



2020–2022 MISSION GRANT DEVOTION

#5 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MISSION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN — BELLE FOURCHE, SD

Leader: The Lord gave a final command while here on earth to spread the Gospel to all people, starting with those close to us and expanding from there. **Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota** is a daughter church of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota. It was started in October 2018 with Bible studies, held their first service in June 2019, and began holding Sunday morning services in July of that year. They are currently renting their place of worship.

***R1:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8 NIV).*

Leader: As there are no other LCMS churches in the immediate area, **Trinity Lutheran** is wanting to establish programs that will interest the community of Belle Fourche and Butte County where it is located. Two of these programs are a food bank and a Mother's Day out. To do these programs effectively, they are using the grant money to purchase **computer equipment, children's Christian education materials, food pantry supplies, and kitchen cabinets and supplies.**

***R2:** What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:14-17 NIV).*

Leader: Through your mite offerings, you are enabling **Trinity Lutheran** to share their faith within the community of Belle Fourche. Through them, you are feeding those who are hungry — both physically and spiritually. You are the hands and feet of the Gospel in this northwestern part of our district. Your support of this mission grant opens doors of opportunity for many to **hear the truth of the Word of God** — perhaps for the first time.

***R3:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing (Psalm 34:8 NIV).*

All: Almighty Lord, we come to You asking Your blessing on these mission grant recipients. Bless their efforts to reach those whom You love with not only physical items that they need, but also with the spiritual truth that will keep them eternally Yours. Send Your Spirit to guide and direct them in all their decisions concerning their mission. We are humbled with the knowledge that our offerings can be used to further Your kingdom, Lord. In the name of Jesus we pray, believing in the power of His name. Amen.