



Lutheran Girl Pioneers

Loyal to Christ

December 2020

**Your donation today will be matched
dollar for dollar to help reach more girls
with the saving love of Jesus!**

Dear Friend in Christ,

Emily became a Lutheran Girl Pioneer as a Sunbeam when she was in first grade. Throughout her years in Girl Pioneers, she met her best friend and learned why service to her church is important. She became the church librarian as a pre-teen and was a Sunday School teacher all through high school. Now, a nursing student, she is a Sunbeam Leader. She is involved with her local campus ministry, helping to lead Bible studies on campus. Although her best friend moved four years ago, they still talk regularly and visit each other often.

This is the power of Girl Pioneers: At first, Emily went to Pioneers because it was fun: crafts and parties and charm bracelets. She kept going because her friends were there. She's now a leader because the leaders she had growing up made an indelible mark on her impressionable heart. She saw the pastor at every meeting as he led the devotions proving that he wasn't a scary guy; he was someone she could relate to and have a relationship with. She saw the leaders taking time from their own families to make sure that one girl had a ride to and from church each Sunday. She heard the other girls in her caravan talking easily about Jesus and the love He has for all of us. She saw the difference she could make by participating in service projects in her church and community. Most importantly, she felt Jesus' love and heard God's Word at every meeting and outing. Emily now sees how every aspect of her life has been shaped in some way by her experiences in LGP, from her career choice to her life-long friendships.

Emily's experience is not unique. Girls across the continent, since 1954, have benefited from the Lutheran Girl Pioneers ministry. Our motto "Loyal to Christ" helps us keep our focus on the one thing needful: Jesus, His love for us, and our loving response.

2020 has not been easy on any of us. Lutheran Girl Pioneers has not been immune to this pandemic and its effects. Caravans across the continent could not finish their year last spring and most are not registering for the 2020-2021 school year.

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But all is not lost! During this pandemic, the National Office has connected directly with girls by sending out weekly issues of our newsletter *"The Prairie Schooner News."* Local leaders reached out to the girls in their Caravans, hosting meetings virtually, sending them cards and craft kits. Our International Camp staff held a free virtual camp for all girls, uploading wonderful videos onto the LGP YouTube channel with camp activities, songs, and crafts. More than 100 girls from all across the continent participated! We held our International Pine Car Derby in September in beautiful South Dakota, with 50 girls participating!

God is boldly moving forward through LGP thanks to the support we receive from loyal friends like you!

That's why I'm so excited to tell you about a \$10,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor that will DOUBLE your gift in response from this drive to ensure Lutheran Girl Pioneers can keep reaching the girls in our congregations and their surrounding communities with the saving love of Jesus!

As a WELS affiliated ministry, we rely on yearly membership dues and gifts from LGP supporters like you as our only source of income! We receive no funds from the synod. Meeting this match is critical right now so that we can keep reaching out to the girls in our congregations and Lutheran day schools with this amazing ministry in the years to come! It's a blessing to be able to reach out to the girls in our care, especially during these difficult times, and your gift that will be matched means that together we can continue to serve more girls like Emily.

You can donate to Lutheran Girl Pioneers online at www.lgp.org/donate or by mailing a check made out Lutheran Girl Pioneers to: Lutheran Girl Pioneers, W10376 Buttercup Lane, Wautoma, WI 54982.

Thank you for your continued partnership with LGP!

God's blessings this Christmas season and always,

Christine Bohn
Executive Director for Lutheran Girl Pioneers

P.S. Don't forget... your gift today will be doubled thanks to our \$10,000 matching grant! Thanks for giving generously! Merry Christmas!

