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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT



The President's Podium

Karen Morrison
20th LWML Kansas District President

"Sisterhood"

*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*

Definition: the close relationship among women based on shared conditions, experiences, or concerns.

Do you belong to a sisterhood? A better question is probably – How many sisterhoods are a part of your daily life? Let's look at some of mine.

There is the sisterhood between:

- ✦ *the women I work with.*
- ✦ *the women I attend Bible study with.*
- ✦ *the women I share quilting with.*
- ✦ *the women in our new Risen Savior sewing group.*
- ✦ *me and my sister (born of the same parents).*
- ✦ *me and the BFFs God blessed my life with.*
- ✦ *the women in my society.*
- ✦ *the Kansas LWML Executive Committee.*
- ✦ *all the women in LWML, also known as my purple peeps.*
- ✦ *and more.*



That's a lot of women. That's a lot of relationships. That's how God created women. To be relational.

LWML is a great sisterhood to be associated with. Not only do we thrive in personal relationships through LWML, we impact the lives of other women, children and families around the world through our Mission projects, God's Gracious Gift Fund projects, Day of Prayer offerings and Student Financial Aid payments.

The Time is Now to invite a new friend to join our LWML sisterhood. What could be better than bringing a friend from one of your other sisterhood groups to Bible study, to learn more about your Lord and Savior, and then to learn about Mites and the mission work of LWML and what LWML has meant in your life?

Sisterhood was a part of God's plan for women. Take a moment today to thank God for the sisterhoods that bless your life each day.

~ President Karen ~



Counselor's Corner

Rev. Jeff Duncan

Senior Pastoral Counselor



When the Christian prays....

As Lent turns to Holy Week and then to the resurrection of our Lord, all eyes are upon Him. All ears should listen as well! Listen to the Savior speak to His apostles before heading to His cross of coronation glory through suffering, humiliation, death, and soon -- new life!

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:12-14 ESV)

Jesus speaks to the apostles and prays to the Father throughout chapters 14-17 of John. I suggest you read them as a part of this instruction in the power of a praying Christian.

You may have thought, like I have thought at times, "What good is my prayer?" Things may appear so hopeless. The doctor just gave a final report on mom's condition; death is inevitable. The incidence of violence in Middle Eastern countries is so rampant; the Christian martyr's death seems commonplace. Society embraces non-traditional lifestyles enthusiastically; my family only winces when I bring up the issue of homosexual marriage being contrary to God's purpose and design. What causes you to throw up your hands and say "What's the use?"

These words of Jesus speak to disciples today, disciples in a world of turmoil and disillusionment. No less was the turmoil and disillusionment of the apostles, who watched their teacher die and hid behind locked doors in fear of the Jews. But our Lord spoke words of hope and empowerment to them prior to His journey to the cross and death. Jesus reminded the apostles that He was in them and that they were in Him. They had a place in God's providential care, a home, and they would successfully navigate to it through continued faith in Jesus, the one who now is ready to depart from their earthly presence.

Before He departs, Jesus instructs with words of wisdom and prayer. You Christians, take heart, you will do even greater works than Jesus! How? Martin Luther, commenting on verse 12 above has two things to say:

In the first place, Christians have the Gospel, Baptism, and the Sacrament, by means of which they convert people, snatch souls from the clutches of the devil, wrest them from hell and death, and bring them to heaven. With these they also comfort, strengthen, and preserve poor consciences that are saddened and troubled by the devil and others. They are able to teach and instruct people in all walks of life and to help them live in a Christian and blessed way. ¹

What power we Christians wield; what blessing to speak the very life of Jesus - the crucified for sins and resurrected to eternal life in glory - life of Jesus. We connect to this life in Baptism where we are initiated into a community of Christ's presence. And we feed upon this life, Christ Himself placing His body and blood upon our tongues. Hell has no power; death cannot hold a Christian in the grave. The devil has no condemnation for anyone in Christ Jesus. AMEN!

