

LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT GRANT PROPOSAL

Name of grant/project: "Main Street Living" - Daily Devotional

Location of grant: Project of the South Dakota District of the LCMS

LCMS? Yes or No -or- Recognized Service Organization (RSO)? Yes or No

Amount requested: \$5,000

Name of LWML member/unit/society/ zone/LCMS Board submitting project for grant:

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If your project is selected, to whom should the check(s) be issued? "Main Street Living"

To whom should the check be sent?

Name: Main Street Living

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“MAIN STREET LIVING” PROJECT GRANT REQUEST

MAIN STREET LIVING (MSL) is a ministry project established in South Dakota in 2001. It is a locally produced, weekly TV program which features a distinctively LCMS 30-minute worship service. The services are led by a rotating schedule of pastors of the South Dakota District of the LCMS. The services also include hymns that are locally recorded by our own MSL Choir. The other half hour of broadcast is a digitized and upgraded version of the “This is the Life” television program from Lutheran Hour Ministries of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Main Street has been working with Lutheran Hour Ministries to digitize and upgrade these episodes for broadcast and the internet, with 150 shows completed so far, and another 50 planned for the near future.

Our goal is to provide a faithful-to-Scripture message of Jesus Christ to a large number of people through the mediums of TV broadcast and the Internet. Weekly viewers include the homebound, assisted-living and nursing homes, and outreach to the entire “mission field” of all individuals who are at their homes on Sunday mornings, and/or who have access to the Internet. While there are other religious programs being broadcast on TV, these programs are led by LCMS pastors from our local South Dakota congregations!

Programs are broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:00 am on the NBC affiliate station, *KDLT channels 5.1 / 46.1*, covering eastern South Dakota, and 9:00am on the FOX affiliate station, KEVN, covering western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. LCMS congregations within this coverage area include 106 in SD, 8 in WI, 6 in NE, and 17 in MN. All programs are also archived on-line for viewing any time at www.mainstreetliving.com/

The primary financial need for this project is to help cover production and distribution costs of a 365 day devotional book for viewers. The devotion book would continue to connect homebound and shut-in viewers to Christ throughout the week with daily devotions by participating LCMS pastors. Main Street is a registered 501c3 non-profit.

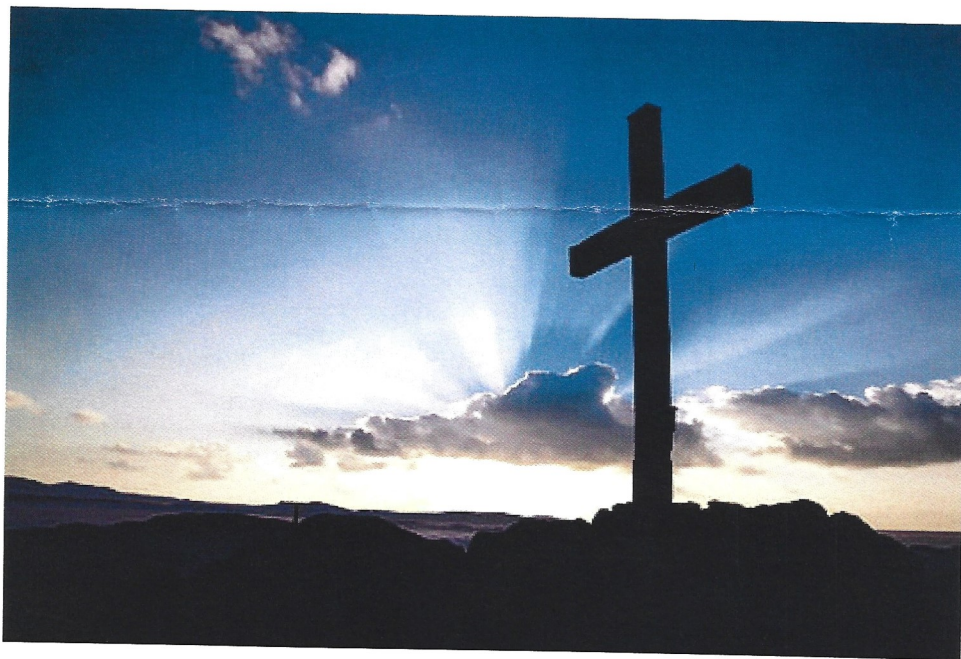
The Main Street Living staff is made up of a salaried Executive Director / Editor, a volunteer Coordinator who schedules the recordings and writes monthly newsletter articles, and a volunteer Treasurer. There is also a volunteer Board of Directors. We use space located at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, for our primary recording “studio”, but also record annually in Aberdeen, SD at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD at Faith Lutheran Church, and Black Hawk, SD at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church.

MSL is a ministry that works in conjunction with the South Dakota District of the LCMS, and is in its 24th year of operation (since 2001)! It is our hope to carry on this ministry for many years to come as well!

MAIN STREET LIVING

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY



JULY 25, 2027

The Lord Reigns, the Lord Sends

“The kingdom of God is near” (Luke 10:9b).

I'm not a weatherman, but I will make a forecast: Reign today, tomorrow, forever. R-E-I-G-N, not R-A-I-N. When Jesus says, “The kingdom of God is near,” He is indicating He rules over all things. He proved His kingship when He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk. King Jesus proved His gracious rule by forgiving sins, too. He keeps on forgiving sins today, out of His never-ending love for you and me.

Read Luke 10:1-20. When you do, you will find that Jesus is making His way to Jerusalem to offer Himself as the ransom for sinners. He's a man on a mission. He moves with urgency. Jesus is so intent on bringing many more into His kingdom of grace that He employs 72 in His mission.

Our Lord shows He reigns in your life whenever you, brought low by your sins, hear and believe the Good News that He paid for those sins on the cross.

Whenever Christ sends and uses you to comfort a hurting person or to assist your neighbor by a deed of love, He shows He reigns. Oh, yes, the forecast is certain: The Lord reigns. Today, tomorrow, and forever!

*King Jesus, continue to reign in my life by the Gospel.
Send me as Your Gospel ambassador. Amen.*

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MARCH 26, 2027

Entrusting Yourself Into God's Care

"Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Among the unusual occurrences when Jesus hung on the cross was that the sun stopped shining. It was as though all creation felt sad and terrible when He, the Light of the world, goes out, dies. But there was a darkness of another kind: While on the cross, Jesus had to bear and feel all the sins of the whole world. That's a dark, dark situation.

During that dark time, Jesus spoke the 7th Word from the cross, committing His spirit into His Father's hands. He is speaking a word of trust just before He dies. He is dying as One who is confident that the plan of God to save people from their sins had worked. Christ Jesus is the Conqueror, the Great Victor over sin, death, and Satan.

Do you see why you pray at night, in the words of Martin Luther's Evening Prayer, "Into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things"? You can trust the Sin-Conqueror with all those things.

And what about at the time of your death? Knowing that Jesus has died and has risen again and is living and ruling over all things, you know that your sins are all taken care of, and you will be with the Lord forever. You can surely pray, trustingly, before you die and even now:

Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit. Amen.

SCOTT C. SAILER