



Mission Lamp



South Wisconsin District LWML

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

August 2019

Mites in Action Speakers Bring Joy

Are you like me, always happy to hear a Mites in Action speaker at convention, retreat, or at a Zone Rally?

You would not have been disappointed at the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile.

The dream of establishing an eldercare Lutheran Village in Haiti came to fruition after an LWML grant was God provided, as explained by Mission in Motion President, Jaclyn Rychel. Then stories of healing, both physically and spiritually, were encapsulated in word and picture by Stephanie Schulte who told of nursing students serving with Mercy Medical Teams.

Next, attendees were at first puzzled when Lynn Corker, from Women of the Pearl in Uganda, told everyone "It's your fault." She explained never having a desire to be in Uganda, let alone play an integral part in the women receiving literacy education, rising to become business owners, and taking back their villages by spreading the love of Jesus with their neighbors. Through an LWML grant the first class of 24 young men will be graduating from the new seminary these funds provided. "And it's all your fault!"

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick

and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' - Matthew 25:31 – 47

Love is an action word, and I invite you to action. Could you collect over-the-counter medical supplies for Concordia Theological Seminary's LWML Cabinet in Fort Wayne, IN.? Katherine Rittner, Director of Food & Clothing Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary, invites LWML societies to collect gift cards in \$10.00, \$20.00, or \$25.00 increments for Walmart, Kroger, Target, Meijer, JC Penney, or restaurant chains such as Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, McDonald's, Olive Garden, Pizza Hut, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, or Wendy's. Gift cards and quilts are shared with the students before they leave for Christmas break in December. The Food co-op is currently able to supply between 80% and 85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the students. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family volunteering their time.

Zone Presidents are invited to bring your donations to the September 14th Board of Directors' meeting at St. John's in North Prairie or to the Fall Retreat on September 19-21; from there items will be taken to Fort Wayne in October for celebration of LWML Donation Days at CTSFW.

*Serving gladly,
Barb Kaun*

Cleansed

Spring and Fall is a perfect time to clean our churches. Members band together and wash windows, wipe tables, and remove the cobwebs off the altar cross. But the biggest job usually involves cleaning out a church storage closet. After six months, odds and ends pile up. The church closet becomes the junk room, filled with things that *might* get used in the future. Closets are hard to clean because we instinctively want to hold on to everything. We think we're being unfaithful stewards if we throw out an old coffee maker or old Sunday School materials. But in truth, some things just need to go.

Dear people of God, we need to be cleaned out as well! In the Old Testament, a sacrificial system was instituted. By His grace, the Lord provided a way for His people to be cleansed. God's people knew they were an unholy people living under a holy God. How could they possibly atone for their dirtiness? How could these unfaithful Israelites possibly be made right before their faithful God? It was through sacrifice. An animal, such as a lamb, was sacrificed as a substitute for the people's imperfections. Through the shedding of blood, God's people were purged of all sinful offenses that polluted themselves before God. And through the animal's death God's people were *cleansed*.

God knew His children needed to be cleansed. Like that church closet, we also are full. We are full of too much hypocrisy, jealousy, doubt, and fear. We are a sinful people that must be cleaned out. How can we possibly be made right with God? The truth is, we cannot do it on our own. Thanks be to God, who sent Jesus Christ as the great and final sacrifice. We today do not bring our lambs to the church. Instead, we enter God's house to receive the forgiveness won by the *perfect* Lamb, Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself was "without stain...holy and blameless" (Eph. 5:27). Again, St. Paul writes, "Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph 5:2). On the cross, He did it all. Jesus paid for all sins and cleansed us from all unrighteousness.

