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The President's Podium

Karen Morrison

20th LWML Kansas District President

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Oh Lord,
My Rock and My Redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

"What are you GRATEFUL for today?"

In this fast paced world that we live in, we must purposefully take time to:

- * spend time with our Lord and Savior—read his Word and talk to Him;
- * realize all the blessings that we have received in our life;
- * and express GRATITUDE and GRATEFULNESS for these blessings that we can sometimes take for granted.

If you are like me, you find it difficult to take the time to fully complete all three in one sitting. On really good days, I take time to do a deeper study in God's Word, listen for what he wants me to learn, and then share with him also. On the not so good days, I click on the Daily Bible app on my phone, quickly read through the verse of the day, and ponder for a moment if it relates to me. Then as I run through my day, I sometimes notice a blessing as I rush by it, but don't always take time to express gratitude or acknowledge that I am grateful.

So, today I am issuing you a *Summer Challenge* – take time to be GRATEFUL. Breathe deeply the fragrance of the flowers. Watch a butterfly flit across the yard. Gaze at the wonder of the stars. Laugh like a little child. Be GRATEFUL and express your GRATITUDE. Looking for your blessings and then acknowledging how grateful you are for them will give your heart and soul inspiration. How, you ask? Well, by now, you know me, I'm going to write mine down.

Option One:

Make a list A – Z. There are 26 letters in the alphabet. Find something you are grateful for that goes with each letter. Some may be a little challenging, but keep searching. I'm sure that you will find more than 26 this summer. By the way, you are not limited to one gratitude per letter. Here are a few of mine:

- B – Babies, holding a sleeping baby brings such peace and tranquility
- F – Feelings, if I didn't know sadness and hurt, I couldn't know how awesome Joy is
- M – Mites, and how through them I can share the Gospel with the world
- S – Singing and Music (I have a talent for neither, but I am grateful for their existence in my life)
- Z – Zella (my granddaughter), Zek and Zoie (my dogs) and the Zoo (a place filled with God's creatures)



Option Two:

Many years ago (the copyright date is 2001), I purchased a wire-bound book entitled "Inspirations – A Gratitude Journal". It was a guide to reflect on each day, remember the blessings, and record my gratefulness. If you want to dig deeper in this Gratefulness Challenge, you could start your own Gratitude Journal.

To help you out, I have created pages for you to copy that coincide with Options 1 and 2. One page is the alphabet to list what you are grateful for, and the other is the thought starters page to begin your own personal Gratitude Journal. You may print these as single full page sheets, or choose to print a single page that has them both listed as half-sheets. You will find these at the end of this Sonshine issue. Have fun counting your blessings and expressing your gratitude.

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow! President Karen

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Next Sonshine news deadline:
September 5



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PASTOR JAY HOBSON

"Who am I? Who are you?"

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of Jesus! Amen.

I am sitting here in my study at one of my churches here in southeast Kansas writing this introductory letter to you. You are there in your home/office/church somewhere in Kansas reading this introductory letter to you.

Honestly, that's as much as we know about each other at the moment. Oh sure, you might have garnered a few details about my life from the small bio in the LWML newsletter, and I may have even had the chance to speak with a few of you at convention to get to know some of you. But for the most part, we're strangers. You know little about me, and I know even less about you!

Or at least that's how it seems.

In reality, we have something in common that binds us together and gives us a familiarity that is unmatched. You see, I do know you. I know you very well, just as you know me very well.

You and I are both poor miserable sinners (Romans 7:24) with terrible sin resting in our hearts (Matthew 15:19). I know that you and I both sin and – if we're honest according to the Ten Commandments – we sin more than we like to admit. I know that you are weighed down by the troubles and cares of this world (1 John 2:16). Life hurts us sometimes because the world is fallen. I also know that the devil hates you as much as he hates me. He's always trying to deceive us with his lies (John 8:44), and drive us from faith (1 Peter 5:8). While the particulars are different for each of us, we share these common ailments with each other.

