



Mission Lamp



LWML South Wisconsin District

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

May 2020

Remembering those Known and Unknown

Looking around my living room, in which I have spent the majority of my life since March 10, 2020, it is heartwarming to remember the special people each keepsake represents. The focus on one wall is a cross a former employer, who called himself an atheist, handcrafted as a reflection of my beliefs.

A small glass shelf holds a Willow Tree *Angel of the Heart* statue, a gift from my daughter when she was away in college in the 1990s. It represents the fact that she knew she was loved by me, and God. On the same shelf rests, a small, but impressive Thomas Kinkade picture with the inscription, "I walked into the heart of a friend and found a home". The dear friend who gifted it to me, since taken by cancer, touches my heart every time I pass it.

Each of these items, precious only to me because of the real people brought to mind, also bring gentle thoughts of the past. Each item speaks to the faith the giver saw in my

life.

Unlike these precious mementoes, the love I share with unknown people when praying over the offerings placed in my mite box may never bring to mind specific faces or memories.

Those thank offerings are confidently shared knowing

God will direct them to the mission He has placed in operation, for the time He deems perfect, and for the purpose of His desire.



In these times of social isolation, we can still reach out and touch many with our mites. Until I stand at the throne of God, and hear, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master', the faces of the individuals on the receiving end will be unknown to me. Rest assured, they are not unknown to Him.

Barb Kaun, President
South Wisconsin District

Facebook Live Bible Study Begins with 771 Participating



Donna Snow and 771 LWML friends from around the world united together in Bible study on Facebook Live Tuesday evening, April 28, 2020. Donna will continue this Bible study on the LWML Facebook page at 8 pm Central Daylight Time each Tuesday night, for five more sessions, leading us through her *Overflowing Abundance* Bible study based on Jesus feeding the five thousand found in Matthew 14:13-21.

LWML President Debbie Larson, Vice President of Christian Life Susan Brunkow, and our Pastoral Counselors, Rev. Mitchel Schuessler and Rev. Brian Noack, will be online answering questions and taking prayer requests in the comments. The study guide is available as a free download.

<https://www.lwml.org/posts/shoplwml/lwml68932>

To learn more and to invite your friends, check out the *Lutheran Women in Mission Facebook* event page.

From our District Counselor

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

The Lord be with you, dear sisters in Christ of the LWML-SWD,

I pray this finds you well in Christ, as He cares for both your body and soul. Hard to believe that I am writing my final Mission Lamp article as your Senior Pastoral Counselor. (Where has 4 years gone?) Even harder to believe, is that I am writing to you in the midst of a Global Pandemic! This is something I'm sure most of us never thought would be uttered from our lips. Yet here we are, in the midst of a world that has truly been turned upside down...as if this was God's intention...as many have suggested. There is fear and death all around us, as our eyes and ears are searching for the latest CDC guidelines, the White House's Taskforce updates, and our Governor's mandates to how we are to conduct our lives in this time of heightened mitigation.

We have been set apart from the body of Christ, worshiping virtually, perhaps receiving the Sacrament of the Altar in small groups with our Pastor, who is conducting numerous services to ensure not one beloved child of God, goes without. At this point we don't know the mandates will be lifted and we can return to be gathered by our Lord, to receive His gifts. We cry out with David, "*How long, O Lord...?*"(Ps. 13:1)

And yet, with all these changes, there is One who will not, does not and cannot change: Christ Jesus. St. Peter reveals in his first letter that, "*All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of*

the Lord remains forever."(1 Pt. 1:25) This dear sisters in Christ is our hope, cornerstone, our very foundation, our refuge and strength in time of tumult and trouble. Jesus has His own mandate for us:

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18).

His church, the baptized gathered together to receive His gifts is what are mandated to do. This is what we hunger and thirst for in these times of separation. Perhaps we are getting a taste of what our brothers and sisters in Christ are going through in places like China, North Korea and the Middle East. Our Lord shares with us, not only His victory, but more importantly His cross and suffering, that we would be found clinging to Him and His gifts as we gather in His Name. It is this gathering which the LWML is called to promote and participate in. Therefore, the highest priority going forward must be to support financially those who are being trained to bring Christ's gifts to the church. Men who commit to serving the church ought not be burdened with "a tuition mortgage" as they go forth to serve those who have been charged with the responsibility of caring for their Pastor and his family. Please consider making seminarian support a primary recipient of your work going forward.



