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### Open My Lips!



*O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.*

Psalm 51:15

### LWML English District 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention April 29 - May 1, 2022

Once again, the Pittsburgh Zone is inviting you to Pittsburgh for our 40<sup>th</sup> LWML English District Convention. In case you have forgotten, the convention will be held in the South Hills of the city, Washington County, PA, approximately 18 miles from downtown Pittsburgh. The area is known for its beautiful, rolling hills of agriculture and historic towns. The convention will take place in a newly renovated Hilton Garden Inn. Some of the hotel highlights will be free breakfast, convention location in one area of the hotel, and a large hospitality suite with tables, chairs, and couches for Christian fellowship when convention is not in session. Close to the hotel, within two miles, you will find the main street of Southpoint Business Park where there are a few restaurants. Within ten miles of the hotel there is a great variety of shopping, including outlet stores and restaurants.

The Pittsburgh Zone is hoping to have a Pre-Convention tour. The Pre-Convention tour will take you back to the City of Pittsburgh. What better way to see Pittsburgh and truly learn about her past, present, and future than aboard one of the Pittsburgh River Cruises. The captain will narrate a three-hour tour on the Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio Rivers, the three rivers that form the famous Pittsburgh Triangle. You will learn interesting facts, tales and river lore that make Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania so special. A buffet lunch and a keepsake photo taken against the striking Pittsburgh skyline is also included. For this to occur, we need to have anyone interested send an email to [lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com) to express your intent to sign up. Women that are interested sign up ahead, not paying. Additional information is on the website. If enough women sign up, we will be able to schedule the tour and ask for your payment at that time.

Your Executive Committee is working very hard to inspire and uplift all in attendance with a Festival Worship Service at Peace Lutheran Church, Bible Study, Mission Speakers, singing and Christian Fellowship. Wendysue Fluegge will be our song leader, comedic interrupter, and banquet entertainment. She has a passion for sharing Christ, a beautiful voice, and is musically gifted. She was also the song leader for the LWML Convention, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a Milwaukee, Wisconsin native. Many of you are familiar with her talents. This will be a convention you will not want to miss!

The women in the Pittsburgh Zone have also been working hard and can hardly wait to see you! So, mark your calendars, invite the women in your congregation, and make your plans to visit Pittsburgh and come to the LWML English District 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention on April 29-May 1. Registration forms can be found on the website [lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com](http://lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com) along with information about mission speakers, servant events, ingathering, pre-convention tour and convention shirt. This information will also be emailed to all Zone and Society Presidents.

**Yunz All Come Now!**

# LWML English District President

Darlene Keca

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Greetings,

“Open My Lips” *O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.* (Psalm 51:15)

God wants us to share his message whenever and wherever those opportunities present themselves. One way to be prepared is to be in God’s word on a regular basis. LWML continues to encourage us through the Bible studies in the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, as well as a multitude of devotional booklets written by Lutheran Women in Mission.

**As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

It’s hard to believe almost two years have passed since we had to cancel our 2020 convention. Now, the final preparations are taking place for our LWML English District 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention. Yes, LWML will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Over the years there have been changes in our bylaws and organization restructuring, but the foundation of the LWML has remained the same, which still resounds in The League Pledge. We pledge Him our willing service whenever and wherever He has need of us.

Do you have an opportunity to serve on the society, zone, or district level as an officer or on a committee? If you’re not sure what is expected, just ask someone who has served in that position. If you don’t know what your gifts are, ask a friend. I bet they’ll know. I’d often wondered how God could use my accounting background to serve the LWML. My first elected district position was as treasurer. He had a plan.

What a privilege it has been to serve as your district president for these past four years. It has been an awesome experience. I wish I could convey in words what it has meant to me. While not always an easy path, I knew those around me, at all levels of the LWML, would be there to pray for me and support me in whatever way they could. Thank you and God bless!

