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*The sunflower loves the sun and follows it,  
looking for the brightness of tomorrow.*

*Matthew 17:2b (NIV) says "His face shone like  
the sun".*

*So just like the sunflower, let us turn our face  
and look to the Son!*



*Whatever is true, noble, right, pure,  
lovely, admirable - if anything is  
excellent or praiseworthy - think about  
such things. Phil. 4:8*

## Meet Karen—our 20th LWML Kansas District President!

### What Is Your LWML Story?

We were challenged at Convention, to think about our LWML story and then to write it down, so we would know it and could share it. I decided that would be the perfect topic for my first president's message. So, here is my story. . .

As a teen, I was not aware of any specialized woman's organization. All the moms of the Walther League youth group helped in the Lutheran School kitchen, prepared the altar and communion, and were always helping around the church any way possible. But I don't remember any mite boxes.

As a young mother at a new church, I went to a few of the Dorcas circle meetings. They made the banners for special worship occasions. But that didn't last long because soon I returned to work. Fast forward a couple years, my Mom was serving as the Society President for her church, so I attended a special Mother's Day event they were hosting. It was fun to spend time with Mom and her friends but I still didn't really know what LWML was all about.

After a bit more life passed by, John and I joined Risen Savior in Wichita. The ladies were starting a brand new society, so I attended a few meetings off and on. But I was serving as Senior High youth counselor, helping with Wednesday evening studies and activities, so I couldn't join full-time.

Then my daughter, the youngest, graduated from High School, so I stepped out of youth work and directly into LWML as Society President. I attended a Wichita Zone meeting the next spring, where I met Jean Wellner, Wichita Zone President, at the time. In 2004, I attended the Wichita Convention, as a voting delegate, where Jean was elected VP of Communication. Shortly thereafter, Jean called to ask if I would serve on the District P.R. committee. I said yes. After serving on the committee as a member, I became chairman. During this same time period, I served as Secretary and Christian Growth chairman for the Wichita Zone, and I served as a delegate to the LWML national convention in Sioux Falls, SD, representing the Wichita Zone.

Next in 2008, I put my name on the ballot for VP of Communication and was elected. I served the past four years in that position where I have grown enormously as a child of God, and as a woman on a mission. Then at KAOL (Kansas Assembly of Leaders) Betty announced that it was time for nominations for President and said "Anyone can do this job!" Then God said to me "Karen, watch Betty, it is easy, and I am with you!" So here I am, the 20<sup>th</sup> Kansas District LWML President.

Over the years I have learned what LWML is all about. It is about Mites and Missions! It is about fellowship and love! It is about caring and sharing! It is about being a W.W.W.—Wonderful Witnessing Woman—wherever you are: at home, at work or at play. I am blessed to serve the Lord with "Gladys Nuss" and with each one of you.

*Blessings, Karen*



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Mountains shake; earth quakes; kings rant; nations rage!  
 Troubled by turmoil?? Fatigued by trial??  
 Nice to be distracted by a summer wedding,  
 or the sweet sweetness of a grandchild.

"I have great kids but they are so busy, hate to bother them!  
 I look forward to our weekly Bible studies, quilting circle.....  
 and Sunday morning worship. It helps refresh my mind  
 and takes me away from thinking....."

"Be still!" A call to a sense of peace. It's like a  
 "cease and desist" order. "Stop!" "Enough!" "Let it go!"

BUT there is food to buy, meals to prepare,  
 dishes and clothes to wash, dusting and vacuuming,  
 pick up-- put away, the lawn to mow, and bills to pay.  
 Lists, once a helpful tool, now come a-mastering.

Jesus gently and lovingly instructs Martha,  
 "Life is much more than getting tasks done.  
 Not to stress over this stuff, these are only a side dish  
 to what is most important – spending time with me."

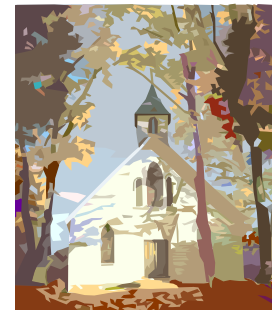
Calm the storms of life, O Lord, calm my troubled soul as well.  
 Fill me with confidence in knowing that you are always present.  
 Help me stand firm in my belief that you are still in charge and  
 steel me with your peace at all times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Re-read this devotion for as long as it takes.....)

