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Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2

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### WEBSITES TO VISIT:

- www.kansaslwml.org  
(Kansas site)
- www.lwml.org  
(National site)
- www.kslcms.org  
(Kansas LCMS site)
- www.lcms.org  
(Synod site)



"Stand At The Crossroads..."  
--Jeremiah 6:16

***"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."***

**34th Biennial Convention  
of The Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Kansas District  
April 20-22, 2012**

Convention attendees are encouraged to bring a tote bag from years past! This will help reduce convention expenses and give you a conversation starter with new friends!



### CONVENTION LOCATION:

Holiday Inn & Convention Center,  
200 McDonald Dr., Lawrence, KS

***"Serve the Lord with Gladness"***  
--Psalm 100:2

### **REMINDER:**

**Convention Delegates need to be registered by 10 AM on Saturday, one hour before voting, which is currently planned for 11 AM.**



***The Prayer/Chapel area at convention will have several donated resources for Devotions and Bible Study to be given away. Stop by to share your prayers and cares!***

**If you are attending the Convention Bible Study Samplers on Friday, look for signs posting the room where each session is held when you arrive. You are not assigned to specific sessions, so if you stop by a session and the room is full, there's plenty more to choose from.**





***IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION  
FROM THE KANSAS DISTRICT LWML EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REGARDING REGISTRATION AND HOTELS***



*(Note: this is the same exact information shared in the mass e-mail distributed on March 12)*

Your Executive Committee, Convention Chairman and Registrar have been trying to figure out good ideas to help with the hotel challenge. The challenge being: LWML has a block of 120 rooms, all of which have been claimed. Here are solutions that we hope you will find helpful.

1. Locate another hotel as close to Lawrence as possible. Use a web site tool to search for room availability. You can check daily on sites like priceline.com, kayak.com, hotels.com, etc., to see if more rooms become available. When we checked on [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com), this is what we found:

Super 8 in De Soto, KS (20 miles away)

Super 8 and Holiday Inn Express in Bonner Springs, KS (24 miles away)

Super 8, Econo Lodge, Best Western and Comfort Inn in Ottawa, KS (29 miles away)

Many hotels in Topeka, KS (24 miles away) and Several hotels in Olathe or Lenexa, KS (31 miles away)

Plus, not listed on the internet are a couple of options in Baldwin City (20 miles away). The Baldwin City Lodge, 502 Ames Hwy 56, Baldwin City (785) 594-3900 and the Three Sister's Inn, a bed and breakfast, 1035 Ames, Baldwin City (785) 594-3244. We don't know availability but try calling if you are interested in this option.

Yes, these options would require a little more travel but you would still be able to participate in the Convention, which will be an inspirational event that you don't want to miss out on. Many of us who traveled to Peoria last summer for the national LWML Convention stayed in hotels about this same distance from the Convention Center.

2. If you are holding a room and know that you will have availability for "New Friends" in your room, we would like to know that. LWML women are gracious and generous and make new friends very easily. If you have a spot open in a room you have reserved and want to hook up with a new friend, please contact Karen Morrison at [km\\_blssd@cox.net](mailto:km_blssd@cox.net). If you are one of those women who really want to attend but don't have a room, please send your name, email and phone number to Karen Morrison at [km\\_blssd@cox.net](mailto:km_blssd@cox.net).

Even though the bed size is only Double, would you be willing to share for a couple nights, so that a fellow LWML sister can attend?

3. Commute to Lawrence for Saturday only. Because of the hotel room situation, we have decided to open up a "Saturday Only" registration option. The cost for Saturday Only will be \$65. Be sure to write in bold lettering on the top of your registration form Saturday Only and write \$65 in the registration line. The Saturday Only registration WILL include the Saturday evening banquet and entertainment. Breakfast and Lunch WILL NOT be included, you will need to sign up for those options separately.

4. Mail in your Registration form as soon as possible. We want to give everyone the opportunity to attend the convention, so we will not be adhering as strictly to the March 15 deadline as we normally would. Your registration will need to be postmarked by April 2 to get the current \$95 registration fee deal. But, if you are attending, please don't wait, go ahead and mail your registration in now.

We hope that these solutions to our challenge will ensure that every LWML woman who wants to can and will attend the "Stand at the Crossroads" Convention in Lawrence next month.



