

WOMEN of the ELCA and MOTHEREAD



North Carolina Women of the ELCA are committed to increasing literacy and improving conditions for women and children in crisis. To help meet both these goals for women in prison and the children of incarcerated mothers and grandmothers, we are partnering this year with **Motheread**.

Founded in Raleigh in 1987, **Motheread, Inc.** is a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Their teaching approach with adults has been recognized for excellence by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, Laubach Literacy International, and the International Reading Association. In addition to North Carolina, there are currently state-level offices in 6 states and 2 US territories, with programs in 30 additional states.

The **Motheread** curriculum is research-based and uses children's literature to examine profound themes and life lessons found in simply written stories. Mothers and children learn to use the power of language to discover more about themselves, their families and communities. In addition to improving reading skills and understanding, the program incorporates writing and encourages the mothers and grandmothers to write letters while they are in prison. Incarcerated women earn the opportunity to participate in an 8-12 week literacy course. If they successfully complete the course, they can record themselves reading a storybook for a special child in their lives. The recording and the book are sent to the child.

Motheread classes are provided to children and adults in many different settings; those for incarcerated women are located at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women as well the regional facilities for women and some local jails.

As a woman of the ELCA, we encourage **YOU** to help support **Motheread** in North Carolina by:

- 📖 **Visiting** their website and learning more about their services: www.motheread.org.
- 📖 **Praying** for their continued success with improving literacy for all the populations that they serve.
- 📖 **Collecting** new children's paperback books from the ladies in your congregational expression. (A list of preferred books is on the back of this page.)
- 📖 **Donating** some of the following supplies used in the **Motheread** women's programs in the jails and prisons: bubble or padded envelopes sizes 6x10, 8½x11 or 10x16; composition writing books 7½"x9¾" 100 sheets wide rule; small 3"x5" memo pads bound on top.
- 📖 **BRING YOUR DONATIONS OF BOOKS, ENVELOPES, COMPOSITION BOOKS AND SMALL MEMO PADS TO LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY JUNE 11-13.**

NEW PAPERBACK CHILDREN'S BOOKS for MOTHEREAD

TITLE

Abiyoyo
 Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No
 Good, Very Bad Day
 Amelia's Road
 Angel's Kite / La Estrella de Angel
 (The) Bossy Gallito
 Cat in the Hat
 (A) Chair for My Mother
 Cherries and Cherry Pits
 Flossie and the Fox
 Follow the Drinking Gourd
 George Shrinks
 Giant's Toe
 Goggles
 Goldilocks & the Three Bears
 Goodnight Moon
 Grandfather's Journey
 Gregory, the Terrible Eater
 Hairs / Pelitos
 Harold and the Purple Crayon
 Heckedy Peg
 Horton Hatches the Egg
 Horton Hears a Who
 How You Were Born
 In My Family / En Mi Familia
 (The) Invisible Hunters / Los Cazadores Invisibles
 Ira Sleeps Over
 It Looked Like Spilt Milk
 Just Us Women

Kevin Henkes

Love You Forever
 Maggie B.
 Margaret and Margarita
 Ming Lo Moves the Mountain
 Moon Rope / Un Lazo a la Luna
 My Little Island
 Peter's Chair
 Quick as a Cricket
 (The) Runaway Bunny
 Salamander Room
 She Come Bringing Me That Little Baby Girl
 (The) Story of Ferdinand
 (The) Story of Jumping Mouse
 (The) Talking Eggs
 Tell Me a Story, Mama
 Ten, Nine, Eight
 There's an Alligator Under My Bed
 (The) Three Billy Goats Gruff
 Umbrella
 Uncle Elephant
 Uncle Nacho's Hat / El Sombrero Del Tio Nacho
 (The) Very Hungry Caterpillar
 Where the Wild Things Are
 Who's in Rabbit's House
 Wings: A Tale of Two Chickens

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**DELICIOUS FAIR-TRADE
 GOODIES WILL BE
 AVAILABLE FOR SALE
 AT THE GATHERING JUNE
 11TH & 12TH**

Find the Mission: ACTION table in
 Cromer Center to purchase:



roasted salted pecans

organic tamari roasted almonds

organic dried cranberries 



and possibly chocolate

**GET YOURS EARLY - LAST YEAR
 WE SOLD OUT BY LUNCH TIME!**

THANK YOU!

To all the congregational expressions and individuals who answered our urgent call for health kits. Please **take your completed kits to your conference spring gathering.** If your gathering has already been held, bring the completed kits to Lenoir-Rhyne Cromer Center on June 11-13. This will be the **last** collection of health kits until the regular pick-up of all LWR projects in November.

THANK YOU!