



Mission Lamp



South Wisconsin District LWML

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

August 2020

Called to Serve

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:10, 11b).

In our LWML song, *Lutheran Women, One and All*, we are reminded of hearing the Gospel call "to take the Gospel light to a world in darkest night." The song also gives examples of how that might be done, "By example in the home, By inviting those who roam, By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for missions' cost."

As a Lutheran woman, have you taken time to consider the ways you serve in your day to day life? You serve in your home in the kitchen, laundry room, backyard, and on the sofa with a child on your lap. You serve in your church. Are you a choir member, Sunday school teacher, or a funeral luncheon volunteer? You serve your neighbor, employer, and coworker. Sometimes your service is time consuming and obvious, and other time as simple as seeing the snow removed from the sidewalk. The point is we live and breathe a life of service.

We all know some service is more rewarding than others. Few women get excited about the opportunity to wash the dishes, again, but washing dishes is indeed an opportunity to serve and reflect on the blessings the dirty dishes represent!

Opportunities to serve with others, and to serve one another, are ways to glorify God

through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission we serve together in our congregations, zones, and district. We serve through our prayers for the mites we gather in our mite boxes. We serve together to share the work load, to encourage each, and to build each other up.

I encourage you to take time to reflect on **your** service and the blessings you receive. The Personnel Profile found on the lwmlswd.org web site is a tool to self-evaluate your service and might prompt other service opportunities for you to pray about for the future.

In the LWML we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and "pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us... our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him."

It is a great privilege to serve our Lord with you through the LWML!

Blessings,

Cinda Poppe
LWML South Wisconsin District President



From our District Counselor

Lord Willing

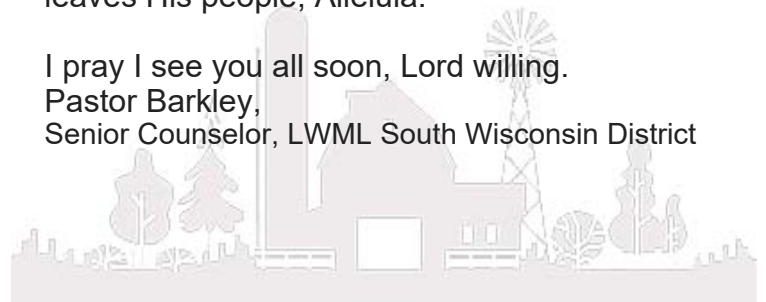
I had a supervising pastor in Kansas who would end every conversation by saying, "Lord willing." It didn't matter if the discussion was about a Sunday Service, a potluck, assembly meeting, or a funeral. It wasn't until this year I realized the beauty of that statement. This pandemic has brought a reality check to everyone. We aren't in control of anything in 2020. Everything is uncertain. Families across our nation don't even know if their children will enter their classrooms in the fall. Now is the time for all believers to end our conversations with "Lord willing."

In St. Luke's Gospel, a rich man was looking to his future. He was running out of places to store all his crops. Eventually the rich man said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones" (Luke 12:18). The rich man had such confidence in his future plans! Before this pandemic, our plans were set in stone. We only had plans to build bigger barns. We placed so much faith in the future we were carving out for ourselves. Now we find ourselves living in uncertainty. When will the vaccine arrive? When will the world be cured? When will our lives return? Only the Lord knows. *And this is the greatest comfort at all.* The Lord knows when this will end. He holds the past and future in His hands.

It's high time we start resurrecting the phrase "Lord willing." Let it be on our lips during every conversation. James chapter 4 talks about such faith. He writes, "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:13-15). Lord willing, we will be at church on Sunday. Or, Lord willing, we will be taken to heaven before the end of the week. Only the Lord knows. Whether we live or die, it's all in His hands.

The battle is done, the warfare is over, and Christ is the victor. We don't need bigger barns. Christ Jesus has made His home *in us*, little as we are. Our life is in Christ and He knows what will happen tomorrow. He does not control you. *He lovingly cares for you.* And that is so much better! You have a Savior who never leaves His people, Alleluia.

