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Have you registered? Do you have your room? A roommate? Do you have your plane ticket? Are you going on a convention tour? Do you want a t-shirt? Which servant event are you going to attend?

Remember Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bible study leader at our convention—he is the song leader! Donna Pyle is the Bible study leader! A new president will be elected!

It is decision time. Time to commit to attending the national LWML Convention, June 20-23, in Mobile, AL. The blessings are many! Your soul will be nourished! You will want to "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

The theme verse is: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a). We have so many things to sing about as God reigns in our lives. Think of doing it with three thousand plus LWML sisters!

You can go to www.lwml.org for all the registration forms and information. If you have questions about the convention talk to your zone president.

As preparations are being made please keep the convention and all the people working to plan and organize the convention in your prayers that all may be blessed through their efforts.



History of Valentine's Day

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure.

By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

[From History Channel]

Shirley Holle, Editor



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## Greetings to all,

It is sad when 20 degrees above zero feels warm. Hopefully all survived the deep freeze that moved through the country in late January. So many communities in the Milwaukee area opened special warming centers for the homeless. It was refreshing to see various organizations working together to take care of their neighbors, which is something we see so often within the LWML. Not only caring for those here at home but also abroad.

A few updates regarding the 38<sup>th</sup> LWML Biennial Convention being held in Mobile, Alabama. If you didn't receive the *Quarterly*, all the convention information can be found on [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) under Convention Central. In addition to having several mission speakers and past Mission Grant recipients, we are blessed to have Bible Study Leader – Donna Pyle, Song Leader – The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor and Humorous Interrupter – Jan Struck, just to name a few. Please register at the hotels identified in the registration packet. The LWML has worked diligently in contracting with those listed. Some hotels are already fully booked; don't wait too long, especially if you want to be within walking distance. Please let your zone president and/or delegate know if you are planning to attend. Any last minute notices will be directed to her to forward to the other attendees. Non-zone societies please notify me directly if you are going to be there.

Winter isn't over and some are looking to spring, especially planning for their zone rallies. Please let the webmaster, Cinda Souer, [lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com) and I know the specifics about your event. Consider asking someone to write an article for publication on the LWML English District website, along with pictures. There is so much to share and we have the technology to get the word out FAST.

Speaking of technology, I encourage each of you to visit the LWML website often. It is ever changing with new resources, devotional ideas and so much more. The 2019 – 2021 reSOURCEs for Planning Programs will be available following the June 2019 convention. This is a great source of information and ideas.

“Follow the Leader,” the LWML sponsored leadership training held in St Louis in November, was a wonderful opportunity for every district to send up to four individuals for training, general information and time to share goals and ideas with other districts. Unfortunately, we could only afford to send two. Our leadership fund is a designated fund. When planning special collections or fund raiser, please consider replenishing this depleted account, so in 2022 we can send as many as allowed.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. If sending an e-mail type LWML in the subject line, otherwise it could be deleted without being opened. I am here to assist you in any way I can. God continues to take me down some new paths, but I know I am never alone. “... *I [Jesus] am with you always* ...” (Matthew 28:20b).

Sincerely your sister in Christ,  
*Darlene Keca*

*Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days [Psalm 90:14](#)*



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### 2019 Convention Verse

*“Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations”* (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a). When the Ark of the Covenant was brought back to Jerusalem and placed inside the new tabernacle, King David offered this song of thanksgiving. God’s renewed presence among His people was a cause of joy and celebration. It was such good news that everyone needed to hear about it. God’s saving deeds were to be proclaimed to all the earth. His glory was to be declared to the nations.

It was exciting to have the ark among God’s people once again. But the ark was pointing toward a much greater reason for joy and celebration. The ark was a shadow of things to come. In the fullness of time, Jesus came and was born of the virgin Mary. As we read in John 1:14, the eternal Word of God, the one through whom all things were created, *“became flesh and dwelt [or tabernacled] among us.”*

Jesus is Emmanuel. He is God with us. The Israelites rejoiced over God’s presence in the ark. We rejoice in God’s presence as one of us. We rejoice that the Lord came as a flesh and blood man to take away the sins of the world. Through His suffering and death on the cross, we have forgiveness and salvation.

And the Lord still dwells with His people. Jesus rose from the grave! He appeared to His disciples and said, *“All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 and teaching them all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

It is the same message from 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a, the theme verse for the 2019 LWML convention in Alabama. Jesus has saved us from our sin. Our risen Lord has commissioned the Church to tell of His salvation. He has given us the authority to declare His glory among the nations. And as we baptize and teach all that He has commanded, He is with us.

Blessings to all of you in His holy name!

