

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

April 2009

**Sioux Falls Lutheran Immigrant Tuition
\$5000 (Paid in Full)**

Leader: We open in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.

Leader: *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* (Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV)

Reader 1: Sioux Falls has a dynamic African community. Our Redeemer, Zion and Faith Lutheran Churches host services for Rwandans, Ghanaians, Sudanese, Ethiopians in Swahili, Ethiopian and other languages. Each African "congregation" has their own worship leaders. However, economics prevents these African congregations from sending their children to Sioux Falls Lutheran School in significant numbers.

Reader 2: The LWML Mission grant for Lutheran Immigrant Tuition helps "make disciples of all nations, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you," as the Church is commanded in Matthew 28:18-20. This grant for tuition assistance to Sioux Falls Lutheran School for these children will help fulfill our Lord's command.

Reader 1: Sioux Falls Lutheran School (Preschool – 8th grade) is an association school operated by five LCMS congregations in its 30th year of operation. SFLS integrates the Gospel throughout its curriculum.

Reader 2: Many families from the African immigrant community face difficult economic challenges while supporting loved ones still in their country of origin. These families highly value a Christian education for their children, and with this grant the cost of tuition will help meet the needs of many parents.

Prayer: Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before you today, we remember the African immigrant community in Sioux Falls, SD and their need to hear of you. We thank you for the special servants working to share the Gospel with them; bless and sustain their work. We thank You, too, that through our Mite giving, You make it possible for us, the members of the SD District LWML, to reach out to these people in faith, love and compassion as You have done for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In his dear name we pray. Amen.