



Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done

Anniversary Offering 2016-2018

*Our goal is to support missions in our own country
and to gather this offering*

- to fund new missions,
- to fund the Vicar in Mission program, and,
- to support cross-cultural mission projects.

Pray for our current home missions:

- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bell Gardens, CA
- Divine Mercy Lutheran Church, Hudson Oaks, TX
- Hope Lutheran Church, Leander, TX
- Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington, MN
- Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church, Rogers, MN

Pray God's help as we consider future sites for missions:

Consider these possible sites and/or other prospective sites yet to be identified or named.

- **Clermont, FL** – Clermont is a fast growing community in central Florida. Its 2015 population was 362,460. It is projected to be 522,519 by 2030; that is 205 souls a week for fifteen years, making it a great place to win souls for Jesus.
- **Brownsburg, IN** – Ranked by CNN as the #1 place to live in Indiana in 2009 and 33rd in the nation. The city's low crime, strong economy, and excellent schools draws families.
- **Madison Lake/Eagle Lake, MN** – Eagle Lake ranked as one of the fastest growing small towns in Minnesota in 2016. The Mankato/North Mankato Micropolitan area is estimated to have reached 100,000 in this south central Minnesota region and people are moving to this area to find affordable homes.

Selecting Future Sites for New Home Missions

Prior to his ascension, Jesus stated where mission work was to begin, "...*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*" (Acts 1:8; ESV).

In keeping with our Lord's command, the ELS Board for Home Outreach (BHO) exists to help identify and explore promising areas for churches in the U.S.A. The ELS Handbook outlines this duty of the board in these words:

"Since opportunities for engaging others more faithfully with Jesus are to be sought in locations not served by churches of our fellowship, it shall be the duty of the board... to locate promising mission fields and establish congregations in accord with the confession of the ELS."

To do this our BHO needs your support. Do pray for the wisdom to do this work and be ready to help by generously giving as the Lord enables you. Please consider this Anniversary Offering as an opportunity to help our ELS and missionaries ***Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done.***

- Visit els.org/offering, our Anniversary Offering website.
- **View our offering videos** and prayerfully make a gift.
- **Text a gift amount to 507-607-7085.** Fill out the info once and you are free to give as often as you like to any ELS mission you like. Just text #FUNDS for a list.

You can also call 507-469-9656 to plan *your* support today!



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