



40th Biennial LWML Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The deadline for early registration is coming up fast! Hurry if you would like to take advantage of the early registration discount.

If you want to attend a truly inspirational convention, this is your chance. The venue is beautiful and getting to know other women (and men) who have a heart for serving their fellow humans is great. However, the pageantry and humor offered during these conventions truly makes attending an inspirational experience. Seeing 30-45 pastors decked out in their finery and processing is awesome; and watching 82 women carrying flags from each of the countries in which we have supported missions is awe inspiring. The presentations from the mission speakers reinforces why we are a part of the LWML, the Bible studies each day are thought-provoking, and the Divine service and sermons are top-notch.

A presentation will also be provided to show the mission grants we will all be supporting during the next biennium. Delegate voting takes place electronically before the convention, which allows the National LWML Executive Committee to present those already chosen.

If you need assistance registering for this convention or have any questions, feel free to contact your District President – Carol Klein – at carolkleinlwml@gmail.com, or call 616-560-2359.

We hope to see you there with us at the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee!

LWML English District President

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Greetings to all my sisters and brothers in Christ -

I look out my windows this morning and see everything blanketed in white. God has truly given us a beautiful world to live in. Of course, once I begin shoveling in the 20 degree weather, I yearn for someplace warmer. As with my LWML tasks, I'm reminded of Philippians 4:13 (NIV): *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

In January I attended my first President's assembly meetings where we prepared for the upcoming 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee. Included that weekend was a tour of the Convention venue a short skywalk away from the Hilton. The venue is beautiful and convention attendees will have treat after treat in store for them. One of the best is that Kaye Wolff will be leading the Bible studies. Kaye is a former LWML VP of Special Focus Ministries and has written for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly and Lutheran Hour Ministries. I anticipate many opportunities for inspiration and fellowship during our time in Milwaukee.

Barbara Quinn has provided an update on our 2022-2024 mission grants. Thank you for faithfully sending in your mites! We have been able to pay ½ of our approved grants in less than a year. Great job!

Work continues on the 41st English District Biennial Convention scheduled in Detroit, Michigan from April 26-28, 2024. Thank you to all those women in Detroit who are working hard to get our District together in convention! Their update has been provided in this newsletter.

We have not yet received any requests from 22-35 year old women who would like to attend the Milwaukee convention as a YWR for the English District. Please let Emily Terry and I know by March 14 if you know anyone who embraces the LWML and would like to attend the convention as a YWR at the district's expense.

Let us all continue to embrace the LWML Mission statement:

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

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

Serving Christ alongside you,

Carol Klein
LWML English District President

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, (Colossians 3:23)



Senior Counselor Rev. Joshua Ulm

There are few snacks more satisfying than Movie Theater Popcorn; yellow, drenched in butter, and so salty that few forego a large beverage to accompany it. In the age of Netflix and streaming movies at home, the Movie Theater Popcorn is one of the few things that sets the cinema apart. As delicious as popcorn from the movie theater can be, at home we have other options available to us, including plain popcorn from the microwave or air popper. Plain popcorn without seasoning, is undeniably healthier than popcorn from the theater, but it is also boring, tasteless, and forgettable. Unless a special diet is in play, the yellow stuff from the theater is a far more tantalizing choice. What separates the two? Both substances have the same main ingredient - popped corn kernels. The difference, of course, is salt! Salt brings life, vibrance, and flavor to an otherwise boring piece of popcorn, and otherwise bland broth, and an otherwise one-note piece of meat. Chef Thomas Keller, founder of the famous French Laundry (restaurant, not laundromat) once said that in cooking, “learning to salt food properly is the most important skill you can possess.”

All this talk about salt leads us to our Lord’s Words to His disciples in the Sermon on The Mount, “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.” (Matthew 5:13) In the sermon, it isn’t a piece of popcorn or a steak that is being salted, but the earth! Jesus has just established the identity of His disciples in the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Each disciple of Jesus is a blessed heir of the kingdom of God. Now He tells the disciples that they are His salt in the world. If the disciples don’t salt the earth with their special Gospel-infused saltiness, the world will be bland, boring, and lifeless, like a dull bowl of plain popcorn. But as the salt of the earth, the disciples will flavor the entire world; proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom, and glorifying God in all they do. This shows God’s love for the world, His desire to flavor the entire world with His Good News, and the joyful task given to every one of His disciples, His salt.

As you serve the Lord with gladness in the LWML, God is using you to flavor and preserve the world He loves so much. You are disciples of Jesus! You are blessed heirs of the kingdom! You are the salt of the earth! Your mites are little salt shakers. They may be small, but they can bring major flavor! Your mission offerings sprinkle this Gospel-salt all over the world as the Good News is proclaimed and demonstrated. Your conversations with sisters in Christ are “seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6), infused with the love of Christ for you and for others. The efforts of the LWML on a national and international scale season the world with God’s love and compassion. When it comes to saltiness, Movie Theater Popcorn has nothing on the LWML.

