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LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

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Devoted to God's Word



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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

The members of the Jerusalem church had heard the apostle Peter proclaim the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had crucified, was the promised Messiah and their Savior.

Through God's Word they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who convicted them of their sin and convinced them of their Savior. Their sins were forgiven. Heaven was their home. Their hearts were filled with joy.

What was their Spirit-led response to the grace of the Lord God? "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." The Word of God was their delight. It was the one thing they needed. It was their dearest treasure. Therefore, they not only held it in the highest regard, but they also put it into practice. They lived in the joy of the Gospel.

God's Word has not changed. It is still the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. The way of salvation has not changed. Jesus Christ is the only Savior this world will ever have.

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with God's Word of peace in Jesus as their Savior. In the United States alone there are nearly 11 million people who are blind or visually impaired and of those 11 million people 60% are single and isolated, 70% are unemployed, 50% are under the age of 65, and 95% are unchurched.

By God's grace, LBW is touching the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired with Jesus and His love and grace throughout the world. But it cannot happen without you and your partnership in mission and ministry with LBW! Without your help today the mission of LBW will be delayed and that would mean people who are visually disabled will be denied the Bible and other materials and services of LBW. After all, that's what LBW is all about, helping people touch, and be touched by promises of Jesus.

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You Hold the Key to LBW's Prison Outreach

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Matt. 9:12-13, ESV



It is estimated that there are almost one million people in prison that have little or no experience studying the Bible. In a recent U. S. Dept. of Justice study, it was found that prison

and jail inmates reported vision disabilities at a rate of about four times that of the general population. LBW receives requests from prison inmates for free large print Bibles every week. Unfortunately, only a very small percentage of these inmates are allowed to receive our large print Bible, primarily due to its size and its use of plastic spiral bindings. Confident that you, our prayer partners, donors and volunteers would embrace the idea, the formatting of a more suitable "Prison Version" ESV Bible is underway!

Your support is vital to the success of this Prison Outreach. By helping those who need it most; people who are lost and desire to turn their lives around, you demonstrate like Jesus, a compassionate heart. Your designated gift today will ensure that these barriers of hopelessness and despair will soon be opened. Thank you and God bless. --Roy Fisher

Rejoice! LBW Celebrates 75 Years of Ministry

In 2018 Lutheran Braille Workers celebrates 75 years of bringing the Good News of God's saving Word to people with visual impairment. This is reason to rejoice, give thanks and respond to God's great work through this ministry! LBW has set a Thank Offering Goal of \$75,000 to commemorate this milestone in our ministry. This offering continues the resolve to be God's leading agents to touch the lives of people with visual disabilities with the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior. Your individual, congregational

or group support will demonstrate to the world a firm resolve to continuing this Gospel ministry until Christ returns!

How can you join in the celebration?

- Continued prayers of thanksgiving for LBW and its outreach ministry
- Give a generous personal gift
- Share what LBW means to you with others
- Engage groups and organizations to celebrate the 75 years of LBW

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And that's where you come in. Through your ongoing prayers and generous financial gifts each of these projects can grow and thrive. First, would you put LBW on your daily prayer calendar? Second, would you consider making a one time or an ongoing gift to this ministry that touches so many lives with the Gospel? Finally, would you also consider putting LBW

in your will or trust? Thank-you!

For more information about Lutheran Braille Workers and how you can become more involved with this mission, find us on the web: www.LBWinc.org or "like us" on Facebook.

--Rev. Dennis Stueve

Help Someone be Part of His Journey

Just a reminder that the CD Bible study, Helping Blind People See Jesus, is available to order from the website or by calling LBW. This two year Bible study takes you on a journey of a lifetime from creation to the second coming of Jesus. As you listen to the narrations and explanations you can be there with Moses, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and so many others as they journeyed for the Lord. You can let the story of Jesus' death and resurrection be more than a story, you can walk where He walked.

This CD Bible study has 24 CDs in the Old Testament and 14 CDs in the New Testament



It can be ordered as a complete set, both Old and New Testament or each Testament can be ordered separately.

This project was possible through a grant from the Lutheran Womens Missionary League.

--Charlotte Wilson

Braille Before Technology

"I recently ordered the complete Bible in Braille, and have received my first shipment containing Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians. I grew up in a generation where Braille came before technology and though I consider myself an intermediate-level computer user, after experiencing various problems with Bibles in an electronic format, I decided it was time to clear shelf space for a Braille Bible. I'm so glad I did! The introductions and outlines at the beginning of each book are very helpful, this translation is easy to read and

your transcribers have taken such care with the verse numbering. Best of all, the next time the power goes out, I won't be without a Bible. I feel so blessed by the work of your many volunteers.

Blessings to you." --Jamey C., Carrboro NC

How comforting it must be, to be able to read your Bible when the power is out. Please consider providing a Bible for someone who is in darkness and needs comfort. --Rose Jaimes

Join Us in Albuquerque

June 22nd - 25th, 2017, The LWML is hosting their 37th Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, NM. LBW will be participating in three aspects of the convention.

The Servant Connection: Thursday, June 22nd Those attending will have the opportunity to produce Braille Books or Large Print Calendars for individuals who are blind or vision impaired.

Exhibit Booth: We will be sharing the how and why's about the ministry.

Hosting a Breakfast: On Saturday at 7:00 am, June 24th. This is open to you; come hear about the ministry of LBW. Seats are still available.

If you would like to join us for breakfast, contact Rose Jaimes, her email address is rose@LBWinc.org or call her at 800-925-6092, by Wednesday, June 14.

You are welcome and encouraged to join us in Albuquerque!

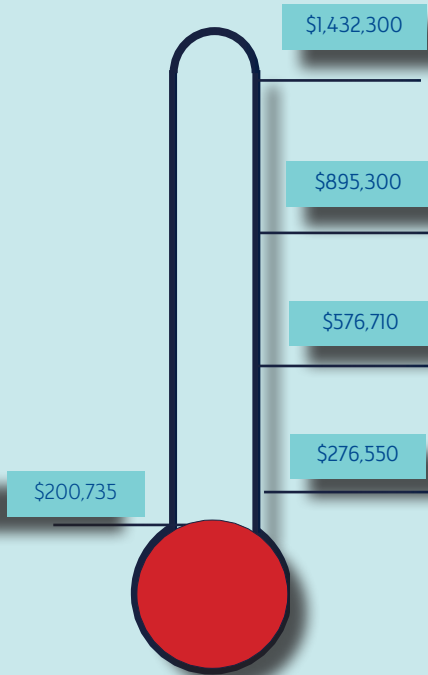


"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21

Ministry Financial Needs
\$1,432,300.

Ministry Volunteer Needs

Actual Income Budgeted Income



LBW is in need of Library of Congress Certified Transcribers and Proofreaders. If you have one or both of these talents and would like to volunteer, please call Rose Jaimes or email her at rose@LBWinc.org.

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LBW's 2017 budget is \$1,432,300. At the end of the first quarter we had received 14% of our budgeted amount for the year. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Please prayerfully consider Lutheran Braille Workers in your Estate Planning.