



Mission Lamp

LWML South Wisconsin District

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

February 2023

President's Message

Dear LWML Sisters in Christ,

In 1981 the 19th Biennial Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI, from June 22-25 under the theme, "Come to the Living Waters," and I missed it. I taught VBS the week before and was busy planning a wedding set for June 27. I vaguely remember a stack of tote bags (all hand made) in a pile near my future mother-in-law's sewing machine, but LWML was not something I knew about. Four years later I attended my first LWML convention in Ames, Iowa, and I was hooked! Hearing first-hand from the mission speakers and the impact the grants have on their ministries, the well-run business meeting, Bible study, and the amazing fellowship with Christian sisters provided a truly "mountaintop" experience!

Now, in 2023, the 40th Biennial Convention will be held in Milwaukee from June 22-25 under the theme, "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations," and I am NOT going to miss it! Now I know about LWML and the support of mission grants and look forward to hearing mission updates. I know LWML is committed to the spreading of the Gospel message of our Savior. I know the uplifting experience it is to share worship and the study of God's Word with fellow sisters in the LWML, and I am NOT going to miss it!

With less than five months before the convention in Milwaukee, what are your plans? This convention brings with it unique opportunities. This convention is close in distance and an opportunity to encourage others and your pastors

to attend. This convention provides an opportunity to serve as the hostesses to LWML sisters from across the country. As volunteer workers, you have a discounted convention registration rate that only members from the hosting districts can utilize for eight hours of service time. This convention is an opportunity to spend time on an LWML "mountaintop" learning about missions, being inspired by His Word, and serving others as a volunteer, a servant event participant, or by your presence and smiles!

Convention 2023 in Milwaukee - You Won't Want to Miss It!

Serving our Lord with you,
Cinda Poppe
LWML SWD President 2020-2024



Registration for the 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) opened on January 9, 2023!

The Winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* includes information that helps make it easy to register for the convention.

Join us as we Celebrate the Lord of the Nations in Milwaukee, WI, June 22-25, 2023.



From our District Senior Pastoral Counselor

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:4).

Do you have the perfect LWML society or group? Are you part of an ideal zone? Is our LWML SWD the best district? How would you answer those questions?

Would you answer them with an enthusiastic, "Yes!" Or would you offer a quiet, but reluctant, "No." To be honest if you give an enthusiastic yes to any of those questions, I might question your answer a little bit. I would imagine there is always something that can be improved in our groups, zones, and district.

Of course there would be. Our groups are made up of sinners! There are personality conflicts, people who are getting older, others who just want to sit there, and some who want too much control. Then there are ladies that don't show up. Some make promises and then break them. Some groups feel like they are missing something in their group to really make things hum. There are too many reasons to list why our groups might fall short of being an ideal LWML gathering.

Yet, in God's eyes, we are a perfect group together. You are an ideal Christian woman in an ideal LWML group because of Jesus, for it is Jesus who died on the cross to forgive us our shortcomings and mistakes. It is Jesus who comes for those personality conflicts. By God's grace you are in God's eternal kingdom and it is solely because of Jesus' love for you.

That is why I shared the above verse with you today. I could adapt those words to each one of you reading these words. I thank God always for you because of the grace of God given you in Christ Jesus. We gather together because of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. We serve as a district together by the grace of God and the love of Jesus. By God's grace we will continue to serve in His kingdom through conventions, EC meetings, by the Board of Directors, at our congregational

and society levels, through our zones, in our retreats, and in so many other ways. It is truly amazing what each group does in our district. It is amazing because we do it all by God's grace in Christ Jesus.

If you were to read the rest of 1 Corinthians, you would find out that the Corinthian church had a lot of problems and challenges; yet, Paul was still able to thank God always for them for the grace shown them in Christ Jesus. The same could be said for myself and so many other servants in the LWML. We are thankful to God for you! By God's grace we always will be.

Serving joyfully with you by God's grace in Christ,
Pastor Matt Gehrke
LWML SWD Senior Pastoral Counselor



The LCMS needs Female Church workers!

There are scholarships available for women studying for full time church work in one of the LCMS churches in our synod. If you know of a young woman entering or returning to one of our Concordia Universities, please pass this info on to them. The scholarship form is on our LWML-SWD website. Click on Resources then Scholarships and scroll to the bottom. Applications must be postmarked by April 30.

Please contact me with any questions.

Judy Gitzlaff
Female Church Worker Chairman
jgitzlaff@gmail.com

Convention 2023 News



Recall how nice and orderly it is when you arrive at convention by bus or airplane and when you sit down to those various delicious meals? There are still OPPORTUNITIES in the Transportation and Food Services departments to help all the convention attendees have a great experience, just as we have when we attended the convention.

