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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

President's Official Call to Convention

The 35th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District will be held at the Marriot Hotel, 9100 Corporate Hills Dr., Wichita, Kansas, March 28 – 30, 2014.



CONVENTION THEME: “On Wings, Like Eagles”

SCRIPTURE VERSE: ... 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. Isaiah 40:31 NIV

CONVENTION GOAL STATEMENT: Comfort for God’s people comes from our **hope** in Christ, which assures our future, and from our **renewal** by the Holy Spirit, which empowers us daily to trade old for new. As our weakness gives way to God’s **strength**, we are enabled to **soar** to new heights, grow in the Lord, value all women, and live the mission.

The voting body of the convention will be selecting: Mission Grants for the 2014-16 biennium; approving Bylaws changes; electing new officers for Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Treasurer, and Junior Pastoral Counselor.

I look forward to seeing YOU in Wichita! ~President Karen Morrison~

2014 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, March 28, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:30 a.m. Banner practice* (Executive Committee, Zone Presidents, and Young Woman Representatives)
- 10:00 a.m. - 5 :00 p.m. Exhibits Open - CPH and LWML Stores open
- 10:30 a.m. Pastors meet with Young Woman Representatives*
(Worship - Communion and Offering)
- 11:00 a.m. Choir practice*
- * located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita*
- 11:15 a.m. **Mentor Lunch** (by invitation)
Young Woman Representatives with Executive Committee, Past Presidents, and District Committee Chairmen
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Round Table Bible Study Sampler**
1st session—1:00 to 1:50 p.m. / 2nd session—2:00 to 2:50 p.m.
- 3:15 p.m. **Mission Walk and/or Prayer Labyrinth**
- 5:00 p.m. Exhibits closed - CPH and LWML Stores closed
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Sandwich Box Dinner**

Official Opening of Convention

Friday evening Worship Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

- 6:20 - 6:50 p.m. Pre-Service Organ Concert
- 7:00 p.m. Banner Procession and Opening Communion Worship Service
- 10:00 p.m. Young Woman Representative Friday Night Party with National Representative

Saturday, March 29, 2014

- 6:30 - 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Exhibits Open - CPH and LWML Stores open
- 7:00 a.m. **Christian Life Breakfast** with guest speaker Donna Pyle
- 8:30 a.m. **CONVENTION SESSION 1**
Bible Study 1: Led by Pastor Kris Whitby
National LWML Representative
Business meeting with balloting

(Saturday Convention Schedule continued)

- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Exhibits Open - CPH and LWML Stores open
- 1:20 p.m. **CONVENTION SESSION 2**
Mission Speaker—Pastor Jim and Sally Bender and daughters
YWRs that attended the national convention in Pittsburgh
- 2:55 - 3:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:30 - 4:20 p.m. **Interest Session** (one session only)
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. **Servant Events**
Exhibits Open - CPH and LWML Stores open
- 6:30 p.m. **Banquet with Entertainment**
Young Woman Representative Presentation
LWML Celebration
- 9:30 p.m. YWR Saturday Night Closing event (with Teens) at the pool

Sunday, March 30, 2014

- 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Exhibits Open - CPH and LWML Stores open
- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 a.m. **CONVENTION SESSION 3**
Wrap up business
Election results
Bible Study 2: Led by Pastor Kris Whitby
- 10:30 a.m. **Closing Worship Service**
New Officer Installation
- 12:00 p.m. Closing with video highlights



Convention Offerings

- + *Mission Walk / Prayer Labyrinth (donation/contributions):
Missionaries to be announced at convention*
- + *Friday evening Communion Worship Service offering:
2014 - 2016 Mission Projects*
- + *Sunday morning Worship Service offering:
Globally Engaged in Outreach (GEO) Missionaries*

Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention Registration

"On Wings Like Eagles" – Isaiah 40:31 – March 28-30 2014 – Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS

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

Registration Choices:

(Each option includes 1 Banquet Ticket)

	Fee:
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	\$98.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration (postmarked after February 15*)	\$108.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Registration	\$78.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration for Saturday only	\$75.00

Optional: (meal menus in Convention Sonshine)

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner - Box Meal	\$19.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Christian Life Breakfast (featuring guest speaker Donna Pyle)	\$16.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Saturday Banquet Ticket(s)	\$30.00/each x _____ = \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Breakfast	\$15.00

Total Payment: _____ \$ _____

*Registrations after February 15th are not guaranteed to include any meals (due to hotel deadlines). Price of meals include gratuity.

Session Choices: (see details in the Convention Sonshine. Check if attending)

1. Friday Afternoon Round Table Bible Study Sampler _____
2. Friday Mission Walk (outside weather permitting) _____
or Friday Prayer Labyrinth (indoors) _____
3. Saturday Interest Sessions: 1st choice _____ Alternate Choice _____
(Pick 1 interest session & 1 alternate. Enter corresponding letter found in the Convention Sonshine.)

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

Please specify _____

Registration Information:

- o Enclose total remittance with registration form and make checks payable to Kansas District LWML Convention.
- o Mail registration to
LWML Convention Registrar, Nicole Boyle, 837 S Erie St, Wichita, KS 67211.
- o You can contact Registrar at boyle.nicole@gmail.com or 316.650.1402.
- o Confirmations will be sent to all who register before March 1, 2014.
- o If you include your e-mail address, your registration confirmation will be sent to you via email. A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. No refunds after March 1, 2014.
- o Convention hotel: Wichita Marriott 9100 East Corporate Hills Dr, Wichita 67207 (316.651.0333).
- o You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations by March 10th for the LWML blocked rooms. Hotel information can be found in the Convention Sonshine. Please make reservations as soon as possible.
- o Photo Release: By sending in this registration you are agreeing to allow your photograph and likeness to be used in publications, including our website.

