

Our last session provided the opportunity to "Cel-

ebrate Our Staff" — how can we provide encouragement and acknowledge the dedication our teachers share with the children and families they serve. And we had the opportunity to do just that as we acknowledged the dedication of Juergen Olson, assistant director at Concordia Lutheran Child Care Center in San Antonio, who will retire in November after 28 years of faithful service.

We thank God for Juergen and his faithful sharing of God's love in Jesus Christ and His forgiveness to the children and their families, and teachers and staff at Concordia for nearly three decades.

May God continue to guide and direct all of our servant leaders as they share the wonderful news of God's never-ending love, His gift of grace, and unconditional forgiveness and mercy.

Soli De Gloria - To God alone be the glory!



TOP: Dr. Hinz, left, presents a plaque to Juergen Olson, recognizing Olson's 28 years of service at Concordia Child Care Center, San Antonio. At right is Annette Wright, center director.

LEFT: The retreat attendees are pictured.

# Staying connected



**By Pat Fick**CAN-DO Director

I often start meetings asking people to share their highs, lows and "buffaloes." A buffalo is simply something unique or funny that

you have experienced. It reminds me that life is unpredictable — and sometimes humorous.

Let me share a recent buffalo. One morning, while working out, I took off my headphones and fanny pack and placed them on the back bumper of my truck while I finished my sprint workout. When I went inside to shower and get ready for work, I forgot to grab and take them inside with me.

When I got to work, I was shocked to see that my headphones were still on my back bumper. Driving 55 miles per hour to work had not affected them in any way. I laughed out loud and thanked God for His grace in letting my headphones ride on my back bumper all the way to work.

Kind of reminds me of God's sticky love. Joshua 1:5b says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." By the way, the fanny pack didn't fare quite as well. I found it two blocks from home and the side release buckles were crushed, probably from being run over by neighborhood traffic.

The other day those same headphones spoke to me while I was doing my sprint workout. I left my phone inside the house, but had my headphones on as I went outside. Every time I got a block away from my house my headphones would announce, "Your device is disconnected." Then as I sprinted back to my driveway, my headphones would announce, "Your device is connected."

Do you ever feel that way about your connection with God? Sometimes you feel connected, and sometimes you feel disconnected. Putting ourselves in a place where we can be reminded of the Gospel and hear from God's Word is a good way to keep that connection strong.

Talking to God about everything is another key.



Staying connected to His body is also noteworthy. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us:

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

What a comfort it is to know that God promises to never leave or forsake us. May we continue to live a Matthew 6:33 lifestyle:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

#### Psalm 27:4:

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

#### Psalm 40:16:

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"



# From **FOSTER MOM** to ADVOCATE

### How Gwen Lemley transforms hope into lifesaving care

Across Texas, children with complex medical needs rely on caregivers who can provide more than specialized support—they need safety, empathy and the steady reassurance that they are not facing their challenges alone. Through Upbring's Primary Medical Needs (PMN) program, foster families receive the medical training, resources and emotional support required to care for children whose conditions demand around-the-clock attention. At the heart of this work is Gwen Lemley, Upbring's director of Primary Medical Needs, whose leadership is shaped by both professional expertise and a deeply personal journey.

#### A Family Forever Changed

Sixteen years ago, Gwen and her husband began opening their home to children in foster care. They couldn't have anticipated how profoundly one call would alter their lives. The request was urgent: a newborn girl named Eve needed a home immediately. Born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome — a severe congenital heart defect — Eve required surgery within days to survive.

Despite the uncertainty, Gwen and her husband said yes.

Eve's early months were spent in the hospital, recovering from surgeries and procedures most adults never face. Her condition required strict monitoring and specialized feeding support, so Gwen immersed herself in learning every step of her care plan — from managing feeding tubes to tracking oxygen levels with precision. When Eve was finally stable enough to go home, she entered a space filled with patience, knowledge and unconditional love.

#### Strength in Every Step

The years that followed brought extraordinary challenges. Eve underwent five open-heart surgeries, navigated countless procedures and spent more than 300 days hospitalized. Each milestone was hard-won, each setback met with determination. After one particularly critical operation at age four, a surgeon told Gwen, "It's a milestone that she's made it this far."

Today, Eve is a bright, resilient 14-year-old. She lives with cerebral palsy, autism and a brain injury, but she also lives surrounded by stability — and by a family that celebrates her victories, big and small. Eventually, Gwen and her husband adopted Eve, cementing a forever bond strengthened through perseverance and love.



Gwen Lemley, Upbring's director of Primary Medical Needs, and her daughter, Eve.