***Thank you from the  
Kansas District LWML Executive Committee  
& the Lawrence Convention Committee Chairman and Registrar***



**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**



*Rejoice in the  
Lord  
ALWAYS!  
Phil 4:4*



**Kansas District  
LWML Mission  
Statement:**  
*Empowered by  
the Holy Spirit,  
the Kansas  
District LWML  
will nurture,  
motivate, and  
prepare LCMS  
women to serve  
the Lord with  
gladness.*



As I write this final president's article, we have just begun our Lenten pilgrimage - recalling those final days in the life of our Lord and his followers. Can you imagine how the disciples must have really felt they were "Living on the Edge" during those hours and days? Just like the skit many of us saw at KAOL, they must have felt like they had been on the edge of a cliff and tumbled over - and hadn't landed yet. What would happen next? And then, how about their excitement after they saw Jesus after His resurrection or heard the news? Wouldn't they have just felt so wonderful and been hugging each other and cheering - sort of like after your team just won a big championship game??? Will you feel that excitement on Easter morning? I pray that it is so. We have that Easter joy to share every day - and someone around us needs to hear it.

In just a few days, we will be meeting in convention in Lawrence. We have planned our program to pack a lot into just the few hours that we will be together. I have seen our Bible study leader Katy Gifford's outline and am excited to hear her talk about getting to the "SLAW" - relative to our Jeremiah 6:16 theme verse. Mission speaker Sarah Guldalian will encourage us all in our witness for the Lord. Those who have attended national conventions recently will be excited to hear Ruth Koch at the Saturday morning breakfast. We welcome newly elected LWML President Kay Kreklau as our LWML representative and will hear the angelic bell sounds of Joybell's Kristine Stout. Because we are finally meeting at a facility again that has the rooms, we will have interest sessions on Saturday afternoon.

Up until convention, I will be attending as many of your spring zone events as I can and I look forward to greeting many of you. You will hear me or the district representative at your meeting thank you for your continued prayers and support with your mite offerings. If any of you listen to Christian radio programs, you undoubtedly hear over and over how ministries are struggling because contributions have not been what they were in the past. Your LWML also needs the continued financial support of each of us. I don't know how many of you think of how much inflation (or dollar devaluation) we have seen over the past years, but we need more than pennies (as important as those pennies and other coins are) in our mite boxes these days to fund our projects. The prayers you pray as you deposit those coins in your mite box are so important and mean so much to the missions they fund. But please remember your blessings and the needs of our projects in terms of dollars - and the purple bill occasionally.

I thank the Lord for His guidance and strength during these past four years. I thank those of you who have been such a tremendous support for me and all of your LWML Kansas officers as we lead this organization for you. To send an e-mail that will reach your president - either me or your newly elected one after April 22, just send your message to: [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org).

*Betty*

Betty Kruse, President  
LWML Kansas District

***Interested in more LWML opportunities??***

***Complete a Personnel Resource Form so the next Kansas District President  
and her Executive Board know of your willingness to serve.***

***The form is available on our website: [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org).***



**Round-Table  
Bible Studies**

**Executive Committee Members** will host round-table options on Friday afternoon from 1:00-3 pm. They will not present full study, but give you opportunity to learn and experience some study options you might share in your own congregation.

**Fruits of the Spirit** (LWML)  
Karen Morrison *BRAZILIAN B*

**Coffee with the Savior** (CPH)  
Debbie Lehman, Eden Keefe *BRAZILIAN D*

**Divine Design w/DVD** (CPH)  
Brenda Piester *BRAZILIAN C*

**God is in the Laundry Room** (CPH)  
Becky Schotte *REGENCY C1*

**Great Women of the Bible** (CPH)  
Jean Wellner *REGENCY D2*

**This is a BYOB Event! Bring Your Own Bible.**

**DON'T MISS WHILE AT CONVENTION:**

Concordia Publishing House, Exhibitors, LWML Store, and More!

**CONVENTION CHECKLIST**

**(remember to bring)**

- Bible
- Tote bag
- Scissors (for Servant Events)
- Registration confirmation notice
- Ingathering items
- Stamps (for trimming)
- Enthusiasm, laughter, & excitement!
- Smiles (you are the FACE of LWML)!
- Open arms for those wonderful LWML hugs!



**Walk Faithfully**

Be one of the many convention attendees that gets exercise and supports mission grants by participating in "Mission in Motion" Walk The Pledge Walk will be held on Friday, April 20, between 3-5:00 PM. The Holiday Inn parking lot is shaded along the outer edges and, weather permitting, will be ideal for taking a spring stroll.



**Visit Haskell Campus**

During Friday's Servant Event time slot, we will be offering a tour to see where the Lord is working among the First Nation People on the Haskell Indian Nations University campus, Cultural Center and at the LightHouse. This tour is limited and a fee will be collected to participate.

**INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION**

**INGATHERING, SERVANT EVENTS & INTEREST SESSIONS**

Reach out with your heart and hands to the needy around the world and locally, as you spend time as a willing servant and conversing with many others! The following Servant Activities and Interest Sessions are created just for your participation at the 2012 LWML Convention.

**INGATHERING:**

*All Items Collected In REGENCY D3*

Please bring **single serving packages of snacks, microwave popcorn, Ramen noodles, beef jerky, crackers, cookies, etc.** We will be making Finals Survival Kits for the students at Haskell Indian Nations University, which will be distributed by Haskell LIGHT. Please bring **non-perishable canned goods, no glass containers.** We will also be collecting food for LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency) which serves the Kansas City area.

**SERVANT EVENTS:**

**Friday, 3-5 pm**

- Student Finals **Survival Kits**  
Assembled *REGENCY D3*
- Tying Quilts** *BRAZILIAN B,C*
- Making Door Knob Hangers** *BRAZILIAN D*  
for Haskell students
- Trimming Postage Stamps** *REGENCY D2*  
(Please bring scissors)

**SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS:**

**Saturday, 3-5 PM**

- Ruth Koch** *REGENCY A1*  
#1 In Grief #2 In Rest
- #1 Malaria Initiative:** *REGENCY D1*  
Marlene Kohlmeier
- #2 LWML-Kay Kreklau** *REGENCY D1*
- #1 Stephen Ministry:** *REGENCY D3*  
Mike & Theresa Tonn
- #2 Hospice Care:** *REGENCY D3*  
Kate Poovey
- Gospel In Digital Age** *REGENCY D2*  
Sarah Guldalian
- Community Outreach:** *BRAZILIAN B*  
Pastor Scott Eberlein and Luke Kammrath
- Drug & Alcohol Ministry:** *BRAZILIAN C*  
Rev. Gaylen Burow  
#1 Dave Redlin #2 Bob Jenkins
- Visual Values** *BRAZILIAN D*  
Karen Morrison

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER by Pastor Andrew Becker



*This is being written in the penitent season of Lent. That is a time to remember our sins, and to remember that the cost of those sins was a perfect Lamb of God who was Jesus Christ. This seems sort of a somber season to be writing my final article in. It's hard to say goodbye to a group that has given you support, help, and more hugs than you could believe during this somber season. There should be party hats, and horns blaring. There should be smiles and happiness as I thank the ladies for all that they have taught me, and yes you have taught me more than I could ever teach you. But no, here I sit by myself at my desk trying to say goodbye quietly.*

*But what if I don't want to say goodbye? Oh I know full well that my term limit is up and that I have to step down as counselor. But I will not say goodbye to you. No I'm not trying to be rude. I just want our meeting to never stop. After all isn't that why the sacrifice of the Son of God had to come? Jesus came and died so that I wouldn't have to say goodbye to you.*

*When Jesus' friend Lazarus had died his sisters were distraught in saying goodbye to him. Even Jesus Himself wept briefly for the unnatural parting of death in a world He had created perfect. After four days in a tomb, Jesus resurrected Lazarus to show that He is the resurrection and the life Himself. In Jesus there is no need to say goodbye.*

*It is this message that the LWML strives to bring everywhere it can. That same message that you heard in Church on Sunday is important for you everywhere because it means that for those with faith in Jesus goodbye is not necessary.*

*I had a dramatic example of that truth given to me this year. I sat in the bedroom of a house that a man was born in, lived his whole life in, and now prepared to die in. As we sat there waiting for his last moments he was able to talk briefly to his beloved wife of some sixty plus years. I sat and waited for a long tearful goodbye, but it never came. Instead he looked at her and said "see you soon." She cried a little bit and said, "yeah." They knew completely and fully that even death would not keep them apart because of the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. There were no goodbyes, only see-you-laters.*

*It is on this note of confidence in Jesus Christ's full triumph over death that I step down. Thank you to all of you who helped me in my four years as Counselor. Thank you to all of you who guided me and taught me so much about joy in our Savior. It was a time I wouldn't trade for anything. Know that I greatly enjoyed my time with you and even if the next place I see you is in heaven, know my confidence in Jesus Christ that I will see you again. See you later.*

Pastor Becker

### **2012 Convention Bus Tour**

During the servant events time slot, from 3:00–5:00 PM on Friday, we will be offering a bus/van (or both) tour to see the Haskell Indian Nations University campus, visit their Cultural Center & Museum and visit the Haskell LIGHT house, which is one of our current national LWML mite projects. The tour will be limited to 37 people and will cost \$15 per person to cover the expense of the bus/van rental. Please check the tour box on the registration form if interested. We will collect the tour fee on the day of the tour. Meet at 3:00 at the Ingathering room and we will collect the fee and proceed from there.

