

#5 FAITH LUTHERAN DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND AREA UPGRADE — \$5,000

Leader: Providing a caring atmosphere for young children where they can experience the love of God through the care given them is the goal of the **Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool** in Pierre, SD. Though separate programs, they share the common commitment to provide children in their care a stable, healthy, and consistent environment to mature emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

R1: *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these”* (Mark 10:14 NIV).

Leader: Faith Lutheran Preschool, with an enrollment of 50, is committed to teaching a Christian-based curriculum. Along with the **Daycare**, with 80+ children enrolled, these programs maintain an environment that exemplifies Christian conduct and ideals.

R2: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6 NIV),

Leader: It is the desire of the **Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool** to update their outdoor playground area which is used by both programs. This would include replacing the well-worn wooden structure and concrete area with an updated play system; thus making better use of the space. The rocks in the playground area would also be replaced with rubber turf which would provide a much safer and softer ground cover. Finally, a new fence would be installed surrounding the area.

R3: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger* (Psalm 8:1–2).

Leader: The total cost of this project far exceeds the \$5,000 LWML mission grant, but our mite offerings will help provide part of the funding for the play system. What a joy it will be for the children and the caregivers to be able to spend time in this updated play area!

All: How You love the little ones, Jesus! They are always in view of our Father in heaven! We ask Your blessing on this project to keep the children of Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool safe in their new play area. Grant grace and patience to the caregivers and teachers who guide these children hour by hour. Let Your spirit of love surround them during their time together. Return them safely to the loving arms of their families at the close of the day. We thank You for our part in helping make this mission grant possible for these little ones of Yours. In Your name alone, Jesus. Amen!