



# Mission Lamp

LWML South Wisconsin District

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

February 2022

## What's your 80?

Dear SWD LWML Sisters,

“What’s Your 80?” For LWML it is 80 years of God’s Grace from 1942-2022. “In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God’s love by blessing others with 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission.”

There are ideas/suggestions on the LWML website. Search “What’s Your 80?” or just be creative! The 80 can be a personal or a group endeavor. My personal goal is to make 80 Froebel stars for mites. A Froebel star, common in Germany, is an origami Christmas decoration



with sixteen tips. I also look forward to contributing to your 80’s as I attend Spring Rallies! So, “What’s Your 80?” Individuals and groups are

encouraged to send ‘80’ pictures and descriptions to Jennifer Olen at [vpcommunication@lwml-swd.org](mailto:vpcommunication@lwml-swd.org). Please put ... 80s for 80 in the email subject line. If enough pictures are sent in they will be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the 2022 convention.

Speaking of the 2022 convention, have you heard that LWML President Debbie Larson will

be our special guest! She is excited to share in our excitement for hosting the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee!

Just a reminder to all delegates, please get your registration to your Zone President prior to February 26. Zone Presidents will bring the delegate registrations from all of the groups in their zone to the LWML SWD Board of Directors Meeting.

Convention 2023 Host Committee met via Zoom for the first time on November 20, 2021. Chairmen and directors are beginning to make plans. The Call for Workers will be made 6-8 months before the convention. I encourage everyone to be thinking about where they can be of service. Don’t forget to share this opportunity with daughters, sons, grandchildren, and spouses — there are areas where a little extra ‘muscle’ will be greatly appreciated!

**Vacancy:** LWML SWD is in need of a Young Women’s Committee Chairman and Fall Retreat and Winter Getaway co-chairmen. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

So, “What’s Your 80?” Eighty canned goods, 80 cards sent out, 80 days of prayer for a missionary, 8 or 80 additional dollars in your mite box? What will YOUR 80 be? I can’t wait for you to share!!

Serving our Lord with you,

Cinda Poppe

LWML SWD President

*From our District Counselor*

## *Finding Home*

Christmas has been about going home since Joseph took a very pregnant Mary to Bethlehem. The church swells for two or three services during the season of Christmas. Attending church usually makes it into the agenda for even the most irregular attending families. January arrives and families depart. Life goes on. Pastors look on at empty pews and see the regular members back in their regular places. Christmas is over. Everyone else who swelled the ranks are now staying home. But there is a funny think about home; it is not where we expect.

Matthew 2:10 says, *When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.* The Magi left their homes and traveled to Judea. They entered into a strange land, certainly nothing like their home country. They did not speak the Hebrew dialect. The Magi went and first visited Jerusalem. It only made sense since Jerusalem was a capital city for 1,000 years. They figured the Messiah would certainly make His home in such a vast and lively place. Unfortunately, it was no home at all. It was the city where a bloodthirsty king made his home. The Magi then saw the star and rejoiced. The star pointed the way. The star rested above their new home. Under that star was Jesus

Christ. The Magi bowed before the King of King of Kings.

We today often get so frustrated during Christmas and the days that follow. We keep looking for that perfect place and time when we can finally *feel* that holiday cheer. Unfortunately, we rarely really feel it. This, most likely, is because we forget what home is. We forget our home is with Jesus. And Christmas? We should remember that Christmas never goes away! Christmas is always in the church. Every week the church rehearses the same Gospel; a message of a Messiah born for us. The very creeds we confess speak of Jesus Christ, "born of the virgin Mary."

Joseph brought Mary to Bethlehem. Bethlehem means *House of Bread*. This is exactly what our altar is: a house of bread. We come and we travel each week to church and what do we find? We find that little town of Bethlehem right at the altar. There we receive Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. We follow, not the star, but the cross. And when we attend this Holy House for more than a few services we realize something. We really do have a home. Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Adam Barkley



**“God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year.”**

The Heart to Heart Sisters of all nations South Wisconsin District is excited to announce the upcoming celebration of multicultural women; as we *Declare His glory among the nations ...* (1Chronicles 16:24 NIV).

This event by God's grace will be held at St Peter-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 7801 W. Acacia Street, Milwaukee. We will have as guest speaker a St. Louis seminarian, who will help us understand the need to and benefits of encouraging women of diverse cultures to become part of sharing God's love. Following the service we will retire to the hall for cultural entertainment in food, dancing, songs, and speeches. We encourage you or someone you know to participate in the upcoming celebration.

