



LWML
South Wisconsin District
39th Biennial Convention

80th Anniversary of LWML

June 18, 2022



**Strengthened
through His Spirit**

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

Ephesians 3:16-17a (NIV)

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

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- PURPOSE** Women of the LWML SWD are gathering to carry out the business/mission of the LWML and be strengthened through His Spirit.
- GOAL:** Attendees will be strengthened by the Spirit through the gift of our Savior to be empowered to witness and go forth in mission
- THEME TEXT:** "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being."
Ephesians 3:16-17a NIV



While imprisoned, St. Paul wrote words of encouragement. How strange that a prisoner chose to speak about strength! He sought to teach others about the “breadth and length and height and depth” of Jesus’ love (Eph. 3:18). This is where encouragement starts! It starts with Christ. The love of Jesus caused the Messiah to die to forgive sins. This is who we draw strength from; the crucified and risen Lord. As we gather for the 2022 convention we will heed the words of St. Paul to the church in Ephesus. Surrounded by fellow believers and God’s Holy Word, the Holy Spirit will do His strengthening work. The mission of the Church needs believers to take the Good News to the world. Let us come together as brothers and sisters in Christ at this convention so that we might be equipped and strengthened to carry God’s encouraging Word out to all people! God will strengthen us through His Spirit.

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Office of the President
Debbie Larson

June 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), I bring you warm greetings. This year, by the grace of God, all 40 LWML districts will meet in convention, each gathering to worship, serve, learn, and give because He first gave to us.



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 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky last summer, where 28 national mission grants were chosen. Please keep those grants and the grants that will be chosen at this 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 "Strengthened Through His Spirit." 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 continues to bless the LWML, even though this pandemic seems to have no end. Since 1942, Lutheran women have reached out in love and funded thousands of mission grants, prayed for our missionaries, and encouraged one another. We trust in the Lord's promises and stand secure on His truth. To God be all glory and praise as we share this Good News with others.

Our LWML Mission Statement is a compilation of who we are and what we do. It states, "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 look forward to welcoming you, and thousands of Lutheran Women in Mission, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the LWML 40th Biennial Convention, June 22–25, 2023. Our theme, "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" will focus our events on recognizing and appreciating our unity in Christ.

I thank God for each of you as you serve Him wherever you are and with the gifts He has graciously given you. God's peace and joy be with you always.

Serving Christ, surrounded by HIS grace,

LWML President 2019–2023



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The Lutheran Women in Mission of the
North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts
Invite you to the
LWML 40th Biennial Convention
in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 22–25, 2023

*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 (Psalm 33:12–13).*

Opportunities abound as we:

- † **Worship** together with our sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † **Share** the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path.
- † **Fellowship** with good friends while meeting new ones.
- † **Enjoy** accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † **Bring** our family and friends to enjoy a city of many cultures.

Milwaukee, called the City of Steeples, is home to the Discovery World Science, Harley Davidson, and Milwaukee Art Museums; the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Historic Third Ward, and much more.

Come enjoy the cool breezes off Lake Michigan, June 22–25, 2023!



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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.



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Gifts from the Heart Litany

For 2022 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 shelter supplies for **The Haven of Manitowoc County**. 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, Your people have also provided food and kitchen supplies for **Safe Harbor in Sheboygan**. We pray that these be used to glorify Your name and help those who receive them. 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 You 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.



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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

Pledge of Allegiance/LWML Pledge: LWML SWD Past Presidents

Bible Study: Rev. Adam Barkley, Senior Counselor

Welcome: Diane Kitzerow, Convention Chairman

Convention Rules: Jan Koopman, Corresponding Secretary

Adoption of Agenda: Ruth Weckwerth, Recording Secretary

Appointment of Committees

Introduction of Special Guests

LWML Representative: Debbie Larson, LWML President

Offering Prayer: Patty Silah, Treasurer

Offering:

The Love of Christ Fund: 25%

Doxology: 75%

Announcement of the 2022-2024 Mission Grant Goal: LuAnn Roman, VP of
Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grant

Presentation of the 2022-2024 Mission Grant Proposals: Kay Nett, Mission
Grants Chairman

Credentials/Registration Report: Diane Meyer, Convention Registrar

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

Voting for the 2022-2024 Mission Grants

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

Report of the Nominating Committee: Debbie Volden, Committee Chairman

Prayer for the vote for Officers for 2022-2026: Ruth Mueller,
VP Organizational Resources

Vote for Officers and Pastoral Counselor

Keynote Speaker: David Fiala, Mission Advocate

Announcements: Diane Kitzerow, Convention Chairman

Luncheon Prayer: Judy Gitzlaff, VP of Christian Life and Gospel Outreach

**Lunch Recess (Delegate session for Bylaw change questions;
exhibits open):**



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Afternoon Session

1:15 Singing during gathering

1:30 Convention Reconvenes; (all exhibits close)

Opening Devotion: Sandy Krainz, Christian Life Chairman

Bylaws Amendments: Monica Jeske, Structure Chairman

Prayer for Bylaws Amendment: Jennifer Olen, VP of Communication

Vote for Bylaws Amendments

Financial Reports

Secretary: Marilyn Belter

Treasurer: Patricia Silah

Presentation of the 2022-2024 Budget: Patricia Silah, Treasurer

Special Guests:

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

President

Greeting from LLL SWD: Thomas Beineke, SWD LLL President

Mites in Action: Ebou Fay, POBLO

Gifts of Love: Carol Von Soosten (Video)

Convention 2023 Rally

Report of the President: Cinda Poppe

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

Announcement of newly elected officers: Ruth Mueller, VP Organizational
Resources

Gifts from the Heart Litany: Monica Jeske, convention Gifts from the Heart
Chairman

Response to Ingathering: The Haven of Manitowoc County:
Safe Harbor:

Announcement of Offering Total:

The Love of Christ Fund: 25% _____

Doxology: 75% _____

Thank you to the 2022 Convention Committee: Diane Kitzerow, Convention
Chairman

Introduction of the 2024 Convention Chairman: Melody Rodger

Installation of officers: Rev. Matthew Gehrke, Senior Counselor

Adjournment

Sending song: Serve the Lord with Gladness



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David A Fiala

David A. Fiala is a Mission Advocate for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). In this role, Fiala serves as a personal link to the mission and ministry of the LCMS. “My dad’s a plumber, but I’m just a piece of pipe. I connect things,” he says.



Prior to accepting this position, Fiala assisted with the international mission efforts of the LCMS for 15 years. He spent five years as a missionary recruiter and, before that, a decade as a missionary in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. Fiala earned Lutheran teaching credentials, a bachelor’s degree in theology and a director of Christian education (DCE) certification at Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Neb. He also has a master’s degree in religion from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill.

Fiala and his wife, Radka, were married in 2002. They have four children. Their son Vašek and daughter Emma were both born in Slovakia. Their twins, Helen and Jonathan, were born shortly after their return to the U.S. in 2014. The Fialas live in Herculaneum, Mo., and are members of Webster Gardens Lutheran Church, Webster Groves, Mo.

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Debbie Larson, President

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML President Debbie Larson says she has the best job in the world. "Representing the women of the LWML is a privilege beyond measure," she says, "and I am honored to serve beside these women and call myself their sister in Christ."



Debbie enjoys LWML events because it's like coming home. She feels welcomed, and like at any family gathering, she can just pitch in! Her sisters and brothers in Christ give her advice, encouragement, support, and love. With a smile on her face she says, "I feel like I'm the one who benefits. I get much more out of it than I put into it."

Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman is **Held** by His Word, **Inspired** to share Christ with others, and knows she is **Surrounded** by His grace. We are **HIS** and Debbie prays each woman recognizes and takes each opportunity God gives to serve others and share **HIS** love.

Many people have mentored Debbie through the LWML: former LWML and district presidents, pastors, LWML sisters nation-wide, and those in her own church family. In fact, as Debbie introduced her daughter-in-law to LWML sisters at a fall retreat, she realized she said each woman was her favorite person — and they were, all of them!

Debbie has held most offices on the local level of LWML. On the district level, she has served as the LWML North Dakota President, Convention Co-chairman, Vice President of Mission Grants, News Editor, and Recording Secretary. Nationally, she served on the Christian Life Committee and the Ablaze Task Force, as well as Director of Marketing, Public Relations Director, and Vice President of Organizational Resources. As she continues to serve God through the LWML, she is most excited when encouraging LCMS women to become involved in this incredible organization so they, too, can know the joy of *servicing the Lord with gladness!*

Married 44+ years, Debbie and Scott have two children and three very active grandsons who have grown up way too fast. Moving from North Dakota to Colorado in 2017 they find they never lose past friends — their circle of friends just keeps growing. In North Dakota, she played in the bell choir, was chairman of the board of education, director of the annual Living Last Supper drama, coordinator for the annual chili cook-off, a member of the funeral committee, and served on the Lutheran school board. She continues to serve and thanks her new LWML family for filling in as she attends LWML events around the country.

In her spare time, Debbie loves to cook, watercolor, read, play Sudoku, and hike.

Many Bible verses come to mind for Debbie, but she refers often to Proverbs 3:5-6: *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.*

We belong to CHRIST.

We are HIS.

Held by His Word, Inspired to share Jesus, Surrounded by His grace.



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LWML-SWD Installation Service

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, WI

Incoming and Outgoing elected officers gather in front of the assembly. Outgoing officers hold an unlit candle.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Dear Sisters and brother in Christ, you are to serve our Lord as the newly elected officers and pastoral counselor of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in the South Wisconsin District. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

As newly elected officers of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District, you have been elected by your fellow members to serve the Lord in the various capacities that constitute the duties of your particular office. While they have recognized in you the various talents and spiritual gifts necessary for the fulfillment of these responsibilities of leadership, we know that you cannot succeed unless the Holy Spirit empowers you. Not only has Christ called you to go forward in your office for the sake of the Gospel, but He has also promised you, "Lo, I will be with you always to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20) Look forward then with joy and optimism to the opportunities for ministry, which the Lord Himself has given you. He will strengthen you in your weakness and uphold you with His Word.



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P: Do you accept the responsibility given to you to serve the Triune God and the LWML South Wisconsin District through your election to your position

Newly Elected: Yes, with the help of God.

P: In the presence of our loving Triune God and of this assembly, I install you as officers of the LWML SWD in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Outgoing Officers would read their portion and then hand the unlit candle to the new officer. New officer then lights the candle from the Christ Candle after being directed to do so by Pastor Gehrke.

VP of Organizational Resources

By the grace of God, the district Vice President of Organizational Resources is to oversee the Archivist-Historian, the Leadership Development Committee, the Structure of our district, the Nominating Committee, and the Renewal Committee. She is also to maintain a list SWD property used in our district plus maintain a master copy of the district bylaws and guidelines. She is also to serve as a member of the Crisis Management team at district events.

P: (to new VP): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the LWML South Wisconsin District office of Vice President of Organizational Resources to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

By the grace of God, the district Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life is to oversee the Christian Life Chairman, the Fall Retreat, the Young Women's Committee, and the Winter Getaway Retreat. She is to oversee the music that is approved for use at District events and to be responsible for badge sleeves and important health forms. She also is to serve on the Crisis Management team at district events.

P:(to new VP): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of LWML South Wisconsin District Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Financial Secretary

By the grace of God, the district Financial Secretary is to oversee and receive all the monies coming into the district. She is to work closely with the district treasurer especially in regards to the deposits being made into the district accounts. She is also to oversee the Scholarship Committee, Special Funds Committee, and Interest Committee.



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P (to new FS): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Financial Secretary to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Recording Secretary

By the grace of God, the district Recording Secretary is to record and maintain all minutes of the district Board of Directors meetings, all Executive Committee meetings, and the district convention. She is to keep all email votes of the EC meetings and make sure that all minutes are distributed in a timely manner to the correct people.

P (to new RS): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Recording Secretary to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

Junior Pastoral Counselor

By the grace of God, the district pastoral counselor shall be present and prepare devotions for Board of Directors meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and other committee meetings as assigned to him. He is to prepare Bible studies for retreats and review all materials for doctrinal compliance with God's Holy Word. The Junior Pastoral counselor shall attend the National LWML convention. He shall submit *Mission Lamp Articles* in a timely manner.

P (to new PC): Light this candle from the Christ Candle as a sign of your commitment to the office of South Wisconsin District LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor to which you have been elected, and your desire to serve by the wisdom and strength which the Lord will give you.

To the Convention Assembly

P: You have witnessed your newly elected officers assume their responsibilities to serve Christ and you. As members of the South Wisconsin District LWML, you are part of the work of the LWML. Do you promise to cooperate with these, your leaders, to love and encourage them, and to lift them up to the Lord in prayer so that God may be glorified and the Gospel of Jesus Christ be continued to spread throughout our zones, communities, district, and world.

C: We do by the grace of God.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, visit these new officers with Your love and favor. Enlighten their minds with the light of Your Gospel. Place in their hearts a love of the truth, and increase in them true faith. Nourish them with Your goodness and, of Your great mercy, keep them in Your love that they may be faithful in their service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

1. IN SCHOOL COUNSELING FOR MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS - LCFS \$10,000

PURPOSE: To improve the mental health in youth.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) to help and care for all those who seek care for mental health counseling, especially children who are struggling in school or at home with a behavioral, emotional or mental health issue; and

WHEREAS, A young soul that is healthy in body and spirit must also be healthy in mind to best live a fulfilling, productive and peaceful life; and

WHEREAS, schools and families of elementary aged children in social economically challenged neighborhoods often cannot financially afford professional counseling for children in crisis, LCFS will provide these services at no cost to the schools and help to cover fee payments for families so that each child in need of mental health counseling receives the care he or she needs; and

WHEREAS, LCFS has licensed counselors trained in clinical child psychology, family dynamics and trauma recovery who deliver Christian-based counseling with a focus on understanding how God's love can help put daily activities, problems and challenges into perspective, with early intervention these children will overcome the challenges they face



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

2. AFRICAN IMMIGRANT MINISTRY MINIBUS- International Lutheran Church of Zion \$30,000

PURPOSE: To provide transportation for new immigrants to travel to worship and other church events.

WHEREAS, in recent years the LCMS has been blessed with a Congolese congregation in Milwaukee and a new mission in Appleton, each with over 100 members. These ministries are led by Pastor Kasongo Gui Kabeo of the International Lutheran Church of Zion in Milwaukee, and

WHEREAS, new Congolese immigrants continue to arrive in Wisconsin, especially in the Fox Valley, and

WHEREAS, our ministries in Milwaukee and Appleton are currently renting a 12 passenger van each week at a great cost to transport new members from Oshkosh to services in Appleton, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ladies of the South Wisconsin District LWML partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the International Lutheran Church of Zion in Milwaukee with a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of a 12-passenger minibus to transport new immigrant members from Oshkosh to worship and other events, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pray that God will establish the work of our hands (Psalm 90:17) as many within our South Wisconsin District work to establish a new Congolese ministry in the City of Oshkosh.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

4. WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? BIBLE BOOKS FOR IMMIGRANT OUTREACH **\$12,500**

- PURPOSE:** To translate and publish Lutheran books in the languages of immigrants and refugees, and to give them away free of charge to those who need them.
- WHEREAS,** Jesus Christ implores us to care for strangers ("...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matt 25:35); and
- WHEREAS,** South Wisconsin's cities are experiencing a sharp increase in the number of immigrants and refugees from other countries, to where the foreign-born now compromise 5 percent of Wisconsin's total population; and
- WHEREAS,** many of the immigrants from places like China and Iran have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ until it's shared with them at churches like Zion Lutheran in Oshkosh, WI and St. John's Lutheran in Portage, WI or at campus ministries like the International Friendship Center at the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** these ministries and others from across the United States have expressed a deep need for Lutheran books, printed in the languages of the people God has placed on their doorsteps, to help overcome this barrier; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, an RSO of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has for nearly 30 years vigorously fulfilled its mission of translating and publishing Lutheran books, such as Luther's Small Catechism and A Child's Garden of Bible Stories into the languages of the world; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the LWML South Wisconsin District in convention vote the sum of \$12,500 for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to publish and distribute at least 2,500 Lutheran Books for Immigrants, giving South Wisconsin's church leaders and missionaries the tools they need to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the immigrants in their neighborhoods.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE INDIANA FOOD AND CLOTHING CO-OP TO PURCHASE FOOD \$10,000

- PURPOSE:** Provide food for students preparing for full-time church work to reduce the financial burden of their family during their time of preparation
- WHEREAS,** Christ in His Holy Word commands us to go and teach all nations about Him and what He has done for us (Matthew 28:19), and
- WHEREAS,** individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world, and
- WHEREAS,** when these students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs, and
- WHEREAS,** spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most are marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for a short time, throwing families into difficult financial positions, and
- WHEREAS,** the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League assembled in Convention in Grafton, WI in June 2022, grant the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 2022-2024 biennium.



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6. SUPPORT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE KARENNI COMMUNITY \$3,000

PURPOSE: Encouraging youth to be involved in the church.

WHEREAS, the Karenni community (Burmese refugees from camps in Thailand) began arriving in Milwaukee in 2009, and

WHEREAS, Trinity Freistadt Lutheran Church (Mequon) sponsored the first of those families in 2009, and **WHEREAS,** Trinity began ministering to that family and others of the Karenni community on Milwaukee's south side, eventually holding services, ESL and citizenship classes at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran (Milwaukee) with the help of members of Trinity, Beautiful Savior (Mequon) and Chapel of the Cross, and

WHEREAS, one young man of the community attending the youth Bible classes, Soe Reh (now known as Daniel Reh) was inspired by the Holy Spirit, came to know Jesus, and transferred to Milwaukee Lutheran HS in his junior year. He was inspired to become a pastor, and then went to Concordia Mequon for pre-ministerial studies graduating in 2019, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Reh is now completing his studies at the St. Louis Seminary and has accepted a "convertible vicarage" (one year vicarage followed by call to serve as pastor) to serve the Karenni congregation in Milwaukee, and

WHEREAS, the youth of today are easily distracted by all the worldly pressures we find in our society, it is Daniel's intention to encourage the youth of his community to remain strong in the faith through creating and leading vibrant and meaningful youth activities and Bible studies, and

WHEREAS, the athletic, fellowship and study items desired to accomplish this program are not available at Chapel of the Cross, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$3,000 to help fund the resources that Daniel will need to create an attractive ministry to the youth of the Karenni community.



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7. CARE FOR CLERGY WIVES - DOXOLOGY

\$8,000

PURPOSE: Fund a retreat to refresh and equip 50 clergy wives from the SWD

WHEREAS, DOXOLOGY serves pastors and their church, providing opportunities for spiritual refreshment, clergy care/counsel and advanced training, and

WHEREAS, pastor's wives note that their husbands return from DOXOLOGY events refreshed and equipped and the wives simply soldier on, and

WHEREAS, for several years, particularly after the COVID lockdown, clergy wives have been earnestly requesting that DOXOLOGY offer a program of Biblical support, encouragement, and Christian psychological insights for them, and

WHEREAS, pastor's wives report that in addition to family/work responsibilities, they often bear their husband's congregational burdens silently, while at the same time interacting with an array of congregational members whose expectations or appraisals make simple church dynamics challenging, and

WHEREAS, pastors who have attended DOXOLOGY events often reveal significant issues/concerns regarding the well-being of their wives, and

WHEREAS, goals from the pilot program include the following: the wives have an increased awareness of the impact of compassion fatigue on their husband and his family, have an improved capacity to assist their husband to establish healthy boundaries personally and professionally, network with other clergy wives, reducing their sense of isolation, are acquainted with strategies to enhance their personal resilience, acquire heightened resolve and strategies to reduce personal and marital isolation, develop a greater willingness to identify and use a support network in the future, are refreshed personally and spiritually as they talk, worship, and learn to examine and use spiritual resources, grow in developing a meaningful personal spiritual life rather than embrace the stereotypical expectations others may have of clergy wives, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the LWML-SWD at the June 2022 convention vote the sum of \$8,000.00 to fund the DOXOLOGY pilot program involving a 2 day/one night event for the care of 50 clergy wives from the SWD.



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**8. VOICE OF CARE RESPITE AND COMPANION CARE TRAINING IN SOUTH
WISCONSIN DISTRICT \$10,000**

- PURPOSE:** To fund district wide workshop for church workers and lay volunteers.
- WHEREAS,** Scripture admonishes us to bear one another's burden, Christ clearly directs us to love one another, and the Lutheran Christian heart is committed to serve the Lord with gladness; and
- WHEREAS,** 769,000 of Wisconsin's 5.8 million people have provided unpaid care for an adult or child for an extended time during the last twelve months,* and the need for caregiver respite is critical; and
- WHEREAS,** Wisconsin's Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches have an opportunity to step into the gap and provide much-needed short term respite care while modeling and sharing the love of Christ, and
- WHEREAS,** Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches must rely on external sources to obtain training and resources for short-term respite and companion care; and
- WHEREAS,,** Voice of Care, established in 2003 as a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod dedicated to equipping the Church to nurture people with disabilities and their caregivers is eager to provide direct assistance, training, appropriate tools and resource materials to all interested congregations in the form of Christ-centered, faith-based, certified volunteer respite companion care training; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the South Wisconsin District LWML, assembled in convention at Grafton, Wisconsin, on June 18, 2022, grant the sum of \$10,000 to fund Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care Training in the South Wisconsin District, *source: Family Caregiver Alliance



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**9. OLD TESTAMENT TRANSLATION IN THE SOUTH GUMUZ LANGUAGE
OF ETHIOPIA \$10,000**

PURPOSE: This grant will fund the translation of ten chapters of the Old Testament for over 250,000 Ethiopians who want to better understand the foundation of that Christian faith.