See Alleluia on page 3

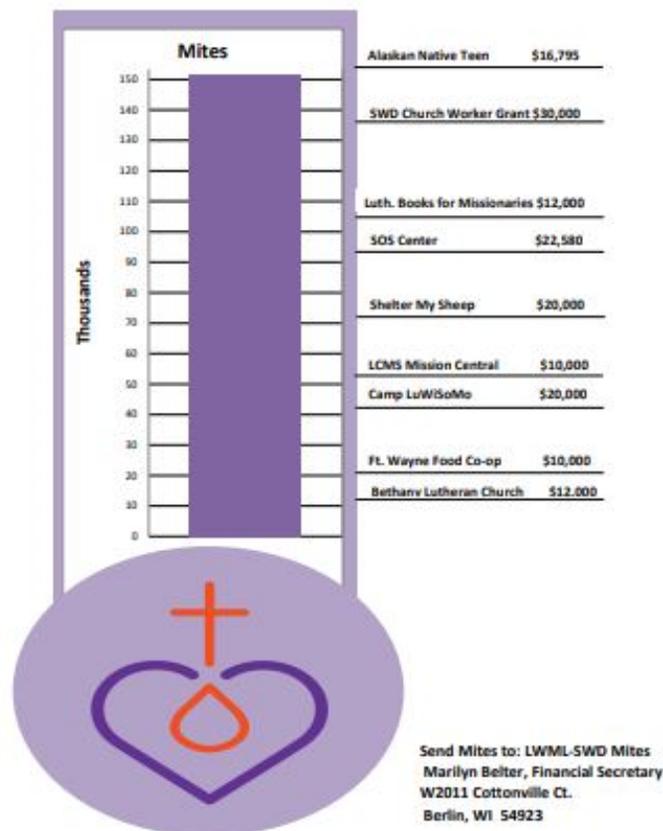
Alleluia! *Continued from page 2*

For St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Rom. 10:14). The demand is great and the supply is not there; we need God to send men to the seminary. Alleviating student loan repayment from the pastor, will also alleviate the demands on the smaller churches. Please consider this suggestion in the years to come as your work is a blessing!

It has been a joy and honor to serve you as your Pastoral Counselor, and I am grateful to God for your work in furthering His Kingdom. May you find your peace and comfort in He who was raised from the dead, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Peters

South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2018-2020 April 2020



Abounding in Joyful Giving!

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium: \$204,500.00 - Grant #8 SWD Church Worker Grant for \$30,000.00 is PAID!

As we face this challenging time related to the Coronavirus and are required to stay home as much as possible, many societies are not meeting. Hopefully you can find creative ways to continue to collect mites. Keep those mites coming to my mailbox!

By placing a mite in your mite box you share blessings from God and you thank God for his blessing and for mission opportunities. As you place your mites in the mite box remember to pray for our mission projects.

Mite offerings are used to fund the mission grants. 75% of mite offerings is used strictly for our SWD mission grant and 25% is sent to LWML.

Please make checks payable to **LWML-SWD**. May the Lord Bless and Keep you. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace! Voucher can be found at www.lwml-swd.org/resources/ District.

Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

2020 Convention Update News



On April 25, 2020, the Executive Committee (EC) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of the South Wisconsin District (SWD) voted to recommend to the Board of Directors (BOD) that the 38th LWML SWD Biennial Convention be cancelled and on April 30, 2020, the BOD voted to accept this recommendation.

No plans for rescheduling were deliberated due to the unknown timing for lifting restrictions from current global health concerns. So what can we do?

- Delegates will carry out the convention business of setting the 2020-2022 mite goal, choosing the mission grants for the next biennium, and electing capable leadership. All of this will be completed via the US Postal Service. Please prepare by reading Mission Grant proposals and candidate biographies on the lwml-swd.org website.
- The EC and 2020 Convention Steering Committee will bring portions of convention excitement to you through postings of videos on our district website – lwml-swd.org.

- Right now, members of the BOD have other voting to complete online, and their quick responses will allow for smooth completion of the tasks at hand.
- Please watch your emails for communications from Convention Registrar Diane Kitzerow regarding any payments for registration and housing. In lieu of refunds members will be asked to prayerfully consider donating to the convention offering of which $\frac{3}{4}$ is designated for SWD mites and $\frac{1}{4}$ for The Love of Christ Fund (TLC).

Please feel free to contact me or other EC members with questions.