This is wonderful Good News! We've been cleansed! Our sins have been atoned for. All the things that kept us away from God have been removed. The Kingdom of Heaven has been opened for us by the death and Easter resurrection of our Lord Christ. After Jesus' death at Calvary, there was no more need for a sacrificial altar. Instead we have an altar of blessing. We do not enter the church to sacrifice. Instead, we come into the church to receive God's love, His forgiveness, Word, peace, and Holy Supper. Instead of walking up to the temple with an animal, we kneel at the rail, ready to *receive* Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Along with Psalmist we confess "Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin" (Ps. 51:2). The cross is our salvation. By faith in the perfect Lamb of God we are saved. The final sacrifice has been made. This means we have been cleaned out. Rejoice, *we have been cleansed!*

In Christ,

Rev. Adam Barkley
Junior Pastoral Counselor, SWD LWML



We are planning another Heart to Heart Sisters Event in March 2020. Be on the lookout for more information soon. We are looking for committee members!

First meeting will be in the Fall

Please contact Mai Kruse
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2019 LWML-SWD Fall Retreat

September 19-21, 2019

Green Lake Conference Center

Come and join us at the Green Lake Conference for Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, fun, music and relaxation. We will grow and renew our mission hearts to "Go and Tell the Story"! Enjoy the retreat with old and new friends. We even have some fun Servant Events for you.

Our two wonderful guest speakers are Reverend Robert Rahn, founder of Lutheran Heritage Foundation and Karen Lippert of Women's Ministry at Divine Redeemer in Hartland.

Come hear Reverend Rahn's inspiring accounts of God's church preserving and growing under the most adverse circumstances. Reverend Rahn will be leading us in a Bible study on Friday night on our theme verse Ephesians 4:25, "Therefore having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another". When the Iron Curtain came down, Rev. Robert Rahn took up the challenge of spreading the Christian faith to people who'd had little, if any, opportunity to hear God's Word. He founded the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), an organization dedicated to translating, publishing and distributing confessional Lutheran materials worldwide. Rev. Rahn will tell you amazing stories of Christians surviving generations of hostile atheistic government domination in the former Soviet Union. Rev. Rahn serves as congregations' connection to this incredible work that the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is doing in more than 80 countries around the world.

Karen Lippert is speaking on "HIS story, OUR story, SHARE our story". Come learn what this means to us in our everyday lives. Karen will help us to connect to God and each other and to empower us to cultivate our faith to impact

our communities. Karen is the Director of Women's Ministry in Hartland, WI. She began her ministry as a Lutheran School teacher after graduating from Concordia, Chicago. After having her two daughters, God led her to begin a women's Bible study in 1991, which evolved into a ministry position. She has spoken at numerous conferences, retreats, and events. Her passion is connecting women to God through His Word.

Check in may not be until 4:00 pm but, you may come earlier in the day to enjoy all the Green Lake Conference Center has to offer. The Conference Center is located on the beautiful

shores of Green Lake. The conference center offers an abundance of inspirational places for meeting in small groups, contemplating retreat topics, and being alone and quiet within their 900 acres. Renew and energize yourself by walking the grounds, sitting by the lake, climbing the towers and visiting the other spaces, including: Lone Tree Point, Hopevale Memorial Cathedral in the Glen, Spurgeon Chapel. There are fun ways to stretch your legs by walking the Dawson Prairie, Shore Drive, Hammer's Trail and Winnebago Trail. There is even a beautiful Rose Garden behind Kraft Centre to walk thorough. You could also swim in the lake and build a sand castle at Friendship Beach.

The Registration form, housing information and additional information is available at lwmlswd.org/events/retreats.

Come along for a wonderful retreat and bring your friends or someone who has not been at a retreat! We look forward to seeing you at the Retreat!

Marilyn Belter - Chairman



Ephesians 4:25



Willing and Joyful Servants

Walking into the Servant Connection area at an LWML Convention always puts a smile on my face and fills my heart with JOY. It was no different in Mobile, Alabama. Scanning across the room you see everyone in constant motion and it takes you a minute to see what all the movement is about. The Servant activities included: assembling materials for Lutheran Braille Workers; assembling Personal Care and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief; creating greeting cards of encouragement for Phil's Friends; coloring



and cutting bookmarks for Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutheran World Relief, local nursing homes, day care centers, assisted living facilities, and Phil's Friends; sending Gospel Note cards to the World Lutheran Hour Ministries; packing quilts and tying blankets for Lutheran World Relief. It appeared that everyone was working at full speed! Each area had several tables you could sit at to work on the projects. There were boxes and boxes of completed work!

