



LWML South Dakota District Mite Devotion

2016–2018

*Witness & Outreach Ministry/
Revitalization Office of National Mission (re:Vitality)*

\$2500

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

By the power of our all-knowing God, LWML South Dakota District chose the grant "re:Vitality" as one of our Mission grants for the 2016–2018 biennium. "Mission" often makes us think of sending trained workers to the far reaches of the earth to win souls for Christ, and while this is certainly vital, the focus of this mission is much closer to home; to help congregations become vital proclaimers of the Gospel in our community, remembering that at the heart of revitalization is repentance and forgiveness.

L: Therefore we pray: For the development of re:Vitality by our Synod's Office of National Mission.
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For the continued training of coordinators, facilitators, "coaches", and development of resources to make the re:Vitality an effective tool for congregational revitalization. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For our Lutheran congregations that we may continually have spiritual vitality; proclaiming the true Word of God and administering His Sacraments. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For the unchurched in our nation and in our neighborhood, that we may expand our outreach ministry to make Jesus' mission to "seek and to save the lost", *our* mission. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confirmed members who have strayed from their church homes, that we may lovingly share the Gospel and the Grace of our Lord, encouraging them to return to active worship. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: And Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit may work in the hearts of all your people to make our church/Your church vital through this and other means known only to you. Forgive us Lord where we have strayed and renew us as your forgiven people. In Jesus' precious name we pray.

C: Amen.