



39th Biennial Convention of the LWML-SWD Manual Candidates

80th Anniversary of LWML

June 18, 2022



**Strengthened
through His Spirit**

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being.

Ephesians 3:16-17a (NIV)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMS
701 Washington Street
Grafton, WI 53024

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Candidate for V.P. of Organizational Resources

Claudia Fairfield, Westfield



LWML Experience: (Society) Evening Circle President 2013-2016; Ladies Aid President 2011-2013. (Zone) Leader Development 2011-2013; President 2013-2016. (District) Special Funds Committee 2022; Corresponding Secretary 2016-2020; Winter Getaway Secretary 2015-2016.

Church Related Activities: Member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage. Lector (New and Old Testament Reader) 2000 until 2021 (no lectors since COVID-19); Altar Guild Member 2012 to present, Altar Guild Secretary 2020 to present; Sunday School and Catechism teacher 1976-2014; Usher 2000-2021 (now as needed).

Education: Kinman Business University, Business Diploma 1977-1979, College of Great Falls, Business 1976-1977.

Occupation/Employment: Employee Development Manager, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Oxford, WI 1995-2000; Employee Development Specialist, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Lompoc, CA 1991-1995; Associate Warden Secretary, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Lompoc, CA 1990-1991; Unit Secretary, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Lompoc, CA 1989-1990.

Vision Statement: My vision for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, South Wisconsin District continues in encouraging all women regardless of age to actively grow their faith, service and fellowship in Christ and each other. We are sisters, one family in Christ. As family, it is time to get back to gathering and sharing the love of Christ and joyfully attend and take part in meetings, rallies, and retreats where we can use and share our gifts with one another and others. God has blessed each of us with gifts and talents whether it be a gift of leadership, presenting a Bible Study, creating artistic posters, collecting for mission needs or quietly crocheting a baby's hat for a service project. These gifts will bring us closer as sisters in Christ, strengthen our faith, help spread His Word and goodness throughout our local communities, district, nation and the world.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



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Candidate for V.P. of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

Joan Anderson, Tomah

LWML Experience: (Group) Secretary 2000-2002 and 2020 to present; President 2011-2016; Vice-President 2002-2004; Treasurer 1998-2000. (Zone) President 2016-2020; Vice-President 2012-2016. (District) Public Relations Chair 2021 to present; Travel Manager to Lexington 2020-2021; Winter Getaway Chair 2021; Winter Getaway Co-Chair 2020; Nominating Committee Chair 2019-2020. (National) Convention Committee Creative Enhancements Coordinator 2021 to present

Church Related Activities: Member Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1996 to present; Youth Bible Study Leader 2014 to present; Youth Group Treasurer 2004 to present; Altar Guild 1997 to present; Choir Director 2007 to present; Board of Education Chair/Board of Directors 2017-2021; Recording Secretary/Board of Directors 2012-2016.

Education: St. Cloud Technical College, Associates Degree, Sales and Management.

Occupation/Employment: Self-employed—Grandma's Daycare 2014 to present; Good Shepherd Secretary/Office Manager 2000-2003 and 2006-2014.

Vision Statement: My vision for the LWML-SWD is for each woman, group and zone to be in the Word of God, to grow from being in His Word and to be excited about the gifts He has given each one of them. Also to find innovative ways of encouraging women to use their gifts in service to their Savior and the mission of the LWML, whether at the local, zone, district or national level. And to encourage women to step out of their comfort zone by trusting God will lead and bless them in carrying out the work He has called them to do.



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Candidate for V.P. of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

Marilyn Belter, Berlin



LWML Experience: (Society) President 2012 to present. (Zone) Special Focus Ministries 2020 to present; President 2014-2018; Attended the LWML convention in Albuquerque NM 2017 and in Des Moines, IA in 2015 as a delegate; Vice-President 2013-2014. (District) Financial Secretary 2018-2022; Fall Retreat Secretary 2020-2021; Fall Retreat Chairman 2019; Winter Getaway and Fall Retreat Treasurer 2018. (National) Attended LWML conventions in Lexington, KY in 2021 and Mobile, AL in 2019.

Church Related Activities: Member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Omro. A member of the Mission Quilters 2015 to present; a lead for funeral dinners 2015 to present; President of Ladies Guild/LWML; in distant past was a Sunday School teacher.

Community Service: Pine Grove Cemetery Association, Secretary; Member of the Berlin Conservation Club.

Education: Milwaukee Area Technical College Associate Degree in Nursing 1972. Certification Examination for Emergency Nursing 1989.

Occupation/Employment: Retired Registered Nurse (2015); Employed at Ascension/Affinity Health System 1977-2015; St. Michael's Hospital, Milwaukee 1974-1977; Mount Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee 1972-1974.

Vision Statement: LWML SWD will continue to be faithfully focused on Christ as we develop programs with emphasis on Christ centered mission work. To encourage each woman to be faithfully in prayer and in God's word to grow in her relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and others. For each woman to encourage and mentor other women in our congregations, families and communities by sharing the love of Christ.