COME ON YOU **PURPLE** WEARING, GOD LOVING, SISTERS IN CHRIST - SIGN UP TODAY! For more information about these OPPORTUNITIES to serve the Lord of the Nations, please contact Jennifer Olen at jolenlwml@gmail.com or check out www.lwml-swd.org/events/other. We are looking for more Child Care workers, too!

Jen Olen - LWML SWD VP of Communication



An update from the Convention Chair!

Welcome 2023! Yikes - that means it is convention year! That is hard to believe because I feel like there is still so much to be done! Yet it is exciting to know that we are only five months away from celebrating the Lord of the Nations.

Just a few reminders:

Please sign up to volunteer at the convention. **WE NEED YOU - MEN AND WOMEN!** If you registered in January, you only paid \$60 for convention registration with your eight hours of volunteering. Registering in February and beyond the convention registration fee is \$80 with your eight hours of volunteer time.

Registration is all online this year. This is new. When you register and choose a category, you will select Host District Worker. This will ensure you get the discount.

Registration information is in the *Winter Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. All convention information for you as a member of one of the Host Districts can be found here.

<https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions via email.

Finally, I want to share how exciting it is to be able to be a Host District. We have a real honor in sharing our state with the men and women of our church.

Anne Hartman
Host Committee Chairman
2023 Milwaukee Convention

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Scripture Verse: *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).

Goal Statement: As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.



2023 LWML CONVENTION

Open Host Committee positions with basic descriptions as of January 11, 2023. If you are willing to serve, please reach out to Anne Hartman or Cinda Poppe.

Child Care Directors:

- Primary (5 – 8 Years) Director
- Intermediate (9 – 12 Years) Director

The Job Description is the same for the two remaining Child Care Directors:

Create lesson plans including possible timetables and include age-appropriate activities for each day.

Work with Child Care/Youth Committee Chairman to select possible field trip/servant events for approval by CM. o Supervise assigned age group for two (2) days of convention.

(Mealtime) Traffic Supervisor Director

- o With assistance from Food Services Committee Chairman, request needed workers from Worker Scheduling Director.
 - Schedule hostesses for the various tasks needed for each meal.
 - In consultation with the Food Services Manager (FSM), gather information to instruct hostesses prior to each meal on how to perform their various tasks, including having a continuous flow of traffic into the dining areas.

Food Services Committee Chairman

- o Oversee and support three (3) directors: Hostess Scheduling, Server Liaison & Special Meals, and (Mealtime) Traffic Supervisor.
- o Along with (Mealtime) Traffic Supervisor Director, prepare reports, assign volunteer workers for convention, and distribute paperwork.

In consultation with Food Services Manager (FSM), review and obtain approval for letter to be sent to attendees with special dietary needs.

Write Table Prayers that are to be reviewed by the HC Pastoral Counselors. Once approved, print, and bring to convention for the plated meals.

District Charter Motorcoaches Hostess Director

- o Receive information from the Convention Manager (CM) regarding which districts are travelling via motorcoach, the number of motorcoaches, and arrival times.
 - Communicate with the Worker Scheduling Director on a regular basis to make sure you have an adequate number of workers for your responsibility.
 - Greet motorcoaches at convention center giving any instructions needed, i.e., direct motorcoach passengers to entrances, elevators, Gifts from the Heart locations, etc.
- (Open HC Positions are continued on the next page)

Inventory & Acquisitions Control Director

- o Attain some knowledge of local businesses in convention city for property requests and convention needs.

Become familiar with Properties | Audio Visual | Electrical (PAVE) form and be aware of what items can be rented, borrowed, or purchased as the last resort as requested from the Host Committee (HC) and LWML committees for displays, etc. Retrieve needed supplies during convention. Return borrowed and rented supplies after convention.

Properties Room Director

- o Organize Properties Room in anticipation of workers' needs throughout the convention.

Keep records of properties brought into convention center.

- o Deliver supplies to specified areas at the convention center.

With assistance from Properties Committee Chairman, request needed workers from Worker Scheduling Director.

Communicate with the Worker Scheduling Director on a regular basis to make sure you have an adequate number of workers for your responsibility.

Schedule workers for Properties Room. Refer to previous convention worker schedule for reference.

Schedule sign placement and pick up each day.

- o Retrieve properties when no longer needed.
- o Assist with inventory of signs and proper packaging.

Hotel Greeters Director

- o After conferring with the Housing Manager (HM), contact hotels to ask permission to put a welcoming table in the lobby/foyer the day before and the day of convention.

Welcome guests at hotels and give directions for finding transportation to the convention center, restaurants, stores, etc.