I pray I see you all soon, Lord willing.
Pastor Barkley,
Senior Counselor, LWML South Wisconsin District



Thank You

to the hard-working 2020 Convention committee. This is as close as we can come to a committee photo. Through Zoom meetings and emails they forged ahead in their plans in spite of constant changes and detours.

Thank you for the time and care you put into the 2020 convention.

38th Biennial Convention of the LWML



The LWML South Wisconsin District (SWD) 2020 Convention, “Our Vision in Christ is 2020”, is now in the history books. After almost two years of planning, the convention committee was on the verge of making final plans when COVID-19 hit. All of the normal procedures & guidelines had to be re-invented. But, knowing that God was in control, the SWD Executive Committee and convention committee switched gears and began implementing plans to conduct an on-line convention.

God richly blessed the SWD with ladies who went above & beyond in making sure that all necessary business of the convention was accomplished – mission grants were chosen for the next biennium and new officers elected. Extras like Mites in Action speakers and Keynote Speaker Katie Schuermann’s presentations were also available on the website.

The women of the LWML SWD responded overwhelmingly to the on-line convention by donating over \$5000 to mites and \$3000 in gift cards plus various items to convention ingathering recipients. Praise God for your generosity! The 2020 Convention Steering Committee wishes to thank everyone for their dedicated work and cooperation which resulted in a successful, if ‘unconventional’, convention.

Kay Nett, 2020 convention chairman

2020-2022 Mission Grants

1	Church Worker Student Grant	\$ 30,000.00
2	Bethany Ev Lutheran Ministry Outreach	\$ 12,000.00
3	Financial Assistance for Ft. Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 10,000.00
4	A Place of Refuge - Vehicle	\$ 20,000.00
5	At Just the Right Time-Mission Central	\$ 15,000.00
6	Expanding Outreach and Human Care Services Offered to Immigrants and Refugees -POBLO	\$ 15,000.00
7	Lutheran Heritage Foundation Introducing Muslims to the Savior	\$ 12,000.00
8	Bethany Asaba Delta State Nigeria-New Church Planting Building Completion	\$ 12,000.00
9	Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips	\$ 3,000.00
10	International Friendship Center	\$ 15,000.00
11	Mercy in Russia	\$ 5,000.00
12	Children's Program Support at Luther Memorial Chapel, Shorewood, WI	\$ 2,714.00
13	Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities	\$ 2,035.00

thank
you

LWML SWD,

Refuge House was blessed when you voted for your in-gathering to go to Refuge House. Even though Covid stopped so many things, you found another way to give and serve us.

The diapers, Bibles, outfits, food and gift cards over \$1,525.00 will be used to be Christ's hands to the women and children we serve.

God bless you all,

Deaconess Kristen Hodge- House Manager (pictured at right with gift bag)



From Journeys Lutheran School Hales Corners

Dear Ms. Kruse,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,550.00 in gift cards on behalf of LWML-SWD, Received on July 3, 2020 to Journeys Lutheran School.



Your support helps prepare our students who struggle with unique learning challenges to maximize their God-given spiritual, academic, emotional, and social potential.

We offer a Christ-centered, individualized, multisensory education. Many of these kids with learning and/or emotional difficulties would have nowhere else to go. Thank you for your part in giving them this educational opportunity.

God's blessings to you,

Mr. Michael Oldenburg

Executive Director

At left: Karen Schultz, secretary at Journeys Lutheran receives bag of gift cards collected on behalf of the 2020 convention.

LWML SWD Fall Retreat

Jesus is the LIGHT

August 2, 2020

Dear LWML South Wisconsin District Sister,

The Fall Retreat 2020 which was scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2020, has been cancelled. This decision was made by the Executive Committee of the LWML South Wisconsin District due to the low registration and growing health issue concerns.