Gaylen Burow, LWML Kansas District, Senior Pastoral Advisor

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*Lutheran Women in Mission*

## LWML Kansas District

### Executive Committee

**Front row:** Gloria Raab, Kim Burdett, Karen Morrison,  
 Kerri Lynne Brown, LaJean Rinker.

**Back row:** Pastor Jeff Duncan, Marj Aufdemberge,  
 Becky Schotte, Debbie Lehman, Brenda Piester,  
 Pastor Gaylen Burow

(Note: see story on page 3)



## The LWML Kansas District Executive Committee

Your newly elected president may only have a dozen or so years of personal LWML experience, but standing beside her in this new Executive Committee is a cumulative total of 248 years of experience in LWML service and leadership. Is that impressive, or what? And that only counts the women's experience, not the pastoral counselors. Let's learn a little bit more about these women who have volunteered to lead our Kansas District for the next biennium.

**Gloria Raab**, VP of Caring Service, currently lives in Wichita and attends Holy Cross. But she and Paul moved seven times over the course of their married life. They have three children, and all three were born in a different city. Gloria has eight grandchildren, two girls and six boys.

**Kim Burdett**, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, has affectionately dubbed herself VP of GO! And isn't that what Gospel Outreach is all about? Her favorite Bible verse is Matthew 6:34, "Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." This will serve her well in the months ahead because Kim's youngest daughter just graduated from high school, so she will now have three kids in college.

**Karen Morrison**, President. You learned a lot about Karen's LWML story from her message, but personally she is married to John, who calls himself "the First Purple". She loves being MeMa to granddaughters Zella, Gianna and Leila, all 2 ½ years old, and she is not an early morning person.

**Kerri Lynne Brown**, Financial Secretary, is married to Rev. Luke Brown, but wants you to know she is still learning the "preacher wife" thing. One of her favorite scripture verses is Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

**LaJean Rinker**, Recording Secretary, has been involved in LWML since 1965. She joined because it was a stipulation in her call to teach in Omaha. But she stayed involved because she loved the mission and ministry. LaJean and Larry lived for two years in Germany, and their daughter was born in Munich.

**Marj Aufdemberge**, Treasurer, attends St. John's in Lincoln. Marj said she doesn't have one favorite hymn or Christian song, but when pressed to list one, she chose "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty". But her favorite scripture verse came quickly, Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**Becky Schotte**, VP of Special Focus Ministries, admitted that she got involved in LWML by total emersion through her mother and the ladies of First Lutheran in Paola. Her mentors included Donna Wehmeier, Judy Carlson, Jane Turner and Velma Bass. Becky's favorite hymn is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

**Debbie Lehman**, VP of Christian Life, attends Immanuel, Hepler, in the Southeast zone. Debbie loves family history and genealogy. Debbie's family and her husband Mark's family have lived in the SE corner of Kansas for multiple generations. Debbie became involved in LWML through her mom, Lavonne Kmiec.

**Brenda Piester**, VP of Communication, followed in her grandmother's and mother's footsteps when she joined LWML. She worships at St. Paul, in rural Preston, teaches gifted students in Pratt and at Skyline, and lives on the family ranch west of Coats where her husband, Ron, raises cattle. Brenda shares her favorite scripture verse with Marj Aufdemberge, Jeremiah 29:11.

(Not pictured) **Elaine Engelman**, Meeting Manager, says she is blessed with an amazing extended family, many aunts, uncles, and cousins, some she is related to and some she inherited through marriage. Elaine's favorite scripture verse was her confirmation verse, Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you. He will not suffer the righteous to be moved."

The KS District LWML is also supported by two Pastoral Counselors, **Pastor Gaylen Burow** from the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone and **Pastor Jeff Duncan** from the Wichita Zone. These men provide prayer, devotion, and Bible study support to the Executive Committee along with assuring that all decisions made are in line with the Synod.

