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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*

## BOUNTIFUL!



## Sow • Nourish • Reap

### **BOUNTIFUL!**

What a glorious transformation we witnessed during the convention in Des Moines the last weekend in June. Seeds were planted on Thursday evening by the 40 District Presidents; Friday morning small plants were sprouting up; Saturday the corn plants had grown so tall that the cross frame was harder to find; then on Sunday morning the corn had been reaped. This was a beautiful representation of the convention theme.

### **SOW!**

We began to sow on our journey to Des Moines. Some of us brought along friends who had never been to a convention and didn't truly see the LWML big picture ... the vision. We sow the seed by telling the Good News and pointing others to Jesus.

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)*

God provides the seed ... His Word, His Grace, His Salvation ... believers need to share the seed.

### **NOURISH!**

We were nourished by the Communion Service on Thursday evening, Bible Study on Friday and Saturday, and by sharing God's love with 4,600+ of our closest friends in purple.

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 ESV)*

Jesus cherishes and nourishes His church because we are members of His body – believers need to stay nourished.

### **REAP!**

We saw the result of a good harvest on Sunday morning with the remnants of stalks and buckets full of corn.

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9) The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

God is the Master of the Harvest – believers need to live as a witness.

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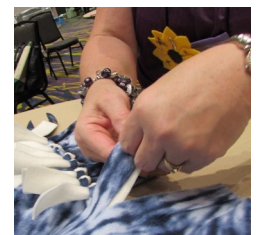
As we left Des Moines, we took with us this transformation. The Time is NOW to sow seeds with all people. The Time is NOW to be fed and nourished by God's Word. The Time is NOW to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our daily lives. The Time is NOW, because we don't know what day the harvest will be.

- 220 Kansans were present in Des Moines!
- 65-70 were FIRST TIME attendees to a national convention!
  - 15 Delegates voted as your representatives!
- 2 Young Woman Representatives participated wholeheartedly!
- Yellow Sunflowers and LWML Kansas bling shirts were everywhere – and people noticed!

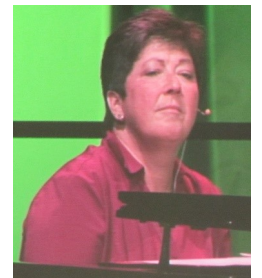
**THANK YOU** for making the convention in Des Moines a priority. Serving with each of you is a blessing in my life.

~ *President Karen* ~

### Convention Memories



**Delegates to the 36th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a historic \$2 million mission goal for the 2015-2017 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 19 mission grants as men and women respond in prayers and offerings during the next two years. The delegates chose to support the following mission grants:**



1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry, \$50,000
2. Disaster Response Trailers, \$80,000
3. Cancer Care Packages – Phil's Friends, \$50,000
4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings, \$120,000
5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, \$100,000
6. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People, \$75,000
7. Outreach in Refugee Camps – Lebanon, \$72,000
8. Healthy Families, \$60,000
9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative, \$100,000
10. Training Teachers and Leaders, \$100,000
11. Opportunities in Uganda, \$100,000
12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts," \$50,000
13. "We Are God's Workmanship," \$32,500
14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel, \$100,000
15. Helping Hands Initiative, \$100,000
16. Deaconess Training, \$90,000
17. Lutheran Youth Corps, \$25,000
18. Providing Hope for Detroit, \$100,000
19. Rosa Young Academies, \$14,063.94





## Counselor's Corner

Rev. Jay Hobson  
Junior Pastoral Counselor



### **"Confession and Absolution: God Wants You to Know You Are Forgiven!"**

God wants you to know that you are forgiven. That's what Confession and Absolution is all about.

Forgiveness is at the heart of the Scriptures. He promised a Savior to Adam and Eve in the garden after they had fallen into sin. He forgave David's great and many sins. As Isaiah trembled before the Lord and the angels flew about crying out "Holy, Holy, Holy," the Lord through a burning coal touched Isaiah's lips and took away his guilt and atoned for his sin. Then the promised One came. He came preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He forgave the sins of adulterers, tax-collectors, and murderers. Then, all four Gospel climax with the death and resurrection of our Lord. Sin was forgiven. Death was defeated. Satan was overthrown.