### **INGATHERING and SERVANT EVENTS**

We will be having two ingathering recipients at our 2012 District Convention in Lawrence. We will be making Finals Survival Kits for the students at Haskell Indian Nations University, which will be distributed by Haskell LIGHT. Please bring single serving packages of snacks, cookies, microwave popcorn, crackers, beef jerky, Ramen noodles, etc. We will also be collecting food for the LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency) food pantry which serves the Kansas City area. Please bring non-perishable canned goods and packaged foods; no glass containers. Bring Ingathering items to the Ingathering room which will be REGENCY D3.

Servant Events will be held from 3-5:00 on Friday at the convention. We will be assembling the student Finals Survival Kits, tying quilts, making door knob hangers for the Haskell students, and trimming postage stamps. Most of these projects require a scissors, so please **BRING YOUR OWN SCISSORS!**



**SONSHINE  
SNIPPET**

***Bring STAMPS to  
convention!***

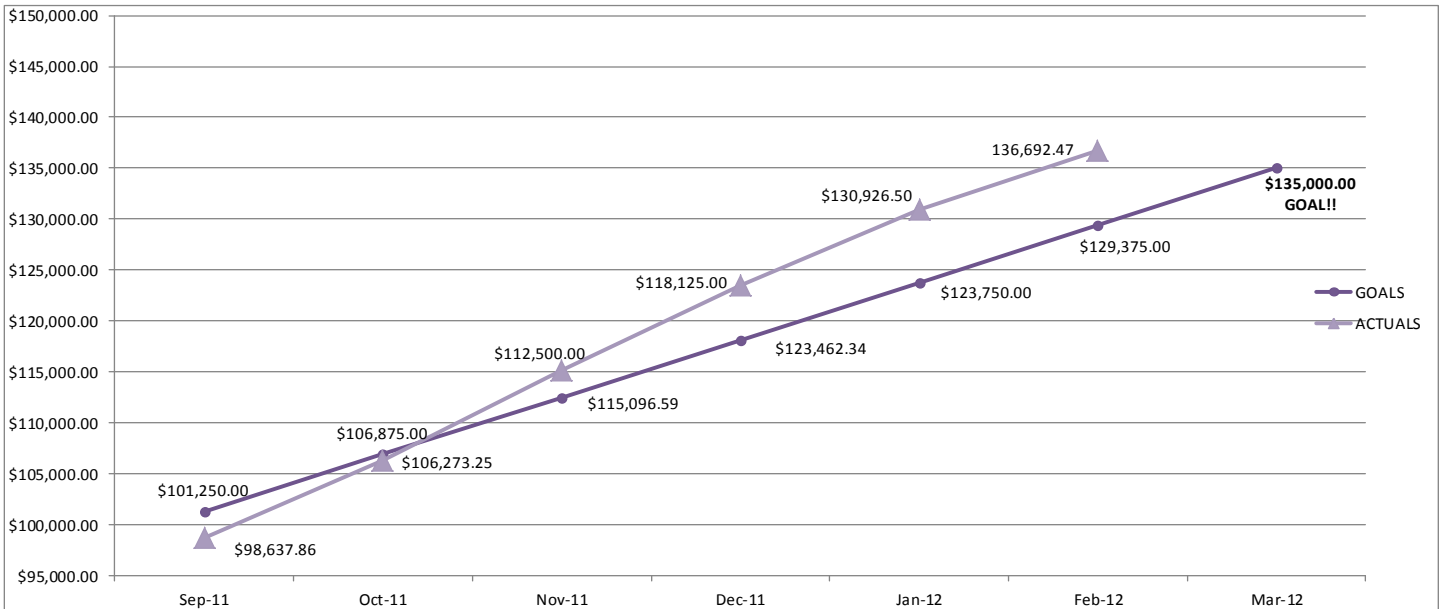
**... did you know? 50 years ago in 1962, the LWML was designated as the officially recognized women's auxiliary of the LCMS!**

# FINANCIAL NEWS

**LOOK AT THE CHART!!! Say a prayer of thanks! We have surpassed our mite goal of \$135,000!!!**



If you have mites to send in, please communicate with Kim Burdett, KS District LWML Financial Secretary, by email to make arrangements: [financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org](mailto:financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org)



\*\*\* Please keep sending your mites. Our 2010-2012 Mission goal of \$145,125 still needs to be met.

