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CONVENTION INFORMATION

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

The convention will open with a communion worship service at 7 PM on Friday, April 20, 2012. Officiant for the service is the Rev. Dale Becker, Senior Pastoral Counselor. Celebrant will be the Rev. Bryan Drebes, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Counselor. Host congregation will be Bethany, Overland Park.

Convention Purpose:

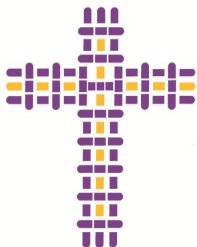
Since the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District is a vital link between the individual member of the LWML and the national organization, it shall meet in convention for the purpose of making a forceful impact on the spiritual life of each person who attends, while also disseminating information, creating enthusiasm, and promoting fellowship among fellow Christians.

Convention Offering #1:

LWML Kansas District Mites
2012-14 Biennium Goal

Convention Offering #2:

KCK Outreach to Homeless
Pastors Luke Kammrath and Scott Eberlein



"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..."



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

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

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

Stop And Be In The Word...

Convention Schedule

Executive Committee Members

will host round-table Bible Study options on Friday afternoon from 1-3PM. They will not present full study, but will 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

Jean Wellner

REGENCY D2

This is a BYOB Event!

Bring Your Own Bible.



Friday, April 20, 2012:

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Open
10:00 a.m. Banner Practice
11:00 a.m. Choir Practice
11:30 a.m. **Mentor Lunch:**
YWRs, EC, Past Pres., Comm. Chairs
Round Table Bible Study Sampler:
1-1:50 1st session, 2-2:50 2nd session
Servant Events and Mission Walk
Dinner Buffet
5:30 p.m. Pastors Room Open
6:30 p.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Closed
7:00 p.m. **Opening Communion Worship**
10:00 p.m. YWR: Pizza Party

Saturday, April 21, 2012:

7-8:30 a.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Open
7:00 a.m. **Christian Life Breakfast,**
Guest Speaker: Ruth Koch
Convention Session 1
Bible Study 1: Katy Gifford
National LWML Representative
Business meeting with balloting:
Lunch
YWR Luncheon: National President
Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Open
Convention Session 2
Mission Speaker— Sarah Guldalian
Interest Sessions:
3:00-3:50 1st session / 4:00-4:50 2nd session
Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Open
Saturday Banquet
YWR Presentation
8:00 p.m. Handbell Soloist: Kristine Stout
10:00 p.m. YWR: Sundaes

Sunday, April 22, 2012:

7-8:30 a.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Store Open
7:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
8:30 a.m. **Convention Session 3**
Wrap up business, Election results
9:30 a.m. **Bible Study 2**
10:30-11:30 a.m. **Worship**
New Officer Installation
Noon Closing w/video wrap up



2012 Convention Goals:

When I “stand at the crossroads” in life, I will...

- ◆ Stop and be in the Word
 - ◆ Look for mission opportunities
 - ◆ Seek the Lord’s guidance with an open heart
 - ◆ Walk faithfully with others
- ...“and (I) will find rest.”



BOOTHs

DON’T MISS:
Concordia Publishing House
LWML Store
Exhibitors
and More!

“Walk Faithfully”

Be one of the many convention attendees that gets exercise and support mission grants by participating in the “**Mission in Motion**” Walk. The Pledge Walk will be held on **Saturday, April 21**, between 3:00-5:00 p.m. The Holiday Inn parking lot is shaded along the outer edges and, weather permitting, will be ideal for taking a stroll.

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, microwave popcorn, Ramen noodles, etc. We will also be collecting food for LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency) which serves the Kansas City area. Please bring non-perishable canned goods, no glass containers.

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. (Please bring your own scissors.)

Seek The Lord's Guidance With An Open Heart! Look For Mission Opportunities!



Lodging

The Official Hotel site is **Holiday Inn & Convention Center**, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044. Please plan to use this facility, as they have given us a good rate and reserved a large number of rooms. Due to the Kansas Relays happening on this weekend hotel space is limited within Lawrence, so please make your reservations before March 19th! **2 Queen Beds \$104 per night + taxes for up to 4 people in a room.**

745-841-7077

www.holidayinn.com/lawrenceks

Conveniently located off I-70 (exit 202), just blocks north of Immanuel University Lutheran Church and Student Center.

ARE YOU READY TO WALK?

The first of the year usually brings resolutions for healthier living. Have we got a deal for you! You can help people in your congregation lighten up when they pledge to sponsor you in the Mission Walk at the April convention in Lawrence...and you can take a break on Friday and stretch your legs. All those pledges are designated for a missionary seeking support through Mission Central. She is sponsored by LCMS World Mission. Her name is Aurora Sandell, serving in Cambodia as the learning coordinator of Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. She hosts short-term teams and implements education and development projects. Her prayer request: for open hearts in the students that she is serving and that she would be a strong witness of Jesus' love to them through her teaching and all her actions. **Mission Central** is located in Mapleton, Iowa, under the direction of Gary Thies. To learn more visit their website at www.missioncentral.us.