Assist guests with any questions about convention or the hotel (found in Information Book).

Set up and take down table, easel with signage, candy, manual, etc.

Information Kiosk Director (NEW)

Begin gathering information early to be put into the Information Book. This would include lists of hospitals, pharmacies, restaurants, transportation, handicap parking, prices for parking near and around the convention center, etc. (Refer to last convention's Information Book for additional items.) The book needs to be completed by May 25.

Include list of hotels in LWML block used for convention, including phone number.

Contact various HC Chairmen for information to be put into the Information Book.

Present final copy of Information Book to HCC, ACM, and CM for final approval before printing. Much of this material will also be on the LWML Convention App.



Creative Enhancements Update

"Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee is quickly approaching. The Creative Enhancements department along with all departments are so excited and have been working and planning for this event for a year and a half.

The Favors Committee would first like to thank everyone that has made or is still working on favors. That task is almost complete.

The Centerpieces Committee is going strong. Thank you to the ladies that are helping with the work nights and a Spring Rally servant event—if needed.

The Staging Committee is looking for a greenhouse/floral shop that is willing to rent to buy items for decorating the staging area. We are looking for some Thrivent grants to help with this, as well.

Additional assistance is needed by the Golf, Mission Walk and Blood Drive Committees that are working to fill goodie/swag bags as a thank you for participating in the event.

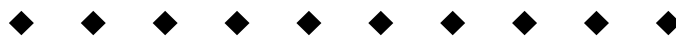
If you would like to golf or make a monetary donation in memory of someone please go to [1177730d-8f6e-42ba-a874-6c1efee8c4a4.pdf](https://www.lwml-swd.org/1177730d-8f6e-42ba-a874-6c1efee8c4a4.pdf) ([lwml-swd.org](https://www.lwml-swd.org))

The Servant Events Committee has worked hard to coordinate this event. We need items for the Orphan Grain Train School kits, fleece for blankets and monetary donations for the meal pack for "Feed My Kidz". These items will be given to Orphan Grain Train to ship where most needed. To donate items for the back packs or fleece see [2023 MKE Host District Request for Servant Event Supplies Rev. 10-22](https://www.lwml-swd.org/2023%20MKE%20Host%20District%20Request%20for%20Servant%20Event%20Supplies%20Rev.%2010-22) ([lwml-swd.org](https://www.lwml-swd.org)). If you would like to donate to the meal pack, make your check to 2023 LWML National Convention, put Servant Event Meal pack in the memo line and mail it to Pam Pfankuch-Host Committee Treasurer, 16263 20th Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

If you need help filling out a Thrivent Action Team Grant or have any questions, please reach out to me at joan.d.anderson@charter.net

Please continue to keep the convention in your prayers. There are many hands and hearts working hard, please join us!

Celebrating the Lord of the Nations and my Savior,
Joan Anderson
Creative Enhancements Coordinator



LWML Convention 2023 - Milwaukee Tidbits

Registration Information is found in the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, but registration is done online at Convention Central - Lutheran Womens Missionary League ([lwml.org](https://www.lwml.org))

Registration Categories:

Host District Worker (category for Volunteer workers and Committee workers.) Register for a discounted rate if you volunteer eight hours of service during convention week.

Volunteers also need to fill out a Call for Workers application found at [lwml-swd/events/2023LWMLConvention](https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/2023LWMLConvention)

Please note a change on the Call for Workers application. You will no longer be sent registration information in April. Volunteer Workers must register online at Convention Central - Lutheran Womens Missionary League ([lwml.org/events/conventioncentral](https://www.lwml.org/events/conventioncentral))

Descriptions of Open Positions on the Convention Committee are found within the *Mission Lamp*. Are you able to serve or can you encourage others to fill these positions?

As a hosting district your help is needed. Please keep the convention, host committee and all the many volunteers in your prayers! Consider donating items for the Servant Events or sponsoring part of the golf outing.

If you have any questions, please contact Cinda, your district president, at president@lwml-swd.org

Request for the Milwaukee Convention Servant Event Supplies (rev 10.18.22)

Greetings 2023 LWML Convention Host Districts!

Eight servant event activities will be offered at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

The three Host Districts assist in providing 1/3 of the materials needed for the activities. **Items need to be brought to the convention center by noon on Wednesday June 21, 2023.**

For the first time, Host Districts have the option of gathering items through Amazon "wish list" links. The links are added below and are available on the LWML SWD website <https://www.LWML-SWD.org>.