Above all, Jesus’ words “You are the salt of the earth” are evidence of the power of the Gospel. Jesus died and rose so that we might be His people, and this is news so good that it touches each and every aspect of our lives, even making us the salt of the earth. May God continue to bless you as He uses you to salt His good world.



41st Biennial English District Convention

April 26-28, 2024



All Nations be
Glad and Sing
for Joy!



"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

The Greater Detroit Zone of the English District LWML invites you to mark your calendars for the English District LWML Convention in 2024. We are in the planning stages now and are getting excited about welcoming you all to Detroit!

Convention Dates: Friday, April 26, 2024 - Sunday April 28, 2024

Location: The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Detroit in Dearborn, Michigan

Transportation: If you fly to Detroit, the hotel has a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel and back. If you drive to Detroit, there is free parking at the hotel.

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

The Friday night Opening Holy Communion Service will be at Angelica Lutheran Church in Allen Park. Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, Bishop/President of the English District, will be the Proclaimer at the Service. There will be a reception at Angelica after the service.

Upcoming updates will include Mission speakers, Interest Session Speakers, Servant Events, Exhibitors, a Song Leader, Saturday entertainment, Pre-convention tours and other events. Please contact us if you have any ideas.

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Lutheran Women in Mission

WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942-2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

The goal of Faith LWML, Tucson, AZ, was to gather 80 pairs of glasses, both new and used, for MOST ministries to take to Latin America and Africa to help people with vision needs. We chose this project because we had heard from a woman who has worked with the eyeglass project and gone to the mission field to test people's vision and provide them with glasses, many for the first time in their lives. This was also a project in which many people in our congregation were able to participate, and they gladly gave up old pairs of glasses that they no longer use. Thanks to the generosity of members of Faith, we gathered 84 pairs of glasses and sent them to MOST ministries. To God be the glory!



For the past year women all over the nation have been gathering together to do something for someone that adds to '80' to represent the 80th Anniversary of LWML. A few groups from our English District have already sent in their photos and the details of what their group did for their - '80'. Why not gather a few of your society women together and put together an '80' of your own! When you do, snap a picture, and send it with a note describing what you did to our Webservant at lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com to be added to our website. Then, check out the website to find out what the other groups/societies/zones are doing!
Cinda Souer, Webmaster



Our 80s! - Calvary, Mechanicsburg, PA

The LWML of Calvary Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg, PA, celebrated LWML's 80th anniversary year. All activities and collections exceeded 80 and some multiples thereof! In addition to those pictured in the collage, in early December we baked 114 dozen cookies for a Christmas party for senior citizens, shut-ins, and the families receiving our Operation Barnabas Military Share monthly food distribution.

Collage caption clockwise from top left:

- Backpacks and school supplies for a local social services agency.
- Stuffing for Thanksgiving dinners distributed by a local social services agency.
- Armed Forces Day recognition of veterans and their families.
- White socks for distribution to homeless folks by a local social services agency.
- Luo pads (washable sanitary pads) for women in underdeveloped countries.



Please pray for...

MISSION GRANTS 2022–2024

Mission Goal: \$18,000

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

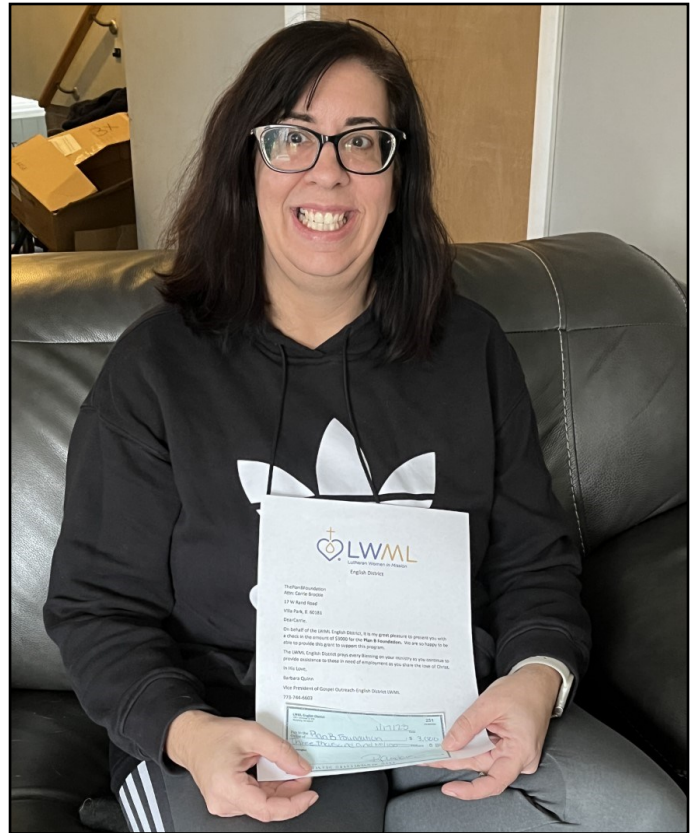
**Outdoor Kitchen for Grace Orphanage
in Haiti—Western Michigan Zone—
\$3,000—Paid**

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

**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**



We are happy to share that our English District just paid our third mission grant for this biennium – a \$3,000 check was presented to the Plan B Foundation. Their mission is to help those who have formerly been incarcerated and anyone else who might be in need of a “Plan B” with finding and sustaining full time employment. As you can see from the picture, Carrie Brockie - CEO of the Plan B Foundation, was very excited to accept this grant!

