These are mite announcements I prepared for our bulletin. Please note each one ends with the sentence that tells where our Mite Box is located—edit using your Mite Collection box location and when it is available. Use or modify these if you think they are useful.

**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. The Mite Box is located in the Commons on the 1st Sunday of the month for your gift.

**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. The Mite Box is located in the Commons on the 1st Sunday of the month for your gift.

**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. The Mite Box is located in the Commons on the 1st Sunday of the month for your gift.

 **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. The Mite Box is located in the Commons on the 1st Sunday of the month for your gift.