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\*\*\* Be sure to send your *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription money so we can lessen our nearly \$10,000 deficit due to unpaid subscriptions.

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\*\*\* A new financial secretary will be elected at the April convention. Be watching for a new name and address to use for sending in mites!

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\*\*\* A data base is being created to include all society and zone treasurers. If you are a treasurer, please email Kim Burdett so she can add you to the list. Thank you.

*This graph reflects the current mite giving for this biennium. The top line (line with circles) is the monthly goal to reach our biennium goal. The bottom line (line with triangles) shows our actual donations to Mites.*



Praise God that we have **PAID** Mission Project #9: the University Lutheran Center in Wichita, KS, for \$5,000. And good news! Project #10: Lutheran Bible Translators for \$2,000, should be paid by March 24! Continue to send in your Mites!

As this biennium nears the end, the Convention Planning Committee is putting the finishing touches on the plans for "Stand at the Crossroads". Please keep everyone in the Kansas City CrossRoads zone in your prayers, as these last few weeks tick off and they prepare for hosting us in Lawrence. See you in April.

## 2012 SPRING RALLY SCHEDULE

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Date of rally</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church, City</u>
Great Bend	Sun 15-Apr		Ellinwood
Herington	31-Mar	9 AM—2 PM	Zion - Latimer
Hutchinson	3-Mar	9 AM—2:30 PM	St. Paul's Haven
KC Crossroads	24-Mar	9 AM—1 PM	St. Paul's Leavenworth
Lincoln	Sun 15-Apr	2 PM	Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
Linn	14-Apr	PM	Bethlehem, Bremen
Manhattan	31-Mar	8:45 AM—1:30 PM	Trinity, McFarland
Northeast	Sun 25-Mar	1 PM	Nortonville
Northwest	10-Mar	9:30 AM—2 PM	Phillipsburg
Southeast	Sun 25-Mar	2 PM—5 PM	Independence
Southwest	31-Mar	9 AM—2:30 PM	Garden City
Topeka	10-Mar	9 AM—lunch	Burlington
Wichita	10-Mar	8:45 AM—2:30 PM	Faith, Derby



### Meet the Zone YWR's for the 2012 Kansas District Convention

Herington Zone: Rebecca Turner  
 Hutchinson Zone: Jill Kruse & Jennifer Bontrager  
 Kansas City CrossRoads Zone: Cathi Beauford & Kristin Herren  
 Lincoln Zone: Sophia Schofield  
 Manhattan Zone: Jerilee Richter  
 Northwest Zone: Jessica Richards  
 Southeast Zone: Angelyn Hobson & Linda Niederklien  
 Topeka Zone: Katie Mize & Andrea Kosmicki  
 Wichita Zone: Mandy Cornett & Jamie Riddle

(zones not listed have not submitted a YWR name)



Follow the  
National  
LWML on  
their  
Facebook  
page!



**2012 Lutheran Family Retreat**  
 For Families, Couples & Singles  
 Friday Night, Saturday & Sunday  
 August 3, 4 & 5, 2012

The Lutheran Family Retreat is held  
 at Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas  
 For more information go to [www.lutheranfamilyretreat.org](http://www.lutheranfamilyretreat.org)





**BALLOT TO BE PRESENTED AT CONVENTION**

The following people have consented to have their names placed in nomination for election to the 2012-2016 Executive Committee. Election will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 during the business meeting.

**President:**

Karen Morrison, Wichita

**VP of Caring Service:**

Gloria Raab, Wichita  
Carol Lovell, Denison

**VP of Communication:**

Brenda Piester, Coats

**Recording Secretary:**

LaJean Rinker, Topeka

**Financial Secretary:**

Kerri Lynne Brown, Aliceville  
Laura Hunter, Overland Park

**Counselor:**

Rev. Rick Hathaway, Winfield  
Rev. Jeff Duncan, Wichita

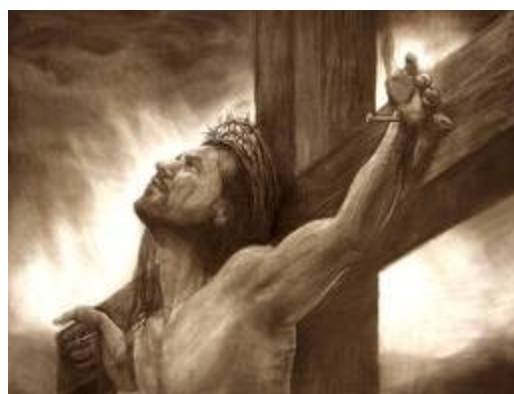
\*\*\*Please note that this is a corrected list from what was printed in the *Sonshine Winter Issue (January)*. Short biographies will also be printed in the convention manual.