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*  
(Proverbs 16:3 NIV)

Sincerely your sister in Christ,

***Darlene Keca***

LWML English District President  
2018-2022



**Convention Edition**  
**Senior Counselor Rev. Gordon Naumann**

As might be expected, as my time draws to a close, as one of your pastoral counselors, I wish to express my gratitude in allowing me to serve on the LWML English District Executive Committee.

Many pastors have this opportunity to participate and learn from such a wonderful organization. It is a true example for the church of healthy fellowship and sisterhood. In my four year term, I have known such a truly wonderful group of faithful women who work so very hard and with so much joy in service to the Lord. Whether in person or via zoom, we have been there for one another.

I will forever reflect upon and give thanks to God for the experience you have given me and the friendships I have made. My eyes have been opened to another world and I pray the Lord would continue to bless your efforts and especially as you are supported and encouraged through the ongoing pastoral counselors who will uplift you, continue to give you a fresh perspective on the scriptures, having taken the time to devote to the Lord, Who gives us all reason to be thankful with the bigger picture that we are all in His hands. To meditate on this truth is to be sanctified by the Spirit Who promises to enlighten us by His Word. And, when we understand that the Lord is in control, as we often say, then it is easy to share in the joy that is the Lutheran Women in Mission!

The bigger picture is, of course, that we are blessing the church around the world. When I think of the LWML, I think of how this is one way the Lord is fulfilling His purpose in bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth. With such a global mission, it is no wonder the Lord has blessed us. We've done a lot and we've been through a lot and because of that I refer us to God's promise which could be taken as both a privilege and a responsibility: *"Everyone to whom much is given, of them much will be required"* (Luke 12:48), and *"To the one who has, more will be given"* (Luke 8:18). To this I say every challenge is an opportunity. Every hardship gives us a way to express our love yet again and, as a result, praise the name of the Lord, from Whom all blessings flow.

I also know you will continue to be in good hands with Pastor Ulm and pray for blessings upon his remaining two years serving as your senior counselor. May his eagerness and zeal to serve be a great bless-

ing to you! We don't know what the next couple years will bring, but the Lord keep you in His peace.

Humbly submitted.



**Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

At press time the Bylaws Committee was still awaiting word from the LWML Structure Committee regarding proposed bylaws amendments to be voted upon at the upcoming convention. As soon as they are available, they will be posted to the website. Stay tuned!



**Important Equalization Update**

Due to some unforeseen changes in banking practices, the equalization funds have been temporarily moved into the LWML English District checking account. Please follow the instructions at the bottom of the Equalization Form.

If you have any questions, please contact Elsie Velazquez, at 520-241-5339 or [elsienavelazquez@juno.com](mailto:elsienavelazquez@juno.com)



**Greetings to my fellow LWML English District women.**

Thank you to the zone and non-zone societies who have sent in mites during this biennium. We are close to wrapping up our mission goals but still have two Grants left to fund before the March 31, 2022, deadline:

Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips - \$2,500

Grief Recovery Support Group Program, Tucson, Arizona - \$500

Please send in your mites by mid-March so we can get these last two grants funded.

God bless you all for working to support these worthy missions!

Carol Klein, Treasurer

## Convention Edition

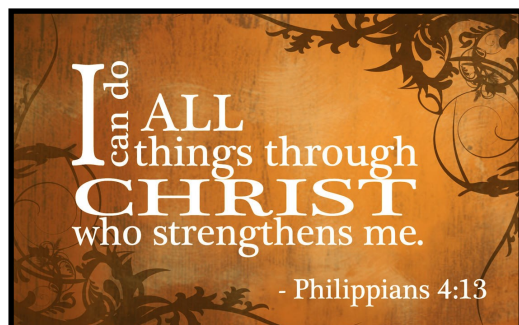
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### Are you out there? We need you!

In our League pledge, we say, *"In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service, wherever and whenever He hath need of us..."* Have you ever given any thought to what that means? We say, "here am I Lord, send me!" but do we really mean it?