Registration form is also available for download on the website: www.kansaslwml.org

Marriott Convention Meals

Friday, March 28

YWR / Mentor Lunch (by invitation): “Chef Salad”

Mixed greens with julienne ham and turkey, sliced egg, tomato, olives, cheddar and Swiss cheese and choice of dressing, fresh fruit or soup, variety bread basket, dessert and coffee/tea

Dinner / Box Meal: “Stacked Deli Sandwich”

Smoked turkey, honey ham, and cheese layered on wheat bread; chips, potato salad or penne pasta salad; dessert and drink
OR turkey croissant with same sides

Saturday, March 29

Christian Life Breakfast: “All American Breakfast”

Scrambled eggs with crisp bacon, fresh fruit cup, breakfast potatoes, orange juice, and coffee/tea

Lunch: “Corporate Hills Deli Buffet”

Soup, pasta salad, chicken salad, mixed green salad; deli sliced turkey, honey baked ham, roast beef and pastrami; cheeses; breads/rolls; bag of chips; cookies/brownies/lemon bars; coffee/tea

Banquet Dinner: “Stuffed Chicken”

Asiago cheese combined with orzo, spinach and mushrooms stuffed into a chicken breast and served with a garlic parmesan cream, house salad (ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressing), chef's vegetable medley and au gratin potatoes, variety bread basket, celebration cupcakes, coffee/tea.

Sunday, March 30

Breakfast: “Continental Express Buffet”

Juices, seasonal fruits, breads, coffee cakes, coffee/tea

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Special dietary needs should be requested on registration form.

Dietary restrictions / food allergies may be accommodated by indicating allowable foods on registration form.

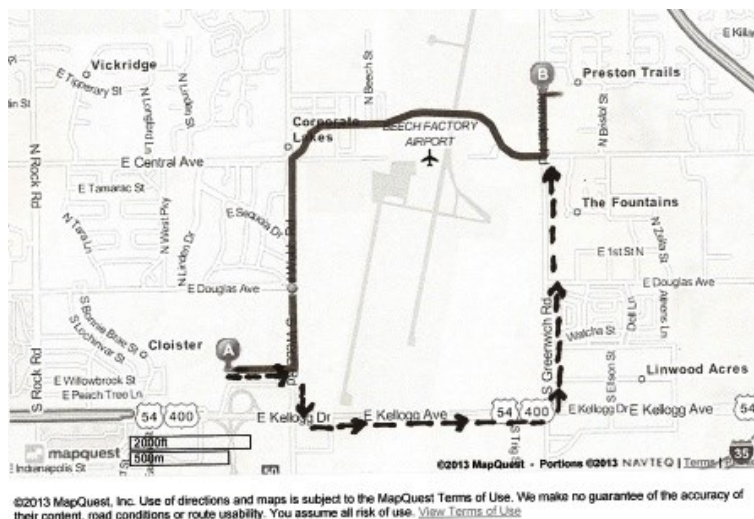
~~ Please see convention registration form for the meal costs! ~~

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from the Wichita Marriott to Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Option 1

- A) From: Wichita Marriott, 9100 East Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS 67207 US
- B) To: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS 67206 US
1. Start out going east on E Corporate Hills Dr toward S Webb Rd. (go 0.22 miles)
 2. Turn left onto S Webb Rd. (go 0.84 miles)
 3. Take the 1st right onto E Central Ave.
 - E Central Ave is 0.5 miles past E Douglas Ave
 - If you are on N Webb Rd and reach Mellor St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far (go 1.15 miles)
 4. Turn left onto N Greenwich Rd.
 - N Greenwich Rd is 0.1 miles past E Central Ave
 - QUIK TRIP #383 is on the corner
 - If you reach N Dowell St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far (go 0.24 miles)
 5. 600 N GREENWICH RD is on the right (Holy Cross Lutheran Church)
 - If you reach E Tipperary St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far (go 0 miles)

TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes | DISTANCE: 2.44 miles

To view your map, click on the link below or copy and paste it to your browser: <http://mapq.st/1aG8tdH>



DRIVING DIRECTIONS from the Wichita Marriott to Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Option 2

Alternate Route (shown in map as dotted line with arrows)

- A) From: Wichita Marriott, 9100 East Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS 67207 US
- B) To: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS 67206 US
1. Start out going east on E Corporate Hills Dr toward S Webb Rd. (go 0.22 miles)
 2. Turn right onto S Webb Rd. (go 0.19 miles) and merge into left lane (you will turn left at the signal light)
 3. Turn left onto US-54 E/US-400 E/E Kellogg Dr/ E Kellogg Ave. Continue to follow US-54 E/Us-400 E/E Kellogg Ave.
 - Merge to the left again and watch for Greenwich Rd turnoff (you will be turning left again)
 - If you reach E Orme St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far (go 1 mile)
 4. Turn left onto S Greenwich Rd/111th St E. Continue to follow S Greenwich Rd.
 - S Greenwich Rd is 0.1 miles past S Trig St
 - If you reach S Ellson St, you've gone about 0.2 miles too far (go 1.25 miles) (this sign is located on the access road)
 5. 600 N GREENWICH RD is on the right (Holy Cross Lutheran Church)
 - your destination is 0.2 miles past E Central Ave
 - If you reach E Tipperary St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far (go 0 miles)

TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes | DISTANCE: 2.66 miles

To view your map, click on the link below or copy and paste it to your browser: <http://mapq.st/1gKflfv>

Don't forget to make your hotel reservation!!!