We know change is constant, but we can move forward knowing our Unchanging God is in control and will continue to bless the LWML SWD as we remember *Our Vision in Christ is 20/20*. By keeping Christ in the center of all we do we will remain on the correct path, that of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

Barb Kaun, LWML SWD President

2023 Host Committee Chairman Named

"The LWML Board of Directors approved the appointment of Anne Hartman, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, as the Host Committee Chairman for the 2023 LWML Convention. Anne now serves as the Committee on Young Women Chairman. She has served at the national level on the Christian Life, HOPE, and Leader Development Committees, and on the Young Women Representative (YWR) Task Force. On the district level, Anne has co-chaired a district convention, served on the Christian Life Committee, and as YWR chairman. She was selected as a YWR for the 2003 Oklahoma City Convention. She is an individual LWML member and enjoys sharing LWML with everyone she meets. President Debbie Larson stated, "We are so blessed to have someone with people and organizational skills willing and ready to step up and serve God with such joy. Anne will be a welcome addition to our planning process."

38th Biennial Convention of the LWML South Wisconsin District

Saturday, June 20, 2020



Galatians 2:20(ESV)

Announcement regarding the 2020 LWML South Wisconsin District Convention

The past few weeks have brought many changes in our lives and our plans. In all this we remember that we are loved by God and that He knows the plans He has for us. By their vote, the LWML SWD Board of Directors has cancelled the 2020 LWML SWD Convention.

All voting for district officers and mission grant proposals will now take place through the US Mail. All registered delegates and BOD voting members will still complete a ballot to accomplish the business of the convention in a timely manner.

Full refund of registration fees and lodging will be offered. Those receiving a refund may designate all or a portion of the refund be applied to the convention offering. Offering recipients are 75%

for LWML SWD Mites and 25% for The Love of Christ (TLC) fund.

The convention manual is available online and can be found at <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention>. Information regarding the candidates for office is listed under "Candidates for Office 2020-2024". A list of the Mission Grant Proposals 2020-2022 is accessible here as well. A Youtube video highlighting the proposed Mission Grants is also available for viewing on the website. Delegates and other LWML SWD members are encouraged to view this important material. If you are a delegate and do not have access to the website, please contact your zone president.

Please stay tuned to the lwml-swd.org website for further updates.

Carmen Schallock
LWML-SWD 2020 Convention Committee

See Marilyn standing at her empty mailbox.

Marilyn is waiting for mites for mission grants.

Marilyn says we have one more grant to pay,
Alaska Teen Camp.

Did you know you can send mites directly to
Marilyn?

Please send mite money to Marilyn's mailbox.

Use voucher found on lwml-swd.org/resources/society

Make check to: LWML-SWD

Send to Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

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Berlin, WI 54923



LWML-SWD Bookstore News

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 Bible studies, mustard seeds, and little devotion books, but does not stock clothes, or a lot of jewelry and larger items. These 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 website for an order form, or contact me at dkamrath22@gmail.com

Diane Kamrath-Bookstore Manager

To see what is available to order from the LWML Store, click on the "Shop LWML" box found at the bottom of the LWML.org home page



Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Spring Edition is Now Available

If your society is like mine, you went into "safer at home" mode without a copy of the Spring *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. There seems to be a good chance the summer issue may be waiting by the time the pandemic is over.

DON'T MISS READING THE SPRING ISSUE!

The theme is right in-line with our district convention: "Our Vision in Christ is 20/20" with articles on God's 20/20 Vision, bringing sight on a MOST mission trip, and the featured "Lutheran Women in Action."

You won't want to miss reading the wonderful feature article on Molly Hemingway, a senior editor for *The Federalist* and a regular contributor on Fox News. She is the daughter of an LCMS pastor and lives and works in Washington DC. In the article she answers the question, "How are you still able to keep Jesus at the focus?" Her answer is encouraging to all, no matter your age or vocation.

Also, in the issue are three wonderful Bible studies, an article on p. 14 featuring the internship of LWML-SWD scholarship recipient, Bethany Mrosko and on p. 12 our past YWR Rachel Wegener shares how she stays focused on Christ in her daily life. Finally, LWML President Debbie Larson's article: *We Walk by Faith Not by Sight*. In these trying days remember 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 "So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight."

(BTW: *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* order is in! You will be receiving your first subscriptions from the 2020 order in June. If you have any questions about your order please contact me as soon as possible and we will straighten your order out!)

