



LWML South Dakota District Mite Devotion
Ongoing Mission Grant

South Dakota District LCMS Student Endowment Fund

Sing or say together:

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure. We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. (LSB 582)**

Leader: During His time on earth our Lord Jesus Christ urged us to make disciples of all nations. He knew the importance of teachers and preachers to proclaim the Good News to the world.

All: The LWML of South Dakota contributes yearly to the South Dakota District LCMS Student Endowment Fund. We do this in memory of Jo Carmen, a past district president.

Leader: The South Dakota District grants aid to those students who are communicant members in congregations of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and who are preparing to serve the church as pastors, teachers, or other full-time servants to the Church, at one of the schools operated by the Synod.

All: The LWML cares about pastors, teachers and other church workers who teach about Jesus and dedicate their lives to sharing God's love.

Leader: The cost of education has increased drastically over the last several years. Gospel outreach and missions is an important emphasis of the LWML, and we thank God for the opportunity to help provide financial assistance to students who are preparing to serve the Lord in full-time church work.

All: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we strive to assist and enable others to help make God's love in Christ known to the world through our mission grants and our mite offerings.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes to the opportunities for service that are all around us. Show how You would have us use our gifts in Your service today and throughout the year.

All: Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our mite offerings before You today, we pray that You bless all church workers who will teach the faith and proclaim the life-giving message of salvation. May the Lord of the church bless our current students, those who will follow them, and those who assist and lead them in their education. To You be the Glory. Amen.