Pastor Eric Carlson



### Mission Grant #3 for \$3,000

#### **Boldly Declaring Y'SHUA as Messiah in Israel**

The Apple of his Eye Mission Society was formed in 1996 by Steve Cohen after serving 20 years as field counselor for Jewish evangelism in North America.

To reach the Jewish people in declaring that Y'SHUA as Messiah, leaders are needed to be trained in word and sacrament. These leaders need to be Israeli citizens who already confess Y'SHUA as Messiah, so they have easier access to the Jewish people.

The \$3,000 will be used for the recruiting, training and deployment of the leaders.

What we must realize is that "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of GOD."

Formerly with the English District, Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner and Kristi are now missionaries with Apple of His Eye Mission Society. They have focused on partnership development for the last six months. This means they must raise their own financial and prayer support from congregations, societies and individuals. They have also been studying the Israeli and Hebrew culture along with the language. In February they are leading 48 people to see the Holy Land with another trip planned for November.

Blessings,  
Gail Arndt

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*What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9*

This was the theme verse for Follow the Leader, the LWML 2018 Assembly of Leaders Training held November 7-10, in St. Louis, Missouri. President Darlene Keca and I were privileged to be part of this 185 person gathering filled with practical leadership ideas, inspiration and hands-on activities intended to be shared with our LWML English District zones and congregations.

LWML Past President Linda Reiser was the first plenary speaker. Her opening talk, Lutheran Women Inspire, challenged attendees to overcome doubt in their leadership by trusting in God and relying on faith to lead with no reservations, no retreats and no regrets. In a later presentation she gave very practical instruction on Podium Protocol & Speaking Etiquette, acknowledging that public speaking is something that many fear. All would do well to heed her advice to pray before speaking and to remember that, “It’s not about you – it’s about what you are giving to the audience.”

In addition to 8 inspirational and practical plenary sessions, each participant was able to choose 6 of 8 breakout sessions: Essential Technology Today; Sharing Active leadership Techniques; Resources: We’ve Got Them!; Mission Grant Selection & Distribution; Engage & Retain Volunteers; Reaching Different Cultures & Generations; Taking it to the Streets!; Basic Protocol & Structure. A wealth of information was presented in these sessions, most of which is accessible at [www.LWML.org](http://www.LWML.org).

The information we received and the interactions we had with a wide variety of LWML leaders was invaluable to us. Before leaving St. Louis, Darlene and I were well equipped to complete our district Initial Plan of Action for Zone and Group Events and submit it to the Assembly of Leaders Strategic Plan Facilitator. As stated in that document, our goal is to introduce the women of the English District to the LWML resources available, how to access them and then by the power of the Holy Spirit, be equipped to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our objectives for accomplishing this goal are targeted training for LWML English District Executive Committee and equipping zone presidents to tailor training to local needs.

Because of our unique non-geographic status, we made special efforts to connect with leaders in districts that are near our English District zones so that we may partner with them in future training events. This is an exciting way for us to pool resources and form relationships with our sisters in Christ in other districts across the country.

Darlene and I are grateful for the opportunity to attend Follow the Leader and we look forward with renewed zeal to serving you as we all follow THE leader, Jesus Christ.

Pictured are:

Diana Honebrink, VP of Organizational Resources,  
Milly Kwiatkowski, SELC District President,  
Darlene Keca, English District President





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*Please pray for...*

**MISSION GRANTS 2018—2020**  
**Mission Goal: \$18,000**

*Liberty Line Rural Transportation Ministry—\$3000—PAID*  
*Montcalm County, Michigan*

*Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregation—\$2055—PAID*  
*LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces*

*BOLDLY Declaring Y’shua as Messiah in ISRAEL—\$3000*  
*The Apple of His Eye Mission Society*

*Positive Options Lakeshore Pregnancy Center—\$2000*

*Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank—\$3000*

*Family of God Reading Lab—\$2000*  
*Family of God Lutheran Church Southwest Detroit*

*From Cradle to College—Lutheran Books for Immigrant Children & Campus Ministries—\$2945*  
*Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)*

A memorial has been received in memory of Bruce Johnson - English District Past President Connie Johnson's husband.

We’re in the final months to meet our national LWML Mites goal. Be sure to get your society’s mites to the District Treasurer, Carol Klein, by March 22 so they can be applied to this Biennium’s missions.

The 2017–2019 LWML Mission Goal is \$2,075,000. As of December 31, 2018, the total mites still needed were \$449,159.01.



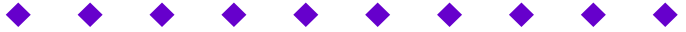
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If you like to organize and reflect on history  
**THIS COULD BE FOR YOU.**

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