The highlight of my time in the Servant connection area was seeing a family of three young girls working with their LWML mom counting and packing Personal Care kits into boxes. Then young girls would gather completed kits from the work tables and help to see that each table had the supplies needed to keep assembling the kits.



Diane Meyer
Zone 9 President



February 7 & 8, 2020

2020 Winter Getaway

Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central

Bible Study, and servant events that focus on being

“Encouraged by Christ to Encourage Others”

every day of our lives in big and small ways. Our time together

will be focused on *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

The Love of the LWML

Since the 2017 LWML National Convention, it has been Kati Meyerhofer's mission to tell the world about her love for Jesus and about her convention experience. Because of her passion and encouragement, I decided to apply to be a Young Woman's Representative (YWR) for the 2019 National Convention, and by the grace of God, I was accepted!

After a long bus ride we arrived in Mobile, and my first assignment as a YWR was to complete a scavenger hunt which included easy items, like the signature of a woman in a purple hat, and other seemingly impossible signatures! Determined to find as many as possible, I worked on my scavenger hunt research while I helped collect donations for Gifts From the Heart - which totaled 8,436 books, 1,161 hygiene kits, \$33,630 in gift cards, and more! During our collection a cunning and helpful pastor told me that I might be able to sneak into the upcoming pastor's rehearsal to find several of the names on my hunt - including President Patti!

I quickly (and sneakily) found Patti, who gave me a big smile and hug, her signature, and pointed out the pastoral counsellor, who happily signed my scavenger hunt and pointed out an election candidate, who took the time to chat and walk through the convention halls with me just in case she recognized any other people I needed! Ladies! This was absolutely the love and joy of Christ shining through

these busy people. For the next three days I was surrounded by love: during the meetings and services (which included serving communion to 3,000 people), during our early-morning and late-night YWR meetings, and while joining a multitude of voices singing in praise to the Lord!

Now, ladies of the SWD, I challenge you to bring this love and community to your churches and societies in Wisconsin. If it weren't for Kati's passion and encouragement I wouldn't have been at the convention this year! Your society can be a powerful community: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). If you're disappointed by small numbers or participation, remember "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20). Remember to pray for the LWML and your society because "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2). I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Retreat in Green Lake this September, "I long to see you... that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:11-12).

April Netz

2019 National Convention YWR

Zone 13 President

"Now What?"



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League 38th Biennial Convention is now over. We've chosen mission grants to fund in the 2019-2021 biennium, voted in new officers, completed a large number of servant events to distribute in mission, supported chosen service groups with our convention offerings and made many, many, many new Sisters in Christ.

Worship services at convention will stir your heart with the Holy Spirit. The Opening Worship with over 3000 people singing, hearing the Word and communing together touches your very soul. At the close of convention, there is a Service of Sending Worship. Due to our required departure time, we needed to leave before the sermon. At the time we were saddened to not experience the full worship service, but soon became distracted by travel.

This past weekend a severe storm kept me from traveling to church. God reminded me that I had not heard the sermon from the Service of Sending Worship titled "Now What?" Wow, am I glad He did. I encourage all you ladies of the LWML South Wisconsin District to as well. The Sunday AM Session can be found at <https://livestream.com/TheLWML/events/8708150/videos/193283288> If you did not follow the livestream during the convention, you still can on the lwml.org website and become inspired and encouraged.