The LWML English District has a mission goal. In order to meet that goal, we must have hands to work. Women to stand up and say, "yes, I will do that job". We need someone to lead us. But remember, you don't do your job alone. Those who have held the position before are willing and able to be called upon to answer questions and give sage advice. No position is impossible for you to do. The unfortunate reality is that many of you may be willing but have not responded by sending in a nomination form. Please, if you have served on the District Board once, consider running for President. You have seen what can be accomplished with a good leader. If you have never served on the District Board, now is your chance to grow by using your God given talents and skills in serving. God guides us with what we need. We will never be asked to do something that God doesn't go before us and prepare the way. Trust that He will carry you. Trust that your sisters in Christ we walk alongside you. You will not have to do your job alone. Please, go to [www.englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com](http://www.englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com) and click on the Nomination Form under the Convention Central section. Open positions are President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee. Complete the form and email to: [lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com). We need YOU!!!

Respectfully submitted by your Nominating Committee,  
Cinda Souer, Ruth Crowl, Laura Calvert



## Young Women IN MISSION

Calling young women ages 22-35 to join us in Pittsburgh to serve the Lord with gladness. This is an opportunity for personal growth through Bible study, worship, praise and serving others. Please contact your LWML society or zone president for the registration information. The convention is in session from April 29-May 1, 2022. Applications should be completed and returned to the YWR Committee for review by February 15, 2022. The application form is available on our LWML English District website or by clicking here

<https://englishdistrictlwml.weebly.com/ywr.html>. If you have any questions, I am more than happy to connect with you via email at [emmylou83@gmail.com](mailto:emmylou83@gmail.com). Should you prefer to connect by phone, please email me your number along with dates and times that are convenient for you.

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Emily Terry, YWR Chairperson

### ~The Lutheran Prayer of Good Courage~

Lord God,  
you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Convention Edition

## Mission Grants

### Synopsis 2022-2024 Mission Grant Proposals

The complete grant proposal submissions can be found on our LWML English District Website [lwmlenglishweebly.com](http://lwmlenglishweebly.com) select Convention Central 2022 Grant Proposals

#### 1. Outdoor Kitchen for Grace Orphanage in Haiti (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Chris Meaney – Western Michigan Zone

Summary: Inspectors visiting the orphanage suggest a separate cooking structure away from the orphanage building for safety. The Caribbean Children's Foundation Inc. would use the funds to construct a new building for the kitchen.

#### 2. Journeys Lutheran School Job Coaching Hours (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Heidi Lieske – Milwaukee Zone

Summary: The school serves children in need of individualized attention and programs not offered in general education. Funds would be used to hire a classroom supervisor to cover for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade teacher so s(he) could organize job placements and go with the special needs students to the job sites.

#### 3. Tools for Truth (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Bethel Larsen – Western Michigan Zone

Summary: Most Ministries strives to find ways to overcome language and literacy barriers to spread the Gospel. Funds would be used to purchase fun visual aids that show the Gospel message via pictures on cubes or flip cards.

#### 4. Circles of Grace (Dignity4Girls) (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Stephanie Arndt – Western Michigan Zone

Summary: Dignity4Girls was founded in 2014 by Gayle Sommerfield and Family of Faith Christian Church. Funds will be used to supply Bibles, feminine hygiene kits and other necessities as well as modest compensation to the faithful Christian women who mentor the impoverished girls at risk in Kenya.

#### 5. LCMS Campus Ministry – Arizona (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Shirley Holle – Arizona Zone

Summary: The LCMS Campus Ministry strives to reach high school students throughout Arizona to provide guidance to help them maintain their faith throughout their transition to

college. Funds will be used to provide seed money for their efforts and to develop and dissemination of needed materials.

#### 6. Plan B Foundation (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Carrie Brockie – CEO – Greater Chicago Zone

Summary: Founded in August 2019, Plan B is a new foundation whose mission it is to help those who have been incarcerated and others in need of finding and sustaining full time employment.