The current fall retreat committee is working on plans to offer resources and suggestions of "retreating" this fall from home or with your society. Watch for postings on the lwml-swd.org in September.

As members of the LWML South Wisconsin District you are encouraged to focus on the many blessings and opportunities we have to 'Serve the Lord' through the LWML. These opportunities include remembering the retreat ingathering and offering recipients.

Ingathering: The ingathering of diapers, wipes, over the counter children's medicine, shampoo

and soap for the Concordia Theological Seminary food and clothing co-op will still be collected at the Fall Board Meeting on September 19, 2020, at Good Shepherd, Watertown.

Another opportunity for individuals, societies, and congregations to support Seminarians and their families is through the Christmas Marketplace. Donations of gift cards are shared with seminarians prior to Christmas. Information on gift card suggestions and how to donate will be posted on lwml-swd.org.

Retreat Offering: LCMS-SWD Hispanic Ministry (75%) and Female Church Workers (25%) These ministries can be supported by sending an offering to Marilyn Belter, LWML South Wisconsin District Financial Secretary. Marilyn's address is on the voucher found under the resource tab on the lwml-swd.org website.

Our future is in God's hands. As we remain faithful and trust in His promises our blessings and Joy in the Lord are multiplied. We respond to these blessings by serving others and sharing the Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We pray, "God's will be done! Amen!"

In His Service,
Cinda Poppe, LWML South Wisconsin District President and the Executive Committee;
Connie Belter, Fall Retreat Chairman and the Fall Retreat Committee

Mark your calendars:

September 11 and 12, 2020

Jesus is the Light

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5



More information will be available in September on lwml-swd.org website under Events tab!

Abounding in Joyful Giving!

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2020 Biennium: \$204,500.00

Praise the Lord! We not only met but exceeded our Goal! The total mite amount was \$207,923.07! We paid out \$156,580 in grants for the biennium and \$51,980.77 was sent to LWML. Grant #9 Alaskan Native Teen for \$20,000.00 was PAID in FULL!

A thank-you to all who continue to send in their mites even though societies were not able to meet due to Coronavirus. If your society is not meeting you can still send in your mites. Just complete a receipt voucher with your society and church name and mail it with your personal check. Your society and you are credited with the donation. Keep those mites coming to my mailbox! Please make checks payable to **LWML SWD**

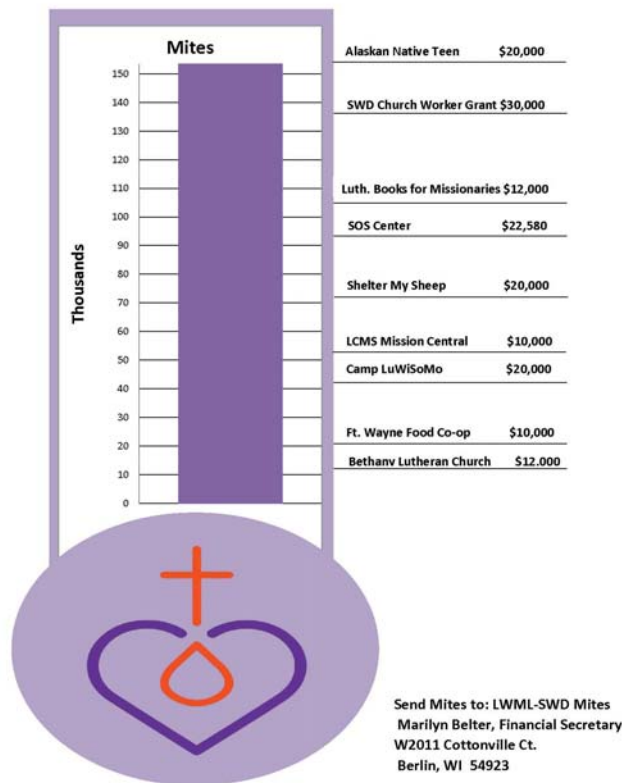
Mite Goal for 2020 – 2022 Biennium is \$205,000.00, with \$153,750.00 designated for SWD mite grants and \$51,250.00 designated for LWML mite grants. We are already on our way towards this goal!

