

LWML SWD
40th Biennial Convention
June 14-15, 2024



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
300 Broadway Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience"*

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District Convention

June 14-15, 2024

Purpose: Women of the LWML SWD are gathering to carry out the business and mission of the LWML and be strengthened through His Spirit to continue to love and serve.

Goal: Attendees, loved and served by Christ, will be empowered by the Spirit to grow in their faith so that they can love and serve.

Theme Text: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. *Colossians 3:12*



The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are God's chosen people. In love, Christ came to serve the whole world and each of us! As we live out this reality, our actions show our calling in Christ of love and service. In this 2024 District Convention, as we gather together we are reminded of God's great love in Christ and will respond to God's love by loving and serving Him and then loving and serving others! As we gather, the words of St. Paul to the church in Colossae will guide our love and service. Our holiness and love will be seen in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. These come from being connected to the vine, Christ Jesus. Through God's Holy Word and surrounded by fellow believers, the Holy Spirit will do His empowering work. We will also use our convention time together to love and serve one another. We will be empowered to love and serve others back home and throughout the whole world with the same love and service we find in Christ Jesus.

A stylized green plant with three leaves and a purple heart with a yellow cross and drop inside, positioned above the main title.

Growing
IN GOD'S
grace
2 PETER 3:18

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Omaha, Nebraska



June 26–29, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the LWML Board of Directors — Lutheran Women *in Mission*! As our 40 districts meet in convention, may God be praised as you gather to worship, serve, learn, and give in response to His great love to us through Christ.

Your South Wisconsin District, under the leadership of President Cinda Poppe, has supported the plans and programs of the LWML. I thank your district for sending delegates to the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last summer, where 31 national mission grants were chosen. Please keep those grants and the grants that will be chosen at your district convention in your prayers. We hold fast to the commitment of our mite offerings to meet our mission goal, remembering that we have pledged to our Lord “our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom.”

In the next few days, you will meet under the theme “Chosen to Love and Serve.” My prayer for you is that you will find joy in time spent with old and new friends and that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you as you complete His business for your district. May love and laughter fill each of your hearts as you learn from His Word and grow in His grace.

The Lord has blessed the LWML for 82 years and counting! Since 1942, Lutheran women have reached out in love and funded thousands of mission grants, prayed for our missionaries, served our churches and communities, and encouraged one another. Thank you for continuing this legacy. Moving forward we continue to trust in the Lord’s promises and focus on sharing the Good News of Christ with others.

I look forward to welcoming you, and thousands of Lutheran Women (and men) in Mission, to Omaha, Nebraska, for the LWML 41st Biennial Convention, June 26–29, 2025. Our theme, “Growing in God’s Grace” will focus on 2 Peter 3:18, *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This is our privilege — this is our mission!

I thank God for each of you as you serve Him faithfully and joyfully. Christ’s grace and peace be with you always.



Eden M. Keefe
President,
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

CONVENTION RULES

1. The voting body consists of two accredited delegates from each society, the voting members of the Board of Directors (elected officers, zone presidents and chairmen of standing committees) and past SWD Presidents who are currently LWML SWD members. (Article V, Section B.3) Pastoral Counselors are Advisory Members. (Article XII, B)
2. A majority of the registered voting body shall constitute a quorum.
3. Only those delegates who have registered with the Registration Committee and are given the identifying badge may vote. Delegates will sit in the section reserved for voting members and wear their badges for the day. (An alternate may vote in the absence of the delegate and will sit in the section reserved for the voting body when acting as a delegate.)
4. Only members of the voting body have the right to speak and vote (Article V, Section B-3).
5. Any voting member wishing the floor shall give her name, zone, and church or office in order to be recognized.
6. Discussion is limited to fifteen (15) minutes on any question and to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the voting body, the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
7. A motion must be presented to the President in writing, signed by the maker, if so requested by the President.
8. The Chair shall be empowered to appoint such committees as shall be necessary for the conduct of the convention.
9. The Chair shall be empowered to appoint a Minutes Review Committee to approve the minutes of the convention after the close of the session.
10. All announcements shall be handed to a page or usher who will deliver them to the Chair.
11. The sale of items at convention is limited to the printed or recorded publications of the guest speaker's related topic, as well as Christian Life products and Concordia Publishing House items. Non-LCMS speaker's items need EC approval six (6) months in advance of the event. (Adopted by Board of Directors, September, 2005.)
12. Cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices must be turned to "off" or "vibrate" during convention sessions.
13. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting body.

Gifts from the Heart Litany For 2024 SWD Convention

L: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for all the many blessings you have provided to us every day. You are a generous and loving God and provide for us, even though we don't deserve it. In response to that love, we want to give generously to others who are in need. We now dedicate these Gifts from the Heart to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

R: Hear our prayer

L: Father, this group of Your people have provided school items for the LCMS students attending UW-La Crosse, UW-Platteville and UW-Madison. We pray that the recipients will feel Your love through these gifts and use them for their good and to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

R: Hear our prayer

L: Father, You give us the gift of learning. Guide and direct all students that they may reflect Your wisdom and compassion. Open their hearts to learn and grow in true wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

R: Hear our prayer

L: Father, all of these gifts we dedicate to You, praising and thanking You for the opportunity to serve in this way. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom here on earth. Thank You for all the blessings You give to us, but especially the best Gift of all – Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray,

R: Amen

LWML SWD Convention 2024

June 15, 2024

Agenda

8:45 Procession Lineup

Pre-Convention Music

9:00 Procession: Lutheran Women One and All

Opening of the convention

Call to Order: Cinda Poppe, LWML SWD President

Lighting of the Christ Candle: President's Page

LWML Pledge: LWML SWD Past Presidents

Bible Study: Rev. Matthew Gehrke, Senior Counselor

Welcome: Melody Rodger, Convention Chairman

Convention Rules: Jan Koopman, Corresponding Secretary

Adoption of Agenda: Melody Rodger, Recording Secretary

Introduction of Special Guests

Young Women Representative Pinning Ceremony

Appointment of Committees

LWML Representative: Karen Morrison, LWML VP of Gospel Outreach

Offering Prayer: Joan Anderson, VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

Offering:

The Love of Christ Fund: 25%

Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach: 75%

Credentials/Registration Report: Carol Smith, Convention Registrar

Adoption of the 2024-2026 Mission Grant Goal: LuAnn Roman, VP of Special

Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

Presentation of the 2024-2026 Mission Grant Proposals: Kay Nett, Mission

Grants Chairman

Prayer for the Selection of Mission Grants: LuAnn Roman, VP of Special

Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

Voting for the 2024-2026 Mission Grants

Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be v. 1, 4, and 6 LSB 783

Report of the Nominating Committee: Marilyn Belter, Committee Chairman

Prayer for the vote for Officers for 2022-2026: Jennifer Olen, VP of

Communication

Vote for Officers and Pastoral Counselor

Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Blum, Past LWML SWD President, etc. (see biography)

Announcements: Melody Rodger, Convention Chairman

Luncheon Prayer: Marilyn Belter, VP of Organizational Resources

Lunch Recess

(Delegate session for Bylaw change questions; exhibits open)

Afternoon Session

1:15 Singing during gathering

1:30 Convention Reconvenes; (all exhibits close)

Opening Devotion: Joanna Ellis, Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations
Committee Chairman

Special Guests:

Greetings from SWD LCMS: Rev. Dr. John C. Wille, SWD LCMS
President

Mites in Action: Carol Flanary, Lutheran Counseling and Family
Services (LCFS)

FCWS Recipient: Bethany (Mrosko) Geber: Lincoln, Nebraska (Video)

Gifts from the Heart Litany: Elaine Hull, Gifts from the Heart Chairman

Response to Gifts from the Heart: Campus Ministry Pastors
(LaCrosse, Platteville, Madison)

Credentials/Registration Report: Carol Smith, Convention Registrar

Bylaws Amendments: Ruth Mueller, Structure Chairman

Prayer for Bylaws Amendment: Patty Silah, Treasurer

Vote for Bylaws Amendments

Vote for BOD Recommendation of excess mites

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary: Wendie Staus

Treasurer: Patricia Silah

Presentation of the 2024-2026 Budget: Patricia Silah, Treasurer

LWML Convention 2025 Sketch

Report from Young Women's Representatives to LWML Convention 2023

Sevita (Abigail) Grosnick-Bhattacharya and Sarah Greenhow

Report of the President: Cinda Poppe

Announcement of Offering Total:

The Love of Christ Fund: 25% _____

Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach: 75% _____

Announcement of newly elected officers: Marilyn Belter, VP Organizational
Resources

Announcement of Mission Grants for 2020-2024: Kay Nett, Mission Grants
Chairman

Thank you to the 2024 Convention Committee: Melody Rodger, Convention
Chairman

Introduction of the 2026 Convention Chairman: Michelle Prince

Installation of officers: Rev. Lewis Polzin, Senior. Counselor

Newly Elected LWML SWD President Address:

Adjournment:

Sending song: Serve the Lord with Gladness



Karen Morrison, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Karen lived in Wichita, Kansas her whole life and now in retirement calls Apache Junction, Arizona home. During the hot summer months, she and her husband, John, love to see new places and visit family in their Class C Motorhome. Karen currently serves as president of the Mountain View Lutheran Church LWML group in the Pacific Southwest District.

Karen's life verse comes from Mark 5:36 *Fear not, only believe*, from the story of Jairus and his daughter. She wrote an I Love to Tell the Story article about how she received this life verse when she was 19 years old. In whatever situation she finds herself, Karen tries to be a reflection of God's love, hope, and promise.

Karen was not born in the Lutheran church, but joined the LCMS when she was 13 years old, with her family, and through confirmation. She has been an active member in every church she has attended, youth group student volunteer, youth group adult volunteer, Sunday school teacher, board, and council member. Karen attended two national Youth Gatherings: San Antonio with her son, and New Orleans with her daughter. When she joined LWML in 2000, she jumped in with both feet. Karen has served as Zone Secretary, Zone Bylaws committee, Zone Vice President of Christian Life, District Public Relations committee, District Vice President of Communication, District Bylaws committee, and Kansas District President from 2012-2016. Nationally, Karen has served on the HOPE committee (current Group Development Committee), the Nominating committee for the 2019 Mobile convention, the Gospel Outreach committee, and now in her second two years as Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

Karen and John have been married for 28 years. Between them, they have four grown children, two daughters-in-law, and one son-in-law. They have been blessed with eleven grandchildren, ranging in age from high school to a one-year-old. She loves being 'MeMa' and watching as each one grows into the person God intends them to be.

Purple has been a part of Karen's life since she was young, in fact it was the color of the walls in her high school bedroom. God prepared her heart to be a part of his LWML purple mission army long before she placed her first mite in a Mite box. Karen thinks of herself as a mite. On her own, she is like a single coin, but when joined together with all the other ladies in her group, the zone, district, and nation, she has the mission opportunity to reach the entire world. How awesome it is that because of Lutheran Women in Mission, one woman can have an impact on lives on the other side of the globe.

Karen chose verses from 1 Peter to guide her as she serves as Vice President of Gospel Outreach. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, ... whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ* 1Peter 4:10-11.



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District

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**Guest Speaker
Carolyn Blum**

I truly feel God chose me to serve Him through the LWML. However, my first responses when asked to participate were always, "I could never do that!" Which was true — I definitely could not do it — but if I just got out of God's way, He would work through me to make it happen. Thus Ephesians 3:20-21 became my guiding verse: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory.

Through God's guidance and mentoring by many kind and patient friends, He enabled me to serve as a short-term missionary, president of our district, an LWML vice president, an editor of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, and author of an LWML history book. And along the way, He provided many humbling, humorous, and sometimes bizarre experiences to keep life interesting.

Mission Grant Proposal Summary for 2024-2026 Biennium

- # 1 Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs-WI \$21,000 There are 7 comfort dogs with host families/congregations/institutions in South Wisconsin. Often, they are called upon to deploy to disaster areas and this expense is “out of pocket” for those sponsoring the dogs. These funds would be equally distributed between the host dog entities to supplement their support/care/travel funds.
- # 2 Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates/Prison Inmates with God’s Love \$10,000 Lutheran Braille Workers (RSO) is requesting this money specifically to help fund the production of Prison Ministry Bibles, Bibles studies, or other Christian materials at Ministry Production Centers in the US and utilize prison Braille transcription programs in Wisconsin or elsewhere in the US to transcribe new Christian materials into Braille, so inmates in prison will know Jesus as their Savior.
- # 3 CTSFW, Fort Wayne, IN, Food Co-op \$15,000 The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, works to encourage and financially support students through its programs. The request for \$15,000 is specifically to purchase perishable food items for the 2024-2026 biennium.
- # 4 Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach \$14,000 Bethany Lutheran Church has a presence in inner city Milwaukee (N. 38th St) and has made it a priority to reach into the neighborhood offering both physical and spiritual care to the residents there. To continue what has begun, the church is looking for this money to supplement their current efforts over the next two years, along with the support of SWD and other churches.
- # 5 Office Equipment and Supplies for Peace Valley Lutheran Church \$7,500 Peace Valley Lutheran Church is the new SWD church plant in Monticello, Wisconsin building an LCMS presence where none had been. They are renting a space for worship but could use help with office equipment and supplies to be able to do the communication piece necessary for their continued growth.
- # 6 Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch \$15,000 While the Orphan Grain Train (RSO) continues to receive needed humanitarian supplies through donations which are then distributed both nationally and internationally, it requests funds to assist with the cost of shipping. Costs to ship a container may vary from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and they are on record for shipping at least 12 per year.
- # 7 Teaching God’s Children with Special Needs \$50,000 Journeys Lutheran School (formerly Lutheran Special School) continues to embrace students in grades 3-12 with special needs. Their programs facilitate the educational goals of individualized instruction and growth along with the sharing of the Gospel. This request is toward the purchase of 2 passenger vans which will be used to transport students to field trips and other opportunities supplementing what they currently do as well as use in the school to work program.

Summary of Mission Grant Proposals for 2024-2026 Biennium (cont.)

- # 8 Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \$18,000 These funds will help to partially fund the cost of the care, education, rehabilitation, and spiritual life program of the residents of the Dominican Republic group home as well as outreach and care to others with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the communities where the 5 Dominican LCMS Lutheran congregations are located. Deaconess Danelle Putnam will be responsible for this grant requested by International Missions, LCMS.
- # 9 Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships \$20,000 Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI works with families that cannot afford the full cost of camp for their children. This Scholarship Fund has been a vital part of assisting them to make it possible to pay the fee so that many children who otherwise would not be able to attend camp are able to do so. (RSO)
- # 10 Theological Libraries and Resources for Africa \$10,000 The Office of International Missions is proposing the allocation of \$10,000 specifically “to help fund ‘Theological Libraries and Resources - Africa’ to support and expand theological training through seminaries in Africa under the direction of Rev. Shauen Trump.”
- # 11 SWD Church Worker Grant \$30,000 The South Wisconsin District office allocates scholarships to students enrolled in a Concordia University and intending to serve the church as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, etc. Over the next two years this money will be distributed to those who apply and qualify.
- # 12 Hope Lutheran Church Outreach Ministries Fund \$25,000 Hope Lutheran Church, located at 35th and Highland in Milwaukee, has a number of neighborhood outreach programs. This allocation of money would be \$5,000 to each of the following programs: 1) Grief Share, 2) First Friday (children and youth), 3) Sunday School, Adult Bible Study and Summer Bible School, 4) Hope Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 5) Pastor’s Lot Outreach (mercy ministry distribution of food, clothing)
- # 13 Telling the Next Generation: Lutheran Books for Southeast Asians \$12,000 For years, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation has been printing and distributing books around the world in various languages. They are asking for this money to help print more than 2,000 Lutheran books in Southeast Asia as well as for immigrants here in Wisconsin and other parts of the US so the Word can go out in the language of the people. (RSO)
- # 14 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Milwaukee Restoration \$25,000 In 2018, historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee was extensively damaged by a fire. Insurance covered 67% needed for reconstruction. Further funds are needed to refurbish the sanctuary so that the presence of Trinity stays strong in the downtown area.
- # 15 The Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion - Mental Health Coverage \$25,000 With the counseling skills of the staff at LCFS and a vision of expansion to serve more youth, the goal is to expand the Child Outreach Therapy program that reaches children and their support networks and brings them to a better place in life through the message of the Gospel.

