

LWML SUNDAY

Proclaiming Christ and Sharing the Gospel

October 4, 2026

8:30am



AS WE GATHER

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings.

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**.

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Preservice Music / Justin Dotson - Guitarist

Receiving *by Andrew York*

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light,
so learn his love— its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

4 For us Christ lived, for us he died
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Joyful Ringers

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 11:10–30

¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,
and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.

¹¹By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

¹²Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.

¹³Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

¹⁴Where there is no guidance, a people falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

¹⁵Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm, but he who
hates striking hands in pledge is secure.

¹⁶A gracious woman gets honor,
and violent men get riches.

¹⁷A man who is kind benefits himself,
but a cruel man hurts himself.

¹⁸The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

¹⁹Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live,
but he who pursues evil will die.

²⁰Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the LORD,
but those of blameless ways are his delight.

²¹Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished,
but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.

²²Like a gold ring in a pig's snout
is a beautiful woman without discretion.

²³The desire of the righteous ends only in good;
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

²⁹Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind,
and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and whoever captures souls is wise.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Joyful Ringers

Epistle

1 Peter 4:1–12

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janise Faerber

Alleluia and Verse (sung) *LSB 156*

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:10–20*

Reader The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Glory to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

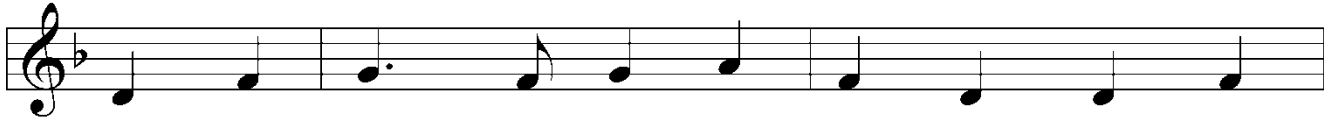


**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Jesus, Greatest at the Table



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -
 2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly
 3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -
 4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we
 5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,
 taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,
 on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered
 see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:
 mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,
 Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der
 As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured
 Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less
 Do as I have done for you; All the world will

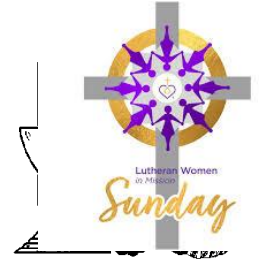


hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
 touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
 out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.
 for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.
 know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

Sermon Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.



We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After the pastor says, "Lord, in Your mercy... " the congregation responds:

C Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

Bach Sarabande Partita for Violin in B Minor

Justin Dotson – Guitarist



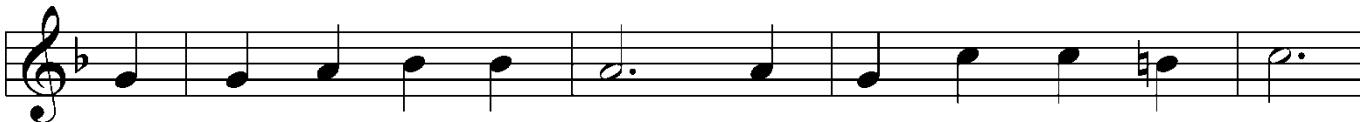
696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

HYMN Christ Is the World's Redeemer (tune of "The Church's One Foundation")

Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heavenly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of his soldiers The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.

Down in the realm of darkness He lay, a captive bound,
But at the hour appointed He rose, a victor crowned.
And now, to heaven ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence he had never departed, His Father's and his own.

Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son;
And to the Holy Spirit, The perfect Trinity,
Let all the worlds give answer, Amen so let it be.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

CLOSING HYMN**"Serve the Lord with Gladness"***Tune: LSB 662 Onward Christian Soldiers*

1) "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name.

3) "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

There's no greater joy

Than to serve the Master,

Work in His employ.

As we build His kingdom

Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner

Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name!

2) "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

Now in every land

So that fellow sinners

May, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus,

We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name!



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



Divine Service, Setting Two from *Lutheran Service Book*

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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Guest Artist

Justin Dotson - Guitarist

Family Life

Jeanette Koch

Elder

John Hasse

Joyful Ringers

Anne Burgess

Cheryl Bailey

Sharon Byrd

Linda Courtney

Beth Hempel

Carol Kandah

Julia Smith

Shelly Walldorff

Ushers

Claudia Williamson

Christine Lewis

Renee Nivala

Novalee Nivala

Greeter

Lisa Fairbairn

Counters

Jan Greulich

George Foor

Frank Newman

Reader

Mellanee Asher

Welcome Center

Pat McGuigan

Coffee Hour

Women In Christ

Tech Team

Nancy Berg

Acolyte

Ellie Norton

Altar Society

Nancy Berg
Michael Huskey
Elyse Huskey



Remember Our Homebound

Ann Cook
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Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for Bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall



*Two vases in honor of LWML Sunday from
Claudia Williamson.*



BLAZE ~ 2027 Bible-in-a-Year Reading Group

Have you ever read through the whole Bible? Join St. Paul in our new group called "BLAZE", where we will read through the whole Bible together in 1 year. We have a daily reading schedule that you can do on your own or with family or friends, and we'll meet together on **2nd & 4th Tuesdays (starting Jan 12) @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall**. The reading plan starts **January 1, 2027**, so be sure to get the reading schedule before then! To join the



email list or see more info and resources like the reading plan, go to:

biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze

Attendance Last week: 9.27.2026– Attendance – 8:30am - 168 + 11am - 66 = 204

Received week of 9.27.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$5,975** total includes online giving
School - \$0