Luther continues:

In the second place, the Christians also have prayer. Christ will speak of this later. Through prayer they obtain for themselves and for others all that they ask of God, even physical things. This is one of the greatest works they do to help and preserve the world, even if they did nothing else. Thus when a Christian subject prays, and the prince is victorious over his enemies, who, then, actually defeated the enemies and achieved the victory? No other than the Christian, even if no one gives him credit and he gains neither reputation nor honor because of it. God did not grant victory for the sake of the prince—if he was an unbeliever—but in answer to the prayer of this one Christian. ²

Did you hear that; "...one of the greatest works they do to help and preserve the world, even if they did nothing else." Sometimes, I hear a Christian say "That's all I can do...pray!" Luther reminds us this is *all* we need to be doing. This is our power. This is our power in Christ. This is our work, the greater work that we do in Christ. Luther would go on to point out that Christ's miracles and Gospel declaration were for a limited audience and a limited time. The Christian...she prays for and across the world. She shares the Gospel at home and around the world. Her work is greater because it shares Christ's work everywhere, just as He promised.

Whether young or old, able bodied or disabled, prayer is work you Christians can perform in the name of Jesus and in His power and strength. Christ wants this; Christ enables this; Christ tells Christians to do this with His blessing. He alone knows the answer that is best. And He will do it according to His good and gracious will.

In Christ's love and work, we pray for and with all the LWML women!

~ Pastor Duncan ~

^{1,2} Luther, M. (1999). *Luther's works*, vol. 24: *Sermons on the Gospel of St. John: Chapters 14-16* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.) [Jn 14:12]. St. Louis: CPH

CARING SERVICE NEWS



Gloria Raab, VP of Caring Service

“GIFTS FROM THE HEART” – for the LWML Convention in Des Moines

As we gather with LWML sisters from all over the USA at the national LWML convention in Des Moines, we will have an opportunity to share our blessings and God’s love with many people in need. Gifts from the Heart are being gathered for Luther Care Services, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutherans for Life. A poster with lists of items requested and directions for assembling Orphan Grain Train kits can be found on the LWML Kansas District website under the Caring Service link. Even if no one from your society is planning to attend the convention, why not collect some supplies and send your gifts of love with someone from your zone?

THRIVENT FUNDS FOR QUILTING

Is the cost of quilt batting a financial burden that your quilting group has difficulty funding? Have you reached out to Thrivent? Quilting groups across the country are working with Thrivent to make their quilt monies go farther. In a recent mailing from Lutheran World Relief, it was suggested that Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated for various church groups, including quilting circles. The article also suggests that groups apply for funding through their local Thrivent Financial chapter. Contact your local Thrivent representative for more information.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS



Ella Schempp, Financial Aid Coordinator

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

Do you know a student that might be eligible for consideration?

Don't wait! The 2015 application deadline is June 1st!

Instructions for applicants:

- Go to the www.kansaslwml.org
 - Select the Resources tab
 - Scroll down to Student Financial Aid Application on the pull-down menu
 - Scroll to the bottom of that page and click on Financial Aid Application
 - Complete the application and email form and picture to financialaid@kansaslwml.org
- (If you qualify for LWML Financial Aid, remember to also apply for the Kansas District scholarship, the LLL (Lutheran Laymen’s League) scholarship, and the St. John’s College scholarship.)

Applications can be sent now! We will check with the college on your behalf to confirm registration.



DID YOU KNOW...there are Eleven Mission Grants still to be funded? As men and women respond to all God has given to His children, and as a result of faithful prayer and mite giving, the LWML was pleased to partially fund two more Mission Grants for the 2013-2015 biennium. As the fiscal close of the biennium draws near, the LWML asks for prayers as eleven Mission Grants still require full or partial funding. Please continue to collect mites to the glory of God!

FINANCIAL NEWS



Kerri Lynne Brown
LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary
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financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org

MITE GOAL 2014-2016 BIENNIUM: \$152,750.00

\$6,364 is needed each month to meet our goal!

MITES RECEIVED through 2/28/2015: \$66,960.62

\$70,004 is what was needed through February to be “on track” to reach the biennium’s Mite goal. We are \$3,043.38 short at this point.

Many societies have sent in the payment for their 2015-2016 Quarterly subscriptions, and the Day of Prayer offerings have been coming in regularly as well. The deadline for the Day of Prayer project - KNGN Radio - is June 30.

Note to Treasurers: When you send the Quarterly payment, please remember to include a remittance voucher. Also, please make out all checks to: LWML Kansas District. Checks should not be written to “LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary” or to Kerri Lynne personally. Thank you.



ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN NEWS



“Let it be written for a future generation that a people not yet created may praise the Lord.” Psalm 102:18

Just as the documents and artifacts preserved at Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis help God’s people trace the spread of the Gospel and tell of God’s faithfulness, documents and artifacts preserved by our LWML historians help trace the life and God-pleasing work of the LWML in the Kansas District. District Archivist-Historians collect, organize, catalog, and preserve documents, photos and other items submitted by zones and societies which are relevant to the history of the LWML Kansas District. Zone and society historians do the same with items of historic relevance for their zones and societies.

These are a few things learned at the recent “boot camp” conducted by national LWML Archivist-Historian Barbara Huggins.

When working with archival materials:

- ⇒ Make sure hands and work area are clean; no food or drink nearby.
- ⇒ When submitting photos, make sure to add a note identifying all or as many people as possible, the occasion, location, date and any other information which would be helpful for identification. If the date is not known, write “circa 1980” or whatever decade it might be.
- ⇒ Do not paper clip or staple papers together. Paper clips and staples may rust and destroy the integrity of the paper. You may use plastic coated paper clips, or fold a strip of paper over the top edge of the paper and then paper clip.
- ⇒ Whenever possible, send a photocopy rather than the original document, especially newsprint.
- ⇒ Do not use plastic sleeves. Only Mylar sleeves are archival safe.

If you have questions, contact Judy Carlson or Esther Ideker, LWML Kansas District Archivist-Historians.

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archivist.esther@kansaslwml.org

GOSPEL OUTREACH NEWS



Kris Koops, GO Committee member

Be On the Lookout!

Are you looking? Are you searching? The GO Committee sure hopes so. The time is getting near to have God's Gracious Gift Fund and Mission Project grant applications submitted to the Gospel Outreach Committee. **Deadline for both applications is June 1, 2015.** Remember, God's Gracious Gift Fund recipients are paid right after the Kansas District convention, but the Mission Project grants are paid as mites are received. Both application forms can be found on the website at kansaslwml.org by clicking on the Gospel Outreach picture tab and looking on the right side of that page for the lavender tabs. Forms need to be completed and sent to the Gospel Outreach Committee person as directed at the bottom of the application form. Not sure if your idea will be funded? Need some help filling out the application? Let one of our committee members give you a hand. Remember....be on the lookout!

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES NEWS



Ann Harms, SFM Committee member

The Special Focus Ministries Committee would like to introduce the two YWR's who will be attending the national LWML convention in Des Moines this summer:

Kirsten Oschwald and Amanda Williams

Kirsten Oschwald grew up as a missionary child in Taiwan and has also lived in Singapore and the U.S. She has visited Thailand, Italy, South Korea, and Malaysia; can speak Mandarin Chinese; and enjoys good food, cycling, and running. She received her Master of Architecture degree from The University of Kansas in May of 2011 and currently works at an architecture firm in Merriam, KS. She attends church and her LWML circle in Lawrence, KS. Of the convention, she says, "I am looking forward to meeting Godly young women from across the country, but also spending several days with Godly women across the generations who are sure to be an inspiration and witness. Can't wait!"

Amanda Williams grew up in South Dakota and Minnesota. She moved to Kansas in 2007 to go to nursing school and ended up meeting her husband there: she played tenor saxophone in pep band, and he played the tuba. They got married in 2011 and have two little kitties named Snickers and Pearl. She stays busy with nurse practitioner school and recently became a Diabetes Nurse Educator at The University of Kansas Hospital. She has always known about LWML because of her grandma being very involved, and recently, Amanda helped start a young women's LWML circle in the Kansas City metro area. She's excited for convention and can't wait to meet many more LWML ladies there!



COMMUNICATION NEWS



Brenda Piester, VP of Communication

As I write this column, we are in March Madness! Whether you are a huge basketball fan or hardly give the sport a passing glance, it is impossible to not notice that basketball is important to many people in Kansas. But to us Christians, March is also the church season of Lent. Do we offer rides to church or women's events as easily and often as we do rides to "the game"? Do we donate to the food bank as often as we take snacks to a "watch party"? Do we share the news of Christ's victory over sin, death and the power of the devil as passionately as we do the victories for "our team"? In 1 Corinthians 9:24 we are reminded: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it." **LORD, help us keep focused on You** as we journey through this season of Lent and Holy Week and then sing the victory song on Easter morning, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" Amen.