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 Events 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

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

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS:

Saturday, 3-5 PM

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| A. LWML: | <i>REGENCY C1</i> |
| Kay Kreklau | |
| B. In Grief: | <i>REGENCY A2</i> |
| Ruth Koch | |
| C. In Sabbath Rest: | <i>REGENCY A2</i> |
| Ruth Koch | |
| D. Visual Values: | <i>BRAZILIAN D</i> |
| Karen Morrison | |
| E. Stephen Ministry: | <i>REGENCY D3</i> |
| Mike & Teresa Tonn, Risen Savior, Wichita | |
| F. Hospice Care: | <i>REGENCY D2</i> |
| Kate Poovey | |
| G. Sharing the Gospel in a Digital Age: | <i>REGENCY B</i> |
| Sarah Guldalian | |
| H. Drug & Alcohol Ministry: | <i>BRAZILIAN C</i> |
| Rev. Gaylen Burow & Dave Redlin | |
| I. Malaria Initiative: | <i>REGENCY D1</i> |
| Marlene Kohlmeier | |
| J. Community Outreach: | <i>BRAZILIAN B</i> |
| Pastors Scott Eberlein & Luke Kammrath | |
| K. Drug & Alcohol Ministry: | <i>BRAZILIAN C</i> |
| Rev. Gaylen Burow & Bob Jenkins | |

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND PROPOSALS
2012 Kansas District LWML Convention

These six (6) proposals were received by the mission projects committee and approved by the Kansas District Board of Directors for presentation at the District convention in April, 2012. District Guidelines suggest that each project receive no more than 15% of the total available funds so that more projects may be funded. The dollar amount equal to 15% for 2012 is \$1,050.00. When the 15% cap was applied to the proposals requesting more than that amount, we had funds remaining. We applied the remaining funds to project #3. We will vote to fund the six projects in the amounts shown.

1. Grace Lutheran Board of Social Ministry, Grace Lutheran, Wichita **\$1,050**

The Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita averages between 500-600 recipients each year; 30% of these are first time recipients. The church also provides items such as sleeping bags, ground cloths, quilts, and toiletries for the Drop In Shelter whenever possible. In August they take school supplies to schools that have a large percentage of underprivileged children and at Christmas they help about 30 families with food and small gifts for the children. These funds will help supplement this ongoing ministry.

Submitted by: Grace Lutheran LWML, Wichita

2. Kansas District LLL/LWML Lutheran Family Retreat Scholarships **\$500**

The Lutheran Family Retreat, co-hosted by LLL and LWML each summer, is an excellent resource for families in Kansas. It is a time to strengthen family ties and renew Christian family relationships in the restful atmosphere of Camp Webster near Salina, Kansas. A scholarship would enable more families to benefit from this time of fun and fellowship.

Submitted by: M/M Richard Riemer on behalf of the LWML Family Retreat Committee

3. Capstone Ministry of Kisumu, Kenya **\$2,350**

Capstone Ministries, founded by Pastor Dan and Patty Schmelzer in 2005, works with street children (primarily boys) in Kisumu, Kenya. There is a weekly outreach ministry that includes a 3 hour session of Bible stories and songs, games and activities, a small meal, an opportunity to bathe and wash clothes, and group and individual counseling. The boys are taken directly home whenever possible. If challenges arise during the visit at home, the boys can spend time at Capstone's rural Transition Center while the family is visited and counseled. Once a year a camp is held for boys who have successfully transitioned home to return to the Transition Center and be spiritually and emotionally encouraged. A great deal of organization is necessary for planning and record keeping and these funds will help purchase office equipment to improve efficiency.

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran LWML, Winfield

4. St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas **\$1,050**

St. John Lutheran School has been providing a Christian education for the area youth since 1873. The present building was built in 1954. Installing new energy efficient windows would save on energy costs and the savings could be used for educational materials and teacher salaries. New windows will be purchased with these funds.

Submitted by: Friendship Circle, St. John Lutheran Church, Alma

5. Orphanage playground equipment, Orlovka, Kyrgyzstan **\$1,050**

The orphanage in Orlovka serves 59 children of different ages and nationalities. The Lutheran Church of Kyrgyzstan has been helping the orphanage for many years. They have seen spiritual growth in the cell group of orphanage staff through Bible study with the local Lutheran pastor. The local Sunday School coordinator goes to the orphanage once a month to work with the children. The building has been repaired and new furniture has been acquired; these funds would purchase new playground equipment. Children from the neighborhood will be interacting with the children at the orphanage as they play, hearing the Gospel from childhood friends and adult staff.

Submitted by: Christ the King LWML, Salina

6. Zion Lutheran Church, Offerle, Kansas **\$1,000**

Zion Lutheran Church was established in 1878 and was known at that time as the "Mother" church of Southwest Kansas. The small rural congregation added onto the building in the 1950's, at which time the steeple and cross were raised; now it is difficult to reach to paint and repair. A crane is needed to lift workers high enough to do work necessary to keep the church from receiving weather damage. The work itself will be done by volunteers. These funds will help rent the crane.

Submitted by: Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, Offerle

MISSION PROJECT PROPOSALS
2012 Kansas District LWML Convention

The following six (6) project proposals were approved by the Kansas District LWML Board of Directors for presentation at the District Convention in April, 2012. Due to the small number of projects, all will receive funding. The convention ballot will be used to determine the order in which the projects are paid. Each delegate will be asked to vote for three (3); the project with the most votes will be paid first, etc. Please prayerfully consider which needs are the most immediate and ask your delegates to vote accordingly at convention.