But Jesus didn't stop there. He wanted to make sure we heard with our ears that we are forgiven for all our sin. So immediately on the evening of the resurrection He told His pastors this: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." He sent His pastors out into the world so that our ears can hear that we are forgiven.

We all know that food left in the kitchen does not do the family any good. Only when it is brought to the table and eaten by the family is it beneficial. The same is true for the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. The forgiveness Jesus won for us so long ago does no one any good if it is left in the past. Only when that forgiveness is brought to our ears is it beneficial and nourishing. As one pastor writing for Higher Things aptly put it,

"Pastors are delivery men. More than anything this [is] our primary responsibility. Everything else is secondary. We are delivery men. It is our job to deliver to you God's gifts. We do that in different ways; but that is really what a pastor is to do. We preach God's Word and deliver the Law and the Gospel to you. We teach the Word in Bible study. We baptize people. We deliver Holy Communion to God's people. We pronounce Holy Absolution. God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation earned by Jesus are given out in the Word and the Sacraments in the Church. The pastor is the delivery man."

When we hear phrases like "private confession" or "individual absolution," these phrases can be scary sounding. They don't need to be. This is another wonderful way God brings you forgiveness. If you have sins that bother you, seemingly big sins or seemingly small sins, persistent sins, and sins that your struggle with, God has commanded your pastor to listen and forgive. Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." God wants you, dear sinner, to know that you are forgiven. He calls your pastor to make sure you hear it.

So I encourage you: if you are burdened by sins, go and talk with your pastor. Lay hold of the God's promise that when you hear him forgive your sins "this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself."

**+Kyrie Eleison+**

<sup>1</sup>Keith, Rev. Michael, "What Do Pastors Do Anyway?", *Higher Things: Dare to Be Lutheran*. Website. 30 June 2015. <http://higherthings.org/myht/articles/catechesis/what-do-pastors-do-anyway>

<sup>2</sup>Luther, Rev. Dr. Martin. *The Small Catechism: Confession*. Concordia Publishing House translation



## FINANCIAL NEWS



Kerri Lynne Brown  
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**Mite GOAL 2014-2016 Biennium \$152,750.00**

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



**2015 Day of Prayer  
offering total for KNGN  
Radio Station: \$2,814.00**

**MITES RECEIVED through 5/31/2015: \$86,494.94**

**\$89,096** is what was needed through May to be “on track” to reach this biennium’s Mite goal. We are \$2,601.06 short at this point. May God continue to bless our giving and the work of Mites here at home and all around the world.

### *LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER...*

***It is common for Mite giving to drop off noticeably during the summer months because many societies do not meet. Let’s make an effort to not let that happen this year! Consider still collecting and sending in your Mites, even if not holding regular meetings – and maybe even set out a large Mite box and ask congregation members to contribute one Sunday a month.***

#### Note to Treasurers:

**A remittance voucher is to accompany all money sent to the district. Please make all checks to: LWML Kansas District. Checks should not be written to “LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary” or to me personally.**



*Mission Project #3 for LeadaChild/CCCS has been paid. This \$6,000 gift from your mite offerings will go toward spreading the Gospel message to the people of Bangladesh.*

*Mission Project #4 for the Lutheran Center at Wichita State University has been paid. This \$5,000 gift from your mite offerings will go toward hiring a student missionary to help teach the gospel message to international students.*

*Mission Project #5 for the Lutheran Braille Workers—Kansas Work Centers has been paid. This \$5,000 gift from your mite offerings will be used for purchasing supplies for the Braille Bibles.*



## SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES NEWS



Sherri Rose, VP of SFM

**Impressions – what is it? We always hope to make favorable impressions when meeting new people or when interviewing for a job. Impressions has a different meaning in the LWML! Visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), and under the “Fellowship” tab, click on “Young Women”. There you will find “Impressions Newsletter” and greetings from the Committee on Young Women! The current issue is available for reading, as well as past issues. The newsletter is geared toward young women of the LWML, but there is plenty of information for the “young at heart” as well! And, if you’re not a “young” woman, you can read the newsletter to become up-to-date on issues that young women are facing today. Be inspired by and become aware of the Young Women of the LWML! Another way to be inspired by young women is to be sure to attend the LWML Kansas District 2016 Convention and listen to the national convention experiences of our two Kansas District Young Women Representatives. The Time is NOW to support the young women of the LWML! Start praying now for YWRs from your society and zone for the 2016 District Convention!**