Convention Center / Hotel is:

Wichita Marriott, 9100 East Corporate Hills Dr., Wichita, KS 67207

Phone: 800.610.0673 or 316.651.0333 or www.Marriott.com/ictwe

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations by March 10th for the LWML blocked rooms at the Marriott. Please make reservations as soon as possible.

Housing / Hotel Information

Rooms are \$103.00 plus state and local taxes - 13.15% for up to 4 in a room.

Rooms are two (2) doubles or a king size bed.

Guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations by March 10th. When calling, indicate that you are with LWML to receive the special room rate. 180 rooms have been reserved at the Marriott, and if all these rooms are full, arrangements for additional rooms in other hotels have been reserved.

Check-in time at the Marriott is 4 p.m. Check-out time is 12 Noon. (If rooms have been cleaned, check-in time may be earlier.)

All convention activities will take place at the Marriott, except for the Board of Directors Meeting and Friday evening Worship Service hosted at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

CONVENTION INGATHERING

The Convention Ingathering will be non-perishable food items to benefit several food pantries in the Southeast Kansas area. Canned fruits, vegetables and meats, soup, peanut butter, rice, pasta, flour and sugar will be accepted. Please—nothing in glass jars!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...." Matt. 25:35

SERVANT EVENTS

When you are at the District Convention in March, plan on joining your fellow Sisters in Christ at one or more servant events. You will have an opportunity to tie quilts, assemble Braille materials, decorate sacks to be filled with nutritious lunches for homeless people in the Kansas City area, or assemble personal care kits to be distributed through shelters in the Wichita and Kansas City communities. Willing hands and cheerful conversations will make the time fly by quickly, and our projects will share God's love with many people in need.

MISSION PROJECT PROPOSALS

(Delegates may vote for 4)

1. The Lutheran Student Center - Wichita State University, Wichita, KS-----\$5,000.00

In our outreach to the students at Wichita State University we have found that there is no substitute for one-on-one personal contact. Nothing works as well to reach students as talking with them on an individual basis. This contact is very time consuming. The Lutheran Center would like to hire a student missionary to focus entirely on reaching out to the university students. (The Lutheran Student Center, WSU)

2. Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, MO - Food Bank-----\$5,000.00

The Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank exists to aid Seminary Students with the costs associated with feeding themselves and their families while they are students. The Food Bank provides basic grocery and personal care items. All donations and gifts to the Food Bank are vital, if not essential. The Food Bank needs are ongoing, so the funds would help a number of seminary students. (Concordia Seminary-St. Louis Food Bank)

3. Lutheran Braille Workers - Kansas Work Centers-----\$5,000.00

There are four Work Centers in the Kansas District (Topeka, Overland Park, Wichita, and Bremen). Throughout the world those who are blind are segregated from society and often living in isolation. Braille and Large Print materials are able to break into this isolation and get where people, pastors and missionaries are not able to go. Support is needed for production costs, paper (Braille and Large Print) spirals, covers and backs, packing cardboard, shipping cartons and volunteer coordination. Finished materials will be shipped worldwide. (Lutheran Braille Workers)

4. Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Lutheran Books in French for Africa-----\$5,000.00

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the Church. LHF does this by translating and publishing the Lutheran books into foreign languages. The money would be used to translate Lutheran Books into French for the missionaries in Africa. (St. John LWML, Topeka, KS)

5. Family Shield Ministries - Radio Stations in Kansas-----\$4,000.00

There are two radio stations in the Kansas District (Manhattan and Wichita). The money would assist with the distribution cost for the radio expansion to over 51 new stations and Internet/Satellite sites throughout the United States. (Family Shield Ministries)

6. St. Paul Christian Preschool, Fairview, KS - Preschool Equipment-----\$1,000.00

St. Paul Christian Preschool is open to all children in the area. For some children this is their first time to hear the Gospel. Then they are eager to share the Gospel with others including their family. The money would be used to buy materials and equipment for the Preschool. (St. Paul LWML, Fairview, KS)

7. Kansas Division of Orphan Grain Train - Shipping Costs-----\$5,000.00

We continue to box items that have been generously donated by various people and churches. They are cleaned, boxed and labeled to be taken to Grand Island, NE, for shipment. The money would be used for shipment costs. (First Lutheran LWML, Phillipsburg, KS)

8. Bethany Lutheran, Wichita KS, Faith Legacy - Family Ministry-----\$1,550.00

Bethany Lutheran Church is in the midst of change. We are closing our elementary school and developing an Early Childhood Center. The money would be used to buy a Faith Legacy-Family Ministry Curriculum. (Bethany Lutheran LWML, Wichita, KS)

9. Children's Christian Concern Society, Lead a Child - Bangladesh-----\$6,000.00

The money will provide student Bibles and textbooks as well as supplies for teachers and materials to be used in physical education. The parents aren't able to provide these books for their children because their salaries only cover items necessary for daily existence. (Grace Lutheran LWML, McPherson, KS)

10. Holy Cross Lutheran Braille Work Center, Wichita, KS - Braille Paper-----\$2,000.00

The mission of the Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. is to share the promises of Jesus with the 258 million visually impaired persons across the world. The Wichita Work Center is one of 200 work center in the US and Canada. The workers in Wichita meet weekly to produce the material. The monies would be used for Braille paper used for embossing Braille books of the Bible. (Holy Cross Work Center #71, Wichita, KS)

