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40th Biennial LWML Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) invites you to the 2023 LWML Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023, where participants will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." The LWML Board of Directors selected the following Scripture verse, which is the basis for the theme: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man.* Psalm 33:12-13.

Rev. Dr Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will be the keynote speaker. Previously he served as the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour radio program. Past LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (2015-2019) Kaye Wolff will lead Bible study, and the LWML's Comic Relief Duo Jan Struck and Abby Goehring will lead in entertaining the crowd. There will be early morning Bible studies, mission grant recipient speakers, and of course, a mission pledge walk! Together, thousands of women and men will worship the Lord of the nations together.

Watch for convention details to be found in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* coming soon.

LWML English District President

Carol Klein

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Greetings to all my sisters and brothers in Christ -

The Fall colors in Michigan have been absolutely stunning this year. God has given us such a beautiful world in which to live our daily lives. Even in the deserts of Arizona the different seasons bring change and their own unique beauty.

Last week, the District Presidents, Jr. Counselors and 2-3 potential leaders from 39 of the 40 LWML districts met in St. Louis for “Adventures in Equipping Leaders” - 3 days of intensive leadership training. Myself, Pastor Justin Schmidt (District Jr. Counselor), Tonya Blomeling (District Secretary), and Emily Terry (District YWR Chairman) attended this training. It was an exhausting but rewarding experience to learn from our best leaders throughout this amazing organization. I will be sharing some of what we’ve learned in this and future Accent publications. During this event, we raised \$6,085.51 for Mites and the ingathering provided 319 Spa Kits to Deaconess Students and wives of the Seminarians at St. Louis & Ft Wayne.

The Executive Committee and the Co-Presidents of the Greater Detroit Convention committee are still working through the task list for the 41st Biennial Convention to be held in Detroit, Michigan from April 26-28, 2024. An update is provided in this newsletter.

We are looking for one or two volunteers to run the Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts for our District. If you know any women (or men) who are comfortable posting information to these social media platforms, or would like further information, please email Cinda Souer at lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 40th Biennial convention to be held next June 23-25. We would like to sponsor 2 YWR’s to attend. Conventions provide inspiration for women to become more involved with the LWML, so please prayerfully consider opportunities to help more women attend. As an example, my group (and church members) made pies to raise funds to pay registration fees for women who would like to attend LWML conventions. It was a wonderful fellowship opportunity as we worked together for this worthy cause.

As always, feel free to contact me with suggestions and/or comments. I value your input.

Serving Christ alongside you,

Carol Klein
LWML English District President

“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”
(Isaiah 41:13)



VP of Gospel Outreach Barbara Quinn



Thanks be to God! The collection taken at our District convention in April, and the mites collected since have allowed us to pay our first two mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium. They are Dignity 4 Girls \$3,000 and the Outdoor Kitchen for Grace Orphanage in Haiti \$3,000 (*pictured*). Our next grant recipient will be the Plan B Foundation whose mission is to help those who have been incarcerated and others in need find and sustain full-time employment. A big THANK YOU goes to all the faithful LWML members for their collection of mites to fund these grants. Please continue to pray for the ministries that have been funded.

Your mites are put to work and give us all an opportunity to serve at the Society, Zone, District and National levels. At the National level we have paid \$1,835,124, or 85% of the \$2,150,000 Mission Goal set for this biennium! God is Great!

It is not too early to start thinking about grant proposals for the 2024-2026 biennium, which will be voted on at the English District Convention in 2024. Applications need to be submitted to the Board of Gospel Outreach by May 1, 2023 so they can be reviewed and prepared for presentation at convention. An application form is included in this issue of the Accent.

May God continue to bless the work of the LWML through its faithful members and their commitment to spreading God's love through prayer and their mites to support those in need.



Collect for Thanksgiving

Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

(from Lutheran Worship)





**VP Christian Life/
Human Care
Barbara Taylor**

Young women of the English District, do you know that God has empowered you to serve Him? I had the opportunity to attend the LWML Mobile, AL Convention in 2019, where I learned even more about the talents God has provided me with to serve Him in so many wonderful ways. Now I have the privilege to serve as the Young Woman Representative (YWR) Chairperson for our Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League (LWML) English District and have had more opportunities to excel in God’s plans for me. LWML you say? Maybe you’ve been to a couple meetings, Bible studies or retreats or have heard about it from your mom, grandma, aunt or someone wearing purple. The LWML has been around since 1942 and has raised millions in missions to help bring the Word of God to many nations.