Two opportunities to donate items.	
1. Supplies ordered through these Amazon links Amazon Link for General Supplies Direct questions for this link to Dawn Ziolecki at dzwolf2012@gmail.com 414-841-6097 Amazon LINK for Backpack/School Supplies Direct questions for this link to Sandy Krainz at mkrainz@aol.com 414-429-3076	2. OGT (store bought) Backpacks/School Supplies Backpacks (200) Plain Wood Pencils (400) Bic Pens (400) Construction Paper (2000 sheets) 24 Count Crayola Crayon Packs (200) Wooden Rulers (200) Elmer's Glue Sticks (400) Blunt end scissors (200) Hand held pencil sharpener (200) Pink Bar Erasers (200) 12 Count Colored Pencils Packs (200) Spiral Notebooks (400)
<i>Items purchased through the link will be shipped directly to a Servant Activity Director. Host Districts will be relieved of the responsibility of transporting the materials when they use the Amazon link.</i>	<i>If you choose this option, please notify Sandy to report the quantity purchased. Numbers listed represent 1/3 of the total need. Each of the three Host Districts are asked to collect the designated amount.</i>
Fleece Blanket Items not listed on an Amazon list.	Fleece Blanket Preparation Ahead of Convention
150 pieces of fleece (1 1/4 yards of 60" wide, 75 print and 75 plain) 50 pieces of fleece (1 1/4 yards of 60" wide, 25 kids prints and 25 plain) 10 pairs of Fiskar fabric shears Notify Sandy Krainz of amounts purchased. mkrainz@aol.com 414-429-3076	PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SANITIZE/WASH YOUR HANDS AND TABLE TOPS BEFORE LAYING OUT YOUR FLEECE! Please cut off the selvage edge and have the 1 1/4 yards length X 60" width pinned with the bottom piece right side out and the top piece right side out. You do not have to do any additional cutting.
Extra Greeting cards you may have (thinking of you, praying for you, or blank cards) Leftover 4 ply yarn (purple, red, white, gray, blue, green, yellow) - scraps with a minimum length of 3 yards Notify Dawn Ziolecki of amounts purchased. dzwolf2012@gmail.com 414-841-6097	



TEE UP 4 MITES LWML Golf Outing Sponsorship

Sponsor Name as you wish it to appear—black & white logo (.jpg format) may be emailed to teeup4mites@lwml.org

Donation Remitted By: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date Paid _____

Method of Payment (circle one)

Check

Visa

American Express

Discover

MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Zip Code of C.C. Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Sponsorships

Platinum Level \$750	Gold Level \$650	Silver Level \$550	Bronze Level \$150	Other Sponsorships Appreciated
Includes a Team Registration *Team Tees off first after Celebrities *Lunch for Sponsor (2) *Personalized Sign at Tee Box *Special Recognition at Awards Presentation as Platinum Sponsor	Includes a Team Registration *Lunch for Sponsor (1) *Personalized Sign at Tee Box *Special Recognition at Awards Presentation as Gold Sponsor	Includes a Team Registration *Personalized Sign at Tee Box *Special Recognition at Awards Presentation as Silver Sponsor	Personalized Sign at Tee Box *Special Recognition at Awards Presentation as Bronze Sponsor	*Photo Sponsor - \$750 *Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$750 *Players Gift Sponsor - \$500 *Driving Range Sponsor - \$250 *Putting Green Sponsor - \$250 *Special Recognition at Awards Presentation

Choose your Sponsorship Level. Please make payment to:

LWML (Note in Memo Line: Golf Outing 2023) and mail check or fax payment with this completed form to:

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
c/o LWML Golf Outing 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010
St. Louis, MO 63105

Fax #: 1-314-505-7506

Online Registration: <https://www.lwml.org/golf>

If you have any questions, please email teeup4mites@lwml.org or call Wendy Johnson at 815-516-0102.
Thank you for your donation to further the ministry of LWML missions through Mite donations and this TEE UP 4 MITES
Golf Outing.

Please save a copy of this completed form for your receipt. Thank you for supporting LWML.

For Office Use Only

Level: _____ Check #: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Credit Card. Info: _____

Exp. Date: _____

From the Treasurer

It is always exciting to anticipate an LWML convention, with the opening service, communion with thousands of other ladies, the procession of banners, the messages of the speakers, the selection of mite grants, the voting and installation of officers, the parade of flags, the Bible studies, and so much more! This year my excitement runs over even more as I live in Milwaukee and the convention will be held blocks away from where I worked for many years. What a privilege to host a convention. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy this event with less travel time and little travel cost. If you haven't been to an LWML convention, this is your opportunity to experience the LWML convention. Be a volunteer and show other districts that we Midwestern Lutheran women are welcoming and want them to enjoy the convention that we are hosting. YOU WILL ENJOY IT!