11. Christ the King, Salina, KS, P-98 Praise Band equipment-----\$3,000.00

P-98 is the newly organized contemporary praise band of Christ the King Lutheran Church. P-98 stands for Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." The monies would be used for equipment, sturdy music stands, wireless microphones, electronic upgrades, and contemporary Christian music. (Christ the King LWML, Salina, KS)

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND PROPOSALS

(Delegates may vote for 4)

1. Scholarships for new families attending LLL/LWML Retreat-----\$1,000.00

Scholarships will hopefully encourage new families, that may not be able to afford to attend the retreat, a chance to see what the retreat is all about by receiving financial aid that will cover the cost of the registration. (The LLL/LWML Family Retreat Committee)

2. Lutheran Student Center/Wichita State University Wichita, KS - Evangelism Material-----\$1,000.00

In our outreach to the international students at Wichita State University, we found that students are interested in Jesus, but they don't care about the church and they are confused by the Bible. The money would be used for Evangelism Material about what Jesus taught. (The Lutheran Student Center Wichita State University, Wichita, KS)

3. Kansas Nebraska Good News Radio - App and Website improvement and development-----\$1,500.00

Kansas Nebraska Good News Radio (KNGN) is paving the way to the creation and distribution of more high quality LCMS programming. As only one of two LCMS stations in the US we are making great inroads to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of SW Nebraska and NW Kansas. The monies would be used to help get the message to more people in NW Kansas since we are just an AM station. (St. John's LWML, Oberlin, KS)

4. In His Hands Preschool/Day Care, Cheney, KS - Curriculum and Religious Packets-----\$540.00

In His Hands Preschool and Day Care touches many unchurched families in the Cheney area through the enrollment and participation of its students. The curriculum and religious packets would enable the preschool to effectively extend the love of Jesus to the families. (St. Paul's LWML, Cheney, KS)

5. The Christmas Store / St. Peter's Lutheran, Humboldt, KS - Christmas Gifts-----\$500.00

St. Peter's began sponsoring a "Christmas Store" in 2011. Pre-school/elementary students from the Humboldt area are invited to shop for their parents/guardians. The monies would be used to help with buying gifts. (St. Peter's LWML, Humboldt, KS)

6. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - International Graduate Student Textbooks-----\$1,000.00

International graduate students at Concordia Seminary are the future leaders and teachers of global Lutheranism. As they study in the United States, they read volumes of theology-practice, history, doctrine and biblical interpretation. The monies would be used to help with the purchase of textbooks. (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)

7. Little Lamb Preschool, Christ the King, Salina, KS - New Playground Mulch Surfacing-----\$4,000.00

The Little Lamb's Preschool provides an outreach program for Christ the King Lutheran Church. The Christ centered curriculum enables children, who would not otherwise hear God's Word, to learn about their Savior. The money is needed for surfacing the new play yard of the preschool with recycled rubber mulch. (Christ the King LWML, Salina KS)

8. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool—Preston/Pratt, KS, for Curriculum-----\$850.00

When Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pratt, closed in May, 2010, much discussion and debate was held about the viability of supporting and managing a preschool away from the church site. With a few members having preschool experience, members of St. Paul Lutheran, rural Preston, accepted the challenge and mission of continuing a Lutheran preschool in the Pratt community. The money will be used to purchase supplemental material for the Christian education curriculum. (St. Paul Bethany Guild LWML, Preston, KS)

9. Risen Savior Preschool, Wichita, KS - Playground Equipment-----\$500.00

Risen Savior Preschool is a newly opened preschool. They opened in October 2012 with the intention of being an outreach ministry to our community. The mission is to provide a preschool available to all families of the community; church and unchurched. The money will be used for playground equipment. (Risen Savior LWML, Wichita, KS)

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

(to be voted on by delegates at convention)

Article V Section 5A

Currently reads: The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at District conventions to serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected, and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office.

Proposed: The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at District conventions to serve a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and shall be eligible for one (1) non-consecutive re-election to the same office.

Rationale: Will allow additional opportunities for participation to women interested in serving on the Executive Committee, and provide the Nominating Committee a broader range of candidates for positions to be filled.

Friday Afternoon Round-Table Bible Study Sessions

Take Time To Be In the Word ...

Members of the Executive Committee will host round-table Bible Study options on Friday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. They will not present a full study, but will give you opportunity to learn and experience some study options you might share in your own society or congregation.

Please indicate on your registration form if you plan to participate in the round-table Bible Study sessions.

Final Witness (CPH) – Pastor Duncan

At Table With Jesus (LWML) – Brenda Piester and Elaine Engelman

Bless These Lips (CPH) – Kim Burdett and Gloria Raab

Pew Sisters (CPH) – Kerri Lynne Brown and LaJean Rjinker

I Surrender (LWML) – Debbie Lehman and Marj Aufdemberge

This is a **BYOB**
Event!

Bring Your Own
Bible!

Donna Pyle—Christian Life Breakfast Speaker

By God's grace, Donna has a passion for studying and teaching from His life-giving Word. Since launching Artesian Ministries in 2007, Donna has authored 23 Bible studies and traveled throughout the United States and internationally to speak and teach from Scripture. Her small group based Bible study, *The God of All Comfort*, was published by Concordia Publishing House in August 2012. She has authored and recorded two DVD Bible study series in partnership with LWML: *Overflowing Abundance* (based on Jesus feeding the 5,000) and *Your Strong Suit* (based on the armor of God). In May 2013, the LWML launched the new "Donna Pyle Bible Study Series," which includes eight different downloadable Bible studies of four lessons each for individual or small groups. Donna enjoys blogging about faith-based issues on the Artesian Ministries' blog and is active on Facebook and Twitter where she uses our social-media driven age to spread God's soul-saving message. She is a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball where she serves on the worship team. She is a passionate supporter of Love146, which seeks to end child trafficking and exploitation. Donna is a native, life-long Texan and fuels her creativity with Chick-Fil-A®, Twizzlers®, coffee and chocolate. She enjoys digging for the treasures in Scripture, writing, traveling, spending time with family and friends and torturing her cats with feather toys.