The **Communication Committee** is here to serve you! Please send society and zone news to Shelly Keller, the editor of *The Kansas Sonshine* Newsletter. Contact Darla Abbott to share your news on Facebook! Thank you for your payment for the *Quarterly* subscriptions and the website fee; contact Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager, if you have questions about either. Thank you to Kathie Thurman who presented the LWML store at Holy Cross Lutheran in January for their women's retreat. We plan to have many new items for you this August at KAOL and at the Christian Life Retreat next November. Contact Mandy Cornett, if you have questions about technology. Thank you to Mark Fuchs for his continued work as our webmaster! Church Workers in Mission gift bags will be distributed at LWML spring events to incoming pastors new to the Kansas District. Please contact me if you have questions about this "Welcome!" project. We eagerly wait for the news of which new pastors will be called to Kansas in May so the LWML may also welcome them!

The **Structure Committee** looks forward to receiving, reviewing and approving updates to your society and zone bylaws. Chairman Kathryn Richard and committee members Cathi Clark and Ruth Stice are here to help you. The updated LWML Kansas *Bylaws* are available on the Kansas District website. These can serve as a guide for updating zone and society bylaws—remember to keep them simple! **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. **We are here to serve you!**



ZONE NEWS

Submitted by Lisa Brack, Great Bend Zone President

The Great Bend Zone held their spring rally on Saturday, March 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Preston. After several weekends of snowy, icy weather, we were blessed with a sunny, beautiful day! Pastor Schotte led our opening, which was followed by Kerri Lynne Brown sharing her recent trip to Israel. As our featured speaker, we enjoyed her talk and amazing pictures that she and her husband, Pastor Luke Brown, had taken while on their trip right after Christmas. Lunch was served by the ladies of St. Paul's. Kerri Lynne presented the district news, and shared the Mites update and information about the upcoming national convention in Des Moines. Pastor Lovett led a Bible study on the Lord's Prayer, and we concluded our day with packing school bags for the Orphan Grain Train. Kathie Thurman had received community impact funds from Thrivent for an Action Team service activity for the supplies, and the kits will be taken to the convention in Des Moines in June.

KC CROSSROADS ZONE—EVE CIRCLE

Submitted by Alli Bauck, co-founder of Eve Circle

Since our initial meeting in September 2014, the young women of the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone, Eve Circle, have faithfully gathered each month for fellowship and service projects. In October, the ladies assembled Mommy Bags for Rachel House; at our November meeting, Christmas letters were written to service men and women through "Holiday Mail for Heroes"; in December, the group enjoyed Scripture meditation, led by Hope Lutheran Church DCE, LeAnn Miller, and fellowship with a cookie exchange.

At our first meeting in the new year, we assembled sunflower clips and Tiffany Harkins (KC CrossRoads Zone President) shared her experience of National Convention. In February, the group lovingly crafted Valentine's cards for residents of Good Samaritan nursing home. In March, we were excited to team up once again with Rachel House by shopping for hospital Mommy Bag supplies as part of a Thrivent Action team.

Eve Circle continues to welcome new faces. The ladies praise God for the blessing of following Christ with local young women in their same season of life!

(If you are interested in helping to support the Eve Circle young women in attending the Des Moines Convention, please see the article and pictures below about the sunflower clips!)



Do you have Sunshine spirit? These joyful sunflower clips are perfect for accessorizing your Kansas pride! These clips are handmade felt flowers with a touch of sparkle!

The clips were assembled by the young women of the Eve Circle, KC CrossRoads Zone, and created by Amanda Williams and Alli Bauck. The cost is \$2.00 each.

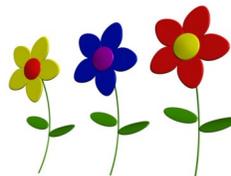
All proceeds will aid the first-time attendance of young women in the Eve Circle to the LWML National Convention.

Email allibauck@gmail.com to place your order!

(Pictured clockwise left to right: Alli Bauck, Tiffany Harkins, Amanda Williams)



SOCIETY NEWS



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LWML, OLATHE

The ladies at Beautiful Savior in Olathe, an LWML society in the KC CrossRoads Zone, have been working to put together some great activities. In December, they had a lovely Advent by Candlelight evening with devotions, singing, a comical skit about the focus of Christmas time, and a salad and dessert buffet. At the end of February, they had their 12th annual 24-hour Women's

Retreat with a 'Garden Getaway' theme. At their monthly meetings, they trimmed stamps for the Stamporee project in January, and made 150 flower pens at their February meeting to pass out when they went to sing at a nursing home in March.