Contact Joanna Ellis at [jamellis2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jamellis2003@yahoo.com) or LuAnn Roman at [vpspecialfocusministries@lwml-swd.org](mailto:vpspecialfocusministries@lwml-swd.org). The committee is excited, and I hope you are too. See you at SPI.



# **"DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONGST THE NATIONS"**

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

**SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022**

**ST. PETER-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**7801 W ACACIA ST, MILWAUKEE, WI 53223**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM**

**PASTOR: LEWIS POLZIN**

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**GUEST SPEAKER: DANIEL REH  
(ST. LOUIS SEMINARIAN)**

To RSVP please call the committee

Joanna 414-469-9949

LuAnn 414-380-2329



## Quarterly orders due March 15

Don't miss out on: Communications from God, updates on funded mission grants, the joy of giving, and the connections to LWML across the country.

Order your subscription to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* before **March 15, 2022**. Complete the 2022-2023 order form (posted on LWML-SWD.org under Resources/Society), include payment made out to LWML-SWD, include receipt voucher 2018-2022 (available on LWML-SWD.org under Resources/Society), and mail to LWML SWD Financial Secretary at address on the order form.

Don't miss out!

\$6.00 per yearly subscription when ordering 10 or more

\$7.50 per yearly subscription when ordering 1-9

Orders submitted after the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline will be addressed individually. Society must be prepared to miss the Summer issue or if Summer issue is available, agree to pay additional postage.

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 for our heavenly Father.

The 2022 Prayer Service, based on  
Luke 11:1, "*Lord, Teach us to  
Pray*," looks at various forms of prayer  
used frequently by believers as we seek  
to honor Christ, the Lord of the Church,  
with our prayers.

LWML thanks Rev. Grimm for authoring  
the 2022 LWML Prayer Service.





**39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention  
of the  
LWML South Wisconsin  
District**

**June 18, 2022**

**St. Paul Lutheran  
Church, Grafton, WI**

Your Convention Steering Committee is getting excited to see you all at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, on June 18. In just a few months we will gather to study, praise, learn, vote, and celebrate.

Leading up to the convention there is some more information that we would like to share.

**Lodging** is available in Chemnitz Hall at Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, WI 53097. Chemnitz Hall is approximately a 15-minute drive from St. Paul, Grafton. Chemnitz Hall offers suite-style accommodations with 3 bedrooms, a common area, and a bathroom. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a continental breakfast on Saturday

morning from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Check-out Saturday morning is also between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Reservations may be made by completing the CUW Room Reservation form available at [lwml-swd.org/events/convention](http://lwml-swd.org/events/convention). If you would prefer to stay at a hotel rather than at CUW, we have compiled a list of a few options in the area; however, please be aware that we are not recommending or endorsing these options, and we were not able to secure a block of rooms or a preferred rate at any of these. You are on your own to make your lodging arrangements if you choose this possibility.

Hampton Inn & Suites, 1385 Gateway Dr., Grafton, WI 53024, (262) 472-1000

Comfort Inn & Suites, 1415 Port Washington Rd., Grafton, WI 53024, (262) 387-1180

Motel 6, 180 S. Foster Dr., Saukville, WI 53080, (262) 284-9399

Country Inn & Suites, 350 E. Seven Hills Rd., Port Washington, WI 53074, (262) 261-0963

Our Gifts from the Heart recipient wish lists are:

**The Haven of Manitowoc County:**

Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Ziplock Freezer and Regular Bags - Quart size, Gallon size  
Coffee — regular ground (Folger or Hills Brothers preferred)  
Liquid Laundry Detergent (any size bottles)  
Unstoppable Softener for washing machines (Downy makes some)  
Clorox Disinfectant Wipes  
“Forever” Postage Stamps

**Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County:**

(Please check expiration dates!)  
Individually wrapped kid’s snacks  
Granola Bars  
Chips  
Fruit Snacks  
Pretzels  
Hamburger Helper  
Rice A Roni  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Cans of Soup  
Flour  
Sugar  
Brown Sugar  
Powdered Sugar  
Kitchen Tools (can openers, spatulas, etc.)  
Aluminum Foil  
Saran Wrap



**39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the  
LWML South Wisconsin District**

**June 18, 2022**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, WI  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LWML**

**Show Us “WHAT’S YOUR 80?”**

Your Convention Steering Committee encourages each society and zone to consider doing a special mite activity in lieu of a servant event at convention AND in recognition of 80 years of LWML in 2022. A letter has been sent out to each society with some suggestions and there are even more suggestions at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) (search: What’s Your 80?). Please take pictures at your event and share with LWML SWD by sending them to Jennifer Olen at [vpcommunication@lwml-swd.org](mailto:vpcommunication@lwml-swd.org).