Thankfully and joyfully, we don't only share in these things together. We also share in the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has forgiven your sins and mine at the cross on Calvary. We have all been washed with one baptism (Ephesians 4:5) and in that baptism He has clothed each of us – and note this – not with a different righteousness, but with the same righteousness of Christ so that we are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26-28). So also, Jesus has promised to each of us that He has overcome the world (John 16:33) and that all who labor and are heavy laden find their rest in Him (Matthew 11:28-30). He triumphed over the devil for us by the cross (Colossians 2:15). And finally, God has joined us all together by joining us to Himself in Holy Communion. He gives us Christ's body and blood to eat and to drink, which forgives our sins (Matthew 26:26-28) and gives us true communion with each other (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

You see, you do know me, and I know you. God Himself has united us and given us, through the scriptures, a knowledge of each other in the things that are most important. As Paul spoke in Ephesians, God has made us of "one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." We are sainted sinners, and we know each other as God wants us to be known.

+Kyrie Eleison+

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Submitted by Allison Lehmann

Warm summer greetings from the Special Focus Ministries Committee! For those of you who do not know much about the SFM Committee, we'd like to share a little... Formerly known as the Member Development Committee, our purpose is to produce and facilitate the Young Woman Representative (YWR) program for the District LWML Convention and choose two YWRs for the National Convention; and to encourage and mentor younger women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ. We would like to invite you all to encourage the 'young women' in your church - invite them to circle meetings, zone rallies and the wonderful retreats we have in our district. The "*Impressions*" newsletter for young women is also a wonderful resource, which can be found on the national website at www.lwml.org.

Welcome our new members... Sherri Rose, newly elected Vice President of the Special Focus Ministries Committee, is from Lawrence, where she attends Redeemer Lutheran. She has been married to Larry for 35 years and has two grown daughters. Ann Harms attends Holy Cross in Wichita, and has 3 sons, Kyle (9), Ryan (6), and Caleb (3), and is married to Greg. Ann was a YWR in 2010, and had a recent mountaintop experience as a National YWR in 2013 at Pittsburgh. Kathryn Hunter, who joined the committee, after being a District YWR from the Topeka Zone this spring, lives in Emporia and attends Messiah Lutheran. Kathryn is married to John, stepmom to Andrew (18), and mom to Kermit (12) and Elizabeth (8). Shawna Spiehs served as a YWR from the Linn Zone in 2010, and has been a member of the SFM Committee ever since. She has graciously agreed to continue to serve on the SFM Committee and help with our transition! She lives in Palmer where she attends St. John's with husband Keith and their three children, Riana (7), Aiden (7), and Keaira (5). My name is Allison Lehmann, chairman of the SFM Committee. I live in Berryton with Doug, my husband of seventeen years, and two boys, Alex (10) and Jacob (8). We are members at St. John's, Topeka. I was also a YWR in 2010 from the SE Zone, and a National YWR in 2011 at Peoria.

As you can see, the Young Woman Representative program has been, and continues to be, very near and dear to all of us on the SFM Committee! In the upcoming months, we will be sharing application information about the National YWR program. Be thinking of whom you would like to personally give an application!



SONSHINE
SNIPPET

Did you know...

- ⇒ the first All-District LWR pick up began in 1984—this year is the 30 year anniversary of this project in the LWML Kansas District!
- ⇒ the first LWML Kansas District newsletter was published 70 years ago in 1944!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Kerri Lynne Brown, LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary
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MITE GOAL 2014-2016 Biennium	\$152,750.00
MITES RECEIVED through 5/31/14	\$13,682.20
DAY OF PRAYER OFFERING	\$3,907.61



Even if your society does not meet through the summer months, please remember to feed your Mite box on a regular basis! If your society has not yet paid for its Quarterly subscriptions, please do so as soon as possible. A remittance voucher must accompany the payment.

GOSPEL OUTREACH NEWS Submitted by Karen Eskew

Hello from the Gospel Outreach Committee, known as the GO Committee. Our Vice President is Bernie Reetz. The Committee includes the following members: Chairman Karen Eskew, Ella Schempp, Kris Koops, and Pam Popp. Our Pastoral Counselor is Rev. Jay Hobson.

Our Committee is in charge of finding recipients for the Day of Prayer offering, Mission Projects, and the God's Gracious Gift Fund. We also are in charge of the Financial Aid for anyone attending a synodical college and going into full time church work. If you have any ideas for project proposals, please go to the website and print off a copy of the application for submission. Financial Aid applications are also on the website.

The first offering at the Wichita convention in March was designated for the Mission Projects. Project #1, Orphan Grain Train – Kansas, received \$5,000.00 to be used for shipping costs.