## COMMUNICATION NEWS



Brenda Piester, VP of Communication

When I was in high school forensics, I used a section of Ecclesiastes 3 for a poetry reading. It has been on my mind again lately as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the birth of new babies and mourn as LWML sisters are laid to rest (2a: a time to be born, and a time to die); as row crops of corn, milo, cotton and soybeans have been planted, and the wheat is ripening for harvest (2b: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted); as I clean my classrooms and home office after a school year (6b: a time to keep, and a time to cast away); and as table skirt fabric is repurposed to become backs for quilts destined for Orphan Grain Train (7: a time to tear, and a time to sew). I am thankful for the Communication and Structure Committee members who joyfully complete their God-given tasks in serving you! (Ecclesiastes 3:9-13)

**Communication Committee:** Please send society and zone news (and pictures) to Shelly Keller, the editor of *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter. Contact Darla Abbott to share your news on Facebook! If you have *Quarterly* subscription or website fee questions, contact Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager. Thank you to Kathie Thurman for managing the LWML Store; I know she is anxious to explore the new store items in Des Moines to bring to the LWML Store at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders in August and to the Christian Life Retreat in Wichita in 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 continue to be distributed to pastors new to the Kansas District. Please contact Brenda Piester if you have questions about this “Welcome!” project.

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

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 joyfully serve you!***



## CHRISTIAN LIFE NEWS



Elaine Engelman, VP of Christian Life

Few seasonal spectacles must rival the drama of a prairie storm. A suggestion of gray on the horizon can quickly mound and swell into dark, surging billows. The air begins to prickle with the scent of anticipation, rousing the yawning landscape. Rising currents stir, then gust, then blow. Pattering drops turn to stinging, horizontal torrents. Street throngs dash for cover. Windows and doors slam shut against gales. Thunder rolls and crashes; lightening slices the firmament. If ever there were evidence of God’s power and glory, these storms are it. Read the awe-inspiring account of God’s power from Job 36:26–37:5. God drenches us in evidence of His power, saturating our senses with the freshness of impending rain—the reverberation of thunder, the tingling energy of the wind, the reviving deluge of showers, and the loamy breath rising from soaked earth. We are moved to join David in prayer: “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.” (1 Chronicles 29:11). (Adapted from *A Fragrant Fullness* by Marsha Maurer)

The above excerpt was written by Marsha Maurer, selected to be the Christian Life breakfast speaker for the LWML Kansas District Convention April 14-17, 2016. She has written several books and published articles in the *Lutheran Digest* and *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*, among others. She won the Georgia Author of the Year Award for Inspirational Nonfiction in 2000. She resides in Augusta, Georgia, with her husband Michael, and she is the sister of Kansas LWML member Jolene Stackhouse. You can find out more about Marsha and her work at [www.amazon.com/Marsha-Maurer](http://www.amazon.com/Marsha-Maurer).

Don’t forget to round up a roomful of friends and send in your registration for the Christian Life Retreat on November 6-7, 2015. There is an early registration price until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are found on the Kansas District website and in this issue of the *Sonshine*. Make as many copies as you need! Send everything to the address given on the retreat form. The Christian Life Committee will make all the room reservations for you. Experience a relaxing, refreshing, inspirational time “Expecting. . . HIS Presence” with retreat presenter Danielle Tietjen, with special music by the McKinney Sisters. We pray that this retreat time 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.



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF URGENT PLEA

After the severe earthquakes in Nepal that took the lives of so many people and destroyed homes and villages, Lutheran World Relief responded with quilts, personal care kits and water filtration systems. Now there is an urgent need to replenish and restock the warehouses. As the Kansas District plans for its annual LWR pick-up in October, these are items on which we might want to focus. Baby, school and fabric kits are also always needed.