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Christ Our Savior – Livonia – 734-522-6830

November 19—Forever Young: Winter at the Train Station

Get ready for the holiday season at the historic Detroit Train Station! Forever Young is organizing a trip for \$70/person, which includes a guided tour provided by Detroit Historical Tours, family-style lunch at Roman Village Cucina Italiana (9924 Dix Ave, Dearborn), and round-trip bus transportation from **Christ Our Savior** parking lot. The bus will depart at 9am sharp. A signup sheet to reserve and confirm your participation is located at the Forever Young table in the **COS narthex**. Payment due by Nov 8 in designated envelopes delivered to **COS Office**, to Sunday Worship Offering Plate **at COS** , or to Linda Waara. We have 47 open spots!



Any questions please email me
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or
 248-974-3323

Would you consider helping to keep this tradition alive?



Does it seem like we are recruiting early? Well, you are right.

Traditionally the Board of Evangelism organizes this event. As it turns out, this year 4 of the 7 members are unavailable on October 31. We would like to continue this event, but need to make sure we have enough people available the evening of the 31st to make it work. We can do the preliminary work but need to get our helpers lined up early. If you can spare a few hours, you will be truly appreciated. Sign up Genius will be arriving soon and a poster in the hall.

- **Join us for Octoberfest**

On Sunday, October 18th after the late service the School Board will be hosting a Trifecta event we are calling Octoberfest. First, we will show Pastor Chris our Appreciation for his service among us. Second, we will be having a free will catered dinner as a fund raiser for the school and third we will share a meal that provides an opportunity for Christian Fellowship. There will be a basket for you to put cards and notes for Pastor Chris. The meal will feature German cuisine and beer will be available as an additional fundraiser. (Octoberfest, after all!!!). Please join us for a wonderful meal and great fellowship. Elsewhere in the bulletin is a registration slip to help us determine how much food to order. Just fill it out and place it in the designated box in the narthex. We have received a donation to cover the cost of the caterer so any donation you can provide will go directly to support the school.

♥ **\$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser**

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6

Our Lutheran school is more than a place of learning—it is a ministry where children grow in **faith, knowledge, and love for Jesus Christ**. We invite our congregation and school families to prayerfully participate in our **\$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser**.

Simply choose an envelope with the amount you would like to give, place your gift inside, and return it to the designated collection area. **Every envelope represents an investment in the lives and faith of our children.**

Whether you are able to give **\$1, \$25, \$100, \$250, or another amount**, your generosity helps provide a Christ-centered education and supports the teachers and ministry of our school.

Together, we can help nurture the next generation of faithful Christian leaders.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support of our Lutheran school ministry’s



ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER
PRESENTS

Our Annual Fall Banquet

CONTENDERS

October 22, 2026
6:00-9:00pm

Italian American Banquet Center
39200 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
www.awpecfriends.org/events

Featuring Dr. Marc Newman, Pro-Life Advocate

St. Paul has 3 reserved tables at the banquet. The tickets are discounted to \$50 if you reserve through the McGuigans. We are ready to take your reservation. Paying by check, write the check out to Pat McGuigan for \$50 per ticket or pay cash and your choice of either chicken or vegetarian meal. Questions contact Pat @ 734-718-8597. The deadline for getting discounted tickets from us is October 4.

We served another meal at the Family of God meal on Wednesday, September 16th that was very much appreciated.

Chris and Jeff Henning shopped for the lasagnas, bread and beverages the week before. Nancy Berg did the rest of the shopping for the salad and bananas the day before and Michelle Benson joined her to prepare the food in the school kitchen Wednesday afternoon. Kathy and Dennis Verseman, Rich Mai, and Will Hoffmeier took the food down to the mission to serve. They were joined by David Sonac's family from Salem Lutheran, Westland to serve about 70 people. ALL the food was used and many compliments were given. It's always interesting to interact with the people as they come through the serving line. They come from all walks of life and have some great stories to share. About ten people come to the Bible study before the meal and have been the 'regulars' for years. They always look forward to St Paul, Northville coming because they know "they'll get a really good meal!" Please pray for the Pastors Jim, Nick and Alex and the Deacons Paul and John that work so hard for the mission. And, pray for the people that come for this physical food so they will seek the spiritual food that is so much needed there. *Now that the weather is turning colder we expect more people to come for warmth. Thankfully the new furnace is working - however it hasn't been paid for yet and the FoG needs your financial support. Contact Barbara Hoffmeier or Sue Poole for more information.*

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports a large number of national grants and Michigan grants through the MITEs we collect every year. October is one of four times a year that MITE boxes are collected. For the month of October, Women in Christ is featuring a mission grant entitled "Life and Hope for Moms in Need—Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic)" in the amount of \$25,000. Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic in Detroit provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable. Please place your MITE box in the large MITE collection box in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an empty box to fill for January!
