



Mission Lamp



South Wisconsin District LWML

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

NOVEMBER 2019

Created for Service

Each was created with purpose. Each lives under the power given by Our Heavenly Father. Each can choose to say thank you to Him by reading, and really digesting our directive in Matthew 28: 19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." None of us is perfect, but God has a plan for each of us in the fulfilling of this Great Commission.

Are you ready to travel to Sierra Leon or Cameroon where LBT Missionaries Amy Formella or Elliot and Serena Derricks assist in Bible translation? How about joining Rachel Meyer or South Wisconsin's Rev. Michael Schempf in Uganda? Maybe Cindi Zirbel Wrucke could use your help in Prague.

Not for you? Then let each one consider how we can be part of making disciples in all nations from where we have been planted. We can be the senders and the pray-ers. None of us is perfect, but God has a plan for each of us as Lutheran Women in Mission.

Do you write letters to those who need to know they are not forgotten, or send cards of encouragement when life sends lemons? God is using you for good to others and to His glory.

Maybe you enjoy sharing positive news, gathering with like-minded women, and partaking in both spiritual and bodily food. While serving as a vice president you also encourage other women in their positions. Through all of this you also realize the immense blessings God has provided the Lutheran Women in Mission for the purpose of "bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him".

1 Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us that in the body of Christ, we are to "encourage one another and build one another up". God has already prepared the right people to help you on the LWML journey. No one should be shy about seeking out a mentor to guide and encourage her, and many are willing to serve as mentors.

There is no end to God's loving patience, mercy, and forgiveness as He deals with His people.

MARTHA was a worrier, MIRIAM was a gossip, SARA took matters into her own hands, JONAH ran away from God's command, LAZARUS WAS DEAD . . . God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. He is in the cracked pot business. Using broken shards to help others with a worse problem; that of facing eternity separated from Him because they have never even heard the sweet, saving Gospel message that is meant for all.

Our Daily Bread author Jennifer Benson Schuldts writes, "When opportunities to serve God come our way, we may not feel qualified for the work. Thankfully, God is not necessarily concerned with our skill set. He prizes our character, love for Him, and willingness to trust Him. When these qualities are being developed inside us by the Spirit, He can use us in big or small ways to accomplish His will on earth." Accept the blessing of service you have been created for, remembering that the joy of the Lord gives you strength.

Serving gladly,
Barb Kaun
President, South Wisconsin District LWML

District Counselor

Beloved Sisters in Christ of the South Wisconsin LWML,

The Lord be with you.

I write to you in the midst of much change. Yes, the seasons are shifting away from the beautiful fall foliage and comfortable temperatures, to the 4 letter word and the season that it indicates, which I've been told never to utter here in Wisconsin. But that isn't the change I am referring to.

On September 8th, 2019, the saints at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, U.A.C. Milwaukee, Wisconsin voted to extend a Divine Call to me to be their pastor. I am honored and at the same time a bit overwhelmed to be called to serve at this location. Their history is profound, as they are the 2nd oldest congregation in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, here in Wisconsin. Founded in 1847, they have been served by 9 pastors over their 172 year history. I will be their 10th. I have accepted their Divine Call, and will be installed during the Divine Service on Sunday, November 3rd, at 10:00 am.

After the church's beautiful sanctuary was devastated by fire on May 15, 2018, Trinity had to make some changes. (No they didn't give up worshipping from The Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15). Rather than meeting at the familiar and comfortable corner of 9th and Highland, the church now gathers at Krause Funeral home on 90th and Capitol Drive in Milwaukee, each Sunday to receive the gifts our Lord Jesus died for us to have. Word and Sacrament ministry continues despite the loss of building. Hope prevails in the midst of doubt and rubble. For we do not put our trust in buildings, or men, or governments, and certainly not in ourselves. We fear, love and trust in God above all things. These things never change.

I appreciate your prayers for my family, for Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church as they begin their

call process, as well as the saints at Historic Trinity, downtown Milwaukee, as they prepare for my service to them. Our Lord calls us to places we never could imagine, giving us work to do that require our complete dependence on Him to perform. This is living in Christ. This is trusting our Lord Jesus to not only provide for our needs of body and soul, but also trusting that He will sustain us in the work we have been called to do, blessing it's outcome. Consider this when asked to serve your sisters in Christ in the LWML. Rejoice at the chance to be an active part of this faithful group of Christians, doing yeoman's work, providing resources for the Word of Lord to go forth, while sharing the love of Christ with all who are in need.

The seasons will change by God's grace and timing, but His changeless Word endures forever.