If you are need of Memorial/Celebrations cards please contact me. My contact information is: financialsecretary.lwml.swd@gmail.com.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you. May the Lord comfort you and give you His peace!

Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2018-2020
June 2020



Send Mites to: LWML-SWD Mites
Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary
W2011 Cottonville Ct.
Berlin, WI 54923

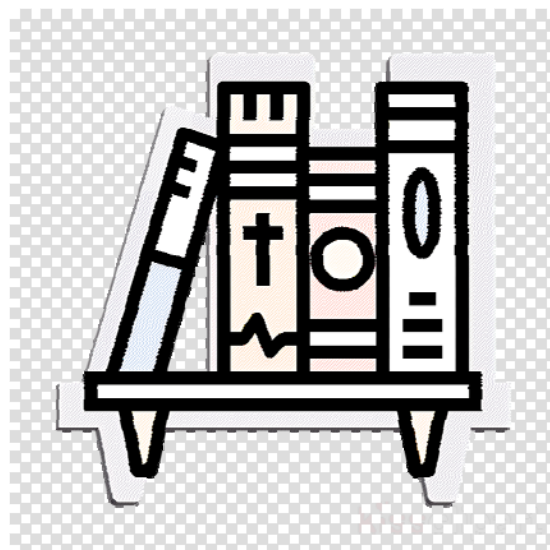
LWML South Wisconsin District Bookstore News

I am taking orders for the LWML Bookstore to be picked up at the Fall Retreat in Manitowoc, on Sept. 11 & 12, 2020.

If you would like to order any items from the LWML Store go to the [lwml-swd](http://lwml-swd.com) website and print off a bookstore order form, fill it out and send it to me with your check, made out to LWML SWD by Aug. 15, 2020. If you need any help you can give me a call at 920-387-3367 or e-mail me at dkamrath22@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you.

In case the Retreat would be cancelled, I will give your items to your Zone President at the Board of Directors meeting the following week. You could get your items from her.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Diane Kamrath, Book Store Manager



Fall Zone Rally Events

Zone	Rally Date	Time	Location	Bible Study	Speaker/Topic	Servant Event/ Ingathering
1	10/10/20	9am	St. John's Lutheran, Cudahy	Yes	Dave Enters- Comfort Dog Ministry	Gas gift cards, collapsible water bowls
2	10/24/20	9am	Bethany Lutheran, Milwaukee	No	Pastor Chris Ikanih-Bethany Asaba Lutheran Church	Educational children toys
3	10/31/20	9am	Divine Shepherd, Milwaukee	Yes	Pastor Dan Czech- Life Impact Ministries	To Be Determined
4	10/10/20	9am	Immanuel Lutheran, Brookfield	Yes	A Place of Refuge	To Be Determined
5	10/19/20	6pm-9pm	St. John's Lutheran, West Bend	Yes	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
6	10/17/20	8:30am	Immanuel Lutheran, Mayville	Yes	Stephanie Justmann- Pray Vote Pray	To Be Determined
7	10/24/20	8:30am	St. John's Lutheran, Sherman Center	No	Pastor Fleischmann-Angels	Items for Project Angel Hugs
8	10/15/20	6pm	St. Thomas's Lutheran, Waldo	Yes	Pastor Shane Cota	Items for Habitat for Humanity
9	10/10/20	9am	Trinity Lutheran, Sheboygan	Yes	Steve Dykema from LUMIN Schools	School supplies, mittens, hats, scarves for children
10	10/17/20	8:15am-11am	Trinity Lutheran, Hilbert	No	Calumet County Harbor House	Benefiting Harbor House-items TBD
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12	10/24/20	8:30am	Grace Lutheran, Omro	Yes	Turn Your Face Toward the SON	Toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, denture care items, lotion, large print activity books
13	10/10/20	9am	St. John's Lutheran, Oxford	No	April Netz- Young Women in LWML	To Be Determined
14	10/10/20	8:30am	St. Matthew's Lutheran, Warrens	Yes	Pastor Kory Janneke	Items for Tomah Food Pantry
15	10/24/20	9am	St. Peter's Lutheran, Reedsburg	No	Stephanie Hoviland- Lutherans for Life	Items for A Place of Refuge
16	10/17/20	8:30am	Bethlehem Lutheran, Sun Prairie	Yes	April Netz- Young Women in LWML	To Be Determined
17	10/27/20	6pm	St. Paul's Lutheran, Oconomowoc	No	Kate Doerr- A Place of Refuge	To Be Determined
18	10/10/20	9am	Divine Savior, Hartford	No	Karen Lippert- The Waiting Room	To Be Determined
19	10/5/20	5pm	St Paul's Lutheran, Janesville	Yes	To Be Determined	Soap for Orphan Grain Train
20						
21			No rally to be planned			