Saturday Evening Banquet Entertainment

The Vogts Sisters' love for music began in church and at backyard family gatherings listening to old-time cowboy ballads and country tunes, which grew into a genuine admiration for bluegrass, folk, and rural Americana music. The sister duo began singing harmony in 2010 after taking guitar and piano lessons for years. They have since added a mandolin and fiddle to their collection of instruments. Though new to the concert scene, the young musicians offer a vulnerable, sincere approach to their performance, blending timeless music with effortless harmonies and pure vocals. A few of their musical influences include Alison Kraus, Gillian Welch, and the Secret Sisters.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

PASTOR KRIS WHITBY, PASTORAL COUNSELOR, LWML 2009-2013



Pastor Whitby's connection to the LWML goes back to his days as an undergraduate pre-seminary student at Concordia College, River Forest, when the LWML society at his home church of Christ Lutheran in Peoria, Illinois, began to faithfully support his training for the ministry. Their prayers and gifts continued throughout his days at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, always blessing him with the touch of God's grace. Yet, faithful support is not the only reason, Pastor Whitby has a personal heart for the LWML. Early in his service to our Lord as a pastor, at an LWML retreat in north Florida, our Lord arranged that he would first meet his wonderful wife, Marguerita.

Over the years, Pastor Whitby has served as zone counselor and district pastoral counselor in both Florida-Georgia and Northern Illinois Districts. He just completed a four-year term of service as national Pastoral Counselor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. He is involved in LWML because the organization is so deeply dedicated to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Whitby serves as Sr. Pastor at Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. He and Marguerita are blessed with two children: Bradley, who serves in the Illinois National Guard while studying at Harper College, and Kathryn, who is in her first year at Harper College.

MISSION SPEAKERS

THE BENDER FAMILY

The Bender family is from Topeka, KS, and they serve at Faith Lutheran. Rev. Jim Bender and Sally have been married for 23 years and have three daughters: Natalie (20) is studying at Kansas State University to be a speech pathologist. Lydia (18) is studying at Fort Hays State University and majoring in physics. Meredith (17) is a Junior at Topeka West High School. Sally is an administrative assistant at Washburn University in the Study Abroad program and serves at the church as organist, and is a teacher in the Wednesday night program.



NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE

PAT REICHERT, VP OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES



The LWML is a family tradition for Special Focus Ministries Vice President Pat Reichert. As a child, Pat was first exposed to the LWML through her mother, grandmother and aunts – all of whom Pat credits with inspiring her to become involved herself.

Since Pat's mother has passed away, her family has encouraged her to be as involved with the LWML as she can. Little did Pat know when she joined this organization that the Lord would lead her to participate on a level that neither she nor they ever imagined.

In addition to serving as South Dakota District President and an MMV Consultant, Pat has served on the national level on the Nominating Committee, Gospel Outreach Committee, Host Committee Chairman for the 2007 LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and most recently as Meeting Manager.

Pat and her husband Don have been married for 46 years and have four children and six grandchildren. Pat finds time to provide Grandma's Spa and Daycare one afternoon and evening a week and also volunteers almost full time at Lutheran Social Services Refugee and Immigration Center. Pat and Don enjoy traveling in their RV and go on many family trips and fact-finding expeditions.

Saturday Interest Sessions

Use the letter to make your choice to list on the registration form. 1st choice _____ Alternate choice _____

A. Rev. Geoff Boyle - Home Catechesis: Training Up Our Children in the Way They Should Go



Our children are falling away from the Church at a terrifying rate. Over the years we've tried changing the way we "do church" to make it more appealing, or easier, or anything to keep them just a bit longer. But the reality is, we can't compete with the world—with sports and entertainment, iPods and iPhones, Xboxes, and the like. But take heart! The Church has something far more precious than anything the world could ever offer: the Church has Jesus.

But how do we instill this faith in Christ to the most tender among us? Not by entertaining them, or changing the way we do things just for them—but by passing on the faith through constant and faithful catechesis. We teach the faith at home. We pray and meditate and live the Christian life as a family—not just on Sundays at church (though, that too!), but every day. This takes work, patience, and the dedication of the whole family. But this will keep our children both in the faith and in the Church, because here the word of God does all the work.

Come and hear how this home catechesis can be done in a simple, and yet profoundly faithful way by every family in every home.

B. Karen Bartos – LWML Gift Planning Counselor assistant - Do you wonder... "What will I leave behind? What legacy will I leave that will bless my family and God's work?"

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms- so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Key points include:

- What will you leave behind? You have the opportunity to leave a legacy that will bless your family AND God's ongoing work for future generations!
- How stewardship connects to Christian Estate Planning.
- What a Gift Planning Counselor does.
- How different assets transfer and the benefits of Christian Estate Planning.
- Misconceptions about Gift Planning / Christian Estate Planning.
- Free Resources to help you in your prayerful planning.



C. Carly Hatcher - M.O.S.T. Ministries - SHORT TERM MISSIONS - LONG TERM EFFECTS



This session will look at how short term mission teams impact long term mission work, as well as the lives of people who serve on mission teams. Hear real stories from the mission fields and explore international mission opportunities for yourself – as a Goer or a Sender, through hands-on activities for individuals or groups.