Submitted by President Karen Morrison

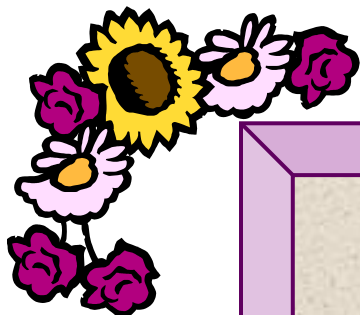


### **NEW CIRCLE ORGANIZED**

The LWML is very active at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, KS. A fourth circle was organized and added to their LWML Society effective March 2012. Ten new members attended the first organizational meeting; however, recruiting of additional members continues. At this meeting, several service projects were discussed and many great things are expected to be accomplished by these dedicated and inspired women as they

Serve the Lord with Gladness!!

Submitted by MaryAnn Kelley,  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church LWML President



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saints Alive event—Wichita: July 22-24  
Lutheran Family Retreat at Camp Webster—Salina: August 3-5  
BOD meeting & KAOL at Wichita-Holy Cross: August 24 & 25  
News deadline for Fall Sonshine issue: September 5  
LWML Sunday observed: October 7  
LWR Pick-up in Kansas: October 9, 10, 11, & 12

***Mark your calendar and plan now to attend the  
2014 LWML Kansas District Convention at the Marriott in  
Wichita, KS, on March 28, 29, & 30, 2014.***

***The hosts will be ladies of the Southeast Zone and  
Wichita Zone, using the theme***

***“On Wings, Like Eagles” Isaiah 40:31.***



### **Calling All Artists**

*The LWML Kansas District is looking for theme logo ideas for the 2014 Wichita Convention. The theme is "On Wings, Like Eagles." The theme verse is from Isaiah 40:31 -- "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

*The logo artwork, selected by the Board of Directors, will be used for the convention banner, manual and T-shirts. The due date for theme logo art is August 15th. Artwork proposals should be submitted to President Karen by email at: [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org) or by mail to: 753 N Chickadee Ln, Wichita, KS 67212. Digital art would be best, so that it is ready to use in printing.*