WHEREAS, people throughout the world best understand God's Word and His love for them in their own language, and,

WHEREAS, the people of South Gumuz in Ethiopia do not have the Old Testament available in their own language, and,

WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus have collaborated to enable translation work to progress in specific languages throughout the country, and,

WHEREAS, the cost of translating Scriptures involves many expenses, including personnel, travel, facilities, materials, and printing, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$10,000 to help fund the translation of ten chapters of the Old Testament in the South Gumuz language of Ethiopia to help them have the full Bible in their hands.



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10. SWD CHURCH WORKER GRANT

\$30,000

PURPOSE: To assist church worker students who are studying at one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used toward tuition and board.

- WHEREAS,** Jesus gave his final command in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and Preach The Good News to all creation" and Romans 10:14 says, "How can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching for them?" and
- WHEREAS,** the need for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers is critical both to serve the church at large and in the mission field; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2021-2022 average annual expense at a Synodical university is \$49,000 and at a Synodical seminary is \$50,000; and
- WHEREAS,** such high educational costs have caused a genuine hardship for most students, many leaving with an average of \$23,000 or more per year in indebtedness, and has forced some to delay their Christian education or to drop out of college entirely; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Wisconsin District provided aid to 48 church work students for the 2021-2022 school year, but the amount awarded was only 8% of their unmet need; and
- WHEREAS,** the seminaries have requested each district contribute \$3,000 per student per year; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2019 Synodical Convention passed three resolutions encouraging financial support for future church workers: Resolution 4-03A (To Commend to Synod Priorities for Mission and Ministry Emphasis for the 2019-2022 Triennium), Resolution 12-01A (To Commend and Give Thanks for our Lutheran Early Childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools), Resolution 12-02A (To Exhort the Congregations of the LCMS to Actively Encourage Future Lutheran School Teachers); and
- WHEREAS,** the 2018 South Wisconsin District Convention passed Resolution 3-03 (To Exhort the Congregations of the South Wisconsin District to Actively Encourage Future Lutheran School Teachers); and



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10. SWD CHURCH WORKER GRANT (continued)

\$30,000

PURPOSE: To assist church worker students who are studying at one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used toward tuition and board.

WHEREAS, the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has Representation on the South Wisconsin District Student Aid Committee, and thus, has a voice regarding distribution of moneys for grants;; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League assembled in Convention, June 18, 2022, adopt the allocations of \$30,000 to the South Wisconsin District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee for scholarships for South Wisconsin District students attending one of our Synodical colleges or seminaries in preparation for full time service in the church,



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11. WORKER WELLNESS FOR CHAPLAIN FAMILIES

\$3,000

PURPOSE: Provide airfare and a daily per diem in order to make attendance affordable for LCMS Chaplain Spouses so they can attend Worker Wellness Retreat teaching them to care for themselves and their families so that they can better care for those they serve.

- WHEREAS,** the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad, further, "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelist, and some as pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12); and
- WHEREAS,** the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports more than 160 LCMS chaplains who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the national Guard and Civil Air Patrol meeting the needs of God's people (military personnel and their families) where needed most and who serve in the vocation as members of our Armed Forces, and
- WHEREAS,** Church Worker retreats focus on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy, helping the Chaplains feel connected to their Church body, network with other Chaplains and are focused on teaching God's kingdom workers to care for themselves and their families so that they can better are for those they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** Military benefits provided by the government includes an allowance from the U.S. Government (TAD/TDY/PTDY) for Chaplain travel expenses, but does not cover costs for spouses or children making it financially challenging for families to attend Wellness Retreats; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the delegates gathered at the LWML South Wisconsin District in convention vote the sum of \$3,000 to help fund The LCMS Office of International Mission Ministry to the Armed Forces for Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families to make wellness retreats affordable for Chaplain spouses and



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12. INDONESIAN HYMNAL PROJECT

\$5,000

PURPOSE: Publish an intentionally Lutheran hymnal/service book in the Indonesian language.

WHEREAS, Col. 3:16-17 speaks to us "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. 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."; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Office of International Mission and the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) have been coordinating on the development of an explicitly Lutheran service book in Indonesian with devotional quality and doctrinal clarity that could foster and encourage expression of the Christian faith and proclamation of the Gospel in the official language of Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, in order to operate and encourage unity, Indonesia, reducing the over 730 languages spoken, has designated Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) as its official language combined with each new generation progressively speaking only Indonesian which has increased congregations' need to adapt to this change; and

WHEREAS, an Indonesian hymnal will open the rich musical heritage in liturgy and hymns to all Indonesians, train Christian congregations and their members to think, sing, and speak theologically in Indonesian strengthening their proclamation of the Gospel in their communities, and be a vital tool for parents and grandparents to pass down the faith to their children and grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the delegates gathered at the LWML South Wisconsin District in convention vote the sum of \$5,000 to help fund LCMS Office of International Mission, Asia Region "Indonesian Hymnal Project" to publish an intentionally Lutheran hymnal/service book in the Indonesian language.



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13. PRINTING OF CHINESE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOKS

\$20,000

PURPOSE: LCMS missionaries are assisting the Chinese Lutheran Church in developing a strong, faithful hymnal.

WHEREAS, we desire all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4), and,

WHEREAS, God chooses to accomplish His salvific work through the preaching of His Word and administration of the Sacraments, and,

WHEREAS, a hymnal provides the structure and setting for the Divine Service, facilitating a church's ability to live in Christ and receive His gifts

RESOLVED, That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to partially fund the printing of 5000 Mandarin language hymnals for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taiwan and mainland China.



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14. OUTREACH TO FEMALE INMATES

\$15,000

PURPOSE: To bring female inmates to Christ by ministry of a Deaconess through work of the Holy Spirit.

- WHEREAS,** Christ spread the Gospel and salvation showing mercy to women who were of low standing, discarded, immoral, social outcasts or mentally/physically afflicted as said in John 4:1-42, Mark 15:21-28 and Hebrews 3:13.
- WHEREAS,** the female inmates of The House of Correction in Franklin, WI, in SWD, being some 100-200 in number, lack a dedicated ministry of the Holy Gospel being spread to them,
- WHEREAS,** WD feels strongly that female inmates would be much more open to hearing the Gospel from a female rather than a male.
- WHEREAS,** the role of the LCMS Deaconess is to sit alongside female inmates in need of comfort, spiritual support, forgiveness. She can teach the Gospel, salvation, and grace of our Lord through Bible Study, devotions, and prayer, thus opening eyes to the gift of faith through work of the Holy Spirit leading to Baptism and Holy Communion.
- WHEREAS,** our Lord gifted the Deaconess with compassion, teaching that God is faithful and true in forgiveness of their sins, welcoming the female inmates to His fold no matter what the offense, yet emphasizing that the consequences of their offenses must be paid to society. Law and Gospel are emphasized to teach value in suffering and repentance while receiving the ever present love of the Lord.
- WHEREAS,** the Deaconess, using Ministry of Presence, can foster therapeutic relationships through diakonal counseling, by teaching female inmates Christian-living principles that can overflow into their personal relationships with family, friends, and fellow inmates.



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14. OUTREACH TO FEMALE INMATES (CONTINUES)

\$15,000

PURPOSE: To bring female inmates to Christ by ministry of a Deaconess through work of the Holy Spirit.

WHEREAS, the mercy work performed by a Deaconess can address health care needs, providing health education and psycho-education, grief counseling, act as an Intermediary for the female inmate in cases of death, severe illness, family emergencies while providing spiritual comfort and guidance.

RESOLVED, That the LWML SWD in convention, vote the sum of \$15,000 towards the salary of an LCMS SWD Deaconess for one year for the purpose of ministering to the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of female inmates at the House of Correction Franklin, Wisconsin.



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15. IN EVERY LANGUAGE - TRANSLATOR FUNDING FOR MOST MINISTRIES \$6,000

PURPOSE: Fund native speakers to translate for MOST Ministries Mission Teams, making it possible to share the Gospel "In Every Language".

WHEREAS, as the Word says in Romans 10:14, "How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" and

WHEREAS, presupposing that the preaching is in the language they understand. As MOST Ministries' team members offer their hearts and hands, they rely on native speaking translators to be their voices!

WHEREAS, there is an on-going urgent need to take the Good News of salvation to people Living in darkness and of bringing them into the fold for Christ; and

WHEREAS, church workers in the mission field have reported that MOST Ministries acts of mercy provide fertile ground for their evangelism outreach; and;

RESOLVED, That the LWML South Wisconsin District assembled in convention in Grafton, Wisconsin, on June 18, 2022 grant the sum of \$6,000 to fund a portion of the translator costs to be used to build up the Body of Christ as they make bold witness to the Good News and Jesus' love "In Every Language"!



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16. BETHANY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRY OUTREACH

\$14,000

- PURPOSE:** To minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the central city of Milwaukee, WI expressing Christ-like compassion, kindness, mercy and love.
- WHEREAS,** Luke 19:10 tells us, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." and,
- WHEREAS,** we learn in John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." and,
- WHEREAS,** God has placed Bethany in the heart of an area of Milwaukee's inner city that is deeply in need of Him and,
- WHEREAS,** Bethany has accepted the responsibility of reaching His lost children to help them meet their physical and spiritual needs and,
- WHEREAS,** God has brought Pastor Ikanih to lead the ministry at Bethany, be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** That the LWML SWD in the 2022 convention vote the sum of \$14,000 so that Bethany Ev.. Lutheran Church can continue to reach out to the lost souls of the city of Milwaukee.



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17. A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES - REFUGE HOUSE

\$25,000

PURPOSE: The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for needed interior renovations of Refuge House.

WHEREAS, A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin Inc. (A.P.O.R) exists to reach out with the love of Christ to women and their families who are experiencing crisis pregnancy by attempting to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs, and

WHEREAS, A.P.O.R.'s ministry is carried out through Advocates and through Refuge House, a residential facility, which provides a loving, nurturing, Christian environment for women and their unborn children, and

WHEREAS, Refuge House had been maintained by the gifts and labor lovingly provided by a variety of LCMS individuals, congregations, grade schools, high schools and Concordia University Wisconsin for over 21 years, and

WHEREAS, Refuge House is in need of updates and remodeling to sustain this physical place of refuge, and

WHEREAS, the members of the SWD Lutheran Women's Missionary League have supported a variety of Refuge House projects since the doors opened in 2000, be it

RESOLVED, That the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, South Wisconsin District, as assembled in convention in 2022, adopt as a mission project for the 2022-2024 biennium of \$25,000 toward the renovation of interior portions of Refuge House, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give God thanks for the many volunteers and gifts from the members of the South Wisconsin District and LWML which have supported these women and children in their time of need and shared the love of their Savior in both word and deed for over 20 years.



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18. CAMP LUWISOMO CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

\$20,000

PURPOSE: Camper Scholarships for Those Unable to Afford Full Cost of Camp

- WHEREAS,** Camp LuWiSoMo, a LCMS Registered Service Organization (RSO) located within and serving the SWD, believes it is important that every child/young person have an opportunity to attend a Christian camp during their impressionable years regardless of their financial situation, and
- WHEREAS,** Camp LuWiSoMo provides a safe environment for children and young people to discover and grow in their Christian faith in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting, and
- WHEREAS,** campers and their families are the long-term life and focus of God's ministry at Camp LuWiSoMo, who as they grow in their faith also grow as active members of the church, and become His light to spread the Gospel, as well as the value of His ministry at LuWiSoMo, and
- WHEREAS,** families of many campers are not able to afford the full cost of camp, and
- WHEREAS,** Camp LuWiSoMo receives many requests to assist with funding support from families wishing for their children/young people to attend camp, but are not financially able to afford the full cost, and
- WHEREAS,** the current camp budget does not allow for funding to discount camper rates, be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$20,000 for camper scholarships to enable children and young people to attend Camp LuWiSoMo in situations where they are not able to afford the full cost of camp.



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19. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS AT THE FOUR SCHOOLS OF THE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MILWAUKEE \$20,000

PURPOSE: Scholarship funds for New Students at LHSAGM.

WHEREAS, there are few other high schools and/or grade schools in the Milwaukee area that provide a high quality, Christ-centered Lutheran education to students of all background and income levels, and,

WHEREAS, the LHSAGM is committed to bringing more students into a life of Christ, and,

WHEREAS, approximately 70% of our total enrolled 1,995 students are from lower income families and qualify for a tuition voucher through the various Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, but each year there are at least 10-15 students who have to wait a year to requalify, and,

WHEREAS, these families need a 1-year scholarship to serve as a bridge so that they can attend one of our schools, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to help bridge the financial gap with 1-year scholarships for up to 20 students at Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Martin Luther High School, Lake Country Lutheran High School, and/or Mount Calvary Lutheran Grade School.



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20. RADIO BROADCAST FUND

\$25,000

PURPOSE: Continuation of Broadcast of Church Service

- WHEREAS,** St. Paul's radio broadcast has been an important outreach to bless anyone in the Milwaukee metro area desiring to hear God's Word, and
- WHEREAS,** the broadcast is funded solely by donations made specifically for the broadcast, and
- WHEREAS,** donations have been inconsistent, jeopardizing the ability to continue the broadcast outreach, and
- WHEREAS,** many people, both Christians seeking to hear the Gospel as well as unbelievers whose hearts may be changed by hearing the Word of God, will not have such an opportunity if the radio broadcast is discontinued due to lack of funding, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** What the South Wisconsin District LWML, recognizing the importance of reaching out with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as the effectiveness of a program that is easily accessible and free to all who may tune in, will vote in convention to use up to \$25,000 to keep this radio broadcast ministry going.



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21. FEEDING HAITIAN CHILDREN SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY

\$15,000

PURPOSE: To provide a noon meal to approximately 300 hungry souls in a Haitian Lutheran school for the entire school year, thereby sharing the love of Christ and nourishing bodies, minds and souls.

WHEREAS, Christ instructed us in Matthew 28:19 to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" and God will tell His sheep who have fed the hungry "For I was hungry and you gave me food ...'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" in Matthew 25:35-40, and

WHEREAS, Trinity HOPE has identified the island of Haiti as a fertile ground for the sharing of the Gospel and the nurturing of bodies, minds, and souls of young children, by providing a noon meal for the hungry children in our Lutheran schools in Haiti is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non-responsive to Haitians; and

WHEREAS, provision of a noon meal improves physical growth and mental acuity such that children in our Lutheran schools in Haiti are coming to faith in response to the Word and its witness faster than any other population segment and often later are instruments in bringing their whole families to the knowledge of Christ; and

WHEREAS, starving children are unable to retain learning of academia or the Gospel, and the Lutheran schools in Haiti are unable to fully finance food for the children and the staff that share the Gospel with the children, Trinity HOPE provides, through donors, the funds to ensure these needs are met, essentially affecting the whole family with the love of Jesus Christ through word and deed; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the LWML, South Wisconsin District, assembled in convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to enable Trinity HOPE to provide a noon meal for approximately 300 children enrolled in Haitian Lutheran Schools, whereby sharing the Grace of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and discrediting the teachings of Voodoo that are plaguing the nation of Haiti.



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**22. HISPANIC OUTREACH IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COMMUNICATION AND
MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANT** **\$11,060**

PURPOSE: Create a larger support network of individuals and organizations to keep this vital ministry alive.

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach brings the Gospel of Jesus to the His panic population completely in their own native language,

WHEREAS, Divine Services are held weekly at Good Shepherd in Sheboygan completely in Spanish using the Lutheran Liturgy,

WHEREAS, Spanish Bible Studies are held at St. Paul Lutheran in Sheboygan,

WHEREAS, The Gospel continues to reach people in Sheboygan County in Spanish, engaging new believers and encouraging the faith of those already catechized,

WHEREAS, through this ministry, many adults' converts have been received into membership and many young children have been baptized in the Triune name,

WHEREAS, and we want to continue preach Jesus Christ to those Spanish speaking people who need to be saved,

WHEREAS, the current Hispanic Outreach in Sheboygan County it is getting closer to its 6 year anniversary,

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population continues to grow in Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, the past nature of support needs underpinning with new sources of revenue and core group of non- Hispanic people to involve themselves in the ministry, and



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**22. HISPANIC OUTREACH IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COMMUNICATION AND
MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANT (continued) \$11,060**

PURPOSE: Create a larger support network of individuals and organizations to keep this vital ministry alive.

WHEREAS, the means to accomplish this lies in the fact that the general public needs to hear about and thus be convinced of the value and God pleasing nature of the ministry, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$11,060 for the purchase of photographic equipment (and related supplies) to be able to capture real life stories to aid in this effort of encouraging monetary support and personal involvement in the Hispanic Outreach of Sheboygan County.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

23. A PLAYGROUND AS AN OASIS

\$15,000

PURPOSE: Create a welcoming, functional outdoor space for our scholars.

WHEREAS, St. Martini Lutheran school is located in one of the most dangerous and under served areas in Milwaukee, and,

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) has responded to the need for Christ's influence in Milwaukee's urban communities, and,

WHEREAS, the fruit of LUMIN's educational ministry and the evangelistic efforts of LUMIN'S staff is evidenced by the increased enrollment in all LUMIN schools, and,

WHEREAS, our St. Martini Lutheran Campus is one of the highest performing schools in the city with a consistent 4-star rating on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Report Card, and,

WHEREAS, the campus culture does not currently extend to its outdoor play area, and,

WHEREAS, outdoor play is an essential part of a child's development, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the SWD LWML in convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to purchase the resources needed to construct a playground oasis for our St. Martini Lutheran campus.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

24. CONNECTING PEOPLE IN AN INCLUSIVE CHRISTIAN HOUSING COMMUNITY \$25,000

PURPOSE: To provide social/faith-based programming for adults with developmental disabilities and seniors.

WHEREAS, Bethesda Lutheran Communities will be opening the doors at Cornerstone Village in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2023 to provide a Christian-based, affordable housing choice for active seniors and independent adults with developmental disabilities that will help connect them with their neighbors and community, and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Village residents would benefit from social and faith-based opportunities to help them be active in mind, body, and spirit, such as Bible studies, book clubs, health and wellness programming, group outings, and servant events in the community, and

WHEREAS, a Resident Life Coordinator would be best able to coordinate and communicate these opportunities with residents to bring them together to experience fun, faith and fellowship with a spirit of community; and

WHEREAS, as Bethesda learns from experience through implementing this unique Christian housing community and related programming, an estimated four additional locations for Cornerstone Villages will be explored within the South Wisconsin district; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the LWML South Wisconsin District gathered in convention vote the sum of \$25,000 to Bethesda to aid in employing a Resident Life Coordinator and funding social and faith-based programming at Bethesda Cornerstone Village in Milwaukee, Wisconsin so residents and the surrounding community may have the opportunity to be active in a community of faith.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

**25. KRUSE MEMORIAL CHAPEL TRANSFORMATION - DAKOTA BOYS AND
GIRLS RANCH** **\$3,000**

PURPOSE: A gift from the South Wisconsin District LWML will be used as part of a larger project to transform the Kruse Memorial Chapel; creating a more trauma-sensitive, child-friendly environment, that engages at-risk children, facilitating growth in the Gospel and Christ-centered healing.

WHEREAS, Mark 10:14 instructs us, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them;" and

WHEREAS, the healing ministries of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch create an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children who have faced unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma; and

WHEREAS, the highly-attended, interactive weekly Chapel experiences of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch offer the healing care of the Gospel, and the life-giving presence of Jesus, to wounded children who desperately need His mercy and hope; and

WHEREAS, these positive experiences serve as critical connecting points that help a child see the person of Jesus Christ differently, and begin a life-altering journey to Christ-centered healing and hope; and

WHEREAS, this transformational care can easily be hindered by a facility's aging environment, especially when the facility's environment becomes counterproductive to the needs of children with deeply rooted trauma; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2022 Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District Convention, grant the sum of \$3,000 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for upgrades in the Kruse Memorial Chapel on the Minot Campus of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, in order to create a more engaging, inviting space, that sets the stage for children at the Ranch to embrace the Gospel's healing care in the deepest possible ways, to the glory of God and the transformation of young lives.



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MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

26. THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES AND RESOURCES - AFRICA

\$15,000

PURPOSE: To give access to theological material for training of pastors and deacons in Africa.

WHEREAS, the LCMS encourages and supports Lutheran churches across Africa in pastoral education and information to existing and new congregations, and,

WHEREAS, students training to be pastors and deacons need access to printed and digital resources in theological seminaries and training centers across Africa, and,

WHEREAS, the needed resources will better equip students to provide pastoral care within their ministerial contexts and enable pastors and deacons toward stewardship of their national churches, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to help continue funding the printed and digital resources for theological seminaries and training centers in Africa



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27. ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN - WISCONSIN BRANCH

\$15,000

PURPOSE: Cover the cost of shipping humanitarian needs around the world.

- WHEREAS,** in John 14:18 Jesus says, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you," and
- WHEREAS,** in loving response to Christ the Servant, Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch encourages and enables us as God's people to share resources in bringing Christ's Name and character to needy people, both near and far, and
- WHEREAS,** sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well-spoken, as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed, and
- WHEREAS,** Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch strives to send eight or more containers of food, clothing, quilts, medical supplies and equipment, mercy kits, Bibles and other needed items to needy people around the world as well as many semi loads of these items to needy people here in the United States, and
- WHEREAS,** each of these containers that the Branch sends around the world can cost between \$2,000.00 and \$20,000.00 depending on the final destination, and
- WHEREAS,** wherever relief supplies are distributed, Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch has an open door to share God's Word of forgiveness and hope with the recipients, and
- WHEREAS,** the operations of Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch are carried out by hundreds of faithful volunteers throughout the state, and
- WHEREAS,** this branch's operational expenses come entirely from grants and donors, and



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27. ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN - WISCONSIN BRANCH (continued)

\$15,000

PURPOSE: Cover the cost of shipping humanitarian needs around the world.