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D. / E. Donna Pyle - "Known by God."

From two Scripture stories: (1) Luke 15, the prodigal son, and (2) Matthew 14, Peter walking on water.

"God invites us to renew our strength and soar, but sometimes we allow our guilt from past failures and the resulting shame to prevent us from seeking Him. Through the lives of Peter and the prodigal son, we'll learn what it means to be known and loved by God, regardless of our failures."



F. Pastor Tom & Arleata Harmon – Islam in the United States



As war continues in the Middle East, it is important to understand how Islamic teachings impact us here in the United States. Risen Savior, where Pastor Tom and Arleata Harmon minister, is directly across the street from the home of over 10,000 Muslims. Learn firsthand the impact of Islam in the United States.

O Sing unto the Lord a New Song!!



This is your opportunity to sing with the choir at the LWML Kansas District Convention on March 28-30, 2014. Singing in the convention choir is a wonderful way to praise our Savior and be a blessing to others.

This is what you need to know:

The choir will sing at the Friday Evening Communion Worship Service.

The music will be provided to you in advance for review and self-practice. There will be only one rehearsal, which will take place on Friday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. If you are unable to attend this rehearsal, it is very important that you practice on your own and be ready to sing.

Pre-register by contacting Director Dodie Copley (620-473-0297 or dodiecopley@cox.net) prior to **Saturday, February 15, 2014**. Please include your name, address, phone number, and whether you sing Soprano 1, Soprano 2, or Alto.

Suzanne Ramsey, Convention Music Committee Chairman

† “Prayer Labyrinth”

Preparations for a Prayer Labyrinth at the 2014 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita are underway. LWMLers will find this “Labyrinth” a time of personal contemplation in the Holy Spirit, a place for growth in prayer, and an opportunity for devotion toward serving God through the LWML.

Stations through the Labyrinth will give time to 'be still', to 'spend time with God in prayer', to 'focus on God's gifts given to you', and 'serving through intentional acts of kindness'. This time of spiritual reflection should prove very useful as you continue to serve God through the work of the LWML organization. It is to be a time of focus, renewal, and direction in God's Word.

Mission Walk / Prayer Labyrinth Contribution Recipients

The 2014 Mission Walk and Prayer Labyrinth contributions and donations will be presented to missionaries who are originally from the Central Illinois District but who also have ties to the Kansas District. Their names will be announced at convention. They are LCMS educators and are facilitating the development of education-based mission work overseas. They ask for prayers that the Holy Spirit would move in the hearts of many. They also ask that we would pray that they continue to be “salt and light” as they work for Him.

LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2014 Convention

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2014 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita, the nominating committee would like to announce the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee.

Treasurer:

Kim Burdett, Olathe, Kansas / KC CrossRoads Zone
Chyleen Pauesick, Kansas City, Kansas / KC CrossRoads Zone

Vice President of Christian Life:

Sharon Daugherty, Kincaid, Kansas / Topeka Zone
Elaine Engelman, Benedict, Kansas / Southeast Zone

Vice President of Gospel Outreach:

Bernie Reetz, Holcomb, Kansas / Southwest Zone
Ella Schempp, Shawnee, Kansas / KC CrossRoads Zone

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries:

Sherri Rose, Linwood, Kansas / Topeka Zone
Shawna Spiehs, Linn, Kansas / Linn Zone

Please keep these faithful LWML sisters in prayer as they wait to see how the Lord will use them to serve the LWML Kansas District with gladness!

Kris Koops, Nominating Committee Chairman

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** Has served as president, vice president, and Member Development chairman
- Zone:** Has served as a YWR, the Member Development committee, and the convention budget planning committee
- District:** Has served on the Committee for Young Women as a member and chairman and the Member Development committee; served as Financial Secretary (2008-12), and is currently Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2012-14)
- National:** Has attended two national conventions; served as a hostess at the Kansas City convention

Kim is a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Olathe, Kansas, where she serves as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, Mid-Week teacher, and has been the VBS Superintendent. She also is a Youth Counselor and a member of the handbell choir.

Kim has been married to her husband, Chuck, for 30 years, and they have three grown children, Alyssa, Christian, and Michaela, who is married to Brady. She is an Accounting Assistant for Christ Lutheran Church and School in Overland Park, Kansas. Kim has a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University in Business Finance. She loves to decorate cakes and enjoys traveling.



Kim Burdett

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** She has held positions in all offices, led Bible studies, constantly working on getting more members, have been a member of LWML for over 20 years, made banners, service projects, quilts, and many other projects
- Zone:** She has been VP of Member Development for three years for Kansas City CrossRoads Zone



Chyleen Pauesick

Chyleen has been the Financial Secretary for Risen Savior for five years, the head of Finance Committee at Risen Savior for two years, and the Financial Secretary for Emmaus for four years. She has taught Sunday School, published newsletters, headed up the Confirmation Banners Program at two congregations, served on the Altar Guild, and made many banners.