The Mission Projects poster is available in this issue of the Sonshine and is also available for downloading and printing on the LWML Kansas District website. Please color in the section of the eagle's wings as the projects are paid during this biennium. And keep sending in your mite money, so more projects can be paid.

MEET THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Elaine Engelman

I am blessed to have the opportunity to introduce you to the new LWML Kansas District Christian Life Committee. I am the Vice President of Christian Life, Elaine Engelman (Southeast Zone). I began my LWML service on the Kansas District Christian Growth committee from 1992-1996, have served in many capacities on zone and district levels since, and have come full circle back to Christian Life. I was a preschool teacher in regular and special education classrooms for many years and now get to play daily with two of my four grandsons. I am married, have four grown children and four grandsons.

Tammy Songer (KC CrossRoads Zone) is the committee chairman. She has served the LWML in a variety of ways at all levels since 1994, when she began as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) in Southern Illinois. Tammy has a career as the Child Ministry Coordinator at Bethany, Overland Park, and is married with two teenage children. Any "extra" time is filled with PTA, Booster Club, and being a dance and football mom.

Returning committee member Jolene Stackhouse (Manhattan Zone) serves her congregation as secretary, bell ringer, and member of the altar and funeral service committees. She is a retired intensive care nurse, married with one son and one grandson. Her hobbies include gardening, volunteering, and golfing.

New committee member Carol Bauck (Topeka Zone) is active in her local LWML at Faith, Ottawa. Also a retired nurse, she is married and has two sons. Carol and her husband enjoy traveling and her hobbies include gardening, reading, and knitting.

Amanda Williams (KC CrossRoads Zone) is also a new committee member. She was a 2014 LWML Kansas District YWR and does quilting and funeral meals with her local LWML. Amanda volunteers with Vacation Bible School and is the high school Sunday School teacher, as well as serving as a volunteer at the 2013 National Youth Gathering. She is married, works as a nurse at the KUMC Hospital, is a gymnastics instructor, camp cook, counselor, and life guard.

At our first committee meeting we will set goals for the next two years and begin work on the Christian Women's Retreat scheduled for November 6-7, 2015. With the Lord's help, we will do our best to uplift and strengthen you during our time together. We are only a click away if you need our help with resources or you have a suggestion for how we can serve you better. Go to the LWML Kansas District website and click on the Christian Life icon. In the upper left hand corner of our page will be an email contact link. Have a blessed summer as you "Serve the Lord with Gladness"!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me with all you heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

IMPORTANT LWML DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 25-28, 2015: 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

April 15-17, 2016: 36th Biennial KS District Convention in Manhattan



CARING SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Gloria Raab, VP of Caring Service

With the new biennium comes a reorganization of all District committees. The Caring Service Committee members are Chairman Laura Hunter from Overland Park, Janice Cundiff from Oberlin, Gloria Peterson from Overland Park, Karen Rinne from Overland Park, and Cathi Temple from Westphalia. Pastor Jay Hobson from Hepler, our newly-elected District Pastoral Counselor, will serve as pastoral advisor. Thank you to Nina Borgstadter for her contributions during the past four years.

We are always looking for new ideas for witnessing to the Lord's love to people around us. Does your society have a special way of showing care and concern within your congregation or community? Tell one of our committee members what you are doing and send photos of your activities. We will include an article in a future issue of the Sonshine and another group may be able to adapt your ideas to a project for their society.

Lutheran World Relief Information

It's time for societies to start gathering items for Lutheran World Relief. Do you watch for yard sales that might be a good source of flat bed sheets (64x84") for quilt backings, t-shirts and receiving blankets for the Baby Care Kit, yards of fabric for the Fabric Kit, or dark-colored bath towels that can be included in the Personal Care Kit? Back-to-School sales will be an excellent opportunity to pick up items for the School Kits. Directions for assembling these kits are listed on page 11 of this issue and are also available on the website at kansaslwml.org.

When packing your items, please pack completed kits or the quilts, like items together, in boxes (no plastic or paper bags), label the contents in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes, and use strong cartons secured with packing tape. The total weight of each box is not to exceed 40 pounds.

The LWR pick-up date schedule is listed on page 8.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Brenda Piester, VP of Communication

As I look outside this beautiful July day, all I can see is GREEN! We give thanks for temperatures in the 70's, and that we have been very blessed with June rains. Prayers continue for seasonal weather for those who are harvesting, planting, and managing livestock.