WHEREAS, shipping costs are the major expense of this branch, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the SWD LWML assembled in convention June 18, 2022, at St. Paul's, Grafton, Wisconsin, grant the sum of \$15,000.00 to assist with the cost of shipping relief food and/or supplies to those in need both around the world and here in the United States.



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28. BRINGING SPANISH BRAILLE BIBLES TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA \$10,000

PURPOSE: Production of Spanish Braille Bibles for free distribution, primarily to Bible Societies in Central and South America.

- WHEREAS,** in Acts 2:11b, St. Luke wrote, "... we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues", and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to people who are Blind or Visually Impaired throughout the world for free.
- WHEREAS,** Lutheran Braille Workers is the only Lutheran organization which intentionally serves people who are Blind or Visually impaired both in the United States and across all continents, and Lutheran Braille Workers is the world's largest non-profit producer of Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials; and
- WHEREAS,** Lutheran Braille Workers has received a request to produce over 20,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for Bible societies and churches throughout Central America and South America within the next two years, requiring the additional purchase of thousands of pounds of paper, cardboard, and other supplies for production purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** through gaining access to Scriptures in Spanish and a format they can read, thousands of people living in physical and spiritual darkness will know the true Light of Jesus in their lives through Spanish Braille Bibles; be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** that the South Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in convention in Grafton, WI, June 2022 vote the sum of \$10,000 for Lutheran Braille Workers to fund the production of at least 2,000 Spanish Braille volumes of the Bible.



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Rank	# of Votes	Mission Grant 2022-2024 Proposals Tally Sheet	Amount
		1. In School Counseling for Mental Health of Students	\$10,000
		2. African Immigrant Ministry Minibus	\$30,000
		3. SOS Center Designed for Success	\$20,000
		4. Who is My Neighbor? Bible Books for Immigrant Outreach	\$12,500
		5. Financial Assistance for CTS, Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op	\$10,000
		6. Support for Youth Ministry in the Karenni Community	\$3,000
		7. Care for Clergy Wives - Doxology	\$8,000
		8. Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care Training/SWD	\$10,000
		9. Old Testament Translation in the South Gumuz Language of Ethiopia	\$10,000
		10. SWD Church Worker Grant	\$30,000
		11. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families	\$3,000
		12. Indonesian Hymnal Project	\$5,000
		13. Printing of Chinese Lutheran Service Books	\$20,000
		14. Outreach to Female Inmates	\$15,000
		15. In Every Language-Translator funding for MOST Ministries	\$6,000
		16. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$14,000
		17. A Place of Refuge Ministries/House remodel	\$25,000
		18. Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships	\$20,000
		19. Scholarships for New Students at the Four Schools of the Lutheran High School Association, Milwaukee	\$20,000
		20. Radio Broadcast Fund- St Paul, W. Allis	\$25,000
		21. Feeding Hatitian Children Spiritually and Physically	\$15,000
		22. Hispanic Outreach in Sheboygan County Communication and Ministry Partnership	\$11,060



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		23. A Playground as an Oasis - St Martini/LUMIN	\$15,000
		24. Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community	\$25,000
		25. Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation	\$3,000
		26. Theological Libraries and Resources - Africa	\$15,000
		27. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch	\$15,000
		28. Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America	\$10,000



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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, South Wisconsin District (hereinafter referred to as LWML SWD), a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML) is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS).

Rationale: Per LCMS, the official way to list this is with an 'em' dash with no spaces between the h and the M.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be:

- A. To develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the LWML SWD through **MISSION EDUCATION, MISSION INSPIRATION, and MISSION SERVICE.**
- B. To gather funds for the support of mission grants, ~~which have been approved by the LWML SWD Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as BOD) and the SWD LCMS District Mission Executive or LCMS National and International Missions~~ especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in LCMS budgets.

Rationale: Voting and change of LCMS office names are covered in Article XVII.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

- A. A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation shall be eligible for membership.
- B. Women's organizations of the LCMS, whether already existing or specifically organized for the purpose of affiliation with the LWML SWD, shall be eligible for membership as ~~societies~~/groups.

Rationale: The use of group/groups may be used more. These changes will occur throughout the document.

- C. Women's societies/~~groups~~ within the LCMS congregations, on a campus, in a resident home, or in another setting shall be the unit of membership. Multiple societies/~~groups~~ in a single setting shall be considered one (1) unit **when determining representation for LWML conventions. This does not pertain to district convention representation.**

Rationale: For clarification purposes.

- D. Women who hold membership in an LCMS congregation may form a society/~~group~~ in a setting other than a congregation, a campus, or a resident home, upon approval of the LWML SWD Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as EC). Such societies/~~groups~~ shall be assigned to a zone by the EC.
- E. Individual membership is available to a woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation with or without a society/~~group~~ affiliated with the LWML. Application shall be made to the LWML SWD Corresponding Secretary. Individual membership is not considered a society/~~group~~ or a unit. An individual member may hold district office or hold zone office when permitted by zone bylaws. A local society/~~group~~ or unit may choose an individual member to represent them at LWML SWD conventions as designated for all other members in the zone bylaws.



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ARTICLE IV – DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

A. Society/**Group** Organization

Every affiliated society/**group** is encouraged to hold meetings at least quarterly and be devoted to:

1. Christ-centered programs with emphasis on missions;
2. the receiving of Mite Box offerings;
3. the **Gospel Outreach** work of the LWML.

Rationale: This will give further clarification of the work.

Zone Organization

1. Zones shall promote the object of the LWML: MISSION EDUCATION, MISSION INSPIRATION, and MISSION SERVICE;
2. Zones shall provide an opportunity for spiritual development and Christian fellowship through zone rallies and may offer workshops and/or prayer services;
3. Zones of the LWML SWD shall be defined by the LWML SWD BOD.

District Tax-exempt Status

The LWML SWD, in order to remain a qualified tax-exempt organization, shall:

1. maintain the sales tax-exempt number assigned by the State of **Wisconsin found in the LWML SWD *General Guidelines*, Section I, C page 4, C;**
1. maintain the Federal Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service: **found in the (LWML SWD *General Guidelines*, Section I, D page 4 D).**

Rationale: To clarify which guidelines this information comes from.

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS AND REPRESENTATION

A. The LWML SWD Convention (hereinafter referred to as the District Convention) shall meet biennially, in the even-numbered years. The BOD shall arrange for the District Conventions through the establishment of a convention committee.

B. District Conventions

The District Convention shall be a delegate body organized in the following manner:

1. Each society/**group** affiliated with the LWML SWD shall choose two (2) delegates to represent them at convention and two (2) alternate delegates who will represent the society/**group** if the delegates are unable to attend. Societies/**Groups** are also encouraged to send one (1) or two (2) Young Woman Representatives;
2. Delegates shall preferably be society/**group** officers or well-informed members;
3. Members of the convention who have a voice and vote therein shall be:
 - a. two (2) certified delegates representing each affiliated society/**group** in the LWML SWD;
 - b. voting members of the BOD;
 - c. past LWML SWD presidents who are currently LWML SWD members.
4. Names of delegates and alternates and other required information shall be sent to the Convention Registrar before the announced deadline.

C. LWML Conventions

The LWML SWD shall be represented at the LWML Convention in the following manner:

1. One (1) certified delegate from each zone having ten (10) or fewer units and one (1) certified delegate for each additional ten (10) units or major fraction thereof, as of January 1 preceding the convention;
 - a. each zone president shall be that delegate, if possible;
 - b. each delegate shall have an alternate to the convention;
 - c. the alternate shall be from the slate of other zone officers or be chosen by the zone president with the approval of that zone's BOD.



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2. The LWML SWD President (hereinafter referred to as President) attends in her capacity as a member of the ~~BOD~~ **Presidents Assembly**. In the event the President cannot attend, she may send as her substitute an elected District officer who shall have voice, ~~but no~~ **and** vote;

Rationale: To conform to LWML Bylaw changes in 2019 and 2021.

3. One (1) LWML SWD Pastoral Counselor (hereinafter referred to as Pastoral Counselor) serves in an advisory capacity, selected on a rotating basis. (See Article, XII, B)

ARTICLE VI – ELECTED OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the LWML SWD shall be President, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Vice President of Communication, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. All officers shall hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. No officer shall be eligible for consecutive re-election to the same office.
- C. The President, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Vice President of Communications, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at one District Convention. The Vice President of Organizational Resources, Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary shall be elected at the next District Convention.

Rationale: To conform to the rest of the document.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of zone presidents, rotating through the zones as stipulated in the *General Guidelines*. In her absence, a zone president may send an alternate from her zone, preferably another zone officer.
- B. Candidates for LWML SWD office shall:
1. be members of LWML SWD;
 2. have served as an LWML zone officer, zone standing committee chairman, or as a BOD member.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall:
1. obtain potential candidates for officers and Pastoral Counselors at least seven (7) months prior to the District convention;
 2. obtain at least three (3) nominations for Pastoral Counselor and secure approval of nominees from the LCMS SWD president;
 3. obtain written consent of the potential candidates to serve if elected;
 4. select two (2) candidates for each office.
- D. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the person has given written consent and meets the qualifications for office. Floor nominations for Pastoral Counselor must have prior written approval from the candidate and the LCMS District President.
- E. All elections shall be by printed ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If there are three (3) or more candidates for the same office the one (1) receiving the fewest number of votes shall be removed from each successive ballot. **If elections cannot be held in person, see Article XIX, B, for procedure.**

Rationale: To provide alternative voting procedure when needed in an emergency.



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- F. Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the District Convention. Retiring officers shall transfer to their respective successor all materials pertaining to the office within thirty (30) days after the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The **President** shall:

1. preside at the District Convention and at all meetings of the EC and BOD;
2. be responsible for the implementation of all LWML SWD resolutions;
3. appoint standing committees and appointed personnel with the approval of the EC, for a period of two (2) years, unless otherwise indicated in the LWML SWD Bylaws;
4. appoint task force chairmen as needed, with approval of the EC;
5. be the voting representative of the LWML SWD at LWML ~~Board of Directors'~~ **Presidents Assembly** meetings, conventions, and other meetings, and in the event that she cannot attend, she may send, as a substitute, an elected SWD officer, who shall have voice ~~but no vote~~ **and vote**;

Rationale: To conform to LWML Bylaw changes in 2019 and 2021.

6. approve payment of legitimately incurred expenses as outlined in the LWML SWD *General Guidelines* and forward to the Treasurer for payment;
 7. be an ex-officio member of all departments and committees, except the Nominating Committee;
 8. request the Vice President of Organizational Resources, Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, or Vice President of Communication to perform duties of the office as necessary;
 9. be responsible for the vision of the LWML SWD;
 10. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual.
- B. The **Vice President of Organizational Resources** shall:
1. be bonded at the expense of the District LWML for an amount determined by the National LWML insurance policy;
 2. perform duties of the office of the President in the absence of, or at the request of the President;
 3. fill a temporary vacancy in the office of the President until an election is held by the BOD;
 4. coordinate and advise the Organizational Resources Department;
 5. be authorized to sign checks, in the absence of the Financial Secretary or the Treasurer;
 6. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual.



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- C. The **Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life** shall:
1. perform the duties of the office of the President in the absence of, or at the request of, the President;
 2. coordinate and advise the Gospel Outreach and Christian Life Department;
 3. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District Convention Manual.
- D. The **Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants** shall:
1. perform the duties of the office of the President in the absence of, or at the request of the President;
 2. coordinate and advise the Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Department;
 3. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual.
- E. The **Vice President of Communication** shall:
1. perform the duties of the office of the President in the absence of, or at the request of, the President;
 2. coordinate and advise the Communication Department;
 3. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual.
- F. The **Recording Secretary** shall:
1. keep minutes of the District Convention, BOD, and EC meetings;
 2. send a copy of minutes to the LWML President and all SWD BOD members;
 3. prepare a written report for the District convention manual and, upon request by the president, for BOD meetings.
- G. The **Corresponding Secretary** shall:
1. act on all correspondence at the direction of the President;
 2. notify the EC and BOD of time and place of upcoming meetings;
 3. keep membership records;
 4. receive applications for membership;
 5. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual.
- H. The **Financial Secretary** shall:
1. be bonded at the expense of the District LWML for an amount determined by the National LWML insurance policy;
 2. receive all monies and deposit them in a financial institution approved by the EC;
 3. advise the treasurer of all deposits made;
 4. keep an itemized account of all receipts;
 5. prepare a financial report for the EC and BOD meetings;
 6. present a report at the District Convention;
 7. act as advisor to the Special Funds Coordinator;
 8. prepare a written report for each EC and BOD meeting and for the District convention manual;
 9. submit books for financial review at the end of each fiscal year.



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- I. The **Treasurer** shall:
1. be bonded at the expense of the District LWML for an amount determined by the National LWML insurance policy;
 2. receive funds from the Financial Secretary through the financial institution approved by the EC;
 3. keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements;
 4. make authorized payments for expenses;
 5. forward at least twenty-five percent (25 %) of mite box offerings monthly to the LWML office, retaining the balance for LWML SWD grants; (Article ~~XVI~~ XVI, B)

Rationale: Corrected location.

6. prepare a report of the delegate expenses to the LWML Convention for the EC;
7. make payments for adopted mission grants as authorized by the President;
8. prepare and present financial reports for each EC and BOD meeting and the District convention;
9. submit books for financial review at the end of each fiscal year;
10. prepare the District budget and submit it to the EC for review.

ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED PERSONNEL

- A. ~~All~~ Appointed personnel shall:
1. be appointed by the President, with the approval of the EC;
 2. **be the Standing Committee Chairmen who serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and shall be eligible for reappointment as a voting member of the Board of Directors (BOD);**
 3. **also be Non-voting Committee Chairmen who** serve two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and shall be eligible for reappointment as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors (BOD);

Rationale: To differentiate between voting and non-voting positions.

4. prepare a written report for the District Convention Manual;
5. perform any other duties set forth in the LWML SWD *General Guidelines* ~~Manual~~ **for their position;**

Rationale: The guidelines are found in the handbook.

6. attend at least one BOD meeting each biennium and attend additional BOD meetings at the request of the president, and;
 7. prepare a written report for each BOD meeting or prepare such report at the request of the President.
- B. Appointed personnel may include, but are not limited to, the Archivist-Historian, **Audio Visual, Bookstore Manager, District** ~~District~~ 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 ~~Director~~ **Chairman, Quarterly** Manager, Scholarship Chairman, Special Funds Coordinator, **Transportation Chairman,** Website Administrator, Winter Getaway Chairman, and ~~TLC Fund Review Coordinator~~ **The Love of Christ Fund Committee (TLC).**

Rationale: Updating list to show current appointed non-voting personnel and to conform to current titles.



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ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the LWML SWD, all **Zone Presidents, chairmen** of the LWML SWD Standing Committees, LWML SWD Voting Appointed Personnel, and SWD Pastoral Counselors as advisory members.

Rationale: To include all members of the BOD.

- B. The **Board of Directors** shall:
1. meet at the request of the President at least twice annually;
 2. meet at the request of nine (9) members of the BOD;
 3. notify the Corresponding Secretary of their alternate if unable to attend a meeting;
 4. be responsible for reallocating mission grant **funds not used within the allotted time.**
(Article XVII, E)

Rationale: Clarifying what needs to be done.

- C. When necessary, business may be conducted by phone, mail, or electronic messaging.
- D. Two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of the BOD.
- E. In the event a person holds more than one (1) voting position on the BOD, she may only vote in one (1) position. She may choose in which position she shall vote. She may send a substitute to fill the other position, and the substitute may vote.
- F. In the event of incapacity or other situation creating a vacancy in the office of the President, it shall be filled by a ballot vote of the BOD. The candidates eligible to fill the vacancy shall be one of the Vice Presidents. If there is no regular meeting of the BOD scheduled within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, the vote shall be by email ballot. The vote shall be ratified by the EC.
- G. BOD members shall perform other duties as outlined in the LWML SWD *General Guidelines Manual*.

Rationale: The guidelines are found in the handbook.

ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The EC shall consist of the elected officers as voting members, with the Pastoral Counselors as advisory members.
- B. The EC shall meet prior to all BOD meetings and/or at the call of the President or four (4) members of the EC.
- C. Five (5) voting members shall constitute a quorum of the EC.
- D. The EC shall:
1. transact business of the BOD between board meetings;
 2. act in an advisory capacity to the President when requested;
 3. fill all vacancies occurring in the elective offices, except in the office of the President;
 4. approve appointments made by the President;
 5. perform other duties as ~~outlined~~ **set forth** in the **all** LWML SWD *Guidelines guidelines Manual*.

Rationale: The guidelines are found in the handbook. Certain EC members who serve as advisors to committees also work under the guidance of the other guidelines.



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ARTICLE XII – PASTORAL COUNSELORS

- A. The Pastoral Counselors shall be two (2) ordained pastors of the LCMS who are serving/retired and residing in the SWD. One (1) counselor shall be elected at each convention.
- B. Pastoral Counselors shall be advisory members of the BOD and the EC. At least one (1) of the Pastoral Counselors should attend conventions and meetings of the BOD and EC. During a four (4) year term, each Pastoral Counselor shall attend one (1) LWML Convention, **preferably the Jr. Counselor if he is able.**

Rationale: To clarify current practice.

- C. Pastoral Counselors shall perform other duties as outlined in the LWML SWD *General Guidelines Manual*.

Rationale: The guidelines are found in the handbook.

- D. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Pastoral Counselor, the vacancy shall be filled by the LWML SWD President from the list of previous nominees, subject to the approval of the SWD LCMS President and the following:
1. Candidate's consent to serve shall be secured;
 2. the EC shall approve the final appointment.

ARTICLE XIII – DEPARTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The departments shall be Communication, Gospel Outreach and Christian Life, Organizational Resources, Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, with a Vice President serving as coordinator of each department.
- B. The **Department Coordinators** shall:
1. function as liaison between the respective committees in each department and the EC;
 2. attend meetings of the committees in the department, in an advisory capacity, except when representing the President, at which time she shall be ex-officio;
 3. call meetings of the department, when necessary, to plan for the development of the department;
 4. keep the President informed of the business being transacted in the various departments;
 5. keep zones and societies/**groups** informed through the District publication(s) and the LWML SWD website;
 6. perform other duties as set forth in **all** LWML SWD *Guidelines guidelines Manual*.

Rationale: The guidelines are found in the handbook.

- 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 ~~Woman~~ **Women's chairmen**.

Rationale: To conform to current title.

The **Standing Committee Chairmen** shall:

1. be active members of the LWML;
2. be appointed by the President, with the approval of the EC;
3. be eligible to vote on the BOD;
4. serve a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed, and shall be eligible for one (1) reappointment;
5. appoint members of her committee;
6. keep zones and societies/**groups** informed of the committee's programs and resources;
7. prepare a written report for each BOD meeting and for the District Convention Manual.



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- D. The **Communication Department** may include the **Editor of the *Mission Lamp*** ~~Editor~~, **Facebook Administrator**, Graphic Arts Consultant, **E-Mail Prayer Request Manager (email)**, Public Relations Chairman, **Quarterly** Manager, Website Administrator, and any other committee necessary for Communication.

Rationale: To conform to current title.

- E. The **Gospel Outreach and Christian Life Department** may include the Christian Life Committee, Fall Retreat Committee, Young ~~Woman~~ **Women's** Committee, Winter Getaway Committee, and any other committees necessary for Gospel Outreach and Christian Life.

Rationale: To conform to current title.

- F. The **Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Department** may include the Deaf **Community** Liaison, Heart to Heart Sisters ~~Chairman~~ **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.

Rationale: To conform to current title.

- G. The **Organizational Resources Department** may include the Archivist-Historian, Leader Development Committee, Nominating Committee, Renewal Committee, Structure Committee, and any other committees necessary for Organizational Resources.

ARTICLE XIV – DISTRICT PUBLICATION(S)

- A. For the purpose of attaining closer contact, inspiration, and information regarding LWML work, the LWML SWD shall publish the *Mission Lamp*. The **Editor of the *Mission Lamp*** ~~Editor~~ shall be responsible for producing and editing this publication.

Rationale: To conform to current title.

- B. A website shall be maintained to provide up to date information to members and prospective members.

ARTICLE XV – RALLIES

- A. Zone rallies shall be held twice annually (spring and fall) for mutual encouragement and inspiration and to conduct zone business. All society/**group** and individual members shall be encouraged to attend and may have voting privileges if zone bylaws permit.
- B. An offering shall be taken at zone rallies. If food is served, an additional freewill offering may be received to cover the cost, with any excess amount added to the rally offering. No other monetary offerings shall be gathered. Article XVI, C
- C. Rally offerings, less expenses and a twenty-five dollars (\$25) zone treasury balance, are to be sent to the District Financial Secretary to be applied to District administrative expenses.
- D. Speaker fee and mileage cost shall be paid to a speaker at a zone rally. (See LWML SWD Standing Rules)

ARTICLE XVI – FINANCES

- A. All mission funds of the LWML SWD shall be raised by freewill offerings. Contributions shall be made through Mite Boxes or any other voluntary means.
- B. Societies/**Groups** shall forward their Mite Box offerings to the District Financial Secretary as soon as possible after collection of the mites.



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The District Treasurer shall forward at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Mite Box offerings monthly to the LWML and retain the balance for LWML SWD grants. The BOD shall determine the percentage of mites to be sent to the LWML if greater than twenty-five percent (25%).