To encourage our deaf LWML sisters, a grant to assist in costs for deaf interpreters has been applied for through Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry.

Please go the [lwml-swd.org/events/convention](http://lwml-swd.org/events/convention) for the latest updates.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,  
Bonnie Sperberg  
Publicity Chair, 2022 LWML SWD Convention  
Steering Committee

## ***Mission Grants are ready for Convention voting***

There is great news to report as we enter 2022 and prepare for SWD Convention in June.

There were 33 grants submitted for our consideration as we prepare the ballot for mite grant money distribution. Of those, four were looked at by the district and LCMS and found lacking as to substance or accountability, so 29 will be studied by our Board of Directors, including Pastoral Counselors, for further paring down as we finalize the ballot (this process to more closely align with the mite goal determined by the board).

This is brought to your attention to remind you that we do not take mite gathering and distribution lightly. God has privileged LWML to be His conduit to further the spreading of the Gospel message. After due diligence, we are in awe of how He takes our humble efforts to do His work. In early January, there were sufficient funds in the mites column to allow us to pay two additional grants, numbers 8 and 9, and \$12,000 was placed in the hands of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Asaba Delta State, Nigeria, through the mission efforts of Dr. Chris and Joy Ikanih. This will be used to further the construction of a facility for worship and mercy ministry. LCMS received \$3,000 to be able to offer chaplain scholarships for pastors who wish to accompany groups on short term mission trips.

*Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. (Psalm 33:8).*

Since we are constantly in awe over God’s mercy and grace, may this be our 2022 prayer for the rest of the world.

LuAnn Roman

*Christian Life*

## When do you pray?

When do you pray? I don't necessarily mean the time of day, but rather, under what circumstances do you pray?

God always knows what is on our hearts and minds and we may believe that we do not need to tell Him what He already knows, but we are told to take everything to the Lord in prayer. A favorite hymn when I was growing up was, "Take it to the Lord in Prayer."

LWML now has available the prayer service for 2022, "Lord, Teach us to Pray," based on Luke 11:1. Rev. Robert Grimm takes us through the various types of prayers that are used by

believers. These include the Collect, Scripture Prayer, Responsive Prayer, and Singing-a-Prayer, along with Corporate Prayer and Personal Prayer.

We are so very fortunate to have a God who listens to us when we bring to Him all of our cares, concerns, hurts, and thanks and praises! Why not make use of this prayer service in your groups — what more could we be wanting?!

Sandy Krainz, Christian Life Chair

[skrainzlwml@gmail.com](mailto:skrainzlwml@gmail.com)

## *Faithful Stewardship of God's Gifts*

One of the first places we learn about faithful stewardship of God's gifts is in Genesis 4 in the story of Cain and Abel. There we come to understand that a first fruits return of God's blessings is a faithful response to our Lord's daily provision, and that simply giving whatever is left isn't enough. Many come to understand first fruits giving well when it comes to weekly support of Christ and His Church with our regular offerings. Yet, this concept is also applicable to our long-term planning. Jesus helped the bridegroom not only care for his guests at the start of the celebration, but enabled him to save the best wine for last.

Through deliberate planning our gift planning counselors can help you not only support the work of Christ in the LWML now, but also help you bring the best of blessings for the future. In this way, the message of Christ may continue to go out into the world and call many more to know the love of Christ who always delivers us His best eternally. We want to keep our estate plans as simple as possible. Just because you hear that someone

else has a living trust, a charitable remainder trust, a donor advised fund, or an endowment doesn't necessarily mean you have the same needs. You want a level of sophistication of gifting tools required by your situation. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin surveying your situation and thinking about your goals.

For help thinking this through, contact us, your LWML Gift Planning Counselors. We can assist you with expressing your faith through your Christian Estate Plan. LWML provides free, professional Christian estate planning services. We can be reached at 1-800-741-4138.

Wishing you a year filled with God's love in the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your Partners in Him,  
Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten



## Engage in Missions by Funding Missions

Mite Goal for 2020-2022 biennium is \$205,000, with \$153,750 designated for SWD mite grants and \$51,250.00 designated for LWML mite grants.