1. Lutheran Bible Translators (vehicle project), West Africa \$5,000

Missionary John Strasen has been serving faithfully with Lutheran Bible Translators since 2002. He recently completed an assignment in Namibia and will be moving to another African country. Due to the challenges of moving a vehicle to a new country, John is requesting a different ministry vehicle at his new location. Helping to purchase a four wheel drive, heavy-duty vehicle will aid John in his efforts to reach distant peoples with the Gospel in their own language.

2. Puppet/Drama Theaters for Orphanages, Kyrgyzstan \$4,400

59 children are cared for in an orphanage in Orlovka and 29 are tended in an orphanage in Kirovskoe, Kyrgyzstan. These children have many talents and the Lutheran Church "Concordia" would like to encourage a positive Christian outlet for these talents. The children in Orlovka have developed Christian dramas and the children in Kirovskoe are working on puppet shows. These funds will purchase materials to make puppets, costumes, and scenery to help with their productions. The children would take their Christian message to neighboring villages once a month.

3. Four School Roofs (Children's Christian Concern Society), Guinea West Africa \$6,000

While there are 80 established schools in Guinea supported by the Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS), many of the schools hold classes in the churches, in stick schools with thatched roofs, in community buildings, and even in unfinished homes. The School Committee for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea has selected 4 villages that have CCCS schools to receive a hard-walled school with a tin roof. The parents of the students, the church, and the village people will make the mud bricks and build the school. This grant will provide the funds for the roofs for these four schools.

4. Kansas Division of Orphan Grain Train, Stuttgart, Ks. \$5,000

The Orphan Grain Train is a relief organization that encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people locally and internationally. This movement is a response to Christ the Servant and expresses itself as a word well-spoken, a bandage well-applied and sometimes as a child well-fed. These funds will pay shipping costs to send items around the world where they are needed most.

5. LCMS World Mission—Outreach Macau, China. \$4,100

The LCMS and the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod (an LCMS partner church) have worked in Macau since 1998, planning a new congregation and establishing the Concordia English Center. Full time missionary English teachers, the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Macau, and short term missionaries work together to bring the Gospel to Chinese students while teaching them English as a second language. Short-term missionaries at CEC host Vacation Bible Schools, offer additional free English and Bible classes, and provide many opportunities for students to practice their English skills. The funds requested will help purchase books and materials for the extra classroom opportunities provided by the short term missionaries.

6. LCMS World Mission: Missionary Family Care and Education \$8,000

Missionary children need an American style education to be well-prepared to enter American schools and companies in the future. They learn in a variety of settings and are in a unique situation. They live in a "third culture"; a culture that is a combination of America as their parents present it, and the country in which they live. The children may learn in international schools, through home schooling, or with GEO missionaries in the field. This financial support will provide education for missionary children where it is needed most around the world.

Meal Descriptions

Dining is always a wonderful fellowship time with LWML friends. Please join us for these specially selected meals.

Friday Mentor Lunch – Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef on a Deli Kaiser w/lettuce, Tomato, Cheese and Dijon-aise, Potato Salad Fruit Cup and Cookie (*special invitation only*)

Friday Dinner Buffet – Kansas City BBQ Brisket , Grilled Honey-Dijon Chicken Breast, Molasses Beans, Sweet Corn on cob, Cheddar Onion Biscuits w/Honey and Seasonal Fruit Cobbler.

Saturday Christian Life Breakfast – Casserole served with Bacon/Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Seasonal Fruit, OJ/Coffee.

Saturday Lunch Buffet – Baked Potato Bar: Sour Cream/Butter/Bacon/Cheese/Green Onions, Tossed Salad, Broccoli-Cheddar Soup, Chili, Assorted Rolls, Bread Pudding w/Butterscotch Caramel Sauce, Tea/Water.

Saturday YWR Luncheon (with National President Kay Kreklau) - special selected menu

Saturday Banquet – Classic Pot Roast, Fresh Spinach salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette; Roasted Red Potatoes; Honey Glazed Carrots; Chocolate Cake or New York Cheesecake; Rolls; Tea/Coffee.

Sunday Breakfast Buffet – Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Pastries/Muffins/Bagels, Fruits, Orange/Apple Juice, Coffee, Milk.

Special Dietary Needs should be requested on Registration Form. Special vegetarian meals will be provided at the same costs as a regular meal. Other dietary restrictions/food allergies may be accommodated by indicating allowable foods on registration form.



***** Note *****

Our 2012 convention is scheduled the same weekend as the KU Relays, so you will want to make your hotel reservations **EARLY**, so please observe the deadline date.



2012 Convention Bus Tour

During the servant events time slot, from 3-5:00 on Friday, we will be offering a bus/van 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 22 people and will cost \$10-15 to cover the expense of the bus/van, depending upon how many people express interest. Please check the tour box on the registration form if interested. We will collect the tour fee on the day of the tour.

NOTICE—If you will be serving as a delegate from your zone at convention, you are required to please be registered **1hour prior** to your voting obligation!

