



# 2011 WITNESS WORK

*Helping churches and pastors conduct Word and  
Sacrament ministry*

<b>2011 MINISTRY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>PROGRESS (as of 12/31/11)</b>
Raise \$500 to support seminarian attending either LCMS seminary.	DONE! In addition, we “Skyped” with our Adopt-a Student, Andrew Bartholomew, and his family. We provided family gift cards to celebrate the birth of his child, date night money, and a special financial Christmas gift. Andrew is a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
Assist Ruth Circle in Promoting LWML Mite Boxes.	Year to date, we have raised \$163.28 for LWML Mites. We collect mites once per quarter.
Encourage Pastor to continue helping out-of-town LCMS pastors by providing pastoral care for their members at Mayo Clinic.	As needed. Pastor made 26 hospital visits on behalf of LCMS pastors. In other words, in 2011, 55% of Pastor’s hospital visits were to visit out-of-town LCMS members.
Raise \$1300 and distribute to these LCMS organizations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support Joy Academy, St. Paul, MN, by providing ethnic child scholarships to Joy Academy elementary school students.</li> <li>2. Support MN South Hispanic Ministry (Rev. Martin Teigen).</li> <li>3. Support LCMS World Mission by supporting Dr. Fungchatou and Kalia Lo, serving in Cambodia (the Lo’s are from Minnesota).</li> </ol>	DONE, with a little surplus in funds and with bonus Thrivent matching money! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joy Academy received \$707</li> <li>▪ MN South Hispanic Ministry received \$515</li> <li>▪ LCMS World Mission (Dr. Fungchatou Lo) received \$500</li> </ul> We praise God for blessing our mission fundraisers!



# 2011 MERCY WORK

*Showing compassion and care to people both inside and outside our congregation*

<b>2011 MINISTRY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>PROGRESS (as of 12/31/11)</b>
<p><i>Share Compassion to Members</i> by continuing the prayer chain, providing rides to members who cannot drive, organizing meals for members in need, supporting RCLS student(s) (if needed), continuing support of quilters and Ruth Circle, and by encouraging our homebound members with Christmas baskets.</p>	<p>Prayer chain continued (mostly through e-mail format), provided rides to members who cannot drive, organized meals for members in need, continued support of quilters and Ruth Circle.</p> <p>Quilters provided quilts to college bound members, homebound and hospitalized members, those being baptized, and LWML gatherings. Holiday gift/food baskets distributed.</p> <p>No action yet on RCLS scholarship (no scholarship needs).</p>
<p><i>Share Compassion to Non-members</i> by supporting LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Relief, hosting third annual Mercy Week, preparing a meal at a community center, participating in New Life Family Services Baby Bottle Campaign, helping ring a bell for the Salvation Army, collecting materials and supplies for infants, hosting a scarf/mitten/ear muff drive in the fall, and by helping out-of-town LCMS Members with coupons and other materials as needed, when they are patients at Mayo Clinic.</p>	<p>Prepared meal at Dorothy Day House (May), participated in New Life Family Services Baby Bottle Campaign (\$198), collected supplies for Lutheran World Relief (Higher Things Service Project), Channel One Food Shelf Collection, provided coupons to out-of-town LCMS members undergoing procedures at Mayo (as needed).</p> <p>Members rang bells for 5 hours to support the Salvation Army. . Did not organize a “Mercy Week” this year. No action on hosting a scarf/mitten/ear muff drive. No action on collecting materials and supplies for infants.</p> <p>“Singing Teapots” had 18 performances in 2011, many of which were appearances at local nursing homes. They also were profiled by KSMQ (PBS)</p>



# 2011 LIFE TOGETHER WORK

*Living together in unity as Christ's Body, the Church*

<b>2011 MINISTRY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>PROGRESS (as of 12/31/11)</b>
<p><u>District/Synod:</u> Endeavor to financially support the MN South District Office in some way by the end of 2011.</p>	<p>\$400 sent to District Office in Winter; the money was a tithe of gift and memorial money received (50% of all money received at District Office is forwarded onto Synod Office)</p> <p>Ruth Circle hosted Zone LWML Spring Retreat, Hosted December Circuit Pastors Meeting</p>
<p><u>Worship</u> No objective set for 2011</p>	<p>Epiphany Day Divine Service (Rev. Martin Teigen, preacher) Hosted annual Lenten Choral Vespers Service, (Rev. John Pless, Preacher) Greater use of instrumentalists (both from congregation and from outside congregation) to enhance hymns.</p>
<p><u>Youth:</u> Encourage our youth by supporting their fundraising efforts to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference in Bloomington, IL, July 12-15, 2011.</p>	<p>Youth raised \$4600 (needed \$3400), 6 youth attended with 2 chaperones. Plans for Higher Things 2012 underway. Number of youth planning on attending 2012 trip: 7 (plus 2 chaperones). Money needed to raise for 2012 trip: \$3100.</p>
<p><u>Building/Maintenance</u> No objective set for 2011</p>	<p>Ongoing repairs and building improvements. Examples: installed new parsonage stove, new parsonage kitchen door, new parsonage refrigerator, new parsonage bathroom ceiling; repaired parsonage furnace, solved parsonage mice problem, fixed parsonage furnace, resealed church parking lot, discussed of church roof, made improvements based on property insurance provider's comments, installed programmable thermostats; finalized Facility Usage Agreement and many more repairs.</p>



# 2011 LIFE TOGETHER WORK

(continued)

<b>2011 MINISTRY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>PROGRESS (as of 12/31/11)</b>
<p><u>Fun Things We Like To Do:</u> Engage in regular fun opportunities for social interaction. Some ideas include monthly game nights, social nights at members' homes, field trips, camping trip, bonfires, bowling, movie nights, hiking at Quarry Hill, Advent/Lent suppers.</p>	<p>Three church family game night at Ironwood Springs (January)</p> <p>Meals enjoyed together: Lent Suppers, Rally Day Picnic, Strawberry Shortcake Festival (Ascension Day). Church Cookbook Potluck (sponsored by Ruth Circle), Easter Breakfast (sponsored by Decorating Committee), Sunday Brunch (March), Pizza Ranch Tip Nights (to support Youth), Epiphany Day Dinner (sponsored by Missions Committee), Appreciation Lunch (sponsored by Trustees) Quarterly Voters Meeting Lunches (hosted by Mission Committee), Christmas Potluck (sponsored by Sunday School), Advent suppers.</p> <p>Two evening game nights at church.</p> <p>Hiking at Quarry Hill, field trips, bonfires, social nights—no action.</p>
<p><u>Membership Management:</u> No objective set for 2011.</p>	<p>Working with Inactive Members (Elders)</p>
<p><u>Communication</u> Pray that our Boards, Committees, and Organizations will communicate with each other and work together in harmony to accomplish our congregation's ministry objectives.</p>	