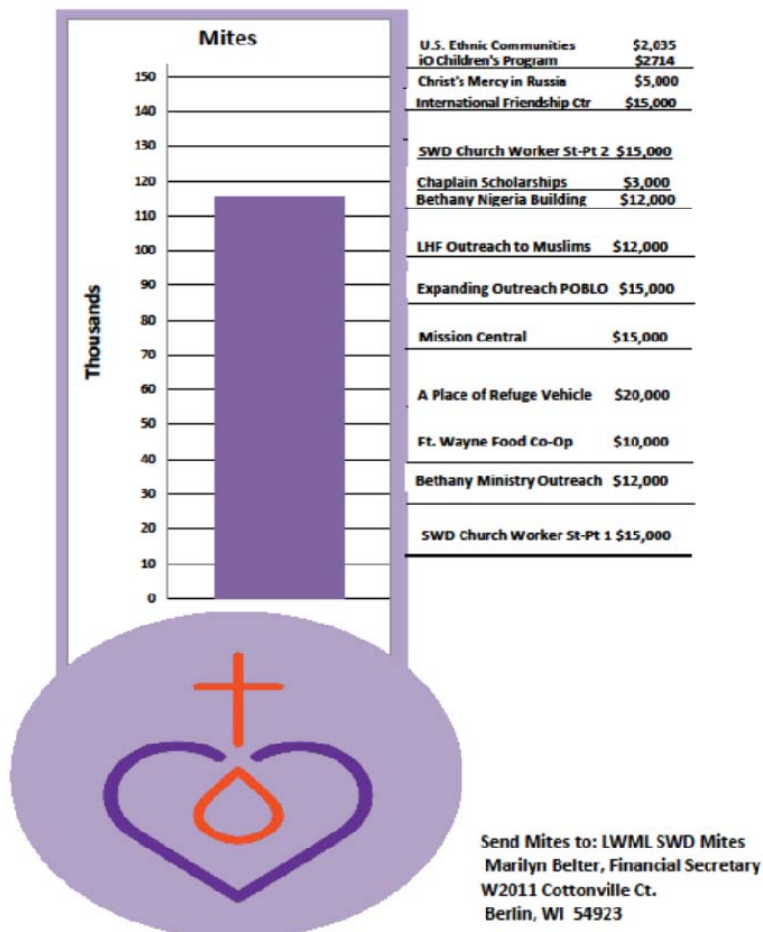
Please make checks payable to LWML SWD. The current voucher can be found at [lwml-swd.org](http://lwml-swd.org) under the Resources tab. Then scroll down to Society and then click on Voucher and you can print it. My mailbox is looking for a mite check from you.

My term as your Financial Secretary will be ending in June 2022. What a privilege God has granted me to serve the women of the LWML SWD. 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.

Marilyn Belter

LWML SWD Financial Secretary

### South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2020-2022 December 2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers, in Christ,

One of the privileges to a Christian is the gift of prayer. The prayer ministry is here for you.

Please use it.

Send your prayer to our LWML SWD President.

We would hope that dozens of prayers would find their way to our Lord and Savior.

In His Service,

Joyce Kaestner, E-Mail Prayer Request Manager





## Convention 2023 News

The 2023 Host Committee had our first meeting on November 20, 2021, via Zoom. We went over many details. President Debbie Larson joined us and shared her excitement about the convention. Deaconess Betty Knapp shared the theme and logo with us, which I hope all of you have seen as well.

Our department coordinators are all in place. We are still looking for some committee chairs. Please reach out to your district president if you have a desire to serve in some way. These committees will all need committee members as well. Perhaps you don't want to chair a committee but would like to serve on one. Your district president can help find a good fit for you.

Our next Host Committee meeting is the beginning of May 2022, but committees will be meeting before then, so be sure to reach out to your district president if you have a desire to serve. There is a place for everyone!

\*We are in need of a chair for the golf outing. This is an individual or a wife/husband.

You can also reach out to me at any time. I am happy to help you find the best way for you to serve.

Serving Him,  
Anne Hartman  
Host Committee Chair  
Milwaukee 2023

### What's your 80? Or should I say 160?

The Dorcas Society of St Peters Lutheran Church, Muscoda, got busy to create 80 Valentine cards for the people in the Riverdale nursing home. The project became a church effort as the Sunday School kids, grandchildren, and even husbands jumped into the project. Bringing their total to 160 valentines to be able to include the Richland Center nursing home as well.



**LWML SWD Email Addresses:**

## “But we’ve never done it this way before!”

For the last few months, the Executive Committee has taken on the task of transitioning from personal individual email addresses to new district-owned addresses. (They have all been great sports about learning their new tech skills!)