Summary of Mission Grant Proposals for 2024-2026 Biennium (cont.)

- # 16 The Phoebe Initiative \$5,000 Concordia Seminary in St Louis has a Deaconess Studies program educating young women in the Scriptures and working to hone their skills for a work in a variety of fields after graduation. They are asking for the sum of \$5,000 “to provide vital support for Concordia Seminary’s Deaconess Studies programs.”
- # 17 Youth Navigating in this World \$20,000 The final Whereas in this application reads: “having received its RSO status with the LCMS, is seeking to become a partnership hub for ministry among the congregations and schools of the city of Milwaukee, ...” The SOS Center is in the heart of Milwaukee where the need is great to witness to and strengthen the family. It is the goal of SOS to offer classes and activities to help youth become confident and focused members of society. They plan to do this through small group Bible study, music, public speaking, cooking and sewing classes, technology opportunities, grief share and peer support groups. This money will help with supplies and staff stipends.
- # 18 Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children \$10,000 Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (RSO) exists to offer at-risk youth the knowledge and skills to succeed in the name of Christ. At this time, they are seeking funds specifically for the updating of the gym floor on its Minot campus.
- # 19 Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd’s Canyon Retreats \$15,000 Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat is designed for and utilized by LCMS church workers in need of spiritual renewal and encouragement. It is an RSO and offers week-long counseling retreats in a comfortable, healing setting. They are seeking funds to be able to offer \$500 scholarships to pastors and ministry workers and their spouses to benefit from this experience and bring it back to the local level in renewed vigor for ministry.
- # 20 A Place of Refuge - LCMS RSO \$11,000 This LCMS prolife ministry has been active in the Milwaukee area for a number of years. It sustains an advocacy program, housing for pregnant women and a resale store that generates funds for the ministry. At this time in history, some upgrades are needed. This \$11,000 will go toward recarpeting portions of Blessed Again Resale and for the purchase of a safe for important documents.
- # 21 Christ Evangelical Lutheran School Playground \$25,000 Christ Lutheran School in West Bloomfield (Weyauwega area), desires to provide a safe and attractive place for their children to play and to be a witness to the community as well (the community does not have a public park). Not having sufficient funds on their own to undertake such a project, they are hoping that LWML can add to the success of their vision.
- # 22 Teacher Training Workshop, Martin Luther Academy BO, Sierra Leone \$5,000 Lead a Child (an RSO) is active in Sierra Leone. With this grant request, they hope to host a teacher training workshop for educators serving at Martin Luther Academy in Bo, Sierra Leone. The goal is to raise up model teachers who are able to effectively teach and communicate the Gospel.
- # 23 Lutheran Neighborhood Schools Initiative \$50,000 The SWD is rethinking how “school” looks. Micro schools in local areas will provide Lutheran Christian education to a wider population of students in the Milwaukee area with hopes to expand. These funds would be used, equally divided, for scholarships to ensure that every student can attend LNS and the other half to renovate new LNS sites to bring them into compliance with building codes.

Rank	# of Votes	Mission Grant 2024-2026 Proposals Tally Sheet	Amount
		1. Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs-WI	\$21,000
		2. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates/Prison Inmates with God's Love	\$10,000
		3. CTSFW, Fort Wayne, IN, Food Co-op	\$15,000
		4. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$14,000
		5. Office Equipment and Supplies for Peace Valley Luth. Church	\$7,500
		6. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch	\$15,000
		7. Teaching God's Children with Special Needs: Journey School	\$50,000
		8. Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$18,000
		9. Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships	\$20,000
		10. Theological Libraries and Resources for Africa	\$10,000
		11. SWD Church Worker Grant	\$30,000
		12. Hope Lutheran Church Outreach Ministries Fund	\$25,000
		13. Telling the Next Generation: Lutheran Books for Southeast Asians	\$12,000
		14. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Milwaukee Restoration	\$25,000
		15. The Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion - Mental Health Coverage	\$25,000
		16. The Phoebe Initiative: Concordia Seminary Deaconess studies	\$5,000
		17. Youth Navigating in this World : SOS Center	\$20,000
		18. Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children: Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$10,000
		19. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats	\$15,000
		20. A Place of Refuge - LCMS RSO	\$11,000
		21. Christ Evangelical Lutheran School Playground	\$25,000
		22. Teacher Training Workshop, Martin Luther Academy	\$5,000
		23. Lutheran Neighborhood Schools Initiative	\$50,000

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

South Wisconsin District LWML Bylaws
Proposed Date of Approval June 15, 2024

Proposed Amendment #1

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

B. Candidates for LWML SWD office shall:

Rationale: To avoid a perceived conflict of interest by the member and the remaining members of the committee."

Existing bylaws read:

There is no Article VII, B, 3 or 4.

If adopted, will read:

3. resign from the Nominating Committee if they consent to be placed on the ballot for a current position.

4. an alternate from her zone, preferably another zone officer, shall fill that spot on the Nominating Committee.

Proposed Amendment #2

ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Rationale: change in name to cover all individuals with special needs.

Existing bylaws read:

B. Appointed personnel may include, but not be limited to, the Archivist-Historian, Audio Visual, Bookstore Manager, Convention Chairman, Crisis Management Team, Deaf Community Liaison, Editor of the *Mission Lamp*, Facebook Administrator, Fall Retreat Chairman, Gladness Rags Coordinator, Graphic Arts Consultant, Music Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Prayer Manager (email), Parliamentarian, Public Relations Chairman, *Quarterly* Manager, Scholarship Chairman, Special Funds Coordinator, Transportation Chairman, Website Administrator, Winter Getaway Chairman, and The Love of Christ Fund Committee (TLC).

If adopted will read:

B. Appointed personnel may include, but not be limited to, the Archivist-Historian, Audio Visual, Bookstore Manager, Convention Chairman, Crisis Management Team, Editor of the *Mission Lamp*, Facebook Administrator, Fall Retreat Chairman, Gladness Rags Coordinator, Graphic Arts Consultant, Music Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Prayer Manager (email), Parliamentarian, Public Relations Chairman, *Quarterly* Manager, Scholarship Chairman, Special Funds Coordinator, Special Ministries Advocate, Transportation Chairman, Website Administrator, Winter Getaway Chairman, and The Love of Christ Fund Committee (TLC).

Proposed Bylaw Amendment (cont.)

Proposed Amendment #3

ARTICLE XIII – DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Rationale: covers all social media platforms.

Existing bylaws read:

B. The **Department Coordinators** shall:

5. keep zones and societies/groups informed through the District publication(s) and the LWML SWD website.

If adopted will read:

B. The **Department Coordinators** shall:

5. keep zones and societies/groups informed through District publication(s), the LWML SWD website, and other social media:

Proposed Amendment #4

ARTICLE XIII – DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Rationale: change in name.

Existing bylaws read:

C. The **Standing Committees** shall be Christian Life, Heart to Heart Sisters, Leader Development, Mission Grants, Missionary Outreach and Mission Education, Renewal, Special Focus Ministries, Structure, and the Young Women's.

If adopted will read:

C. The **Standing Committees** shall be Christian Life, Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations, Leader Development, Mission Grants, Missionary Outreach and Mission Education, Renewal, Special Focus Ministries, Structure, and the Young Women's.

Proposed Amendment #5

ARTICLE XIII – DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Rationale: change in names and to cover all individuals with special needs.

Existing bylaws read:

F. The **Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Department** may include the Deaf Community Liaison, Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, Mission Grants Committee, Missionary Outreach and Mission Education Committee, Special Focus Ministries Committee, and any other committees necessary for Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants.

If adopted will read:

F. The **Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Department** may include the Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations Committee, Mission Grants Committee, Missionary Outreach and Mission Education Committee, Special Focus Ministries Committee, Special Ministries Committee, and any other committees necessary for Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants.

Candidate for Vice-President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants



Judy Gitzlaff, Wales

LWML Experience:

Society: President and Secretary (many years)

Zone 17: President every 4 years

District: Female Church Worker Scholarship

Chairman (July 2022 to present)

Vice-President Gospel Outreach and Christian Life (2018–2022)

Public Relations (2012–2016)

LWML: None

Church Related Activities: Member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wales

Input church attendance (current)

Altar Guild Chairperson (2018 to present)

Mission and Outreach committee (2023 to present)

Clear out and neaten pews (2021–2023)

Sunday School Superintendent (2004–2006)

Sunday School teacher (early 1990's–2006)

Community Service: Help with Bible Study at memory care center since 2008

Volunteer at schools in Kettle Moraine School District (1984–1990's)

Education: Registered Nurse Diploma from Shadyside School of Nursing (October 1977)

Occupation/Employment: Retired Registered Nurse.

RN with Aurora Pulmonary (08/2006–09/2018)

Library Aide at Richmond School (1999–2006)

Instructional Aid KMSD (1990–1999)

RN with Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital (1981–1983)

Vision Statement:

My vision for the LWML in our South Wisconsin District is for all our women to find a part of LWML that is truly theirs and that will become their passion.

Candidate for Vice President of Communication



Kay A. Nett, New Holstein

LWML Experience:

Society: President (2020–2024 & 2014–2018), Secretary (2018–2020)

Zone: President (2016–2020, Secretary (2012–2016)
Leader Development/Christian Life (2008–2010)

District: Mission Grant Chair (2020–2024, Convention Chair (2020)

Fall Retreat Co- Chairman (2008), Fall Retreat Chairman (2010)

Leader Development (2008)

District Convention Delegate at LWML Conventions in Albuquerque, Portland and Sioux Falls

Church Related Activities:

Church Council Secretary (2015 to present), Board of Evangelism (2010–2015)

Bible Class Teacher (2008–2013), VBS Staff (1995–2000), Sunday School Teacher (1985–1995)

Community Service:

New Holstein Historical Society Board Member (1995 to present), New Holstein Historical Society Secretary (2012 to present), New Holstein Historical Society President (2007–2012)

New Holstein Historical Society Pioneer Award (2012)

Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. (Volunteer of the Year–2008)

Coordinated New Holstein Historical Society Annual Spring Luncheon and Christmas Open House (2007 to Present), Coordinated Zion Lutheran Annual Women’s Day (2003 to Present)

Education:

UW Whitewater (BS Secondary English Education, 1972)

Kiel High School Diploma (1969)

Present Occupation/Employment: Retired.

PR/Accounting Clerk, New Holstein Utilities (1989–2011)

Librarian, New Holstein Library (1982–1989)

Teller/Loan Officer, Citizens State Bank, Kiel (1973–1982)

Vision Statement:

The question from the Ethiopian eunuch to Paul, “How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?”, should tug at the heartstrings of every LWML member. One of the goals of the LWML SWD is to proclaim Christ to all nations, that the lost may be brought into eternal fellowship with our Savior. It is my vision that the members of the LWML SWD would begin this mission in our own hearts, with a renewed and strengthened relationship with Jesus as our personal Lord & Savior. As His light fills our heart and lives, I pray it will spill over into our homes, communities, our nation and to the ends of the earth. Our continued support of those in the missionary field will ensure this goal is reached. By living out the words of our pledge, may we be the hands, feet and voices that will bring the world to know and understand that Jesus is God’s free gift of salvation for all. We do this as we serve Him with gladness!

Candidate for Corresponding Secretary



Barbara Kaun, Neenah

LWML Experience:

Society: Secretary Peace Lutheran Mission Guild (2022 – 2023),
President Peace Lutheran Mission Guild (2012 – 2016)

Zone: President Zone 11(2020 – Present, term ending 2024)

District: Lutheran Women Quarterly Manager (2020 -2022),

LWML SWD President (2016- 2020),

Vice-President Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants (2012 – 2014),

Leader Development Committee Chairman (2010 – 2012),
Human Care Committee Chairman (2006 – 2010).

National: none

Church Related Activities:

Chairman of Stewardship Board (2020 – present), Altar Guild (2000 – present),
Board of Social Ministry (2014 – 2018), VBS Kitchen and Decorating Committees (2012, 2013, 2022, 2023), Weekly Offering Counter (2023 – present)

Community Service:

Volunteer at Able Light Thrift (formerly Bethesda) (2018 – present)

Secretary of Board of Directors of Challenge the Outdoors Inc. (2018 – present)

Education:

FVTC CNA Certificate (1989)

Neenah High School Diploma (1968)

Present Occupation/Employment: Servant of the Lord (Full Time)

Mrs. K's Daycare (2001 – 2016), Self-employed in-home health CNA (1989 – 2001),
Self-employed restaurant owner (1982 – 1989)

Vision Statement:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, now known as Lutheran Women in Mission, has remained faithful to supporting the work of the Church by supporting missionaries, called church workers and ministries that, in love, share the Gospel around the world. My vision for the LWML of the South Wisconsin District is to continue through word and deed to announce the grace of God through the gift of His Son to all people. As we see the numbers of unchurched and de-churched growing among us, may we sense the urgency to proclaim Him to all. I pray that we in the LWML SWD will know the urgency to "go into all nations" as directed in Matthew 28:16-20, beginning at home.

Candidate for Treasurer



Janis Mattson

LWML Experience:

Society: Secretary (Current), Vice President (unsure of years)

Zone 1: Vice-President/secretary (current), President (2016–2020)

Treasurer (2012–2015, Treasurer (unsure of years)

District: Financial Secretary (2006–2010), Fall Retreat Secretary (unsure of years), Fall Retreat Treasurer (2006, 2005, 2004)

LWML: None

Church Related Activities: Member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Happy Crafters (2022–current), Choir (current)

Altar Guild (current), Treasurer (1992–2005)

Planning Council & Stewardship Board (1992–2005)

Sunday School Teacher (unsure of years), Fellowship Board (unsure of years)

Community Service: VMP Senior Community Club (2019–current)

Secretary of Peaches N Cream Bowling League (?–2015)

Lay Delegate to Milwaukee Lutheran High School Association (?–2014)

Lay Delegate to the SWD District Convention (2004, 2006, 2012)

Education: Milwaukee Lutheran High School (1966)

Occupation/Employment: Retired

Payroll Administrator at M.L. Tharps & Associates LLC (2005–2020)

Bookkeeper at Steinhafels, Inc. (2001–2005)

Human Resources Assistant at American General (1992–2001)

Customer Service Representative & Payroll Administrator at Old Line Life Insurance Company (1966–1992)

My vision for the LWML is to encourage women of all ages and cultures to share Christ's love and salvation with all people. Also encourage women to grow in their personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and with each other. We also need to help our societies and zone strengthen and grow. Invite, Encourage and Pray.

Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor



Reverend Jonah P. Burakowski, Delavan

Ministry: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with School,
Delavan

Church Related Activities:

Fourth Vice President SWD, Appointment
(April 2023–Present)
CUWAA Board of Regents, Appointment
(June 2023–Present)
SWD School Counseling Task Force
(September 2017–February 2021)

Community Service:

Rotary International (May 1999–January 2019)
American Red Cross Disaster Counselor (September 2000–August 2004)

Education:

Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Master of Divinity (February 2009)
Emporia State University, MS Counseling and Higher Ed Admin (May 1999)
Central Michigan University, BS Family Science (May 1997)

Present Occupation/Employment:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with School (June 2023–Present)
Associate Regional Director Latin America & the Caribbean Office of
International Mission,
LCMS, St. Louis (February 2021–June 2024)
SWD Mission and Mercy Executive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(August 2017–February 2021)
Living Hope Lutheran Church and CDC, Stafford, Virginia
(August 2014–August 2017)
St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Beloit, Wisconsin (August 2011–2014)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marshall, Minnesota
(February 2008–August 2011)

Vision Statement:

The SWD LWML has a long history of supporting local, national, and international mission and mercy. If provided the opportunity to serve as counselor, I would collaboratively work to encourage and enable members to engage directly in domestic and international mission through short-term mission trips, fostering learning, growth and awareness. Additionally, I believe raising up the next generation of servant leaders is a significantly important part of the LWML. Aligning with national and district leadership development opportunities will influence my work in advising and fostering long-term thinking so that LWML can increase its development of mission minded servant leaders. The message of the Church is Christ crucified for the sins of mankind and I will work, with that central theme, in advising, encouraging, fostering, and developing the leaders, membership and programming of the SWD LWML.

Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor



Reverend Jesse Lee Davis, Oxford

Ministry: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westfield, WI

Church Related Activities: Elders, Council, Evangelism and Constitution review.

Community Service:

Orphan Grain Train packing station in Westfield
Youth Clean up projects with snow, leaf, or trash in community (2015-2024)

Education: Concordia Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity (May 2015)

Concordia University Wisconsin, Pre-Seminary & Theological languages (May 2011)
Martin Luther High School (2007)

Present Occupation/Employment:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Westfield (2021 – Present)

Faith Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2019 – 2021)

First English Lutheran Church in Centerville, and Zion Lutheran Church in Hurley, South Dakota (2015 – 2019)

Vision Statement:

As we have been baptized and promised a new life, we proclaim that same free gift to those who are around us. The LWML has the admirable mission goal of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and giving compassion to all they can, even if it is only a small mite's worth of help. This is an attitude that we should foster with the membership of the church. I believe that equipping women to serve their community, cherish outreach, and rejoice in service to their neighbor should be the goal of those who have been brought into the church. This is something that we must regularly teach, even while the coming generations of new members may tend to be adults, more than children. As a pastor it is a joy to proclaim the mercy of Christ within our families for many years to come.

**LWML SWD
40th Biennial Convention
June 14-15, 2024**

Tally Sheet for Elected Offices

OFFICE AND CANDIDATE	# of votes	Elected
President		
Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants		
Judy Gitzlaff		
Vice President of Communication		
Kay Nett		
Corresponding Secretary		
Barbara Kaun		
Treasurer		
Janis Mattson		
Jr. Pastoral Counselor		
Rev. Jonah Burakowski		
Rev. Jesse Davis		

Financial Secretary Review

August 8, 2022

President Cinda Poppe
LWML-SWD

I performed the review at the request of our LWML-SWD President, in accordance with the financial review package as found in the LCMS Treasurer's Manual (Nov. 2021). I have completed my financial review on the Financial Secretary's books and matching paperwork for the dates of **July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.**

I used 100% of the deposit records matching line by line of the mite's workbook pages and the mite reports monthly from the excel sheets that I was emailed and given access to.

I find the Financial Secretary's books to be accurate and in good order.

A few comments would be:

Copies of interest received from a bank statement.

The current Financial Secretary has records in order and has made a very easy paper trail.

I thank God for this opportunity to serve Him and pray that my recommendations are received as constructive information to improve and strive toward excellence as God commands us.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Donna Weiss
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920-765-1110 (cell)

Financial Secretary Review

To: President Cinda Poppe

May 18, 2023

I performed a financial review on LWML-SWD Financial Secretary Wendie Staus's books: from dates July 6, 2022 to March 31, 2023 comparing vouchers submitted to deposit breakdowns and total verifications of 100% of the deposit records on Google Sheets for that time period.

I found the Financial Secretary's books to be accurate and in good order with one minor correction: December 31, 2022 \$7.60 Mites Interest was posted to the "regular Mites" column and total instead of the "Mites Interest" column. I also noted an adjustment made by Wendie Staus on April, 1, 2023 to move \$78.75 (3 societies) from "Memorial/Celebrations" to "Anita Goede Golf Outing" (column "Goede Golf Tee Up").

My one recommendation to help the Financial Secretary is to get more or all societies to use the most current voucher form and to note that one of those should be submitted along with Quarterly order forms. When an old form is received, have the Financial Secretary send them a sheet of 3 current forms that they can photocopy until that Financial Secretary's term expires or form designated fund categories are revised or updated.

Barbara M. Ramm

Treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Agape Circle, Zone 9,
Sheboygan, WI and Treasurer of LWML-SWD Zone 9

To: President Cinda Poppe

January 31, 2024

I performed a financial review on January 28, 2024 of LWML-SWD Financial Secretary Marilyn Belter's books: from dates April 14, 2022 to June 30, 2022 comparing vouchers submitted to deposit breakdowns and total verifications of 100% of the deposit records on Google Sheets for that time period.

I found the Financial Secretary's books to be accurate and in good order. I noted in several vouchers where the distribution of payments were not clear that Marilyn queried the senders and received clarifications.

On the May 9, 2022 deposit when a check was deposited and returned by the bank due to a "wrong routing number" Marilyn Belter corresponded with the sender deducting the \$248.00 check from that voucher total and resolved in the June 17, 2022 deposit \$248.00 distributed to Rally income on a new voucher when the routing number issue had been corrected.

Barbara M. Ramm

Treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Agape Circle, Zone 9,
Sheboygan, WI and Treasurer of LWML-SWD Zone 9

Financial Secretary Review

April 25, 2024

President Cinda Poppe,

I performed a financial review of the Financial Secretary's spreadsheets from the dates April 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024

I used 100% of the deposit records matching each voucher with the three spreadsheets: listing of checks, itemized deposits and monthly summary. I found good communication between the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. All actions taken had paper documentation.

I found all donations have been recorded to the proper fund. Four of the 897 transactions were recorded to the wrong church or zone, but this is an immaterial difference that did not affect the intended purpose of any donation. Wendie is to be commended for the accuracy of reporting all of these donations.

Thank you for the opportunity to perform this review. I now have a profound appreciation for the many volunteer hours it takes to record the district's finances. Societies, zones, and individuals can help the financial secretary by sending a current voucher with every donation.

Janet Hessler
Zone and Society treasurer

Treasurer Review

October 5, 2022

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District
Executive Committee

RE: Financial Review for period July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

I was asked to review the financial records of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District (LWML – SWD). This review covers the financial period of July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

This was a financial review, not an audit. Both provide levels of assurance that the financial statements issued by the organization are free from material misstatements as required by accounting guidance (referred to as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP).

An audit will provide the highest level of reasonable assurance, while a financial review will provide limited assurance. In a financial review, interviews, analytics, and test are performed. An audit increases the level of assurance by including more detailed scope of internal control systems, physical observation of systems and confirmation of balances with external parties.

The purpose of a financial review for a nonprofit is to support the treasurer in her duties, to verify that the records are consistent and communicated to appropriate members, and to offer suggestions for improved controls and efficiencies.

To facilitate this review, I followed the financial review guidance as issued by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod 2015 Congregational Resources. This guidance provided a general framework for the review.

- Inquiry of organizational structure
- Inquiry of controls over cash handling
- Review of reimbursement invoices/vouchers
- Review of bank account reconciliations
- Review of the financial statements in the accounting systems – Quick Books

Evaluation:

During the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements from July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 were free from material misstatements. I found that the LWML – SWD Treasurer followed the guidelines and recorded transactions promptly and consistently utilizing the Quick Books edition for nonprofit organizations. The invoices and vouchers had the required two signatures, and all reimbursements accompanied with the proper accounting category. The deposits were recorded as well. The LWML – SWD funds appear to be handled properly and in a timely manner.

Treasurer Review (cont.)

October 5, 2022

Switching the fiscal year end to March 31st to be consistent with the National LWML seems to have been a good decision for both our Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Due to the change of the SWD fiscal year voted on at the 2022 District Convention, the financial statements for the July 2021 to March 2022 biennium were reviewed after the convention and will be printed in the 2024 convention manual along with the 2022-2024 biennium treasurer reviews.

It is also a good idea and makes sense that the Treasurer is also now serving as the treasurer of all retreats, plus having the bank issue checks for vouchers, etc. This process also saves LWML postage and envelopes.

God's Blessings,

Diane Kamrath

Treasurer Review

May 9, 2023

Lutheran Women's Missionary League - South WI District

Executive Committee

RE: Treasurer's Financial Review for dates April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

I was asked to review the Treasurer's records of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - South WI District, covering the period of 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

This was a treasurer's review not an audit. Both provide levels of assurance that the financial statements issued by the organization are free from material misstatements as required by accounting guidance (referred to as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP). An audit will provide the highest level of reasonable assurance, while a treasurer's review will provide limited assurance. In a financial review, both interviews, analytics, and tests are performed. An audit increases the level of assurance by including detailed tests and evaluations of internal control systems, observing systems, and confirming balances with external parties.

The purpose of the financial review for a nonprofit is to support the treasurer in their duties, to verify the records are consistently maintained and communicated to appropriate members, and to offer comments to improve efficiencies.

To facilitate this review, I followed the financial review guidance as issued by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod through their Congregational Resources documentation. This guidance provided a general framework for the review.

Specific steps include the following:

- Inquiry of organizational structure.
- Inquiry of controls over cash handling.
- Review of provided board and executive committee minutes for meetings held within the periods of review.
- Review of bank account reconciliations.
- Comparison between board reviewed financials and system data.
- Detail testing of a selection of cash receipt and cash disbursement transactions.
- Review of the financial statements in the accounting system – QuickBooks.

Evaluation:

Through the review process I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023 were free from material misstatements. I found that the LWML-SWD Treasurer followed the guidelines and recorded transactions promptly and consistently using double verification through Excel and QuickBooks. All reviewed invoices/vouchers had the required two signatures, and all reimbursements were recorded using proper accounting categories.

Treasurer Review (cont.)

May 9, 2023

Comments:

Having been the LWML-SWD treasurer many years ago, I have a profound appreciation for the evolution of the accounting and reporting systems, technology and safeguards that are now in practice. Having the treasurer handle the finances of the other LWML-SWD events has increased her workload but added a measure of consistency in budgeting, accounting, and reporting. I have great confidence in the Treasurer and admire her organizational skills, proficiency, attention to detail, dedication to the LWML and it's work, and to constantly improving and automating our financial reporting system. We are blessed to have her.

Additional comments/recommendations:

I appreciate the treasurer having an LWML-SWD issued laptop, with cloud-based software, facilitating use between her and the financial secretary or EC if necessary. It will make the transition much easier when a new treasurer is elected. I would recommend that each EC member have an LWML-SWD laptop as well.

Reimbursement/expense checks, submitted by our software to the financial institution and issued and mailed by them is a great benefit and cost/time savings.

The new March 31 accounting end date is a plus.

Continue to increase automation and decrease paperwork.

Thankful to have had this financial review at the Treasurer's home where the computer, forms, bank statements, supporting documentation, etc. were available for quick access.

Continue to use more and more technology especially accounting, reporting, budgeting, and online meetings as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Netz

Treasurer Review

I was asked to review the Treasurer's records of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South WI District covering the period 4/1/23 – 3/31/24.

This was a treasurer's review not an audit. Both provide levels of assurance that the financial statements issued by the organization are free from material misstatements as required by accounting guidance (referred to as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP). An audit will provide the highest level of reasonable assurance, while a treasurer's review will provide limited assurance. In a financial review, interviews, analytics, and tests are performed. An audit increases the level of assurance by including detailed tests and evaluations of internal control systems, observing systems and confirming balances with external parties.

The purpose of the financial review for a nonprofit is to support the treasurer in their duties, to verify the records are consistently maintained and communicated to appropriate members and to offer comments to improve efficiencies.

To facilitate this review, I followed the financial review guidance as issued by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod through their Congregational Resources documentation. This guidance provided a general framework for the review. Specific steps include the following:

- Inquiry of organizational structure
- Inquiry of controls over cash handling
- Review of bank account reconciliations
- Detail testing of a selection of cash receipts and cash disbursement transactions
- Review of the financial statements in the accounting system – QuickBooks

Evaluation:

During the review process, I found that the one-time gift from the National LWML of \$7,000.00 to the hosting districts of the LWML 2023 Convention was correctly recorded as income but it was posted into the Administrative Fund. It should have been posted into the Female Church Work Scholarship Fund. The Treasurer has made the correcting entries and the FCW Scholarship Fund now has a total of \$14,580.00. I completed the review of the financial statement ending March 31, 2024 on April 10, 2024 and this enabled the Treasurer to correct the financial statements to be printed in the convention manual.

After the corrections were made, I find that the financial statements for April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 are in good order. I found that the LWML – SWD Treasurer followed the guidelines and recorded transactions promptly and consistently. All reviewed invoices/vouchers had the required two signatures and all reimbursements were recorded using proper accounting categories.

Comments/recommendations:

- The new March 31 accounting end date is excellent. It helps in the transitioning to the newly elected Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Also the financial statements can be reviewed and corrections made, if needed, before the June District Convention.
- I feel the communication between the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, of sharing certain excel spreadsheets is very important.
- The reimbursement/expense checks submitted by our software to the financial institution and issued and mailed by them is a great benefit and saves on ordering checks.
- We need to continue to increase automation and decrease paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Mattson (April 12, 2024)

Treasurer's Report

Patty Silah, Treasurer
Treasurer@LWML-SWD.org
LWML SWD Financial Statement Comments

These financial statements are for the two year biennium of April 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2024.

Page 1: Comments

Page 2: Everything about mites.

Page 3: Where is the money?

Page 4: Donations/Money Received

Page 5: Expenses/Funds Distributed

Let's look at some items:

- A. **LWML MITES RECEIVED:** \$217,866.72 was received for mites and was allocated 25% to LWML and 75% to LWML SWD mites. That figure is shown on Page 2 at the top and on Page 4 near the middle. Our goal was \$205,000 and we exceeded that by \$12,866.72.
- B. **LWML MITES PAID TO LWML:** \$54,466.68 (25% of \$217,866.72) was paid to LWML as shown on Page 2 near the top and on page 5 near the middle. We exceeded the amount of \$51,250 that we promised to send LWML by \$3,216.68. We did also receive \$100 that was directed to be paid solely to LWML mites.
- C. **LWML SWD MITES RECEIVED:** On page 2-in the top half is \$194,608.28, which is the total raised for LWML SWD mites this biennium. That includes our 75% plus interest, special gifts, \$60.91 from the prior biennium, and a \$25,000 grant from a prior biennium which was returned and voted at the 2022 LWML SWD convention to be used for this biennium grants.
- D. **LWML SWD GRANTS PAID:** On page 2 at the bottom and on page 5 in the middle \$178,060 was paid for SWD grants selected in June of 2022. Note that one grant was issued in December of 2022 and returned in July 2023, so those funds were again available to pay the next grants. We added one grant (grant #12 from the 2022 convention selection) and paid 100% of the grant requested for the 11th grant selected.
- E. **FEMALE CHURCH WORK SCHOLARSHIPS:** On page 3, there is \$86,768.91 in the FCW scholarship accounts. The frozen base is \$75,000. That base earns interest for scholarships. Income also comes from special gifts and 25% of fall retreats and winter getaway offerings. On page 4 near the bottom, it shows donations of \$14,580.00 (This amount includes a one-time gift of \$7000 to the hosting districts of the LWML 2023 Convention.) and interest of \$2,912.02 for scholarships. For both the 2022-2023 school year and the 2023-2024 school year, we were able to award \$6000 per year for the FCW Scholarships. That total of \$12,000 awarded is on page 5 near the bottom. We only budgeted for \$10,000 but were able to give more!
- F. **LWML SWD TLC (THE LOVE OF CHRIST):** The Love of Christ Fund was set up with \$25,000 to provide monies to give financial assistance to those wishing to attend LWML SWD conventions and retreats who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend. Income comes from 25% of LWML SWD convention offerings, special contributions and interest. Currently there is \$77,734.53 in those TLC accounts as shown in the middle of page 3. This biennium we used \$1431.25 of funds as shown on page 5. Page 4 near the bottom shows that \$1,552.94 was donated to this account, and \$2,034.62 of interest was earned. A TLC Task Force has been formed to review the guidelines for this fund and evaluate what are we able to do with this fund that is earning more interest than is being distributed per year. BUT get the word out that these funds are available to cover registration and hotel costs for people wishing to attend retreats and convention. *Don't let cost deter anyone!*
- G. **SUPPLIES EXPENSE:** Supplies expense shows on page 5 near the top has a negative figure because a computer purchased in 2021 was reclassified from supplies expense to the Computers account on Page 3 near the bottom. We have 9 laptop computers now, and plan to rotate the purchase and retirement of these computers. We will expense them when they are retired rather than when purchased. The plan is for all EC officers to transfer the computer with the position, so that ladies are not using their personal computers and transition is easier.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for these statements, please email me. (Actually after convention, you will be emailing your newly elected Treasurer.)

