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48 grants awarded during Phase 2 of the Million Dollar Life Match
The grants support LCMS congregations in providing beginning-of-life care

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9, 2022 — The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has awarded 48 grants during Phase 2 of the 1 John 3 Initiative Million Dollar Life Match. The program, which offers a total of \$1 million in matching grants, seeks to support LCMS congregations involved in providing beginning-of-life care in their local communities.

The 48 recipients were chosen after a careful review process that included input from staff of the LCMS Office of National Mission, LCMS district presidents or their representatives, and district life coordinators.

“In the Phase 2 applications, there were more projects planned by multiple congregations working together,” said Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, director of LCMS Life Ministry, who is overseeing the grant program. “It is wonderful for sister LCMS congregations to serve their communities by increasing the capacity for mercy work and confessing the faith together.”

Grants were given out in three categories:

- Congregational projects directly caring for families experiencing challenges at the beginning of life
 - Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington, Texas
 - Peace Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn.
 - St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Sac City, Iowa
 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb.
- Partnerships with LCMS Recognized Service Organizations
 - Calvary Lutheran Church, Elgin, Ill.
 - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Ill.
 - St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Fla.
 - St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bourbonnais, Ill.
 - Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Roselle, Ill.
 - Zion Lutheran Church, Marengo, Ill.
- Collaborations with local pregnancy resource centers
 - Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church, Beverly Hills, Mich.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Morton, Ill.
Catalina Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz.
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freemansburg, Pa.
Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church, Demotte, Ind.
Faith Lutheran Church and School, Bear, Del.
Faith Lutheran Church and School, Plano, Texas
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, Ill.
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Carrollton, Mo.
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairview, Texas
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Monroe, Mich.
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Pensacola, Fla.
Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior, Green Valley, Ariz.
Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb.
Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Smithfield, R.I.
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Gladwin, Mich.
Our Savior Lutheran Church, McKinney, Texas
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maine
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, Mich.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ozark, Ala.
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chico, Calif.
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gorham, Maine
Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, Pinetop, Ariz.
St. John Lutheran Church, Aurora, Ind.
St. John Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Texas
St. John's Lutheran Church, Algonquin, Ill.
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kan.
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Boca Raton, Boca Raton, Fla.
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hillsdale, Mich.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Park City, Mont.
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mishawaka, Ind.
Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharon, Pa.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bend, Ore.
Zion Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Coulee, Wash.

Although the Million Dollar Life Match was originally slated to have three phases, Manor said they are adding a fourth phase in order to give congregations more time to research possible ministry opportunities in their communities. Applications for the third phase will be accepted through Jan. 22, 2023, and a fourth phase will open in the spring. All LCMS congregations are encouraged to apply.

Learn more about the Million Dollar Life Match at lcms.org/serve/grants/life-grant.

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