

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
GRANT PROPOSAL

Zion Lutheran Church - White, SD

We are submitting this grant for \$5000 to be used for our ongoing community meals outreach. In 2020 we began a program to serve the public a home-cooked meal once a week. Our eating establishments had all closed and there was a need for a meal but more importantly fellowship with fellow residents in the community.



At present we are serving a meal once a month to the community. We also deliver meals to individuals in community that are unable to come out. It is a great outreach program to our community.

- **Current need:** We have been serving 30-35 Senior citizens in the area to a home-cooked noon meal. Meals are served once a month from October to March, when individuals get out less. It is a great socialization time for those attending. They look forward to this time together. We call it "The Gathering Place". We also deliver to citizens in the community. We know there is a bigger need in the community to grow.
- **Facilities:** We have a limited area for the outreach service we are providing for the community. Our cooking facilities are limited so we are looking for ways to streamline our serving to better serve our guests.
- **Equipment:** Since our space is limited we have a small dorm size refrigerator in the area. This is in need of updating. Also a larger coffee pot, griddle, crock pot and tables are needed.
- **Budget for proposed programs:** At present we do not charge for the meals. We accept donations to help in purchasing food for the meals. Since we are a small facility paper products are used due to no dishwasher, etc. for hygiene purposes. This ups our costs.
- **Indicate partial funding from other sources and remaining funds:** Initially a Thrivent grant of \$250 was applied for to purchase food and start up the program, by one of our congregation members. At the present we have \$200 for start up for coming season of serving.
- **Who is responsible for implementing the grant and administering the funds:** The committee from our church congregation who purchase, serve, and make the food.
- **Who has special knowledge of the grant:** Nyla Jurrens, Kathy McKinney and Donyce Eekhoff, committee members
- **Any other information pertinent to the grant.:** Due to no community eating establishment an outreach was formed by the Zion Lutheran congregation to prepare and furnish a meal once a month. This gathering place is for food, fellowship, and prayer. Prayer begins our meals and devotions are placed at tables, of which guests are welcome to take. We also include Bible verses on our to go containers for our at home individual deliveries.

_____ Donyce Eekhoff

_____ Kathy McKinney