Treasurer's Report

LWML South Wisconsin District
Mites 4/1/2022 thru 3/31/2024
24 Months

MITES IN				Biennium Goal	Actual	over (under) Biennium goal
Mites Received to Allocate to LWML & LWML SWD				\$ 205,000.00	\$ 217,866.72	A
Designated Mites					\$	
Mites Received						
	Goal			\$ 205,000.00	\$ 217,866.72	\$ 12,866.72
Mite Grant Fund--National						
Mites received	25% to National Grants	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 54,466.68	B	\$ 3,216.68
Special gifts designated to National				\$ 100.00		
Total for LWML grants:		\$ 51,250.00	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 54,566.68		\$ 3,316.68
Mite Grant Fund--District						
Returned SWD Mite Funds reallocated	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			
SWD Mite overage from prior biennium	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 60.91	\$ 60.91			
Mites Received	75% to SWD Grants	\$ 153,750.00	\$ 163,400.04			\$ 9,650.04
Mites Interest	100% to SWD Grants		\$ 157.90			\$ 157.90
Special gifts to SWD	100% to SWD Grants		\$ 909.25			\$ 909.25
Selle Fund	100% to SWD Grants		\$ 3,290.82			\$ 3,290.82
Sanders Fund	100% to SWD Grants		\$ 1,789.36			\$ 1,789.36
Unused Biennium SWD Mite Grants Approved		\$ 750.91				\$ 750.91
Total for SWD grants:		\$ 178,060.00	\$ 194,608.28		C	\$ 16,548.28 Total SWD excess

MITES OUT

Grant	Pledged	Date Paid	Paid	
#1 Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Branch	\$15,000.00	6/30/2022	\$15,000.00	
#2 In School Counseling for Mental Health of Students-Lutheran Counseling	\$10,000.00	6/30/2022	\$10,000.00	
#3 SWD Church Worker Grant	\$30,000.00	10/5/2022	\$30,000.00	
#4 Financial Assistance for CTS, Ft Wayne Food & Clothing Co op	\$10,000.00	10/31/2022	\$10,000.00	
#5 Outreach to Female Inmates	Was \$15,000 \$0.00		\$0.00	Issued 12/2022 Returned 7/2023
#6 A Place of Refuge Ministries/House Remodel	\$25,000.00	3/8/2023	\$25,000.00	
#7 Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships	\$20,000.00	5/31/2023	\$20,000.00	
#8 Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$14,000.00	8/10/2023	\$14,000.00	
#9 A Playground as an Oasis-St Martini/LUMIN	\$15,000.00	8/16/2023	\$15,000.00	
#10 Care for Clergy Wives-Doxology	\$8,000.00	11/19/2023	\$8,000.00	
#11 SOS Center Designed for Success	\$20,000.00	12/16/2023	\$20,000.00	
#12 Hispanic Outreach in Sheboygan County	\$11,060.00	3/16/2024	\$11,060.00	
	<u>\$178,060.00</u>		<u>\$ 178,060.00</u>	D
Difference between Total Received Less Total Grants Paid			<u>\$ 16,548.28</u>	C Total SWD Excess Mites

Patty Silah
LWML SWD Treasurer
Treasurer@lwml-swd.org

Treasurer's Report

1:31 PM
April 5, 2024
Cash Basis

LWML South Wisconsin District Summary Statement of Financial Position As of March 31, 2024

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2022	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Total 1000 - Checking-BMO Harris	14,027.11	12,749.13	1,277.98
1020 - Savings Fund - LCEF	16,623.69	52,549.62	-35,925.93
1022 - Admin Funds-LCEF-1 year Note	41,770.27	0.00	41,770.27
1023 - 2023 Convention-LCEF Steward	0.00	3,567.14	-3,567.14
1025 - Mites Fund - LCEF	17,548.28	26,060.91	-8,512.63
1030 - District Committee Accounts			
1031 - Winter Getaway	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1032 - Fall Retreat	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1033 - Convention	7,497.71	7,690.00	-192.29
Total 1030 - District Committee Accounts	9,497.71	9,690.00	-192.29
Total 1040 - FCW Scholarship Accounts	86,768.91 E	81,276.89	5,492.02
Total 1050 - The Love of Christ Accounts	77,734.53 F	75,578.22	2,156.31
1100 - Schroeder Account	6,103.35	6,103.35	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	270,073.85	267,675.26	2,498.59
Other Current Assets			
1980 - Store Inventory	43.50	250.00	-206.50
Total Other Current Assets	43.50	250.00	-206.50
Total Current Assets	270,117.35	267,825.26	2,292.09
Fixed Assets			
1200 - Computers	3,777.11 G	0.00	3,777.11
Total Fixed Assets	3,777.11	0.00	3,777.11
TOTAL ASSETS	273,894.46	267,825.26	\$ 6,069.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
2023 - 2023 LWML Convention Donations	-	(3,432.86)	3,432.86
Total Liabilities	-	(3,432.86)	3,432.86
Equity			
3000 - Opening Balance Equity	159,624.74	159,624.74	0.00
3200 - Retained Earnings	111,633.38	61,575.53	50,057.85
Net change in Asset Equity	\$ 2,636.34	\$ 50,057.85	\$ (47,421.51)
Total Equity	273,894.46	271,258.12	2,636.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	273,894.46	267,825.26	\$ 6,069.20

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LWML South Wisconsin District Summary Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024

	<u>Apr '22 - Mar 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
4000 - Total Income			
4010 - Non-Designated			
Total 4011 - Administrative Income	8,619.67	11,000.00	-2,380.33
4020 - Rally Offerings	20,583.01	17,500.00	3,083.01
4025 - Prayer Services	2,941.75	1,200.00	1,741.75
4030 - Retreats Conventions Workshops			
Total 4034 - 2023 LWML Convention Donation	232.37	3,000.00	-2,767.63
Total 4035 - SWD Convention	15,182.60	20,000.00	-4,817.40
Total 4050 - Fall Retreat	15,504.77	18,000.00	-2,495.23
4060 - Winter Getaway	7,129.72	7,000.00	129.72
4070 - Heart To Heart	1,451.50		
4080 - Helpshops	54.85		
Total 4030 - Retreats Conventions Workshops	<u>39,555.81</u>	<u>48,000.00</u>	<u>-8,444.19</u>
4090 - Interest Income-LCEF Savings	2,072.08	300.00	1,772.08
Total 4010 - Non-Designated	<u>73,772.32</u>	<u>78,000.00</u>	<u>-4,227.68</u>
4400 - Designated Funds			
4402 - Total Mites to Allocate	217,866.72 A	205,000.00 A	12,866.72
4410 - Designated Mites			
4418 - LWML Only Mites	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total 4415 - LWML Mites Total	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
4420 - SWD Mites Total			
4422 - SWD Only Mites	909.25	3,000.00	-2,090.75
4435 - Mites Fund Interest	157.90	50.00	107.90
4436 - Selle Fund/Interest	3,290.82	2,500.00	790.82
4438 - Sanders Fund/Interest	1,789.36	1,500.00	289.36
Total 4420 - SWD Mites Total	<u>6,147.33</u>	<u>7,050.00</u>	<u>-902.67</u>
Total 4410 - Designated Mites	6,247.33	7,050.00	-802.67
4440 - Designated Offerings	10,776.75	6,000.00	4,776.75
4442 - Designated -Too Up 4 Mites	150.00		
4448 - Kaestner Fund Interest	1,036.78	800.00	236.78
4451 - Schroeder Fund Interest	152.74	200.00	-47.26
4455 - Scholarship Fund	14,580.00 E	3,000.00	11,580.00
4456 - Scholarship Fund Interest	2,912.02 E	1,500.00	1,412.02
4465 - TLC Fund	1,552.94 F	250.00	1,302.94
4466 - TLC Accounts Interest	2,034.62 F	1,500.00	534.62
Total 4400 - Designated Funds	<u>257,309.90</u>	<u>225,300.00</u>	<u>32,009.90</u>
4500 - Reimbursed Expense			
4501 - Christian Life Products	2,554.79	1,200.00	1,354.79
Total 4500 - Reimbursed Expense	<u>2,554.79</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,354.79</u>
4600 - Publications Income			
4601 - Quarterlies	18,324.00	15,000.00	3,324.00
Total 4600 - Publications Income	<u>18,324.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>3,324.00</u>
Total 4000 - Total Income	<u>351,961.01</u>	<u>319,500.00</u>	<u>32,461.01</u>
Total Income	351,961.01	319,500.00	32,461.01

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LWML South Wisconsin District Summary Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024

Expense	Apr '22 - Mar 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
5000 · Total Expenses			
5010 · Non-Designated Expenses			
Total 5020 · Administrative	10,718.88	11,000.00	-281.12
Total 5100 · Committees	1,964.12	2,975.00	-1,010.88
5170 · Assembly of Leaders	69.77	600.00	-530.23
5175 · Equalization	0.00	600.00	-600.00
5180 · Insurance	689.00	600.00	89.00
5185 · Seminars and Training	852.23	725.00	127.23
5190 · Supplies	-212.87 G	2,500.00	-2,712.87
5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops			
5310 · CCLI	1,021.25	800.00	221.25
5320 · Heart to Heart	630.81	250.00	380.81
5330 · Workshops	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5340 · LWML Convention	17,159.77	18,450.00	-1,290.23
5400 · SWD Convention	13,657.56	14,000.00	-342.44
5500 · Fall Retreat Expenses	14,404.37	18,000.00	-3,595.63
5550 · Winter Getaway Expenses	9,117.91	7,000.00	2,117.91
Total 5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops	<u>55,991.67</u>	<u>58,700.00</u>	<u>-2,708.33</u>
Total 5010 · Non-Designated Expenses	<u>70,072.80</u>	<u>77,700.00</u>	<u>-7,627.20</u>
5600 · Designated Expenses			
5610 · Total Mites Expense			
5615 · SWD Total Mites			
5616 · SWD-District Grants	178,060.00 D	153,750.00	24,310.00
Total 5615 · SWD Total Mites	<u>178,060.00</u>	<u>153,750.00</u>	<u>24,310.00</u>
5620 · LWML Total Mites			
5625 · LWML Mites	54,566.68 B	51,250.00	3,316.68
Total 5620 · LWML Total Mites	<u>54,566.68</u>	<u>51,250.00</u>	<u>3,316.68</u>
Total 5610 · Total Mites Expense	<u>232,626.68</u>	<u>205,000.00</u>	<u>27,626.68</u>
5700 · Designated Offerings	10,776.75	5,000.00	5,776.75
5720 · Designated Missionary Outreach	600.00	1,000.00	-400.00
5750 · Kaestner Fund	1,036.78	800.00	236.78
5760 · Schroeder Fund	152.63	200.00	-47.37
5770 · Scholarship Recipient	12,000.00 E	10,000.00	2,000.00
5775 · TLC Fund	1,431.25 F	2,400.00	-968.75
Total 5600 · Designated Expenses	<u>258,624.09</u>	<u>224,400.00</u>	<u>34,224.09</u>
5900 · Reimbursed Expenses			
5910 · Chr Life Products Purchased	2,578.83	1,200.00	1,378.83
Total 5900 · Reimbursed Expenses	<u>2,578.83</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,378.83</u>
5920 · Publications			
Total 5920 · Publications	<u>17,980.50</u>	<u>16,100.00</u>	<u>1,880.50</u>
Total 5950 · Miscellaneous	<u>68.45</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-31.55</u>
Total 5000 · Total Expenses	<u>349,324.67</u>	<u>319,500.00</u>	<u>29,824.67</u>
Total Expense	<u>349,324.67</u>	<u>319,500.00</u>	<u>29,824.67</u>
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2024-2026 Proposed Budget

LWML South Wisconsin District Proposed 2024-2026 Budget

	<u>Actual</u> <u>April 2022 -</u> <u>March 2024</u>	<u>2022-2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2024-2026</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u>
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4000 · Total Income			
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4455 · Scholarship Fund	14,580.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
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Total 5010 · Non-Designated Expenses	70,072.80	77,700.00	91,500.00
5600 · Designated Expenses			
5610 · Total Mites Expense			
Total 5615 · SWD Total Mites	178,060.00	153,750.00	165,000.00
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Total 5900 · Reimbursed Expenses	2,578.83	1,200.00	1,500.00
5920 · Publications			
5922 · Mission Lamp	0.00	100.00	100.00
5923 · Quarterlies	17,680.50	15,000.00	18,000.00
5924 · Web Page	300.00	1,000.00	500.00
Total 5920 · Publications	17,980.50	16,100.00	18,600.00
Total 5950 · Miscellaneous	68.45	100.00	100.00
Total Expense	349,324.67	319,500.00	362,700.00
Change in Net Assets	2,636.34	0.00	-14,050.00

STATISTICS REPORT OF ZONE ACTIVITIES
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023

	President	Number of Societies Inc. Supporting/ Ind Members*		Total Membership 2022 2023		Number of Rallies/Attendance		Zone Bible Studies/ Attendance		Prayer Services/ Attendance	
1	Heidi Willison	7	nr	61	nr	4	52	0	0	0	0
2	Ann Nehring	10	94	84	94	4	139	2	75	0	0
3	Jean Kruse	6	128	102	128	4	160	4	117	2	46
4	Kristen Kolell	9	120	118	120	4	146	4	149	2	30
5	Pam Muther	5	144	150	144	4	151	1	40	1	39
6	Tomi Knuth (VP)	5	62	65	62	4	111	4	111	1	32
7	Karen Marquardt	4	58	50	58	4	104	5	130	3	77
8	Hannah Schultz	5	64	64	64	4	146	2	58	1	32
9	Diane Meyer	8	83	66	83	4	111	4	111	1	30
10	Julie Lawonn	8	175	175	175	4	147	1	44	0	0
11	Barbara Kaun	6	128	133	128	4	172	2	86	2	43
12	Marilyn Belter	7	85	97	85	4	99	3	76	2	53
13	Jeanne Metcalf	8	74	74	74	4	122	4	122	2	54
14	Carol Smith	8	115	125	115	4	103	0	0	2	41
15	Ruth West	8	79	79	79	4	54	1	27	1	27
16	Theresa Smith/Anneliese Kroll	5	37	35	37	3	61	3	61	0	0
17	Judy Gitzlaff	5	48	74	48	4	102	0	0	2	47
18	Kimberly Terry (VP)	4	62	62	62	4	108	4	108	0	0
19	Carolyn Fish/Marge Frank	5	57	76	57	4	75	0	0	2	40
20	Anne Koth	5	74	NR	74	4	90	NR	0	NR	0
21	Eunice Matter (Acting)	10	103	109	103	4	85	4	85	2	43
			1790	1799	1790	83	2338	48	1400	26	634
	TOTALS	138									
	AVERAGE PER YEAR						1795				

Individual Members; New Groups: Z5 Marcia Beineke, Sarah Greenlow, Sandy Wuwicki Z7 Cindy Schueneman, Roberta Hilgendorf Z10 Kristine Zahrobky Z16 Carol Tiemann Z20 Donna Weerts Z21 Eunice Matter.
 New Group 2024: Faithful Hearts LWML, Cross Lutheran Church, Westport, WI.