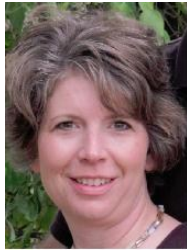
CONVENTION OFFERINGS

The first offering will be collected during the worship service on Friday evening. It is traditionally designated for mites—an excellent start for our next biennium's selected projects. The second convention offering, which is collected during the Sunday morning worship service, will be given to the Kansas City, Kansas Homeless Ministry. In the spring 2010, Trinity Lutheran in Mission called two pastors from seminary to begin outreach to the Kansas City, Kansas urban community. Pastors Scott Eberlein and Luke Kammrath are doing community ministry by opening their homes to homeless students and their families. The area in which they work is about 70% Hispanic.

Convention Speakers



Bible Study Leader Katy Gifford



Personal Mission Statement: To share the hope that I have in Christ Jesus with my husband, family, friends, and those I meet so that moved by the Holy Spirit they might join me in serving the Lord with Gladness. (I Peter 3:15)

Katy Gifford is married to Pastor Dan, whom she met while working toward her Elementary Education degree at Concordia, St. Paul. She supports him as he serves St. Paul's and Christ Lutheran Congregations in Falls City, NE. They have been blessed with Anne-16, Luke-14, Joel-12, Pete- 9, and Sara 8. Katy is currently teaching secondary special education in a life skills program. In order to have a deeper knowledge of how to care for these extra-ordinary students, she is working on a Masters in Special Education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The challenge of managing kids, congregation, and school schedules is a blessing in Katy's mind as she knows she must lean on her Lord to get everything done. Surrounding herself with people of all ages and abilities allows Katy to share the Hope of everlasting life in Christ.

Katy's LWML journey truly started in the church kitchen of her childhood congregation where she learned the joy of serving with gladness. Since then, Katy has had opportunities to serve the Lord in many offices. She has served as a society Bible Study Leader, Zone Member Development Chair and Zone president. At the district level she has been a YWR for NE-North (OKC 2003), VP of Human Care (NE-North 2004-2008, Teen Taskforce Chair 2006-2010) and currently in the NE-South District as Leader Development Chair. At the national level, Katy has served on the LWML Teen Task Force (2005-2009) and is currently serving on the Leader Development Committee. She enjoys these opportunities to serve the Lord and meet more Sisters in Christ across the country. Katy sees the Kansas Convention as a great blessing to meet her Sisters to the South so that together we all can do the work God has for us to do in furthering His kingdom.



Mission Speaker Sarah Guldalian



Sarah Guldalian is the manager of Evangelism Training for Lutheran Hour Ministries. She produces and manages **MISSION U** School of Witnessing. This multi-media training program is used throughout the United States, in the Concordia university system and seminaries as well as internationally.

Guldalian also developed and manages LHM's teen witnessing-training program **five14**, which launched at the 2010 National Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Since 2005, Guldalian has managed **Equipping to Share**, which is now **MISSION U-101**, and she is the editor of the *Equipping You Through MISSION U* newsletter. She has traveled nationally giving more than 100 evangelism presentations for various LCMS congregations, institutions and conventions.

Prior to joining LHM, Guldalian worked in television broadcasting with ABC and Warner Brothers' affiliates and in radio with National Public Radio and Emmis Communications. During this time, she recognized an overwhelming need for Christians to rise up in the media.

Guldalian is a 2003 graduate of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. There she received a bachelor of arts in journalism and mass communication with a major in broadcasting. She is currently enrolled in continuing education for advanced social media at Columbia University in New York. Sarah is most thankful for her opportunity to be a child of God, the wife of Justin and mother of two-year-old son Zane.



National LWML Representative President Kay Kreklau



President Kay Kreklau knew she wanted to be a part of this wonderful organization after attending her first Assembly of Leaders in 1992. The fellowship, seeing the “big picture,” and the Bible study on Moses stirred a curiosity to learn more and become more involved. Throughout her work with the LWML, Kay anchored her efforts in the words of St. Paul from Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. These words bring Kay comfort knowing that all tasks the Lord requests of her will be supported by His strength.

Kay has held many LWML positions including all local offices, most zone offices, and many district offices including District President and Recording Secretary. On the national LWML level, she has served as Recording Secretary and on the Leader Development committee. In 2011 at the Peoria convention, she was elected LWML President. As a member of a small congregation in the North Dakota District, Kay has served in many roles including teaching Sunday school and helping with the Sunday school Christmas programs, to name a few.

Kay had many LWML mentors, but among those named are her aunt, Verna Kreklau, and Marlene Brandenburg, a past LWML North Dakota District President. These women fostered Kay’s love for the organization as well as helped her form her vision for the future of the LWML—fewer meetings with more mission, ministry, mites, and caring about each other. Kay and her husband, Mark, have three children—a son, Chris and his wife, Julie, and their children Lexi (10) and Trevor (3); a daughter, Leah and her husband, Tim; and a daughter, Nicole. In her spare time, Kay enjoys gardening, counted cross stitch, and attending her grandchildren’s events.



Christian Life Breakfast Speaker Ruth Koch

Ruth Koch is a mental health educator and National Certified Counselor. Trained in both social work and counseling, she teaches about everyday mental health issues that impact personal and family relations.

For over 40 years, Ruth has conducted workshops and classes for church professionals and others who are looking for practical and effective coping strategies for both the ordinary and complex problems of Christian life.