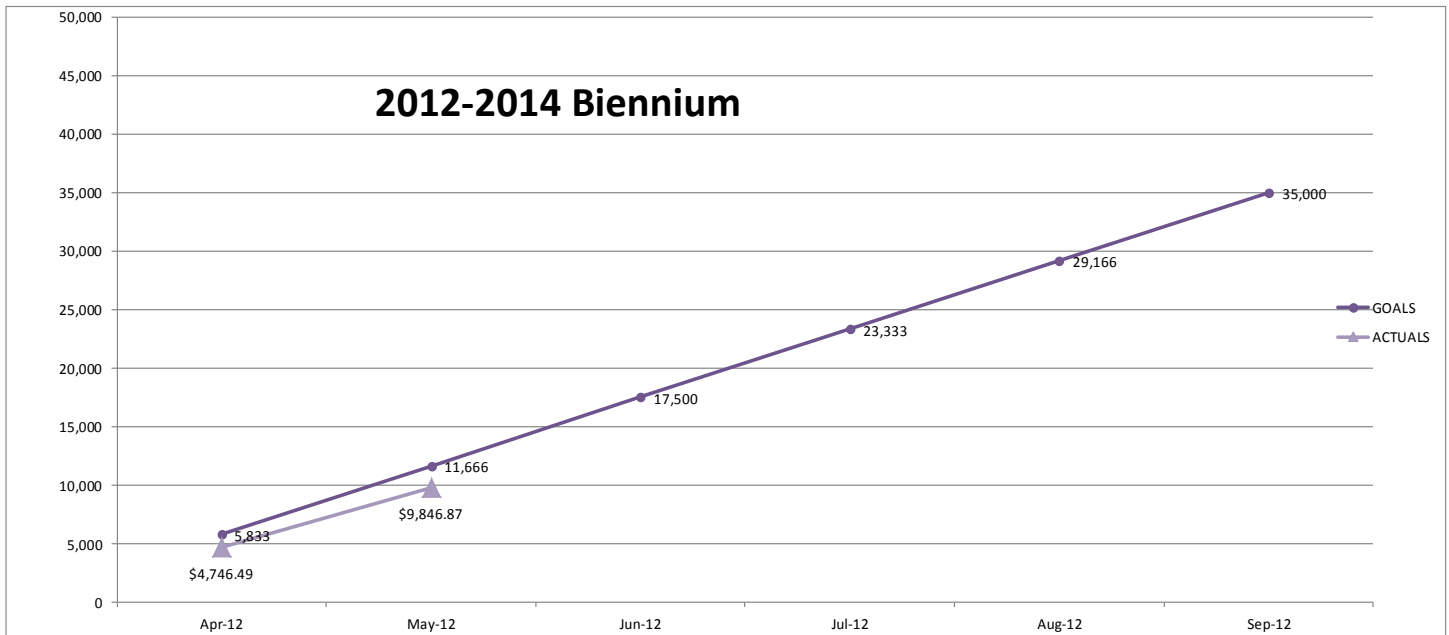
# FINANCIAL NEWS

Email: [financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org](mailto:financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org)



Please send your  
mite offerings to:

Kerri Lynne Brown  
LWML KS District Financial Secretary  
114 2nd St.  
Westphalia, KS 66093



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.

*I was honored to be elected Kansas District Financial Secretary at our LWML convention in April. So that means there is a new name and address to which you will now send mites and other remittances. Please see my mailing address and email address listed above.*

*Please remember that all money sent to the LWML Kansas District must be accompanied by a remittance voucher. Checks should be made out to: LWML Kansas District. I am also your source for mite boxes and blank remittance vouchers (there is a place on the voucher to request these items).*

*I am looking forward to serving the Lord with gladness and receiving mite contributions from all around our great state!*

*Kerri Lynne Brown, Financial Secretary*

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

### FINAL TOTALS

#### Offering #1:

LWML Kansas District Mites  
2012-14 Biennium Goal  
\$3,949.90

#### Offering #2:

KCK Outreach to Homeless  
Pastor Luke Kamrath &  
Pastor Scott Eberlein  
\$3,285.23

### MISSION WALK

LCMS World Mission  
Mission Central  
Missionary Josh Lange  
\$2,803.00

### MITE BOX COLLECTION

\$198.22



## MISSION GOAL FOR 2012-2014

Total Mission Goal: \$150,150

### Goal includes:

Mission Projects: \$32,500  
Student Financial Aid: \$40,000  
Mites to National: \$35,000



SONSHINE  
SNIPPET

... did you know that in 1967, the first Sunday in October was designated as LWML Sunday!  
We've been celebrating this special day  
for 45 years!

## LWML Introduces "A Cup with Kay"



LWML President Kay Kreklau enjoys a cup of tea while reading the Scriptures, or while in prayer. President Kay is inviting you to pray with her, and your brothers and sisters in Christ, on Saturday mornings for 9 minutes at 9:00 a.m. Just as steam from your cup, all prayers will rise up! Check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheLWML](http://www.facebook.com/TheLWML) or the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/missions](http://www.lwml.org/missions) for monthly mission grant highlights as a suggested focus for your prayers. The LWML website changes constantly. To help inspire you to check out each page, we've hidden a small logo throughout the website. Peruse through all the pages on the website to see how many of the small logos you can find! Once you think you've found them all, simply submit your guess along with your name, phone number and/or e-mail address to [pr@lwml.org](mailto:pr@lwml.org). All responses received by the 15th of each month will be entered into a drawing. This would be a fun group activity for your woman's group at one of your events. Each month we will draw two winners who will receive a special gift. On March 1, 2013, the names of two grand prize winners will be drawn. These two individuals will have the opportunity to have **"A Cup with Kay"** in person at the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, June 27-30, 2013! You do not want to miss this opportunity to receive a special gift or, better yet, a chance to win the grand prize!!! The winners will be personally contacted, announced on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), and on Facebook. Take the time for 9 minutes on Saturdays to connect with your Father in Heaven along with others around the globe, and have fun searching for those **"A Cup with Kay"** logos.



