



South Wisconsin District

Mission Lamp



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

August 2018

INVEST YOURSELF IN OTHERS

Under the theme Encourage to Glorify Christ, based on the Bible verses in Romans 15:4-7, 7: *"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God,"* we have strived to Engage, Encourage, Educate, Equip, and Enjoy.

In the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, 2017 Winter issue, it was stated, "the way to a Heart to Heart Sister's heart is through a welcoming hug. This group of women are a lot like the Young Woman Representatives, eager to learn, with much to offer, and a willingness to serve as they are able." Through outreach, invitation, and mentoring let us reach out to them, equipping them to lead the LWML of the future.

It has been said, "Don't just spend time involved in LWML, invest in it." Invest in the lives of others; the eternal lives of others. We may not be willing to knock on doors, travel to foreign lands, or even the inner cities of the South Wisconsin District, but there are a chosen few who are willing, are receiving training, and are investing their lives in the "great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with God." Through prayer and our thank offerings, which we label as MITES, we can send the willing few.

A character in the book titled Voice in the Wind, by Francine Woods, questioned, "Israel is God's chosen witness to the world. How can we be witnesses of the one true God if we hold the truth as our own possession? God meant His truth for the world."

Romans 12:8 tells us, "The one who leads, must lead with zeal." There's something about passion here, something about vision and something about direction. As a leader I care passionately about the direction the Lutheran Women in Mission are heading. We are all leaders in our families, churches, and communities. Who are you leading, and to Whom are you leading them?

If I were to rewrite that quote from Francine Woods it might read like this: "Women involved in the LWML are chosen to witness to the world through their lives of service, and to enable pastors, missionaries, teachers, and each other to take the Gospel, the one true God, to the world, not holding it as our possession but rather sharing the Gospel as the gift it is meant to be."

My prayer for the LWML in the SWD is that God may guide us, each of us, as we seek to discover our unique

paths of service. And may it be said, years from now, how beautiful was the path chosen.

May we strive to live in His grace, covering others with that learned grace; continuing to engage, encourage, educate, equip, and enjoy being Lutheran Women in Mission.

Serving gladly,

Barb Kaun
President
South Wisconsin District



Women of Messiah, Messiah Lutheran Church Beloit, received their Certificate of Membership in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on Monday, April 23, 2018. President Barbara Kaun presented the certificate to Verjean Jurs.

God's blessings to you and yours,

Claudia
LWML SWD Corresponding Secretary

TIME FOR CHANGE!

Air conditioners are hard at work, sprinklers are attempting to turn brown weeds into green grass, and it's time for those much needed vacations. Winter is gone and summer is here. The change is complete. Another change has come for the LWML SWD, as I've been elected as your new junior counselor. Thank you for entrusting me with this new responsibility. As with any change, introductions must be made. I've been married to Sarah for ten years and we have four children with one on the way (due October 20th). I met my wife while studying at Concordia, Ann Arbor. We both love to sing and our favorite television show is Longmire. Sarah has always been active in the LWML and was a YWR for a time. She was elated to learn I was elected to this new position. Once the heaters are turned on again and our sweaters come back out of their closets, our family will welcome a beautiful change. We'll move from a family of six to a family of seven!

I view the role of junior counselor like that of a pastor. God has given to pastors the responsibility to shepherd the flock. St. Paul says in Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made

you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood." Caring is Biblical. Pastors care for believers within their congregation, but also to others. St. Paul does not only write letters to the church in Rome and Ephesus, but to Philemon, Timothy and Titus. As a pastor I've now been entrusted to care for the Saints of Luther Memorial, Sheboygan and also those within LWML SWD. This is a great change for me and I hope it is a positive change for all of you.

It's important to note that Jesus does not care for His flock generally. He loves every single believer personally, and rejoices over each one's salvation individually (Luke 15:3-5). Likewise, I care about all of you in the LWML. Do not hesitate to call on me when you're in crisis or need to hear those saving words of Jesus Christ. I look forward to this new change in my life as I serve the LWML SWD. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. I will keep you in mine.