HOLY CROSS LWML SOCIETY HOSTS RETREAT

Submitted by Kris Osler and Karen Morrison

"X" marked the spot at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wichita as the LWML Society hosted their annual women's retreat on January 17. This year's retreat featured Deb Burma as our speaker/Bible study leader, and over 135 people were in attendance for a marvelous day! Deb's topic was "Treasured," based on her devotional series of the same name.



Ladies were greeted at the door with a nametag treasure hunt, as each was challenged to locate her nametag on one of two "treasure maps." The fellowship hall of Holy Cross was beautifully decorated with treasure chests and lots of "bling" to inspire the ladies as they learned about the joy of being treasured children of God. Attendees had opportunities to shop for some "bling" as well from two jewelry company representatives and from the LWML store.

Deb led the ladies through her "Treasured" study to discover that each of us is the precious daughter of our Heavenly Father, who claims us as His own. From plain old lumps of coal to dazzling diamonds, we are transformed in Christ. And we shine brilliantly as we reflect God's glory. It was a day filled with bright fellowship, delicious food, and sparkling encouragement from God's Word!



SAVE THE DATE

LWML KS DISTRICT
CHRISTIAN LIFE
FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 6—7

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Wichita Airport**

Speaker: Danielle Tietjen

Lutheran Women in Mission

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.

2014-2016 LWML Kansas District Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

We are committed to helping every woman find personal opportunities in her daily life and in her congregation to be nurtured in faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to discover her unique gifts and value in God's family.

Making our Mission Meaningful

We challenge and equip women of all ages, stages, ethnicities, and experiences to make meaningful differences in the lives of hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people at home and throughout the world.

Sharing Encouragement

We believe that women value the friendship, support, and encouragement from other women and strive to offer warm, welcoming opportunities for women to grow in faith and relationships as sisters in Christ.



Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 9, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donna Pyle, Guest Speaker
"Lead me in the Way Everlasting"
Psalm 139:24



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
910 Amos Street
Humboldt, KS 66748

Donna Pyle's Biography: Since 2007, Donna has authored 23 Bible studies & traveled throughout the U.S & internationally to speak and teach. She has published several shorter Bible studies & written numerous devotions & magazine articles. Donna has recorded & released two DVD-based Bible study series & has authored religious books.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email address for courtesy reminder/weather cancellation: _____

Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. Please make check payable to St Peter's Lutheran Church. Mail check and registration form to LWML Women's Retreat, c/o St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 910 Amos Street, Humboldt, KS 66748, by the May 1st deadline. Questions? Call 620-473-3879.



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



The recipient of the 2015 Day of Prayer is KNGN (Kansas Nebraska Good News) Radio. They are located in McCook, Nebraska, and the northwest part of Kansas can hear their live broadcasts. The computer that runs their website is old. As Adam Spanier, the station manager, says, "It runs 24/7, 365 days a year", and they need to update their computer. The monies received from the Day of Prayer offerings will be used to purchase a new computer. Tune in to the radio station at 1360 AM or listen in online by visiting their website: www.kngn.org.

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Have you registered and made your arrangements to attend convention in Des Moines? It's not too late! See you there!



Lutheran Family Retreat

Canceled

The Lutheran Family Retreat committee regrets to announce that the 2015 retreat at Camp Webster will not be held. The Kansas LLL/LHM has sponsored the retreat for more than 50 years. In recent years, this has been in partnership with the LWML Kansas District. The decision to end the retreat was agreed to by both organizations. Low attendance was cited as a factor in the decision. The LWML Kansas District appreciates this partnership with the LLL/LHM and looks forward to other opportunities to work with them in sharing the Gospel message in Kansas.

IMPORTANT LWML DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ June 4-6: 2015 Kansas District LCMS Convention in Topeka
- ◆ June 25-28: 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa
 - ◆ July 26-28: Saint's Alive Conference in Wichita
- ◆ November 6-7: LWML KS District Christian Life Retreat in Wichita
- ◆ April 15-17, 2016: 36th Biennial KS District Convention in Manhattan

2015 KS DISTRICT ZONE SPRING EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11

Linn Zone Spring Retreat: Immanuel Lutheran, Bremen; Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Manhattan Zone: St. Luke's Lutheran, Manhattan; Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Topeka Zone: Hope Lutheran, Topeka; Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12

Lincoln Zone: Messiah Lutheran, Hays; Registration: 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Herington Zone: St. John Lutheran, Tampa; Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Hutchinson Zone: Immanuel Lutheran, Canton; Registration: 9:00 a.m.