**LWML SWD
ZONE REPORT
April 1, 2022 -- MARCH 31, 2024**

Zone	Mites	SWD Mites Only	Mite Memorials		Quarterlies	Prayer Services		Rallies	FCWS	Other	Total
1	\$ 7,564.65		\$ 100.00	\$ 675.00		\$ -	\$ 445.00	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 9,009.65	
2	\$ 6,473.17		\$ 705.00	\$ 765.00		\$ -	\$ 783.16	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,851.33	
3	\$ 14,167.07		\$ 2,797.50	\$ 1,440.00		\$ -	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 21,059.57	
4	\$ 10,694.26		\$ 780.00	\$ 1,044.00		\$ 174.00	\$ 1,199.80	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 14,412.06	
5	\$ 21,202.51	\$ 509.25	\$ 130.00	\$ 835.50		\$ -	\$ 1,183.80	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 25,535.06	
6	\$ 6,471.66		\$ 400.00	\$ 720.00		\$ -	\$ 1,837.00	\$ -	\$ 1.50	\$ 9,430.16	
7	\$ 6,818.90		\$ 25.00	\$ 966.00		\$ 415.00	\$ 1,306.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,531.62	
8	\$ 6,526.07		\$ 45.00	\$ 403.50		\$ 90.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 8,549.57	
9	\$ 7,860.59		\$ 610.00	\$ 861.00		\$ 226.25	\$ 462.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,020.59	
10	\$ 16,457.47	\$ 300.00	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,260.00		\$ -	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 19,754.22	
11	\$ 14,488.86		\$ 190.00	\$ 1,027.50		\$ 131.00	\$ 1,197.81	\$ 1,761.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 18,896.17	
12	\$ 19,384.49		\$ 125.00	\$ 960.00		\$ 451.00	\$ 942.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 21,897.49	
13	\$ 3,878.48		\$ 125.00	\$ 966.00		\$ 405.50	\$ 810.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,185.20	
14	\$ 8,137.44		\$ 25.00	\$ 1,485.00		\$ -	\$ 1,829.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,476.44	
15	\$ 9,330.60		\$ 330.00	\$ 480.00		\$ -	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 423.63	\$ 11,786.23	
16	\$ 6,549.97		\$ -	\$ 642.00		\$ -	\$ 468.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 7,809.97	
17	\$ 11,315.24		\$ 60.00	\$ 528.00		\$ 438.00	\$ 931.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 14,162.24	
18	\$ 5,542.80		\$ 561.50	\$ 900.00		\$ -	\$ 392.62	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 7,406.92	
19	\$ 6,922.95		\$ 355.00	\$ 759.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 378.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ 8,754.95	
20	\$ 9,891.98		\$ 350.00	\$ 684.00		\$ -	\$ 533.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 11,558.98	
21	\$ 5,611.54		\$ -	\$ 877.50		\$ 361.00	\$ 416.13	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 7,291.17	
Subtotal	\$ 205,290.70	\$ 809.25	\$ 7,857.75	\$ 18,279.00	\$ 2,941.75	\$ 20,583.01	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,618.13	\$ 263,379.59		
District/Misc	\$ 4,427.02	\$ 100.00	\$ 291.25	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,580.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,443.27	
Totals	\$ 209,717.72	\$ 909.25	\$ 8,149.00	\$ 18,324.00	\$ 2,941.75	\$ 20,583.01	\$ 7,580.00	\$ 1,618.13	\$ 269,822.86		

Submitted by Wendie Staus, LWML SWD Financial Secretary

2022-2023 MEMORIALS, CELEBRATIONS, AND HONORS (M*C*H*)				
Remembering	M*C*H	Given By	Date	
Beverly Lueder	M	Kay Nett	January	2022
Darlis Kempf	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women Evening Guild - Random Lake	January	2022
Philip Monson	M	St. Paul LWML - Grafton	January	2022
Ken Schuett	M	Cindy Schuett	February	2022
Lorraine Steinbach	M	Immanuel Lutheran LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	February	2022
Beverly Lueder	M	Judy Paulson	February	2022
2023 LWML Convention	C	Barbara Kaun	February	2022
Irene Koeller	M	Bonnie J. Sperberg	February	2022
Denna Winters	M	St. Paul's Ladies Aid/LWML - New Miner	February	2022
Karoline Knee	M	E. Gene and Jean Hynek	March	2022
Caroline McCauley	M	E. Gene and Jean Hynek	March	2022
Cindi Bohmann	M	Barbara Kaun	March	2022
Beverly Lueder	M	LWML-SWD	March	2022
Friends	M	Pamela J. Muther	March	2022
Oliver Hinz	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	March	2022
Larry & Marilyn Belter's 35th Wedding Annive	C	Marilyn Belter	March	2022
Jan Hulderson	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	April	2022
Cindi Bohmann	M	Randy and Julie Weyhrich	April	2022
Carmen Nieting - 100th Birthday	C	Barbara Kurth	April	2022
Edna Beske	M	Pella Ladies Aid -LWML - Waupun	May	2022
Betty Hantke	M	Mt. Calvary Women in Mission - Janesville	May	2022
Betty Hantke	M	Willie and Karen Grieser	May	2022
Betty Hantke	M	Marilyn Strickert	May	2022
Carol Becker	M	Normand and Diane Kamrath	June	2022
Carol Becker	M	Gloria Christian	June	2022
Mary Rooker	M	St. John's LWML - Plymouth	June	2022
Louise Stenson	M	St. Paul's LWML - Oconomowoc	June	2022
To the Glory of God	C	Cinda Poppe	June	2022
Mother of Joanie Begalke	M	St. Paul's AGAPE Circle - Sheboygan	June	2022
Joy Coon	M	Melody Rodger	July	2022
Marion Roloff - 90th Birthday	C	Mt. Calvary Women in Mission - Janesville	July	2022
Eileen Schmidt	M	Peace Lutheran Mission Guild/LWML	July	2022
Bonnie Sprengel's Birthday	C	Peace WINGS	September	2022
Linda Ault	M	Carolyn Blum	September	2022
Norbert & Carla Zimmerman's 60th Anniversar	C	Immanuel Lutheran LIGHTS/LWML	September	2022
Linda Ault	M	LWML SWD District	September	2022
Linda Ault	M	Cinda Poppe	September	2022
Linda Ault	M	Curt and Kristen Kolell	September	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Carolyn Blum	October	2022
Ken Grebe	M	St. John's LWML - Plymouth	October	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Barbara Strenger	October	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Cinda Poppe	October	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	LWML SWD District	October	2022
Marge Brehm	M	Louise Gabert	November	2022
Loretta Giese's 100th Birthday	C	Norman and Diane Kamrath	November	2022
Loretta Giese's 100th Birthday	C	Paul and Carol Frank	November	2022
Loretta Giese's 100th Birthday	C	Dan and Marsha Roskopf	November	2022
Loretta Giese's 100th Birthday	C	Connie Steinbach	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Ruth Rollman	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Kathryn Rettig	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Helen Biesenthal	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Ralph and Judith Conrad	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Duane and Susan Graf	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Curt and Kristen Kolell	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Edwin and Janet Steinhaus	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Barbara Kurth	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Lauren Beale	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Rev Wallace Oswald	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	David and Karen Naumann	November	2022

Remembering	M*C*H	Given By	Date	
Gerry Burkee	M	John and Barbara Burkee	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Kathryn Herbst	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Blessed Savior Women's Ministries	November	2022
Glenemay Gustavus	M	Messiah Lutheran Women's Guild	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Alice Brown	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	June Rosland	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Cesar Lemus	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Nancy Nack	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Germaine Erdmann	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Fred and Julie Retzlaff	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Ann Nehring	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Allan Zerger	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Judith Swanson	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Diane Ebenreiter	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Shirley Hemenway	November	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Vicki Durecki	November	2022
Linda Ault	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	November	2022
Joy Ikanih	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	November	2022
Florence Deese	M	Elaine Hull	November	2022
Ruth Braatz	C	St. John's LWML - Portage	November	2022
Linda Ault	M	Joyce Kaestner	November	2022
Joy Ikanih	M	Cinda Poppe	November	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Blessed Savior Women's Ministries	December	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Joyce Kaestner	December	2022
Shirley Zerger	M	Judith Swanson	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Denise Boche	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Deborah Praeger	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Allen and Cheryl Buchholz	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Lynn Stathus	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Charles and Carol Biesik	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	David and Judith Glaze	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Bruce Stuhlmacher	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Bruce and Elizabeth Babler	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Bruce Stuhlmacher	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	David and Barbara Calbow	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Danita Wendorff	December	2022
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	Thomas and Julie Stuhlmacher	December	2022
Gerry Burkee	M	Jan Dankwardt	December	2022
Purdue Friendships	C	Catherine Pieper	December	2022
Our Savior's Birth	C	James and Maureen Bartel	December	2022
Martha Bauernfeind	M	Susan Roeder	January	2023
Muriel Huenerberg	M	Mt. Calvary Women in Mission - Janesville	January	2023
Linda Ault	M	Christ Lutheran Women's Society/Cindy Ault-Linney	January	2023
Margaret Mortensen	M	St. Paul's LWML - Janesville	February	2023
Shirley Muche	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	February	2023
Elaine Bickel	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	February	2023
Jan Ladendorf	M	St. Bartholomew Ladies Aid	February	2023
Jan Ladendorf	M	Diane Timm	February	2023
Chuck Bilgo	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	February	2023
Jan and Gene Ladendorf	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	February	2023
Dorothy Stuhlmacher	M	St. John - Glendale	February	2023
Jan Ladendorf	M	LWML SWD District	February	2023
Jan Ladendorf	M	Cinda Poppe	March	2023
Michael Brunner	M	Elm Grove Lutheran LWML	March	2023
Carmen Nieting	M	Elm Grove Lutheran LWML	March	2023
Mary Randow	C	Grace Ev. Lutheran	March	2023
Anita Gaede	M	LWML SWD District	March	2023
Patricia Wetzel	M	Our Savior Lutheran LWML	April	2023
Shirley Vollmer	M	St. John's Women in Mission Dorcas Society	April	2023
Gordon Oswald	M	Good Shepherd Women	April	2023
Dona Hubbart	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	April	2023

Remembering	M*C*H	Given By	Date	
Jan Ladendorf	M	Trinity Freistadt LWML	April	2023
Gerald Krause	M	Cynthia Schuett	May	2023
Rosemary Schneider	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	May	2023
Carmen Nieting	M	Elm Grove Lutheran LWML	May	2023
Becky Stenson	M	Beverly Kuntzsch	June	2023
Roland Swaim	M	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	June	2023
Marcella Christian	M	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	June	2023
Marcella Christian	M	Norman and Diane Kamrath	June	2023
Carolyn Pankow	M	St. Paul's LWML - Oconomowoc	June	2023
Roberta Scheuer	M	Cynthia Schuett	September	2023
Ruth Hanson's 90th Birthday	C	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	September	2023
Shirley Zerger	M	Elizabeth Seefeldt	September	2023
Lewis Shelton	M	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	September	2023
Teresa Claerbout	M	St. John's LWML - Plymouth	October	2023
Carmen Nieting	M	Elm Grove LWML	October	2023
Larry & Sylvia Giese's 50th Anniversary	C	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	October	2023
Ruth Braatz	M	Elaine Hull	October	2023
Jackie Nett	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	October	2023
Jayne Kersten	M	St. John LWML - Berlin	October	2023
Ruth Braatz	M	St. Paul's LWML - Janesville	October	2023
Marise Bailey	M	Barbara Kaun	November	2023
Sally Long	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	November	2023
Marise Bailey	M	Peace Lutheran Mission Guild/LWML - Neenah	November	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	St. Peter's LWML - Reedsburg	November	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Joanne Brandt	November	2023
Carolyn Thompson	M	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	November	2023
Joanne Greisch-Bartelme	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	December	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Peggy Nolden	December	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Richard and Dianne Vielhuber	December	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Craig and Charlotte Hillman	December	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Clint and Julie Thompson	December	2023
Mary Schwenkhoff	M	Donald and Susan Woller	December	2023
Dennis Fors	M	Trinity LWML - Sheboygan	December	2023
Rose Diener	M	Carmen Schallock	December	2023
Ruth Hansen	M	Rev. and Karen Grieser	December	2023
Nancy Schwalenberg	M	Cinda Poppe	December	2023
Charlene E. Dargatz	M	Cinda Pope	December	2023
Cathy Piate	C	Catherine Pieper	December	2023
Purdue Friendships	C	Catherine Pieper	December	2023

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South Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League 39th Biennial Convention, the 80th Anniversary of LWML, was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, Wisconsin on June 18, 2022. The theme of the convention was "Strengthened through His Spirit" based on Ephesians 3:16-17a (NIV) "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being."

Speakers: Debbie Larson, LWML President and David Fiala, Mission Advocate - Bible Study: Rev. Adam Barkley.

New Officers Elected: V.P. of Organizational Resources, Claudia Fairfield; V.P. of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Joan Anderson; Financial Secretary, Wendie Stauss; Recording Secretary, Melody Rodger; Junior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Lewis R. Polzin.

Convention Offering totaled \$5,611.75. Of that total, 25% (\$1,402.94) went to the Love of Christ Fund and 75%(\$4,208.81) to Doxology. Gifts from the Heart recipients were The Haven of Manitowoc County (a men's homeless shelter) and Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County (domestic abuse center). A total of 2,351 items were collected.

Mite Goal for 2022-2024 is \$205,000.

LWML SWD MISSION GRANTS selected were: 1. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch \$15,000 2. In School Counseling for Mental Health of Students \$10,000 3. SWD Church Worker Grant \$30,000 4. Financial Assistance for CTS, Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Co op \$10,000 5. Outreach to Female Inmates \$15,000 6. A Place of Refuge Ministries/House remodel \$25,000 7. Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships \$20,000 8. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach \$14,000 9. A Playground as an Oasis-St. Martini/LUMIN \$15,000 10. Care for Clergy Wives-Doxology \$8,000 11. SOS Center Designed for Success \$16,810.91
Total: \$178,810.91 Fiscal Year was changed to end on March 31, 2022.
LWML SWD Bylaws and Standing Rules were updated and approved.

Biennium Planning Meeting/EC Meeting was held August 20, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Portage, WI. Theme & Goals for 2022-2024: ***Abiding in Christ's Love*** - "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 John 4:15-16 ESV.

2022-2023 Female Church Worker Scholarship Awards - \$6,000 awarded to 5 recipients. Recipients: Julia Baker is attending Concordia University Nebraska majoring in K-12 education, Katarina Hinck is attending Concordia University Wisconsin majoring in Early Childhood and Special Education. Hannah Eatherton is returning to Concordia University Nebraska majoring in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Katherine Benes is attending Concordia University Wisconsin majoring in Elementary Education. Rebeckah Eatherton will be attending Concordia University Nebraska majoring in Elementary Education.

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2022 Fall Retreat - "Empowered by God's Grace," with the Bible verse, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 was the theme for the LWML SWD Fall Retreat held in Fond du Lac at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center on September 23-24, 2022. The keynote speaker was Karol Selle. 151 were in attendance and retreat offerings were divided between the Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach ($\frac{3}{4}$) and the Female Church Workers Scholarship Fund ($\frac{1}{4}$). Gifts from the Heart donations totaled 695 items for the Fondy Food Pantry.

2022 Fall Rallies - 19 out of 21 Zones held Fall Rallies in September and October.

2022 Zone Presidents' Training - November 5, 2022, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wales, WI. Training meeting had lots of information and training for the Presidents.

2023 Winter Getaway - No Winter Getaway was scheduled so that all energies could be devoted to National LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

Leadership Development Workshops 2023 - were held March 4 at Good Shepherd Watertown and March 18 at Trinity Dells. Leaders were Jill Jones, Rev. Lewis R. Polzin, Joan Anderson, Cinda Poppe, Jennifer Schneider, Jennifer Olen, and Darcy Paape. Theme was *Adventures in Equipping Leaders, Hebrews 13:20-21*.

Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations - Event was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church 13445 Hampton Rd. Brookfield. Theme: "A WORLD FOR CHRIST!!!" Scripture Verse: "Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!" Psalm 67:3.

2023 Spring Rallies - all 21 zones held Spring Rallies

2023 Prayer Service - "My Soul Rejoices" by Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler is a balance of God's Word, hymns, and prayers.

Preparations for the LWML 40th Biennial Convention - North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts are the hosts districts for the 40th LWML Biennial Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 22-23, 2023. Host Committee Newsletters were sent out starting April 2022. These newsletters gave information on speakers, volunteer opportunities, tour choices, hotel accommodations, and many other pertinent items of information. Eighty volunteers packed 3,940 packets for the LWML convention attendees at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on June 20th. 375 host committee volunteers worked in various areas during the convention.