- C. All zone rally, prayer service, and workshop offerings, in excess of expenses and the twenty-five dollars (\$25) to be retained in the zone treasury, shall be forwarded to the District Financial Secretary for District administration expenses.
- D. Apportionment and recipients of the discretionary portions of District retreat and convention offerings shall be approved by the EC, upon recommendations from the event committees. (See LWML SWD Convention and Retreat Guidelines)
- E. Any special gifts may be apportioned by either the donor or the BOD.
- F. Excess mites gathered in each biennium shall be disbursed at the direction of the District convention delegates, considering recommendations by the EC and BOD.

ARTICLE XVII – MISSION GRANTS

- A. A mission grant is a monetary project in the interest of missions and adopted by the delegates at the District Convention.
- B. In carrying out the approved mission grants of the LWML SWD, no indebtedness shall be incurred.
- C. Selection of mission grants:
 1. Mission Grant proposals for consideration by the LWML SWD may be submitted by any SWD LCMS member, society/**group**, or zone. Suggestions shall be sent as directed on the mission grant form to the SWD Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants (Coordinator of the Mission Grants Department) seven (7) months prior to convention and shall be signed by the person or group submitting the proposal and counter-signed by a pastor or zone Pastoral Counselor;
 2. The Mission Grants committee shall study the proposals and eliminate any which are not complete or did not meet the printed deadline date;
 3. All proposed mission grants to **group organizations** within the **District SWD** shall be approved by the SWD LCMS President after being submitted to and reviewed by the SWD LCMS District Mission Executive;
 4. All proposed mission grants to **group organizations** outside the **District SWD** shall be approved by **the Offices of** LCMS National or International Missions;
 5. The EC, including the Pastoral Counselors, shall prayerfully and thoroughly review all proposals which are approved by the SWD LCMS President or **the Offices of** LCMS National or International Missions, eliminating any which do not meet the criteria as printed on the mission grants proposal application form;

Rationale: Items 3, 4 & 5 are conforming to LWML terminology.

6. The BOD, together with the Pastoral Counselors, shall study all mission grant proposals and select five (5) or more for consideration by the District convention;
7. Each delegate **at** to the District Convention shall vote, by **paper or electronic** ballot, for five (5) grants from the list submitted to the convention **delegates** by the BOD;

Rationale: To give option for use of electronic voting in the future, not just in an emergency situation.

8. There shall be no mission grants to endowment funds not established and/or administered by the LWML SWD.



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- D. The BOD, with input from the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Mission Grants Committee and EC, shall establish the total grant goal for each biennium. The total dollar amount of mission grants on the ballot should be at least one and one-half times the grant ~~total~~ goal.

Rationale: Terminology change.

- E. Mission Grant Funds:
1. Funds voted for a mission grant must be disbursed or put to use within a four (4) year period from the time of the vote. The BOD has authority to extend the time in case of extenuating circumstances, or to reallocate the funds;
 2. In the event that changes in mission grant plans occur, the BOD shall be authorized to act, either in session, by mail, or by electronic messaging.

ARTICLE XVIII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the LWML SWD shall be from ~~July 1 to June 30~~ April 1 to March 31, inclusive. The financial officers shall close their books ~~June 30~~ March 31.

Rationale: This will be better for officer transitions, closing of books before conventions, to be consistent with LWML, and the financial reviews would be completed before convention.

ARTICLE XIX – EMERGENCY ACTION

In the event of an emergency, such as war, epidemic, disaster, or prevailing condition which makes holding a District Convention inadvisable, the BOD shall have authority to determine whether the convention should or should not be held.

- A. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the BOD shall decide, and the vote may be taken by phone, mail, or electronic messaging;
- B. In the event the convention is not held, the BOD shall have authority to plan the procedure for conducting the routine convention business.

ARTICLE XX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the LWML SWD in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, standing rules, guidelines, or Christian principles.

ARTICLE XXI – AMENDMENTS

- A. LWML SWD bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the LWML SWD Biennial Convention, provided the proposed amendments have been presented to the delegates prior to the convention.
- B. By unanimous vote of the delegate body, a proposed amendment may be presented to a convention without previous notice. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the delegates shall be required for adoption.
- C. Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted to the LWML SWD Structure Committee eleven (11) months prior to the date of the convention.
- D. Zone bylaws shall be in accordance with LWML and LWML SWD bylaws and shall be submitted to the LWML SWD Structure Committee for approval before adoption.



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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

STANDING RULES

1. The Treasurer of the LWML SWD shall be authorized to pay travel expenses at the rate of thirty (30) cents per mile.
2. The honorarium for speakers at zone rallies and zone workshops shall be a minimum of twenty-five dollars (\$25), plus thirty (30) cents per mile expense.
3. The LWML SWD shall have a **printed** guidelines ~~Manual~~ that **is are** maintained by the President and reviewed each biennium.
Rationale: All guidelines are printed in the handbook.
4. The LWML SWD Conventions shall be held biennially in the even-numbered calendar year, between LWML Conventions, during the month of June.
5. Any proposed mission grant shall be removed from the ballot if, after one warning, any distribution of literature or materials is made which might influence the delegates' vote.



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Candidate for V.P. of Organizational Resources

Claudia Fairfield, Westfield



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Joan

Anderson, Tomah

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

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

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

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

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



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

Marilyn Belter, Berlin



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

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

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

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

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

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



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Candidate for Financial Secretary

Wendie Stauss, Hartford



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

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

Education: Moraine Park Technical College (Medical Transcription) 2004

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

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

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



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Candidate for Recording Secretary

Melody Rodger, Westfield



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

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

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

Education: Westfield High School 1979

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

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



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Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Lewis R. Polzin, Milwaukee



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

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

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

Vision for the Service to the LWML:

To support the women of the LWML in finding ways to use their talents that God has given them to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

To guide the women of the LWML in a closer relationship with the Lord through the activities and mission of the organization.

To equip the LWML, by the ministry of the Word, for planning, organizing and executing activities, publications and offerings for the sake of bringing Jesus to those whom He saved.



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Candidate for Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John M. Taggatz, Oak Creek



Ministry: Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Creek

LWML Experience: Taught Bible Studies with the Ladies of Christ, West Bloomfield, WI and Calvary Lutheran, Waupaca, WI, 2014-2020; Zone Counselor, Southern IL District 2013-2014, Upper and Lower Kaskaskia Circuits; Taught Bible Studies to the LWML Ladies Aid chapter at St. John, Baldwin, IL 2007-2014. Attended and was a page at LWML Convention in Minneapolis, MN in 1999; Attended LWML Convention in Peoria, IL in 2011;

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

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

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



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Voting Tally Sheet -Candidates for Office

Financial Secretary

Wendie Staus

Votes Received _____

Recording Secretary

Melody Rodger

Votes Received _____

VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life

Joan Anderson

Votes Received _____

Marilyn Belter

Votes Received _____

VP of Organizational Resources

Claudia Fairfield

Votes Received _____

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Lewis R. Polzin

Votes Received _____

Rev. John M. Taggatz

Votes Received _____



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FINANCIAL REVIEW LETTERS



August 18, 2021

President Cinda Poppe

I performed a financial review on the Financial Secretary's books from the dates July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. I used the LCMS Treasurer's guide as a guideline for my review.

Using a sampling of around 15% of the deposits records and using the mites workbook pages and the mite reports monthly from the excel sheets I was given access to.

I find the Financial Secretary's books to be accurate and in good order. I do have some recommendations as follows:

Remove all copies of checks from the files.

I assume all deposits are balanced with the Treasurer each month but, there should be a paper trail to all the deposits. There are more deposits than just mites and these may be sent via email or otherwise.

When there are changes to previous deposits I find good back up in explaining why they were changed. This would also be good to copy a report from treasurer as to if these were switched on the treasurer side.

One instance on June 27 of a convention donation being turned back. Make sure you have a paper trail to place it in the right category.

The mites worksheet is most helpful but, please distinguish where each deposit is going other than mites. Divide into administration, offerings, interest, etc and be clearly marked for each category.

Thank you for the opportunity and if you have any follow up questions or areas I can explain, please feel free to contact me. Again, good work in keeping track of the South Wisconsin District finances.

Ruth Weckwerth

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December 21, 2021
Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District
Executive Committee

RE: Financial Review for periods July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019; and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

I have been asked to review the financial records of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District (or LWML-SWD). This review covered the financial periods of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

A financial review is different than 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 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 a financial review for a nonprofit is to support the treasurers 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 included the following:

- Inquiry of organizational structure;
- Inquiry of controls over cash handling;
- Review of board and executive committee minutes for meetings held within the periods of review;
- Review of bank account reconciliations
- Review of the financial statements in the accounting system - QuickBooks

2019-2020 Review Period Evaluation:

Through the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for the 2019-2020 were free of material misstatements. A complete listing of individual findings from the detailed testing of transactions has been provided to the treasurer. These findings have been minimum and determined not to affect the decision-making ability of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.



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2019-2020 Review Period Evaluation:

Through the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for the June 30, 2019; and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 were free of material misstatements. I noted a few checks for the selection were not properly signed, these were not material in their nature. I would encourage the organization to develop control procedures over the transfer of information and records at the end of the year. A complete listing of individual findings from the remaining accounts that were included in the detailed testing of transactions has been provided to the treasurer.

Recommendations:

I believe the Executive Committee should consider making these additional changes to improve recordkeeping and/or increase control over assets as follows:

1. LWML-SWD continues to reimburse volunteer travel expenses at the rate of thirty (30) cents per mile. This is consistent with the LWML national organization. According to the IRS, the standard mileage rate for charities to use for reimbursement purposes is fourteen (14) cents. This rate has remained unchanged since 2013. While it is allowable for a charity to have a policy of reimbursing volunteers at a rate higher than the IRS rate, the volunteer is required to report the difference in rates as income on their personal tax returns. I recommend that the Board of Directors recommunicate this policy to all members and committee heads, possibly directly on the reimbursement form. (per prior report)
2. Strive to increase automation with computer checks. Evaluate whether this can be feasible. The current QuickBooks accounting system, appear to meet the needs of the organization
3. Consider aligning the financial year end to March 31st to be consistent with the National LWML. This would allow for an accurate test of budget cut-off and create efficiencies in the financial review process, especially in financial review periods where the treasurer position has transitioned.

I appreciate all the work that went into making this review run so smoothly. Thank you to the women of LWML-SWD for all their charitable efforts.

Sincerely,
Lydia Beasley
Lydia Beasley, Accountant
12/21/2021



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FINANCIAL REVIEW LETTERS

February 4, 2022

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – South Wisconsin District

Executive Committee

RE: Financial Review for period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

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, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

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



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Financial Review

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Evaluation:

Through the review process, I gained an appropriate level of limited assurance that the financial statements for July 1, 2020, thru June 30, 2021, were free of material misstatements. I found that the LWML-SWD Treasurer followed the guidelines and recorded transactions promptly and consistently. All invoices/vouchers had the required two signatures, and all reimbursements accompanied with the proper accounting category.

I was impressed with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary communication, dedication and work extremely well together. They both are professional and consistent in proper handling of LWML-SWD funds.

Recommendations:

Maintain a back up thumb drive of the financial reports for each year.

Consider changing the financial statement period from June 30th to ending on March 31st. (Consistent with the National LWML) This would ease the burden on newly elected Treasurer and Financial Secretary and when planning the new biennium budget.

Would love to have LWML National create a program they could roll out to the districts to have a consistence accounting system.

Possibility of looking at an outside accounting source in the future to manage the LWML-SWD accounting.

Blessings,

Carol Smith

2/4/2022



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Kris.Hebel@gmail.com

February 4, 2022

Dear Cinda Poppe,

I performed a review of the Financial Secretary's records from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

I did a random selection from each month representing 30% of the deposits made in this period. I reviewed each receipt to the entries made in the Financial Secretary's Mite Workbook.

I find the Financial Secretary's books to be organized by date, clear notations when needed for clarification and copies of all correspondence with the Treasurer for direct deposits and reconciliation.

I only found two incorrect entries:

1/11/21 Deposit: An entry from Mary Martha Guild was for Quarterlies but categorized as Mites \$40

5/17/21 Deposit: An entry from St. Paul's Ladies Aid \$90 for Mites and \$25 for Rally was all categorized to Mites.

I could find no indication of correction and would consider these immaterial and not needing correction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Financial Secretary's records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,
Kris Hebel



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TREASURERS REPORT

LWML SWD Convention Financial Statement Comments

The financial statements that I provided are as of the end of March 2022 and represent 21 months of the 24 months covered by this biennium. The comparisons are to the prior biennium ending on June 30, 2020.

Page 1: everything about mites.

Page 2: where is the money?

Page 3: Donations/money received

Page 4: Non-designated Expenses/donated funds that could be spent as needed

Page 5: Designated Expenses/Funds donated for a specific purpose and spent for that purpose

Let's look at some items:

A. LWML MITES RECEIVED: \$179,666.43 was received for mites and were allocated 25% to LWML and 75% to LWML SWD mites. That figure is shown on Page 1 at the top and on page 3 near the middle.

B. LWML MITES PAID TO LWML: \$44,916.61 (25% of \$179,666.43) was paid to LWML as shown on Page 1 near the middle and on page 5 near the top. LWML SWD will continue to pay 25% of all mites received monthly to LWML regardless of what accounting period LWML SWD selects.

C. LWML SWD MITES RECEIVED: On page 1-near the top is \$166,560.91, which is the total raised for LWML SWD mites in these 21 months. That includes our 75% plus interest, special gifts, and a \$25,000 grant from a prior biennium which was returned as it could not be used timely for the purpose for which it was requested.

D. LWML SWD GRANTS PAID: On page 1 at the bottom and also near the middle you will see that \$141,500 was paid for SWD grants selected in June of 2020. Although \$153,750 (75% of the mite goal of \$205,000) were selected for payment, 2 recipients withdrew their grant before payment as they could not use the requested funds per their grant request. The partially funded last grant was fully funded as the funds were available due to the withdrawn grants. On page 5 at the top is that \$141,500 which was paid for those grants.

E. FEMALE CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS: On page 2, there is \$81,274.14 in all of the scholarship accounts. We were blessed to have received a special bequest of \$25,000 (see the middle of page 3 for that donation.) this biennium which was used to increase the frozen base from \$50,000 to \$75,000. That base earns interest for scholarships. Income also comes from special gifts and 25% of fall retreats and winter getaway events.

F. LWML SWD TLC (THE LOVE OF CHRIST): The Love of Christ Fund was set up with \$25,000 to provide monies for SWD LWM administrative expenses when additional funds are needed to meet emergency needs of congregations, or emergency financial assistance for our SWD missionaries, and to give financial assistance to those wishing to attend SWD conventions and retreats who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend. Income comes from 25% of convention offerings, special contributions and interest. Currently there is \$75,573.34 in those TLC accounts as shown on the middle of page 2

G. 2023 CONVENTION DONATIONS: \$7000 was requested for LWML SWD to donate to the 2023 convention start-up costs as a hosting district. We received \$3567.14 in donations and interest as shown on page 2-line 3. So we are \$3432.86 short of funding that amount that we have already paid (see page 2-near the bottom). We will continue to accept donations for those costs, and hope to not take those funds out of our available administrative funds.

If you have any questions or concerns or suggestions for these statements, please call, text or email me.

Patty Silah, Treasurer 414-350-5446

Treasurer@LWML-SWD.org



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TREASURERS REPORT

LWML South Wisconsin District
Mites 7/1/2020 thru 3/31/2022

Total Mite Goal		\$ 205,000.00		
Mites Received to Allocate to LWML & LWML SWD	\$179,666.43	A	over (under) goal	
Designated Mites	\$ 32,757.84			
Mites Received				
Goal	\$ 205,000.00		\$212,917.27	\$ 7,917.27
Mite Grant Fund--District				
Mites Received	75% to SWD Grants	\$134,749.82	C	
Mites Interest	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 42.76	C	
Special gifts to SWD	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 2,931.68	C	
Returned Mite Funds	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 25,000.00	C	
Selle Fund	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 2,692.13	C	
Sanders Fund	100% to SWD Grants	\$ 1,144.52	C	
Goal:	\$ 153,750.00	LWML SWD Mites To Date Total	\$ 166,560.91	C \$ 12,810.91
Updated Amount*:	\$ 141,500.00	D		\$ 25,060.91

* Two grants selected for the SWD biennium were withdrawn as the recipients were not able at this time to use the requested funds per their grant request. The partially funded last grant was fully funded as the funds were available due to the withdrawn grants. These changes representing an "updated amount" for the SWD mites.

Mite Grant Fund--National				
Mites received	25% to National Grants	\$44,916.61	B	
Special gifts designated to National		\$ 946.75		
Tee Up 4 Mites		\$ 493.00		
Goal:	\$ 51,250.00	National Mites To Date Total	\$46,356.36	\$ (4,893.64)
		Mites To Date Total	\$212,917.27	

Grant	Pledged	Updated*	Paid		Date Paid
#1a Church Worker Student Grant	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	D	11/20/2020
#1b Church Worker Student Grant	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	D	3/2/2022
#2 Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	D	12/14/2020
#3 Fort Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	D	2/2/2021
#4 Refuge House Vehicle	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	D	4/18/2021
#5 At Just the Right Time -Mission Central	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	D	7/12/2021
#6 Services Offered to Immigrants and Refugees-POBLO	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	D	10/11/2021
#7 LHF Introducing Muslims to the Savior	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	D	11/4/2021
#8 Bethany Asaba Delta State Nigeria	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	D	12/31/2021
#9 Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	D	12/31/2021
#10	\$15,000	withdrawn			
#11 Christ's Mercy in Russia	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	D	3/26/2022
#12	\$2,715	withdrawn			
#13 Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities	\$2,035	\$7,500	\$7,500	D	3/26/2022
	\$153,750	\$141,500	\$141,500	D	

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LWML South Wisconsin District Statement of Financial Position As of March 31, 2022

	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2020	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Checking-BMO Harris	12,749.13	3,118.28	9,630.85
1020 · Savings Fund - LCEF	52,549.62	68,251.48	(15,701.86)
1023 · 2023 Convention-LCEF Steward	3,567.14 G	0.00	3,567.14
1025 · Mites Fund - LCEF	26,060.91	1,000.00	25,060.91
1030 · District Committee Accounts			
1031 · Winter Getaway	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
1032 · Fall Retreat	1,000.00	1,211.50	(211.50)
1033 · Convention	7,690.00	3,683.41	4,006.59
Total 1030 · District Committee Accounts	9,690.00	5,894.91	3,795.09
1041 · LCEF Scholarship Fund-Steward	26,274.14	33,876.03	(7,601.89)
1042 · LCEF Scholarship Fund-5 Year Fi	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
1044 · LCEF Scholarship Fund-4 year Fixed	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Total 1040 · FCW Scholarship Accounts	81,274.14 E	63,876.03	17,398.11
1051 · TLC LCEF Steward Account	46,066.87	44,983.20	1,083.67
1052 · TLC LCEF Fund-5 Year Fixed	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
1053 · TLC LCEF Fund II-18mo Fixed	13,506.47	13,506.47	0.00
Total 1050 · The Love of Christ Accounts	75,573.34 F	74,489.67	1,083.67
1100 · Schroeder Account	6,103.35	6,195.24	\$ (91.89)
Total Checking/Savings	267,567.63	222,825.61	44,742.02
Other Current Assets			
1001 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	85.00	-85.00
1925 · Hotel Deposits	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
1950 · Store Inventory	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	250.00	835.00	\$ (585.00)
Total Current Assets	267,817.63	223,660.61	\$ 44,157.02
TOTAL ASSETS	267,817.63	223,660.61	\$ 44,157.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2023 · 2023 LWML Convention Donations	-3,432.86 G	2,460.34	5,893.20
Total Other Current Liabilities	-3,432.86	2,460.34	5,893.20
Total Current Liabilities	-3,432.86	2,460.34	5,893.20
Total Liabilities	-3,432.86	2,460.34	5,893.20
Equity			
3000 · Opening Balance Equity	159,624.74	159,624.74	0.00
3200 · Retained Earnings	61,575.53	51,403.59	10,171.94
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ 50,050.22	\$ 10,171.94	\$ 39,878.28
Total Equity	271,250.49	221,200.27	50,050.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	267,817.63	223,660.61	\$ 44,157.02



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LWML South Wisconsin District
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022

