

SD District LWML Mission Grant
Mite Box Devotion

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Concordia Theology Seminary – Food & Clothing Co-op
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- Leader:** We open in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.
- Reader 1:** "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14)
- Hymn:** *"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"* (TLH 483; LW 258) **v 1**
- Reader 2:** The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years.
- Reader 3:** "And how can they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:15a)
- Hymn:** *"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"* (TLH 483; LW 258) **v 2**
- Reader 1:** While unmarried students live in campus dormitories, most seminarians are second-career students living off campus with wives and children. Frequently, these men have left the security of jobs and homes to move their families to Ft. Wayne in preparation to serve our Lord in the Holy Ministry.
- Reader 2:** "As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" (Romans 10:15b)
- Hymn:** *"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"* (TLH 483; LW 258) **v 3**
- Reader 3:** One of the ways the seminary seeks to alleviate the financial burden of the student having to provide the basic living expenses for himself and his family is through access to the Food and Clothing Co-op which is supported through the donations of individual donors, churches and other organizations. The Co-op is currently able to supply between 65-75% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student.
- Reader 1:** "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the world of Christ." (Romans 10:17)
- Hymn:** *"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"* (TLH 483; LW 258) **v 4**
- Prayer:** Lord of heaven and earth, we thank You for calling each seminarian into the holy ministry. We also thank You that through our Mite offerings which fund our mission grants, we are able to be of help to these men and their families through our monetary support of the Food and Clothing bank at the seminary. We lift up to you these faithful servants and ask that You grant to each of them an extra measure of your Holy Spirit as they prepare for the great task of shepherding your flock and sharing the blessed news of life eternal through faith in Christ Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.