LWML 40th Biennial Convention - June 22-25, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was held in the Baird Center (formerly known as the Wisconsin Center). Theme was "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" Psalm 33:12-13 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man." Over 4,000 attended the Opening Worship, while over 3,500 and 76 YWRs from 35 districts attended convention sessions. District Banner Procession included flags representing the 83 nations in which the LWML has supported mission work and were carried by Young Woman Representatives and Heart to Heart-Sisters of all Nations. Newly Elected Officers were: President-Eden Keefe,

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Vice President of Organizational Resources-Arlene Naasz, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries - Karol Selle, Treasurer-Anita Werner, and Pastoral Counselor-Rev. Mark Maas. Nominating Committee: Olajumoke Odedele (Chairman), Deaconess Betty Knapp, Laura Strattman, Melissa Vance, Roxanne Pieper. Convention Personalities were: Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck-Opening Worship Proclaimer, Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray Jr.-Closing Worship Proclaimer, Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz-Keynote Speaker, Kaye Wolff-Bible Study Leader, Jan Struck-Comic Relief Duo, Abby Goehring-Comic Relief Duo, Dr. Dina Vendetti - Song Leader Mites in Action Speakers: Kurt Buchholz-Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia, Chaplain Craig Muehler-Christ for Veterans and Their Families, Rev. Dr. Steven Schave-Propelling the Gospel, Rev. Doua Xiong-Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach, Phil Zielke-Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients.

Mission Impact Luncheon Speakers: Rev. Bart Day, Rev. Edward and Sheryl DeWitt, Rev. Kevin D. Robson, Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri, Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten Wake up with the Word Bible Studies: Michelle Diercks, Cynthia Khan, Lindsay Hausch, Rev. Kris Whitby, Donna Snow, and Rev. Robert L. Mundahl Convention offerings were LWML Mission Goal 2023-2025; We are Called to Care in Plano, Illinois; Wolf River Lutheran High School, Shawano, Wisconsin; and Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers-Concordia Gospel Outreach. The new 2023-2025 LWML Mission Goal is \$2,350,000 which will fund 31 mission grants.

1. Orphan Grain Train Servant Center (Orphan Grain Train, U.S.) - \$100,000;
2. A Healing Space for At-Risk Children (Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota) - \$100,000;
3. Serving God's Children with Special Needs (Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI) - \$100,000;
4. Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment (Lutheran Braille Workers) - \$100,000;
5. Disaster Response Team (Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas) - \$50,000;
6. Mobile Kitchen (Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S.) \$85,000;
7. Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach (LCMS Life Ministry) \$96,500;
8. Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri) \$100,000;
9. Equipping Young Leaders (LCMS Youth Ministry) \$50,000;
10. Set Apart To Serve (LCMS Office of Pastoral Education) \$100,000;
11. Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job (Ministry in Mission, Haiti) \$85,000
12. Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth (Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana) \$35,000;
13. Water and the Word (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya) \$80,000;
14. Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach (Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S.) \$47,000;
15. Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals (Trinity HOPE) \$58,082;
16. Care for Street Children of Western Kenya (Capstone Ministries) \$50,000;
17. Nurturing Faith for the Aging - Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew) \$100,000;
18. Zoe's Home Support (Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO) \$75,000;

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19. Tanzania Children's Homes (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa) \$75,000;
20. Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan (Lutheran Hour Ministries) \$100,000;
21. Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church (Lutheran Family Services) \$100,000;
22. Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the United States (Lutheran Hour Ministries) \$100,000;
23. A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children (Lutheran Special Education Ministries) \$100,000
24. God's Word for Central & South American Missions (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) \$100,000;
25. Bringing God's Word to India (India Bible Translation Project) \$100,000;
26. Life Connection Events and Kits (Lutherans for Life) \$70,000;
27. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry (Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, Nebraska) \$50,000;
28. Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students (Our Place After School Care, Inc., Nebraska) \$20,000
29. Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School (St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama) \$50,000;
30. Showering Love on the Least of These (Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA) \$100,000
31. Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit (Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan) Partial Payment of \$58,988.62

LWML SWD 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS! Abigail Grosneck is a senior at Concordia University in Irvine, California, majoring in the Deaconess Program. Addison Reimer is a freshman at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, majoring in Elementary Education. Lauren Reimer is a sophomore at Concordia University, Mequon, majoring in Director of Church Ministries. Rachael Hacker is a freshman at Concordia University, Mequon, majoring in elementary education/early childhood.

2023 Fall Retreat - The LWML SWD 2023 Fall Retreat was held on September 29th and 30th at the Clarion Hotel and Suites (formerly Wintergreen). The theme was "Comforted to Comfort Others" based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction. Michelle Diercks was the speaker. Gifts from the Heart recipients: Trinity Lutheran Wisconsin Dells - Blessing Box and Our Savior Lutheran Baraboo - Our Savior's Kids (Daycare). Offering recipient: ¾ LLC Comfort Dog Program - \$1725.00; ¼ Female Church Workers Scholarship Program - \$575.00. Mites - \$542.39. Retreat Committee: Amy Tikkanen, Joan Anderson, Cinda Poppe, Pastor Polzin, Kim Hovie, Sandy Krainz, Kathy Herbst, Carolyn Blum, Patty Silah, LuAnn Roman, Joanna Jaloszinski, and Cindy Schuett.

Zone Fall Rallies - all 21 zones held Fall Rallies.

LWML SWD WINTER GETAWAY RETREAT - Winter Getaway was held on February 2-3, 2024, at the Marriott West in Waukesha. The theme: "Growing Together" based on Hebrews 10:23-25 - "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who is promised is faithful.

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And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Darcy Paape was the retreat speaker leading the group in a mentoring workshop. Pastor Gehrke led the Bible study on Hebrews 10. President Cinda Poppe and Pastor Meador welcomed the group. Grace Rao (A Place of Refuge) and Melissa Pflug (Deaconess Intern at the Lutheran Home) were the Mites in Action Speakers. Gifts from the Heart Recipient: Care packages for female students and church workers. Offering recipients: Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin ($\frac{3}{4}$) and Female Church Worker Scholarship Fund ($\frac{1}{4}$)

Lutheran Women in Service Prayer Service 2024 - This Prayer Service was written by Rev. Michael Mattil and is available on the LWML website. Theme: "Grace, Mercy, Peace" based on the following verses "Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." (1 Timothy 1:2b; 2 Timothy 1:2) and "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love." (2 John 1:3). This service is designed around those three words, those three gifts that come to us from our gracious Father and our Savior: Grace, Mercy, Peace.

The following event will be held after the due date for this report.

2024 Heart to Heart - Sisters of All Nations Event - will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Granville Lutheran School. Theme: "Hearts for the Harvest" based on Matthew 9:37-38.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zuehlsdorf Archivist/Historian

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Hannah Schultz and Kristen Kolell



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2024 LWML SWD Zone Presidents



Zones 1—7

(left to right)

1.Heidi Willison, 2.Ann Nehring, 3.Jean Kruse, 4.Kristen Kolell,
5.Pam Muther, 6.Tomi Knuth, 7.Karen Marquardt



Zones 8-14

(left to right)

8.Hannah Schultz, 9.Diane Meyer, 10.Julie Lawonn, 11.Barb Kaun,
12.Marilyn Belter, 13.Jeanne Metcalf, 14.Carol Smith



Zones 15-21

(left to right)

15.Ruth West, 16.Theresa Smith & Anneliese Kroll, 17. Judy Gitzlaff,
18.Kimberly Terry, 19.(Carolyn Fish & Marge Frank-not present),
20.Anne Koth, 21Eunice Matter

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Carol Smith



Melody Rodger



Cinda Poppe



Donna Weiss



Diane Meyer



Joan Anderson



Patricia Silah



Joanna Jaloszynski



Elaine Hull



Anneliese Kroll



Ann Nehring



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Susan Kemnitz



President's Report

Cinda Poppe

What makes LWML SWD a GREAT district is the commitment of individual members at the group level through prayers, mite donations, acts of service done in homes, congregations and communities, and support of zone and district events. Without the commitment of each individual, none of what is done at the district or national level would be necessary. *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* What a joy it is to live out the LWML Mission statement together in South Wisconsin as sisters in Christ.

The LWML SWD 2022-2024 biennium theme, **Abiding in Christ's Love**, directed us to **Serve** one another, **Study** Scripture to know, and **Share...CHRIST'S LOVE!** *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:15-16)* Celebrate the accomplishments of this biennium by reviewing the Biennium History found in the convention manual.

In the past two years, 75% of our mites supported twelve district mission grants and 25% supported LWML mission grants. The Mission Grant goal of \$205,000 was met and exceeded. Servant events supported mercy ministries in congregations, across the district, at LCMS campuses and seminaries, and throughout the world. Retreats, Heart 2 Heart– Sisters of All Nations, Leadership Workshop, zone rallies, prayer services, and group meetings offered opportunities for Lutheran Women in Mission to serve each other, share God's Word, and support missions. Co-hosting the LWML convention *Celebrate the Lord of Nations* in Milwaukee with LWML NWD and NID was a once (or twice) in a lifetime experience as yellow shirted worker bees served faithfully together!

The opportunity to serve as district president the past four years has been a privilege. Some of the joys include representing LWML SWD at Donation Day at CTSFW, at the SWD LCMS Pastors Convention, LLL convention, and at rallies for all 21 Zones.

The role of district president is one of encourager, communicator, planner and facilitator. The district's accomplishments required teamwork and collaboration with others. Serving with all the dedicated members of the Executive Committee, the Appointed Committee Chairmen, and a plethora of volunteers who are committed to serving the Lord through the LWML has been a blessing beyond words. Thank you for the opportunity to grow as a person, as a Child of God, as a leader and as a sister in Christ! To God be the glory!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Vice President of Organizational Resources

Marilyn Belter

I was installed as your interim (appointed) Vice President of Organizational Resources on September 29, 2023. Claudia Fairfield was elected to this position in June of 2022 but due to health issues with her parents and needed to care for them make the difficult decision to resigned her position. We thank Claudia for her faithful service. Please continue to pray for Claudia and her family.

The departments this office oversees are the Structure, Archivist-Historian, Leader Development, Nominating Committee and Renewal Committee. I am thankful to have talented and dedicated leaders of these departments. I praise God that he has given me wonderful mentors to help me understand the new responsibilities and expectations this position holds.

I am grateful for those who have held this position in the past and left suggestions, timelines and guidelines for me to follow. I ask for you prayers and support as I fulfill this position.

Vice-President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

Joan Anderson

God has surely blessed me in the past two years giving me the privilege to serve the LWML-SWD in this position and with wonderful people.

I began my term by attending a tech training session and the District planning meeting in August of 2022, closely followed by the BOD meeting in September. I was blessed to serve as advisor to two faithful Fall Retreat Committees. The first in Fond du Lac September 2022 and then in the Wisconsin Dells in 2023. There was not a Winter Getaway in 2023 because of the involvement of so many from our District in planning and working for the 2023 National Convention held in Milwaukee. Winter Getaway 2024 was in Waukesha and focused on Mentoring.

It was an honor to be asked to attend the National Assembly of Leaders Conference in October of 2022. The information gained was shared at the Presidents' training in November of 2022 and also at the Leadership workshops in March of 2023.

I believe that God has called me and equips me daily to serve Him by serving the LWML-SWD. He has given me wonderful mentors and friends that I am blessed to serve the Lord with gladness side by side. I look forward to the coming two years.

VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

LuAnn Roman

The position of VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants has been mine since convention in 2020. At that time, we did not have a formal convention due to COVID but the business of LWML SWD got done, despite the inconvenience. The subsequent four years has seen a “return to normal”... or did it? There have been many times of change and redirection, but I can confidently say that it has all been good because it was in God’s hands. Several times our Mission Grant Goal and lists have had to change due to money returned, etc. But those grants fully funded, we know, were in God’s plan to receive the assistance.

The former Deaf Liaison chair, Linda Ault, went to be with her Lord. Changes occurred in that department to where we now have an advocate, Anne Herlihy, to speak up for the needs of those living with vision, hearing, mobility and cognitive challenges.

Three times, minus the year of COVID, we hosted an in person Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations event emphasizing the necessity of being deliberate in incorporating women of other cultures into the LWML family.

Barb Schallock came on board as Chair of the Missionary Outreach/Mission Education department and we thank her for her service.

I have witnessed first hand how the leadership of LWML in our district takes seriously its role in supporting and benefiting from national LWML. Yes, this family of believers, organized as Lutheran Women in Mission, ie LWML, has seen its share of changes but thanks to God, we know that all outcomes have been designed to give God the glory and further His Kingdom. I have been humbled to be a part of it and pray for the incoming VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants. The organization would not be the same without her and all of the above.

Vice President of Communication

Jennifer Olen

Chosen to Love & Serve, what a beautiful theme for our district convention and a wonderful summary of my time in this position.

The position of Vice President of Communication oversees the various committees who are responsible for getting you your news about district events and opportunities and LWML happenings. The women on these committees (Audio Visual, Facebook, Lutheran Women’s Quarterly, Mission Lamp, Prayer Chain, and Website) have been a blessing to work with these years. Each one, as a chosen child of Christ, has used their gifts to reflect God’s love and serve this district.

Vice President of Communication (cont.)

Jennifer Olen

During this biennium, this officer:

Attended Fall Retreats, Winter Getaway, Zone President training, Heart 2 Heart Sisters of All Nations events, and Leadership Development workshops.

Represented the Executive Committee at the Fall Rallies of Zones 4 & 6 and Spring Rallies of Zones 21 & 7.

Created a rotation schedule for purchasing of district owned laptops for the Executive Committee.

Developed the new Technology Support Administrator position for the LWML SWD.

Managed the Google Workspace for the district, created district emails for YW Chairman, Convention Travel Chairman, Archivist/Historian, Website Administrator, Mission Lamp Editor, Technology Support Administrator, Public Relations Chairman, and District Convention Chairman.

Attended Executive Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

Replied to emails, texts and calls related to district business.

Conducted Technology days with the Executive Committee

I appreciate that you entrusted me with the office of the Vice President of Communication. We have made a huge step forward with technology in the district. I look forward to seeing where we head next.

The Lord has been with me every minute of serving in this capacity. I praise and thank Him for allowing me to use the gifts He has given me.

Thank you to all for the prayers, hugs and encouraging words!

Happy to have been Abiding in God's Love this biennium-

Thank you for the honor of serving you!

Recording Secretary

Melody Rodger

At the 2022 Convention, I ran unopposed for the office of Recording Secretary. There was a need for someone to step up and record the minutes of our LWML SWD. Why not me? God has a plan for each of us and He will provide what we need to accomplish His purpose. I have been blessed to serve with wonderful Christian sisters who are supportive and caring. Don't be afraid to open the door of opportunity God places before you. I have learned so much about taking minutes electronically and using our Google Workspace. Training and support is available through our new Technology Support Administrator. It has also been an honor to be a voting member in many decisions which lead to sharing the love of Christ. I so enjoy gathering with all my LWML sisters and refer back to my candidate 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."

Corresponding Secretary

Jan Koopman

Thank you for the blessing and privilege to serve as the LWML SWD Corresponding Secretary for the last four years. Meeting, worshiping, and praying with women of all ages has been a wonderful experience and my faith life has been strengthened. As Corresponding Secretary responsible to the District President (DP), my activity includes the following:

Emailing the official calls for Executive (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings. Writing and logging correspondence as directed by the DP and other members of the EC.

Attending zone rallies as a district EC representative and any other duties as assigned by the DP.

Maintenance and updating of the LWML SWD Handbook and zone and group officer information.

Writing and compiling reports for distribution prior to BOD meetings.

Assisting groups and individual members as requested.

Preparing for meetings by securing of host locations, and set-up for specific needs.

Supporting EC and BOD members in their duties as requested.

Preparing needed name badges, tent cards, documents and other materials for each meeting.

All other tasks as requested by the DP, EC, and BOD.