Speaking of "harvest," the Executive Committee was privileged to provide leadership training for the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) the last weekend of June in Salina under the theme: Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the LORD of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38. *Thank you for your attendance and for your willingness to serve as laborers in His harvest!*

The **Communication Committee** is here to serve you! Please send society or zone news to Shelly Keller, the editor of *The Kansas Sonshine* Newsletter; your story may be an idea for someone else. Thank you for your payment for the *Quarterly* subscriptions and the website fee; contact Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager, if you have questions about either. Go to our *Facebook* page to increase involvement of your members; contact Darla Abbott to share your news! Thank you to NEW MEMBERS of the Communication Committee: Kathie Thurman, who will manage the LWML store at events; and Mandy Cornett, who will help with technology. Watch for the LWML display at events across Kansas, next appearing at "Saints Alive" in Wichita. Thank you to Mark Fuchs for his continued work as our webmaster! Four seminary graduates called to serve in Kansas will receive "Pastors in Mission" (PIM) gift bags from the LWML Kansas District. Each Pastor answering a call and coming into the Kansas District will be presented with this gift by LWML leaders from that area. Contact me to schedule the display or with questions about PIM.

The updated LWML Kansas *Bylaws* and the *Leadership Guidelines* will soon be available on the Kansas District website. These can serve as a guide for updating zone and society bylaws. (Once you see "Updated" on the website, you may print the newest copy.) The **Structure Committee** looks forward to receiving, reviewing and approving updates to your society and zone bylaws. Chairman Kathryn Richard and I welcome new committee members Cathi Clark and Ruth Stice. *Please contact them if you have questions!*

If there is ANYTHING the Communication or Structure Committees can do to help you, please contact us—we are just one click away through the contact list on the website. You will also find our contact information on the district directory pages at the end of this newsletter. *We are here to serve you!*

ZONE EVENTS ACROSS KANSAS

The LWML Society of Trinity, Salina, met on April 10 for their Guest Night potluck meeting, which was attended by fifty members and guests. During the meeting, they recognized the longest tenure of LWML members, awarding cardboard gold stars to the following four ladies: (pictured left to right) Alice Rahmeier (62 yrs.), Ingrid Suhr (58 yrs.), Phyllis Von Fange (62 yrs.), and Marian Frederking (62 yrs.). Congratulations ladies!



NORTHWEST ZONE SPRING RALLY

submitted by Dorothy Kellner, Zone Secretary

Twenty-nine ladies and fourteen men gathered at Trinity, Colby, on Saturday, April 5. President Janice Cundiff welcomed the guests and introduced Pastor Alexander who conducted the opening devotion. Janice then introduced the guest speaker, Nanette Zander of Oberlin, KS, who shared slides of her work with House of Hope Haiti. The ministry is dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus by providing food, shelter, clothing and both Christian and secular education to the children of Haiti. An invitation was extended for the Fall Workshop to be held in Norton. Reports of the two YWRs to the District Convention were read by the society presidents in their absence. Betty Kruse, past LWML Kansas District president, presented President Karen's report. President Janice presented door prizes to those in attendance. Pastor Tim Llewellyn, Circuit Visitor, reported on the national LCMS convention he had attended as our zone representative. Pastor Alexander led the closing devotion.



Pictured: Rev. Wyssman with Tiffany Harkins, KC CrossRoads Zone President

KC CrossRoads Spring Event

submitted by Pam Popp, Zone VP of Gospel Outreach

Our spring event was held on April 26 with Rev. Kevin Wyssman serving as the speaker for the day. He spoke to us about his mission trips to the Czech Republic and Hong Kong. Rev. Wyssman told us about the cultural aspects of the Czech Republic and how it affects the mission work of his group. He told us that many do not know of Jesus, and they have beautiful churches that are never used. The missionaries must raise the money themselves for the cost of the trip. Rev. Wyssman is one of the leaders of the group. His information gave us a new appreciation of the local mission work being done in our area to serve the people of Hong Kong and the Czech Republic.

