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The Peace of Lent and Joy of Easter



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Ash Wednesday, March 1st this year, marks the beginning of the church season of Lent. What comes to your mind when you think about this time of the Church year? For some (even me when I was younger), Lent was a “sad” time (after all, the focus was on Jesus’ suffering and death). But when I was in

seventh grade a faithful pastor explained that while the season of Lent has somber overtones, the reality is the suffering and death of Jesus is Good News for me (and you)!

Yes, it caused me to ponder that the suffering and death of Jesus was BECAUSE of my sin, but Jesus’ suffering and death was also FOR ME that I might receive the GIFT of an eternal life—the forgiveness of sins! And you and I get the confirmation of that gift on Resurrection Day! Jesus lives and so shall I! And so shall you!

That makes a difference! In the city where I live a rather prominent pastor suffered from cancer that was diagnosed as incurable and has now been

declared cancer free! Praise God! While I find that truly an awesome gift from God, an even more awesome gift is the gift of an eternity free from the “cancer” of sin that would take our eternal life with God!

The life we have on this earth is a gift from God. However that gift is marred by sin which brings with it grief, pain and struggles. God certainly is present in the grief, pain and struggle, but he also promises that one day He will receive us to Himself and into the perfect peace of heaven.

Remember the peace of Lent and the joy of Easter and the promise that goes with both: “I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.” Philippians 1:23. Do you get the point? We live in a wonderful tension in this world. We have the gift of physical life here on earth which we want to live to God’s glory. At the same time, we know that an eternity with Christ awaits us. It truly is a win win situation!

There are many people who don’t know that peace and joy.

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Saved to Serve In Ghana

"My life was dominated by alcohol for 30 years. I had a promising career as a professional. I went from a social drinker to an alcoholic, drinking in public, sharing bottles with other alcoholics, stealing to get more drinks.

For the last ten years of my drinking I explored every possible avenue to stop. I decided to try the last option available, and that was Lord, Jesus Christ. I had no desire to become a Christian. I just wanted an instant cure for my addiction. I turned to the Bible anyway. It became clear to me that my problem was sin, the only way to change was to confess my sins to God. Eventually, the Holy Spirit came into my life and the desire to drink was gone forever.

I had a hunger to study the Word of God and went to a missionary Bible School for a year of intense study. This was followed by many short term

mission trips.

In 2000, I answered the call of God to Tamale, Ghana, a predominantly Muslim region of Ghana. I married Akua in September of 2002. We became motivated to do something for the blind folk of Tamale. This motivated me to construct a building for the blind and to ask Torch Trust and **Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)** for Braille Bibles and books.

Both Janet from Torch Trust and Joanna from LBW were excited about our project and we now have received thousands of Braille reading material for the blind people of Tamale.

We are now waiting on God for a young person or couple to come over and help us – maybe take over one day. We thank God for all He has done in our lives. "-- John C. - Tamale, Ghana

Rejoice! LBW Celebrates 75 Years of Ministry

In 2018 Lutheran Braille Workers celebrates 75 years of bringing the Good News of God's saving Word to people with visual impairment. This is reason to rejoice, give thanks and respond to God's great work through this ministry! LBW has set a Thank Offering Goal of \$75,000 to commemorate this milestone in our ministry. This offering continues the resolve to be God's leading agents to touch the lives of people with visual disabilities with the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior. Your individual, congregational

or group support will demonstrate to the world a firm resolve to continuing this Gospel ministry until Christ returns!

How can you join in the celebration?

- Continued prayers of thanksgiving for LBW and its outreach ministry
- Give a generous personal gift
- Share what LBW means to you with others
- Engage groups and organizations to celebrate the 75 years of LBW

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Many people who are blind or visually impaired have the mistaken idea that their disability is, at best, their fault, and at worst, God's judgement upon them.