## 2012 Kansas District Convention



**2012—2014 LWML KS District**  
**Committee Members Listing**

**CARING SERVICE**

Gloria Raab—Wichita (Vice President)  
\*Laura Hunter—Overland Park  
Nina Borgstadter—Ellsworth  
Karen Rinne—Overland Park  
Cathi Temple—Westphalia

**CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Debbie Lehman—Girard (Vice President)  
\*Kris Osler—Andover  
Fonda Lawrence—Norton  
Jolene Stackhouse—Junction City  
Vernelle Coffelt—Mission

**COMMUNICATION**

Brenda Piester—Coats (Vice President)  
\*Shelly Keller—Sylvan Grove (Sonshine Editor)  
Cathi Clark—Winfield (Distribution Manager)  
Sherri Rose—Linwood (PR/Ad Manager)  
Tammy Songer—Overland Park (Store Manager)  
Mark Fuchs—Paola (Web Master)

**GOSPEL OUTREACH**

Kim Burdett—Olathe (Vice President)  
\*Karen Eskew—Oberlin  
Carol Bauck—Ottawa  
Bernie Reetz—Holcomb  
Ella Schempp—Shawnee

**SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES**

Becky Schotte—Winfield (Vice President)  
\*Joylynn Harlow—Salina  
Tiffany Harkins—Olathe  
Shawna Spiehs—Linn  
Allison Lehmann—Topeka

**STRUCTURE**

Brenda Piester—Coats (Vice President)  
\*Kathryn Richard—Arma  
Phyllis VonFange—Salina  
JoAnn Meyer—Alma  
Janice Cundiff—Oberlin

*\* denotes chairman of committee*

*Note: to contact a committee member, please refer to the LWML  
Kansas District Directory found on the website.  
Or request the directory information from  
your Zone President.*

Please note committee name changes:

**CARING SERVICE** was Care & Needs

**CHRISTIAN LIFE** was Christian Growth

**COMMUNICATION** was Public Relations & Publications

**GOSPEL OUTREACH** was Mission Projects

**SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES** was Member Development

**MENTORING OPPORTUNITY**

Sisters in Christ, do you remember your first days of college? Some of us lived away from home in the dorms, while some might have lived at home and commuted. Either way, we were all filled with some anxiety and also filled with excitement all at once. But after a couple of weeks, the anxiety lessened, or did it? For some students, the anxiety does not leave and they feel alone, homesick and lost. I would like to reach out to all college students in the Wichita area, and I need your help. Do you know of students from your congregation who will be attending a trade school, college or university in the Wichita area? If you do, please forward me their information, as I am gathering names of students. My prayer is to contact some LWML ladies to see if they would like to assist me in sending encouragement cards, calling students to check in with them, and see how they are settling in. If you would like to be involved, please let me know. You can email me at [debra911@cox.net](mailto:debra911@cox.net) or phone me at 316-253-1485.

*1 Peter 4:10*

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Serving Him,

Debra Rose, Deaconess Intern

Greetings, LWML Sisters, from the **Christian Life** Department. We are excited for the new biennium. Our Christian Life Committee for the next two years will be Kris Osler, Chairman, Fonda Lawrence, Jolene Stackhouse and Vernelle Coffelt. I personally would like to thank Cathi Temple and Glenna Lempke who served in the last biennium. The Committee will be working on KAOL to be held in August. Please contact any of us if we can help you in any way.

As I was contemplating what to include in the newsletter the summer rush began. I'm sure you all know what I am talking about. My family has been blessed with two family reunions, a wedding, visiting relatives and lots of garden produce including cherries, peaches, green beans, sweet corn, and the list goes on. All of these things take time and it is not necessarily the time we would like. Peaches are ripe when they decide to be. In the midst of this, I was taking my 4-year-old grand children to one of the events, and Natalie asked me to buckle her in. As I impatiently hurried to reach across her to fasten the seatbelt she said, "Grandma, don't forget to buckle Jesus' seatbelt". It almost brought me to tears. This 4-year-old with her innocent comment had so beautifully reminded me that Jesus is right beside me no matter how hectic the time is. By the grace of God He is safely with us. What a joy the rest of the day is if we start out with Jesus buckled in beside us!! So as you face each hour of the busyness of summer be it travel, work, vacation, or just day-to-day schedules, my prayer is you will remember Jesus' words from Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always." Remember He is safely buckled right beside you!!