In Christ,
Pastor Peters
Sr. Counselor, South Wisconsin District LWML



PAID

Grant #6, SOS Learning Center, will be paid in early November and we are well on our way to fund SWD Grant #7, Lutheran Books for Missionaries.

Let's make someone's Christmas merry!

Send your mites today!

Mission Grant Reflections...

Greetings! By the time you read this, we will have received the grant proposals for the 2020-2022 biennium. Please pray that the people vetting these proposals would be wise in their decision making.

In early 2020, the chosen proposals will be put on the ballot for the convention in June. It is an exciting time as we look forward to the new proposals. Let us now look back at some of our recently funded grants. We have received a number of thank you notes from recipients.

Katherine Rittner, the director of the Food and Clothing Coop at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne writes, *"Thank you for your continued support of our seminary students as they prepare to enter the harvest field. Because of the mighty ladies of the LWML, we are able to care for our future pastors and deaconesses as they prepare to teach the*

faithful, reach the lost, and care for all."

Gary Thies from Mission Central writes. *"What a blessing to receive your wonderful gift of love for the work of our dear Lord Jesus...please know how much we appreciate your love, prayers, support, and encouragement."*

Cindy Wrucke, LCMS Missionary to the Czech Republic writes *"What a joy it is...Thank you for your tremendous support of my mission work to share the Gospel with the Czechs. May God continue to bless you, and those we touch, through our work together."*

So, ladies of the SWD, let us continue to gladly serve by fulfilling our promises to fund the grants!

Kristen Kolell
VP Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

Fall Retreat 2019 Ingathering Thank You

"To the Members of the LWML SWD:

Thank you so much for the generous (and overwhelming) outpouring of support at the September District Conference in Green Lake, WI. The hundreds of Birthday Boxes, Prayer Cloths, Lap Blankets and Clothing Protectors will all be dispersed to our homes and programs and will help us make a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

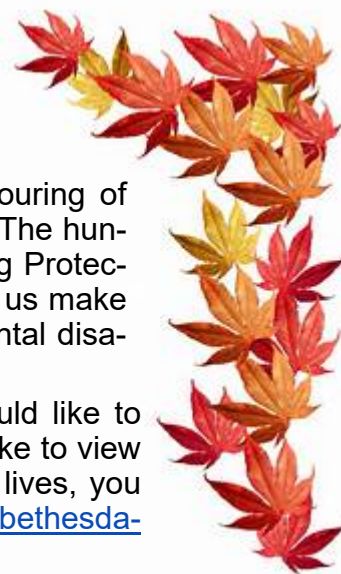
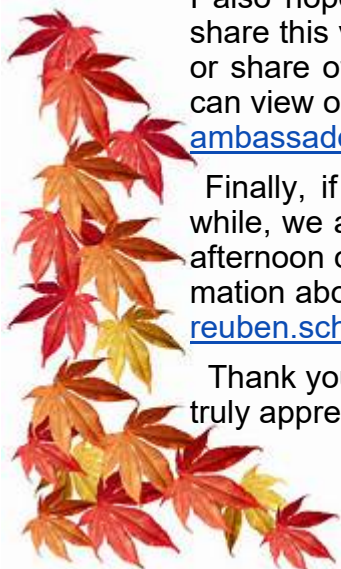
I also hoped you enjoyed the "Steven's Story" video. If you would like to share this video with others who couldn't attend or if you would like to view or share other videos about how Bethesda impacts and changes lives, you can view or download them here: <https://vimeopro.com/bethesdalc/bethesda-ambassadors/page/1>.

Finally, if your group or congregation has not heard from Bethesda in a while, we are scheduling presentations for after church on Sunday or during afternoon or evening meetings during the week. If you would like more information about how this could happen, call me at 920-206-4419 or by email at: reuben.schmitz@BethesdaLC.org.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support! Know that it is truly appreciated.

Serving together always in His Name,

Reuben Schmitz, M.Div.
Mission Support Counselor



Abounding in Joyful Giving!

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

Grant six will be paid in November. 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 grants and 25% is sent to LWML.