	Actual Jul '20 - Mar '22	Actual Jul '18 - Jun'20	Actual \$ Change	Budget Jul '20 - Jun 22	Budget \$ Difference
Income					
4000 · Total Income					
4010 · Non-Designated					
4011 · Administrative Income					
4012 · Administrative	5,884.03	5,607.13	276.90	4,000.00	1,884.03
4014 · Donated Goods and Services-Adm	4,666.62	4,180.11	486.51	4,000.00	666.62
Total 4011 · Administrative Income	10,550.65	9,787.24	763.41	8,000.00	2,550.65
4020 · Rally Offerings	13,743.98	16,456.35	-2,712.37	20,000.00	-6,256.02
4025 · Prayer Services	2,299.42	3,114.52	-815.10	2,200.00	99.42
4030 · Retreats Conventions Workshops					
4031 · LWML Convention					
4032 · Donated Goods and Services	0.00	1,228.37	-1,228.37	1,500.00	-1,500.00
4033 · LWML Convention-Other	1,218.55	14,393.71	-13,175.16	14,000.00	-12,781.45
4034 · 2023 Convention Donations&Inter	966.80	0.00	966.80	0.00	966.80
Total 4031 · LWML Convention	2,185.35	15,622.08	-13,436.73	15,500.00	-13,314.65
Total 4035 · SWD Convention	7,796.40	11,916.74	-4,120.34	25,000.00	-17,203.60
Total 4050 · Fall Retreat	7,757.35	23,517.78	-15,760.43	21,000.00	-13,242.65
Total 4060 · Winter Getaway	10,337.95	17,006.92	-6,668.97	15,000.00	-4,662.05
4070 · Heart To Heart	430.00	0.00	430.00		430.00
Total 4030 · Retreats Conventions Workshops	28,507.05	68,063.52	-39,556.47	76,500.00	-47,992.95
4090 · Interest Income-LCEF Savings	205.39	1,079.97	-874.58	1,000.00	-794.61
4010 · Non-Designated - Other	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00		25,000.00
Total 4010 · Non-Designated	80,306.49	98,501.60	-18,195.11	107,700.00	-27,393.51
4400 · Designated Funds					
4405 · Total Mites	172,546.43	201,978.07	-29,431.64		172,546.43
4408 · Memorials/Celebrations	7,120.00	5,945.00	1,175.00		7,120.00
Total 4402 · Total Mites to Allocate	179,666.43	207,923.07	-28,256.64	205,000.00	-25,333.57
4410 · Designated Mites					
4415 · LWML Mites Total					
4418 · LWML Only Mites	946.75	484.95	461.80		946.75
Total 4415 · LWML Mites Total	946.75	484.95	461.80		946.75
4420 · SWD Mites Total					
4422 · SWD Only Mites	27,931.68	4,827.65	23,104.03		27,931.68
4435 · Mites Fund Interest	42.76	277.36	-234.60	250.00	-207.24
4436 · Selle Fund/Interest	2,692.13	2,900.68	-208.55	2,200.00	492.13
4438 · Sanders Fund/Interest	1,144.52	1,371.92	-227.40	1,500.00	-355.48
Total 4420 · SWD Mites Total	31,811.09	9,377.61	22,433.48	3,950.00	27,861.09
Total 4410 · Designated Mites	32,757.84	9,862.56	22,895.28	3,950.00	28,807.84
4440 · Designated Offerings	5,379.38	5,872.50	-493.12	5,000.00	379.38
4442 · Designated -Tee Up 4 Mites	493.00	0.00	493.00	0.00	493.00
4446 · Kaestner Fund Interest	850.07	917.48	-67.41	700.00	150.07
4451 · Schroeder Fund Interest	129.47	215.55	-86.08	250.00	-120.53
4455 · Scholarship Fund	2,621.56	3,058.50	-436.94	2,000.00	621.56
4456 · Scholarship Fund Interest	1,729.88	766.06	963.82	700.00	1,029.88
4465 · TLC Fund	453.00	1,685.82	-1,232.82	250.00	203.00
4466 · TLC Accounts Interest	1,296.17	3,201.58	-1,905.41	2,500.00	-1,203.83
Total 4400 · Designated Funds	225,376.80	233,503.12	-8,126.32	220,350.00	5,026.80
4500 · Reimbursed Expense					
4501 · Christian Life Products	1,030.22	1,707.19	-676.97	2,000.00	-969.78
Total 4500 · Reimbursed Expense	1,030.22	1,707.19	-676.97	2,000.00	-969.78
4600 · Publications Income					
4601 · Quarterlies	17,747.00	18,586.50	-839.50	15,000.00	2,747.00
Total 4600 · Publications Income	17,747.00	18,586.50	-839.50	15,000.00	2,747.00
Total 4000 · Total Income	324,460.51	352,298.41	-27,837.90	345,050.00	-20,589.49
Total Income	324,460.51	352,298.41	-27,837.90	345,050.00	-20,589.49



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	Actual Jul '20 - Mar '22	Actual Jul '18 - Jun'20	Actual \$ Change	Budget Jul '20 - Jun 22	Budget \$ Difference
Expense					
5000 · Total Expenses					
5010 · Non-Designated Expenses					
5020 · Administrative					
5021 · President	2,386.20	1,856.70	-529.50	3,000.00	613.80
Total 5030 · Executive Committee	<u>3,560.64</u>	<u>3,791.10</u>	<u>230.46</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>1,439.36</u>
Total 5040 · Board Of Directors	<u>4,041.53</u>	<u>2,725.04</u>	<u>-1,316.49</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>-41.53</u>
Total 5020 · Administrative	<u>9,988.37</u>	<u>8,372.84</u>	<u>-1,615.53</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>2,011.63</u>
5100 · Committees					
5101 · Archivist Historian	129.36	0.00	-129.36	25.00	-104.36
5102 · AV	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5103 · Christian Life	18.00	0.00	-18.00	100.00	82.00
5105 · Heart to Heart Committee	0.00	7.98	7.98	250.00	250.00
5110 · Leader Development	411.00	38.47	-372.53	50.00	-361.00
5125 · Mission Grants	112.00	0.00	-112.00	25.00	-87.00
5127 · Missionary Outreach	600.00	400.00	-200.00	50.00	-550.00
5129 · Nominating	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5131 · Public Relations	150.00	447.66	297.66	300.00	150.00
5133 · Renewal	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5135 · Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5137 · Special Focus Ministries	12.19	0.00	-12.19	0.00	-12.19
5139 · Special Funds	0.10	0.00	-0.10	25.00	24.90
5141 · Structure	95.05	0.00	-95.05	25.00	-70.05
5143 · Web Page	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5145 · Young Women	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total 5100 · Committees	<u>1,527.70</u>	<u>894.11</u>	<u>-633.59</u>	<u>1,025.00</u>	<u>-502.70</u>
5170 · Assembly of Leaders	0.00	597.73	597.73	600.00	600.00
5175 · Equalization	0.00	503.03	503.03	600.00	600.00
5180 · Insurance	299.00	580.00	281.00	600.00	301.00
5185 · Seminars and Training	0.00	763.20	763.20	725.00	725.00
5190 · Supplies	1,098.02	730.85	-367.17	700.00	-398.02
5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops					
5310 · CCLI	762.00	701.00	-61.00	750.00	-12.00
5320 · Heart to Heart	160.00	320.77	160.77	250.00	90.00
5330 · Workshops	0.00	156.06	156.06	200.00	200.00
Total 5340 · LWML Convention	<u>22,852.04</u>	<u>39,774.95</u>	<u>16,922.91</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>17,147.96</u>
Total 5400 · SWD Convention	<u>599.40</u>	<u>11,384.88</u>	<u>10,785.48</u>	<u>22,750.00</u>	<u>22,150.60</u>
Total 5500 · Fall Retreat Expenses	<u>6,833.66</u>	<u>18,215.05</u>	<u>11,381.39</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>13,166.34</u>
Total 5550 · Winter Getaway Expenses	<u>7,341.41</u>	<u>15,880.81</u>	<u>8,539.40</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>6,658.59</u>
Total 5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops	<u>38,548.51</u>	<u>86,433.52</u>	<u>47,885.01</u>	<u>97,950.00</u>	<u>59,401.49</u>
Total 5010 · Non-Designated Expenses	<u>51,461.60</u>	<u>98,875.28</u>	<u>47,413.68</u>	<u>114,200.00</u>	<u>62,738.40</u>



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LWML South Wisconsin District Statement of Financial Income and Expense July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022

	Actual Jul '20 - Mar '22	Actual Jul '18 - Jun'20	Actual \$ Change	Budget Jul '20 - Jun 22	Budget \$ Difference
5600 · Designated Expenses					
5610 · Total Mites Expense					
5616 · SWD-District Grants	141,500.00	156,580.00	15,080.00	153,750.00	12,250.00
Total 5615 · SWD Total Mites	141,500.00	156,580.00	15,080.00	153,750.00	12,250.00
5620 · LWML Total Mites					
5625 · LWML Mites	44,916.61	52,465.72	7,549.11	51,250.00	6,333.39
5626 · LWML Special Gifts	1,439.75	1,783.00	343.25		-1,439.75
Total 5620 · LWML Total Mites	46,356.36	54,248.72	7,892.36	51,250.00	4,893.64
Total 5610 · Total Mites Expense	187,856.36	210,828.72	22,972.36	205,000.00	17,143.64
5700 · Designated Offerings	3,887.63	5,872.52	1,984.89	5,000.00	1,112.37
5720 · Designated Missionary Outreach	200.00	600.00	400.00	1,000.00	800.00
5750 · Kaestner Fund	966.55	912.16	-54.39	500.00	-466.55
5760 · Schroeder Fund	221.81	245.96	24.15	150.00	-71.81
5770 · Scholarship Recipient	11,100.00	2,950.00	-8,150.00	3,000.00	-8,100.00
5775 · TLC Fund	592.50	1,977.50	1,385.00	4,800.00	4,207.50
Total 5600 · Designated Expenses	204,824.85	223,386.86	18,562.01	219,450.00	14,625.15
5900 · Reimbursed Expenses					
5910 · Chr Life Products Purchased	800.76	1,948.23	1,147.47	2,000.00	1,199.24
Total 5900 · Reimbursed Expenses	800.76	1,948.23	1,147.47	2,000.00	1,199.24
5920 · Publications					
5921 · Mailing	2.80	0.00	-2.80	0.00	-2.80
5922 · Mission Lamp	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5923 · Quarterlies	17,015.28	17,507.78	492.50	15,000.00	-2,015.28
5924 · Web Page	305.00	310.00	5.00	1,000.00	695.00
Total 5920 · Publications	17,323.08	17,817.78	494.70	16,100.00	-1,223.08
Total 5950 · Miscellaneous	0.00	98.32	98.32	100.00	100.00
Total 5000 · Total Expenses	274,410.29	342,126.47	67,716.18	351,850.00	77,439.71
Total Expense	274,410.29	342,126.47	67,716.18	351,850.00	77,439.71
Net Income	50,050.22	10,171.94	39,878.28	-6,800.00	56,850.22
Unplanned Bequest	-25,000.00	E			-25,000.00
Net Income (Deficit) without Bequest	\$ 25,050.22	10,171.94	14,878.28	\$ (6,800.00)	\$ 31,850.22



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Proposed 2022-2024 Budget for 2022 Convention

		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
		July 2020 - June 2022	July 2020 - Dec 2021	2022 -2024
Income				
4000 · Total Income				
4010 · Non-Designated				
4011 · Administrative Income				
	4012 · Administrative	4,000.00	5,391.65	7,000.00
	4014 · Donated Goods and Services-Adm	4,000.00	3,281.56	4,000.00
	Total 4011 · Administrative Income	8,000.00	8,673.21	11,000.00
4020 · Rally Offerings		20,000.00	13,743.98	17,500.00
4025 · Prayer Services		2,200.00	1,042.32	1,200.00
4030 · Retreats Conventions Workshops				
	4031 · LWML Convention			
	4032 · Donated Goods and Services	1,500.00	0	0
	4033 · LWML Convention-Other	14,000.00	1,218.55	0
	4034 · 2023 Conv Donations for advance to host committee		675.75	3,000.00
	Total 4031 · LWML Convention	15,500.00	1,894.30	3,000.00
	4035 · SWD Convention	25,000.00	461.4	20,000.00
	4050 · Fall Retreat	21,000.00	7,757.35	18,000.00
	4060 · Winter Getaway	15,000.00	5,190.97	7,000.00
	Total 4030 · Retreats Conventions Workshops	76,500.00	15,304.02	48,000.00
	4090 · Interest Income-LCEF Savings	1,000.00	189.20	300.00
	Total 4010 · Non-Designated	107,700.00	38,952.73	78,000.00
4400 · Designated Funds				
	4402 · Total Mites to Allocate	205,000.00	145,487.19	205,000.00
4410 · Designated Mites				
	4420 · SWD Mites Total			
	4422 · SWD Only Mites		2,931.68	3,000.00
	4435 · Mites Fund Interest	250.00	38.86	50.00
	4436 · Selle Fund/Interest	2,200.00	2,286.72	2,500.00
	4438 · Sanders Fund/Interest	1,500.00	1,116.56	1,500.00
	Total 4420 · SWD Mites Total	3,950.00	6,373.82	7,050.00
	Total 4410 · Designated Mites	3,950.00	6,373.82	7,050.00
4440 · Designated Offerings		5,000.00	3,967.50	6,000.00
	4446 · Kaestner Fund Interest	700.00	722.18	800.00
	4451 · Schroeder Fund Interest	250.00	110.61	200.00
	4455 · Scholarship Fund	2,000.00	2,238.59	3000.00
	4456 · Scholarship Fund Interest	700.00	1,399.54	1500.00
	4465 · TLC Fund	250.00	353	250.00
	4466 · TLC Accounts Interest	2,500.00	1,141.69	1,500.00
	Total 4400 · Designated Funds	220,350.00	161,794.12	225,300.00
4500 · Reimbursed Expense				
	4501 · Christian Life Products	2,000.00	1,007.97	1,200.00
	Total 4500 · Reimbursed Expense	2,000.00	1,007.97	1,200.00
4600 · Publications Income				
	4601 · Quarterlies	15,000.00	9,725.50	15,000.00
	Total 4600 · Publications Income	15,000.00	9,725.50	15,000.00
	Total 4000 · Total Income	345,050.00	211,480.32	319,500.00
Total Income		345,050.00	211,480.32	319,500.00

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Expense				
5000 · Total Expenses				
5010 · Non-Designated Expenses				
5020 · Administrative				
5021 · President	3,000.00	759.6	3,000.00	
5030 · Executive Committee	5,000.00	2,984.11	4,000.00	
5040 · Board Of Directors	4,000.00	2,906.92	4,000.00	
Total 5020 · Administrative	12,000.00	6,650.63	11,000.00	
5100 · Committees				
5101 · Archivist Historian	25.00	129.36	150.00	
5102 · AV	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5103 · Christian Life	100.00	18.00	25.00	
5105 · Heart to Heart Committee	250.00	0.00	250.00	
5110 · Leader Development	50.00	411.00	500.00	
5125 · Mission Grants	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5127 · Missionary Outreach	50.00	400.00	600.00	
5129 · Nominating	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5131 · Public Relations	300.00	150.00	1,000.00	
5133 · Renewal	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5135 · Scholarship	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5137 · Special Focus Ministries		11.60	25.00	
5139 · Special Funds	25.00	0.05	25.00	
5141 · Structure	25.00	95.05	200.00	
5143 · Web Page	25.00	0.00	25.00	
5145 · Young Women	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Total 5100 · Committees	1,025.00	1,215.06	2,975.00	
5170 · Assembly of Leaders	600.00	0.00	600.00	
5175 · Equalization	600.00	0.00	600.00	
5180 · Insurance	600.00	299.00	600.00	
5185 · Seminars and Training	725.00	0.00	725.00	
5190 · Supplies	700.00	1408.12	2,500.00	
5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops				
5310 · CCLI	750.00	762.00	800.00	
5320 · Heart to Heart	250.00	0.00	250.00	
5330 · Workshops	200.00	0.00	200.00	
5340 · LWML Convention				
5341 · LWML Convention Registration		4,413.00	4,500.00	
5342 · LWML Convention Meals & other		3,764.21	2,500.00	
5343 · LWML Convention Travel		3,102.39	1,500.00	
5344 · LWML Convention Lodging		10,005.64	5,000.00	
5346 · 2023 Conv Funds for advance to host committee		791.75	3,000.00	
5340 · LWML Convention - Other		600.00	4,475.00	
Total 5340 · LWML Convention	40,000.00	22,676.99	20,975.00	
5400 · SWD Convention	22,750.00	554.40	14,000.00	
5500 · Fall Retreat Expenses	20,000.00	6,833.66	18,000.00	
5550 · Winter Getaway Expenses	14,000.00	3,638.43	7,000.00	
Total 5300 · Retreats-Conventions-Helpshops	97,950.00	34,465.48	61,225.00	
Total 5010 · Non-Designated Expenses	114,200.00	44,038.29	77,700.00	
5600 · Designated Expenses				
5610 · Total Mites Expense				
5615 · SWD Total Mites				
5616 · SWD-District Grants	153,750.00	114,000.00	153,750.00	
Total 5615 · SWD Total Mites	153,750.00	114,000.00	153,750.00	

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	5620 · LWML Total Mites			
	5625 · LWML Mites	51,250.00	36,371.79	51,250.00
	Total 5620 · LWML Total Mites	51,250.00	36,371.79	51,250.00
	Total 5610 · Total Mites Expense	205,000.00	150,371.79	205,000.00
	5700 · Designated Offerings	5,000.00	2,475.75	5,000.00
	5720 · Designated Missionary Outreach	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00
	5750 · Kaestner Fund	500.00	470.96	800.00
	5760 · Schroeder Fund	150.00	122.99	200.00
	5770 · Scholarship Recipient	3,000.00	11,100.00	10,000.00
	5775 · TLC Fund	4,800.00	445.50	2,400.00
	Total 5600 · Designated Expenses	219,450.00	165,186.99	224,400.00
	5900 · Reimbursed Expenses			
	5910 · Chr Life Products Purchased	2,000.00	800.76	1,200.00
	Total 5900 · Reimbursed Expenses	2,000.00	800.76	1,200.00
	5920 · Publications			
	5921 · Mailing		2.80	
	5922 · Mission Lamp	100.00	0.00	100.00
	5923 · Quarterlies	15,000.00	14645.82	15,000.00
	5924 · Web Page	1,000.00	305.00	1,000.00
	Total 5920 · Publications	16,100.00	14,953.62	16,100.00
	5950 · Miscellaneous			
	5952 · Fees & Charges			
	5953 · Bank Fee	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total 5952 · Fees & Charges	100.00	0.00	100.00
	5950 · Miscellaneous - Other	0.00	0.00	0
	Total 5950 · Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total 5000 · Total Expenses	351,850.00	224,979.66	319,500.00
Total Expense		351,850.00	224,979.66	319,500.00
Net Income		-6,800.00	-13,499.34	0.00



STATISTICS REPORT OF ZONE ACTIVITIES
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

	President	Number of Societies Inc. Supporting/ Ind Members*		Total Membership 2020 2021		Number of Rallies/ Attendance		Zone Bible Studies/ Attendance		Prayer Services/ Attendance	
		NR		NR		NR		NR		NR	
1	Heidi Willison	NR		NR		NR		NR		NR	
2	Ann Nehring	10	82	93		2	69	0	0	0	0
3	Debbie Volden	7	109	140		2	96	2	96	0	0
4	Kristen Kolell	9	107	108		2	54	2	54	0	0
5	Pam Muther	5	124	151		2	71	1	33	0	0
6	Diane Kamrath	5	67	68		2	67	2	67	0	0
7	Barb Schallock	4	59	62		2	60	1	30	1	30
8	Hannah Schultz	NR	79	NR		NR		NR		NR	
9	Diane Meyer	8	66	65		2	53	2	53	1	28
10	Vaunie Weaver	8	153	187		2	55	1	28	0	0
11	Barbara Kaun	6	149	152		2	73	1	36	1	20
12	Bonnie Sperberg	7	75	83		2	49	2	49	1	22
13	Melody Rodger	8	79	84		2	71	2	71	1	17
14	Carol Smith	8	182	145		1	33	1	29	1	12
15	Barb Wagner	NR	77	NR		NR		NR		NR	
16	Elaine Hull/Theresa Smith	5	29	47		1	21	1	21	0	0
17	Pat Menden	5	52	64		2	55	0	0	1	23
18	Jill Jones	4	52	51		2	36	0	0	0	0
19	Carolyn Fish/Marge Frank	6	59	67		2	49	1	30	1	9
20	Jean Behl	NR	58	NR		NR		NR		NR	
21	VACANT Contacts Lori Henkes and Eunice Matter	12	89	108		1	15	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS		1747	1675		31	927	19	597	8	161
	AVERAGE PER YEAR		3,422								
			1,711								

*Information on Individual Members and Disbanded Societies/Groups:

Individual Members: Z1 Barbara Burgess, Z5 Marcia Beineke, Z9 Paula Duvenck,Z10 Kristine Zahrobsky,Z11 Sharron Ziener, Z16 Jean Brogaard, Ruth Lutze, Carol Tiemann, Z20 Donna Weerts, Z21 Eunice Matter

Disbanded 2021: Z2 Christ Memorial Milwaukee Dorcas Society; Z3 Risen Savior Franklin, Z13 LWML Zion Neshkoro; Z21 LWML St. Paul's Union Grove.