KC CrossRoads Zone: Our Saviour Lutheran, Kansas City; Registration: 8:45 a.m.

Northeast Zone: Zion Lutheran, Hiawatha, Registration 9:30 a.m.

Northwest Zone: Grace Lutheran, Hill City; Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Southwest Zone: Immanuel Lutheran, Lakin; Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Wichita Zone: Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita; Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 19

Southeast Zone: Immanuel Lutheran, Hepler; Registration: 2:00 p.m.

(Great Bend Zone spring event is past—it was held March 7)

WEBSITES TO VISIT:

www.kansaslwml.org
(Kansas site)

www.lwml.org
(National site)

www.kslcms.org
(Kansas LCMS site)

www.lcms.org
(Synod site)

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JUNE 5

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RETREAT

Expecting...
HIS
 Presence

*“Worship the LORD
 with gladness,
 come before him with
 joyful songs. Know
 that the LORD is God.
 It is He who made us,
 and we are HIS ...”*

— Psalm 100:2-3a NIV



NOVEMBER 6 & 7

Tentative agenda

FRIDAY— 5:00 Registration Opens / check into rooms
Shopping OPEN! 'til 7PM

6:00 Welcome Reception

7:00 Special Guest Speaker & Activities

8:45 Vespers

9:15 Fellowship: After Hours Fun & Games

SATURDAY— Early Meditations/ Walkers

7:30-8:30 Breakfast served

Shopping OPEN! 'til 9AM

8:00 Registration Opens

9:00 Welcome & Prayer

9:10 Session I

11:15 Break / Shopping OPEN! 'til 12:30 PM

11:30 LUNCH SERVED

12:30 Session II

2:30 Closing thoughts



DOUBLE TREE
 BY HILTON

2098 Airport Road

Wichita, KS 67209

Enjoy a range of amenities, including an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a 24-hour fitness center, wireless internet, gift shops/newsstands, and a fireplace in the lobby.

Sleeping Rooms are reserved by the committee for you. Do not book with the hotel!



DANIELLE TIETJEN is a common girl with a common story. She questions her judgments, tries her best, and sacrifices a lot for her children. She understands that women need one another for encouragement, love, and forgiveness. Even while being a Christian, Dani has made some unfavorable choices with her life. She is a mom who makes more mistakes than she claims as successes. She understands that knowing the Lord is a journey through life. She is passionate about walking alongside her audience as they search the word of God for the truth that will guide them through life.

Dani brings her own stories and history to life inside the truth of scripture. She studied Mission and Outreach with a focus in Theology at Concordia University in St. Paul, MN. Her studies fueled a love for diverse cultures and how the poor are treated around the globe.

TIME WITH DANI WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR HEART, LIGHTEN YOUR SPIRIT WITH LAUGHTER, AND HELP FILL YOU WITH IDEAS ON HOW TO TACKLE LIFE'S EXPECTATIONS AND SERVING OTHERS.

Please reserve my spot! I want to:

*"Worship the Lord with gladness,
come before him with joyful songs. Know
that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we
are HIS ..." — Psalm 100:2-3a NIV*

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Special Needs: _____

RETREAT REGISTRATION:

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES AND ENCLOSE AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY!)

Hotel Room, Meals & Activities for One Great Price!

- 1 person/room \$161.00 (dbs room/plate meals/5:30 Materials)
- 2 person/room \$102.50 per person
- 3 person/room \$ 83.00 per person
- 4 person/room \$ 73.25 per person

ADD: \$10 if postmarked after October 1st please!

Expected Roommates: _____

TEEN REGISTRATION:

Teens are encouraged to come with adult supervision. A special \$63 fee is necessary to cover the meals and activities, but the Christian Life Committee will not charge for the extra person in the sleeping room.