We are looking for young women, between the ages of 22-35 years, to participate in amazing opportunities full of fellowship, worship, and to learn ways to honor God by serving others, grow in faith and to gain knowledge on all the wonderful missions LWML supports. We invite you to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 22-25th, 2023. I encourage you to pray about this opportunity and that God leads you to embark on this adventure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or another previous YWR. May God “equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ” Hebrews 13:21.

The application is linked here <https://www.lwml.org/posts/young-women-resources/ywr-application>. There is a portion for each YWR to fill out along with a question for someone who knows them well to complete and return. If there is a young woman in your congregation that you feel would enjoy this opportunity, but they are hesitant, please pass my information along and I will happily answer any questions. It is a very busy, yet rewarding, weekend!!

God Bless,
Emily Terry, YWR Chairperson
emily@theterrys.online

“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.” Matthew 28:19

Following is an update on our Missionaries:

Rev. Dr. Edward & Monica Naumann

The Naumann family was recalled from Sri Lanka back to the Pittsburgh, PA area. There Rev. Naumann was able to step in for Rev. Robert McCanless, at Concordia, Brentwood, when he had a stroke and needed to take time off to recover. Rev. McCanless has recovered and has been able to resume duties. Now, Pastor Naumann has launched the South Asia Lutheran Mission which has just received IRS: 501c3 status.

Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster

Rev. Kaster’s mother, Marcia, was diagnosed with cancer. He was able to come home to visit with her and be with her when she passed. Rev. Kaster returned to Prague.

In January, Rev. Kaster had some health issues. After having a bone marrow biopsy, he found out that he has Multiple Myeloma – a form of bone marrow cancer. So, they have traveled home to Jacksonville, FL for him to be treated at MD Anderson there. The doctor has assured them that it is very treatable. He has a very, very low-level case of it. They are very grateful to God for the good news.

While home, Rev. Kaster is planning to stay involved with the Prague congregation. He is teaching his online Bible study on Thursdays & youth catechesis on Fridays. Every other week, he will also be writing sermons for Rev. Martin Damasek to preach. And, of course, any pastoral needs that they can do over the internet will be met. He was able to take a trip to visit his Prague congregation recently.

Rev. Andrew & Megan Fedder

The Fedders are still in Sioux Falls, SD .

Rev. Ted & Rebecca Krey

The Kreys are in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann

Pastor & Deaconess Naumann were recently able to travel home to celebrate his 40 years of service with family and friends.

Barbara Taylor
LWML English District

41st Biennial English District Convention

April 25-28, 2024

Date: April 25-28, 2024

Place: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Detroit – Dearborn

Theme: All Nations be Glad and Sing for Joy

Bible Verse: *May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Psalm 67:4*

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jeffery Miskus, First VP of the LCMS English District, Senior Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mississauga, ON, Canada

Festival Worship Service Preacher: Rev. Joshua Ulm, Senior Counselor, Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church, North Olmsted, OH

We are looking for suggestions for a Music Director and Convention Speakers – preferably who live close to Detroit.

Committee Update: The Greater Detroit Zone Convention Committee is meeting monthly and is working with churches within the zone to cultivate participants for the convention. We had a very successful Fall Rally, which involved quite a significant attendance of possible workers.

If any creative women have a vision for a logo to go along with our theme, please submit your suggestions to the convention co-chairs:

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Janet Stechholtz (davejan7@hotmail.com)

Susan Boyle (smvboyle@gmail.com)

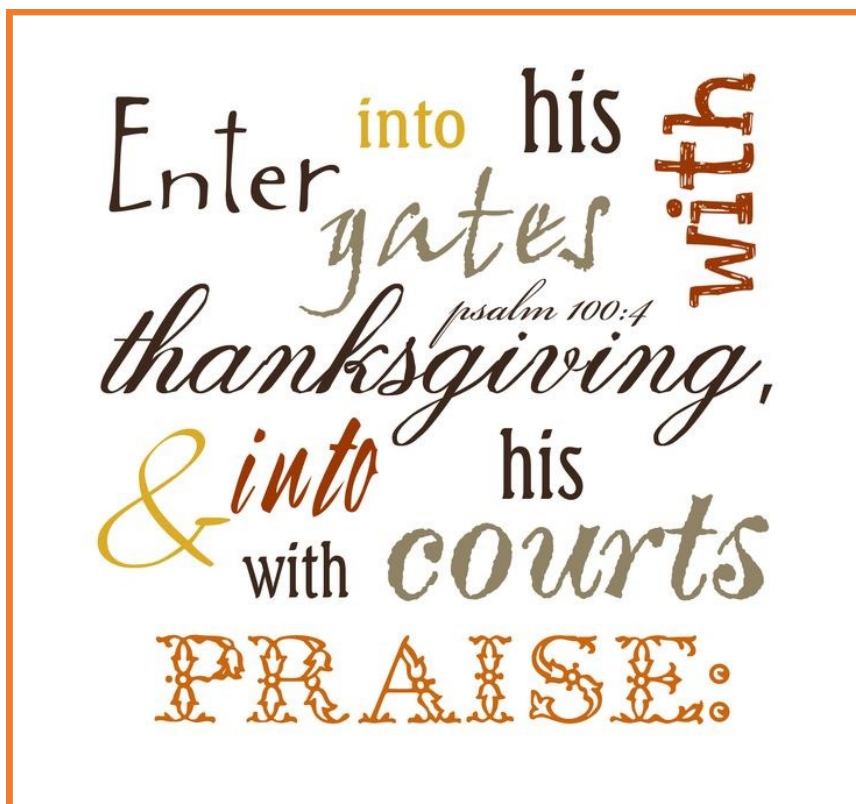
Logo Parameters:

