

SD District LWML Mission Grant
Mite Box Devotion
Concordia Seminary Food Bank – St. Louis. MO
\$5000 (Paid in Full) July 2009

- All:** Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One.
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.
"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (LSB 498, v7)
- Leader:** Concordia Seminary serves Church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the formation of pastors, missionaries and leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- Reader 1:** In light of its commitment to support its students and their families, Concordia Seminary established a Food Bank in 1980. Many can attest to the great blessing the Food Bank provided during their seminary years.
- Reader 2:** Today, the Food Bank services approximately 630 shoppers per month. Each student and their family may shop twice a month. As an agency of the St. Louis Area Food Bank, the Seminary Food Bank receives numerous items at a mere fraction of their retail cost.
- Reader 1:** As they prepare for God's Call to ministry in service to the Church and the world, these seminarians are grateful for the support they receive through the Food Bank, for without the Food Bank they would have considerably higher food expenses.
- Reader 2:** The Food Bank provides significant, tangible support to those who will serve our Lord and His church for generations to come. A common sense of relief fills the aisles as the "shoppers" realize they don't have to bear this burden alone.
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before you today, we remember the students at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37-38). We thank you for these special servants working and preparing to share the Gospel with the Church and the world; 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.
- All:** Feed Thy children, God most holy: Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven. Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.
"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" (LSB 774, v1)