HUTCHINSON ZONE SPRING MEETING

submitted by Mary Schmidt

The Wonderful Witnessing Women of the Hutchinson Zone met on April 26, 2014, at Christ the King Lutheran in Salina for their Spring Meeting. Opening devotions were led by Pastor Calvin Reinke of Christ the King, followed by an "LWML Kansas District Welcome Package" presentation to Pastor Reinke by Zone President Mary Schmidt. Those in attendance then returned to the Fellowship Hall where our "Mighty Mite Tea Party" was held. The tables were beautifully decorated with "Mite Box Tea Pots" and an array of colored snack sets. The women of Christ the King served "tea time" finger foods and an assortment of teas. During the course of the tea party, Elise Cleary, Zone Gospel Outreach (GO) Chairman and her assistants, interrupted our conversations to share where our Kansas District Mites are GOing during the 2014-2016 biennium. Marlene Lorenz also presented a "Tea Talk," sharing numerous insights about tea. Throughout the Tea Party, the "Tea Pot Mite" song was sung, and everyone was encouraged to place their mites in the "Tea Pot Mite Boxes." By the end of the Tea Party, over \$200.00 in mites had been given for mission projects.

The Hutchinson Zone had the distinct honor of being the first Zone to have the District Report given by John Morrison, President Karen's husband, who is affectionately known as the "First Purple". Reports were also given by Christian Life Chairman Sandy Bachofen, Caring Service Chairman Linda Stanton, Special Focus Ministries Chairman Becky Modellmog, Gospel Outreach Chairman Elise Lorenz-Cleary, and President Mary Schmidt. The Tea Party concluded with the M&M's for Mites and Missions (Marlene and Mary) leading the group in a game of "Who Wants to be a Missionaire" and challenging the women to exceed Mite giving from the last biennium. A salad lunch was served by the ladies of Christ the King Lutheran LWML, after which Barb Geuy led us in singing a number of Easter hymns. Following the business meeting, we heard from mission speaker Steve Barnes. Mr. Barnes, representing LeadaChild CCCS, shared an enlightening program regarding this Christian education based program which serves 26,000 children in 30 countries. Pastor Russell Bonine, Zone Counselor from St. Paul's, Haven, installed the new officers (Vice President/Gospel Outreach Elise Lorenz-Cleary and Secretary Brenda Ascher) prior to leading closing devotions. Our Fall Meeting will be held October 18, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina.

**** CALLING ALL ASPIRING ARTISTS ****

President Karen is looking for 2016 LWML Kansas District Convention Theme Logo art proposals. Please consider the theme and verse, then use your creativity to design a potential theme logo!

2016 Convention Theme -- For Such a Time as This

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Art work is due to President Karen by August 1st. Digital art is preferred and can be emailed to:
president@kansaslwml.org

It is time to think about an LWML Kansas District banner design for the 2015 "Bountiful" LWML National Convention in Des Moines, IA.

Theme: Bountiful! Sow-Nourish-Reap

Scripture: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)*

**Banner
Art
Needed
Here**

Please pray over the theme and scripture verse, create a banner design, and submit it to President Karen at president@kansaslwml.org.

Banner Art is due by August 1st.

"I can't wait to see your inspiring designs."

President Karen

Lutheran Family Retreat

August 1 - 3, 2014

"Sent" - John 20:21

Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS

Do you ever take the time for a family weekend? Lutheran Family Retreat is . . .

- ♦ Swimming and games
- ♦ Food and fellowship
- ♦ Devotions and worship and Bible studies
- ♦ Adventure and activities for all ages

JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU.
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I AM SENDING YOU."
JOHN 20:21

But most importantly, Lutheran Family Retreat is FAMILY FRIENDLY! It's a weekend of family fun! Details and Registration information is available at lutheranfamilyretreat.org. Plan to attend this year. Registration is due by July 18.

First Time Attendees will receive a scholarship discount on their registration fee, from the LWML God's Gracious Gift Fund grant selected at the March convention. LWML Kansas District sponsors this event with the LLL and the Kansas District LCMS.

KAOL 2014 INGATHERING

God instructs us in Galatians 6:2 to "carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ". The ingathering for this year's Kansas Assembly of Leaders was for the Ashby House in Salina, which provides temporary housing for homeless families and single women. The following items were gathered for the Ashby House shelter:

- 27 rolls of paper towels
- 3 rolls of toilet paper
- 2 large boxes of toiletries and soap
- 9 boxes of trash bags
- 7 boxes of Kleenex
- 11 cleaning products
- 7 laundry products
- 1 bag full of clothing

Thanks to all who donated!