**10 ways to RE-JOICE in the RE-SURRECTION!**

- RE-Joice He is risen! He is risen indeed!
- RE-Fresh your body by sound sleep and good eats.
- RE-New acquaintances and habits of health and hope.
- RE-Deemed know that you are loved forever in the Lord.
- RE-View your past lumps and bumps...and know you're forgiven.
- RE-Late Talk, and listen closely to those around you.
- RE-Store "unto me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)
- RE-Vive your faith through the Word and Sacraments.
- RE-FOCUS on all the great gifts the Lord has given you.
- RE-Member those special people around you.



As you try to grasp this picture,  
The pain that Christ went through:



Remember that day you were on His mind,  
He endured it all for you.

**LWML Primary Targets 2011-2013**

**GROWING in the Lord**

*Women* of today find guidance for their lives, encouragement for their walk, and inspiration for joyful service through intentional study of the Word.



**VALUING all Women**

*Women* of all ages, stages of life, races, locations, and cultures are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of LWML.

**LIVING the Mission**

*As the* "Face of LWML," women are engaged in opportunities to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ in their daily lives.



Are you GOGO over the Quarterly?

Go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) to see what GOGO is all about!!!



## Confirmation

Our Education is Christian-oriented and we encourage our children to be leaders and to have an active voice in their communities. Fifteen pastors of the Brazilian Lutheran Church were students at our home. This last November we had 11 students on our confirmation class. The new catechisms will benefit many classes to come!



Siblings Bruna and José Júnior



Confirmation class November 2011



Maria Guadalupe and her new bible



Executive Director Pastor Teodoro K. Percheron and confirmand Juliana

The latest issue of the *Follow the Leader* newsletter is available on line at [https://www.lwml.org/resources/leader\\_development/index.php](https://www.lwml.org/resources/leader_development/index.php). It features a wonderful article titled "An Attitude of Purpose" based on the phrase "You Go, Girl!" by Michigan District President, Cheri Fish. It also highlights one of the revised LWML resources now available as a free download, "Look of a Leader." Check it out!

Check out the latest mission poster and page on the Kansas District website! Does the mission poster displayed in your church look like this? Don't forget to update it with the latest **PAID** information!  
[kansaslwml.homestead.com/missions1012.html](http://kansaslwml.homestead.com/missions1012.html)

Our mission walk recipient is Aurora Sandell. She serves through LCMS World Mission as a \*GEO missionary in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she is the service learning coordinator of Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, an Asian non-profit organization. The Foundation seeks to improve people's livelihoods through education and service. Aurora works towards this end by hosting short-term teams in Cambodia and implementing education and development projects.

On a more personal note: Aurora was born in Traverse City, Michigan, but calls Fort Meyers, Florida home. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida and has worked at Camp Arcadia in Michigan. In her free time she enjoys sailing, drawing, traveling, writing and kayaking.

Her prayer requests include: for open hearts in the students that she serves, and that she would be a strong witness of Jesus' love to them through her teaching and her actions.

Please support Aurora in her missionary journey by getting sponsors/donations for the mission walk at the April convention or by being a supporter or prayer warrior for her.

\*Were you wondering what a GEO missionary is? It is someone engaged globally in outreach for 1-2 years.

## Mission Projects News



As our Lenten preparations lead us to the cross and empty tomb of Easter, we are reminded again of our Lord's overwhelming love for us. We are grateful for the "shower" of blessings He gives:

- ◆ the opportunity to meet for worship and fellowship like the students at the University Lutheran Center in Wichita, KS. Mission Project #9 in the amount of \$5,000 has been paid and will help them continue their fine work;
- ◆ having the Gospel available in many languages and having willing workers to deliver it. Mission Project #10 has been paid and the support for Kory and Cara Fay will reach others through Lutheran Bible Translators;
- ◆ a chance to say "thank you" to friends who lend a helping hand. We received some wonderful pictures from the Holy Trinity Institute in Brazil along with heartfelt thanks for Mission Project #8 funds;
- ◆ the ability to use our healthy bodies to further the work of His kingdom on earth. By participating in the convention mission walk—either by actually walking or by prayer and/or monetary support—we will show our support for Aurora Sandell, serving in Cambodia as the service learning coordinator of the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. See the accompanying article for more information.