*by Debbie Lehman, Vice President of Christian Life*



## **Special Focus Ministries News**

by Becky Schotte, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Standing at the Crossroads, we are looking at a new biennium with a new name for the Vice President of Member Resources and the Member Development Committee. We are now Special Focus Ministries. The national LWML presented this change at the convention in 2011, and the Kansas District is following the lead of national and changing along with them.

As a Special Focus Ministries, we can define ourselves just a little bit more. Part of our special focus is on young women to bring them into the LWML and keep our ministry alive and well and continue passing the traditions on to the next generation.

At the district convention this past April, we had fourteen Young Woman Representatives as our special guests from various Zones from across the state. To keep these young women connected to our LWML, please be sure to invite the young women in your congregation to any and all events that your society has to offer. Give the young women the opportunity to discuss their experiences and share their ideas for programs and ministry for your society. Listen and hear what they have to share.

Young women are creative and full of enthusiasm. Ask the young women to speak to your society on an issue or hobby they enjoy. Send or email LWML newsletters to the young women along with a personal note of encouragement to help maintain their interest. Involve the young women in the planning process for your fall programming. Remember the young women in your prayers and encourage them in their faith walk and bringing up their children in the church.

The young women are the future of the LWML, and we must encourage and mentor them along the way and bring them to know what the LWML is all about. Share what the LWML means to you with the young women, and invite them, pray for them and share with them every chance you get.

Continue to be part of the Special Focus Ministries with young women and teens from all walks of life, and continue to say, "***I am the FACE of the LWML.***"



## **Caring Service Committee**

by Gloria Raab, Vice President of Caring Service

*The Caring Service Committee welcomes three new members and is delighted to have one returning member to its committee for the coming biennium. Members are: Chairman Laura Hunter, Overland Park; Nina Borgstadter, Ellsworth; Karen Rinne, Overland Park; and Cathi Temple, Westphalia. The committee is looking forward to planning servant activities and ingatherings for District events, and developing ideas that zones and societies can use, as together we "Serve the Lord with Gladness."*

***The 2012 Lutheran World Relief  
pick-up schedule is:***  
*(9 a.m. to noon each day)*

**October 9: St. Andrew's Lutheran, Wichita**

**October 10: Trinity Lutheran, Hays**

**October 11: Trinity Lutheran, Salina**

**October 12: Christ Lutheran, Topeka**

*Remember that **ALL** kits and layettes are to be assembled using the new guidelines. See the kit and layette guidelines on page 9 of this issue of the newsletter. Also, **quilts** are always needed. Go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) for more information.*

## **LWML CONVENTION MEMORIES**

If you did not have time to submit your "LWML Convention Memory" at the time of the Kansas District Convention, we still would like to hear your story. Please send your memory by e-mail to [ejcarlson@classicnet.net](mailto:ejcarlson@classicnet.net) or [esther48@jbntelco.com](mailto:esther48@jbntelco.com) or by mail to Esther Ideker, 15582 K-9 Hwy. Whiting, KS. 66552. Also, Kansas

Delegation photos are still needed from:

**1949 Cleveland, OH**

**1951 New York, NY**

**1956 Denver, CO**

**1957 Minneapolis, MN**

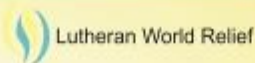
**1959 Toronto, Canada**

**1991 Cleveland, OH**

**2001 San Jose, CA**



## School Kits



- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college rule paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" NO SINGLE SHEETS
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- One 2 1/2" eraser
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secure together with a rubber band.
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (NO standard backpacks).  
Recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas denim and twill.