Did you know that the LWML SWD pays for each of our 21 zones to send a voting delegate (usually the zone president) to convention? The fund that you donate to with your zone rally offerings is the administrative fund, which is used for the costs of sending our delegates to the convention. Your mites are for mites, but your zone rally offering is for administration costs.

My role as your LWML SWD treasurer is to pay all of the LWML SWD bills, so I am privileged to pay our mite grants, our female church worker scholarships, and our administrative expenses, including paying for delegates to the LWML conventions. At the past convention in 2021, the delegates were registered and paid for with one check from LWML SWD to LWML. This year we are adjusting to the new online registration of delegates and reimbursing the zone presidents.

Let's all work together to get everyone

registered for the 2023 convention whether as delegates or volunteers or as general attendees. If you are one of the people who is uncomfortable with online registration, contact your church secretary or someone else in your church, but please find a way to get registered as you do not want to miss this event.

Filled with eager anticipation for the 2023 convention,

Patty Silah - LWML SWD Treasurer 2020-2024



As this article is being written, we have had numerous gray and gloomy days. If you happen to be in a bit of a post-Christmas slump – take a look at our lwml-swd.org website, Missions tab under Grants for some uplifting information! We are entering the second year of our biennium and half of our grants have been paid in full – thanks be to God! Of course, we still have a way to go to fund all the grants, but with prayer, persistence and God's help we will fulfill all our obligations. Even as we work to complete payment of these grants, it is not too soon to begin thinking about mission projects that would be appropriate as grant proposals for the next biennium. The deadline for proposal applications is October 31, 2023, which may seem a long way off, but it is never too early to apply. Instructions for proposal applications can be found at the SWD website at the Resources Tab under District Helps – the application is the first form on the list. God's blessings as you pray and drop mites into your mite box.

Kay Nett - Mission Grants Committee Chairman



Partnering in Missions!

Our current 2022-2024 mite goal is \$205,000, of which 75% is allocated to the SWD grants and 25% is sent to LWML. At year's end we are \$674.72 ahead of our SWD goal and \$131.16 ahead of the national LWML goal for that 9-month time period.

There are a number of ways you or your group can contribute to the LWML SWD (line items on the vouchers). Not only do I receive mite contributions, but contributions to the Female Church Worker Scholarship Fund (FCWS) are also sent to me. If you will recall, at each SWD Fall Retreat and Winter Getaway, the offering collection awards 25% of the proceeds to the FCWS; however, this year we have suspended the Winter Getaway and devoted our time (and energy) to the LWML Milwaukee National Convention this summer, so your donations to the FCWS are needed. In November, we received numerous checks as an FCWS memorial from a church where an LWML sister was a member, a great way to honor an LWML'er! We also received numerous checks for mites in 2022 as memorials requested in an LWML sister's obituary.

I really look forward to seeing what is in my mailbox every day. It is a rare occurrence when I do not receive a mite check! Thank you!

Please make the checks payable to LWML SWD and remember to include a current voucher. The vouchers may be printed from our website, lwml-swd.org, first clicking on resources, society helps, and voucher.

Thanks again for your generosity in helping to meet our mission grant goals!

Wendie Staus
LWML SWD Financial Secretary

financialsecretary@lwml-swd.org

Please see the website lwml-swd.org for Mission Grant information. Look under Resources, District then Grants.

2022-2024 Mission Grants

These are the 2022-2024 Mission Grants:

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch | |
| | Paid in FULL! \$15,000 |
| 2. In School Counseling for Mental Health of Students | Paid in FULL! \$10,000 |
| 3. SWD Church Worker Grant | \$30,000 |
| | Paid in FULL! |
| 4. Financial Assistance for CTS, Fort Wayne Food & Clothing Co-op | |
| | Paid in FULL! \$10,000 |
| 5. Outreach to Female Inmates | |
| | Paid in FULL! \$15,000 |
| 6. A Place of Refuge Ministries/House remodel | \$25,000 |
| 7. Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships | \$20,000 |
| 8. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach | \$14,000 |
| 9. A Playground as an Oasis - St Martini/LUMIN | \$15,000 |
| 10. Care for Clergy Wives - Doxology | \$ 8,000 |
| 11. SOS Center Designed for Success | \$16,810.91 |

Total: \$178,810.91

Ink Cartridge Recycling Program

Check out the updated list and information for requesting mailing labels on lwml-swd.org/Missions/Opportunities.



Pictured is President Cinda Poppe with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador from the SWD office. Just prior to Christmas, President Cinda was blessed to be able to present the check for \$15,000 to Rev. Meador!

MY SOUL REJOICES: A SERVICE OF SONG AND PRAYER

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy ... (Psalm 5:11a).