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Zone	Mites	Quarterlies	Prayer Service	Rallies	Others	Total
1	\$8,779.06	\$700.50	--	\$496.00	\$879.00	\$10,854.56
2	\$5,934.47	\$945.00	--	\$786.25	\$537.00	\$8,202.72
3	\$14,036.45	\$1,582.50	--	\$923.70	\$300.00	\$17,042.65
4	\$9736.57	\$906.00	--	\$722.00	\$220.50	\$11,585.07
5	\$16,040.28	\$882.00	--	\$1,272.00	\$250.00	\$18,444.28
6	\$6,643.96	\$750.00	--	\$1,027.00	\$1,152.00	\$9,772.96
7	\$6,024.90	\$840.00	\$440.00	\$1,167.00	--	\$8,471.90
8	\$7,045.89	\$577.00	\$155.50	\$616.00	\$70.00	\$8,181.78
9	\$7,631.45	\$876.00	\$155.50	\$318.00	\$250.84	\$9,066.79
10	\$14,929.95	\$1,236.00	--	\$1,294.70	\$585.00	\$18,045.65
11	\$12,705.87	\$1,026.00	\$90.00	\$448.01	\$556.00	\$14,113.67
12	\$11,143.85	\$949.50	\$457.32	\$736.00	\$700.00	\$14,113.67
13	\$4,156.19	\$810.00	\$241.00	\$636.00	--	\$5,843.19
14	\$14,993.54	\$1,471.50	--	\$1,250.65	\$1,575.00	\$19,290.69
15	\$6,208.87	\$487.50	--	\$1,033.67	\$40.00	\$7,810.44
16	\$5,073.78	\$667.50	--	\$104.00	\$25.00	\$5,870.28
17	\$10,458.55	\$408.00	\$486.00	\$651.00	\$955.44	\$13,228.99
18	\$6,130.74	\$978.00	--	\$73.00	\$4.00	\$7,185.74
19	\$6,875.57	\$835.00	\$215.00	\$690.00	\$576.00	\$9,191.57
20	\$20,144.46	\$1,002.00	--	\$137.00	--	\$21,283.46
21	\$5,751.15	\$919.50	\$300.00	\$105.00	\$200.00	\$7,275.65

Submitted by Marilyn Belter – LWML SWD Financial Secretary



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2020 -2021 MEMORIALS***CELEBRATIONS***HONORS

Remembering	M*C*H	Given By	Month	Year
Erna Czysz	M	Nancy Schwalenberg	January	2020
Alice Harter	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women's Evening Guild	January	2020
Dorothy Janz	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women's Evening Guild	January	2020
Dolores Scheifelbein	M	Jeanette Schultz	January	2020
Carol Oppermann	M	Diane Kamrath	January	2020
Carol Oppermann	M	Pella Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWML	January	2020
Beverly Henke	M	Bonnie J Sperberg	January	2020
LeRoy Staff	M	Glenna Gauither	January	2020
Lorraine Bauman	M	Sisters In Service	February	2020
Erna Czysz	M	Chapel of the Cross Between Friends	February	2020
Adela Hueppchen - 102nd Birthday	C	St. John LWML - Plymouth	February	2020
Anita E. Gaede (Past LWML-SWD President)	H	Anita Gaede	February	2020
Lorraine Bauman	M	St. Paul's - Oconomowoc	March	2020
Lois Sommer	M	Peace Lutheran Mission Guild/LWML	March	2020
Audrey Paul	M	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Women	March	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	LWML-SWD	March	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	George & Patricia Menden	March	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Cinda Poppe	April	2020
Harland Becker	M	Diane Kamrath	April	2020
Marlene M. Mueller	M	Diane Kamrath	April	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Judy Gitzlaff	April	2020
Marlene M. Mueller	M	Debbie & Timothy Netz	April	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Janice Wendorf	May	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Beverly Lueder	May	2020
Birdine Courter	M	Connie Belter	May	2020
Sisters in Christ	C	Rachel Bible Study Group	May	2020
Delores S. Klein	M	W.M. & T.K. Bartz	May	2020
Shirley Honold	M	Jane Schmelter	May	2020
Daughters Lisa & Christine - Happy Mother's Day	C	Jane & Thomas Schmelter	May	2020
Eunice H. Jungkuntz	M	Jan Dankwardt	May	2020
Lenore Strommen	M	Mt. Calvary LWML	May	2020
Lenore Strommen	M	Karen Grieser	May	2020
Eunice H. Jungkuntz	M	Marilyn Belter	May	2020
Eunice H. Jungkuntz	M	Millie Hildebrandt	May	2020
Eunice H. Jungkuntz	M	Shirley & Allan Zerger	May	2020
Eunice H. Jungkuntz	M	Judith Swanson	May	2020
Lenore Strommen	M	Marilyn Strickert	May	2020
Ruth Fischer	M	Barb Kaun	May	2020
Rev. M. Douglas Peters	C	Barb Kaun	May	2020
Glenn & Deloris Hildebrandt 65th Wedding Anniversary	C	Millie Hildebrandt	May	2020



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John & Lucy Roediger Wedding Anniversary	C	Janice Lieffring	November	2020
Betty Voy	M	Janet Hessler	November	2020
Phyllis Johnson	M	Elaine Hull	November	2020
Lois Groth	M	LaVern, Ruth & Cyndi Pieper	December	2020
St. John's LWML Members that passed away in 2020	M	St. John's LWML - Portage	December	2020
Betty Bigsby	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	December	2020
Alice Klawiter	M	Zion Ladies Aid - Burnett	December	2020
Deb Ziemann	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women's Evening Guild - Random Lake	January	2021
Verna Hausner	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women's Evening Guild - Random Lake	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Lydia & Myron Wacker	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Marlene Barber	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Susan Tibbitts	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Rita Burfeind	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Susan & Mark Otto	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Betty Kottke	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Kristen & Curt Kolell	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Anita & Herbert Gaede	January	2021
Maryls Taege Moberg	M	Cynthia & Paul Budek	January	2021
Family Christmas	C	Cinda Poppe	January	2021
Janet L. Landgraf	M	Rita Burfeind	January	2021
Janet L. Landgraf	M	Martin & Diana Landgraf	January	2021
Marilyn Fast (Ruth Weckwerth's Mother)	M	Diane & Norman Kamrath	January	2021
Barbara Hellman	M	Pella Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWML - Waupun	January	2021
Marilyn Fast (Ruth Weckwerth's Mother)	M	Marilyn & Larry Belter	January	2021
Delores Barker	M	Wally & Janice Luebke	January	2021
June Hartwig (my prayer Sister)	C	Wally & Janice Luebke	January	2021
Art Mueller	M	Wally & Janice Luebke	January	2021
Larry Retzlaff	M	Wally & Janice Luebke	January	2021
Alex Kummerow	M	Wally & Janice Luebke	January	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Carolyn J. Blum	January	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Cinda Poppe	January	2021
Janice Wenberg	M	John & Lucy Roediger	January	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	January	2021
Barbara Lutringer's Mother	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	January	2021
Marilyn Rieman's Mother	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	January	2021
Ruth Miller	M	St. Paul's Ruth Guild - Brown Deer	January	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	LWML-SWD	January	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Kristen & Curt Kolell	February	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Coralie & Roger Pierson	February	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Barbara Kaun	February	2021
Marion Taden	M	Elaine Hull	February	2021



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Marlene Kamrath	M	Good Shepherd Women/LWML	May	2020
Jean Gundenschwager	M	Willie & Karen Grieser	June	2020
June Hartwig	C	Janice Luebke	June	2020
Past Members of St. John's LWML	M	St. John's LWML - Portage	June	2020
Hatti Washatko	M	Elaine Hull	June	2020
Margaret Summ	M	Elaine Hull	June	2020
Gertrude Washatko	C	Elaine Hull	June	2020
Jean Gundenschwager	M	Dorothy Degnitz	June	2020
Hermann Kruegar	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	June	2020
Allen & Gloria Christian 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel Lights/LWML - Mayville	June	2020
Jeannette Kretzmann-Mitchelly	M	Marilyn Belter	June	2020
Ellie Lang Kabel	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	June	2020
Jo Lauby	M	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	July	2020
Jo Lauby	M	Our Savior Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	July	2020
Robert Yager	M	Our Savior Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	July	2020
Marion Schacht	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women's Evening Guild - Random Lake	July	2020
Elaine Ingold	M	St. Paul's LWML - Janesville	July	2020
Peter & Carolyn Thompson 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel Lights/LWML - Mayville	July	2020
Jeannette Kretzmann-Mitchelly	M	St. John's LWML - Berlin	August	2020
Jeannette Kretzmann-Mitchelly	M	Donna & Donald Dretske	August	2020
Jeannette Kretzmann-Mitchelly	M	Louise & W. Gabert	August	2020
Bonnie Tamminga	M	Theresa L. Smith	August	2020
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Corrine Hendrikson	August	2020
Janet Steinhaus	C	Blessed Savior Women's Ministries (Kathy Herbst)	August	2020
Linda Semrau	M	Diane & Norman Kamrath	August	2020
Willard Deckliver	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	September	2020
Robert Horn	M	Faith Christian Service League - Sturtevant	September	2020
Henry Schwenkhoff	M	St. Peter's LWML - Reedsburg	September	2020
Gene Church 90th Birthday	C	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women in Mission - Janesville	September	2020
Rudy Brandt	M	Lucille Roediger	October	2020
Florence Nee	M	Lucille Roediger	October	2020
Karoline Nee	M	Lucille Roediger	October	2020
Ed Hessler	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	October	2020
Louise Mross 90th Birthday	C	Beverly Lueder	October	2020
Helen Spitzack	M	Sandy Krainz	October	2020
Lorraine Frankenstein	M	Norman & Diane Kamrath	October	2020
Evie Gagnon	M	Ladies of Good Shepherd - Two Rivers	October	2020



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2020 -2021 MEMORIALS***CELEBRATIONS***HONORS

Verna Mary Jordan	M	Peggy Kamholz	February	2021
Verna Mary Jordan	M	Beverly Lueder	February	2021
Adela Hueppchen - 103rd Birthday	C	St. John LWML - Plymouth	February	2021
SallyStrom	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women of Adams	February	2021
Alice Byers	M	Immanuel Lutheran Women of Adams	February	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Debbie Volden	February	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Monica Jeske	March	2021
Esther Lillian Rosanske	M	Messiah Lutheran Women's Guild	March	2021
Judy Pedersen	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	March	2021
Elaine Boettcher	M	Reverend Fred Boettcher	March	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Barbara Kaun	March	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Cinda Poppe	March	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Immanuel Lights/LWML - Mayville	March	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	St. Stephen LWML - Horicon	March	2021
Vivian Karst	M	Zion Ladies Aid - Burnett	March	2021
Arlene Klawiter	M	Zion Ladies Aid - Burnett	March	2021
Vivian Karst	M	From Vivian's Family	March	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	St. Paul Ladies Auxillary - Sheboygan Falls	April	2021
Laurelei Geier	M	Beverly Lueder	April	2021
Janet Landgraff	M	St. Paul LWML - Grafton	April	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Bethlehem Sisters in Service	April	2021
Arlene Nickolai	M	Bonnie J Sperberg	April	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Marilyn Belter	May	2021
Mona Lichtenberg	M	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	May	2021
Norman & Diane Kamrath's 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	May	2021
Adela Hueppchen	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	May	2021
Adela Hueppchen	M	Chris and Vaunnie Weaver	May	2021
Adela Hueppchen	M	Beverly Lueder	May	2021
Marlys Taege Moberg	M	Carolyn J. Blum	May	2021
Dave & Lois Benter 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	June	2021
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Stecker 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Judy & Donald Daley	June	2021
Jerome Marquardt	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	June	2021
Hildegard Krause	M	St. John LWML - Berlin	July	2021
Mildred Hamilton	M	Zion Ladies Aid - Burnett	July	2021
Eugene Sattler	M	Bonnie J Sperberg	July	2021
Eugene Sattler	M	Marilyn Belter	July	2021
Darlene (Dolly) Doan	M	Marilyn Belter	July	2021
Doreen Krueger	M	St. Paul's Ruth Guild - Brown Deer	August	2021
Pastor & Paulette Stecker's 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Alvin & Jacqueline Strassberg	August	2021
Edward Hessler	M	Janet Hessler	August	2021

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Edward Hessler	M	Susan Roeder	August	2021
Barbara Heinert	M	Joyce Springmann	September	2021
Darlene (Dolly) Doan	M	St. John LWML - Berlin	September	2021
Richard & Gail Christian 50th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	October	2021
Marilyn Christian	M	Immanuel LIGHTS/LWML - Mayville	October	2021
Past Members of St. John's LWML	M	St. John's LWML - Portage	October	2021
Donald Breitzman	M	St. Paul's Cascade LWML	October	2021
Gladys Beringer	M	St. John LWML, Plymouth	October	2021
Beth Mae Poppe	M	Diane & Kim Kamrath	November	2021
Todd Anderson	M	Kristen & Curt Kolell	November	2021
Todd Anderson	M	Joan Anderson	November	2021
Darlene (Dolly) Doan	M	Cindy Schuett	November	2021
Lucy Anklam	M	Marilyn Belter	November	2021
Joan Roberts	M	Hope Ladies Guild - Fond du Lac	November	2021
Paul & Carol Frank 60th Wedding Anniversary	C	Immanuel Lights/LWML - Mayville	November	2021
Bonnie Hanoski	M	Grace Ruth Guild - Milwaukee	November	2021
Verna Schallock	M	First Immanuel - Cedarburg	December	2021
Beverly Lueder	M	Kristen & Curt Kolell	December	2021
Donald Breitzman	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	December	2021
Beverly Lueder	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	December	2021
Betty Poppe	M	Cinda Poppe	December	2021
Beverly Lueder	M	Cinda Poppe	December	2021
Verna Johnson	M	Cinda Poppe	December	2021
Wendie Stauss	C	Cinda Poppe	December	2021
Beverly Lueder	M	Barbara Kaun	December	2021
Purdue Friendships (Brenda, Carol & Lori)	C	Catherine Pieper	December	2021
Beverly Lueder	M	St. John LWML - Plymouth	December	2021

M = Memorial * C = Celebration * H = Honor



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SWD Biennium History

South Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League 38th Biennial Convention was to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, Wisconsin on June 20, 2020. The convention was canceled due to current health concerns and government restrictions on large group gatherings as a result of (COVID19). The theme of the convention was "Our Vision in Christ is 20/20" based on Galatians 2:20 (ESV). "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Because the logistics of collecting items from over the district for ingathering would be cumbersome, societies were asked to donate gift cards from their members to be given to Joanne Kruse, 10125 W. Hawthorne Rd., Mequon, WI 53097 by June 30th. She would deliver them to A Place of Refuge and Lutheran Special Schools. Auction baskets that were already prepared could be brought to the Fall Retreat in Manitowoc. The Keynote Speaker, Katie Schuermann prepared her presentation as a video as did the "Mites in Action Speakers" Rev. Ethan Luhman and Kierra Tennies (Kuel) on the LWML-SWD website. LWML representative, Susan Donnelly would have brought us greetings from President Debbie Larson. Debbie Larson's address to the convention body was posted as a video online@lwml-swd.org.

The convention business was conducted via email and USPS mailing.

New Officers elected: District President, Cinda Poppe; Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, LuAnn Roman; Vice President of Communications, Jennifer Olen; Corresponding Secretary, Janice Koopman; Treasurer, Patricia Silah; Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Matthew Gehrke.

In gathering: Refuge House Ingathering was diapers, Bibles, outfits, food and gift cards over \$1,525.00. Journeys Lutheran School received \$1,550.00 in gift cards.

Mites in Action raised over \$5000, \$1,312.50 was designated for The Love of Christ Fund (TLC) which finances scholarships for retreats/conventions and mission emergencies and \$3,937.50 was designated for SWD mites.

LWML SWD Mission Grants selected were:

1. Church Worker Student Grant	\$30,000
2. Bethany Ev Lutheran Ministry Outreach	\$12,000
3. Financial Assistance for Ft. Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$10,000
4. A Place of Refuge – Vehicle	\$20,000
5. At Just the Right Time – Mission Central	\$15,000
6. Expanding Outreach and Human Care Services Offered to Immigrants And Refugees – POBLO	\$15,000



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7. Lutheran Heritage Foundation Introducing Muslims to the Savior	\$12,000
8. Bethany Asaba Delta State Nigeria – New Church Planting Building Completion	\$12,000
9. Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips	\$ 3,000
10. International Friendship Center	\$15,000
11. Mercy in Russia	\$ 5,000
12. Children’s Program Support at Luther Memorial Chapel, Shorewood, WI	\$ 2,714
13. Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities	\$ 2,035

2020-2022 Biennial Planning Meeting - August 8, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church in Burnett, WI. Living in Hope, Faithfully Focused on Christ based on the Bible Verse: “Never lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:11-12 NIV. Goals set: Study God’s Word, Engage in Missions, Actively Serve.

2020-2021 Female Church Worker Scholarship Awards - \$6,000 was available to be awarded. Recipients: Abigail Grosnick from Watertown, WI and is attending Concordia Nebraska; Grace Reimer from Lisbon, attending Concordia Seward; Sarah Wallace from Menomonee Falls and is attending Concordia University Wisconsin; Elizabeth Leapley from New Berlin and is attending Concordia Seward.

2020 Fall Retreat – “Jesus is the Light” John 9:5 scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2020, in Manitowoc, was canceled due to low registration and growing health issue concerns.

2020 Fall Rallies – 7 out of 21 Zone Fall Rallies were canceled because of COVID concerns.

2020 Zone President’s Training – November 14, 2020, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wales, 9-3.

2020 Prayer Service – “Living in Love, Bearing Fruit” was written by Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton and was available on the LWML website. Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but also in the world.



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2021 LWML SWD Winter Getaway – January 29-30, 2021 at the Clarion Hotel (formerly Wintergreen), Wisconsin Dells-Theme: “God’s Got It” based on Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Speaker Kaye Wolff, LWML VP of Special Focus Ministries, 2015-2019, spoke on reaching out to the Deaf Community. Pastor Matthew Gehrke led the Bible Study on Jeremiah 29:11. Pastor Jonah Burakowski (Former SWD Mission Executive) spoke on Disaster Relief which was the Offering Recipient. Dan Freiburger, Mites in Action, spoke on Camp Luwisomo updates. Servant Events were: Packing NICU care bags, Making tie blankets for the NICU bags, Coloring cards and bookmarks to share joy with friends and strangers, and Making MOST Witness bracelets. The offering totaled \$1889. Three-fourths of the offering (\$1416.75) went to LCMS-SWD Mission – Disaster Relief Ministry and ¼ (\$472.25) went to Female Church Worker Scholarships. \$607.71 was collected for Mites. Silent Auction Baskets collected another \$460 for mites.

2021 LWML Prayer Service – “He Prayed *with* Them” was written by Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus and was available on the LWML website. The theme was based on Acts 20:36b – “He (Paul) knelt down and prayed with them all.”

2021 Heart to Heart – Sister’s Events went virtual for 2021. Ruth 1:16 being the theme verse (“But Ruth replied, Don’t urge me to leave or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”) The Virtual Cruise departed via Facebook on March 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.; making stops through the end of May.

2021 LWML SWD Workshops sponsored by the Leader Development Committee- “Bearing Fruit, Growing in Knowledge” based on “Colossians 1:9-10 (ESV) “...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Events were held on March 6, 2021 at St. John’s Random Lake and March 20, 2021 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tomah. 75 women were able to attend the workshops. Presenters were Paulette Stecker and Jen Schneider, Jan Schadt and Jill Jones, Kristen Kolell and Emily McDermott, Diane Meyer, Jennifer Olen, Sandy Krainz, Ruth Mueller, and a question and answer session with Cinda Poppe and some other LWML veterans.

Spring Rallies – 18 Zones held spring rallies in March, April, and May.

LWML 39th Biennial Convention – June 24-27, 2021, in Lexington, Kentucky-Theme: “Running the Race...Looking to Jesus” (Hebrews 12:1-2) “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the



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shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Attendance – 2,792 and 63 Young Women Representatives. Convention Humorists were Jan Struck and Abby Goehring. Worship proclaimers were Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier and Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson. Song Leader was Elinor Paulison. Linda Reiser was the Keynote speaker and Deaconess Heidi Goehmann was the Bible Study Leader. Mites in Action Speakers were: Rev. John Carrier, Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families-Camp Restore Detroit; Lorene King, Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities-Bethesda Lutheran Communities; Ruth Richert Martin – Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips-MOST Ministries;

Rev. Jeffrey Mueller- Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala- Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International; Gary Theis-Women’s Witness and Mercy in Asia-Mission Central. Luncheon Speakers were Andy Bates, Susan Knowles, Rev. Dan McMiller, Rev. Craig Muehler, Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul, Deaconess Danelle Putnam, Deaconess Amy Rast, Rev. Kevin Robson, Rev. Robert Zagore, and Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Saturday Evening Entertainment was Billie Renee’ Johnson and Cumberland Gap.

District Banner Procession included 63 Young Women Representatives. The Mission Flag Procession represented 82 countries, flags were carried by Young Women Representatives, Heart to Heart Sisters District Leaders, and other volunteers.

Mission Goal for 2021-2023 is \$2,150,000. The Golf Outing raised \$23,046, the Photo Mission Walk raised \$96,232.92. \$33,000 was raised for gift cards to be given to seminarians. Convention Offering #1 went to the LWML Mission Goal 2021-2023 \$41,789.97; #2 went to King’s Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana, \$26,669.02; #3 was for Gifts for All God’s Children’s Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan, \$17,640.47; and Offering #4 went to POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan \$17,640.47. Gifts from the Heart Totals- Assurance for Life Ministry \$1,252; CSL Food Bank \$1,820; CTSFW Food & Clothing Co-op \$1,445; MOST Ministries \$915; and Unspecified \$1,405.

LWML 2021-2023 Mission Grants:

1. Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, \$81,680
2. Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses -Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000
3. Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa’s Children-Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
4. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life-LCMS Life Ministry, \$92,000
5. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach-Lutheran Deaf Outreach, \$50,000



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6. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients – Phil’s Friends, \$70,000
7. Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia-Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, \$100,000
8. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe, Mission Central, \$56,000
9. Propelling the Gospel-LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
10. Educating Pastors in Africa – Mission Central, \$100,000
11. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion-Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000
12. Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania -Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
13. Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia-Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
14. Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People-Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000
15. The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas-St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, \$42,000
16. Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp – Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
17. Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru – La Mision Luterana del Peru, \$56,750
18. “Ends of Earth” Scholarships – Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
19. Sharing Jesus’ Love in India – Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
20. Mission and Outreach to the Least of These-Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356
21. Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus- Belize Mission Society, \$100,000
22. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone- Lutheran Bible Translators, \$70,000
23. Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico -God Cares About You Mission, \$98,000
24. Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word-Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew) \$100,000
25. Missionaries to America Project-Mission Nation Publishing, \$88,000



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26. Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho- Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, \$100,000

27. Expanding God's Love in Uganda-LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region, \$92,000

28. Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach-St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, \$70,208

Newly Elected Officers- Vice President of Christian Life: Susan Brunkow, **Vice President of Communication:** Kathy Pavelock, **Vice President of Gospel Outreach:** Karen Morrison, **Recording Secretary:** Brenda Piester, **Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. Gary Pipkorn, **Nominating Committee:** Kaye Wolff, Chairman; Lois Teinert, Janis McDaniels, Lisa Asmus, and Melissa Salomo'n.