When packing your items, please pack completed quilts or kits, 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.

Lutheran World Relief 2015 pick-up dates are: October 6 at St. Andrews, Wichita; October 7 at Trinity, Hays; October 8 at Trinity, Salina; and October 9 at Christ, Topeka. Trucks will be at each location from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Guidelines for assembling kits and making quilts are under the Caring Service tab on the LWML website, [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org).

## STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – THANK YOU!!

How many thousands of stamps go into a gallon ziplok bag? I haven't taken the time to count, but it's a large number, especially when they are correctly trimmed with a ¼" margin around each stamp. Over the past year, churches and societies have collected and trimmed 36 gallon bags of cancelled stamps. The stamps go to the Texas District, where they will be sorted into various categories and sold to dealers. Those dealers in turn sell them to collectors, who purchase them for their stamp albums. All proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief to pay for quilt and kit shipping costs. When gathering stamps, please trim (with a scissors), leaving a ¼" margin. Also remember that the Liberty Bell stamp and stamps printed from a postage meter have no value. Keep collecting and trimming! How many gallon bags of stamps will we give to Texas in 2016?



LWML Kansas District Leaders < **Save the Date** > August 21 & 22

### Who is a District Leader?

- District Elected Personnel
- District Appointed Personnel
- District Committee Members
- Zone Presidents
- Zone Committee Chairmen
- Zone Pastoral Counselors
- Society Presidents



If you serve in any of the positions listed above, then **YOU** are a District Leader. And **YOU** are invited to attend the 2015 Kansas Assembly of Leaders. There will be:

**Bible Study**

**Fellowship**

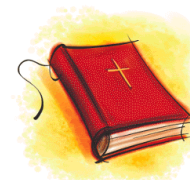
**A Mite Challenge**

**LWML ideas to share**

**LWML resources**

**LWML Store**

**and much more**



**See you at KAOL in August at Holy Cross in Wichita!**



**DID YOU KNOW...** Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts and Praise the Lord!  
**"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Heb. 3:13**

## NORTHEAST ZONE NEWS

Submitted by Kathy Heiniger, NE Zone President

*The Northeast Zone held their Spring Rally on Saturday, April 18, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. Pastor Bryan Jones of Wathena led the opening devotion on life's trials based on Job 13:13-28. The business meeting was held with election of officers. Next, a bingo activity was held so all could get to know more about each other. A servant activity of quilt tying was done. After a salad luncheon, Carolyn Buono of Comfort Dog Ministries gave an interesting presentation. This ministry of the Kansas District LCMS is based in Topeka. Carolyn used a slide presentation to show her work. She brought two of the dogs, Jasmine and Abbey, which are used to comfort people that are experiencing a critical incident. Pastor Jones led the closing devotion. Referencing dogs as "man's best friend", he encouraged us to carry each other's burdens. His devotion was based on Galatians 5:22 - 6:10.*



## SOUTHEAST ZONE NEWS

Submitted by Kathy McGowen, SE Zone President

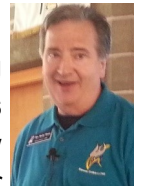
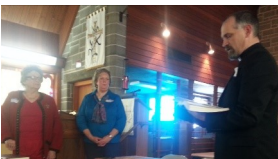
Pastor Rosburg's installation service was held on Sunday, April 26. The Church Workers in Mission gift bag and information packet were presented afterwards by Kathy McGowen, SE Zone President.