In His Service,

Cinda Poppe, LW Quarterly Manager
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Zoom Meetings- How to Connect During Social Distancing

So how do we continue to host meetings and feel connected during a time of social distancing? There are a few ways. We can make telephone calls, write letters, and write e-mails, but what about when multiple people need to connect at the same time? Well, how about video calls? There are a few platforms to use and one that has been used for past LWML meetings is Zoom. Now there have been some scary stories about Zoom meetings getting hacked, but please know that there are ways to prevent that and you can have a safe online video meeting and conduct business for when we can see each other again.

There are a few different Zoom plans, one which is free and the one I will discuss in this article. The free Zoom plan allows for up to 100 participants and I am sure most of the LWML meetings will not be over 100 participants. The free plan only allows for 40 minutes during a meeting, but that can easily be worked around.

So how do we host a Zoom meeting? First, the Chairman or other leader of the committee should set up an account. Go to www.zoom.us, click on the "Sign Up, It's Free" button in the upper left-hand corner and complete the pages to sign up. Once you have an account you will be taken to your account page.

On this page, you will schedule a meeting. On the schedule a meeting page you will enter all the details about when the meeting is to start.

The important part about setting up the meeting is set up a password. There should be one already in there and you can use that or create your own, but make sure to write it down as everyone who you invite to the meeting will need that password.

Once you have the meeting scheduled you will be taken to a My Meetings page. On that

page, you will see a Join URL and to the right of that a "Copy the invitation" button. Click on that button, and then click on the copy button at the bottom. You will then take that copied information and create an e-mail inviting all participants to the meeting just as you would when planning the meeting. In the e-mail, you will paste that Zoom Invite so everyone has that correct information.

(Example)
Kati Meyerhofer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting
Time: Apr 13, 2020 12:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Each participant will receive the e-mail and will be able to click on the link, or copy and paste the link into their web browser, they will be asked to download the Zoom software with step by step instructions, and then the meeting will pop up. If they don't have the link the participants can go to www.zoom.us and click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting number and password.

Using the link will take you directly to the meeting and you will not need to type anything in. If someone does not have a microphone on their computer they can call into the meeting, after they have joined the meeting on the computer, by clicking on the arrow next to the audio button (in the lower left-hand corner of the meeting window, and click on "switch to phone audio" and a pop up will appear with a meeting ID and Participant ID.

The participants can call either 1-669-900-6833 or 877-853-5247 (Toll-Free) and enter in that meeting id and participant ID. They can then use their phone to talk and everyone on the call will hear them, not see them, and they can still see everyone else.

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Zoom Meetings

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All we needed to do was end the meeting as the countdown was getting close (or it closed it for us if I wasn't paying attention) and then everyone will log back into the meeting using the same link that was sent originally and you will get another 40 minutes. You may need to do this a few times, but it will get easier each time you need to log in. The Winter Getaway committee needed to do this a lot for our last two calls and it was fine.

I hope this helps a little when planning for Zoom meetings. As you use it you will get more comfortable and it will go more smoothly. Enjoy your meetings!!! I hope to see you all soon!!

Kati Meyerhofer, 2020 Winter Getaway Chairman

Positive Outcomes While Being Confined to Home

Ding! A short sound on my cell phone alerted me that either a text or an email was awaiting my attention. Aha! Julie Andrews, a young mom, wife and active member of Our Savior in Whitefish Bay suggested the idea of an online women's Bible study now that we were confined mostly to our homes. Not only would we have another opportunity to be in the Word, but we would simultaneously be able to connect with other women using Zoom (I had never heard of that tool!).

The first Monday evening of March 19 women had gathered to participate in the first session of our new women's Bible study. We used the Quarterly study entitled "I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus." The women were enthusiastically engaged and were looking forward to our next session the first Monday evening in April. However, Covid 19 entered the scene thus eliminating

face-to-face contact. This led to Julie and me requesting our pastor, Michael Henrichs, to give us suggestions for online studies. His advice was to check CPH FaithCourses for free online studies. With the approval of the other participants I chose Darcy Paape's



CPH FaithCourses

"Someone to Walk With, a Woman's Guide to Christian Mentoring." Several of the original group members chose not to participate, and I respected their decision.

Following CPH's directions, I selected the free course and added the names and emails of the other group members. While the user's guide and videos can be downloaded for free, a text must be purchased. Due to the circumstances, Pastor suggested I ask each woman to order and pay for her own book so it could be delivered directly to her home. I have asked the women to prepare the lesson at home so that once we get on Zoom in early April we can use those free 40 minutes to discuss what we have learned and to end with prayer.

