

MISSION BOARD

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Supplement to March 2024 Koinonia

The Mission Board supported **Lutheran Schools** throughout **2023**, and because of you it was a huge success! Thank you! We collected a total of \$24,869.95. Here are the ways that we used those funds to assist our chosen schools:

- ◆ **CHILD OF GOD:** we donated \$2000 for them to buy new desks and \$1740 towards their Lutheran Education Endowment Fund
- ◆ **IMMANUEL WENTZVILLE:** we donated \$535 for tuition assistance for each of the 7 Holy Cross members who attend that school (\$3745 total)
- ◆ **ZION HARVESTER:** we donated \$3735 into their tuition assistance fund
- ◆ **LUTHERAN HIGH ST. CHARLES:** we donated \$3000 for the Teens 4 Life group to assist in attending the March for Life in DC
- ◆ **CONCORDIA SEMINARY STL:** we donated \$2000 for the Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers campaign, \$2500 for classroom materials, and \$1800 for Amazon gift cards for the treat bags (see the Mission Board in the Welcome Center to see the many Thank You notes from the students)
- ◆ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL:** we have set aside \$4349.95 for the preschool to use as needed; decision still pending

In **2024**, we will be focusing on our theme of **Orphans, Widows, and Sojourners**. Our guiding verse is Deut. 10:18: "He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing."

For January thru April, we will concentrate on Lutheran Family & Children Services, specifically assisting with the needs of foster children. Monetary donations will be used to help purchase backpacks. These backpacks will be used by the many foster children whom LFCS serves to help pack their belongings as needed. What a gift to help provide for these children during possibly the most difficult times in their lives.

We hope that you were able to attend Adult Bible Study on Sun., Feb. 4, when we welcomed guest David Eberle from LFCS. If you missed it, we encourage you to watch the recording.

One of the outcomes of this presentation was the opportunity for Holy Cross to host a Mental Health First Aid Training. "Through this nationally-accredited training, you will learn how to recognize the common signs and symptoms of prominent mental illnesses; how to understand the impact of traumatic experiences and the role of resilience in our mental health development."

MISSIONS BOARD will host a **Mental Health First Aid Training on April 13 from 9AM to 4:30PM** in the Gym. Cost is \$40 per person. Lunch is provided. Please sign up on the table in the Welcome Center by **March 10**. Space is limited. The training requires some pre-work. Participants will need a computer or similar device on the day of training. Questions about the training or Missions Board, email:missions@hcross.com.