The 2023 LWML Prayer Service, written by former LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler of Clarinda, Iowa, will bless your heart and life as you join with your sisters and brothers in singing songs of prayer and praise to the Lord who continues to bless you daily. Singing familiar hymns, joining together in the Word, and spending time in prayer, individually and corporately, will help you recognize and give thanks for your God-given blessings. "My Soul Rejoices" is filled with hymns, the Word, and prayer. You can look forward to a joyous and uplifting worship service whether it is used in the congregation or the LWML district, zone, or group. (See lwml.org for downloading details.)

Mighty Mites in Action

Along with our Christmas joy and our New Year's hope, we sing God's praises and raise our thanks to Him for His many blessings on our mite collection.

In November of 2022 a check for \$10,000 was sent to Fort Wayne Seminary to help with the purchase of perishable food for the campus Food and Clothing Co-op (Grant # 4). It takes thousands of pounds of ground beef and numerous gallons of milk (among other items) to supplement the diets of current students. They are extremely grateful to us and we, in turn, are grateful to the Giver of all good gifts, The Triune God.

Then in December, a \$15,000 check was presented to Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador at the District Office for Outreach to Female Inmates (Grant # 5). As Mission and Mercy Exec, he will be working with Chaplain Afam Ikanihi to search for a deaconess to serve the female inmate population. Because this is a new position and, therefore, uncharted territory, please be in prayer for the progress and culmination of securing an individual and that all doors are opened for implementation of this most worthy grant.

By the next *Mission Lamp* deadline, we are hopeful to have an additional \$25,000 collected in mites to go to A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin, the sixth of our 11 grants for this biennium. The Refuge House, a temporary sanctuary for pregnant women, is in need of interior upkeep. Imagine a warm, inviting atmosphere in which to witness the power and love of Jesus to the residents. Pray for this grant also and for the staff that is hired to work one on one with the moms and their children.

The next biennium, 2024-26, will bring a new slate of grants but before then, we need submissions from you. Keep in mind that all materials must be received by the end of October, 2023. Check the lwml-swd.com website under Resources, then District, for the proper documents.

LuAnn Roman
LWML SWD VP Special Focus Ministries/
Mission Grants



South Wisconsin
District

A WORLD FOR CHRIST!!!

LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD;
LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU!

PSALM 67:3



HEART TO HEART-WOMEN OF ALL NATIONS
ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL EVENT

APRIL 15TH, 2023

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
13445 HAMPTON RD, BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

Registration➤	8:30AM - 9:00AM
Exhibits➤	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Service➤	10:00AM - 10:45AM
Luncheon➤	11:00AM - 12:00PM
Program/ Speech➤	12:00PM - 1:00PM
Closing		1:00PM - 1:30PM

A freewill offering will be collected

2022 –2024 LWML SWD Theme, Bible verse, and goals!

Abiding in Christ's LOVE

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he is in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him (1 John 4:15-16).

Serve one another

Study Scripture to know, and

Share CHRIST'S LOVE!



NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee has started to meet! We are seeking candidates for the following positions in our district: President, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Vice President of Communication, Treasurer, and Jr. Pastoral Counselor.

These positions are all important and amazing opportunities to serve! Please start to pray for hearts to be open to serve the Lord and your LWML sisters.

The nomination forms are posted on the website and the job descriptions are in the guidelines, which also can be reviewed on the website. Anyone can nominate a person for a position and the committee will approach the person to see if they would be willing to serve. Stay tuned for updates!

Kristen Kolell - Nominating Committee

Follow up from our Fall Retreat...

On November 13, Nola Schultz, Elizabeth Schultz, Hannah Schultz and Jodi Schultz attended Pastor Blas's church service. They presented Pastor Blas with a check for 3/4 of the offering from the 2022 Fall Retreat in September along with the hand-made church banners that were made during the servant event project time. The circular symbol is interchangeable for the different occasions. How wonderful to share the love of Christ!

From the LWML—South Wisconsin Facebook page





DO YOU TRUST YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

The holidays are now over and perhaps you find yourself more focused on all of the “bad” stuff happening just about everywhere. It is not just the storms in California that will not end or the tornadoes in Georgia and Alabama that are tearing buildings and people’s lives apart. Numerous times I have heard someone say, “If God is really there, then why does He let all of these things happen, especially when a loved one is suffering or dying?”

There are two wonderful devotions available at lwml.org under The Word tab that talk about our relationship with God. One is entitled *God’s Unfailing Love*, and it points to our assurance of what God is and what God offers for us. The second devotion is *God Understands* and is in the form of a prayer to our Lord. We can be happy and secure in God’s love for us until something “bad” happens to us or people we see in everyday life suffering mentally or physically. We are reminded that God is always with us and that Jesus truly suffered while he lived on earth as a human and went to the cross for us ALL!