May the Lord continue to shower these and many other blessings on you and may you continue to show your gratitude for these blessings in your service to Him and your giving of mites in support of His work.

*Elaine Engelman, Mission Projects Chairman*

## MISSION WALK RECIPIENT



Aurora Sandell

## COUGH PILLOWS



The LWML Society of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS, are making heart-shaped "cough" pillows which provide comfort to heart surgery and respiratory patients. Hugging the pillows helps with breathing and coughing problems after surgery. We traced around a therapeutic pillow that a member had for our pattern. We donated several dozen pillows to the Life Care & Rehabilitation Center in Wichita. They showed great appreciation for the pillows and assured us they would be put to good use.

**Kansas District LCMS Saints Alive After 55** have a lot of energy and enthusiasm left to serve our Lord with gladness and our annual gathering encourages us to keep on moving forward in ministry for and with our Lord. This year we meet at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita on July 22-24: we check in during mid-afternoon and our evening meal together starts the time of shared faith, food, fun and fellowship.

This year's Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Dr. Bill Diekelman, formerly Oklahoma District LCMS president: we heard him at the Oklahoma City convention. Leading Bible Study will be Pastor Scott Snow of Wichita; leading insight sessions will be Pastor Greg Mech (Recovery at Joplin), Pastor Tom Harmon (A Rabbinical Tour of the Holy Land), and Roland Mueller (Personalities of the Reformation). Monday night entertainment will feature the music of "Monday Night Jam" playing jazz from the 50's and 60's.

Leading closing devotions on Sunday night will be Pastor Earl Zimmermann; preaching at the closing service on Tuesday morning will be Pastor Geoffrey Boyle. A lot of Bible study, devotional time, prayer time, sing-along music, education, information, food and fellowship is packed into the 46 hours we are together!

Fee for the event, which includes two nights lodging and six meals, is \$160 per person, double occupancy, or \$170 single. Commuters pay \$75. For more information and a PDF registration form, go to [www.edlnklgen.com/SAA55/](http://www.edlnklgen.com/SAA55/) or contact Registrars Dean and Karlea Landmann at [dean@edlnklgen.com](mailto:dean@edlnklgen.com).

### LWML FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

The Kansas District LWML offers financial aid to LCMS Kansas students attending **synodical schools** and preparing for a career or an advanced degree in church work as a **Pastor, Teacher, Deaconess, Parish Nurse, Parish Worker, Parish Assistant, Parish Social Worker, Director of Parish Music, Director of Christian Outreach or Director of Christian Education** (excluding any student serving internship or vicarage).

In order to apply for such assistance contact LWML Mission Projects Committee Member, **Carol Nix, 1441 N. Rock Rd. # 903, Wichita, KS 67206 (316) 634-2914** to request an application. The application is a very basic, one-page form, with a verification form to be completed by the Registrar or Admissions Office of the school you will be attending.

**Most importantly** the deadline for BOTH forms **IS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!!!**

The application forms and cover letter can also be sent via e-mail as attachments. E-mail Carol at [canshopks@cox.net](mailto:canshopks@cox.net) to request them or download from the LWML website: [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org)

If you qualify for LWML Financial Aid, don't forget to also apply to the Kansas District Scholarship Fund and LLL (Lutheran Layman's League) for grant money!

Submitted by Carol Nix, Mission Projects committee member

### **E-NEWS: THE CONGREGATION CONNECTION**

To keep LWML members and supporters informed around the United States, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League sends out LWML e-News — an electronic newsletter e-mailed to subscribers approximately once a month. News of LWML mission grants, activities and a monthly prayer are featured, as well as other news and links to LWML resources. To subscribe and keep up to date with the latest LWML happenings, go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and click on the News tab at the top of the page, then click on the e-News link. A paragraph about e-news comes up, click on the link provided in the text. This will give you a simple form to fill in your email address. You may also click on the links provided to read past issues of LWML e-News.

### **CHRISTIAN GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Christian Growth (Life) Committee met on February 4, 2012 to wrap up the business of the November women's retreat, which was held in Wichita. Judging by the great reviews, the retreat was a success. Jan Struck can always be trusted to lead an uplifting Bible Study. The committee has already begun to discuss ideas for the next retreat which will take place in November of 2013. (It's just around the corner you know!) The committee also used the meeting to continue preparing for the District Convention in Lawrence. We have selected the theme, "Walking with the Lord", for the Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast. Ruth Koch will be the speaker at this event. We hope everyone has marked the breakfast on your reservation form and sent it in! The Christian Growth Committee will also have a table in the display area and we are hoping that everyone will have their "thinking caps" on. We will be asking everyone, "Who is the "person in the know" for your zone?" There might even be some chocolate there for our visitors. Hope to see you all at Convention!