LWML Young Women Event – “Day of Relaxation and Fun for the Whole Family” Verse "...my hope is in You all day long." Psalms 25:5. Servant Events: Lap blankets for local nursing home residents, Cards/bookmarks coloring for local nursing home residents, and witness bracelets for MOST ministries. The Event was to be held at Trinity Lutheran in Wisconsin Dells on August 14, 2021 but was canceled due to lack of response/interest.

2021 SWD Fall Retreat – The SWD Fall Retreat was held on September 17 & 18 in Oshkosh at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. Theme: "Jesus is the Light" based on John 9:5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Speaker Deaconess Sandra Rhein shared her experiences of her missionary work as a sacred music educator. Deaconess Katherine Rittner spoke about the Clothing and Food Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Pastor Barkley led the Bible Study on "Jesus is the Light". Retreat attendance totaled 112. Offerings included \$1,302.75 to deaconess training in Latin America and \$434.25 to the Female Church Worker Scholarship fund. Mites totaled \$641.79. Twenty-five large boxes of items were collected for our Gifts from the Heart recipient, the Lutheran Food Pantry in Oshkosh. Servant Events: 43 tied fleece hats were made to be given to area parochial school students. Around 500 crosses were made from greeting cards with John 3:16 written on the back to be given to missionaries. 105 Blessing bags were made up for the homeless and the Milwaukee Urban Ministry to distribute.

Fall Rallies – all 21 Zones held Fall Rallies.

2021-2022 Female Church Worker Scholarship Awards – Julia Baker, is studying at Concordia University, Seward in the education program. Amanda Steinke, is also studying at Concordia University, Seward in the education program. Abigail Grosnick was studying Parish Music at Concordia, Seward; but transferred to Concordia Irvine and changed her major to DCE. Rebekah Eatherton is attending Concordia University,



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Seward and studying elementary education. Katarina Hinck is returning to Concordia University Wisconsin as a senior to finish up her early childhood education with a special education emphasis. Hannah Eatherton is attending Concordia University, Seward to study elementary education. Lily Ficken will study elementary education with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education or Classical Ed.

LWML SWD Winter Getaway Retreat – February 4 & 5, 2022, at Clarion Hotel and Conference Center (formerly Wintergreen Hotel) in Wisconsin Dells. The theme: “The Joy in Christ’s Mission!” based on Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Rev. Matthew Gehrke led the Bible Study/Devotion on “Rejoice in the Lord Always” 2 Corinthians 11:23-30. Rev. Keffie Deen II showed the movie “Coco” in presenting Faith in Film. Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott spoke about their work in Deaf Ministry in Madison, WI. Rev. Nathan Meador, SWD Mission Executive, asked us to pray for 40 days in Lent for the city of Milwaukee and reminded us that we were designed for community. Joanna Ellis invited us to attend the Heart to Heart, *Sisters of All Nations* Event to be held at St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The theme will be “Declare His Glory Amongst the Nations” based on I Chronicles 16:23-24. There will be no 2023 Winter Getaway so that all energies can be focused on preparations for the LWML convention to be held in Milwaukee.

2022 Prayer Service – This Prayer Service was written by Rev. Robert W. Grimm and is available on the LWML website. Theme: “Lord, Teach us to Pray”, Luke 11:1. Prayer may be simple or complex- silent or corporate- memorized or free-flowing from our heart. It is a conversation with God and shows our love to our heavenly Father.

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

2022 Heart to Heart Sisters Event – will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. The theme will be “Declare His Glory Amongst the Nations” I Chronicles 16:23-24. The guest speaker is Daniel Reh, (St. Louis Seminarian) who will help us understand the need to and the benefits of encouraging women of diverse cultures to become part of sharing God’s love. There will be food, fellowship, and cultural entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zuehlsdorf Archivist/Historian



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Ruth Mueller (VP Organizational Resource),
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Cinda Poppe (LWML-SWD President),
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LuAnn Roman (VP Special Focus Ministries &
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ZONE 1-7

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Pam Muther (5)
Barb Schallock (7)
Debbie Volden (3)

Front Row (left to right)

Heidi Willison (1)
Diane Kamrath (6)
Kristen Kolell (4)

Not Pictured: Ann Nehring (2)

ZONE 8-14

Back Row (left to right)

Carol Smith (14)
Baub Kaun (11)
Melody Rodger (13)

Front Row (left to right)

Bonnie Sperberg (12)
Vaunie Weaver (10)
Hannah Schultz (8)



ZONE 15-21

Back Row (left to right)

Pat Menden (17)
Cathy Pieper (20)
Barb Wagner (15)
Carol Fish (19)
Jill Jones (18)



Front Row (left to right)

Diane Meyer (9)
Eunice Matter (21)
Elaine Hull (16)
Marge Frank (19)

*Not Pictured: Theresa Smith (16)
Jean Behl (20)*



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2024 SWD Convention Chair

Cinda Poppe - LWML SWD President

Merilyn Belter - Gladness Rags Coordinator

Front Row (left to right)

Diane Timm - Parliamentarian

Diane Kamrath - Bookstore Manager

*Not Pictured: Diane Kitzerow - 2022 SWD
Convention Chair*

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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Debbie Volden— 2022 Nominating Committee
Chair

Jill Jones - Leader Development

Mary Zuehlsdorf - Archivist/Historian

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Diane Meyer - Renewal Chair

Not Pictured: Monica Jeske - Structure



GOSPEL OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN LIFE

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Cindy Schuett— SWD Music Coordinator

Jody Schultz - 2022 Fall Retreat Chair

Angie Dean - 2022 Fall Retreat Co-Chair/2023 Fall
Retreat Chair

Front Row (left to right)

Judy Gitzlaff - Chairman

Sandy Krainz - Christian Life



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SPECIAL FOCUS AND MISSION GRANT

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Pat Menden

Rachel Wegener - Missionary Outreach and Education

Front Row (left to right)

LuAnn Roman - Chairman

Kay Nett - Mission Grant

Not Pictured: Linda Ault - Deaf Community Chair

Kathy Herbst - Special Focus Ministries

Joanna Ellis - Heart to Heart Sisters Chair

COMMUNICATION

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Barb Kaun - LWQ Manager

Jennifer Olen - Chairman

Front Row (left to right)

Joan Anderson - Public Relations

Ruth Weckwerth - Mission Lamp Editor

Not Pictured: Mai Nhia Thao— FaceBook

Joyce Kaestner - Email Prayer Request Manager

JoAnn Nehring - Website Administrator

Kim Hovie - Audio/Visual

Joanna Jaloszynski - Audio/Visual



FINANCIAL

(left to right)

Marilyn Belter - Financial Secretary

Judy Paulson - Special Fund

*Not Pictured: Sarah Barkley—
Scholarship*



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Nominating Committee



BACK ROW (left to right)

Debbie Volden (Nominating Committee Chair)
Marge Frank
Barb Schallock
Carolyn Fish

FRONT ROW (left to right)

Ruth Weckwerth
Barb Wagner
Ruth Mueller

2022 LWML SWD Steering Committee Chairman

Diane Kitzerow

What a joy it is to be meeting in person once again to conduct the business of our LWML South Wisconsin District. Under the theme of Strengthened through His Spirit, your Convention Steering Committee was honored to work alongside and in conjunction with our District President and her Executive Committee to make this biennial convention an in-person reality, all to the glory of God.

Over the past two years, regular meetings were held via Zoom to be mindful of people’s busy schedules, and we were also happy to gather in person on occasion. Unexpected challenges were met with the calm assurance that God was in control and would show us the way.

Our prayer is that the speakers and events of the convention have offered you inspiration and encouragement in your personal efforts to bring the lost and erring to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Savior. We also pray that, together with existing and newly elected officers, we members of the LWML South Wisconsin District will consecrate our hands and feet, voices and lips, and our silver and our gold to fulfill the mission grant promises that have been made at this convention.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve in the capacity of Chairman and to work with the faithful servants of the committee to assist in bringing this convention to you. May you always feel the strength, power and peace of the Holy Spirit dwelling in your heart.



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Diane Meyer
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LWML-SWD President



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Manual Chair



Cindy Schuette
Music Coordinator

2022 LWML-SWD Convention Steering Committee



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Vaunie Weaver
Secretary



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Executive Committee Reports

PRESIDENT

CINDA POPPE

President's Report

This year LWML SWD celebrates its 75th anniversary. As I studied past convention manuals I was reminded of our rich history as Women in Mission serving our Lord and supporting missions with our Mites and Gifts of Love.

The biennial challenges began with a modified 2020 convention, the cancellation of 2020 Fall Retreat and many rallies. We persevered by keeping our 20/20 vision fixed on Jesus and remembering, *"The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

The biennial blessings include district business conducted at Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Director (BOD) meetings, and the many Committees that utilized Zoom as good stewards of their time and saving mileage reimbursements. The 2020-2022 biennium theme: **Living in Hope, Faithfully Focused on Christ** was adopted, building on the 2020 Convention theme, Our Vision in Christ is 20/20, Galatians 2:20, to encourage moving forward through the pandemic. *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:11-12 NIV

As we look ahead to the 2022-2024 biennium, let us feel **Strengthened by the Spirit** and remember the words of St. Paul in Ephesians 3:16-17a, *"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being."*

The next two years are full of promise. We look forward to supporting Mission Grants and Servant Events, Zone Rallies, Bible Studies, Fall Retreats, Leader Development Workshops, and meeting and serving with our sisters in Christ from the North Wisconsin and Northern Illinois LWML districts as we co-host the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. In Milwaukee, we will **Celebrate the Lord of Nations**, *"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."* Psalm 33:12-13

Looking back through the 75 year history of the LWML SWD and reading past president's convention reports one thing is most evident; the Word of God holds the LWML, past, present, and future, together. There have been many changes and challenges in 75 years, but God's Word never changes. Thanks be to God for faithful women who founded, led, and continue to serve the LWML SWD! YOU are the HEART of LWML!

Cinda Poppe
LWML SWD President
2020-2024



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As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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VICE PRESIDENT ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

RUTH MUELLER

Perspective means a lot. At the beginning of a four-year term, one takes time to understand the new responsibilities and expectations a position holds. It can take a while to settle into a role and feel comfortable with it. There may be times of being overwhelmed, of feeling inadequate, of wondering "what brought me here?" There are also times of deeper understanding, growing in humility and realizing specific accomplishments.

I am grateful for those who have been in this position before me and left suggestions and guidelines for me to follow. I have seen God's hand uphold and direct me with the gifts He has given, to help me learn the importance of organization and order. I firmly believe that although none of us can accomplish everything, God provides the talents that are needed at a particular time to strengthen and grow an organization.

The departments that this office oversees deal with the past, present and future of LWML SWD. Retaining records of happenings in the district in our archives gives us the opportunity to refresh our memories or discover what things were like "back then." Leader Development, Renewal and Structure deal with the present, but also give us the opportunity to look at the past and to the future as we seek to grow as individuals and as groups to keep the organization vital. The Nominating Committee's sole task is to find qualified and willing workers who want to move forward with us to continue "Serving the Lord with gladness!"

So now my perspective has changed as I have come to the end of my term of office. I thank you for this opportunity to serve with gladness. Thank you for your prayers and support these four years, and I encourage you to be ready to answer God's call when you are asked to serve knowing that He is our Faithful God who always keeps His promises!

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN LIFE JUDY GITZLAFF

As we all know, the 2020 in person SWD District Convention was not held due to Covid restrictions. The elections for officers and mission grants were done online and the speaker Katie Schuermann recorded her speech so we could enjoy it at home.

The 2020 Fall Retreat was to be held September 11/12 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc with the speaker being Deaconess Sandra Rhein. This event was also canceled due to Covid

The 2021 Winter Getaway was held January 29/30 at the Clarion Hotel in the Dells with 86 people attending. The theme was "God's got it!" The speaker was Deaf Ministry Liaison Kaye Wolff and she was very interesting. The outpouring of Gifts from the Heart was tremendous! 52 gift bags for NICU parents were filled with many more items leftover. We were encouraged to take them home and pass them on to someone in need of them.



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**VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN LIFE
JUDY GITZLAFF (CONT.)**

The 2021 Fall Retreat was held September 17/18 at the Best Western Hotel in Oshkosh under the theme "Jesus is the Light". Deaconess Sandra Rhein graciously agreed to speak at that retreat about her ministry of Hymnal Consultant. The 112 people in attendance contributed many personal care items for the Lutheran Food Pantry in Oshkosh. Tied fleece hats, greeting card crosses and blessing bags were made during Servant Event time.

The 2022 Winter Getaway with the theme "Joy in Christ's Mission" was held February 4/5 at the Clarion in the Dells with 100 in attendance. Instead of a main speaker, we watched the movie "Coco" Friday evening. Saturday we were led in discussion by Pastor Effie Keen. The Gifts from the Heart once again was a tremendous outpouring from our LWMLer's! Gift bags, cake mixes, frosting, candles almost overflowed the tables. These items will go to 3 groups: Mission of Christ Food Pantry, A Place of Refuge, and Bridge Builders-Our Redeemer Lutheran, Wauwatosa.

Angie Keen has agreed to be co-chair of the 2022 Fall Retreat and the chair for the 2023 Fall Retreat!

We are still in need of a Young Women's Committee chairperson.

This convention will be my last as VP of Gospel Outreach and Christian Life. I have been constantly amazed at the wealth of talent and creativity in our organization! It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with many talented and faithful women! God is good!

VP OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES AND MISSION GRANTS

LUANN ROMAN

Since being elected at the "unconventional" convention, (Covid restrictions) in 2020, there has not been one dull moment for this office. Cancellations and changes brought about new and different ways of doing things. One thing is for certain, God has not forsaken us nor has He allowed an interruption of the work of LWML.

The Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations committee moved to a virtual event in 2021 but chose for an in person event in March 2022. I am grateful to the committee for their work: Joanna Ellis, chairman, Eugenia Ellis, Cheryl Lambrecht, Joy Ikanih. This district can be proud of the work being done in the area of multi-cultural awareness among our members.

Kathy Herbst keeps us on top of different areas where special focus ministries can be helpful. Rachel Wegener, chair of the Missionary Outreach and Mission Education Committee, keeps on top of our missionaries serving here and abroad. Linda Ault maintains the open doors to our reaching our deaf sisters in Christ.



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**VP OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES AND MISSION GRANTS
(continued) LUANN ROMAN**

Being in a position of arranging for the presentation of grant checks is a perk to this office as the culmination of our focus is on getting dollars to where people are in need both physically and spiritually. The website is kept up to date on these activities for you to rejoice along with us.

By far, the largest responsibility has been the Mission Grant process which began in October, 2021. A total of 33 submissions was received and the committee, chaired by Kay Nett, was diligent in verifying suitability for the ballot at the 2022 convention. While the number to choose from became 29, that was further narrowed when the Board of Directors met in February of 2022. The ballot that presents at this convention is the culmination of hours of prayer and work. God bless the process, designed by LWML to result in our votes being put to the best use of building God's kingdom.

As VP over these offices, I publicly wish to thank these working committees and ask for your continued support and prayers over the next 2 years of my term for me and for them.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION

JENNIFER OLEN

It has been a blessing and honor to serve for the last two years as the LWML SWD Vice President of Communication, continuing to remember that we are "Living in Hope, Faithfully Focused on Christ". In this position not only do I have the privilege of serving the Lord, I also have the privilege of serving you my fellow sisters in Christ of the LWML SWD.

Communication in the district comes in a variety of formats- visual, digital, verbal, and in written word. The women serving on the various committees communicating the news of the district and LWML to you are true blessings to me. Each of them gives their all and serves with a smile and confidence they are using their God given gifts. This past biennium the Communication department has started the process of transitioning the district to use Google Workspace to house all documents, files, and emails under one umbrella vs. individual accounts. We anticipate this move will assist in a more orderly onboarding process when new women step into roles in the district. I've enjoyed representing the district at your spring and fall rallies, meeting new sisters in Christ, hearing your suggestions and your encouraging words. As we head into the next biennium, I look forward to the ever changing world of technology and communication so we can continue to serve LWML SWD, LWML and the Lord- all with gladness!



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RECORDING SECRETARY

RUTH WECKWERTH

I was asked to fill a vacancy as the recording secretary in the Fall of 2021. Since then I have a sincere appreciation to the ladies who have gone before me and kept such a wonderful history of the LWML SWD. I have read through the early minutes of our district and admire the courage and strength and commitment those ladies had to have to begin such a mission. Times and ideas have certainly changed over the past years and technology has definitely been an asset to recording the history of LWML SWD. (Yes, thank goodness for Zoom meetings and recording devices and emails!) It has been my pleasure to record the latest history of our district and I look forward to seeing what unfolds in the future of LWML SWD. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord with Gladness!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

JAN KOOPMAN

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

- emailing official calls for Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings
- writing and logging correspondence (letters, cards, etc.),
- attending zone rallies as a district representative and any other duties as assigned by the DP
- maintaining and updating the LWML SWD Handbook and zone/society officer current information
- writing and compiling reports (BOD/Convention) for distribution prior to BOD meetings, assisting societies and individual members as needed.
Preparing for meetings - EC, BOD, Biennium Planning, and Zone Presidents, etc.
- by finding a location, contacting the host for meeting set up, preparing name badges, name tents and folders f
- or each meeting all other tasks as requested by the DP, EC and BOD.
- I look forward to serving the LWML SWD and our gracious Lord in the coming biennium.



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MARILYN BELTER

God has granted me privileged and honor to serve the you as your financial secretary these past four years. You have entrusted me with receiving all monies for the district, not only your mites but also convention, retreat, prayer services and rally offerings, along with bequest and the money for Lutheran Women's Quarterly orders. All funds received have been deposited. I have diligently attempted to keep an accurate accounting record as to where the money is requested to be allocated to. Each month the treasurer and I reconcile the deposits prior to posting the mite reports.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! God has truly blessed the LWML-SWD with women who have giving hearts! I am amazed with your generosity. What a joy it is when I can let everyone know we can pay another grant.

Thank-you to all who have sent along notes or cards with their mites. The notes are so encouraging and uplifting. My faith has grown by being a joyful servant and an active member of LWML SWD. I look forward with joy to seeing how the Lord will be using me in the future.

TREASURER

PATRICIA SILAH

I was elected to the position of Treasurer by mail as Covid kept us from having an in-person convention in June of 2020. The previous treasurer Kris Hebel did transition with me in late July of 2020, as she was trying to get all of the expenses and refunds from the June 2020 convention into the accounting records as of the June 30, 2020 biennium. Although Kris provided a nice set of directions and the QuickBooks non-profit edition accounting software, it was rather overwhelming starting the new biennium and statements on my own.

As part of my learning how things were done, and how they should be done in the future, I worked with the reviewer of the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 treasurer's records. Another person reviewed my first year of treasurer's reports for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Both of these reviewers (as well as the reviewers of the previous 4+ years) recommended that LWML SWD adopt a fiscal year ending March 31st to be consistent with the national LWML. That fiscal year change would make final financials available at the LWML SWD convention, so that we would know at convention if we had an overage or a shortage of mites and could make better decisions for the new mite goals and biennium budget. It would also enable the review to be done prior to the convention and enable a newly elected treasurer to continue the reports for the next month without waiting for records from the convention expenses.



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TREASURER (cont.)

PATRICIA SILAH

We continued using the Bill Pay system through the bank, whereby the bank issues checks and mails them directly, which saves time and money on check stock, postage, and envelopes. Previously we had a separate treasurer for Fall Retreat and for Winter Getaway, but I took on that duty for the 2021 Fall Retreat and 2022 Winter Getaway.

This enabled me to use the Bill Pay system for issuing checks for those events, and to use the accounting software for creating reports of the retreat expenses, etc. This seemed to be more efficient, and avoided the need to find another volunteer for a committee treasurer for each of these events.

We continue to use the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for our investment accounts and we monitor the interest rates, which are very competitive.

SENIOR PASTORIAL COUNSELOR

REV. ADAM BARKLEY

The Lord continues to bless the LWML of the South Wisconsin District. I experienced joy in every phone conversation with zone presidents, individual meetings with leadership, and attending Executive Committee and Board of Director Meetings. I found it especially rewarding to lead Bible Studies where I could tell the LWML ladies delighted in Scripture. The Psalmist calls upon believers to "Delight yourself in the LORD" (Psalm 37:4). This is exactly what I witnessed over four years of service, ladies delighting in the Lord! But does this mean we were without hardships? By no means!

A global pandemic touched everyone. Meetings were cancelled, some moved to virtual formats, and emails seemed to pile higher and higher. Through it all God was faithful. The Father was with us (Deut. 31:6) every hour of the pandemic. He continued to lead us all even when face to face meetings seemed an impossibility. Through hardship, God made it evident the LWML is essential. This organization prayed, fed, cared, and lead in so many special ways over my four years of service. The theme of this convention is "Strengthened through His Spirit." In this age of pronouns, how wonderful it is to call upon Him, God Almighty! God strengthens. God brings power. God blesses. God sends Jesus to dwell (Eph. 3:17). The days are uncertain, but the salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ is absolute. This is what the LWML is all about. It is believers who know their strength comes from somewhere else. It has been a joy to serve the LWML-SWD as your pastoral counselor for four years.

God will continue to bless the LWML with newly elected officers and pastoral counselors!