In Christ,
Rev. Adam Barkley
Junior Counselor LWML SWD



Lutheran Women's Quarterly

Way to Go, Ladies! Two years in a row with no late orders!!

By now all societies have received the Summer issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly; no one has contacted me about not getting them.

Remember issues come four times a year (quarterly)...June, September, December March.

Renewal deadline is March 15, but renewals can be sent to the Financial Secretary, Marilyn Belter anytime- better early than late!! 2019 order forms will be available on the website in the Fall.

Do you want more women involved in your society? Share the Quarterly! Invite them to Bible Study! Share an inspirational story! Share the mission of the Mite! Share your LWML story! The LW Quarterly is a wonderful way to introduce the LWML and its mission to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Serving with Gladness,

Cinda Poppe
Lutheran Women's Quarterly Manager
262-939-9960 (leave a message)



PLEASE SHARE THE MISSION LAMP!



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the LWML. Please make copies
of this to share in your society
and church. You may also
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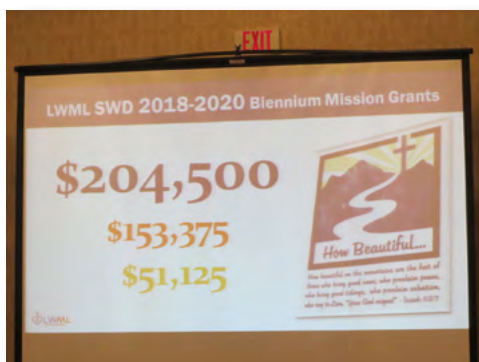
CONVENTION CAPTURES



LuAnn Roman, Missionary Outreach & Mission Education chairman and Claudia Fairfield Corresponding Secretary concentrating on the focus - Missions



Kathryn Gerhling, one of the 16 Young Women Representatives, pinned by Theresa Smith co-president of Zone 16



What is the PRIZE?

At the recent district convention, your LWML SWD approved a Biennium goal of \$204,500 with nine mission grants to fund.

Wow! I don't know about you, but my mind sometimes becomes focused on the sheer amount of this goal. The phrase "Keep your eye on the prize" keeps popping into my head. I wonder, "What is the prize LWML SWD is working to achieve?" We all know it isn't really a "prize" we are seeking. But if not a prize, then what are we trying to achieve? What IS the focus of the LWML?



The answer can be traced back to the very first LWML convention in 1942. Helping the needy in their local communities had been a focus for LWML women (as far back as the 1850's!) but the attending women recognized a greater need for mission works, supporting the proclamation of the Gospel to extend beyond their communities. Those founding women of the LWML knew the "prize" (FOCUS) of LWML and set out to achieve this purpose.

The focus of your LWML today remains the same. MISSIONS!

God gives us direction in the following scriptures: *"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light."* Luke 11:33

We can easily become distracted by the financial amounts of the LWML goals. Did we pay off a project or what is the financial shortage? Is the goal too much or too little? All too quickly our focus becomes the dollar amounts of the projects and not doing the mission work itself. The founding women of LWML put their focus on missions - let us all be reminded of their vision and continue to focus not on finances but MISSIONS and spreading the gospel.

And he said to them, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Luke 10:2 ESV

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalm 96:3

Cindi Bohmann
Christian Life Chairman



Event committee members wanted

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What's Special About the LWML Fall Retreat 2018?

Why Should I Attend? What Do I Need to Know?

- Theme...Jesus Savior, Pilot Me
- Jan Stuck...Keynote Speaker...Humorist...Child of God
- Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz...Missionaries...Their work...A wife's perspective
- Pastor Blas...Hispanic Ministry update
- Fellowship...Sisterhood of believers... (But yes, bring your husbands, we'd love to have them)
- Bible Study...Prayer...Music...Songs of praise
- Outreach...Servant events...Ingathering items...Ministry to the Armed Forces
- Location...Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh....Sept. 20-22...Centrally located...Much to do in the area
- Optional Thursday night stay...Pizza party...Devotions...Sing-a-long
- Rooftop activities...Great view...Ice Cream...Paper airplane contest
- We'd love to have you...Bring friends...Bring family...Bring young women

We truly look forward to seeing all of you this Fall. Register soon; Aug. 26th is the deadline to assure a discounted room rate. Bring your ingathering items for the local food pantries, especially our own Trinity, Menasha. As well as food items, they really need personal and incontinence products, pads, tampons, and panty liners. Don't be shy ladies, purchase those items and give generously. See the LWML website events tab for further information and a registration form. Do it today, you don't want to miss the fun!