Now back to my challenge of learning Zoom. I have discovered that at least five women in the group are already familiar with this tool. Additionally, Cait Olson, one of the women who has signed up for the class, is very familiar with it and has mentored me online as to how to sign up for an account and will tutor me more prior to our first lesson. I smile as I see how the Lord has provided me Christian mentors in this new, for me somewhat daunting, adventure. I am grateful that God has provided the sisters in Christ as well as the technology to move forward despite our current confinement. All thanks and praise to Him!

Kathy Neumeier

We are Blessed in So Many Ways

So much has happened in the last six weeks. God has shown and reminded us how to appreciate, love, and serve that which he has given us.

I've seen meals by neighbors dropped off by shut-ins (I offered my neighbor an Easter ham dinner. She replied no thank you Mary is bringing me a ham dinner already and Virginia a turkey dinner). How blessed she feels.

A 60+ car parade drove down my street stopping by Don's driveway in lieu of a public funeral to extend love and sympathy over the passing of his wife of over 60 years.



Chalking the walk with messages of God's love are prevalent along our main street church sidewalks.

The ladies in Zone 13 have used their talents to make many, many masks and shared them where in need.

Our small local grocery store is making deliveries and donations to help the community.

Brakebush Brothers processing has been great to their employees here and provided chicken giveaway to help families.

Families have slowed down and become reacquainted with each other finding nature trails, playing board games, doing puzzles, yardwork and projects. Hopefully, most of all we have found that closer relationship with God and the love he has for us.

The Tri Parish Lutheran Church rang the bell 33 times on Easter. Even though no service, they still wanted to share the good news that He has Risen! We are Blessed.

Melody Rodger

Mission Grant Reflections...

We are experiencing life so differently than six months ago. We are learning to adapt and our service to God has changed. We no longer worship with large groups at our church. We may feel isolated. I would like to share with you a story that happened many years ago, which likens to the current pandemic.

During the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, there was an LC-MS pastor who volunteered as a male nurse to aide the sick and dying. He related that a stranger on the street spotted the Communion set he was carrying and said, "Oh, you are one of those guys who came to fool the people." Moments later, the man apologized to the pastor when he learned that the pastor was caring for the dying plague victims. The pastor was my grandpa, Rev. Dr. Henry J Boettcher!

Let us as LWML women continue to sincerely serve others as well, during this pandemic. We can pray for all who work on the front lines, the missionaries in the field, as well as for the grieving families. We can access face mask patterns on lwml-swd.org to sew and donate. We can continue to fill our mite boxes as we work to fund our last grant of the biennium, Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp.

Thank you for your faithful service.

Kristen Kolell
VP Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 ESV

Christian Growth Resources

LWML has a plethora of resources for your consideration. There is a Bible study titled "Be Still? I Have to Do Something About This!" Even though this is an Advent Study, the examples reach to us in our everyday lives.

From the beginning, God wanted to live forever with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They, however, got sidetracked.

God made promises to Abram about his offspring. Sarai got impatient.

God sent Moses to free the Israelites. He provided...they grumbled.

Elijah had had enough! God spoke to him in a still, small voice.

Mary and Joseph had a huge upset in their lives...the birth of their son, the Savior!

God can speak at anytime and anywhere. Are we readying ourselves to hear Him?

Several verses from scripture are included that we definitely need to read today, with all of the unknown that is happening around us. Here is one to consider:

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Even if we cannot meet together in person, LWML provides materials that we can use even by ourselves.

May God's peace be with you all!

Sandy Krainz
Christian Life Chairman

Missionary Outreach/Mission Education

The time has come....and has already come for changes in the way we do things. Covid 19 has taught us it is possible to hear God's Word (via facebook, YouTube), attend Bible Study (zoom, various "meeting apps"). While God would have us come together to meet, pray and share bread as they did in the early church, (Acts 2:42ff), that may not always be possible. We long for that day to return.

Technology-wise, we have been challenged to do things differently and so I propose that LWML seriously begin to adapt. Our Resource Library, as of this date, is filled with DVDs and Bible study material but alas, the amount that sees any use is negligible. This may be due, in part, to the lack of knowledge of it in LWML circles, the items not being what is needed/wanted by our members or simply because resources are so abundant on the web.