She currently is a member at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor, KS. She and her husband Paul live in Kansas City, KS. She is retired after having her own Custom Drapery Business for 20 years, and she worked in Home Health Care for four years. They have two children. Daughter Rachel lives in Portland, OR, with two of their grandchildren, Thomas and Ava. Son Andrew and his wife Sally, live in Hutchinson, MN, with the other two grandchildren, Leigha and Otto. Her hobbies are grandchildren, quilting, visiting shut-ins, reading, and growing in Christ.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** President – 2013-2014, Secretary – 2011-2012; Secretary at Messiah Lutheran Church, Robstown, TX
- Zone:** Vice-President – Topeka Zone; President of the Pecos Zone in Rocky Mountain District, VP in the Coastal Bend Zone, Texas
- District:** VP of Human Care for the Rocky Mountain District; Committee member for Christian Life Committee; Committee member for Human Care Committee in the Rocky Mountain District

Sharon has served as church secretary for Grace Lutheran Church, Hobbs, NM for nine years; formed their Altar Guild and served as its chair for three years; served as Sunday School teacher for several years both at Grace Lutheran, Hobbs, NM, and Messiah Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. She directed VBS for 150 children and directed the pageant "The Living Last Supper" for two seasons at Messiah Lutheran Church, Robstown, TX. She also organized and serves on the altar guild at Trinity, Garnett.



Sharon Kay Daugherty

She married Rev. Ervin A. Daugherty, Jr. on July 29, 2006. They have served at Immanuel Lutheran in Kansas City, Missouri, and currently at Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett, KS. She serves as his secretary and secretary for the church. She also is the organist for the congregation and teaches a Ladies Bible class weekly. She is grandmother to fourteen, from the ages of two to twelve. They have six children and five of those are married. They live on a farm outside of Kincaid, KS, and have an orchard and pond. Her extra time is spent enjoying walks, reading novels, history, and sewing, and enjoys making banners for every season. She loves music and really misses playing in the Hobbs Orchestra with her French horn, which she was blessed to do for three years.

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** Currently Ladies Circle society president; have also served as secretary and treasurer in the past
- Zone:** Currently Gospel Outreach chairman; also has served as treasurer
- District:** Currently Meeting Manager and Convention 2014 co-chairman; past positions include Christian Growth committee member four years, Member Development committee member two years and chairman two years, and Mission Projects committee chairman four years



Elaine Engelman

Elaine is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Chanute. She serves her church in various capacities. She is an organist, the junior chimes choir director, member of the Praise Band, and is church council secretary and the assistant treasurer. She also teaches Sunday School, is the Thrivent congregational advocate, and is a member of the M & M's Bible study group.

She has been married to David for 36 years, and they one daughter, Amanda, and three married sons, Adam (Leslie), Andrew (Lisa), and Aaron (Hannah). They also have four grandchildren: Thomas (4), Peter (3), Garrett (3), and Gabriel (1). Elaine is a retired preschool teacher. Her current vocation is playing full time with the youngest two grandsons. She enjoys camping, miniature golf, sewing, reading, cross-stitch, and doing Sudoku puzzles.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

LWML SERVICE

Local: Society Vice President at Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City
Zone: President of the Southwest Zone; served as Recording Secretary one year
District: Member of the Gospel Outreach Committee
National: Rocky Mountain District delegate at the 2005 convention in Tampa, FL

Bernie served as Vice President and President of Rocky Mountain Southern Zone District 2000-2004. She was the church secretary at Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Pueblo West for several years in the 1990's. She also was an officer in the Southern District of Rocky Mountain AAL, now known as Thrivent Financial

She has been married to her husband Roger for 48 years and they have two children, Ken, who resides in New Orleans, and Katy of Holcomb, KS, who is married to Paul Pauley. They have three beautiful granddaughters, two in Holcomb and one in college at Concordia University of Nebraska. Bernie is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Garden City, KS. She is retired after a 28 ½ year career at the Colorado Mental Health Hospital in various positions with most of the years spent in the Professional Medical Library and the Patient Library. She does a lot of volunteer work in the community and church. She enjoys activities with her granddaughters, supporting their sports events and other school and church activities. She is passionate about LWML and has been active in LWML since she was a young bride back in Nebraska in the late 60's and early 70's when they moved to Colorado and now again since their move to Kansas.



Bernadette (Bernie) Reetz

LWML SERVICE

Local: LWML Hope Shawnee, President and past secretary.
Zone: Past President of the KC South Zone and Zone Secretary
District: Member of Gospel Outreach committee



Ella Schempp

Ella currently serves on Hope Lutheran Church's website and stewardship committees. She has served on the nominating committee several times. Ella attends Hope Lutheran Church and School in Shawnee, KS, with her husband Duane and two of their sons and families. They have three sons, David (Donna), Dale (Roberta) and Dean (Meggan). Their seven grandchildren are Erica (Matt), Kyle (Alison), Nathan, Caleb, Emma, Delaney, and Macey. Their oldest grandson Kyle and his wife Alison are expecting their first child and Ella's first great-grandchild in January 2014, and her oldest granddaughter was married in November 2013.

Ella retired six years ago from Farmers Insurance, where she was fortunate to have opportunities to manage, train, and work with people from all ethnic and diverse backgrounds. Farmers also gave her the opportunity to travel nationwide visiting and assisting in opening new operations and training employees.

Currently one of her favorite free time activities is watching her two youngest grandchildren during the school year and taking in the activities of all her grandchildren. She enjoys traveling and tries to take several trips each year, including LWML conventions district and national. Reading is also a favorite and she will watch a favorite TV show and read a book at the same time. This past year she truly enjoyed teaching computer classes to first time users at LUMA in KCMO.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** She is a past president and vice president of her society
Zone: Currently serves as the Christian Growth Chairman of the Topeka Zone; has also served as the Member Development chairman, Zone vice president, and Zone president
District: Currently serving on the Communication Committee

Sherri is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lawrence, KS, where she is employed as the church secretary. She is also a Sunday School teacher, a Board of Evangelism member, choir member, and the VBS music leader.

She has been married to her husband Larry for 35 years and they have two grown daughters. Sherri loves to knit! She also likes to work on craft projects, read, and watch movies, especially old musicals.



