These are mite announcements prepared for our bulletin at St John, Wheaton Use or modify these if you think they are useful. I do know that National LWML publishes bulletin bites on their website—these are specifically for NID grants approved at 2018 convention.

 1. Equipping the Church to Reach People with Disabilities, Voice of Care $17,474 (100 words)

 As respite care need increases and funding decreases, Voice of Care is raising a corps of trained volunteer respite companions in the Northern Illinois District. VOC, in partnership with REST (restprogram.org), will customize material to fit the specific needs of Lutheran churches providing Christ-centered respite care. Through building relationships, Voice of Care-trained respite companion volunteers will nurture care recipients and caregivers in their Christian walk. A grant from LWML-NID for $17,474 will provide curriculum resources and personnel training to continue this outreach.

2. Life for St. Matthew: Saving a Historic House of Worship, St. Matthew, Chicago, $18,000 (95 words)

 St. Matthew Lutheran Church (LCMS) located in the heart of the Pilsen Community of Chicago provides worship services in English and Spanish in a poverty stricken community of mostly Latino families, as well as unemployed and homeless. This historic church needs the roof repaired and the entire building brought up to code. In order to continue feeding the hungry in the soup kitchen and giving clothing to the needy, LWML-NID is raising $18,000 to help with repairs.

3. Haitian Feeding Program, Trinity/HOPE $2,500 (105 words)

The average child in Haiti comes from a home where voodoo is practiced and is fed only 4-5 meals a week. Food is a powerful witness of Christ’s love and evidence to the truth of the Good News being shared with them daily. Children in Lutheran schools are coming to faith faster than any other population segment and often bring their families and neighbors to the Lord. Trinity/HOPE has been given a grant of $2,500 by LWML-NID to feed the children and your contributions make it possible.

4. Post Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion, Lutherans for Life $10,000 (102words)

 The abortion hotline program of Lutherans for Life is the only Lutheran hotline in the nation. A grant of $10,000 from the LWML NID will help reach more suffering souls through additional staffing and a full-time director. In addition, LFL will launch concerted promotion on a district basis via targeted mailing, emails, district distribution of literature, etc. The Word of Hope Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline will partner with churches in NID, thereby having the opportunity to guide people into a relationship with the Lord.

5. Exterior Cabin Renovations, Walcamp Outdoor Ministries $14,562.35 (103 words)

Walcamp Outdoor Ministries received a grant of $14,562.35 from LWML NID for cabin renovation of Oak and Maple, built in 1971 and 1972. Due to the location in the woods, the cabins have been very susceptible to woodpeckers. New T111 siding will continue the viability of the structures. This grant will fund the purchase of materials in order to re-side both cabins at the facility, allowing many more young people to experience moments in which God can change their lives as they grow in faith.

6. Food and Clothing Co-Op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne $10,000 (98 words)

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. The Food Co-op is able to supply between 80% and 85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. It operates as a cooperative with each family volunteering a certain amount of time each month. This $10,000 LWML NID Grant will supply some perishable food items.

7. Grace Lutheran School/Grace Christian Academy $18,000 (101 words)

“The Mission of Grace Lutheran School is to prepare students for success in high school, college, and beyond, raising them up to be Christian Leaders serving God and their community.” The NID LWML grant of $18,000 will expand outreach in the “Little Village” neighborhood of Chicago with improvements: new oven, wiring upgrade to add air-conditioning, new stair tread for safety; new tires and glass on the school bus; and new video equipment to help spread the mission to students, parents, and the community.

8. Native American Youth Program $18,000 (101 words)

By providing a supportive environment for listening and building relationships, Ben Maxson, serving Makah Lutheran, desires to offer Native teens in Neah Bay, Washington, a safe place to grow and flourish, to participate in worship and learn from the Scriptures. The $18,000 LWML NID Grant will be used to purchase games (shuffle board, volleyball, etc.), musical instruments, a sound system and projector for the Cultural Arts Center, located on the grounds of Makah Lutheran Church, for a growing youth program where Christ is the anchor.

9. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love $8,000 (106 words)

Visually impaired inmates asking for the Bible in large print frequently contact Lutheran Braille Workers. Due to the size of the Large Print Bible and the spiral bindings (which can be used as weapons) they are rarely permitted into correctional institutes. A grant $8,000 from the LWML NID will be used as seed money to purchase the equipment to start a new Work Center that will produce the 14 point APhont Bible for visually impaired inmates throughout the United States. These Bibles will be given free of charge.

10. Haiti Lutheran Mission Society $3,463.65 (100 words)

The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA is a long standing organization that provides ongoing support for spreading the Gospel through the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. They are currently working through Pastor Thomas Bernard at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with churches and preaching stations at several locations in Haiti. The newest Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Coraces has a complete foundation. A LWML NID Grant of $3,463.65 will fund additional building and support House of Love and Hope Orphanage. The Mite Box is located in the Commons on the 1st Sunday of the month for your gift.