Debbie Netz, Chairman



How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.
Psalms 36:7 (ESV)



MISSION MINDED

"I'm usually an organized, plan ahead type of person but that is just not possible in this case." So said my daughter, Monica, missionary wife to Dr. Edward Naumann, Theological Educator in Sri Lanka for the past two years. Their planned trip to the US was wrought with questions about visas, permission process, etc. In addition, a move out of the apartment where they were living was in the works. Finally, they said, "We are coming. We will trust the visa permits will come through while we are in the US and living arrangements will work out." Translate this into the hundreds of missionaries serving in different parts of the world, and you can see that Satan has his hand in lots of ways to discourage God's servants.

It is God's tugging on the hearts of individuals to lead them to mission work whether here or abroad and His blessings in the process that gives us the list of workers in His Kingdom actively involved as career or short-term missionaries. As LWML members, our job is to uplift to the great God of heaven the souls and bodies of these individuals, to support monetarily as God allows (not forgetting the work God does through our mites!), and

to speak of their work to others. Check out the websites for LCMS missions (lcms.org) and Lutheran Bible Translators (lbt.org) and, yes, be in awe of the scope and dedication of these kingdom workers. You might just find that you, too, are being called to short term mission work or to further support individuals in mission work. Study the 2018-2020 District Mission Grant list and begin already to ask God to bless our sincere efforts to support them through our mite offerings in the next two years. In addition, a study of the National Mission Grant List (lwml.org) for 2017-2019, will give you lots of ideas for prayer support in this arena. Be bold to witness to others how God is using LWML and its members to grow His kingdom.

P.S. My daughter and her family will be in the US until Aug. 20, the Lord willing, with the proper paperwork to return to Sri Lanka for another two years. Then again, stay tuned, our ways may not be what God has planned for us. "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

LuAnn Roman, Missionary Outreach/Mission Education Chair

Save the Date!

February 1 & 2, 2019

2019 WINTER GETAWAY

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

Join us for Bible Study, speakers, and servant events that focus on finding "Courage, Wisdom, & Strength through Christ for the Journey" of our lives that we face daily.

Our time together will be focused on Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Mark your calendars and join us February 1 & 2, 2019 at the Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center!

LWML SWD 2018-2020 BIENNIUM MISSION GRANTS

	Grant Recipient	Amount
1	Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$12,000
2	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Food & Clothing Co-op	\$10,000
3	Scholarships for Low Income Campers at Camp LuWiSoMo	\$20,000
4	LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses	\$10,000
5	Shelter My Sheep – Free at Last Ministry	\$20,000
6	SOS Center Enrichment Program	\$22,580
7	Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World	\$12,000
8	SWD Church Worker Grant	\$30,000
9	Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp	\$16,795

Fantastic News!

The LWML of the South Wisconsin District has now fully funded all of the grants voted on at the 2016 convention! We will be presenting the check for \$12,000.00 to Lutheran Special School and Education Services at their BOD meeting on Aug 7. The check for \$1,600.00 for the CLET Togo Seminary dorms will be presented in August to Mary Hamilton, the grants coordinator in St. Louis. She expresses her gratitude for this funding to all the wonderful sisters-in-Christ in South Wisconsin! Watch the website for specific information regarding the first grant to be funded in the 2018-2022 biennium - Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach! To God be the Glory!!

Keep watching the website for the bulletin inserts and posters for each grant in the new biennium. This material is so helpful as we work to fulfill our promises. There is a prayer specially written for each grant. May God bless our efforts to fund the grants!

