

LWML SWD Convention Information June 14 and 15, 2024 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI

Friday Schedule

BOD Meeting, by invitation only.

Anyone may register and participate in activities beginning at 3:00pm

General Registration for convention opens on March 1, 2024

::1:30 pm	BOD Meeting at
	Bethlehem, Sun Prairie
	Processional Practice
3:00 pm	Registration
3:00 pm	Servant Events
4:30 pm	Mission Walk
5:30 pm	"Cook-out" Dinner
	Fellowship
	Candidates Meet and
	Greet
7:00 pm	Vesper Service

Saturday Schedule Delegates are asked to be seated by 8:45am.	
7:15 am	Registration and
7:30am	Exhibits open
8:40 am	Procession line-up
8:45 am	Pre Convention Music
9:00 am	Procession/
	Convention Called to
	Order
12:00 noon	Lunch Break**
	Exhibits Open
1:15 pm	Regathering Singing
1:30 pm	Convention
	Reconvenes
4:00 pm	Convention Adjourned
	Go and Serve the Lord
	with Gladness!

^{**}Bringing lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy lunch in the park or under the trees.

YWR's are welcomed to participate in all convention activities to become familiar with the business workings of LWML SWD.

Special Activities for YWR's on Saturday

7:30-8am	Welcome Gathering w/ continental Breakfast
8-8:45 and During morning balloting	Gifts from the Heart Service opportunity
TBA	Pinning Ceremony
Lunch	With Group/Zone or new friends



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About our 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.

Lodging: Each Registrant is responsible for securing Friday night lodging, if needed. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Madison at the American Center, 5109 W Terrace Drive, Madison, WI 53718. Reservations can be made by calling 608-249-4220 referencing LWML South Wisconsin District. Room Rates are \$139.00 for Kings (1-2 per room) or Dbl/Dbls (1-4 per room). Room Reservation deadline is May 23, 2024.

Exhibits: Visit the LWML Store and Convention Exhibitors during the convention hours, Saturday 7:30am – 8:45am and noon – 1:30pm. (Exhibits are not open when convention is in session.)

Offering: One-quarter of the Convention offering is designated for The Love of Christ ("TLC") Fund and three-quarters for Hispanic Outreach. The TLC Fund provides financial assistance to those who may not otherwise be able to attend District events. TLC funds may also be requested to assist delegates and YW reps attending District Conventions. Information is available on the website: lwml-swd.org/Resources/Scholarships.

Servant Events: We will be making cards for the UW Campus Ministries student bags. We will have the appropriate number of cards dedicated for UW Platteville, UW Lacrosse and UW Madison. The fronts of the cards will be completed but the insides will need either a written verse or a stamped verse added. These cards will then be added to the student bags for distribution.

Mission Walk: We hope you will join us for the mission walk on Friday, June 14th at 4:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to ask congregation members, friends and family to help support LWML by pledging some \$ to support mites while you get a little exercise. Such a great opportunity to share your love for LWML and missions. We will walk together as a group in the neighborhood around Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a 1 mile loop. Anyone who prefers a shorter route that is available as well. Please sign and turn in the 2024-2026 Biennium LWML SWD Participant Release form <u>linked here</u> in order to participate in the Walk. The pledge form is <u>linked here</u> for you to print. The form and money will be collected at the convention. Looking forward to meeting all of you!

Gifts From The Heart: Gifts from the Heart recipients are UW Campus Ministries in LaCrosse, Platteville, and Madison. Please share this list of requested items with members of your group and congregation:

- *Colorful writing utensils
- *Highlighters
- *Sticky notes
- *Individually packaged snacks (trails mix, granola bars, health bars)
- *Packets of emergen-c or equivalent
- *Single serve coffee, tea or hot chocolate

Go to: lwml-swd.org/events/convention for all your Convention information