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

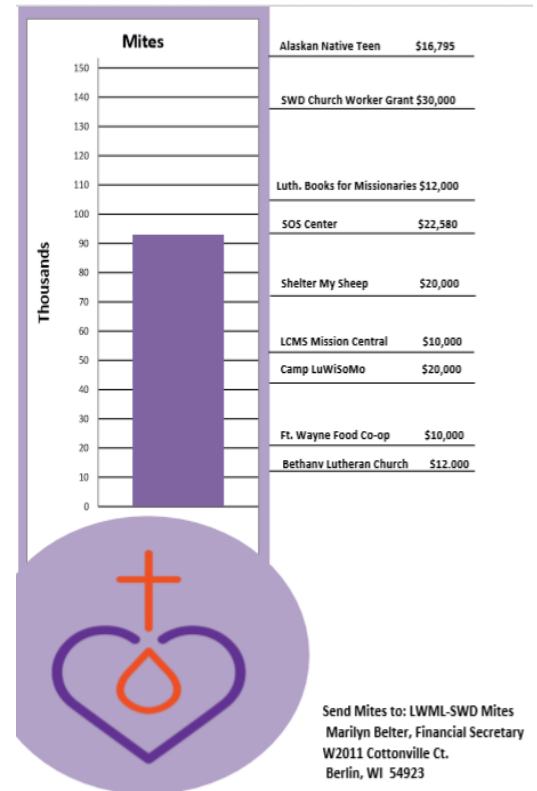
What ideas or activities does your society do to collect extra mites? Would you be willing to share your ideas with us?

Contact me at financialsecretary.lwml.swd@gmail.com.

God's Blessings!

Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2018-2020



Scholarship Committee

One-quarter of retreat offerings are designated to fund the female church worker scholarship fund. Know that your offerings are deeply appreciated by the young women who receive these funds, as evidenced by the note reprinted below:

Dear LWML Scholarship Committee:

As I prepare to embark on my second year of college, I wanted to say thank you for making it possible. The blessing of such a monetary gift, along with prayers and support, means so much to me. Thank you for helping me follow God's call.

*Blessings,
Rachel Osell*

Expressions of thanks were received from all four recipients. Please keep Rachel, Katarina, Katherine and Tessa in your prayers as they prepare for full time ministry in His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kitzerow, Chair
Scholarship Committee

Joyfully Serving!

Have you found joy in serving in your home, congregation, LWML society, LWML Zone or maybe even on the District or National level? Maybe you have thought about how you can better serve the Lord with gladness. While working on the nominating committee I have had the joy of visiting and connecting with so many wonderful and loving women.

LWML-SWD President Barb Kaun says, *"I have witnessed the heart of LWML when attending various rallies. Devotion to doing our part to fulfill Our Lord's Great Commission reaches far beyond the border of the SWD, and it is thrilling to be a ripple in the pond."*

"Meeting and working with some remarkable, passionate women," is the joy Treasurer Kris Hebel enjoyed.

"As VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants, I have enjoyed supporting the five chairpersons of their respective committees - Mission Grants, Deaf Community Liaison, Heart to Heart, Missionary Outreach and Mission Education, and Special Focus Ministries. It is also very fulfilling to coordinate the grant check presentations and follow up to hear how our district mite's have made a positive impact. It's a joy-filled opportunity to serve!" Kristin Kolell

Please prayerfully consider if you or someone you know could Joyfully Serve the LWML-SWD as an officer. Remember God does not call the equipped, he equips the called. Deadline for nominations to serve as officers for the LWML-SWD is December 1, 2019. The offices that will be elected at the 2020 LWML-SWD Convention are: President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President Special Focus Ministry and Mission Grants, Vice President Communications and Jr. Pastoral Counselor.

You may nominate others or yourself. 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

Joan Anderson, Nomination Committee Chair

Missionary Outreach and Mission Education

The National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, left many memories for many people. Our Young Women Representatives are still talking about it. You can catch their enthusiasm by having them come to address your group. Contact me for contact information.

I came back from Convention with two new resources that are in the lending library. The new history book, authored by Carolyn Blum of our District, meticulously catalogues the LWML years from 2003-2017. Her book, "Dedicated", can be borrowed by contacting me. I will then send it your way. We only ask that you reimburse shipping it to you when you return it. That is, of course, unless you are a regular at retreats and getaways. I am there and will receive it back from you.

Just a reminder that Elliot Derricks and family, now with LBT in Cameroon, and Rachel Meyer, LCMS teacher in Uganda, will be returning to the US for their home service early next year. Please contact me for their emails if you want to touch base with them.

Otherwise, don't forget that there is a Speaker's List compiled to help you with a search, also available from me via internet.

LuAnn Roman
Missionary Outreach and
Mission Education Chair
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2020 LWML-SWD Winter Getaway

February 7-8, 2020

Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a missionary? Did you ever think that you could be a missionary in your own city, church, or home?