Why do we always focus on the bad before looking at the good? It is true that Jesus did it ALL for US! Please use these devotions with your groups at your meetings or just for yourself when you need a pick-me up! Remember, we already do have a relationship with God, and it is a great one!

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Winter Mission Lamp Bookstore News

As the 2023 SWD Winter Getaway is canceled due to the LWML Milwaukee National Convention in June 2023, I will not be ordering any items for the store until September 2023 for the next SWD Fall Retreat.

I have a few Mustard Seed Devotions, a few note cards, Carolyn Blum’s book, *Dedicated*, and a few other items. If you would like any of these items, please email me.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

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MARCH 15???

What is due by March 15? **Your 2023 Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly order form!**

What a bargain! If you order 10 or more, they are only \$6.00 each. To order, fill out a 2023 Quarterly order form, LWML SWD Receipt Voucher (2022-2024) and a check payable to LWML SWD. Mail them all to LWML SWD Financial Secretary Wendie Staus (address on Receipt Voucher). You should have received this information from your zone president last fall. If not, the 2023 Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly order form and 2022-2024 LWML SWD Receipt Voucher are available on the LWML-SWD webpage under Resources/Society. The sooner you get them in, the better.

Questions? Please contact Marilyn Belter, LWML SWD LWQ Manager by email or phone (contact information is on the order form).

The 2023 Quarterly subscriptions orders begin with the 2023 Summer issue through 2024 Spring issue.

Marilyn Belter - LWQ Manager

Serve the LORD with gladness!

LWML SWD Leadership Development Workshops

March 4, 2023
9am-3pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Watertown
*bring your own lunch

Adventures in
**EQUIPPING
LEADERS**
Hebrews 13:20-21

March 18, 2023
9am-3pm
Trinity Lutheran
Wisconsin Dells
*bring your own lunch



Open to ALL ladies of the district!
Workshop sessions are the same on both dates
Registration is FREE!
Let us know you are attending- www.lwml-swd.org

Scripture verse: *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.* (Hebrews 13: 20-21)

Registration is now open!

Leadership...want to learn more about it? Please join us this spring for several days of leadership development workshops! We are offering two different weekends and two different locations to accommodate as many people as we can. See the flyer above and the schedule in the next column for details. Remember that all ladies are welcome. Consider bringing a friend, neighbor, or another lady from your church. You won't be disappointed and will learn a lot about Christian leadership. We hope to see you on one of these days.

Be sure to go to the SWD LWML website, select the events tab, arrow down to workshops and click on it to find the information on registering for the workshop. Registration is open from now through February 24. Please use the online form found on the website.

Please email Jill Jones at jj.richwood.east@hotmail.com with any questions you may have.

Jill Jones - Leader Development Chairman

Leadership Workshop Schedule

Time Topics/Activities/Presenter(s)

- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Welcome (Jill Jones and host congregation representative)
- 9:10 - 9:30 a.m. Devotion/Prayer - Hebrews 13: 20-21 (Rev. Lewis R. Polzin)
- 9:30 - 9:50 a.m. Leadership Skit - Lucy Leader is In! Five Cents Per Session (Jill Jones and Joan Anderson)
- 9:50 - 10:20 a.m. Session One: What's Your Why? (Cinda Poppe)
- 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Stretch Break/Bathroom
- 10:30 - 10:50 a.m. Balloon Activity – a team building activity
- 10:50 - 11:20 a.m. Session Two: Me a leader? Yes! Equip Yourself and Others to be Leaders (Leadership Committee Member)
- 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. Stretch Break Activity
- 11:30 - 12:10 p.m. Session Three: Venturing Out of Your Comfort Zone (Jill Jones and Jennifer Schneider)
- 12:10 - 12:45 p.m. Prayer and lunch
- 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. Session Four: Mission Adventure — Sharing God's Love (Joan Anderson)
- 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Stretch Break Activity
- 1:40 - 2:15 p.m. Session Five: Treasure Hunt for LWML Resources & Tech Talk (Jennifer Olen)
- 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Session Six: Introduction: Growing Together Mentoring Workshop – Next Winter Retreat Speaker (Darcy Paape and Jill Jones)
- 2:45 - 2:55 p.m. Evaluations, closing statements and closing prayers



Soon It Will be Spring!

Now is a great time to “spring into action” and “jump on the bandwagon”. You have a great opportunity practically “falling in your laps”. What is this great opportunity? LWML SPRING RALLIES!! Now is the time to prepare for inviting someone to be your guest at the spring rally.