Melody Rodger

Zone 13 President



LWML Sets 2019–2021 Mission Goal at \$2.1 Million

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 3104 people with 691 as first timers to the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019, under the theme "In Praise to the LORD!" The convention theme was based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a. Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a **\$2,100,000 mission goal** for the 2019–2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 21 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya	\$80,000
2. Teach Me Too–Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin (LSEM)	\$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa	\$100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP)	\$100,000
5. God's Word Changes Everything (LBT)	\$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala	\$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families	\$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala	\$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie in Wyoming	\$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity in Mobile, AL	\$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW)	\$100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central	\$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL)	\$30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE	\$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa	\$62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries)	\$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio)	\$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction	\$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis	\$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX	\$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission)	\$39,523

Newly Elected Officers: President: Debbie Larson

Vice President of Organizational Resources: Marie Chow

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: Deaconess Betty Knapp

Treasurer: Karla Koehler

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Brian Noack

Nominating Committee: Sylvia Bean, Carrie Brumbaugh, Mary Harrington,
Crystal Miller, and Brianne Stahlecker, Chairman

LWML-SWD Bookstore News

“Dedicated Lutheran Women Grounded in the Word Growing in God’s Mission” is the title of our past SWD President, Carolyn Blum’s new book, about the History of the LWML.

Many of you may remember Carolyn for her skits as Miss Mite Box. She has held office at the National level and has been a mentor to many of us. Carolyn has graciously consented to do a book signing at the Fall Retreat, in Green Lake, on Sept. 19-21, 2019.

If you would like to order a copy of her book go to the lwml-swd website and print off a bookstore order form, fill it out and send it to me, with your check by Sept. 1, 2019 You can give me a call at 920- 387-3367 or e-mail me at dkamrath22@gmail.com if you need help. The cost will be \$12.00 per book which includes shipping.

If you need anything else from the store or mite boxes with the new design, let me know before Sept. 1, 2019, so I can order it for you.



Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Diane Kamrath,

Carolyn Blum with her new book
“Dedicated Lutheran Women Grounded in
the Word Growing in God’s Mission”

Structure Committee

Structure Committee – What does this committee do? We report to the VP of Organizational Resources, Ruth Mueller.

Our main focus is to make sure the district bylaws and general guidelines are up to date, as well as approving zone bylaw revisions.

With that in mind, I would like to encourage all zone presidents to review your zone bylaws and, if needed, put a committee in place to revise them, especially if they haven’t been reviewed during the past 4-6 years. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Jeske at monijeske124@sbcglobal.net.

Monica Jeske



If you have any questions or concerns about your **Lutheran Women's Quarterly Order** contact Cinda Poppe at: cinda.poppelwml@gmail.com or 262-939-9960 (leave a message)

Abounding in Joyful Giving!

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium: \$204,500.00

Summer will be over before we know it. I know some societies do not meet in the summer months but, I pray you are still sending your mites in. It amazes me that we have paid five of our grants. Let's get grant six paid soon. 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.



All mite offerings are used to fund the mission grants. 75% for our SWD mission grants and 25% for LWML mission grants.

Make checks payable to **LWML-SWD**.

What does your society do to encourage mite giving? Would you be willing to share?

You can contact me @financialsecretary.lwml.swd@gmail.com God's Blessings!

Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

2020-2022 Grant Proposal Deadline October 31st

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray the summer has given you time to reflect on our Lord's love and how he so graciously cares for our needs!

We are approaching the end of the cycle in which grant proposals are due for the next biennium. Please continue to pray for understanding and clarity for God to reveal the needs of his children.

Just a reminder that grant proposals are to be submitted to the LWML SWD Vice President for Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, Kristen Kolliel, and postmarked by October 31, 2019, for consideration at the district convention next June. (Proposals postmarked after that date will not be considered.)

You can find the application and the guidelines at the LWML website. Here are the steps to find this information:

1. go to lwml-swd.org
2. click RESOURCES
3. click DISTRICT HELPS (Mission Grant Application is listed alphabetically)

In Christ,
Heather Peters
Mission Grants Chairman

What's Happening in Your Zone

Even though the Phoebe Society (Zone 8) takes a break from holding regular business meetings in the summer, that doesn't mean they take a vacation from serving the Lord with gladness. In May, this LWML group at Trinity Lutheran Church-Town Wilson initiated a congregation-wide donation drive for Anchor of Hope. An educational display was set up in the church narthex, and Anchor of Hope's Executive Director shared details about the organization's mission work following a Sunday morning worship service.