Remove all excess packaging, pack all items in a bag and close.  
**DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

## Baby Care Kits



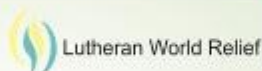
- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarns, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Packing: Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Tips: Varying the sizes (up to 24 months) in the clothing items will make the kit more useful as the baby grows.

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## Personal Care Kits



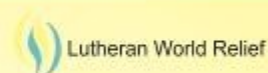
- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap (any brand, in original wrapping)
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

Packing: Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn

**DO NOT ADD OTHER ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED**

**DO NOT ENCLOSE THE KIT OR ANY OF ITS CONTENTS IN A PLASTIC BAG**

## Fabric Kits



- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
  - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric or
  - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric or
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- 2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

Packing: Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or strip of fabric.

**DO NOT ENCLOSE THE FABRIC KIT OR ANY OF ITS CONTENTS IN A PLASTIC BAG**

Greetings from the "Breadbasket of the World!" This season of wheat harvest reminds me of the old adage "Who plants a seed beneath the sod, and waits to see believes in God." For those of us with connections to the land, we completely trust that seed will germinate, grow and ripen for the harvest. Yet we know that we are totally dependent on rain/snow for the plant to sprout and mature, and on the wind—YES, wind—to spread the pollen. Just as Kansas farmers depend on these cycles of nature so we can export grain to feed the world, more importantly, we Christians rely on our Lord and Savior who declared to us: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35.

It is a privilege to serve you as the Vice President of Communication. I humbly accept this task to keep you informed of news, events and opportunities within the LWML Kansas District. The Bylaws Committee appointed during the last biennium continues work on merging two sets of LWML materials into one new document, "Leadership Guidelines". Karen Morrison, Gloria Raab, Jean Wellner and I plan to have this project finished to distribute at KAOL in August, and I thank these committee members for their tireless work!

The **Communication Committee** is chaired by Shelly Keller, also the Editor of the *Kansas Sonshine*. Cathi Clark is the Distribution Manager for both the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and for the *Sonshine* newsletter. Tammy Songer is the LWML Store Manager and will provide LWML materials for our Kansas events. Sherri Rose is the Public Relations/Advertising Manager and will coordinate and manage our LWML display. Mark Fuchs continues as the webmaster for the LWML Kansas District, and we especially appreciate his expertise and commitment.

The **Structure Committee** is led by Kathryn Richard. She will be assisted by the past chairman, Phyllis VonFange. JoAnn Meyer and Janice Cundiff are beginning new terms on this committee. Pastor Jeff Duncan oversees the Communication Department.

I sincerely thank each of these women and men for their willing service to you—the members of the LWML Kansas District. If there is ANYTHING we can do to help you to make your jobs in your zones or societies easier, please contact us. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you!

by Brenda Piester, Vice President of Communication

## NEWS from the VICE PRESIDENTS of COMMUNICATION and GOSPEL OUTREACH

Happy Summer to all our LWML friends! The Mission Outreach Department has seen many changes (change? – oh my! Anyone remember that catchy slogan?). We are embracing these changes and are gladly declaring "Change? – oh yes! Let's GO! As of the 2012 District Convention, the Mission Outreach Department is now known as the Gospel Outreach (GO) Department. I was appointed by the Executive Committee to the vacant position of Vice President of Gospel Outreach, a 2-year term. The GO! Committee also has three new members. Serving as the chairman is Karen Eskew from Oberlin. Bernie Reetz of Holcomb and Ella Schempp of Shawnee will join returning member Carol Bauck of Ottawa. The Mission Walk at the 2012 District Convention raised \$2,803.00 to benefit Joshua Lange and his mission endeavors. Josh writes:

*Dear friends at LWML - Kansas District, Wonderful to connect with you here. I'm writing to say thank you so much for your gift & I pray that you are blessed through your support of His work in Asia!*