The next English District grant to be funded is for Bible Books for Spanish Speaking Families. This program is sponsored by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and their goal is to provide 600+ more Spanish Bible books in South and Central America and to Hispanic ministries in the United States.

A portion of the mites you donate also support the National LWML missions. As of January 21, all the mission grants chosen for the 2021-2023 biennium have been paid! That’s \$2,150,000 to fund 28 very worthy causes (see lwml.org/Mission/Mission-grants for a full list of the grants and amounts). Mites collected for the balance of the millennium will be used to pay the new mission grants which will be announced at the convention.

Thank you to all of you who help to further spread the good news of Christ across the world and care for His people, one mite box at a time.

Barbara Quinn
VP – Gospel Outreach

VP Christian Life/Human Care Barbara Taylor

LWML English District Missionary Update:

Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster – Serving the Lord in Prague – The Czech Republic

More than a year ago, Rev. Kaster was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma – a form of bone marrow cancer. So, they traveled home to Jacksonville, FL for him to be treated there. Now, they are wrapping up some medical things and preparing to transfer his care to doctors in Prague. Their flight back is March 26th, and they are looking forward to getting back to the congregation there. They appreciate the prayers and support of the LWML, and they ask you to pray for his health and for their travel.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann – Serving the Lord in Latin America

One of the most exciting things in this new year has been the VDMA Project's launch of a new daily devotional called La Palabra del Señor Permanece para Siempre, which means "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." These daily devotions are in Spanish and fill a large void that was created a few years ago when CPH stopped publishing a Spanish version of Portals of Prayer. Authors of the daily devotions are latino Lutheran pastors in our LCMS mission or LCMS partner churches across the region. Along with a short order for individual or family devotions and special morning and evening prayers for each day of the week, the daily devotions include a Bible reading, meditation, prayer, and one hymn verse from the new Spanish hymnal, Himnario Luterano.

One of the joys of creating a resource like this on the mission field is that we can turn around and make it available to our church and its Spanish-speaking members in the US. Because it's difficult to print and deliver books in the Latin America and Caribbean region, these devotions are available in two forms: 1) as a PDF that can be read on a phone or computer, shared with others, and printed; and 2) as an eBook that can be purchased from Amazon for only \$0.99. If you would like a free copy of the PDF of the January-March Spanish devotions, please write to cheryl.naumann@lcms.org. Or, you can get an eBook of the Spanish devotions at <https://tinyurl.com/4t8meykx>

Rev. Dr. Edward and Monica Naumann - Serving the Lord through South Asia Lutheran Mission

From its inception on Epiphany 2022, SALM has worked closely with domestic and international mission partners, responding to requests for teachers and educational resources not only from South Asia, but also from Africa, Europe, and North America. We cherish and build up such working partnerships as already exist, and eagerly embrace opportunities to form new relationships. In the calendar year 2022 SALM published nine books in print, two eBooks, and has online books, translations, and illustrations. There are 52 publications in progress at various stages.

Rev. Andrew & Megan Fedder – Serving the Lord in Romania, Bulgaria, and Greece

Rev. Fedder and his family live in Romania but he takes the 24-hour round-trip drive to visit and commune the Bulgaria and Greek churches once a month. They have a new church in Chisinau, Moldova. They have about 14 newly converted Lutherans there who heard online sermons in Romanian and wanted to be catechized. He believes they are all catechized now but they need to find a way to get them regular services.

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey - Serving the Lord in Latin America & the Caribbean

In Santiago, Mrs. Rebecca Krey has been giving piano keyboard lessons to seminary students who are eager to learn to play for worship in their own countries. Keyboards were recently purchased for the student dorm and residences so that the men can practice. Mrs. Krey is also directing the first seminary choir, an added bonus for learning hymns!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Martin~Taylor,
LWML English District: Vice President of Christian Life/Human Care



From the Archive . . .

Did you know that the English District once had a Sewing Chairman? The Executive Board appointed Mrs. Walter W. Witt as Sewing Chairman in 1946 to support the LWML's postwar project — "helping to relieve the physical destitution and spiritual need of Europe's orphaned and dislocated children." Mrs. Witt's duties included distributing patterns and receiving, organizing, and packing items. Over two years, the District contributed 54 complete layettes, 10 complete outfits for young children, and many miscellaneous items such as 5 medical kits, 69 kimono's, dresses, blankets, caps, booties, mittens, jackets, shoes, and sewing paraphernalia. Goods were shipped through Lutheran World Relief, Inc. as well as directly to Kinderheim Oesterau. Many local societies supplemented relief efforts through additional donations of clothing and food and by adopting families in Europe.

The Sewing Chairman position no longer exists but let us praise God for the long history of Christian love and service by the women of the English District!

Christie Trolinger, Historian



The LWML of Calvary Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg, PA, in early December baked 114 dozen cookies .

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