An author, speaker and consultant, Ruth is the author of *Prepare to Serve!*, the LWML’s video study series on various mental health issues and leadership. She designed family conflict and healthy boundaries materials for Lutheran Hour Ministries and co-authored Stephen Ministries’ *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be An Assertive Christian*. Ruth is a frequent contributor to the LWML *Quarterly* and a weekly guest on the KFUD, St. Louis, “Morning Show.”

Ruth is a contributing author to the woman’s bible study devotional, *A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water*, and *Grace Notes: Devotions for Women in the Church*, both published by Concordia Publishing House.

Ruth serves on the Board of Directors for Concordia Publishing House and on the Board of Regents for Concordia University Wisconsin.



Banquet Entertainer and Worship Ringer Kristine Stout



Kristine Stout is the handbell soloist of the traveling Joybell Theater. Kristine has been playing the piano since she was eight years old. Kristine’s handbell solos and digital keyboard orchestrations are her own creations, designed for and delivered with joy. As Kristine and her husband/business manager Kirt tour throughout the country, she delights audiences with her joy-filled performance.

Interest Session Choices

(Note the section letter for recording your choice(s) on the convention registration form)

AT THE CROSSROADS ...

A. LWML with Kay Kreklau

Our national president will give insight to some of our organization's current directions and challenges.

B. In Grief with Ruth Koch

Life changes often involve loss and the experience of grief at the loss--even the good changes like a new baby or a job promotion! We'll take a look at some of the dynamics of loss, some practical strategies for coping, and focus on God's hand of blessing in the midst of loss and grief.

C. In Sabbath Rest with Ruth Koch

Pressed? Harried? Stressed and overwhelmed? Busy women and busy church ladies may struggle to recover the "why" of all their activities. Once a week, on Sabbath, put yourself where God can get hold of you and bless you with his peace and his renewed purpose for your service. St. Augustine called Sabbath, "A little vacation with God." Does that sound wonderful, or what?!

D. Visual Values with Karen Morrison

In this session you will be introduced to a Visual Values journey. Through reflection on your daily life and activities you will discover your top three value statements. Then you learn how to visually 'scrapbook' your value statements. This is an interactive session, however, you will not complete the whole project in this time frame.

E. Stephen Ministries with Mike & Teresa Tonn, Risen Savior, Wichita

Trained Stephen Ministry leaders, they will explain and discuss what Stephen Ministry is, what it isn't and what it can be for your congregation.

F. With Hospice Care with Kate Poovey

During this session we will discuss some issues associated with death and dying, how and when Hospice services are used, and share some inspirational stories while providing end of life care.

G. Sharing the Gospel in a Digital Age with Sarah Guldalian

This session identifies how Christians can utilize today's social media to proclaim the Gospel around the world. Designed for the beginner and the expert alike, learn to utilize technology for developing and building relationships and discover how you can most effectively share the Gospel within this context.

H. In Drug and Alcohol Ministry with Counselor Pastor Gaylen Burow and Dave Redlin

Dave Redlin will share his story of how the sins and stressors of his life broke him down to the point of death and how God's light shined through the cracks giving him hope and a new life. "Safety Dave," is known to many contractors for his work in environmental engineering in the KC area, and he treasures his gift of faith in Jesus.

I. LCMS Malaria initiative with Marlene Kohlmeier

The preventable deaths of millions of people in Africa cry out for a compassionate response. Marlene will describe this response and how we can help.

J. Community Outreach with Pastors Scott Eberlein and Luke Kammrath

These LCMS Pastors are living in intentional Christian community in the Urban core of Kansas City, Kansas and sharing living space and resources with other followers of Jesus. They will encourage you to witness where you are.

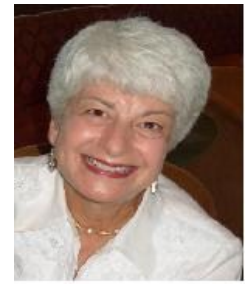
K. In Drug and Alcohol Ministry with Counselor Pastor Gaylen Burow and Bob Jenkins

Bob Jenkins is excited about how a Christian can impact others through the arts. In addition to leading worship at his home church and Bible study in his community, Bob uses his God given talents as a singer/song writer in the Kansas City area.

Interest Session Leaders



Kay Kreklau



Ruth Koch



Karen Morrison



Mike & Teresa Tonn



Kate Poovey



Sarah Guldalian



Marlene Kohlmeier



Pastor Gaylen Burow



Dave Redlin



Bob Jenkins

Lodging:

The official hotel site is the **Holiday Inn & Convention Center**, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044. Please plan to use this facility, as they have given us a good rate and reserved a large number of rooms.

Due to the Kansas Relays happening on this weekend, hotel space is limited within Lawrence, so please make your reservations

before March 19th

& mention you are with LWML!

Phone: 785-841-7077

Website: www.holidayinn.com/lawrenceks

Cost: 2 Queen Beds \$104 per night + taxes for up to 4 people in a room.

Directions: The Holiday Inn Lawrence is located off I-70 [the Turnpike] (exit 202), just blocks from the University of Kansas and just blocks north of Immanuel University Lutheran Church - site of the Board of Directors meeting.



Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention Registration

"Stand at the Crossroads" – Jeremiah 6:16 - April 20 – 22, 2012 - Holiday Inn & Convention Center Lawrence, KS

Please Print or Type Clearly	Check if Applicable:
Badge Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Woman Rep
Address: _____	
City/State/Zip _____	<input type="checkbox"/> First Timer to Convention
Phone Number (_____) _____	
E-mail Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Teen LWML
Congregation: _____	
City: _____	
KS LWML Zone _____	

Registration Choices:

(No meals included except 1 Saturday banquet ticket featuring handbell soloist Kristine Stout)		Fee:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration (postmarked by March 15)	\$95.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration (postmarked after March 15)	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clergy Registration	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Day Registration for Friday only	\$25.00

Optional: (meal menus in January Sonshine)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Dinner	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Christian Life Breakfast (featuring guest speaker Ruth Koch)	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Lunch	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Saturday Banquet Ticket(s) (featuring handbell soloist Kristine Stout)	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Breakfast	\$15.00

Total Payment: ----- \$ _____

*Registrations after April 10th are not guaranteed to include any meals (due to hotel deadlines)

Session/Tour Choices:

- Friday Afternoon Round Table Bible Study Sampler (check if attending) _____
- Friday Servant Events (check if attending) _____
- Friday Mission Walk (check if attending) _____
- Saturday Interest Sessions: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ Alternate Choice _____
- (Pick 2 interest sessions & 1 alternate. Enter corresponding letter found in the Winter Sonshine Convention Issue)
- Haskell LIGHT & Haskell Indian Nations University Tour (check if attending) _____
- (Tour will be paid for at convention, NOT with registration. See the Winter Sonshine Convention Issue article for cost information.)

Special Needs (wheelchair, dietary, large print manual, other)

Please specify _____

Registration Information:

Enclose total remittance with registration form and make checks payable to: **Kansas District LWML Convention.**

Mail registration to:

LWML Convention Registrar, Laura Hunter, 10911 W 143rd Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66221.

You can contact Registrar at lhunter@everestkc.net or **913.681.9104.**

Confirmations will be sent to all who register before April 1, 2012.

Please include your email address and your registration confirmation will be sent to you via email.

A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. No refunds after April 1, 2012.

Convention hotel: Holiday Inn & Convention Center, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence (785.841.7077).

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations by March 19th for the LWML blocked rooms.

Hotel information can be found in this Convention Issue of the 2012 Winter Sonshine. Please make reservations as soon as possible.

MEET YOUR KANSAS DISTRICT 2012 ELECTION CANDIDATES

Candidate for President

Karen Morrison
Wichita
Wichita Zone



LWML Positions held:

- Society President
- Wichita Zone Secretary
- Wichita Zone Christian Growth Chairman
- Wichita Zone Delegate to Sioux Falls Convention
- KS District Public Relations Committee Member
- KS District Public Relations Committee Chairman
- KS District Vice President of Communication

Personal Information:

I have been married to John Morrison since August 4, 1995. We have four children in our blended family and five grandchildren; one boy, age six, and four girls, all two years old. I spend as much time as possible being "MeMa" and find it to be my most favorite job ever. I am a quilter. I work part-time in a quilt shop in Wichita, where I continually feed my need for new projects. I love the creative process and seeing the fabric transform into a beautiful potential heirloom.

I have always been active in church, teaching Sunday School, singing in choir, working with high school youth, and attending two National Youth Gatherings, one with my son and one with my daughter, as an adult chaperone. Consequently, I was a late bloomer in LWML officially joining in the fall of 2002. My first KS District Convention was Wichita in 2004. My first national convention was Sioux Falls where I served as a delegate.

During the past ten years I have learned that LWML is the best place for me to serve my Lord and Savior. I love what LWML stands for and the mission and mentoring work that we are involved in at home and around the world. One of the post-it notes in the front of my Bible is 1 Corinthians 15:58b *Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

I am glad to joyfully serve as a Woman in Mission and a Face of LWML.

Candidate for Vice President of Caring Service

Gloria Raab
Wichita
Wichita Zone



PAST AND/OR PRESENT LWML EXPERIENCE:

SOCIETY

President Holy Cross-Wichita, KS 1994-95, 2010-11;
Hope Lutheran-St. Ann, MO 1998-90, Immanuel, Lawrence, KS 1978-79
Vice President Holy Cross-Wichita 1993-94, 2009-10;
Salem Lutheran, Salem, IL 2002-03
Secretary Holy Cross-Wichita, KS 1992-93; Hope Lutheran, St. Ann, MO 1997-98

WICHITA ZONE

President 1998-2001; 2005-2009
Secretary 1996-98
Bylaws Committee

DISTRICT

Planner/Parliamentarian 2008-Present
Spring Tour Chair 2004-06
Bylaws Review Committee

NATIONAL

Delegate to the National Convention in Charlotte, NC and have attended several other conventions

OTHER CHURCH-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Parish Worker Graduate
Parish secretary
Sunday School Teacher
VBS Teacher
Various Congregational Committees

WORK EXPERIENCE

Currently employed as a legal secretary in the Legal Department of INVISTA

Married to Paul; Three children (all married) and 8 grandchildren
Enjoy reading, cooking, counted cross-stitch, and getting together with our extended family

