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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DELIVERS GIFTS TO LUMIN STUDENTS
Concordia University School students to receive Christmas Stockings

Menomonee Falls, WI - In the spirit of giving this holiday season, Grace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls has adopted the students and families of Concordia University School (CUS) on Granville Road in Milwaukee. CUS is one of four LCMS schools in Milwaukee operated by Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) that serves students from low income families that participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. More than 200 handmade stockings filled with toys, necessities, and gift cards will be presented to the students following their school Christmas program on December 21st.

The effort is led by Grace member, Debbie Davis, the wife of Milwaukee Bucks radio broadcaster Ted Davis. Each spring, Debbie cuts out and begins stitching the stockings. During the summer about 50 women from Grace Lutheran Church decorate and finish stitching the stockings. Families of Grace Lutheran are then encouraged to pick up the stockings and fill them with gifts and goodies. Says Debbie, "It's my prayer that every stocking will also include a gift card of at least \$10 or \$20 so the child can purchase winter coats, mittens or what ever the child might need."

Debbie tells a story of a little boy who opened his Grace Christmas stocking and found a \$50 gift certificate. As he started making a list of all the things he wanted, he realized that his mother didn't have money to buy Christmas gifts for his brothers and sisters, so he gave the certificate to his mother to share with his entire family. "What a lesson learned!" exclaims Debbie.

Grace Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered ministry and a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Grace Lutheran Church's core value is reaching out with Christ's love to the community and the world. Throughout Grace Lutheran's history, the church has expanded and relocated to facilitate their growing ministry. Grace Lutheran Church's goal is to remain faithful to its past as a mission-minded church and to nurture people to love God, love others and to make disciples.

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