

September 4, 2026



Attn: Solveig Schick, VP of Gospel Outreach
LWML Washington-Alaska District
324 Merrill Way
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Your message of grant funding is joyously received! It is a blessing to know that the LWML Washington-Alaska District is praying and supporting “***Worker Wellness for Chaplain Wives/Families***”. Through your generous mites, you support the LCMS Mission Priorities:

- #3. Perform human care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries
- #5. Promote and nurture the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of pastors and professional church workers
- #7. Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God’s design

Currently there are 117 LCMS Chaplains:

- 50 Active Duty Chaplains (8 Air Force, 17 Army, 25 Navy)
- 35 Reserve Chaplains (8 Air Force, 18 Army, 9 Navy)
- 15 National Guard Chaplains (7 Air Force, 8 Army)
- 17 Auxiliary Chaplains (3 Coast Guard Auxiliary, 9 Civil Air Patrol, 3 VA, and 2 DRE)

Earlier this year, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces hosted two training seminars. To attend in San Diego, CA; 33 Chaplain spouses traveled from across the U.S. and from overseas, including California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, as well as Japan and South Korea. To attend in Jacksonville, FL; 13 Chaplain spouses traveled from Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New York, Tennessee, and Virginia.

An East Coast training seminar is being planned for April 2027, although the location has not yet been finalized.

Please find enclosed the Request to Receive Grant Funds form. When mites are available, please forward a check payable to “LCMS” with “MAF Wives/Families” designated in the memo line.

We praise God and give thanks for the prayers and work LWML does to assist many ministries and outreach efforts which truly helps to make a difference in people’s lives! Please share our gratitude and this brief update with all of the ladies who passionately share their time, talents and treasures.

May our Lord continue to bless our joint efforts so that Jesus Christ’s live-saving mercy and grace be witnessed to all around the world!

Blessings,

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Enclosure