I want to personally thank Marge Frank for all the wonderful, creative work she did as Mission Grants Committee Chairman. She was so helpful to me when I started in my current position and it was truly a joy to work with her!

Kristen Kolell



2016-2018 Biennium Mites Report

Praise be to God!

The remaining mites budget was reported throughout convention, and through mites boxes, Mites in Action, and the basket auction, that remaining amount was reduced greatly. There were two amounts not included in the report at convention and those are the Selle and Sanders funds. They are designated as 100% SWD Mites. Once those were added to SWD Mites collected through June 30, we met our SWD Mites goal, however we are short \$3,524 for our LWML Mites goal. We will fulfill this commitment before applying any mites to the 2018-2020 Mite goal.

PRAY-ERS NEEDED!

- † Do you enjoy talking with our Lord?
- † Do you know that God hears?
- † Would you enjoy praying for other?
- † Then
- † Join the group of LWML SWD sisters in prayer
- † E-mail me at: joycelk4011@att.net
- † Join the e-mail prayer list

Joyce Kaestner

E-Mail Prayer Request Manager

LWML STORE NEWS

If anyone would like to order anything from the LWML store please contact your zone president for info or else Diane Kamrath, store manager, at dkamrath22@gmail.com or call her at 920-387-3367. All orders need to be to her by September 1st and can be picked up at the Fall Retreat. They also need to be paid for before they are ordered, and \$1 to cover shipping should be added to the total when sending your check to Diane. Ladies can go to the LWML website and look at what is available to order, then call Diane with your order. For help call or email Diane. Thank you!



Our Facebook page is a great way for us to share ideas with you and each other, remind you of upcoming events, share pictures, ask questions and stay connected. So if you haven't already, "LIKE" us on Facebook and stay informed on the latest LWML SWD news and events.



The **FEMALE CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP** Committee is happy to announce its scholarship recipients for the 2018-2019 academic year. It gives us great joy to be used by God to assist these young ladies as they prepare for full-time work within the LCMS.

This year a total of \$1,450 was available to award. These grants are funded by the individual members of the LWML-South Wisconsin District through a percentage of Fall Retreat and Winter Getaway offerings, special gifts and interest on our funds.

To be eligible, a woman must be a resident of South Wisconsin District enrolled in one of our synodical institutions preparing for full time church work in a called position. Applications are available on our website, lwml-swd.org, by January 1st of each year and all application materials must be submitted by the following April 30th to be considered.

Please join us in praying for these and all of our young people preparing for a life of service in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. To God be the Glory!

Serving gladly,

Scholarship Committee

Lori Henkes, Jana Hoffmann, Lois Schwarten, Bretta Speck and Diane Kitzerow, chair



Grace Huesmann is a member at Living Word Lutheran Church in Jackson and a freshman at Concordia University Nebraska, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Grace has a real passion to provide children with a positive Christian learning experience to help them reach their full potential and know how much they are loved by God. She has served in leadership roles and been involved in youth group, sports, music and theater at the high school level and looks forward to her freshman year at Concordia University Nebraska in fall 2018.



Corrianne Cain, a member of First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, is an Elementary Education major in her junior year at Concordia University Nebraska. She has been blessed with excellent Christian school educators over the years and she looks forward to being able to “give back” and be a blessing to the next generation. Corrianne has taken on many leadership roles in college and also participates in choir, accompanies the chapel band as a pianist, works as an editor on the student newspaper and tutors grade school students, in addition to her studies. She hopes to one day become a school principal.



Bethany Mrosko is currently a junior at Concordia University, St. Paul (“CSP”), preparing to serve the Lord as a Director of Christian Outreach. She is a member of Brookfield Lutheran Church. At CSP, Bethany has served as a Resident Assistant in the dorms and worked with underprivileged children at Maxfield Elementary School, an opportunity that has added clarity to the calling she feels to serve God’s children. Bethany is also a life-long student of ballet and has enjoyed learning how to use her talent to share the Good News with others.