Well, “Encouraged by Christ to Encourage Others” is the theme for the 2020 Winter Getaway. Come spend time with your LWML Sisters and hear from Missionary Pastor Brent Smith on ways to encourage those who are around us on a daily basis.

We will have a Bible study, lead by Pastor Peters, on Friday evening, servant events, and of course fellowship and fun.

Join us at the Milwaukee Marriott West, in Waukesha, on February 7 and 8, 2020, and learn how God gives us the encouragement to spread to his love to all.

To find more details, print the registration form, or see the pattern for making the cinch sacks used for the ingathering, please go to <https://lwml-swd.org/events/retreat>.

Blessings,
Kati



Please invite and encourage all the women in your life to attend this Christ-centered getaway. We have a great hands-on event planned.

- ⇒ **Friday:** Registration starts at 4:00 p.m. & the Program begins at 6:50 p.m.
- ⇒ **Saturday:** Breakfast Buffet served 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- ⇒ **Servant Events** start at 8:15 a.m. & the Program begins at 9:45 a.m.
- ⇒ **Lunch Buffet** served at 12:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Ingathering Recipients & Items:** SOS Ministries – Children’s packs: Cinch Sacks (pattern on LWML-SWD.org Events/Retreats), chap stick, tissues, wet wipes, toothpaste & toothbrush pack, floss, children’s Arch books, pens, pencils, pads of paper, comb, brush, washcloth, hand sanitizer, mini flashlight with batteries
- ⇒ **Offering Recipient:** LCMS SWD Urban Ministry (3/4) & Female Church Worker Scholarship (1/4)
- ⇒ **Servant Events**
 - Making Sleep Mats for the Homeless (Bring completed mats),
 - Making Fleece Blankets,
 - Creating/Coloring Cards for Missionaries,
 - Filling Bags for Homeless/Under privileged Children

“Encouraged by Christ to Encourage Others”

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.”

LWML-SWD Bookstore News

I am taking orders for the LWML Bookstore to be picked up at the Winter Getaway in Waukesha on Feb. 7-8, 2020.

If you would like to order any items from the LWML Store go to the lwml-swd 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 Jan 2, 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 help you.

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



Price: \$10.99

Dedicated!

Item #:

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Learn how

God enables

LWML women

to share God's

grace through

mission

support.



Lutheran Women's Quarterly Order Information

Attention Society Presidents and Treasurers,

The 2020 order form for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly is now available on the LWML-SWD.org website. You will find the order form and new voucher form located under the RESOURCE drop-down tab: Society Helps. The deadline for an order to be received is March 15, 2020. Earlier submissions are appreciated!

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

NEW this year is a **price increase**. LWML has raised the subscription price due to increased paper costs. Prices are as follows:

\$6.00 per yearly subscription when ordering 10 or more.

\$7.50 per yearly subscription when ordering 1-9.

Please note: When ordering 10 subscriptions at \$6.00 each the total cost is \$60.00. When ordering 8 subscriptions at \$7.50 each the total cost is \$60.00.

If you have any questions, or if your order is incorrect please contact:

Cinda Poppe, LW Quarterly Manager
262-939-9960 (leave a message) or cinda.poppelwml@gmail.com

Christian Growth

For the past month already here in New Berlin, there are several very large maple trees that have been turning a beautiful color of orange and beginning to drop those leaves as a preview to the coming season.

I remember as a child raking those leaves into the biggest pile possible, running at full speed and landing right in the middle of the pile! What joy that gave us as youngsters!

I still love walking through those dried leaves that pile up on the sidewalks...of course, only so long as the rain hasn't got to them yet!

The colors of autumn in Wisconsin remind me of God's masterpiece when He created the world. He started with nothing and with a word created so much beauty and substance that we really cannot take it all in! We are so very blessed to have our senses, especially the sense of sight. We can see and appreciate the beauty all around us...yes, even in winter! Remember seeing the trees and lawns first covered with the fine, powdery snow? We wish it would never change!

I have been trying to be a much more frequent visitor to the LWML and LWML-SWD websites recently. I found an article at LWML entitled "Living in the Land of Purple", written by Susan Brunkow, VP of Christian Life for LWML. What a vision of purple that has left in my mind! I encourage you to use it for your gatherings as it reminds us that God is number one. (You really have to read the article to understand the meaning!)

Bible studies and devotions are available at the LWML website for downloading and we are remiss when we do not visit these sites to find meaningful resources for our gatherings. I encourage everyone to become a regular visitor to our websites to find helps for your ladies and keep informed and updated to the progress on our grant supports.

Stay rooted in the Word, continue to receive His gifts, and abound in joyful giving!