#### A Calling Becomes a Career

Inspired by Eve's resilience, Gwen pursued a career in nursing and now leads Upbring's PMN program. Her lived experience has become a powerful guide for families stepping into the world of medical foster care.

In her role, Gwen equips caregivers with far more than medical knowledge. She offers compassion rooted in understanding — helping families feel confident, supported and prepared for the complexity of PMN caregiving. She knows exactly what it feels like to stand beside a child whose life depends on meticulous care and unwavering advocacy.

"These kids teach us more than we could ever teach them." Gwen says. "Eve has shown me what it means to keep fighting, to find joy in small things and to never lose hope."

#### **Love Without Limits**

Gwen's journey — from foster mom to adoptive parent, nurse and now director - embodies the heart of the PMN program. Her leadership ensures that children with the most fragile medical needs are met with expertise, compassion and opportunity. And her family's story is a reminder that healing and hope often begin with one person's willingness to love without limits.



To learn more, visit **Upbring.org/PMN** 

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### **Faithful finances**

### A resolution to save in 2026

Many of us make New Year's resolutions. In fact, a recent survey by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards found that 45% of respondents said that one of their resolutions was to save more money in the new year.

Texas District Church Extension Fund (Texas CEF) offers the perfect opportunity to help you reach your 2026 financial goals with the Texas CEF Rainy Day Fund. This investment is designed to help you prepare for the future while supporting ministry growth across Texas.

So far, over 90 households have saved over \$450,000 by investing in the Rainy Day Fund. Whether you are wanting to save for something specific, for something unexpected or to build better savings habits, the Rainy Day Fund is for you.

Julie K., who opened a Rainy Day Fund in 2019 shared:

"Our family chose the Rainy Day Fund because it is an effortless way to save at an above-market rate. We also love that we are supporting two ministries we believe in — Texas CEF and our local church!"

If you're already participating in a Texas CEF Rainy Day Fund, thank you for faithfully allowing us to help you reach your financial goals! If you're not, but are looking for a simple, meaningful way to start saving in 2026, we invite you to invest in one today.

Find out more about the Rainy Day Fund by visiting texascef.org/RainyDay or by calling us toll-free at 888-951-1233



# YLM expands food ministry

The \$17,314 LWML Texas District mission grant awarded to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLM) in El Paso in 2024 has sparked remarkable growth in its food ministry. What began as a humble outreach has flourished into a vital lifeline for the community and a pow-

erful testimony of God's love in action.

Today, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is one of just 18 remaining food pantries partnering with the local food bank. Every Saturday, it serves between 400 and 500 families with essential food boxes, offering nourishment and hope to those in need.

But the transformation goes beyond food; it is also about the volunteers. Facility upgrades have made a significant difference in both safety and comfort. Concrete repairs and a new garage door have stabilized the pallet-wide cooler, ensuring food stays

fresh. Volunteers, who serve faithfully in all weather conditions, now benefit from free-standing industrial A/C units in the summer and heaters in the winter. Feather flags now mark the food distribution site, creating a welcoming and organized environment.

Each improvement reflects deep gratitude for the volunteers — the heart of this ministry. Their dedication, even amid personal challenges, is a living example of Christ's love. Through their service, the mission continues to open hearts, uplift lives and keep the spirit of Gospel outreach flowing strong.

### It's time to apply!

Do you know of a female member of your Texas District congregation studying at an LCMS university to become an LCMS full-time professional church worker? If so, it is time to encourage her to apply for an LWML Texas District scholarship for the 2026–2027 school year.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit *lwmltxdist.org*. Go to "About Us," choose "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu, and download the 2026 scholarship application. For more information, contact Michelle Heckmann, Scholarship Committee chairman, at scholarship@ *lwmltxdist.org*. Completed applications must be mailed or emailed to Michelle time-stamped or postmarked by March 31.

As one of our past recipients says, "This scholarship allows me to focus more fully on my studies and future goals of being a Lutheran school teacher and coach. This opportunity encourages me to continue working hard and aiming high."

### 2024-26 Mite Goal: \$403,000

Mites received through Oct. 31: \$293,648 (\$109,352 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through Oct. 31: \$220,314

Send your mite offerings, along with a remittance form to: LWML Texas District, Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary

P.O. Box 183; Seguin, TX 78156

#### **District Convention**

The LWML Texas District 44th Biennial Convention will be held June 11–13 in Austin. The theme is "Celebrate the Goodness of God." More information is coming soon.



#### **Stay Connected**

Send news and photos to communication@lwmltxdist.org.

#### **eConnection**

Sign-up information is located at *lwmltxdist.org*. Scroll down the page to "Stay in touch and sign up now."