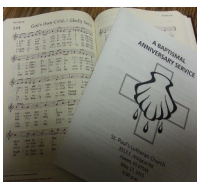
## HUTCHINSON ZONE NEWS

Submitted by Mary Schmidt, Hutchinson Zone President

The Lutheran Women in Mission of the Hutchinson Zone met on April 18 at Immanuel Lutheran, Canton, for their Spring Meeting. President Mary Schmidt presided over the meeting. Our guest speaker was Chaplain Rocky Mease. His program "How to Start a Congregational Wellness Committee" provided us with many helpful suggestions for a healthy congregation, but more specifically how we can uplift and encourage our pastors and other church workers. Vickie Miller from Our Redeemer, Hutchinson, was introduced as the Zone delegate to the national convention in Des Moines. As part of a Caring Service event, Linda Stanton led us through a litany entitled "Serving God through Praise & Prayer." Mary Schmidt, one-half of the M&M's for Mites and Missions (Marlene Lorenz was home with a broken leg) brought us news of the bountiful collection of Mites during the 2013-2015 biennium. She encouraged the women to let Vickie know what Mission Grants she should vote for at the convention. She also shared how all the events in the main convention hall at convention will be live-streamed for those unable to attend. Officer election was held with Linda Stanton, Hutchinson, elected as President and Phyllis Von Fange, Salina elected as Treasurer. They were installed by Zone Counselor Pastor Russell Bonine. The women of Immanuel were gracious hostesses and served a delicious luncheon.



## SOCIETY NEWS



Each summer, prior to planning the new LWML year, members of St. Paul's LWML at Haven are asked for suggestions for the programs at meetings. Among a number of suggestions presented in July 2014 was one to remember our baptismal birthdays. The planning committee agreed and scheduled a Baptismal Birthday Party for the May 2015 meeting, asking Helen Oldenettel, who made the original suggestion, to be in charge of planning the program. From that simple suggestion



came an event well beyond our expectations. After several months of planning and consultation with Pastor Russell Bonine, the baptismal celebration meant for our LWML meeting was now a congregational event. Special invitations were mailed to all church members inviting them to "A Baptismal Anniversary Service" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. As we entered the sanctuary, we passed by the baptismal font from the old church, which hadn't been used since in the 1950's. Following the service, the women of the LWML served a light lunch, which included two special cakes made by Amy Brown. Those in attendance received a card on which they can write their baptismal date, as well as a blue stone with a gold cross, a symbol of their baptism.





## 2015 DES MOINES CONVENTION SUMMARY

Over 4,600 people attended the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, June 25-28, 2015, under the theme "Bountiful! Sow –Nourish –Reap." The convention theme was based on the Scripture passage: *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). LWML President Kay Kreklau, Drayton, North Dakota, welcomed participants saying, "We pray that God opens to us doors to sow and nourish the seeds of faith as we interact not only with the people of the LWML but also with the people He will place in our lives as we go out these doors, giving witness to our Triune God in what we say and in how we act."

Women, men, and children joined together on Thursday, June 25, 2015, and completed a variety of servant activities that included assembling Braille books of the Bible; writing cards of encouragement to cancer patients; packaging Meals for Kids Against Hunger; marking Bibles for Prison Ministry; making plastic bag mats, lap robes, fleece blankets, pillow case dresses, and quilts; and assembling Gospel bracelets. Boxes and boxes of Gifts from the Heart (material items given to Christian mission service organizations) were gathered for donations to Luther Care Services, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutherans for Life.

At the Thursday opening worship service, Rev. Gregory Seltz, speaker for the Lutheran Hour® radio program, challenged attendees to *Just be it!* – Children of God: restored, redeemed, and sent by Jesus. He emphasized, "You have been appointed, you have been anointed, and you have been sent in Jesus' name." A vocal choir of over 400 women, two bell choirs, and 20 instrumentalists contributed wonderful music. The live-streamed service was picked up in 25 countries and 49 states with thousands joining in real time to worship together.

Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life, passionately invited all participants to, "Share, share, share the bountiful grace of God." Rev. Keith Piotter, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, Iowa, served as proclaimer for the Sunday closing worship service. Bible studies were led by former LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Michael Mattil, from Denison, Texas. Rev. Mattil said, "You sow the seed (God's Word) by pointing people to the cross and what it means for them. Once the seed is sown believers need to be nourished."

The convention featured a Mission Pledge Walk; an LWML Bountiful Bash Block Party; joyful singing under the direction of song leader Dr. Dina Vendetti, Dover, Delaware; and wonderful laughter provided by Jan Struck, Appleton, Wisconsin, who served as Humorous Interrupter. Presentations by Carly Hatcher, Executive Director of Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries; Rev. Jeffery Nehrt, from the LCMS Southern Illinois District Prison Ministry; Tim Hetzner, president of Lutheran Church Charities; and Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mekonnen Menedo, president of Concordia College, Selma, Alabama, exhibited how God puts LWML mites into action. Gary Thies, Director of Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa also inspired participants with his energy and dedication to God's mission.