As the Renewal Chairman, I have been encouraging LWML ladies to take a different approach to growing their membership. Building your LWML membership isn't about RECRUITING ladies to join, it is about building a RELATIONSHIP with them. Nowadays, many of our women are reluctant to join anything. Their plates are already full with full-time jobs, raising children, maintaining a household, and on top of all that, they need to be involved at their kids schools, volunteering as classroom moms, attending sporting events, music events, plays, and dance recitals. Tucked in between all that are hours of chauffeuring to take the kids to practices for all those activities. We need to have some compassion for these very busy ladies and show them we care about them. How do we do that? I'll explain that to you but first, let's start with a few questions? Where do you sit in a church service? Who do you make a point of chatting with after church? We all know the answers. You are sitting where you always do, near people you already know, and after church you talk to people you already have a long-time relationship with. Now is the time to get out of your comfort zone. I challenge you to try the following steps in the next few weeks in preparation for inviting someone to attend the spring rally as your guest. Here are the steps:

1. Begin praying NOW, asking the Holy Spirit to prepare the heart of a lady in your congregation whom you do not know and start praying for them by NAME.

2. Sit near this special lady in church, or close enough that you can smile at her, say hello, and introduce yourself. Keep praying for her.

3. The next Sunday, make sure you greet her by name and chat a bit more with her. Ask her how her week went. If she has children, it is easy to talk to them by complimenting on how good they were in church. If you sat close enough to the family, you can say how happy it made you to hear the children sing. Asking the kids what they did in Sunday School is always a good ice-breaker. How about sending them a note letting them know you were happy to see them at church?

4. On the third Sunday, be sure you seek her out again to chat with her to see how she is doing. Let her know you are happy to see her and her family at church. Keep on praying for her, that God provides for her both physically and mentally.

5. You are now at the fourth Sunday. Are you ready to dive in deeper? You should be feeling much more comfortable in saying hello to her. Are you finding ways to compliment and encourage her? How about bringing a plate of cookies to give to her, letting her know you were thinking about her while baking cookies and thought she (or her family) might enjoy a treat.

6. Keep on praying for this lady and seek opportunities to say a few kind and encouraging words and start talking about your involvement with LWML. This is not the time to invite her to an event, but a time to share about what LWML means to you and the blessings you have received.

7. Ready for another deeper DIVE? Now that you have shared something about LWML, you could give her a copy of the *Mission Lamp* or the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

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As her interest grows, you can ask if she would like to help support the LWML mission grants by collecting mites. Offer to take them to the LWML meeting for her. This opens the door to inviting her to come with you.

Building relationships is a slow process, but it works. Over the past two years, ladies in my own LWML group have been using this process and we are seeing the results by having several ladies join our LWML group. There are a few more who have attended as guests.

The Renewal Committee is always willing to take time to listen to your concerns and help you find solutions. We are just an email or call away. Sometimes it is just good to have another set of eyes and a different perspective to determine what might work for your group. We are also always happy to hear about things you have tried and changes you have made that have been successful. The more ideas we have, the more we can help other groups.

Blessings to each of you!

Diane Meyer - Renewal Committee Chairman

HELP WANTED!!

LWML SWD still needs volunteers for the following positions:

Missionary Outreach & Mission Education

Public Relations

Gladness Rags Coordinator

Retreat Chairmen and Co-Chairmen...
needed to have retreats

Contact President Cinda Poppe if interested
or with names to suggest!!

SAVE THE DATE

So many exciting things are happening in 2023 with our LWML Convention in Milwaukee. I want to announce another special date in 2024! LWML SWD will be hosting our convention on June 14-15 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. We have prayerfully approved the theme, "Chosen to Love & Serve," based on Colossians 3:12, *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.*

We are still seeking some ladies to fill positions on our Convention Steering Committee: Publicity Chairman, Properties & Staging Chairman, Servant Event Chairman, Usher/Page Chairman, Exhibits Chairman and Mission Walk Chairman. Please consider using your talents in these areas and join us in putting together a great convention in service to our Lord. The hosting zones for this convention are 13, 14, 15 and 16.

We look forward to serving together in gladness.

Melody Rodger

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2023 Events to Remember

February 4	EC Meeting Monona
February 18	BOD Meeting Peace, Beaver Dam
February 25	SNOW date for BOD meeting
March 4	Leadership Workshop Good Shepherd, Watertown
March 18	Leadership Workshop Trinity, Wisconsin Dells
April 15	Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations event Immanuel Lutheran, Brookfield
April 15	<i>Mission Lamp</i> articles due
April 30	Female church worker scholarship applications due
June 15	2023 Fall Rally PR due
June 22-25	40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee
July 15	<i>Mission Lamp</i> articles due

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