

The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church invites all communing women to join us. The LWML is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Since its founding in 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Each biennium, a mission grant goal is set by the voting assembly of the National LWML. The goal is funded by supporters through monetary gifts placed into LWML Mite Boxes as a thank offering to God and with a prayer for our worldwide missions. Contributions collected by local societies, and at district events are sent to the District Treasurer. The monies are divided 75% for District mission projects and 25% for the International LWML mission projects. In its first 65 years, over \$85 million has been given to support missions all over the world through these Mite Box offerings.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4) the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" --- offerings above and beyond the support given to the local congregation and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund District and national mission grants as well as to implement other LWML programs.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church LWML meets quarterly to conduct business. Devotions, Bible study and prayer are a large part of our group meeting. We often have a guest speaker (usually someone associated with a specific quarterly project). Afterwards, we share lunch and fellowship - a time for getting to know each other.

We hope you will be led to join us for these occasions and to get involved in our mission projects.

There are three Circles which emphasize different directions and offer a satisfying opportunity for all women of the church to be involved. The Rebekah Circle is our fund-raising group, which sponsors various events during the year to raise funds for LWML projects. The Lydia Sisters meet weekly on Tuesday mornings to sew quilts and items for Lutheran World Relief. The Deborah Circle is an evening Bible Study group which meets in different homes each month.

Even with all the activities being addressed, we still welcome any suggestions for new activities which you may have been involved with in other churches and which you feel would be good for the SOTH LWML to consider. Please share your experiences with us and become a part of our growing mission group.

Sincerely,

Gail Mcerdyk, President