You may have noticed their addresses now end in [@lwml-swd.org](mailto:@lwml-swd.org) or you have received a friendly automatic email stating, “Please update my address.” We’ve made this change to house the district emails and other district information in Google Workspace so there is better control during the transition phase when new officers step into district roles. The future plan is to drill this down to various committee roles as well.

This change also adds a professionalism to our organization which helps to spread the word about LWML and the mission we are on. We ask for your understanding if an email slips through the cracks, your prayers for patience and your embracing of this change!

The new list of email addresses is listed here in the Mission Lamp!



*vpspecialfocusministries@lwml-swd.org*  
*vporganizationalresources@lwml-swd.org*  
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*vpcommunication@lwml-swd.org*  
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**EMPOWERED BY GOD'S GRACE**

I can do all things through  
Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

## Fall Retreat 2022

September 23 and 24, 2022

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

625 West Rolling Meadows Drive

Fond Du Lac, WI 54937

## *Houston (read as LWML), We Have a Problem*

A few months ago, I received an email from a dear friend of LWML. Over a number of years, this friend has had the opportunity to observe LWML at conventions, rallies, and retreats. As the Renewal Chairman for our district, I have read and reread her email many, many times and want to share with you what author and speaker, Katie Schuermann, had to say. The numbering of each item was added by me, so you can even more easily see what we need to do to fix the problem. The part that I underlined will be the result that will draw these younger women to LWML.

"I think that there is something every member of every chapter of LWML in every zone can do to bring in the younger women, and it will be more effective than any one speaker at any one event: (1) invite the younger women in your congregation into your own homes regularly, (2) ask about their lives, (3) pray with and for them, (4) walk up to them in church every week and engage them in conversation, (5) look after them, (6) help take care of their children ... in other words, be active in their daily lives and take care of them, (7) serve them. From that personal relationship you have with them will grow a friendship and sisterhood that will lead to their respecting you, trusting you, and wanting to do more things together. And that is when you want to invite them to join the LWML, after they already

know you and trust you and, honestly, want to be more like you. Otherwise, an invitation to join the LWML will appear as just another meeting/organization they are being asked to add to their already over-scheduled lives."

Katie concluded her email with, "That is my humble opinion, and I share it with love."

Ladies, it is not going to be easy to change our ways, and it is going to be a slow process. But if you are concerned about what your LWML group will look like in 3 or 5 years or if you have wondered if your church will even have an LWML group in 10 years, then applying the suggestions Katie makes may be helpful. Certainly, loving and serving the younger women in these ways will not be wasted time in our life together in Christ. Most importantly, we all need to be intentional in our prayers, asking God to direct our ways as we go forth to **serve and care for the women in our congregations**. As our convention theme states, we are "Strengthened through His Spirit."

Diane Meyer, LWML SWD Renewal Chairman  
920-912-3957

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (Romans 1:16a).*

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### LWML Bookstore News



I will not be able to attend the Winter Getaway this year. If you would like to order anything from the LWML Bookstore, let me know. I will order it for you and give it to your zone president at the Board of Directors meeting on February 26. Please have your order and check, made out to LWMLSWD, to me by February 11. If you need help or have any questions call me at 920-387-3367 or email me at [dkamrath22@gmail.com](mailto:dkamrath22@gmail.com).

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Diane Kamrath



**What's your 80? In thanksgiving for these 80 years of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League, each member, society, zone, and district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 items, 80 actions, or another creative 80. Use your imagination, have fun, and take pictures to share with us to have them posted on our LWML SWD Facebook page.**

## Events

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|--------------------|---|
| February 4-5, 2022 | Winter Getaway, Clarion Hotel in Wisconsin Dells                  |
| February 12, 2022  | Board Reports due to Corresponding Secretary                      |
| February 26, 2022  | BOD Meeting, St. John Lutheran Plymouth, WI                       |
| March 5, 2022      | Snow date for BOD meeting   |
| March 15, 2022     | Lutheran Woman's Quarterly order forms due to Financial Secretary |
| March 19, 2022     | H2H Sisters Event   |
| April 15, 2022     | Mission Lamp articles due   |
| May 1, 2022        | TLC Scholarship applications for district convention due          |
| May 21, 2022       | EC pre-convention meeting   |
| June 15, 2022      | Fall Rally information to PR                                      |
| June 17, 2022      | BOD meeting   |
| June 18, 2022      | 39th LWML SWD Convention  |

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*Thanks for reading all this great news from the  
LWML of South Wisconsin District!*

*Ruth Weckwerth, Mission Lamp editor  
Wendie Staus, assistant editor*