



*"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth."*

— 1 JOHN 3:16-18 —

## RSO AREAS OF SERVICE

- › Ethnic Ministries
- › Youth
- › Counseling
- › Disabilities
- › Veterans
- › Immigration
- › Retreat centers
- › Aging
- › Schools
- › Other areas of ministry that show the love and compassion of Christ

## Strong Faith, Fervent Love: Reaching Out Through a Network of Ministry

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- Seek LCMS grants
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