Candidates for Vice President of Communication

CAROL LOVELL
Denison
Northeast Zone

LOCAL LWML

President
Vice President
Secretary
Member Development Chairman
Christian Growth Chairman

ZONE

President
Vice President
Christian Growth Chairman
Mission Service Chairman
Care & Needs Chairman
Member Development Chairman

DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Family Retreat Committee

Community Activities

Served on the NEK-CAP Advisory Board;
4-H Community Leader and project leader; 15
years GED Instructor; 30 years Water Safety In-
structor American Red Cross;
Career Day Coordinator for Holton High School
and Job Workshops

Personal and Family Information

Married to Lonnie for 38 years; son Ron and 7
grandchildren; mother Ardith Bohnenkemper is
past District Historian.
Attended St. John's College, Concordia -
Seward and taught in Freistatt, MO and Alma, KS

BRENDA PIESTER
Coats
Great Bend Zone



SOCIETY

Member of Bethany Guild, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1978-
Present
Have served as President, Vice-President, Member Develop-
ment, Mission Projects, Altar Guild, and Banner Committee
Currently serve as the Treasurer

ZONE

Mission Projects Chairman, 2010-2011
President, 2006-2009;
Member Development Committee Chairman, 2002-2006

DISTRICT

Recording Secretary, 2008-2012
Committee for Bylaws revision
Member Development Committee, 2004-2008 - helped
with YWR's, Speaker's Directory, Convention T-shirts
Created PowerPoint presentations and for Kansas As-
sembly of Leaders
Attended District Conventions in Junction City, 2010;
Topeka, 2008; Salina, 2006
Co-led a break-out session on Member Development 101
in Topeka

NATIONAL

Attended national conventions in Sioux Falls, 2007; Port-
land, 2009; and Peoria, 2011
Attended the 2008 LWML National Assembly of Leaders
in St. Louis

Other Church Experience/Congregation

Lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston,
KS
Sunday School, LYF and VBS leader
Finance Board Member
Financial Secretary and member of the Endowment
Committee,
Webmaster for Church and Preschool Websites, 2007-
Present
Children's Christian Concern Society Board of Directors
member, 2004-Present; Recording Secretary 2007-
Present
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter President and
Board member

Work Experience

Gifted Education Teacher and Scholars' Bowl Coach,
Teacher, Girls' Basketball and Track Coach previously
Co-owner of Piester Ranch operation with husband Ron
since 1975

Candidates for Recording Secretary

MARILYN RIEMER
Hillsboro
Herington Zone



LAJEAN RINKER
Topeka
Topeka Zone



(Indiana, Eastern, & Kansas Districts)

LOCAL LWML

President
Secretary
Christian Growth Chairman

ZONE

President
Christian Growth Chairman

DISTRICT

Recording Secretary
Christian Growth Committee
Family Retreat Committee
Delegate to District Conventions

NATIONAL

Attended many national conventions from
1967-2011

OTHER CHURCH RELATED SERVICE

Taught Sunday School & VBS
Choir member
Church Secretary
Altar Guild

Personal and Family Information

Married to Richard Riemer -celebrated 50th
anniversary 2009; adopted three children in
1965-1967-1978; two grandchildren

PHT degrees from Concordia, Seward and
Concordia, Springfield Seminary

Girl Scout leader

Worked as secretary in Marion County Spe-
cial Education Cooperative
I like to cook and did some catering while
working for MCSEC

Have spent retirement years doing Creative Memo-
ries for family members, producing lots of memories
for family history and volunteering for different
groups.

LOCAL LWML

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Christian Growth Chairman
Mission Service Chairman
Christian Service Chairman

ZONE

Secretary

DISTRICT

Structure Committee member
attended numerous District conventions and
retreats

NATIONAL

attended 4 national conventions

OTHER CHURCH RELATED SERVICE

Sunday School and VBS teacher
Choir
Board of Education
Sunday morning Ladies Bible study leader
Youth counselor with husband Larry for 10
years
Chairperson of the Topeka Lutheran
School Delegate Assembly and secretary of
the TLS Foundation Board and is a weekly
volunteer at TLS and a substitute teacher

Personal and Family Information

Born and raised in Northeast Nebraska;
Graduated from Concordia - Seward in 1964
and taught in Lutheran schools in Missouri
and Nebraska for 5 years. She and Larry
have lived in Topeka since 1974 where they
are active members of Christ Lutheran
Church. They have 2 grown children and 5
grandchildren.

Worked for 25 years as departmental secre-
tary/office manager at Washburn University
before retiring in 2006 and is a Red Cross
volunteer.