Through your generous support of Lutheran Braille Workers people are receiving the joy

of Lent and Easter that shares with them the Good News of life now and forever with a loving God in Christ Jesus through faith worked by the Holy Spirit! What joy for them, for you and for me! -- Rev. Dennis W. Stueve

Large Print ESV Bibles . . . and More



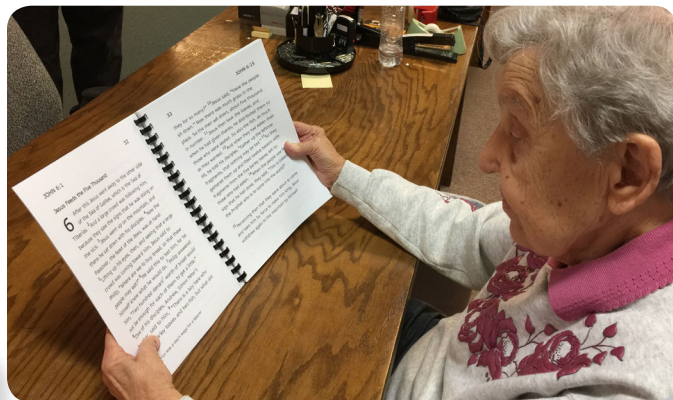
**Rev. Dennis Stueve & Roy Fisher, proudly,
sharing the completed ESV Large Print Bible!**

Even as we continue to fill prior orders for our Large Print New International Version (NIV) Bible, production and distribution of

*Like the NIV, this set requires just under
two feet of shelf space.*

the new Large Print English Standard Version (ESV) Bible has begun. The ESV comes as a 26 Volume set. It is being printed on durable, non-glaring paper, 18 point APHont® with wide margins and extra line spacing.

Production of the NIV will be phased out this year allowing for the conversion of additional Work Centers to produce the ESV. New Christian Books, such as A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, and The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's (LWML) Mustard Seed Devotional Book, The Joy of Christmas, are both now in production. All of this has been made possible through your prayers and continued financial support. The Lord's blessings to all! -- Roy Fisher



Volunteer and recipient of the ESV Bible, Lovina W.

Join Us in Albuquerque

June 22nd - 25th, 2017, The LWML is hosting their 37th Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, NM. LBW will be participating in three aspects of the convention.

The Servant Connection: Thursday, June 22nd Those attending will have the opportunity to produce Braille Books or Large Print Calendars for individuals who are blind or vision impaired.

Exhibit Booth: We will be sharing the how and why's about the ministry.

Hosting a Breakfast: Saturday, June 24th - This is open to you; hear Rev. Dennis Stueve speak. Some Board and Staff members from LBW headquarters will also be there to greet you.

If you would like to join us for breakfast, contact Rose Jaimes, her email address is rose@LBWinc.org or call her at 800-925-6092, seating is limited.

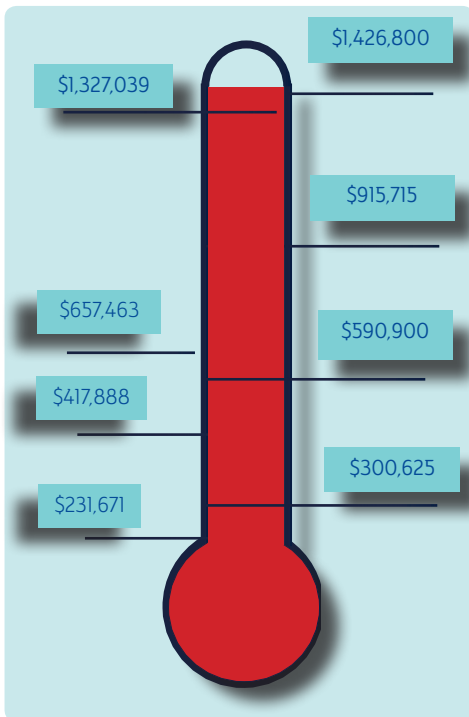
You are welcome and encouraged to join us in Albuquerque!



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21

Ministry Financial Needs
\$1,426,800

LBW's 2016 budget was \$1,426,800. At the end of the fourth quarter we had received 93% of our budgeted amount for the year. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



Actual Income	Budgeted Income
1st Quarter - \$231,671	\$300,625
2nd Quarter - \$417,888	\$590,900
3rd Quarter - \$657,463	\$915,715
4th Quarter - \$1,327,039	\$1,426,800

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Please prayerfully consider Lutheran Braille Workers in your Estate Planning.