Cathi Temple, co-chairman Christian Growth (Life) Committee

### **QUARTERLY & SONSHINE INFORMATION    Please read & clip for future reference!**

(This article is a repeat from the Winter Sonshine issue.) This year the invoices for the Quarterlies will be sent out in **January**. On that invoice each Society will have the opportunity to order an increase, decrease, or maintain the number of Quarterlies they receive. Please be aware that the "year" for the Quarterly is from July to July, so, even though the **request** for the decrease is in January, the **actual** decrease in number of issues will not take place until the **Summer** Quarterly mailing. For example, if you are now getting 15 issues and on the January invoice you decrease your number of issues to 10, when the Spring issue is mailed you will still get 15 issues. (After all, you have already paid for them.) When the Summer issue is mailed, you will receive 10 issues. The minimum number of issues to order will be stated on the invoice.

**Please be aware that the District has to pay National for the Quarterlies we receive regardless of whether the Society sends in their remittance for the Quarterlies they receive or not. This money spent on the Quarterlies, if not received from the Society, comes out of the Mission Grant money. So, please be sure to send in your remittance for the Quarterlies you order promptly when you receive your invoice.**

At this point in time, each issue costs \$5.00. There are rumors of a price increase from the \$5.00 but that is controlled by National and probably won't be determined until next year some time. There is a \$6.50 charge for an **individual** subscription. For instance your neighbor down the street who doesn't go to your church would like to receive the Quarterly in her home. She can have her own individual subscription for an annual \$6.50 fee.

There is a \$6.00 fee for the Sonshine because of website upkeep and costs. You can download it from the website which is how the District would prefer Societies to receive the Sonshine. However, it can be emailed if there is no way for a Society to get to the Internet. That fee will be on the invoice in January as well. It is one \$6.00 fee no matter how many copies you download from the web.

For those who have no access to the internet or email, a hard copy of the Sonshine can be mailed. **Please keep in mind that the money used to print and mail out hard copies of the Sonshine takes away from the Mission Grant money also.** Currently, that is 5 cents a page and at least 45 cents a copy (depending on the weight) to print and mail one hard copy. So, if you know someone who gets a hard copy is it possible that you could download it from the website for them, print it and take that hard copy to them, thus taking them off the mailing list? In that way, the money saved can go towards the Mission Grants. The mailing list has been reduced to 23 names as of the writing of this article.

If you do download the Sonshine for those who get a hard copy mailed, please be sure to contact the KS District Distribution Manager, and let her know to take that name off the mailing list. Did you get your invoice in the mail? If you have any questions, please contact Cathi at [quarterly@kansaslwml.org](mailto:quarterly@kansaslwml.org).

*Cathi Clark, Distribution Manager*



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**"Stand At The Crossroads..."**  
34th Biennial Convention  
of the Kansas District LWML  
**April 20-22, 2012**  
Holiday Inn & Convention Center  
200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, Kansas  
Hosted by the KC CrossRoads Zone  
**Mark your calendar; save the date; plan to attend!**

**Convention Offering #1:**  
LWML KS District Mites  
2012-14 Biennium Goal  
**Convention Offering #2:**  
KCK Outreach to Homeless,  
Pastors Luke Kamrath and  
Scott Eberlein



**REMINDER**  
Please help the Distribution Manager and Publications Committee to reduce and possibly even eliminate the hard-copy distribution list by locating one person in your society or congregation who has access to the on-line version of the Kansas Sonshine, and who would be willing to print off one copy of the Sonshine to then make copies to distribute to all society members.  
This would lessen the expenses on the district for postage of mailing hard copies to societies, and the money for this expense could be put towards mites instead. You can print the on-line color version in gray-scale using your printer settings, or you can print the black and white version, both available on the website.  
We hope that one person in your society could be responsible to see that each LWML member gets a printed copy of the *Sonshine* if they are not able to read it online.  
Thanks for your consideration of this request.  
Shelly Keller, Sonshine Editor

**ATTENTION SOCIETIES & ZONES:**  
Is your LWML group sponsoring special events or doing anything exciting in your church? If you'd like to share some news with other LWML societies about your LWML activities, send an article to the Sonshine Editor for publication in a future issue! E-mail your news to:  
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