Must reflect the theme

Must be able to be digitized for all our publications

Must be simple enough to put on a banner

A vintage 2001 LWML English District banner will be used for the Milwaukee Convention to provide more time to create a new district logo and banner.



Assembly of Leaders Reflection Tool



Primary Focus
For the 2021-2023 Biennium

Lutheran Women in Mission
Focus On:



Mission Statement of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League:
As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

www.lwml.org

The LWML is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives through active mission ministries and through support of Global missions.

Are we sharing this message with all women in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod?

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we support each other. It is vitally important that we also reach out to the women within our congregations. As we build relationships with other women, it is essential to make connections through finding common interests and shared experiences.

Ponder your personal LWML story through the questions below so that you can share your love of the LWML with others.

Why am I involved in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League?

What is the most exciting part of being a Lutheran Woman in Mission?

Who introduced me to the LWML? How did I become involved?

Who could I introduce to the LWML?

How can I encourage someone to participate with me?

What specific new idea can I share that will make a difference in my local group, zone, or district?

Comment from the President: One observation made during the LWML Leadership training was that most women involved with LWML were asked to attend by someone already involved. Invite other women to help with your group's mission project, or to attend a meeting where a speaker is involved, or even exchange cookies at a Christmas meeting. Building relationships with women in your church and sharing your LWML experiences with them is a great way to get others involved.

Please pray for...

MISSION GRANTS 2022–2024

Mission Goal: \$18,000

**Circle of Grace (Dignity 4 Girls)-
Western Michigan Zone—\$3,000—Paid**

**Outdoor Kitchen for Grace Orphanage
in Haiti—Western Michigan Zone—
\$3,000—Paid**

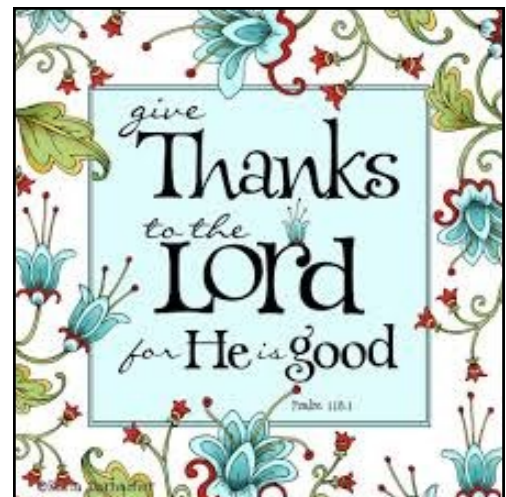
**Plan B Foundation—Greater Chicago
Zone—\$3,000**

**Bible Books for Spanish Speaking
Families—Greater Detroit Zone—\$3,000**

**LCMS Campus Ministry—Arizona—
Arizona Zone—\$3,000**

**Journey's Lutheran School Job
Coaching Hours—Milwaukee Zone—
\$3,000**

The LWML of Catalina Lutheran Church in Tucson, AZ, asked the congregation to help collect 80 t-shirts for toddlers. The final count was 110 t-shirts which were given to Family First Care Center in Oracle, AZ. On LWML Sunday the women explained the story of the widow's mite to the Sunday School children and helped them put coins in the mite box.



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ENGLISH DISTRICT 2024-2026 MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL

GRANT NAME: _____

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED _____

FUNDS TO BE SENT TO: _____

CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

LWML member _____ LWML Society _____ LWML Zone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

LWML District, Zone, or Society President Approval

Printed name _____ Signature _____

Please email or send completed Application Form, Resolution (in Whereas format), information brief and publicity items by May 1, 2023, to:

Barbara Quinn - Vice President Gospel Outreach

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