



Pacific Southwest District

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Dear Mission Partners,

Greetings to you in the name of Christ, whose love for us compels us to reach out to those in need, both physically and spiritually, so that they will see the care and concern of God's people and know of Christ's love for them.

Each year, students in the schools of the Pacific Southwest District participate in the ***Hearts for Jesus*** mission project. A worthy organization or ministry is chosen annually to receive chapel offerings that are designated to make a difference in the lives of people beyond our local ministries.

School Ministries has chosen "Lead A Child" for the 2020-2021 Hearts for Jesus unified mission project. Lead a Child is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to children through Christian education in countries where many children are unable to attend school. They do this by supporting project requests from pastors and missionaries serving around the world with scholarships for students, teacher training, curriculum resources and promotional materials, all at no cost to the requesting ministries. **Our district goal for this year's contribution is \$35,000 to support Christian education everywhere Lead A Child serves.**

We urge you to get involved! **Every PSD school**, preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school can find powerful and creative ways to partner in this important mission endeavor! The goal will easily be reached if each student in the Pacific Southwest District contributes \$2.50. This can be accomplished through chapel offerings, or a special fund-raising event such as the suggested bike-a-thon, bake sale or carwash. Please support ***Hearts for Jesus*** this school year by designating a month or quarter for this worthy project. We have been blessed in our Lutheran schools to be a blessing to others!

We also have a special opportunity this year for teachers to help teachers. The cost to train a teacher to teach in one of Lead A Child's schools is \$330. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the teachers in the PSD could sponsor the training of 10, 25, 50 teachers? We have included a "Teachers Helping Teachers" piece in this folder. Please consider taking a collection among your staff for this additional way to sponsor a teacher. Please note that there is a specific line on the remittance form to indicate this amount to differentiate it from the collected offerings from your students.

Enclosed are the following sample items to share with your students and staff to get them excited for this mission project:

- Chapel booklet
- Information brochure
- Save the Date – Bike-a-thon!
- Remittance form
- Teachers Helping Teachers information

- Sticker
- Coin Purse

Please take time to share this important project with your staff. Look for the Hearts for Jesus information box on the School Ministries website <http://www.psd-schools.org> homepage for a quick link to the Lead a Child website for more information. Lead a Child has a Hearts for Jesus link on their resources page. We encourage all our schools to be a part of this worthwhile project this year!

Please get involved! Thank you for sharing God's love in this special way!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Klitzing". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rachel Klitzing
Executive Director of School Ministries