

LARGE PRINT WORKCENTER

CELEBRATING SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

VDMA - The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.

VDMA is an acronym used since the days of the Reformation when Martin Luther stressed the Words of Isaiah 40:8 and I Peter 1:24-25 as the foundation of our Lutheran Doctrine. These same words are the foundation for the work we do in our production of Large Print Bibles.



While COVID caused us to halt production during part of 2020, since 2021 we have slowly begun producing and sending our Large Print Bibles around the world again. Because the requirements of social distancing in our Large Print room limit the number of people who can work together at one time, we are not yet able to invite everyone to join us to work. There is only room for those workers who are called and scheduled each week to work. However, we are looking forward to welcoming all of you to come join our full crew once distancing restrictions are removed.

Not even the virus prevented God's Word from enduring through the months of COVID here at Grace Lutheran Church because of the dedication of our Pastor, Kantor, and Deaconess *and* our faithful lay workers who found so many ways of offering God's Word, while maintaining all safety measures for our church family. This included the leadership of Large Print and the volunteers who were willing to adapt to the various restrictions required to produce our Bibles. God's Word has indeed "endured" and flourished here at Grace – just as God promises.

Celebrating six years of production has been made possible by the generous donations to this extension of our ministry known as Large Print. Each year the equipment and supplies require from \$9,000 to \$10,000. Through your generosity and support – God has enabled us to meet our expenses each of our six years. "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." Thank you for your generosity, dear Grace family!

In addition, we also very much appreciate that the congregation continues to set aside money in the church budget each year for the Large Print Work Center. We have not needed to use this money each year, but it is essential that it be there as our "emergency fund." Without it, we would have no way to pay for unexpected repairs or replacement of any of our equipment. Six-year-old equipment may indeed require costly repairs at any time.

At Deaconess Mika's request, Large Print has also provided additional Sunday afternoon activities for some of our young people as they learned to produce Large Print Bibles. Perhaps there is a future volunteer in the group!

We thank and celebrate our past and present Large Print Workers as well as all the members of Grace Congregation for your support and prayers!