2024–2026 LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT DEVOTION



#2 Shepherd's Canyon Retreat \$5.000

- Reader 1: Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, provides week-long counseling retreats for men and women in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds.
- **Reader 2**: Funds for this \$5,000 grant will support scholarships to help pastors, ministry workers, and spouses who need extra financial assistance to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.
- Reader 3: We ask you brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a).

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37: 23-24, 27-28, 32-33, 39-40

²³The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;

²⁴though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,

²⁷Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice;

he will not forsake his saints.

³²The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.

33The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.

³⁹The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Prayer (sung or recited) Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit, LSB 681 st. 2

You, O Lord, Yourself have called him For Your precious lambs to care; But to prosper in his calling, He the Spirit's gifts must share. Give him wisdom from above, Fill his heart with holy love; In his weakness, Lord, be near him, In his prayers, Good Shepherd, hear him. Amen.

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