#### 7. Sharing the Light of Christ's Love (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Ashley Beffrey – Non-Zone Society

Summary: The Lutheran Braille Workers Organization has over 3,000 volunteers throughout 115 ministry production centers and 50 ministry outreach centers in the US. Funds would be used to produce over 450 Braille, specialized large print, or audio volumes.

#### 8. Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Vicki Biggs – Missouri District

Summary: The seminary requests assistance in supporting the educational cost for international students. Funds will be used for tuition, fees, books, health insurance, travel and other costs associated with college

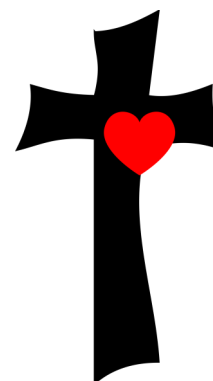
#### 9. Bible Books for Spanish-Speaking Families (\$3,000)

Submitted by: Susan Boyle – Greater Detroit Zone

Summary: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation works to provide Bible and devotional materials around the world. Funds will be used to provide 600+ more Spanish Bible books in South and Central America and to Hispanic ministries in the U.S.

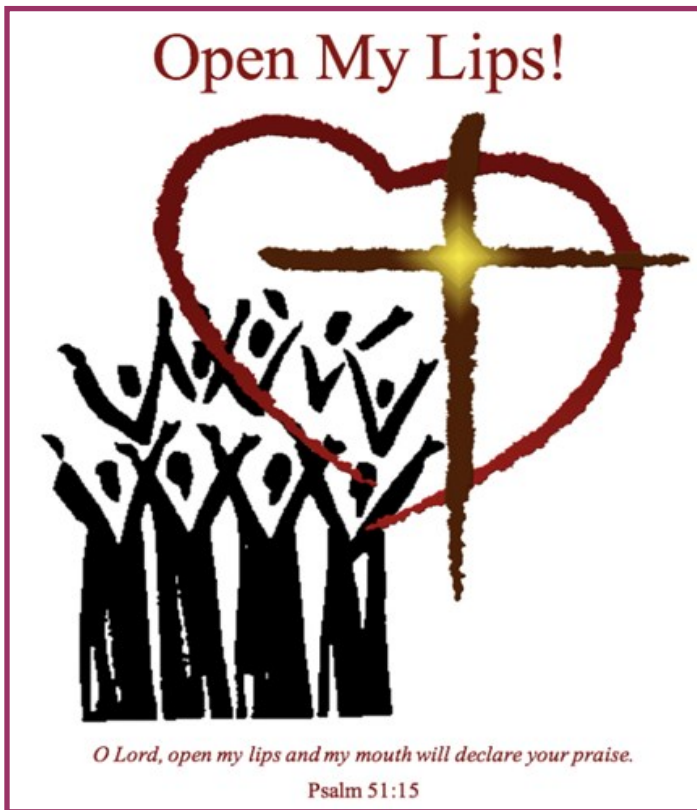
Gail Arndt

Vice President Gospel Outreach



# Convention Edition

## January 2022



### Wendysue Fluegge is coming to our Spring Convention!

You may remember this Wisconsin based musician from ABQ national and/or the 2017 Lutheran Women's Quarterly cover girl. She's a wife of 26 years to Craig, mom of two inspiring young adults, loves Jesus, and uses song as a glorious avenue of worship! Big on Bold faith sharing and spiritual conversations wherever she may be (including parking lots and hot tubs!) she helps others get courageous too. Since 1996, her unique traveling ministry has brought her to 30 states for Worship, concerts, retreats, and quite a few LWML events. Wendysue is an accomplished writer, with her devotions and short stories printed in various publications. Her first children's book was released in March 2021. "Baby Girl Lullaby" is a visual adventure of one of her songs with illustrations by her artist daughter.

Wendysue will provide music for our convention, interactive entertainment at our banquet, and some humorous interruptions throughout the weekend. Get more information about her ministry at [www.wendysue.com](http://www.wendysue.com), and be sure to join us in April!