*As you may know, I am currently working with a ministry in Asia working to improve the lives of the poor in China & Cambodia. I am based in Shanghai and have been involved these past two years in setting up projects here to reach out to the children of migrant workers, a disadvantaged segment of the population - 'the least of these' in Shanghai. So far, my work has consisted of building relationships with schools for migrant children, and organizing volunteer groups to show love to these kids through English training, music, and art activities. We are also providing support for school lunches for a selection of students whose families are struggling financially, and this semester we are piloting a program designed to build leadership and life skills for migrant middle school students. I am doing this work through a ministry of LCMS International called Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation (CWEF). You can find more information about CWEF from the web site at <http://cweef.org.hk>. You can also find some photos of CWEF's work at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cweef>.*

*I have recently accepted the position of Director of Operations for CWEF, and when I return from the States in early September, I will continue to be based out of our office here in Shanghai, while working with our office managers in China and Cambodia to make sure that our projects are running smoothly and effectively. I'm excited about what God has in store for us in the future. It is a pleasure to be an instrument of His great love for the people of China and Cambodia; thank you so much for coming along side us to join Him in His work.*

*I have added you to my email newsletter list ('Josh in Asia'). You can also read past newsletters, see photos, and read other bits of information on my web site at <http://jwalange.wordpress.com>*

感谢，上帝保佑你！Thank you, God bless you!

As you can see, our efforts are much appreciated. May you find plenty of opportunities this summer to get up and GO! and Serve the Lord with Gladness.

by Kim Burdett, Vice President of GO!



## LWML Quilters Share Their Talents

This spring, Ladies Aid members from St. Paul Lutheran in Preston presented, "Tips for Starting a Quilting Group" in skit demonstration form to the LWML of St. John Lutheran in Ellinwood. The ladies shared tips on securing quilting supplies from a variety of sources to teaching how to "tie" quilts using a method that does not use an actual tie. It's a simpler, faster method but just as secure. The Ladies Aid quilters of St. Paul meet every Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm from September through April. They average seven or eight in attendance, and they sew over two hundred quilts each year. Prior to the presentation, the ladies of St. John invited the quilters to join them in their annual Smorgasbord Dinner. Each year ladies serve an endless selection of new recipes. At the sign-in table, each member drops a copy of her recipe into a decorated basket. Later the church secretary will give each member a printed copy of all the recipes to add to their ever-growing 3-ring binder recipe books. This year, Tonya Pike, President of Ellinwood's LWML, promised to share copies with their quilting guests. The Preston LWML ladies are eagerly awaiting this gift and plan to share the recipes at their next church dinner!



Linda Ringwald, Tonya Pike, and Kary Miller of Ellinwood receive guidance from Lois Hope of Preston on tying quilts.



Quilters making the presentation:  
Donna Briggeman, Jo Ann Schepmann, Jane Ann Starrett, Lois Hope, and Helen Condict.

*What is your society doing? Are you quilting, sewing, cooking, or crafting? Please share your story with us; send pictures of your activities or events; or submit a special recipe or table decoration idea that you've used at a meeting or event. Share with fellow Sonshine readers how you are "serving the Lord with gladness" in your home congregations!*



Pictured left to right: Dorothy Burtness, Mildred Zeigler, Marlene Smith, Lois Strauss, and Maxine Junghans. Not pictured is Marlene Insley.

### MISSION SEWERS OF IMMANUEL LWML

The Mission Sewers of Immanuel LWML of Junction City have been busy once a month with love and fellowship, and wondering where and to whom each quilt will go to keep someone warm, or whatever the need may be. This past October, 32 quilts were sent to Mission Haiti, along with 15 Mercy Kits and 29 pairs of rubber shoes. Lutheran World Relief picked up 36 quilts, plus 28 pounds of soap. The ladies made 23 crib quilts for Haskell Light for children whose parents go to school, and then the child gets to take the quilt home with them. This past year has been quite rewarding to the quilters as well as the receivers.

Submitted by Lois Strauss, Immanuel LWML President

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*Lutheran Women in Mission*

**MAILING REQUEST**

Please help the Communication Committee and Distribution  
Manager 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 newsletter 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 individuals, and the money for this expense  
could be put toward 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 Kansas Sonshine* newsletter if they are  
not able to read it online. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Shelly Keller, Editor

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