To get the donation drive started, the Phoebe Society purchased 25 official 2017 LWML Convention beanie bears for Anchor of Hope's Boutique. This is a place where clients who've completed "Earn While You Learn" parenting classes may spend their earned Baby Bucks to make purchases in the Boutique. The congregation joined the Phoebe Society in donating items on a "Boutique Needs" list. To boost enthusiasm for the donation drive, the Phoebe Society added fun incentives for givers.

Whenever someone donated \$2.50, he/she had the privilege of naming a beanie bear. Names were written on stickers and attached to the tag on each bear's ear. The Phoebe Society could "bearly" wait to see what creative names would be chosen! Anyone naming a bear received a treat bag containing gummy bears and teddy grahams. Those who visited the Anchor of Hope display could also participate in guessing the number of whale crackers in a bottle contest to win a gift card.

By the end of June, a carload of donations, the beanie bears, and a cash gift were delivered to Anchor of Hope.

Another Phoebe Society activity in June was to tour Project Angel Hugs to learn about that non-profit and to color greeting cards for children with cancer. On July 14th, the Phoebe Society and Trinity's Evangelism Committee teamed up to host a first-ever Mitey Mission Project Day after the morning worship service. The Phoebe Society had its big Mite Box out to collect mite offerings. After enjoying some refreshments, participants explored the eight mission stations set up in the Fellowship Hall.

A project leader at each station engaged participants in hands-on project-making while explaining how the finished product would be used for missions. The projects were: Witness Bracelets and Eyeglass Cases for MOST Ministries; Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief; Greeting Cards for Project Angel Hugs; "Plarn" to make Sleeping Mats for Orphan Grain Train; Clothing Protectors for Bethesda Lutheran Communities; and Mixes in Jars and Decorative Candle Holders for Trinity Lutheran Church fundraising.



The efforts of young and old church members working together that morning produced 30 Baby Care Kits, 10 Witness Bracelets, 10 Eyeglass Cases, 25 Greeting Cards, 13 Candle Holders, 14 Jar Mixes, and four Clothing Protectors. The event concluded with lunch, courtesy of Thrivent Action Team and Texas Roadhouse. "Working for the Lord above" (from the LWML song) makes the Phoebe Society mighty indeed!

Kathryn Cota, Zone 8

38th Biennial Convention of the LWML South Wisconsin District
Saturday, June 20, 2020
St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI



Ready for a vision check? Plan now to join your LWML sisters for a one-day district convention!

Housing Update: Friday night lodging is available for those who are interested at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, WI, in the Regents residents hall. Regents offers suite-style accommodations. Four-person suites have two double occupancy bedrooms, a living area and a bathroom. A continental breakfast is included on Saturday morning. The price for lodging and breakfast is \$40 and is paid with convention registration. Bed linens are included. Grab a roommate and join the fun in the dorms!

Our convention speaker will be author Katie Schuermann. Katie will also be signing books

so bring along your copy. Her books: *Pew Sisters. He Remembers the Barren* and *He Restores My Soul* will be available for purchase at the convention.

A Silent Auction will be held to raise money for mites. Look for ways to be involved in making your own zone's basket.

Ingathering recipients will be A Place of Refuge and Lutheran Special School. Watch for further information regarding what items they are in need of.

Stay tuned to future issues of the Mission Lamp and the LWML-SWD website for more information as it becomes available.

Nominating Committee looking for LWML-SWD Officers

Who do you know that has a servants' heart? How can they best serve the LWML-SWD? Remember God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

Nominations are still being accepted for women willing to serve as officers for the LWML-SWD. The offices that will be elected at the 2020 LWML-SWD Convention are:

President

Treasurer

Corresponding Secretary

Vice President Special Focus Ministry

Vice President Communications

Jr. Pastoral Counselor

You may nominate others or yourself. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate. You can find the nomination form on the LWML-SWD website.

