

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)*

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

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?

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

Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

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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

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

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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		