Candidates for Financial Secretary

KERRI LYNNE BROWN
Aliceville
Topeka Zone



LOCAL LWML

President -Hoisington
Treasurer- Hoisington
Christian Growth Chairman (Aliceville)

ZONE (GREAT BEND ZONE)

Treasurer
Christian Growth Chairman
YWR

DISTRICT

Assistant to President Lois Llewellyn
Nominating Comm. for 2006 Conv.
Teller 2002 & 2004 conventions

NATIONAL

Attended two national conventions
Great Bend Zone delegate to Tampa

OTHER CHURCH RELATED SERVICE

Organist
Choir member and accompanist
Sunday School teacher
VBS worker
AAL/Thrivent treasurer
Church office secretary

Personal and Family Information

I was born and raised in Blue Hill, Nebraska. Met my husband, Luke, while attending Hutchinson Community College (AA in Health Records Management). We have been married for 31 years and have two children. Megan is married to Aaron Duree; they teach at the Alamo Navajo Reservation school near Magdalena, NM., and are the parents of 1-year-old Benjamin. Nathan is a recent graduate of Fort Hays State with several music degrees; he plans to begin work towards a graduate degree in composition. We lived in Barton County for 25 years, 20 of those in Hoisington where we were members of Concordia Lutheran Church. Luke & I owned/ published the Hoisington Dispatch, a weekly newspaper, for 17 years. In 2006 Luke began his pastoral studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. We came to St. John-Aliceville in 2008 for his vicarage, and he was called there as pastor the following year. I have been the church office secretary for two years and also serve as one of the organists. I enjoy reading, playing piano, sports events, counted cross-stitch, and being a grandmother!

LAURA HUNTER
Overland Park
KC CrossRoads Zone



LOCAL LWML

President
Circle Chair

ZONE

Mission Service Chair
KC North/South transition committee – sub committee chair

DISTRICT

Assistant to the President
Recording Secretary
Chair of tote committee for 2000 District Convention

NATIONAL

Attended 8 national conventions

OTHER CHURCH RELATED SERVICE

Nursery Director

Personal and Family Information

Mother of 2 (Nicole and Jim)
Proud grandmother of 2 (Lauren Kate, 9 and Sophie Lynn, 2)
Employed at CenturyLink (formerly Sprint and EMBARQ) for 26 years
BA in Business Administration (2001) and MBA (2008) from Ottawa University

Nominations for office (except for Pastoral Counselor) may be made from the floor of the convention, providing that a written consent of the nominee to serve, if elected [and qualifications met], is presented to the president by a voting member of the assembly.

Candidates For Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Rick Hathaway
Winfield
Wichita Zone



Pastor Rick Hathaway was born in Monte Vista, Colorado on April 25, 1952. He graduated from high school in 1970 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1971. His tours of duty aboard DE1083 took him to various east and west coast naval bases, to South America, Australia, and Southeast Asia. He was honorably discharged in 1975.

After attending St. John's College and Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, Rick graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education in 1980. He taught in the Winfield public school system. In the Fall of 1981 he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and graduated in May of 1985 with a Master of Divinity Degree.

Pastor Hathaway served as assistant pastor at Faith Lutheran, Plano, Texas until accepting the call to Trinity, Winfield in 1990. He has served as circuit counselor, on various district committees and as Zone Counselor in the years since.

Pastor and Debbie have been married since October of 1972. They have been blessed with a wonderful family: Jennifer and her husband C. J.; Jessica and her husband David and their daughter Aubrey; Justin and his wife Karen; and John.

Pastor Hathaway enjoys woodworking, historical reenactments, building miniatures, camping in the Colorado high country, traveling with Debbie to visit family, and learning to be a grandfather.

Pastor Jeffrey Duncan
Wichita
Wichita Zone



Born, Kansas City, MO; baptized into Christ on wedding day, June 5, 1982; joined an LCMS congregation (Christ Lutheran—Topeka, KS) four years later as adult confirmand. Grew in knowledge and trust of Jesus through Bible study, worship attendance, Holy Communion reception and was convinced of a call into the pastoral ministry by family, friends, and associates in 1997. Graduated from Concordia Seminary with an M. Div. in 2001 and ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as Pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Sullivan, MO. Served nearly 6-years before accepting a call to St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS in January, 2007, where I currently serve.

I have consistently seen the development of faith-filled souls through the work of the LWML; Bible Study, devotion, and service in God's kingdom and the completion of His missionary endeavors through the hands of devoted women of God. It would be an honor to serve in your midst!

2012 Kansas District LWML Convention Mission Walk Pledge Sheet

The recipient of our 2012 mission walk pledges will be Aurora Sandell, serving in Cambodia as the learning coordinator of the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. Her prayer card can be accessed at www.lcmsworldmission.org.



The walking trail will be marked in the parking lot of the hotel. In case of inclement weather, we will walk in the atrium of the hotel.

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Please collect all donations before convention and bring them with you or send them with your society delegate. They should be presented to the mission projects committee at their convention table before the walk begins, if at all possible.



Kansas District LWML 2012 Kansas District Convention Shirt Order Form

The convention shirt is a Gildan brand, 100% cotton pre-shrunk, polo style, in a sand (tan) color, with the convention logo embroidered on the upper left breast. **The cost is \$20 per shirt.** Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be used towards the “Young Woman Representatives” and “Friends Into Serving Him®” activities at the 2012 convention.

Shirts will be available for purchase, ordering, and/or pickup at:

Kansas Assembly of Leaders in Salina, August 2011

Kansas LWML Retreat in Wichita, November 2011

Kansas LWML Convention in Lawrence in April 2012 (for pick-up only)

Quantity _____ @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____ total

Please mail payment with this order form to:

Karen Eskew, 601 E. Frontier Pkwy, Oberlin, KS 67749

or e-mail Karen @ Karen.eskew60@yahoo.com

*****Make checks payable to: Kansas District LWML*****

All convention shirt order forms must be received by March 31, 2012

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