Name: _____ Age _____

We encourage you to attend the entire RETREAT event, but realize that is not always possible. Our reduced fees are based on the number of people participating and the number of hotel rooms we expect to have reserved. *Please come if you can!!*

COMMUTER RATE: \$75.00

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End of the Winter Quarter

Greetings! Since the winter quarter has now ended, it's time for another newsletter. Classes wrapped up on February 20, but I still had a 20+ page paper to write. Fortunately, I got that done a few days later, and break officially started for me!

This quarter was great! The quality of our classes here typically depends on the professor, and I couldn't have asked for better professors. They challenged me and pushed me to think in deeper, broader ways.

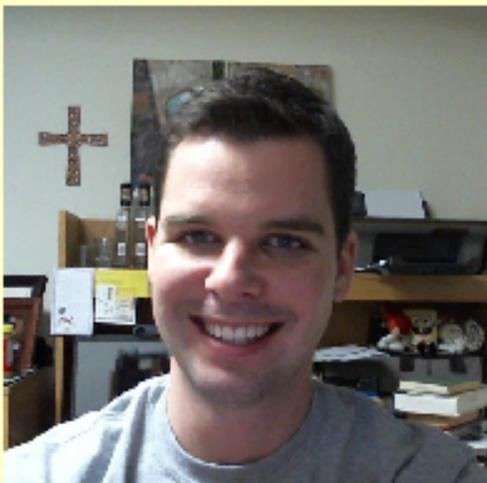
In *Pastor as Counselor* I learned how to better listen and provide scriptural counseling, while understanding my limitations and when to refer. In *Acts and Pauline Epistles*, I got a better grip on Paul's theology and the framework of his letter to the Romans. This fit well with my 2 *Corinthians* independent study, where we translated the entire letter (!) and saw how Paul deeply cared for the wayward Corinthians. Finally, in *Systematics II* we learned about our Lord Jesus, his two natures, the various theories of the atonement, and what it means to have faith in him

(to trust in him and the promises he gives us!).

This quarter I also got more experience at my fieldwork church. I ended up preaching three times, leading young adult Bible study every other week, and helping with the high school youth group. The youth there are a phenomenal group of young people, and I couldn't ask for a better young adult group.

As you can see below, I participated in St. Baldrick's again this year, too. St. Baldrick's works closely with leading pediatric oncologists to determine the most promising research to fund and create funding priorities to make the greatest impact for children with cancer. Nearly every dollar raised goes straight to research. This year we had about 30 seminarians and professors (and President Meyer again!) shave their heads. If you wish to donate you can go to my page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/753341/2015>.

Thank you again for sponsoring me this year at the seminary. It is an incredible blessing to have your support and prayers as I pursue my goal to be a pastor in our Lord's church. May the Lord bless your Lenten season as you ponder the depth and breadth of Jesus' love for us.



Before St. Baldrick's



After St. Baldrick's

Westfield House

Normally, I would go on vicarage next year, but in January I heard that I was accepted to attend Westfield House! Westfield House is a Lutheran seminary in Cambridge, England, with which the seminary in St. Louis has an exchange program. While at Westfield, I will take classes both there and at the University of Cambridge. I will transfer some credits back to St. Louis, but a large part of the year will be exploring topics in which I'm interested. I plan on taking classes that will help me learn more about 2nd Temple Judaism, the time period in which Jesus was born, died, and raised. Knowing the archaeology, politics, and literature of that era helps us better understand what Jesus and the apostles are saying in the New Testament. One of the foremost experts in the world on Aramaic teaches at Cambridge, and I hope to learn Aramaic from him and try my hand at reading parts of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Westfield will also offer me an enormous opportunity for cross-cultural growth. Besides being immersed in another country, the students at Westfield come from around the world. I firmly believe that cross-cultural experience can stretch and teach a person in ways traditional education

I GIVE THANKS TO GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU. IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU, I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW. BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. - PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

cannot. Further, as a future pastor, the ability to interact in various cultures is invaluable as my country and world become more diverse. During my year there, I'm excited to practice my faith in another cultural context with Christians from around the world. I have some connections already in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England and hope to preach some in their churches, too.

I will leave for England in August. Although it adds a year onto my education, I'm incredibly excited for the opportunity God has granted me. I look forward to seeing how he molds and shapes me both as a person and a future pastor in his Church.



Specific Prayer Requests

- Persecuted Christians, especially those in the Middle East
- Rest and relaxation for the seminary community over our break
- That I may recognize and fully utilize the gifts God has given me to his glory