Serving the Lord with gladness,

Sandy Krainz, Christian Life Chairman



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

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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."

What's Happening in Your Zone?

Zone 17

In Zone 17 most groups are busy quilting for Lutheran World Relief or Orphan Grain Train.

At St. Paul's, Oconomowoc, society members are active throughout the year, making pillowcase dresses and praying and sending monthly encouragement notes to confirmands. On LWML Sunday the society sponsors the church radio broadcast, takes a door offering for mites, and serves special refreshments for Bible Study with the large Mite box located next to the treats. At their regular November meeting shoeboxes are packed for Operation Christmas Child. Another year long project involves collecting nickels in red LWML stockings beginning in January (1 nickel for January, 2 nickels for February, etc.). The stockings are brought to the December meeting where members chose a recipient such as a seminary student or missionary. In June, they hold their society meeting at a local restaurant for dinner before breaking for the summer.

At St. John's in North Prairie members sponsor a church food collection each month for several food pantries and members at Bethlehem, Wales serve once a month at the Salvation Army.

Submitted by Pat Menden

Zone 18

Peace WINGS Beaver Dam in Zone 18 made 90 quilts for Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin to honor the 90th birthday of Bonnie Sprengel.

Bonnie, who proudly claims Nebraska as her home state, has been a faithful quilter for many years.



The highlight was two quilting bees with potlucks. Forty-three people helped reach the 90 quilt goal plus others attended the potluck meals.

Happy 90th Birthday, Bonnie!

Zone 15

On October 19, 2019, Zone 15 got a visit from Pastor Armon and Candace the Comfort Dog. He explained that Candace is certified in three areas of training for Comfort Dogs. As well as the regular training, Candace is also a Military and Police Comfort Dog and can go into numerous areas needing her services. The in-gathering was overwhelming and the items were spread out between Candace, a Comfort Dog in Janesville and Phoebe and Pax who are located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, TX.





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

District Convention registration materials were recently distributed to the district's zone presidents and subsequently the society presidents. These materials apply to the zone presidents, society delegates and Young Woman Representatives.

General registration for everyone else will open March 1, 2020. Please watch the lwml-swd.org website for more information on January 1, 2020.

The LWML South Wisconsin District Convention will take place on June 20, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, Wisconsin. We will welcome guest speaker, Katie Schuermann. Author Katie Schuermann's "earthy and joyful" voice is as refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly



suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann's words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery's Avonlea and Herriot's Yorkshire countryside.

Always leaning toward the arts, Schuermann earned graduate degrees in music. Her professional experiences are as varied and eclectic as any writer's, ranging from walking beans to singing with a Baroque orchestra to directing children's musical theater camps. No doubt, Schuermann's cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her stories, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her writing.

Katie is a baptized child of God, pastor's wife, godmother, daughter, sister, aunt, soprano, tree climber, raspberry picker, herb gardener, and daydreamer. She also is the author of He Remembers the Barren (LL, 2011; 2nd ed, EP, 2017), Pew Sisters (CPH 2013), House of Living Stones (CPH, 2014), The Choir Immortal (CPH, 2015), The Harvest Raise (CPH, 2017), and He Restores My Soul (EP, 2018).



Events

- December 15, 2019 Zone Rally date to PR (watch for email form)
- January 15, 2020 Mission Lamp Deadline
- January 18, 2020 BOD Reports due
- February 7, 2020 EC Meeting, Beautiful Savior, Waukesha
- February 7-8, 2020 Winter Getaway, Marriott West, Waukesha
- February 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting at Peace Lutheran Church 400 Hillcrest Drive, Beaver Dam, WI
Pictures will be taken for convention manual
- March 1, 2020 General Registration open for SWD Convention
- March 14, 2020 Heart to Heart Event, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brookfield
- March 15, 2020 Lutheran Women Quarterly Order Deadline
- April 15, 2020 Mission Lamp Deadline
- June 19, 2020 EC and Nominees Meet and Greet 10:00
Living Word High School, Jackson
- June 19, 2020 Pre-Convention Board of Directors
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton
- June 20, 2020 LWML-SWD Convention, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 Washington St., Grafton
- September 11-12, 2020 Fall Retreat, Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Cross Connected



Heart to Heart Sisters Event March 14, 2020 Immanuel Brookfield

More information at lwml-swd.org
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Thanks to all who sent articles for the November Mission Lamp. Thanks to Cinda Poppe for her help on this issue of the Mission Lamp.

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

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Ruth Weckwerth, VP Communications