Christian Growth

Be Happy, Don't Worry

Jesus said, "Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matt. 6:34)

LWML has featured on its website a devotion for July entitled "Be Happy, Don't Worry".

How many of us in the past four months have forgotten to take that advice to heart? We are in the days where it is so hard to listen to the news that is coming at us. And what is it that makes us so fearful? Isn't part of it the fact that we have no control whatsoever with what is happening all around us?

Our sinful human nature has a tendency to forget whose we are. We are the Lord's and we need to remind ourselves of the message from the above verse. But, more than that, we need to read the beginning of the prior verse which

says "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." Every time you find yourself worried beyond despair, your focus has turned away from the One who can help.

Turn to the Lord in prayer, for He has you covered. This devotion ends with the song "Children of the Heavenly Father", verses 3-4 (LSB 725). Take the time now to learn those words and remember that God has this—He is the one in control.

Please mark your calendars for Nov. 10 where we will be presenting a Christian Life event to help you understand how to use the resources that are provided for you at your own society and zone gatherings.

Sandy Krainz

Christian Growth Chairman

LWML SWD Mask Challenge

When LWML women put their minds to something, they accomplish a lot! A survey was sent out to our district ladies with fifty women responding. As of June 30, we have made 5,249 masks to be donated to others. Most of the masks were donated locally but others were sent out of state. These included: California, Indiana, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, New Hampshire, Michigan, Illinois, Arkansas, Florida, Maine, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Tennessee, Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Ohio, New Mexico, and Washington. Besides friends and family, masks were also made for prison ministries, group homes, police and first responders. Two groups also sent masks to Lutheran World Relief. Another group made hospital gowns. One woman made masks with a vinyl insert through which the hearing impaired could read lips!

Now other people need our mask making skills! We have been asked by Kelly Shaver, Regional Ambassador for Concordia University-Nebraska, if we can make masks for the university. She serves the Northern Illinois and South Wisconsin District areas. They have a campaign to gather 2000 masks to give their students and others visiting the campus this fall.

Are YOU ready to make more masks!?? Please send them to the address below.
Concordia University-Nebraska

Attn: Mask Drive, SLO

800 N. Columbia Ave. Seward, NE 68434



FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES
THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.

LWML SWD Winter Getaway 2021 January 29-30 Clarion Hotel (formerly Wintergreen) Wisconsin Dells, WI

Retreat Speaker: Kaye Wolff, LWML VP of Special Focus Ministries, 2015-2019.

Ingathering: Inspirational mugs, tea bags, hot chocolate packets, creamers, bookmarks, socks, Mustard Seed devotions (order through Diane Kamrath at the LWML store), and crochet/knit octopus toy (pattern on lwml-swd.org website).



Bible Study: Come prepared for an inspirational Bible Study by Pastor Gehrke!