Sherri Rose



Shawna Spiehs

LWML SERVICE

- Local:** Active member of St. John Lutheran Church society
Zone: Special Focus Ministries committee chairman
District: Special Focus Ministries committee member 2010-present

Shawna has played in a handbell choir and helped to organize it. She also helps with the Kids Choir at her church and sings in the adult choir.

She is married to Keith and they have adopted three children. They have a set of twins, Riana and Aiden, who are six years old and in 1st grade. Their youngest daughter, Keaira, is four years old and is in the 4/5 year old preschool class. The Spiehs family attends St. John Lutheran Church near Palmer. Shawna teaches 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade at Linn Lutheran School. In her free time she likes to read, learn new ideas for her classroom, play with her kids, spend time with her husband, and enjoys time with her extended family.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

CANDIDATES FOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Pastor Luke Brown has served St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville, since 2008. A Kansas native, he graduated from Marysville High School and studied journalism and mass communication at Hutchinson Community College and Kansas State University. He was reporter at the *Anthony Republican*, reporter and sports editor at the *Great Bend Tribune*, and Central Kansas Correspondent for the *Hutchinson News* before he and his wife, Kerri Lynne, purchased the *Hoisington Dispatch*, which they owned for 17 years.



Pastor Brown completed the Kansas District Lay Ministry program in 2003 and led worship at several churches, including Peace, Greensburg, and Concordia, Hoisington. He attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and served his convertible vicarage at St. John before being called to St. John.

He has taken classes in Gerontology at Concordia, Seward, and has gone through the Doxology program. He has been active in Rural and Small Town ministry in Kansas. He has been approved as Hospice

Chaplain at Allen County Hospice.

He was Southwest District Director on the Kansas Press Association Board of Directors, served on the Hoisington City Council, Hoisington Chamber of Commerce and Clara Barton Hospital Foundation and other local agencies. He and Kerri Lynne have been married more than 33 years. They have two children, Megan Duree of Magdalena, New Mexico, and Nathan Brown, who is getting a Master's degree at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. They have one grandson, Benjamin, 3.

Pastor Jay Hobson currently serves two congregations in southeast Kansas: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hepler, KS, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Erie, KS. His path to get to these two wonderful congregations was straight and narrow. During his four years of schooling at the University of Oklahoma, he decided he wanted to be a pastor. With his bachelor's degree in history in hand, he set off to Concordia Theological Seminary for intense and thorough training, learning to handle the Word of Truth. For his vicarage year, he was sent to St. Joseph, Michigan where he served a large congregation of around 2,500 members. He finished his seminary training in May 2011, and blessedly was called to the two churches he now serves.



Pastor Hobson is grateful for and blessed to be married to his dear wife, Angelyn. They have been married for 2½ years. He considers her the anchor amidst the storm of being a busy pastor. Pastor Hobson enjoys running, teaching Bible studies, and country music.

2014 LWML Kansas District Convention Mission Walk and Prayer Labyrinth Pledge Sheet

The recipients of our 2014 mission walk pledges will be announced at convention. They ask that you would pray that they may continue to be "salt and light" as they work for Him.



The walking trail will be marked outside or inside of the hotel depending on the weather. The Prayer Labyrinth will be set up in a designated meeting room at the hotel. Participants may do either or both.

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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.

LWML Kansas District 2014 Convention Shirt Order Form



The shirts are 100% cotton pre-shrunk unisex t-shirt style in a sky blue color, with the convention logo embroidered on the upper left breast. The cost is \$15 per shirt. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be used towards the "Young Women Representatives" and "Friends Into Serving Him" activities at the convention.

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

- Kansas Assembly of Leaders in Wichita in August 2013
- Kansas LWML Retreat in Wichita in November 2013
- Kansas LWML Convention in Wichita in March 2014 (for pick-up only)

Quantity _____ x \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Please mail payment with this order form to:
Tiffany Harkins, 706 N Walnut St, Olathe, KS 66061
or email: nateandtiffwed@hotmail.com

*****Make checks payable to: Kansas District LWML*****
All convention shirt order forms must be received by February 28, 2014

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ORGAN CONCERT

Don't miss the organ concert by Wichita native, Brett Villant, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Friday evening prior to the Opening Convention Worship Service. The organ concert will begin at 6:20 p.m. He has toured extensively as a solo artist, and international critics have defined his performances as exciting, refreshing, unorthodox, and astonishing.

TOTE BAGS

All convention attendees are asked to bring a tote bag from past conventions, which will help with convention expenses. Who has the oldest tote bag???

Calling All LWML Convention T-shirts



Are you the proud owner of Convention T-Shirts from days gone by?

Do you wish you had the opportunity to "Show-off" your past Convention t-shirt favorite?

Well, now is the time. On Saturday night at the 2014 KS District Convention, as we celebrate 70 years of LWML, we want to see HOW MANY different past convention t-shirts will make an appearance.

Dig through those closets and drawers. Find your favorite, get it cleaned, put it in a safe place with your other convention gear and you will be ready for "Show-Off Your T-shirt" night at convention!

Want to take it to the next level?

Take a digital photo of YOU in your favorite convention t-shirt and email it to President Karen, with your Name, Church, Hometown and the Theme of the Convention t-shirt, just in case it's hard to read in the photo. You never know - you might be a T-shirt Star at Convention. ☺

I can't wait to see all of you in Wichita in March 2014!

President Karen Morrison
316-641-0677
email: km_blssd@cox.net

Voting Notice: If you will be serving as a delegate from your society at convention, you are required to please be registered 1 hour prior to your voting obligations.