

**LWML South Dakota District Mission Grant**  
**Mite Box Devotion**  
**Open Arms Childcare and Learning Center – Sioux Falls SD**  
\$5000 (Paid in Full)

- All:** God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. *God Loves Me Dearly* (LSB 392, v1)
- Leader:** Seeing the need for quality Christian childcare, the Resurrection Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls began the Open Arms Childcare and Learning Center in 2010.
- Reader 1:** The childcare ministry is Christ-centered, high quality, and state licensed. Through their childcare ministry they bring children and their families closer to the Lord and to the full life He offers each of us.
- Reader 2:** When they first opened they had one room operating, and quickly grew to four rooms. Current plans include opening four more rooms with a total licensed capacity for 199 children.
- Reader 1:** Each day, children are offered a stimulating environment with an array of developmentally appropriate learning experiences. Since young children learn best through play, activities include Bible lessons and stories, finger plays, music, creative art, science and math exploration, and language enhancement, to encourage the children's eagerness to learn, especially about their Lord's creation.
- Reader 2:** Open Arms offers care for children ages six weeks to 12 years of age. Before and after school care is provided for children ages six to 12 years. Spiritual values are strongly promoted through exemplary interaction, as well as through Bible story time, prayers before meals, snacks, and regular chapel worship with Pastor.
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our mite offerings before You today, we remember the children and staff at Open Arms Childcare and Learning Center. We thank You for these special servants working to share the Gospel with these young children. We thank You, too, that through our mite giving, You make it possible for us, the members of the LWML South Dakota District, to reach out to these children and their families 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.