### The description of the convention logo

The heart represents Jesus' love for us, red color representing that Jesus' paid the penalty for our sins by His blood and the cross, His suffering and resurrection resulting in our salvation. Through His love and gift of salvation, our lips [represented by the singing choir], will be used by the power of the Holy Spirit, [represented by the gold glow in the cross], to proclaim Christ.

### Convention Goal

Our lips will be used by the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ.

### Convention Objectives:

- Listen to His Word
- In Peace Speak Sincerely
- Praise the Triune God Joyfully
- Serve the Lord with Gladness



## ARTICLES WANTED!

As we begin the celebration of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary let's take a step back in time.

Are you a second, third, fourth or maybe even fifth generation LWML'er? If so, please consider submitting an article for publication on the Website, send it to Cinda at [lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com). It will be interesting to see who led women to become involved in the LWML. What about your LWML family tree. When and where did it begin?

### Please pray for...

#### MISSION GRANTS 2020–2022

**Mission Goal: \$18,000**

**Military Share Food Distribution—  
Operation Barnabas—Calvary Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, PA—  
\$3,000—PAID**

**MOST Ministries Clean Water Filters  
(Mission Opportunities Short Term)  
Ann Arbor, MI—\$3,000—PAID**

**Epiphany Lutheran Church Food  
Truck, Epiphany Lutheran, Dorr, MI—  
\$3,000—PAID**

**Restoring Hope through Outreach  
Programs, Mt. Calvary Lutheran  
Church & Camp Restore, Detroit, MI—  
\$3,000—PAID**

**Soldiers of the Cross, LCMS Mission  
Advancement, St. Louis, MO—\$3,000  
—PAID**

**Chaplain Scholarships for Medical  
Mission Trips, LCMS Mission Advance-  
ment, St. Louis, MO—\$2,500**

**Grief Share—Grief Recovery Support  
Group Program, Catalina Lutheran  
Church LWML Society, Tucson, AZ—  
\$500**

FOR GOD  
has not given us  
a Spirit of fear  
but of  
POWER  
LOVE  
& self-discipline.  
2 Timothy 1:7

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## EQUALIZATION INFORMATION AND FORM 2022

**EQUALIZATION**...is a method of endeavoring to equalize travel costs for LWML District convention delegates. In order to make the plan function it is necessary to have as near 100% participation as possible from all zones and individual societies in the English District. Even if a unit will not be sending a delegate to the convention (though you will miss a lot if you don't), you should still send in the amount set for equalization...that's what makes it EQUAL! **Each zone is entitled to send one delegate and societies two delegates to represent them at convention.**

**BECAUSE**...of the high cost of airfares, we are encouraging all zones and societies within a fair driving distance (300 miles) of Pittsburgh, to drive, and/or car-pooling when possible. All travel arrangements will be the responsibility of each delegate. The mileage allowance for a delegate driver is calculated using the current IRS mileage rate. Reimbursement can only be requested by the delegate driving; unless there are extenuating circumstances, which would need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No other passengers will be entitled to compensation for travel. Maximum payment will not exceed the lowest available coach airfare. The equalization chairman will reimburse your mileage with documentation of the round trip using mapping software (MapQuest etc.)

**BECAUSE**...women's attendance at LWML conventions is really leadership training for local congregations, we encourage you to ask your congregation's finance committee to include funds for equalization in the convention and conference segment of their annual budgets.

**PARTICIPATION**...for the 2022 LWML English District 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh, PA is \$200.00 per delegate, and zone president (\$400.00 total for the two delegates each society is entitled to send). We are encouraging all zones and societies to send in their payment as soon as possible. The deadline for the total payment is March 31, 2022.

Thank you for your cooperation in this joint stewardship effort.

Everyone sharing makes for a stronger LWML!

### LWML English District Executive Committee

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Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Zone President \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Sent by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Indicate if payment is for:**

Society Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Zone President \_\_\_\_\_

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Remit completed form with payment to: Carol Klein, 1951 Camrose Ct. S.W. Wyoming, MI 49519

Please make checks payable to: **LWML English District**