COMMUNION WARE GIFT

To the best of our knowledge and research, many communion sets like this were made for use at the 1991 LWML Convention in Cleveland, Ohio ... when the 50th Anniversary of the LWML was celebrated with thanks for the Lord's blessings. After the convention, the sets were given as thank you gifts to people who planned and worked at the celebration.

Marlys Taege Moberg, one of our past LWML South Wisconsin District Presidents, wrote the history book "WINGS" for this 1991 convention, which told the story of LWML's first 50 years. It's the opinion of her daughter, Lauren Beale (also a past LWML SWD President) that Marlys was given this set as a thank you gift for writing the book.

Lauren and Marlys are very happy it will find a new home at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Milwaukee and pray that congregation members will enjoy using it as they celebrate the Lord's Supper. It will be presented to a representative from that congregation at our LWML SWD convention this weekend.

The communion ware was used for the first time in late June, 1991. That's almost exactly 27 years ago to the date.

Barb Kaun



Keepsake communion set was presented to Esther Ndon of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

REMEMBER TO PRAY



The tables at the convention were decorated with pictures of LCMS missionaries from all over the world. There had to be over 90 pictures of God's workers. As I was leaving the convention hall late that night, I noticed one of the picture frames had fallen over face down. As I turned it over and set it upright who should be smiling back at me but my cousin's daughter, Kayla Hoem. Kayla is from Minnesota North and is helping with church planting in Spain. God does work in mysterious ways and reminded me to pray for her during her first year of work away from home.

Ruth Weckwerth



2018 LWML SWD FALL RETREAT

September 20 – 22

Hilton Garden Inn
1355 W. 20 th Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Offering Recipient: LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

Ingathering:

- Local area food pantries including: Trinity Lutheran, Menasha and The Lutheran Food Pantry, Oshkosh
- Items to bring: cereal, instant oatmeal, granola and protein bars, boxed meals, peanut butter and jelly
- Personal products needed: pads, tampons, panty liners, and incontinence products

Bible Study: Pastoral Counselor, Rev. M. Douglas Peters

Servant Events: Projects to aid, honor, and encourage our Veterans and Active Military Members

Additional Happenings: Thursday evening pizza party with devotions at 7pm. Hotel check-in begins at 3pm. Friday: free day (until 3pm) for relaxing, shopping or area attractions, servant event opens at 3pm, dinner on your own, speakers and program begin at 6:45, ice cream sundae bar following the program, paper airplane contest, pool open 24 hours, uplifting music, exhibitors, mission and ministry updates, and developing friendships-new and old.



Keynote Speaker:
Jan Struck

Life has its ups and downs. Jan will help us celebrate the incredible love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with laughter, gratitude and joy.

Missionary Pilot Speakers:
Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz

Working with Wycliffe and Lutheran Bible Translators through aviation in Papua New Guinea since 1999.



Registration fee \$65. Info, links, reg. form and TLC Scholarship application available @ www.lwml-swd.org
For room reservations call the Hilton Garden Inn directly at 920-966- 1300 or reserve through our link at lwml-swd.org under the events tab.

August 26th is the deadline for room reservations to receive the LWML discounted rate of \$99 per night plus tax for single/double occupancy, add \$10 for each additional person in the room.

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



Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the
2019 WINTER GETAWAY!

Date: February 1 & 2, 2019

Where: Wintergreen Resort & Conference
Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Join us for a time of Bible study, mission
focus, prayer and praise, servant events and
great fellowship.

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 11: Young Women's Event at
Divine Savior, Hartford
- Aug. 18: Young Women's Event at
Good Shepherd, Tomah
- Sept. 20-22: 2018 Fall Retreat, Hilton
Garden Inn, Oshkosh
- Sept. 29: Mission Work Day
10:00am - 2:00 pm
Bethany, Milwaukee
- Nov 10: Zone President's Meeting/
Christian Life Workshop Fellowship
9:00 am-3:00 pm
Bethlehem, Sun Prairie

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Want to share your news? What do you find uplifting
or inspiring as you serve the Lord? Is there something
you would like your fellow LWMl'ers to know? The
Mission Lamp is a great way to share photos, ideas,
and upcoming events!

The deadline for the next issue is
October 15, 2018.

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