Servant events:

- *Tying fleece blankets for newborns in the NICU * Coloring greeting cards *
- * Filling gift bags for NICU parents/families * Making witness bracelets *

Offering Recipients: LCMS Disaster Response ($\frac{3}{4}$)
LWML Female Church Worker Scholarship ($\frac{1}{4}$).

Cost: \$60 per person (includes breakfast and lunch).

More information available at www.lwml-swd.org

Mission Grant Reflections...

For the most part, I am the “content-to-stay-at-home” type of person. Being elected to be VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants at the June Convention, I recognize this takes on new meaning. That’s why I have opted for the Gal 2:20 verse to be my inspiration: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Claiming this promise will motivate me to motivate you to: find a special focus ministry locally, be about expanding Heart 2 Heart in SWD, support the current (and write new!) mission grants and continue to partner with our deaf sisters and our international missionaries. From the wisdom of past leadership, the SWD is in a good position to educate and assist in each of these areas. We

have chairwomen for Special Focus Ministries (Kathy Herbst), Heart 2 Heart (Joanna Ellis), Mission Grants (Heather Peters), deaf liaison (Linda Ault) and Missionary Outreach (Rachel Wegener).

As Christians, we all have Christ living in us. Combining efforts as Lutheran Women in Mission is sure to make a difference in God’s Kingdom. I’m blessed to be working alongside you and ask for your prayers for this department of the LWML SWD. Your help and suggestions will help us to help you further the mission of spreading the Gospel message.

LuAnn Roman

VP Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

2021 LWML SWD Workshops sponsored by the Leader Development Committee



BEARING FRUIT & GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE
Colossians 1:9-10

Theme: **Bearing Fruit, Growing in Knowledge.**
Verse: *"...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:9-10 (ESV)*

This event is directed to all women in our district, not just for the elected and appointed women of LWML SWD so bring a friend! More information (including how to register) on these workshops coming your way this fall

March 6, 2021 St. John Random Lake, St. John Ev. Lutheran, W5406 County Rd SS, Random Lake, WI 53075

March 20, 2021 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1221 LaGrange Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660



Racing On

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us!" (Hebrews 12:1)

Convention planning is hard! Especially with all the changes and delays placed before us. We are persevering as we plan the convention in Lexington, KY. Our second on-site meeting was just cancelled for health safety reasons because many are travelling from various parts of the country through many different airports, it is safer for us to stay home. As I reread the verse chosen for the 2021 convention I realized that we don't choose the race....God does.

What is the real race? It is not that everything will run smoothly, or that everyone will have nice hotel rooms, it is the fact that we proclaim God's love and are there to worship him. The logo says it all..."Running the Race...Looking to Jesus". Looking to Jesus to mark out our race.

So many events are being planned for the convention it will be awesome to be there in person. Please consider joining SWD on a bus to Lexington. Bring your Derby hats and come celebrate the race marked out for us. There will be new mission grants to vote on, missionary speakers, singing and an exhibitor block party. LWML SWD will especially want to show our support for the convention host committee as we will be in their shoes starting July 2021.

Bring your hats and your smiles as we cheer on the Host Committee for 2021 and open our arms to welcome the convention to Milwaukee in 2023.

Ruth Weckwerth, LWML Convention Hotel Manager

Events and Deadlines

- Aug. 8 9 AM Biennium Planning Meeting, Zion, Burnett
- Aug. 15 Deadline for Grant and Officer Nominations due to LWML for Lexington Convention
- Aug. 15 Board Reports due to Corresponding Secretary
- Aug. 22 9 AM EC meeting at Messiah Lutheran, Ripon
- Sept 11-12 Fall Retreat, Holiday Inn, Manitowoc
- Sept 19 9 AM BOD meeting at Good Shepherd, Watertown
- Oct. 15 Deadline for Mission Lamp articles
- Nov. 14 President's Training, Bethlehem Lutheran, Wales

Check lwml-swd.org for latest updates on events and meetings

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Next deadline is October 15th so get those newsworthy items ready.

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