The voting body elected Patti Ross, Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the new LWML President. Patti has served the LWML on all levels of the organization, most recently as Vice President of Christian Life from 2009-2013. President Ross encouraged the women of the LWML to embrace diversity as they are unified in faith. She will serve from 2015-2019. Recommended changes to the Bylaws, election of officers, and other business of the LWML intermingled with mission speakers, song, and laughter. For a lively finale to a busy day, Humorous Interrupter Jan Struck and Convention Song Leader Dr. Dina Vendetti took to the stage and provided the Saturday evening entertainment.

Offerings were gathered to benefit these organizations: Mission Goal for the 2015-2017 Biennium; Discovering Disabilities, Including ALL of God's Children Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) Farmington Hills, Michigan; Cabins for Christ's Children at Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Family of God Mission – Detroit, Michigan – A mission plant of the Michigan District that serves the addicted, homeless, and poor of South-West Detroit, Michigan. Preliminary totals for the offerings were shared with convention-goers and these totals continue to rise. More information on these mission organizations is available under Conventions on the LWML website. Anyone may still contribute by sending their offerings to the LWML Office. For more information about the convention, visit the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), where a convention highlights video is also available.



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## WEBSITES TO VISIT:

- [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org)  
(Kansas site)
- [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)  
(National site)
- [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org)  
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**Next Sonshine news deadline:**

**SEPTEMBER 5**

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To those of you who attended the convention in Des Moines: if you took pictures and would like to share them with our district, to be used on our Facebook page, website, and in the newsletter, please send them via email to Shelly Keller, Sonshine Editor, at [sonshine@kansaslwml.org](mailto:sonshine@kansaslwml.org). Thanks so much!

## IMPORTANT LWML DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ July 26-28: Saints Alive Conference in Wichita
- ◆ August 21-22: Kansas Assembly of Leaders at Holy Cross, Wichita
- ◆ November 6-7: LWML KS District Christian Life Retreat in Wichita
- ◆ April 15-17, 2016: 36th Biennial LWML KS District Convention in Manhattan



# 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.

**Kansas LWML is on Facebook!**  
Be sure to "like" our page!  
And you can follow the national LWML on their Facebook page too!  
Join today!



eNewsletter from the LWML Christian Life Committee

# CALL

## CALL—Connecting All LWML Leaders

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## Meeting Planning is Getting Easier

The Program Helps portion of the LWML website is found under "The Word" tab or you can go directly to [www.lwml.org/program-helps](http://www.lwml.org/program-helps). There you will find 12, new for 2015, devotions or Bible studies free for download. In addition, you can select Devotions, Bible Studies, Sketches and Drama, PowerPoints, or Creative Crafts. Titles under each of these options are listed alphabetically and have a descriptive tag. When you click on the title, the resource opens on your computer. You can read it, save it, share it, and print it. All resources are free and you can make as many copies as you need. Titles will continue to be added as they become available. May their use be a blessing to you and those with whom you share them!

Easy to Access! Easy to Share!

THE TIME IS

*now*

The Time is NOW to use free LWML resources!

## 2015–2017 reSOURCES for Planning Programs

This "grab and go" resource provides two years of thematic monthly meeting plans. You can print as many copies as you need of any of the resources which include icebreakers, devotions (all new), Bible studies (20 new), Mission Servant projects, reference to Mission Grants projects, and a periodic sketch (five new). Available for purchase in printed form (237 pages, 3-hole punched, in plastic sleeve) or FREE as a download at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).



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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



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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*

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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**

Enjoy a relaxing Friday evening  
café-style fellowship, connecting with  
old friends and meeting new ones.



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Concordia Publishing House and the LWML  
Kansas District Store will have items  
available for your shopping enjoyment!!

*Invite your friends,  
sisters, mothers,  
sponsor someone from  
your church family,  
co-workers or teens!!*

**SEE YOU IN WICHITA ON:**

**NOVEMBER 6 & 7**

Mail Registration by **October 1,**  
to RSVP your hotel room, meals and  
place to enjoy all the fun activities!