2015 Day of Prayer recipient selected at KAOL

KNGN (Kansas Nebraska Good News) Radio Station out of McCook, Nebraska, needs funds to keep the station going with Lutheran programming direct from the heart of America. KNGN is one of two LCMS radio stations in the US. KNGN programming seeks to educate and inform in a confessional Lutheran manner. KNGN is the working man's Lutheran station. Any amount of help will help keep KNGN going, but the need for a computer is most urgent. Donations towards the 2015 Day of Prayer will be accepted between 7/1/14—6/30/15.

2014 KAOL Mary and Martha Mite Challenge

Mary: \$286.74 Martha: \$274.29

TOTAL: \$561.03

Lutheran Women in Mission

**2014
LWR
PICK-UP
DATES**

Tuesday, Oct. 7: St. Andrews-Wichita

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Trinity-Hays

Thursday, Oct. 9: Trinity-Salina

Friday, Oct. 10: Christ-Topeka

(Pick-up time at all locations is 9 a.m. to 12 Noon)

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



The Word at Work

Greetings from the new Lutheran Heritage Foundation Executive Director

For everything there is a season and time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

After serving for almost 13 years in the mission field, it is a joy to continue my missionary service from this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Some of you reading this may know me from my work in Russia and the former Soviet Union, while others of you have been supporters of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). I was excited to receive and accept the call to serve as the executive director of LHF because I have long seen its work and influence abroad.

No matter where I traveled, I noticed that Lutheran churches were always seeking good Christian literature in their native languages. Without these books to teach the children, members of the congregations, and students at the seminary, Christians were reduced to reading English language materials. Of course, one had to know English, which always encompassed a slim minority of members within the congregations.

But through the work of LHF, Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* is available to teach the basics of the Christian faith in one's own language. Through the ministry of LHF, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* is available to teach children the essential stories of how God has interacted with man to provide salvation from sin through His Son, Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God, we are now operating in over 90 languages in 80 countries. I am happy to share with you the stories of how the Holy Spirit is actively working through God's Word, as we translate, publish, distribute and introduce Christian literature that is Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. Please join with us in this Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make His name known to the nations!



Matthew Heise

Rev. Matthew Heise

Executive Director Lutheran Heritage Foundation

(Editor's note: the LHF is LWML Kansas District Mission Project #6 for \$5,000.00)



**FINANCIAL AID
FALL 2014 ~ SPRING 2015**

Isaiah 40:31

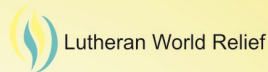
1. KS Division of Orphan Grain Train **Paid**
2. Concordia Seminary
3. CCCS, Lead a Child-Bangladesh
4. The Lutheran Student Center WSU
5. Lutheran Braille Workers
6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
7. Family Shield Ministries Radio in KS
8. Holy Cross Lutheran Braille Work Center
9. St Paul Christian Preschool, Fairview
10. Bethany Lutheran Family Ministry
11. Christ the King, Salina Praise Band Equipment



FALL 2015 ~ SPRING 2016



School Kits

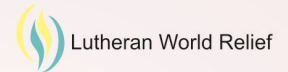


- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college rule paper approximately 8" x 10 ½" NO SINGLE SHEETS
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- One 2 ½" eraser
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secure together with a rubber band.
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (NO standard backpacks).
Recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas denim and twill.

Remove all excess packaging, pack all items in a bag and close.

DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING IN PLASTIC BAGS.

Baby Care Kits



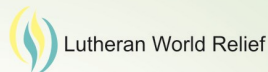
- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarns, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or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

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

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

DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING IN PLASTIC BAGS.

Personal Care Kits



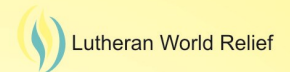
- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap (any brand, in original wrapping)
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)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

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

DO NOT ADD OTHER ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED

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Fabric Kits



- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
 - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric or
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric or
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- 2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

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

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My Gratitude Journal

Day: _____ Date: _____

Today I feel:

I am Blessed by and Grateful for:

People in my Prayers today:

Magical moments I witnessed: (comfort, peace, love ...)

Heart donations: (acts of kindness, sharing, caring ...)

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Date: _____

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- I am blessed by and grateful for: _____
- People in my prayers today: _____
- "Fruit of the Spirit" moments I witnessed:
(comfort, peace, love ...)
- Heart donations:
(acts of kindness, sharing, caring ...)

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"Serve the Lord with gladness"

— Psalms 100:2

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