

SD District LWML Mission Grant
Mite Box Devotion –Zion Lutheran School & Preschool
\$3000 (Paid in Full) February 2010

- All:** I am Jesus little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am:
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name. (LSB 740 v1)
- Reader 1:** Since 1957 Zion Lutheran School has been a mission outreach for Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City SD. That year they had an enrollment of 20 students in grades 1 through 4.
- Reader 2:** The student enrollment is currently over 150 students in their school and preschool. Over the past five years, 74 adults have become members and 15 children have been baptized through the mission of the school.
- Reader 1:** Parents who are facing difficult financial times often request assistance with tuition. These parents see the value of a Christ- centered education, but need help in meeting the cost of a Christian education.
- Reader 2:** When a parent requests assistance, usually 50% of the tuition rate is granted. Normally 50% is paid by the parent, with the other 50% being paid by grants or our "Adopt a Student" program.
- Reader 1:** In the Adopt a Student program, members of the congregation pledge to make up the percentage that the parent cannot pay.
- Reader 2:** This mission grant will help cover the assistance cost of the students applying for assistance, thus helping the Zion School to help "feed His lambs and feed His sheep."
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before You today, we remember the students attending Zion Lutheran School and Preschool and all of our students. We praise and 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.