

“Cooler by the Lake”

A skit to encourage the women of the LWML in the South Wisconsin District to participate in raising necessary start-up funding for the 2023 LWML Convention.

Narrator: Think back to July, 2016, over three years ago, when The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod held its national convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The convention has just concluded, and three LWML women from different parts of the country, all of whom were delegates to the LCMS convention, are enjoying a cup of coffee together.

Let's join them as they discuss their convention experience in Milwaukee: (Narrator switches roles to be one of the 3 women. Each woman carries a sign saying “COOL!” which she holds up each time she says the word “cool.”)

#1: Wow! This was such a COOL convention!

#2: Yes, I not only enjoyed the sessions, but I also loved the convention center. Everyone was seated on one floor (no bleachers!).

#3: The hotel was COOL, the city is very clean, and I feel safe and secure here.

#1: And the food! Catered meals were hot and fresh, and the concession food was delicious.

#2: Speaking of food, I know that Wisconsin is known for its really COOL cheeses. But do you know they make excellent sausage here, too? I have some samples, want to try it?

(gives each a sausage stick, which has been partially opened prior to the skit. Each woman then quickly unwraps enough of it so she can take a small bite while they continue talking.)

#2: And how about the friendly people? Milwaukee has a word for that ... *gemutlichkeit!* (pronounced ga-MEET-lee-kite).

#1: This sausage is delicious! Maybe I can take some home!

(Everyone nods in agreement.)

#2: Wasn't it COOL when we worshipped at that breathtakingly beautiful church? The culturally-diverse women were excellent hostesses. Many of them asked if we were active in the LWML!

#3: My family visited the COOL Harley-Davidson Museum yesterday, and tomorrow we're going to a Milwaukee Brewers game. (Dons a Brewer's cap)

#1: We're taking a short train ride down to Chicago to see the sights! (Dons a Chicago cap)

#3 I can't wait to visit the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts, just north of Milwaukee in Cedarburg, on our way to COOL "Door County" (Dons a Door County cap), a beautiful Scandinavian resort area on Lake Michigan. On the way, we may stop at the Green Bay Packers Museum.

#1 The kids want to go to Wisconsin Dells, known as the "Water Park Capital of the World." Now that will be COOL!

#3 I was impressed by the fact that no one I knew had to stay outside the city and get on a bus each day to drive to the sessions. Milwaukee is a compact city, with most of the hotels being very close to the convention center ... **many** connected by short skywalks. There's even an upscale department store on the skywalk route. Now THAT is very COOL!

#2 (laughing) Hey, do you realize how often we've described Milwaukee as being "COOL?"

#1: Yes! Even the weatherman said it would be "COOLER by the Lake!" And it was! A refreshing June breeze blows COOL air from Lake Michigan, which is only blocks away. They even have a beach there, not far from downtown!

#3: Talking about COOL ... We found a cute ice cream shop called "The Purple Door" ... it had the most delicious flavors! It was near to a chocolatier cafe, (swoons, sniffing) the aroma was

#1: (Interrupting, jumps up and down, waving her hands...) I HAVE AN IDEA!!!! If Milwaukee is a COOL city, by a COOL Lake, with COOL people ... and a COOL ice cream shop called the PURPLE Door ...

#2 (Interrupting) Yes! Yes! I know what you're going to say It is so COOL that the LWML will be holding the 2023 convention right here in Milwaukee!

#3 Well, it's all set then! When we get home, let's each talk to our LWML sisters and suggest that they attend the LWML convention to be held here in Milwaukee in 2023!

#2: Well, conventions take a while to plan, so let's ask for all of our congregations to get involved.

#1: How can we be involved now when the convention isn't for three more years?

#3: We can pray for the committee, spread the enthusiasm, and squirrel away some funds to make the Milwaukee experience really COOL!

#2: Okay then:

All: MILWAUKEE IS THE PLACE FOR THE LWML CONVENTION IN THE YEAR 2023! Let's show them it's COOLER by the Lake!

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