Therefore, in the coming months, the transition will be made to a more web-based "resource library". This office of Mission Education will strive to compile a helpful and easy to use list including where to go to find mission info. I am looking for help with this endeavor. If you are computer savvy, love to surf the net and willing to share with LWML sisters, please contact me. This is uncharted territory, so prayer and your patience is desired as we work through this. Thank you in advance.

LuAnn Roman, Missionary Outreach/Mission Education
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How to Make an Adult Mask with Ties

Supplies for 1 mask:

One (1) 8x14 inch piece of cotton fabric
Two (2) 1.5 x34 inch strips
Thread & sewing machine

Prepare the mask:

On 8/14 inch piece, right sides together, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, creating tube.

Turn right sides out, press seam and fabric.

Make 3 pleats, approx. 1 inch each in size, using steam or pins to hold. Mask will be approx. 3-3.5 inches in width.

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on each side of mask, securing pleats.

Trim seam allowance.

Prepare the ties:

Fold in half and press ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch). Open tie back up.

Fold each edge in to meet middle ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch/ 0.375 inch) and press.

Fold in half again, securing raw edges inside and press. Each tie will be approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in width.

Assembly:

Align center of tie with side of mask, open tie so edge of mask fits snugly inside. Pin.

Sew tie to mask, seam will be very short, get as close as able while still catching all fabric. You are just attaching the mask to the tie at this point, not sewing the whole tie yet.

Repeat for other tie and other side of mask.

Sew down edges of tie, securing raw edges inside. Seam is very short. You will stitch over where mask is already attached. This is good because it helps reinforce. Repeat for other tie and other



How to make a Face Mask with Elastic

Materials same as above with addition of Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use $\frac{1}{8}$ " flat elastic) - Cut the elastic 7" long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat) You can make two sizes: Adult or Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the edge out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of the same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the edge out. Sew to the next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
5. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction. Iron to hold tucks
6. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.



LWML Convention 2021
Lexington, Kentucky

LWML Accepting Mission Grant Proposals for 2021-2023

LWML is now accepting mission grant proposals for consideration at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Please note that electronic submission of mission grant proposals is requested by August 15, 2020, with the final hard copy submission postmarked by September 30, 2020. A helpful resource to begin your submission is "Mission Project Proposal-How to Get Started;"

Calling all BANNER designers...

Greetings dear sisters in this virtual world with its new 'normal' lifestyles as we work through the challenges that the pandemic brings. What blessings of peace we have as we know God is in control, ever wrapping us with His love and mercy! As we 'shelter in place' we have the opportunity to put our minds on things above and push aside the continual alarms of the world.

This is a great time to be creative by designing a banner that can be used as the SWD banner at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, KY. The theme and logo for the convention as chosen by the committee is printed here. The logo was designed incorporating the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, referring to Jesus' words in Revelation 22:13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate, as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture. Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In this logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ. The banner was a method of an-

nouncing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

The goal statement for the convention is "Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord." Convention attendees will focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament, joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer, and serve our neighbors through witness and mission.

I have not received any specific directives for this banner yet, but judging from past history, it will probably be 3ft by 5ft. We are not to use the convention logo itself in our design, but may use the convention colors. Please send design ideas to me and then the SWD Board of Directors will vote on a final design at an upcoming meeting.

I look forward to seeing once again the beautiful designs that are submitted for consideration. Send all design ideas to me at my email address below.

Ruth Mueller, VP Organizational Resources
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Events

- May 16, 2020 Board Reports due to Claudia Fairfield,
Corresponding Secretary
- June 15, 2020 Fall Rally Information is due to Public Relations
- June, 2020 Board of Directors votes will be handled via
on-line voting
- June 20, 2020 LWML-SWD Convention Highlights on-line
- July 15, 2020 Mission Lamp Articles Due
- August 8, 2020 Biennium Planning Meeting, Zion, Burnett
- August 15, 2020 Fall Board Reports due
- August 15, 2020 Grant and Officer Nominations due-2021
Convention
- August 22, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting, Messiah, Ripon
- September 11-12, 2020 Fall Retreat, Holiday Inn, Manitowoc
- September 19, 2020 Board of Directors, Good Shepherd,
Watertown
- November 14, 2020 Zone President's Training, Bethlehem,
Wales
- June 24-27, 2021, LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

LWML SWD Fall Retreat Holiday Inn Manitowoc, WI



September 11&12, 2020

*"As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world."*

Speakers, Servant Events and Fellowship!

Executive Committee

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