Make Checks Payable And Mail To:  
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C/O JOLENE STACKHOUSE  
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**MAY YOU LEAVE**



# TASTE OF THE SEM



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## Remembering

I am back home in Clay Center, reflecting on the past nine months of seminary. I wrote a sermon this year on Deuteronomy 8 where Moses exhorts the Israelites to remember the Lord. Remember how he gave you everything! Remember the bounty and abundance of his blessings! In my own life, I find it a theme that while I rarely forget God, I often forget the richness of his provision, that everything comes from his hand. So here are some of the blessings I remember from my past year at seminary.

- God surrounded me with an incredible group of guys that kept me going when the stresses of seminary weighed me down. I am honored to call them my friends and can't wait to serve God's church with them.
- God provided me with many generous supporters of my pastoral education

### Specific Prayer Requests

- That the Spirit may guide me as I care for shut-in members at my congregation this summer
- Healing for my sacroiliac joint, and wisdom as I make my decision about Israel
- Prayers for all the outgoing vicars and pastors from the seminary

*WE ALWAYS THANK GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHEN WE PRAY FOR YOU, BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS AND OF THE LOVE YOU HAVE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE – COLOSSIANS 1:3-4*

throughout the state and nation, including YOU!

- God worked through many people and circumstances to continue to form me as a future pastor. From weekly lunches with Dr. Kolb, teaching young adult Bible study at my fieldwork congregation, or overseeing thirty 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders during their religion class, I can see how much I have grown.
- God granted me times of relaxation throughout the year. Playing on the seminary soccer team was a blast, and I always enjoyed going to the monthly Concordia Seminary Wine Society.
- Opportunities abound in my future: visiting shut-ins for my home congregation, digging in Israel this summer (see the next page), and studying at Cambridge next year. God has given me so much!

As you go forward this summer, I encourage you to, in the words of Moses, "Remember the Lord." Remember how he brought you into his family in baptism, and how he continues to provide for you as his beloved child.

The last quarter of seminary was a great one. Two of my classes, Pastor as Educator and

*Continued on back*

Formative Influences in American Christianity, were particularly influential in how I will preach and teach in the future. It was odd seeing my classmates head off to vicarage when I am going to England, but I am excited for where God will lead all of us. I do have one prayer request. For the past three weeks, I have been struggling with an inflamed, weak sacroiliac joint (where the spine and pelvis connect). I have been attending physical therapy for a few weeks and am slowly getting stronger but may not be able to go to Israel if I am not 100% in a few weeks. I would appreciate your prayers for healing and wisdom in my decision.

Thank you again for your support of me during this past year. You are, as always, in my prayers. The Lord be with you,

Andy Hatesohl

## This Summer

I have a busy and blessed summer ahead of me! My home congregation in Clay Center now has forty shut-in members, and I am going to visit them for about 20 hours per week. This will be a wonderful experience for me to grow in my pastoral care. I will occasionally preach a sermon and help with youth group, too. I also plan to lifeguard at our

brand new city pool (it was just built this spring). Growing up, I was on our summer swim team and lifeguarded, so this will be a return to the familiar. Finally, this summer I have the opportunity to go back to Israel again! From June 20 – July 20 I will be at Abel Beth Maacah participating in an archaeological dig (unless my sacroiliac joint doesn't heal quickly). Abel Beth Maacah, an important ancient Israelite city (2 Sam 20:14-22, 1 Kings 15:20), is in the far north of Israel near Lebanon and controlled several major trade routes. Archaeologists are currently excavating material from roughly the time of Joshua and Judges, approximately 3000 years ago. I'm excited to explore the history of the Bible in a more hands-on manner!

I leave for Westfield House and Cambridge in late August. I can't really describe how eager I am to study and learn in England! If the Lord leads you to continue your support of me during the next year please use the mailing address or email address at the top of this newsletter (note the mailing address is now my home address)). My mother has graciously agreed to handle any correspondence on this side of the pond for me.



My friend Andrew, my roommate Alex, and me at the vicarage placement service