If you have any questions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

Joan Anderson - Zone 14-Chair, Karen Miller - Zone 2, Lisa Warriner – Zone 6,

Vaunie Weaver – Zone 10, Jill Jones – Zone 18

Female Church Worker Scholarships Announced

The Female Church Worker Scholarship Committee of LWML-SWD is very happy to announce the scholarship recipients for the 2019-2020 school year. We feel truly honored to be able to assist these four young women with their educational expenses as they prepare for full time work in the LCMS. Please remember them in your prayers as the school year begins.

Diane Kitzerow, Committee Chair



Tessa Bidinger Tessa is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cascade, WI and a Junior at Concordia University Wisconsin, in the Director of Church Ministries/Lay Ministries program. In her spare time, she enjoys participating in choir, working with the altar guild and serving as a substitute organist. Tessa looks forward to serving others and her Lord as a Director of Church Ministries. She has been active in LWML and joyfully intends to stay connected.

Rachel Osell Rachel is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI and a Sophomore at Concordia University Wisconsin, majoring in Secondary Education. She is active in sports and music, has served in Campus Ministries and tutors at the high school level. Rachel looks forward to spreading the good news of Christ to future generations through teaching and inspiring others as her Lutheran school teachers and professors have inspired her.



Katherine Van Dellen Katherine is a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, WI and a Sophomore at Concordia University Ann Arbor, majoring in Secondary Education. While a freshman at CUAA, Katherine was instrumental in organizing an event to raise awareness regarding human trafficking. She has served on mission trips to Kazakhstan and participated in LWML events through the years with her mother. She intends to eventually serve others by teaching in a special education classroom.

Katarina Hinck Katarina is a member of First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, WI and a Freshman at Concordia University, Wisconsin, majoring in Early Childhood Education. In addition to her involvement in music, sports, 4-H, and youth group, Katarina's high school activities included working with her church's after-school and summer child care programs, teaching VBS and Sunday School and attending a mission trip to Ghana, Africa. Katarina experienced the love, dedication and caring of the Lutheran school teachers who touched her life and looks forward to sharing those qualities with students in her own classroom one day.



GOSPEL OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN LIFE

Many times we as Christians think that we should not be stressed or worried about daily life. OR we wonder why our life is hard with difficulties. After all, we are God's children! But Jesus did not promise our life will be easy if we followed Him.

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matt. 16: 24

Lutheran Hour Ministries offers a course titled "Stress and Worry in the Life of a Christian". In this online course, we will learn how our Heavenly Father comforts us through our challenges. This course will equip us to look to Him for strength and wisdom. We will also learn skills of Christian support to reach out to others. This course is a free down-loadable course including lessons, discussion guide and interactive activities. The course is self paced and includes a helpful video to help in using the system.

Type in the name of the course on the national LWML website, then click on that title and go from there.

Lutheran Women in Mission

It was great to be with Diane Meyer on June 9 as she presented a check for \$200 to Missionary Charles Cortright and his wife, Connie, at Trinity, Sheboygan. They serve in Russia and were in the US on home service. This is just one way, you, as LWMLers serve and support missionaries in the field.



Another highlight of these past months was the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. The grant request, which originated out of the South Wisconsin District, received enough votes to get on the grants list for the next biennium. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction will eventually receive \$50,000 as the mites toward the \$2,100,000 goal accumulate. Never doubt that YOU can make a difference, either by writing and submitting a grant request or praying and supporting the work of the LWML with time, talents and treasures.



Our two young women reps are geared up to share with you the excitement they have after attending the convention! Contact me for their information. Also, Amy Formella, with Lutheran Bible Translators is in the US. It is anticipated that Elliot Derricks and Rachel Meyer will be in the US in the next year. They are always eager to be invited to speak.

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Missionary Outreach/Mission Education
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Events

- August 10** BOD Reports due
- August 24** EC Meeting 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
720 Jackson Ave., Omro, WI 54963*
- September 14** BOD Meeting 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
*St. John's Lutheran Church
312 N. Main, North Prairie, WI 53153*
- September 19-21** LWML SWD 2019 Fall Retreat
"Go & Tell the Story"
*Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23, Green Lake, WI*
- October 15** Mission Lamp Articles Due
- October 31** Mission Grant Applications due

2019 Prayer Service available on
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