Financial Secretary

Wendie Staus

In June 2022 I was honored to be elected to the LWML South Wisconsin District Financial Secretary position. Since that time, I have been mentored by Marilyn Belter, the previous SWD Financial Secretary, and Patty Silah, SWD Treasurer. I appreciate their patience and advice. As the Financial Secretary, I also work with the Female Church Worker Scholarship Chairman, Judy Gitzlaff, and Pat Menden, Special Funds Coordinator. Both of these women are outstanding in their roles. It also has been a joy to help Paula Keefer, our *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Manager, with a few of her tasks.

As the Financial Secretary, I receive and deposit all monies from the district and direct them as requested to different areas, such as mites, memorials, rallies, prayer services, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions, H2H, FCWS, interest from select endowment funds, convention donations, administration contributions, Thrivent Choice dollars, etc. I work closely with Patty to reconcile the deposits and monthly totals, so that the "mite thermometer" can be updated monthly and grants paid accordingly.

Over the past two years it has been a pleasure to meet so many dedicated women with a passion for missions! I have learned much about our district and certainly enjoy representing the EC at the semi-annual rallies. I would like to say "thank you" to the women who have included notes or cards with their local group's mite contributions. You have no idea how uplifting they are to me!

Thank you to all our local groups for their mite contributions. Because of you, we were able to meet our mission grant goal again this biennium! God Bless You!

LWML SWD Treasurer

Patricia Silah

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the last 4 years as the LWML SWD treasurer. In this capacity my major duties were:

1. Pay the bills,
2. Compile financial statements and present them understandably to others,
3. Do the accounting for events, such as fall retreats and winter getaways, and
4. Monitor investments for the best safe interest on those investments.

I have seen God working in the LWML SWD in the following ways. "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28. That was definitely displayed in the midst of Covid, as we looked for ways to do the business of the LWML SWD, and started using Google Meets. With Google Meets, we saved much travel expense and time. We were able to meet in the evenings and for short periods and with some people joining later or leaving earlier, etc. One of the things that came out of this was that I was able to be the treasurer for the Fall Retreat and for the Winter Getaway without having to travel and use extensive amounts of time.

It had many times been recommended that we convert to a fiscal year ending on March 31st, but how and when to make this switch from June 30th was a concern. Then again with Covid, several approved mite grants were withdrawn as they could not do the work that was planned for those funds. God provided us with an opportunity to end our fiscal biennium on March 31st, 2022 rather than on June 30, 2022. At that time, we had honored all of the grants selected by the LWML SWD 2020 convention delegates, so in June of 2022, your delegates agreed to this change of fiscal year. This change resulted in your getting to see the completed statements in this convention manual, and you know how much of a mite overage we have. It is nice to vote with the facts before you.

I was surprised by how much computer technology was shown to me, and how comfortable I got with things that I knew nothing about in June of 2020 when I was elected to this position. I am now comfortable with Google meetings, and editing and commenting on shared documents. Our district is definitely moving in the right direction with the available technology and we even created a new position of Technology Support so that we can bring more of our ladies into the comfort level of using the resources that are available on our website and on the LWML website. If I can, you can too!

One of the greatest things I will take away from this position is the friendships of the members of the executive committee, as well as with other ladies involved in LWML. I have the utmost respect for them as individuals, love for them in their Christian focus, and enjoyment of serving with them. This position of Treasurer of the LWML SWD has been more fulfilling and more joyous than I could even have imagined! I look forward to continuing in the LWML and serving our Lord.

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

What an honor it has been to be the Senior Pastoral Counselor for the past two years! I will be saddened and will miss the many wonderful Lutheran Women in Mission that I have met over the past four years. I'm excited to be part of the district convention again this year. I look forward to leading Bible Study. I appreciated being able to work with Pastor Polzin these past two years. What a joy it has been to get to know the elected members of the E.C. and all the different ladies of the LWML SWD. I have kept busy serving the ladies of the LWML SWD in a variety of ways. Here is how I have been serving:

Keep the LWML, different service projects, and missionaries in my prayers. Help plan, give overview, and lead Bible Study for the Winter Get-A-Way in 2024.

Help host, and even fill in for the Leadership Development in March of 2023 at Trinity in Wisconsin Dells.

Help plan, give overview and lead Bible Study for the 2022 Fall Retreat.

Attend the 2023 Fall Retreat.

I had the privilege of attending the National LWML Convention in 2023 in Milwaukee, WI! I was pastoral counselor to the host committee. What a wonderful blessing that was to me!

Attend and lead devotions at Board of Directors meetings.

Attend and lead devotions at E.C. meetings.

Attend the Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations events in 2023 and 2024.

Give theological review to emails, prayers, Bible Studies, and addresses as needed.

Submit articles and provide doctrinal review to the Mission Lamp as needed.

Attempt to fill Zone Pastoral Vacancies whenever possible. This was by far the most challenging part of my role as senior counselor. I pray that Pastor Polzin has much more success than I did in filling our zone vacancies.

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Lewis Polzin

It has been such a joy to serve as the Junior Pastoral Counselor to the LWML SWD since 2022. Working with the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, various LWML groups, and even the Zone Counselors has been rewarding. Working with Rev. Gehrke and seeing his deep affection for the LWML and its members has been encouraging and has set a wonderful example.

I started my service with the LWML by attending the District Convention in Grafton at St. Paul's. I also went to the Assembly of Leaders conference in St. Louis in October of 2022. I was thrown into the deep end of the National Convention, not in the planning aspect, as that had been long accomplished and set up through the faithful work of prior years, but in terms of figuring out the immensity of having a Convention in your own hometown. Through prayers and dedication, I have led Bible studies and devotions. I have attended many and various meetings for the Fall Retreat, Winter Getaway, Leadership Development Workshop, and others. I have served as part of the crisis team in almost every meeting that gathers together. I have even been graciously invited by some local LWML chapters to speak at their meetings.

These last two years have been filled with many challenges for all of us, but the Lord comforts us all with the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven, redeemed, and beloved children. With that knowledge, we know, too, we are called to, as God's children, holy and beloved, "compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (*Colossians 3:12*) In the LWML, so we do.

Always, in Christ,
Rev. Lewis Polzin

Parliamentarian

Diane Timm

As parliamentarian, I was appointed by the SWD President and attended all SWD BOD meetings. The responsibility of the Parliamentarian is to serve as an advisor on parliamentary procedure when asked. I spent time reviewing Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. I served as the Head Teller at the SWD Convention in 2022 and as a member of the SWD Structure Committee the past two years. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord through these activities.

2024 LWML SWD Steering Committee Chairman Melody Rodger

We have been "Abiding in Christ's Love" as our committee prepared to host this LWML SWD Convention at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. Thank you to Bethlehem for providing our location in your beautiful church. It is such a blessing to be making decisions and serving in God's house for His Glory. Our committee struggled at the beginning with filling committee positions, but in God's time and in His grace, He brought forward talented sisters to work together and coordinate this convention. Google Meets has been a very helpful tool for committee meetings without the time and expense of travel. We also greatly appreciate the guidance of our District President and the Executive Committee as plans and decisions were made. As you experience this convention, we pray that God's love shines through in all the ways He has brought forward to encourage us as we Serve Him with Gladness!

Bookstore Manager

Diane Kamrath

The Bookstore has downsized over the years. It no longer houses all the inventory as in past years, due to no insurance coverage. We are asking ladies to give us a pre-order and I will order it for you to be picked up at the next LWML event. We only ask you to pay \$1.00 per item for shipping. We do this as a service to you. We do not make a profit. You can contact me and I will be happy to order something for you that you see on the LWML store site, to be picked up at the next LWML event.

Gladness Rags

Barbara Schallock

Received the Gladness Rags from Marilyn Belter on February 3, 2024
Submitted \$63 from Winter Getaway to Wendie Staus
Brought home the Gladness Rags and weeded out old worn out clothing
Accepted donation of clothing for Gladness Rags
A big thank you to all who donated items and bought items.
The Gladness Rags will be at the SWD Convention in Sun Prairie

Structure Committee Chairman

Ruth Mueller

I began this position in August 2022 when I met with the past chairman, Monica Jeske, as she passed her files and flash drive on to me. I established my committee and we began to work on revising the LWML SWD Convention Guidelines with input from the recent convention committee and the Executive Committee. These revisions were approved and new copies were distributed to Board of Director members at the February BOD meeting in 2023.

In the past year considerable work has been done revising and updating the General Guidelines for the district. This includes all the elected and appointed positions and also a few policy guidelines. The women in these positions are making sure the guidelines reflect the procedures that are currently being followed so that the guidelines will be useful as newly elected and appointed volunteers take on these roles. My committee has been great in catching items that need clarifying or put into the proper form to be sure they are consistent with other guidelines. The goal is to have the final draft approved and printed so they can be distributed at the September 2024 BOD meeting.

My committee also deals with bylaws. We are responsible for keeping the LWML SWD bylaws in agreement with the LWML bylaws, so that after every LWML Convention in odd numbered years we review any changes made to the LWML Bylaws to see if there is a parallel change needed in the LWML SWD Bylaws. These changes then need to go before the LWML SWD convention delegates for approval, like we are doing this year.

My committee receives zone bylaw revisions. Each zone is to review and make adjustments to keep their bylaws consistent with their practices every four (4) years. The Structure Committee then makes sure the zone bylaws are in agreement with the district and national LWML bylaws. In my files I keep digital copies of all the district guidelines and zone bylaws.

As we each use the abilities God has given us, we work together to keep our LWML SWD running smoothly. In this way no one is overburdened with too many tasks and we learn to value the roles we all have. We appreciate having each other to recognize the differing perspectives from which we see things, and we are able to catch those silly mistakes that sneak into our work. It all keeps us smiling and serving gladly!

Archivist/Historian

Mary Zuehlsdorf

As Archivist/Historian, I was appointed by the SWD President and attended SWD BOD meetings. I update the archivist files which are stored at Concordia University Wisconsin. Board of Directors reports and meeting minutes, along with Executive Meeting Minutes, Mission Lamps, and LWML SWD events' programs are sent to the National Archives in St. Louis and stored in the LWML SWD archives. Rally programs Rally Programs, Winter Getaway, Fall Retreat, Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations, LWML Prayer Service, and other District Events' Programs are added to the files. I attended the preconvention seminar for Archivist/Historians at the 2023 National LWML Convention in Milwaukee. Displays are set up at Fall Retreats, Winter Getaways, and District Conventions. I really enjoyed the research that went into these displays.

Leadership Development Committee Report

Jill Jones

We are currently looking for members who would like to be a part of the leadership development team for 2024-2025.

We have begun meeting to plan out the leadership development workshops for March of 2025.

We are still looking for people to join our leadership team, it is not too late, please contact Jill Jones if interested.

We are currently in the process of looking for locations within the South Wisconsin District to host our leadership workshop.

We are also looking at a theme and Bible Verse to accompany our workshops.

We have a lot of fun planning this event so consider joining the leadership team.

Nominating Committee

Marilyn Belter

The committee members are Marilyn Belter – Zone 12, Chairman, Hannah Schultz – Zone 8, Secretary; Kristen Kolell – Zone 4; Elaine Hull – Zone 16, Public Relations; Patty Silah – Zone 4; Jean Behl, Zone 20 President, resigned from the committee & her Zone president position due to family commitments. We thank Jean for her service on the committee. The Nominating Committee was seeking nominations for President, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Vice President of Communication, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Jr. Pastoral Counselor. We met frequently over the past two years via google meet. The committee received many nominations and sent many letters but few answered the call to serve at the district level. At the time of writing this report we do not have a full ballot of candidates.

Nominating Committee (cont.)

Marilyn Belter

The committee is committed to continue to work to find qualified candidates who are willing to be on the ballot. The committee continues to accept nominations for the offices listed above except Jr. Pastoral Counselor. Per the bylaws: "Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the person has given written consent and meet the qualifications for the office." Please notify a committee member if a nomination from the floor is going to be made.

I would like to thank the committee and those who accepted to be a candidate for an office. Praise the Lord for those who Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Renewal Committee

Diane Meyer

I enjoy serving as the Renewal Committee Chairman and sharing with others what LWML has to offer to them. Although I have not been able to accomplish as much as I would like, I have had several opportunities to encourage a group president when they have reached out to the Renewal Committee for ideas to strengthen their dwindling group. It has been an encouragement to me to have seen these groups make changes to the format of their meetings as well as how they are reaching out to other women in their congregations. As a result, these groups have experienced several new members attending their LWML group. Currently there is a need for additional Renewal Committee members so that we can reach out to more groups needing assistance.

Christian Life Chairman

Sandy Krainz

In my many years of working with the ladies and pastors of LWML, I believe this last biennium has been my busiest and the best opportunity I have met and worked with so many new people in accomplishing the work of missions!

In 2022, I accepted the position of director of servant activities for the 2023 LWML Convention hosted in Milwaukee. Most of the planning and meetings were done on zoom and I had a second director on board to help tremendously with a lot of the logistics and reaching out to people. We spent the day prior to the start of convention moving and setting up our location and the next day meeting our goals with all of the people who came to work on mission projects.

I have attended all of the district board of director meetings along with the 2022-2024 biennium planning meeting to select the theme, verse, and goals for our current time. I agreed to take on a position of leading servant events for the Fall Retreat and attended in this capacity. I have written a Christian Life article for all of the District Mission Lamps that go out quarterly. I am not a writer, but the resources on the LWML website make it so much easier to find a topic and write about it for all to read. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the ladies in leadership capacities and have learned so much...thank you for sharing your God-given gifts to help make our LWML continue on!

Young Women's Committee Chairman

Carmen Schallock

I accepted the chairman position in July 2022. One of my first projects was to facilitate the YWR application process for the 2023 convention which included developing the documents, publicizing the opportunity and eventually, with the help of the Young Women's Committee members, make a recommendation to the EC. I had the privilege of giving YWR pins and LWML gift bags to our SWD YWRs for 2023 - Sarah Greenhow and Sevita (Abigail) Grosnick-Bhattacharya during the SWD caucus at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

After the convention, I worked with the Structure Committee to submit revisions for the General Guidelines. I also worked with our DP to compile a historic list of SWD YWRs.

Currently I am working on plans for our YWRs at the 2024 SWD convention as well as looking ahead to the YWR application process for the 2025 convention in Omaha.

It has been my pleasure to serve with gladness alongside the talented ladies of the LWML-SWD!

Fall Retreat Chairman

Amy Tikkanen

Wow! How time flies! I volunteered to chair the 2023 and 2024 Fall Retreats back in March 2023. I was blessed to have a great team that was already knee deep into planning! We had a fantastic turnout for the Fall Retreat 2023, which was held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. I continue to be blessed by yet another great committee for the 2024 Fall Retreat.

The Fall Retreat Committee continues to be busy planning the next Fall Retreat, which will be held on Sept 27th and 28th, 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac, WI. The theme is *Treasured*. Bible Verse: "The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession." Deuteronomy 14:2. Offering Recipient: Journey's School. Gifts of the Heart recipient: Hope LC Food Pantry and Charis Pregnancy Counseling. Needed items can be found on the event poster and/or registration form. Registration of \$70 due September 13, 2024. Servant Event are still in the planning stage but will include Lap Blankets in liturgical colors for the Lutheran Home Residents.

It has been an honor and blessing to work with everyone in the LWML-SWD.

Winter Getaway Chairman

Jill Jones

I was blessed and thankful to serve with faithful women and men on the Winter Getaway Committee. The Winter Getaway 2024 theme was Growing Together in Faithful Mentoring, based on the Bible Verses: Hebrews 10:23-25, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Winter Getaway Chairman (cont.)

Jill Jones

103 ladies attended this year's Winter Getaway at the Milwaukee West Marriott on February 2-3, 2024. It was a joyful time as sisters in Christ gathered to praise God, grow in their mentorship skills, get reacquainted with old friends, and meet some new friends too. Darcy Paape, the current director of Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia, Mequon was our keynote speaker. 218 Care packages that were collected and compiled for young women at Concordia Mequon. The offering that was collected totaled \$1338.00. That money was then divided, 25% going to Church Workers Scholarship fund and the other 75% going to the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia, Wisconsin. Another \$410.00 was collected for mites in mission.