In His Service,
Rev. Adam Barkley



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JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR

REV. MATTHEW GEHRKE

What an honor it has been to be the Junior Pastoral Counselor for the past two years! I look forward to transitioning to the Senior Pastoral Counselor position after the convention. I'm excited to be part of the district convention this year after the last one was virtual. I appreciated being able to work under Pastor Barkley 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 2021 and 2022. What a blessing to be able to have our first in person gathering during the pandemic in 2021 at the Winter Get-A-Way.
- Help plan, give overview, and lead devotions for the Leadership Development in March of 2021.
- Help plan and give overview for the upcoming 2022 Fall Retreat.
- I had the privilege of attending the National LWML Convention in 2021 in Lexington, KY! I was able to attend 2 break out lunch sessions during my time there including a report from a Task Force about reaching out the church workers and spouses and to hear from the Lutheran Hour Speaker.
- Attend and lead devotions at Board of Directors meetings.
- Attend and lead devotions at E.C. meetings.
- Give theological review to emails, prayers, Bible Studies, and addresses as needed.
- I joined the Host Committee as a pastoral counselor for the Milwaukee 2023 National Convention.
- Submitted articles to the Mission Lamp as needed.



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SWD STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Christian Life Chairman

Sandy Krainz

As Christian Life chair, I have found the computer to be my number one companion when looking for resources. LWML has all of the Bible Studies, Devotions, Sketches, Dramas, Litanies and Responsive Readings to be used for Program Planning. There are, also, Creative Crafts including Themed Note Cards and Bookmarks. Writers are encouraged to submit their materials to be published. Using the computer for presentation at the Leadership Workshops in spring of 2021 took the ladies right to the pages they needed to see at the LWML Website, www.LWML.org.

It is my privilege to exhibit at retreats and be able to speak with the women and direct them to this resource that is so invaluable to them for planning.

I would hope that many more members will respond to become Christian Life leaders in their societies and zones. Let us engage with each other and encourage one another in our time together. God's Word is always there to direct us and strengthen us every day of our lives.

"but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

Special Focus Ministries Chairman

Kathy Herbst

As Special Focus Ministries Chairperson the past two years I have met with LuAnn Roman, Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants Vice President, to further clarify my position. We met with Dr Nathan Meador, the SWD Mission Executive, to learn how we, the LWML, can work more closely with his office. These meetings have helped me see my role more clearly. I have prepared and displayed a booth at retreats and conventions to give examples of special focus projects and to support, help, and encourage our local groups. I have also attempted to inform our groups about current crisis and what we can do to help. The latest of these has been what we can do to aid the refugees from Ukraine. I ask God to help each of us to see the needs of those around us and to bless our efforts to bring the saving Gospel to many through our 'projects'.



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SWD STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Leader Development Chairman

Jill Jones

The Leadership committee was busy this past year planning the leadership workshops for the district that were held at St John's Random Lake on Saturday, March 6th and at Good Shepherd in Tomah on Saturday, March 20th. Our theme for these workshops was "*Bearing Fruit and Growing in Knowledge*" from Colossians 1:9-10. Many women stepped up to help provide a variety of workshops for the attendees to participate in. These workshops provided a look at new opportunities for leadership at the zone and group levels. Approximately, 70 women attended one of these two workshops offered this past spring. Most of the women attending gave a very positive evaluation of this workshop and provided several ideas to the committee on how it could be improved and also some ideas for future leadership workshops.

A special thank you to the following committee members: Pastoral Counselor Matthew Gehrke, Peggy Buhler, Ruth Mueller, Jen Olen, Amy Tikkanen, Paulette Stecker, Jen Schneider.

Overview of the Leadership Workshop:

- Dates: March 6 and March 20th, 2021
- Location: St. John's Random Lake and Good Shepherd, Tomah
- Theme: "*Bearing Fruit and Growing in Knowledge*" Colossians 1:9-10.
- Breakout presenters: "E, F, P Meetings" presented by Paulette Stecker and Jennifer Schneider, "Impact of Mites/Joy of Being a Missionary" presented by Kristen Kolell and Emily McDermott, "Going Beyond the Traditional Meeting" presented by Jill Jones and Jan Schadt, "Do you Know the Flavor of Your Society" presented by Diane Meyer and the Renewal Committee, "Tech Talk" presented by Jennifer Olen, "The Christian Life Ministry" presented by Sandy Krainz, Questions and Answers" presented by Cinda Poppe, Joan Anderson, and other veteran LWMLers.

No registration fee was collected but a free will offering was collected to help compensate for the breakfast items offered to the participants by the hosting congregation.

- Publicity: LWML SWD website, zone presidents and posters available to print.
- Thank You's: Hosting Congregation were given flowers and a thank you card from our committee. Chairman also gave thank yous and a small gift to each presenter and committee member.
- Prepared copies of workshop materials for distribution at the BOD meeting on September 25th.

Links to materials provided:

[LWML SWD Leadership Training Workshops](#)
[2021 Leadership Workshop Registration](#)
[LWML Leadership Workshop Evaluation](#)

We are now beginning to reassemble in the spring of 2022, as a committee, to begin planning the leadership development workshops for the spring of 2023. We are currently looking at various congregations to see if they would be interested in hosting the workshop next spring.



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Missionary Outreach and Mission Education

Rachel Wegener

- Distribute missionary newsletters
- Display info at events
 - Missionary prayer cards
 - Sign-up sheet for newsletters
 - Handout of missionary care package suggestions
 - Flyers of some other outreach work of LCMS
- Facilitate presenting a financial gift to SWD Missionaries on furlough in U.S.
 - Jacob Gaugert- Togo
 - Rev. Charles Ferry- Asia Regional Director
 - Deaconess Kim Buelmann- Germany
- Maintain Speaker's list
 - Available upon request
 - Add new people
- Answer questions/give suggestions
 - Groups looking for speakers
 - Questions about missionary status
- Maintain spreadsheet of SWD missionaries
 - Contact info, family members, birthdays

It has been a joy to serve in Missionary Outreach and Mission Education. It is important to stay updated so we can support and pray for our missionaries. They missionaries truly appreciate our support.

Renewal Committee Chairman

Diane Meyer

Thank you to all LWML groups/societies that have completed the Group Health Checklists. I am pleased with the great response we have had. The next step will be to set up a spreadsheet with the information so the renewal committee can easier determine how we can we best help our LWML groups to thrive. It was exciting to see numerous groups that have added new members in the past two years. Sadly, some of the Group Health Checklist forms show strong indications of some groups/ societies struggling to stay an active LWML group due to having only a few active members. As I talk to LWML ladies from various churches it is always encouraging to see they too, are concerned about strengthening LWML. Does this mean we need to recruit more members?

Author and speaker, Katie Schuermann, who is a longtime friend of LWML, has had the opportunity to observe LWML ladies over the years when speaking at our conventions, retreats, and rallies. Out of her love and concern for LWML, she had shared with me a number of suggestions she felt every LWML zone, group, and member could do to encourage younger women to be involved in LWML. You can read what Katie had to say in an article I wrote for the February Mission Lamp. My summary of what she suggested is this.



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Renewal Committee Chairman (cont.)

Diane Meyer

We need to be serving and caring for the women of our congregations. Instead of seeking what the women of our congregations can do for LWML, we need to determine what we can do for the women of our congregations. It is important that we build relationships with other women by getting to know them, praying for and with them, and serving them.

The Renewal Committee is available to listen to what your concerns are for your LWML and to assist you in strengthening your LWML. As the Renewal Chairman, I would welcome the opportunity to speak to you about building relationships instead of recruiting. To God be the Glory.

Mission Grants Committee Chairman

Kay Nett

In Spring of 2021 I accepted the position of SWD Mission Grants chairman. A transition meeting was held with LuAnn Roman, Heather Peters and myself. I was able to attend the LWML convention in Lexington KY and a workshop specific to mission grants. Two additional sisters were recruited as members of the mission grants committee. At BOD & Zone meetings and through the Mission Lamp, grant proposal submissions were requested by October 31, 2021. A meeting was held to review applications; proposals were sent to appropriate parties for approval to be on ballot. Approved proposals were sent to EC prior to the spring meeting for review & voting. Ballots were prepared for BOD spring meeting to vote for proposals to be on ballot for 2022 SWD Convention.

Structure Committee Chair

Monica Jeske

I have been an active member of my church LWML society for almost fifteen years and became the SWD Structure Committee Chairman at the end of October 2017. I will be turning over the reins to my successor this summer.

Since the SWD Convention in 2020, many zones have updated their bylaws; new guidelines were written for Gladness Rags and Parliamentarian positions; guidelines were updated for Special Funds Coordinator and Scholarship Chairman. The Structure Committee has worked on revising the SWD Bylaws.

I want to thank the Structure Committee for all the help and guidance given to me during the past 4 plus years – Paulette Stecker and more recently, Barb Kaun. Ruth Mueller, Vice President Organizational Resources has also been invaluable to me in this position.

I leave this position with a better understanding of the workings of LWML and SWD and pray the Lord continues to bless every woman associated with the organization and all the work that is done.



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Archivist/Historian

Mary Zuehlsdorf

The LWML-SWD archives, which contain the history and memories of the District LWML, are stored at Concordia College Wisconsin. The following events were listed in the archives as cancelled due to the coronavirus: Heart to Heart Sisters, Spring Rallies, 2020 LWML South Wisconsin District Convention and the Fall Retreat. sent out during the pandemic was included in the archives. Board of Directors reports and Agenda/minutes, Fall Rally and Spring Rally programs were added to the archives. 2021 Winter Getaway information was added to the archives. EC and BOD minutes, Mission Lamps, and Statistics were sent to the LWML National Archives in St. Louis. I attended the preconvention seminar for Archivists/Historians and wrote a summary of that seminar for the August Mission Lamp. Displays are set up at Winter Getaways, Fall Retreats, and District Conventions. It is wonderful to read how God has richly blessed the SWD LWML with many faithful women and pastors.

Mission Lamp Editor

Ruth Weckwerth

The last two years of being the Mission Lamp editor have been quite a joy. Thank you to Wendie Staus, who has stepped in and helped with grammar, capitalization, etc. and made my job fun by letting me play with graphics and layout. I appreciate all the news items received from the societies and zones, reporters on convention highlights, and pictures for LWML SWD ladies having fun! I will be leaving this office soon and moving on to other plans but, I want to thank all who have helped me over the years and have been a blessing to my time in South Wisconsin. Blessings on your missions!

Parliamentarian

Diane Timm

As parliamentarian, I was appointed by the SWD President and attended SWD BOD meetings. The responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are to serve as an advisor on parliamentary procedure when asked. I spent time familiarizing myself with the "Parliamentary Basics" document and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord and the LWML in this capacity.



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OTHER SWD APPOINTED PERSONNEL REPORTS

Bookstore Manager

Diane Kamrath

The Bookstore has changed over the past few 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 we will order it for you before the next LWML event. We only charge \$1.00 per item for shipping. The store does this as a service to you. It does not make a profit.

If you order on your own, the shipping is a lot higher and CPH will charge you a \$2.00 handling fee for each order besides the shipping charge. The store usually stocks some Bible Studies, Mustard seeds, and little devotion books, but it does not stock clothes, or a lot of jewelry and larger items. Those items or anything else can be ordered by contacting me and I will be glad to order them for you. You will be able to pick your order up at the next LWML event. See the LWML-SWD website for an order form.

Public Relations Chairman

Joan Anderson

- Assumed Chairman position of Public Relations February 2021
- Had a table set up at Spring SWD Pastors' conference April 2021
- Contacted Ocean Spray and got craisins and juice for the 2023 Milwaukee Convention booth in Lexington.
- Received Zone Rally information for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, input into spread sheet and forwarded it to Ann Nehring to be posted on LWML-SWD website and updated as needed.
- Plan to have table at the Spring SWD Pastors' conference in Stevens Point in May.
- Will have a table at the LCMS-SWD convention in June.

Scholarship Committee Chairman

Marilyn Belter

Sarah has served as chairman since appointed in fall of 2019 and has asked to step down due to expecting another child. Congratulations to Sarah and Pastor Barkley on this exciting news. Sarah has done a great job leading the female church worker scholarship committee. I would like to thank her for dedicated work with this committee. We welcome Wendie Staus as our new chairman. The updated Scholarship Application Form with the new information for the 2022-2023 school year is available on the website. Applications were due by April 30th 2022. Scholarships are available for young women in the SWD who are preparing for a called full time church work position.

God's Blessings!



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Travel Manager

Joan Anderson

- Collected and sent in all registrations for delegates and bus travelers to National Convention in Lexington at the Spring 2021 LWML-SWD BOD
- Coordinated with “The VBS Express/Sonshine Tours to get all bus travelers contact information to them.
- Developed pick-up and drop-off lists for bus company and all travelers.
- Worked with 3 people that needed to cancel from trip to get refunds from convention and for travel (bus and hotel)
- Worked with Ruth Weckworth, National Convention Housing Coordinator to upgrade hotel for the SWD bus travelers. Upgraded from Clarion Inn to Embassy Suites.
- Collected extra dollars from travelers for the hotel upgrade.
- Worked with LWML-NWD Travel manager to coordinate daily shuttles to and from Convention
- Received all names and emails of all the SWD attendees to National Convention
- Forwarded and sent important information to all SWD attendees, so that everyone had up to date, current information for Convention.
- Worked with hotel staff to make sure breakfast was available for our travelers
- Collected and forwarded all reimbursement forms to LWML-SWD Treasurer, Patty Silah
- Finalized all reports for the Treasurer

Deaf Community Liaison

Linda Ault

This position was created 8 years ago, shortly after the 2014 Convention. The committee is to help get the information about our LWML SWD events out to our Deaf sisters-in-Christ; to encourage their attendance; to let them know about possible TLC scholarships; to find interpreters for the events; and to work with grant foundations to apply for possible help with the costs incurred for interpreters. I am to request PR items from each event showing a grant has been requested; to keep track of Interpreter costs; and then make sure that all materials are sent to the foundation. It is a position filled with joy...the joy of knowing that those that cannot physically hear can, through sign language, ‘hear’ more of God’s Word and enjoy the company of their LWML sisters in Christ.

*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"*

Romans 10:14



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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.
Revelation 3:2 "Wake up, and strengthen what remains."

Facebook Administrator

Mai Nhia Thao

We strive our best to continue to update our Facebook account. Some of the contents we post are LWML Two Minute Tuesday, rallies, BOD meetings, up coming events, LWML Mites updates and missions, bible verse, and more. Please continue to follow us on Facebook if you haven't. Please do not hesitate to email or call me directly if you would like for me to post something on your behalf such as an up coming event, pictures of your LWML meetings, etc. Thank you for allowing me to assist the LWML organization with their social media account.

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Manager

Barb Kaun

Serving as *LWQ* Manager has provided opportunities for me to "meet" 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 *LWQ* publication.

Many people support the *LWQ* Manager in the task of submitting and receiving orders, balancing the financial end of the order process, approving the final order, and submitting it to the LWML office for processing. Working together, the weight of the task is lessened. I thank zone and group presidents who carry out the ordering process, the LWML Financial Secretary for handling the finances for orders, and the LWML SWD President who must put her stamp of approval on this work.

Use the *LWQ* as a tool to introduce others to great Bible studies and to the mission of the LWML – remembering we are held by God's Word, inspired to share HIS Gospel, and surrounded by HIS Grace.



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**The Love of Christ Fund (TLC) Application Review Chairman
Linda Ault**

The TLC Fund was established in 1998 to provide our District sisters that have some financial barriers, to assist them in attending our District Retreats and Convention. It has been my pleasure to be chairman of this Committee. I thank the Lord for allowing me to keep doing just a small amount to bring as many as possible together to be in the Word. The last 2 years were challenges for us all and many of the events needed to be canceled and, of course, there weren't many scholarships distributed.

Thankfully, things have gotten better and we have started to gift scholarships once again. The Lord has blessed this fund with many wonderful donations, but the need is still there for more donations. These donations allow more scholarships to be gifted so many more can attend and join in on the Christian fellowship and have more concentrated time in His Word. Please take note of the need and importance to apply for a possible Scholarship well before the deadline for these applications. It is the responsibility of this committee to approve the Retreat/Convention scholarships on an anonymous basis. Please keep letting the ladies of the district know about these scholarships. All scholarship forms can be easily found on your LWML SWD website.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thess. 5:11

Heart to Heart Sisters Chairman

Joanna Ellis

Our South Wisconsin Heart to Heart Sisters was able to present a virtual program from the 27th March to the end of April, 2021. We chose Ruth the brave, fearless and courageous woman, as recorded in Ruth 1v 16 to celebrate the different cultures in spite of the pandemic.

As the chair, I was privileged to attend the 2021 biannual convention in Lexington and got trained. We were also represented and spoke at different rallies, zone meetings and getaways.

As our prayers were answered, we planned and was able to host the 2022 multicultural celebration on the 19th March, 2022. We declared the glory of God in our theme from 1st Chronicles 16:23-24 in a worship Service, Booths from different cultures, food, singing and dancing, learning the similarities and differences of some food and non-food items amongst cultures and listened to a St. Lewis seminarian answering to questions on his journey unto seminary.



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We are thankful to God for His faithfulness.

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Special Funds Coordinator

Judy Paulson

The Special Funds Coordinator exists:

- To encourage and arrange meetings and programs for LWML members, groups and zones to enlighten members on available giving programs
- To promote current giving and inclusion in estate plans for
 - The TLC Fund
 - The LWML SWD Scholarship Fund for Female Church Work Students
 - The LWML Scholarship Fund
 - Individually designated funds
- To provide information to LWML SWD women about the Gifts of Love Gift Planning Counselors available through LWML
- To promote special gift giving at LWML SWD events
- To maintain knowledge of current funds established in LWML SWD
- To oversee the interest committee

During this biennium I have:

- Developed an exhibit to be used at retreats and other events as requested
- Displayed the exhibit at district retreats, distributed handouts and answered questions
- Attended the Gifts of Love seminar at the LWML convention in Lexington
- Attended the Gifts of Love informational luncheon at the LWML convention
- Conferred with Carol Von Soosten, Gifts of Love specialist, and President Poppe about policies and procedures related to the Special Funds committee
- Made presentations at two LWML SWD Board of Director meetings using video messages from our Gifts of Love representative and handout materials
- Notified the appropriate zone presidents of their turn to present potential recipients for the use of the interest money from the existing Special Funds and consulted with them in preparing these options for voting by the LWML SWD Board of Directors
- Enlisted the assistance of two committee members, Claudia Fairchild and Carol Smith

*Thanks to President Cinda for entrusting these tasks to me.
Also, thanks to Claudia Fairchild and Carol Smith for agreeing
to assist with this adventure.*



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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. 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 provide some 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 four 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

LWML SWD Fall Retreat Chair

Jodi Schultz

The 2022 LWML SWD Fall Retreat committee has been busy planning and organizing the upcoming Fall Retreat that will be held on September 23 & 24, 2022 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac, WI. The theme is Empowered by God's grace with the Bible verse Phil. 4:13, I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (ESV). The Keynote Speaker is Karol Selle from Rosholt, WI. The registration fee for this event is \$60 which includes lunch on Saturday. The Gifts from the Heart Recipient will be the Fondy Food Pantry, Inc. and the Offering Recipient will be LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach - Pastor Blas.



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COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend,
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

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IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all –
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid –
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home –
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us,
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be Truly living,
To You giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

O mighty Rock, O source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning,
Your grace and peace On us shower;
By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

"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

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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

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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BLESS THE LORD/10,000 REASONS

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul.
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass & whatever lies before
me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love & You're slow to anger.
Your name is great & Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near & my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending –
10,000 years & then forever more.

Chorus

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name,
LORD, I'll worship Your holy name.

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HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE

Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Public domain, LSB 496, vs 1, 3, 5



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SHOUT TO THE NORTH

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love.

Chorus

We've been through fire,
We've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Rise up church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and
earth,
Lord of Heaven and earth

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
(repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am
strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the LORD has
done for us.
(repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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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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RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.

Create in me a new heart, LORD,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.



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**Your Strength is His Strength!
A Bible Study on Ephesians 3:14-16**

Rev. Adam Barkley – Senior Pastoral Counselor for SWD LWML

*How would you define your life of prayer? Is it vocal or quiet? Are they formal or hectic?
How do you speak to someone about prayer?*

Opening Questions

1. Introduction

Prayer is...

"We ought not to surrender this for all the riches of the world."

Lex orandi, lex credendi???

Where is St. Paul now?

St. Paul's Prayer is a response to _____.

What does this mean?

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2. A Need to Kneel? - Ephesians 3:14

Why should we care?

“End Times” Posture of Kneeling

Our Posture in Prayer

Luther writes, “When the Spirit of prayer is enkindled and burns within the heart, the body will responsibly assume the proper attitude; involuntarily, eyes and hands will be upraised and knees bended.”

Augustine writes, “...the intention of their hearts is known to God, nor does He need these pieces of outward evidence for the human mind to be opened up to Him.”

Can we come to a conclusion on our posture of prayer?

How can we be certain “The Father” is listening?

Is this relationship material?

Luther, “Sermon from the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Ephesians 3:13-21,” printed 1525, Lenker, 8:268; StL 12:877, 22.
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3. Every Family? - Ephesians 3:15

Why do we describe our churches as a *family*?

God does not give us just a name, but _____ name.

God does His Name

4. Animated by His Indwelling! - Ephesians 3:16

The Holy Spirit points!

Almighty strength is part of the divine passive.

The *source* is our unity!



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5. A Conclusion – Only in Jesus

All prayer ends with Jesus and strength.

How to define prayer from now on?

*"It was the prayer of a few godly people standing in the middle
like an iron wall for our side."*

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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)



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