

## **Michigan Adventure – 2024 Short-Term Mission**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*



In early August, thirty-one North Wisconsin District sisters boarded a bus for a Mission Adventure to visit five service organizations of LCMS in Michigan. Whether at the ends of the earth, or in the heart of Detroit, we found God working through these organizations as they shared the Word of God and Jesus' compassion through acts of love and mercy. We connected with **Lutheran Heritage Foundation, LAMP, POBLO, Camp Restore** and **MOST Ministries**.

At each location we learned about what they do, their challenges, their hopes and their dreams. At each site

we were privileged to serve alongside each other as members of the Body of Christ, as the hands and feet of Jesus. Our eyes were opened as we found ourselves immersed, however briefly, in their tasks. This experience impacted all of us as evidenced by the comments of the participants. Here are some of our take-aways.

***Do not be afraid – God has got this! Every one of these ministries move forward, trusting in the direction, provision, and protection of God.***

***The Body of Christ, with Christ as the Head, is indeed powerful! Not one of these ministries stands alone. They all depend on the Body working together for Christ – and that includes all of us in LWML!***

***God touched our hearts and moved us to action. We were energized and many expressed a desire to act – to join a mission team – to raise awareness – to more actively help – to pray for - to sacrificially support these ministries.***

***No "mite" or service is too small. God accomplishes mighty things! In each organization we were able to hear and see how LWML mission grant monies are being put to good use.***

***NWD Short-Term mission trips overflow with FUN, FELLOWSHIP, DEVOTIONS, TREATS, FRIENDSHIPS, HUMOR, VALUABLE INSIGHTS - and JESUS is right there with us. See you on the next one!***

### **Lutheran Heritage Foundation**

Rev. Matthew Heise shared information about the materials they produce and ship all over the world. The passage from Jeremiah and theme "*Do not be afraid*" personally encouraged many of us as we learned about the far-reaching impact of the biblical and instructional materials LHF produces for use all over the world. We heard stories of church workers who, made bold by the Spirit, have shared the Word in very dangerous situations, at great personal risk.



Presentation by Rev. Dr. Matt Heise



Willing workers putting together the 5,000-piece mailing!