Music Coordinator

Roberta Hilgendorf

I enjoyed serving as song leader/accompanist at the Winter Getaway and Heart to Heart Sisters of all nations event (pre-service music). I also provided my own keyboard to be used at the retreats and Heart to Heart Event.

I kept busy planning the songs to be sung at the District Convention, and coordinating them with the organist and trumpeter, and checking them for correct copyright information. I typed the lyrics and sent them to the Audio Visual committee. I also attended all zoom planning meetings for the convention and fall retreat.

Missionary Outreach and Mission Education

Barbara Schallock

Distribute missionary newsletters
Display info at events
List of SWD home based missionaries
Sign-up sheet for newsletters
Maintain Speaker's list available upon request

Special Focus Ministries Chair

Kathy Herbst

Attended and reported to BOD meetings
Displayed at events and retreats
Served as encouragement for local groups
Wrote articles for Mission Lamp
With Cinda represented LWML at CUW seminar for Lutheran School Teachers
Attended and volunteered for National Convention
Attended workshop at National Convention that provided ideas for supporting professional church workers
Attended zone rallies
Actively worked as VP for local group

Mission Grants

Kay Nett

After the mission grant proposals were selected for the 2022-2024 biennium, articles were written and submitted to the Mission Lamp. Rallies and retreats were attended where the grants and mite goal were displayed. I attended the LWML convention in Milwaukee and was able to take a workshop on grant proposal procedures. Grant proposal submissions were requested by October 31, 2023. When all applications were received, a meeting was held to review the grants. Proposals were sent to appropriate parties for approval. Approved proposals were sent to EC prior to the spring meeting for review and voting. Ballots were prepared for BOD spring meeting to vote for proposals to be on ballot for 2024 SWD Convention. The grant proposals were presented at the spring BOD meeting; questions regarding the proposals were answered and voting for the grants which would appear on the convention ballot was held. I will be acting as head teller for the grant voting at the June 2024 convention.

Heart to Heart - Sisters of all Nations

Joanna Ellis

“A world for Christ” supported by the word from Psalm 67:3 was the theme for the 2023 annual multicultural event of the LWML/SWD Heart to Heart celebration. At a well attended gathering, the day started with visitation at the different ministries and ethnic groups displays.

As we praise God for all the peoples of the world, a member from the host congregation shared plans as they embark on an outreach trip to Uganda in Eastern Africa.

On March 16th, 2024 it was a glorious day as we prepared “Hearts for the Harvest” from Matthew 9:37-38. After a beautiful and well diverse leadership worship service, guests were entertained with tutorials on learning how to tie and style African Headwrap and took an imaginary journey to Germany, learning how to make a German Beer Dip. As chairman of the committee, I encouraged and supported another committee member to attend training at the biennial convention held here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I am humbly currently serving in the Heart to Heart National Committee. Our event brought sisters from other states to observe how we celebrate sisters and cultures from around the world. Glory Be To God!!

Mission Lamp Editor

Vaunie Weaver

I have been the editor of the Mission Lamp since the fall of 2022. There have been six issues published during that time and another one will have been accomplished by the time of this convention. I continue to be blessed with Wendie Staus as the assistant editor who does wonders with the LWML Style Book. She gives joyfully to her service in this position and it makes being the editor fun and each issue something I look forward to working on. It was especially enjoyable working on the issue post Milwaukee convention last summer. Detailed stories and happy pictures abounded and it was a great experience to help capture the memories. I look forward to receiving even more articles from our LWML SWD zones and groups in the months ahead to help share all of the wonderful mission activities taking place across our district.

Public Relations Chairman

**written by Jennifer Olen
VP of Communication**

This position has been in limbo from June 2022 when Joan Anderson (who was PR Chairman) was elected to VP of Gospel Outreach. We are now blessed that Jennifer Schneider will be serving as PR Chairman.

In the time from June 2022 until September 2023, the duties of this position were handled by Joan Anderson, Cinda Poppe and Jennifer Olen.

Spring and Fall Rally information was collected and disseminated.

LWML SWD was represented at the 2023 Spring SWD LCMS Pastors Conference, 2023 Concordia University Mequon-Teachers Summit, District Fall Retreats and Winter Getaways.

Monthly basis submitting LWML SWD information to the SWD LCMS Mission Moments newsletter.

LWML SWD events easily submitted to the SWD LCMS calendar.

We look forward to having Jen in this position with her friendly face and new ideas!

Facebook Administrator

Mai Thao

The art of engagement in our social media world!

Throughout my calling as a Facebook Administrator with LWML SWD it has been a pleasure working with the organization. I average a posting 1-2 times a week at most and sometimes mommy life gets the best of me where a week go by and no posting is made. However, I have Jennifer Olen, my Facebook super hero saves the day and would assist with postings. Armed with a keyboard and a heart full of emojis, I set sail on a voyage across Facebook, connecting with other sisters in Christ following our Facebook page. Our Facebook is posted with the milestones of Mission Grants that are paid out, retreats, district news updates, conventions, bible devotion, Mustard Seeds, and more! We even get thumbs up on our pictures, which that means they pressed the "Like" button! Continue to check us out on Facebook! I look forward to continue to be your Facebook Poster Queen for years to come. As always, serve the Lord with gladness.

Lutheran Quarterly Manager

Paula Keefer and Marilyn Belter

Marilyn Belter served as the District Quarterly Manager from July of 2022 to October of 2023. It was an honor and privilege to serve as the District Quarterly Manager. Serving as LWQ Manager has provided opportunities for me to be in fellowship with women from all over the South Wisconsin District via phone calls, emails, and in person for the purpose of connecting them to the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League through the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ) publication. The Quarterly Manager is supported by many, in the tasks of receiving and submitting orders, balancing the financial end of the order process, approving the final order, and submitting it to the LWML office for processing.

A thank you to all the zones and groups who submit their orders and to the LWML SWD Financial Secretary for handling the finances for orders, and the LWML SWD President who must approve before submission. Paula Keefer became the new Quarterly Manager in November of 2023. She is thankful for all the support she received during the first order cycle of her tenure. Being new to Wisconsin, this position is a great way for her to meet new people and become acclimated to her new district. The LWQ is a great tool to help your groups with Bible studies, grow in your faith and find ideas for service projects. It is a blessing to have this publication continue and grow in the modern world where many print magazines are becoming obsolete.

E-Mail Prayer Request Manager

Joyce L. Kaestner

It has been my privilege to serve in this capacity for quite a few years. Although the requests have been minimal in the last year, I continue to pass them along as quickly as possible.

Wake up and strengthen what remains. Revelation 3:2

Website Administrator

Ann Nehring

The position of Website Administrator is an appointed position by the LWML SWD President that serves on the LWML SWD Board of Directors as a non-voting member under the direction of the Vice President of Communication. There are no term limits on this position. It is the responsibility of the person in this position to receive approved information to be posted on the LWML-SWD.ORG web site and make sure the information is posted on a timely basis.

Website Administrator (cont.)

Ann Nehring

Material that is posted on the LWML-SWD.ORG web site includes the promotion of LWML SWD events, the monthly mite contributions, the status of the Mission Grants, whether they are funded or unfunded, the Mission Lamp and other news items as directed by the LWML SWD President and the Vice President of Communication. Other duties of this position include removing old information as it becomes obsolete. The goal of keeping up-to-date information on the LWML-SWD.ORG web site is to tell the world about Jesus to many people in tangible ways such as showing the mission grants that are funded by the LWML SWD and the retreats and events that are sponsored by our district. It also provides one known place that women of the LWML-SWD can look at to find out what is going on in our district.

For me, this position has been a marvelous blessing in that I have been able to meet and get to know so many women who willingly give their time and talents to do God's work in the LWML. I am encouraged and renewed in my faith in Jesus as my Savior as I see the mission grants being funded and hear the stories of those who come to know Jesus as well. One of my favorite aspects of this position is that I am able to complete the required duties from my own home, or wherever I have an internet connection. I welcome feedback from those who go to the LWML-SWD.ORG web site about what is helpful and what needs improvement.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve in this position for the past six years. Serving in this position has shown me that Our Lord does certainly equip those He calls for service in ways that I could never have imagined on my own. I look forward to seeing how my gracious Heavenly Father will use me as His servant in the time to come.

Audio/Visual Team

Kim Hovie and Joanna Jaloszynski

Our team reports to the Vice President of Communication, who has lead us with unflinching energy, a fantastic personality, and leadership strength. Specifically, we have so enjoyed supporting the audio/visual needs of our LWML SWD major events and serving with our wonderful, talented, and fun sisters and brothers in Christ. Over the past two years we have been a part of:

39th Biennial LWML SWD Convention, Saturday June 18, 2022, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Grafton.

Fall Retreat, September 23 & 24, 2022, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac.

Fall Retreat, September 29-30, 2023, at the Clarion Hotel and Suites in the Wisconsin Dells.

Winter Get Away, February 2-3, 2024, at the Marriott West in Waukesha

Heart to Heart Sisters Event, March 16, 2024, at Granville Lutheran School in Milwaukee.

Audio/Visual Committee (cont.)

Kim Hovie and Joanna Jaloszynski

The aspects of these events our team has been blessed to support include:

Working with appropriate event committee members to ensure all AV equipment needs are included in the event venue contract and/or supplemental venue order.

Attending event committee planning meetings as needed and participating in a venue visit.

Contacting event speakers concerning their AV needs such as microphone preferences, and communicating deadlines for submission of anything they would like played or projected such as PowerPoint, video, music, etc.

Collaborating with our Music Coordinator to assess the AV equipment needs of musicians (instrument and vocals).

Maintaining and/or creating District song lyrics PowerPoint files.

Compiling event master PowerPoint presentations that lead the audience through the event agenda.

Coordinating and/or handling AV equipment needs during the event (microphones, projector, etc.).

Female Church Worker Scholarship

Judy Gitzlaff

I was appointed to this position after the 2022 district convention. I then met with Wendie Staus to transition to this position and contacted my committee members who all remained on the committee. I rewrote the scholarship news article and sent same to our LCMS SWD office and Pastor Nathan Meador as well as all the Concordia Universities and all our LCMS SWD high schools. I have updated the scholarship application for 2 different school years and sent this to be posted on our website.

After I received the 8 completed scholarship applications that were sent to me, I covered up all identifying info and sent them to my committee. We had 2 Zoom meetings to discuss the selections. Once the committee made their choices, this info was sent to Cinda Poppe for EC approval. Once I received that approval, I sent letters to both the recipients and non-recipients as well as the scholarship checks once I received them. I also exhibited at both the 2023 Fall Retreat and 2024 Winter Getaway.

Special Funds Coordinator

Pat Menden

After being appointed to this position I met with Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, to learn more about the *Gifts of Love* ministry program and its promotion. I have received monthly articles from the Gift Planning Counselor and submitted articles for the Mission Lamp. I also put up a display at the Fall Retreats and the 2024 SWD convention. I worked with Zones 5,12, and 19 for 2022 and Zones 6,13 and 20 for 2023 interest funds to choose recipients for submitting to the EC for approval. I prepared ballots for those funds to be voted on at the spring BOD meeting.

Convention Transportation Chairman for 2025

Patty Silah

I was recently appointed as the Convention Transportation Chairman for the LWML convention in Omaha, Nebraska. That means that I will be the person that you contact if you are wanting to ride with us in the Sunshine Express Motorcoach in June of 2025.

I will be looking for suggestions on where riders wish to go for side tours, such as to Mission Central, Chimney Rock and Fort Kearney along the Platte River, or the International Quilt Studies Museum in Lincoln.

I will also be looking for feedback on whether you wish to be in Omaha in time for the convention-sponsored tours to Lauritzen Gardens, Durham Museum, and a College World Series game at Charles Schwab Field.

Having gone to other conventions on the Sonshine Express, I can assure fun travel, singing, joking, enjoyable conversation and inspiring devotions on this trip. Also know that riding on a motor coach guarantees you prime housing accommodations and transportation to and from the door of the convention center daily.

So reserve at least June 26th through June 29th, 2025 as time in Omaha!

CONVENTION HYMNS

HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING

LSB 826

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting-- Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly, Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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SHARING THE CARING CHRIST

Chorus:

***Sharing, caring, sharing the caring Christ,
Sharing, caring, sharing the caring Christ.***

For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son,
And all who do believe,
The vict'ry has been won.

Chorus

So go therefore and teach
So that all may hear God's Word.
Tell everyone you meet
'Til everyone has heard.

Chorus

And all who love the Lord
Share the blessings He has giv'n,
And will forever more
Sing praise to Him in heav'n.

Chorus 2x

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CONVENTION HYMNS (cont.)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB 809

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

**"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

Thomas O. Chisholm

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
He so loved the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the LORD! praise the LORD!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory - great things He has done!**

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

Chorus

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CONVENTION HYMNS (cont.)

LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL

Lutheran Women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call,
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.

Lutheran Women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
“Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions’ cost.”

Lutheran Women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the LORD above,
‘Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

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TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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CONVENTION HYMNS (cont.)

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPAHERD IS

LSB 709

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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ROCK OF AGES

LSB 761

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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CONVENTION HYMNS (cont.)

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

LSB 763

When peace like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, LORD, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the LORD shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

FATHER WELCOMES ALL HIS CHILDREN

LSB 605

Chorus:
Father welcomes all His children
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Little Children come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.

Chorus

In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again.

Chorus

Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.

Chorus

CONVENTION HYMNS (cont.)

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

“Serve the LORD with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings; Of His love and grace
Will at last in glory; Meet us face to face.

Chorus:

*Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the LORD with gladness!” Glorify His name!*

“Serve the LORD with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel; Now in every land!
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest;
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

Chorus

“Serve the LORD with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom; Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner; Brought to hear His voice.

Chorus

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LWML SWD District Convention Bible Study
Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1. What activities do you have to get special clothes to wear?

2. What does the Apostle Paul tell us to put on in Colossians 3?

3. Where do these clothes come from?

4. Why wear these clothes?

5. What makes these things almost timeless?

For personal reflection after the convention.

6. Which characteristics are easiest to put on?

7. Which characteristics are hardest for you to put on?

8. Do you know someone that is stronger in those characteristics that are hardest for you?

9. Could you learn from that person how to wear those difficult characteristics?

10. How does Christ shine through the characteristics you demonstrate?

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Above all, we thank our gracious God for the opportunity to work through the LWML as His servants and to use every power in our lives to bring the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

*All praise to our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who makes all things possible!*

The League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the LWML South Wisconsin District is to assist each woman in the congregations of our district in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her Spirit-endowed gifts in reaching out with Christ's love to all the people of her church, neighborhood, and the world.

Objectives of the LWML South Wisconsin District

The objective of this organization shall be to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of LWML SWD through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service; and to gather funds for the support of mission grants. (Bylaws, Article 11)

The Mite Box

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the mite box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live. (Mark 12:41-43)



**LWML SWD
40th Biennial Convention
June 14-15, 2024**

Convention Notes

Abbreviated Schedule
40th Biennial
LWML South Wisconsin District Convention
June 14-15, 2024
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI

Friday June 14	1:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
	3:00 pm	Registration Opens
	3:00 pm	Servant Event
	4:30 pm	Mission Walk
	5:30 pm	Dinner Fellowship Candidates Meet and Greet
	7:00 pm	Vesper Service
Saturday June 15	7:15 am	Registration and Exhibits Open <i>(Note: Exhibits are closed when convention is in session.)</i>
	8:45 am	Pre-Convention Singing Delegates are asked to be seated by 8:45am
	9:00 am	Convention Called to Order Bible Study Convention Introductions LWML Representative: Karen Morrison Voting: Elected Officers and Mission Grants Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Blum
	12:00 noon	Lunch Break (Exhibits Open)
	1:15 pm	Regathering Singing
	1:30 pm	Convention Reconvenes Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations Devotion Special Guests: SWD President Rev. Dr. John Wille Carol Flanary LCFS WI Bethany Geber Gifts from the Heart Bylaws Amendments Announcements: Offering, Officers, Mission Grants
	4:00 pm	Convention Adjourned

Go and Serve the Lord with Gladness!



*“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience”
Colossians 3:12 (ESV)*