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Candidate for Financial Secretary

Wendie Staus, Hartford



LWML Experience: (Society) Attend meeting and events; (Zone) Attend rallies; (District) Scholarship Chairman 2022; Mission Lamp Assistant Editor 2021-present; Fall Retreat Committee Registrar 2021; Winter Getaway Committee Exhibit/PR Chairman 2021; Winter Getaway Committee Registrar 2020; Fall Retreat Committee Treasurer 2019; Winter Getaway Committee Treasurer 2019; (National) Milwaukee 2023 Host Committee Newsletter Editor.

Church Related Activities: Member of Divine Savior Lutheran Church;
Currently- Church Treasurer; Executive Committee member; Adult Choir; Bell Choir; Praise Team; Life Group Bible Study member; Coordinator of annual community-wide Thanksgiving dinner; Family Promise volunteer. **Past-** Coordinator of Divine Savior's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday School Teacher, Evangelism Board member; Financial Secretary; Recording Secretary; Altar Guild; Counting Team; VBS Teacher.

Education: Moraine Park Technical College (Medical Transcription) 2004

Occupation/Employment: Retired 2017; Aurora Health Care (Health Information) 2015-2017; Divine Savior Lutheran Business Manager 2014; Aurora Health Care/ Wheaton Franciscan Health Care (Medical Transcription) 2005-2013; American Family Insurance (Licensed CSR) 1999-2003.

Vision Statement: Continue to support and encourage Women in Mission in their walk in service to the Lord. Keep promoting the LWML to our church women to gain more members of all ages through innovative projects.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
(Romans 12:11 NIV)



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Candidate for Recording Secretary

Melody Rodger, Westfield



LWML Experience: (Society) President 2020-present; (Zone) President 2016-present; Treasurer 2015-2016; (District) Co-Chair of 2022 Convention and Usher Chair 2022; Retreat Exhibits Chair 2019 & 2021; (National) Convention Delegate 2017, 2019, 2021.

Church Related Activities: Financial Secretary 2021-present; Dual Parish Joint Secretary 2021-present; Congregational Secretary 2021-present; Sunday School

Teacher 2021-present; Service music, playing computerized program 2020-present; Dual Parish Facebook Administer and record services.

Education: Westfield High School 1979

Occupation/Employment: retired 2021-present; worked in various roles at Westfield school system 2000-2021.

Vision Statement: Our earthly world has us running in so many directions there is no time for God. We need to lovingly encourage our women back into relationship with Him through His Word found in so many LWML Resources. Once our hearts are right we will joyfully serve Him.



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Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Lewis R. Polzin, Milwaukee



Ministry: St. Peter-Immanuel in Milwaukee, WI.

Church Related Activities: Fellow of the Weidner Institute, Vice President of Just & Sinner, Adjunct Faculty for Concordia University—Wisconsin.

Education: South African Theological Seminary, Johannesburg, SA, - PhD in progress, 2022-present; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, MDiv. 2013; Miami University, Oxford, OH, MS 2006; Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI, BA 2004.

Vision for the Service to the LWML:

- To support the women of the LWML in finding ways to use their talents that God has given them to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- To guide the women of the LWML in a closer relationship with the Lord through the activities and mission of the organization.
- To equip the LWML, by the ministry of the Word, for planning, organizing and executing activities, publications and offerings for the sake of bringing Jesus to those whom He saved.



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Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John M. Taggatz, Oak Creek



Ministry: Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Creek

LWML Experience: Taught Bible Studies with the Ladies of Christ, West Bloomfield, WI and Calvary Lutheran, Waupaca, WI, 2014-2020; Zone Counselor, Southern IL District 2013-2014, Upper and Lower Kaskaskia Circuits; Taught Bible Studies to the LWML Ladies Aid chapter at St. John, Baldwin, IL 2007-2014. Attended and was a page at LWML Convention in Minneapolis, MN in 1999; Attended LWML Convention in

Peoria, IL in 2011;

Church Related Activities: Doxology Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel 2013 Graduate; Secretary of Lutheran Student Fellowship Mentor Committee, Southern IL District 2013-2014; Prepare Enrich Marriage Facilitator 2007-present; Vice President of Our Savior Lutheran High School Evansville, IL 2012-2014; Board Member of Our Savior Lutheran High School Evansville, IL 2008-2014; was a Pastoral Counselor at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IA 2010-2014.

Employment: Current Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center Oak Creek, WI 2020-present; Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church and School, Waupaca and West Bloomfield, WI 2014-2020; Pastor at St John Lutheran Church, Baldwin, IL 2007-2014.

Vision for LWML South Wisconsin District: My vision for the LWML South Wisconsin District is to help the Lutheran Women in Mission to joyfully proclaim Jesus through both word and deed and to help equip them in serving their neighbor in Christian love. I wish to help encourage the Lutheran Women in Mission of the South WI District to support the mission work of the Church both locally, nationally and internationally. I see the SWD LWML equipping the ladies for service in the Church through study in God's Word so that they can use their God given gifts and talents to support missions within the body of Christ. I also pray that the Lutheran Women in Mission in the South Wisconsin District would be able also to encourage their neighbors around them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and that they would be a Christian witness to those who are outside of the Church.



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Voting Tally Sheet -Candidates for Office

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Wendie Staus

Votes Received _____

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VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

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