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LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

LOVE WORKS

Jesus Christ Above All



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The primary work of every Christian is to be Christ's agent of making Him known in a sinful world. There are lots of ways to do that. For Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) that means reaching out with the Gospel to people who are blind or visually impaired. That mission spirit was very evident at the Lutheran

Women's Missionary League's biennium convention as they celebrated their 75th anniversary under the theme, "Jesus Christ Above All." I, along with many other Lutheran Braille Workers, were excited to join in the LWML convention and celebration. As always, LWML conventions are filled with joy, spiritual growth, and reconnecting with other LWMLers!

LBW was privileged to be part of the Servant Connection at the convention where participants produced Jeremiah and Lamentations in Braille and our faith affirming 2018 calendar in Specialized Large Print.

LBW also had an exhibit at the convention where many gathered and shared their stories and their

connections with LBW. Almost every person I spoke with had some connection to LBW. Either they are, or were, Lutheran Braille Workers or their parents or grandparents were Lutheran Braille Workers! It was heartwarming to see these individuals share their stories with a smile on their face knowing that people who are visually impaired had been touched eternally with the Gospel!

LBW also had a drawing for an iPad Mini 4 which drew a lot of attention! Two years ago at the LWML Convention in Des Moines the winner of the iPad mini was Anna Gerber. In a recent email she wrote: "Good morning, Pastor Stueve, When I received your e-mail that my name had been drawn for the iPad mini at the LWML Convention in Des Moines, I never dreamed that I would be contacting you two years later to participate in a Dedication Service of Braille Work Center #12 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayzata!" Anna is the new Work Center leader which produces Revelation and LWML's Mustard Seed: "With This Ring" in Braille. The Work Center was dedicated on July 9th! Praise God!

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ESV in UEB

ESV in UEB...What does this mean? For a person who is sighted and doesn't read Braille this may not mean much; but for a person who wants or needs a new Bible and keeps up to date with Braille codes, this is important! Important in two ways.

First, it has been nearly 30 years since LBW produced a new version of the Bible. The English Standard Version (ESV) Bible is currently being transcribed. The New Testament is near completion, in approximately 90 days the Old Testament should also be complete. LBW will be the only place a person can acquire an ESV Bible in Braille. This is exciting!

Second, the transcription is being done in Unified English Braille (UEB). In 2012, the

US adopted UEB as an official code. Over the years, the Braille code has changed as it has adapted to new language conventions, and added new symbols that were needed to more accurately reflect different types of text. Since Braille represents a living language, periodic modifications are necessary to reflect changes in our language and keep Braille vital and contemporary.

LBW is grateful to our Transcribers who have kept up with these UEB codes so this ministry can continue to offer Bibles and Christ-centered books to our Readers. LBW is also grateful to the LWML who has generously granted helping funds for the production of this ESV project. -- Rose Jaimes

LWML in Albuquerque

The women at the Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) Servant Connections in Albuquerque, NM were energized. What a wonderful opportunity this was for us to witness their love for missions and outreach to others.

These calendars will be given to people who are visually impaired free of charge.



LBW had two projects at the Servant Connections. Our Large Print Department brought 2,900 calendars to be collated, punched and bound. All 2,900 were completed. Each month of the calendar has a scripture and a corresponding picture at the bottom of the page sharing the message of salvation.



The Braille Department had two work stations equipped with Braille presses and plates to produce Volumes 1 and 2 of the Book of Jeremiah. By the end of the sessions they had completed 40 volumes to be sent free of charge to people who are blind.

It was good to see so many familiar faces and friends. Our thanks to the LWML for allowing us to share our ministry. Hope to see you all again in two years! --Jan Fisher

Jesus Christ Above All (cont'd from page 1)

LBW was also one of the ministries to be included in the LWML Mission Grants. Over the next biennium the LWML has pledged to provide \$100,000 for the production of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible in both Braille and Specialized Large Print. We praise God and give thanks to the women of the LWML for this mission grant that will allow LBW to touch the lives of people who are visually impaired with God's saving Word!

LBW also hosted a breakfast on Saturday at the convention and I had the opportunity to thank those who attended for their support and commitment to the ministry of LBW. Others learned about the mission of LBW to reach out with the Gospel to people who are visually impaired who are often very marginalized by

society. I noted that 95% of people who are visually impaired are unchurched and that we are called into that mission field.

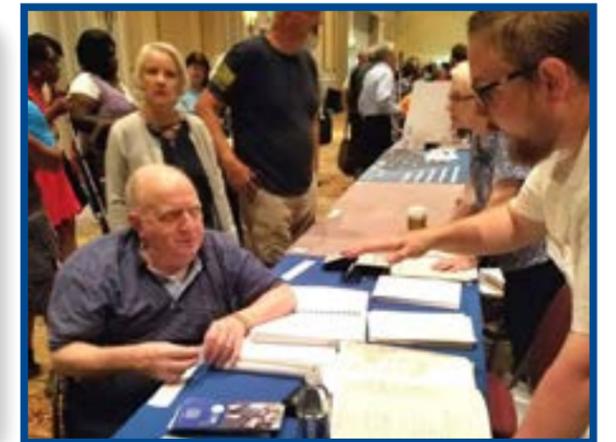
Would you join with LBW and its mission? First, would you put LBW on your daily prayer calendar? Second, would you consider making a one time or an ongoing gift to this ministry that touches so many lives with the Gospel? Finally, would you also consider putting LBW in your will or trust? Thank-you!

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, President LBW

LBW attends NFB Convention

LBW's, youngest staff member, Sky Ervin and LBW Board Member Emeritus, Nancy Challis, (pictured on the right) attended the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Richard and Nancy Challis are veterans at staffing conventions for LBW and were there to give Sky and his wife, Alyce, their support.



Update: Large Print Bible Production

On Pentecost Sunday, LBW President, Rev. Dennis Stueve was honored to attend the dedication ceremony for the opening of the new Large Print Work Center, #9, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richmond, Michigan. The turnout and enthusiasm were awe-inspiring. The volunteers, with Leader Margie Rosenow, have joined the other 24 Large Print Centers in the production and distribution of the English Large Print ESV Bible.

For the first time, LBW is offering a choice of either the original cream colored paper, or a non-glaring white, to provide maximum

contrast. These 26-volume sets are being produced exclusively by volunteers. Meanwhile, formatting and proofreading work continues on the 14 point version designed to comply with correctional institution guidelines.

Also, for the first time in years, the New Testament in Malayalam will soon resume production. Utilizing our Print Shop, along with several volunteer assembly Centers, production will dramatically increase from years past. In addition, the Book of Psalms will now be available, for the first time, in the Malayalam language. --Roy Fisher

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

Ministry Financial Needs
\$1,432,300.

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!

LBW's 2017 budget is \$1,432,300. At the end of the second quarter we had received 26% of our budgeted amount for the year. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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