

**SD District LWML Mission Grants  
Mite Box Devotion**

April 2007

**St. John's Lutheran Preschool – Groton, SD  
\$5000 (Paid in Full)**

**Leader:** We begin in the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Song:** *"Jesus Loves Me This I Know"*

**Reader 1:** Jesus does indeed love little children! He once told His disciples, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14

**Reader 2:** And, we know that through the Word and the blessed Sacrament of Holy Baptism, that faith is created in these precious gifts of God. We read from Scripture, *"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."* Mark 10:16

**Reader 3:** Yet this faith needs to be nurtured. St. Paul tells Timothy in his second letter to him chapter 4:2, *"But, as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*

**Leader:** Because of this grant, the teacher and staff at St. John's Lutheran Preschool are enabled to continue reaching out to Jesus' little lambs. Twenty-five children attend the preschool and are provided a Christian environment with activities to promote each child's social, emotional, academic, and, **most importantly**, spiritual growth. Bible time is scheduled each day and the children meet with Pastor Craig Grams for chapel every Thursday.

**Reader 4: Let us pray:** O Lord, creator of all things, remember Your lambs and those who feed them. Help both teachers and pupils to grow in their knowledge of their heavenly Father, in their likeness to Christ, in repentance for sin and to trust in Your mercy. By Your grace make them to lead a life worthy of Your name, fully pleasing to You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.