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CONVENTION INFORMATION

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

**FOR SUCH
A TIME
AS THIS.**



EPH. 2:10
For we are His workmanship

President's Official Call 36th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention

April 15-17, 2016
Manhattan, Kansas

*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*

The voting body of the convention will vote on
Mission Grant Proposals, God's Gracious Gift
Fund Proposals, Bylaws revisions and elect
new officers for the next biennium.

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Attendees will learn more about the Mission of
the LWML Kansas District and the
Gospel-sharing work that our Mites are doing.

2016 Convention Statement / Objectives

Believing that God has chosen us to be here to do the work He has planned for us, we will:

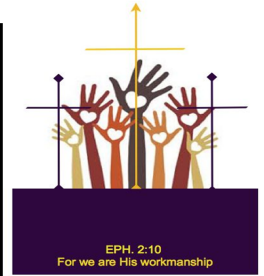
- study His Word to strengthen our faith,
- focus on the unique mission He has given each of us, and
- encourage each other

...for such a time as this.

FOR CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION: PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT WITH THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND THE HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District Convention Registration
"For Such A Time As This" - Ephesians 2:10 - April 15-17, 2016, Manhattan, KS

**FOR SUCH
A TIME
AS THIS.**



Please Print or Type Clearly

Badge Name: _____
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 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone Number (_____) _____
 Email Address: _____
 Congregation: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 KS LWML Zone _____

Check if Applicable:

____ First Time to
 Convention
 ____ Member of
 EC or BOD
 ____ Past President
 ____ Guest
 ____ Exhibitor
 ____ Pastor

Sonshine Convention Issue: <http://www.kansaslwml.org/2016-district-convention.html>

Registration Choices:

Each registration includes ONE (1) Saturday Banquet Ticket

____ Registration	Fee:	\$98.00
____ Late Registration (postmarked after March 5*)		\$108.00
____ Clergy Registration		\$78.00
____ One Day Registration for Saturday only		\$75.00

Optional Meals**: Price of meals includes hotel service charge and gratuity.

____ Friday Dinner - Buffet	\$18.00
____ Saturday Christian Life Breakfast, featuring guest speaker Marsha Maurer	\$15.00
____ Saturday Lunch - Buffet	\$17.00
____ Additional Saturday Banquet Ticket(s)	\$30.00/each x = \$ _____
____ Sunday Breakfast - Buffet	\$13.00

Total Payment:----- \$ _____

* Registrations after April 1 are not guaranteed to include any meals (due to hotel deadlines).

** See meal menus in the Convention *Sonshine*.

Session Choices: See details in the Convention *Sonshine* .

1. Friday Afternoon Round Table Bible Study Sampler (Check if attending) _____
- 2a. Friday Mission Prayer Trail--WALK outside weather permitting (Check if attending) _____
- 2b. Walkless Prayer Time--with prayer, scripture journaling/coloring (Check if attending) _____
3. Saturday Interest Sessions: 1st choice _____ Alternate Choice _____
 - Pick 1 interest session and 1 alternate. Enter corresponding letter found in the Convention *Sonshine* .

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

Please specify _____

Registration Information:

- Enclose total remittance with registration form and make checks payable to **Kansas District LWML Convention**.
- Mail registration to:
LWML Convention Registrar, Linda Beikmann, 1306 14th Rd., Washington, KS 66968
 You can contact Registrar at dclr_bike@washingtonks.net or 785-325-2790
- Confirmations will be sent to all who register before March 15, 2016.
 If you include your email address, your registration confirmation will be sent to you via email.
- A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. No refunds after March 15, 2016.

Hotel Information: Four Points by Sheraton, 530 Richards Dr., Manhattan, KS

- Phone: 785-539-5311 or 888-627-8649 (Rate: \$104 plus applicable taxes)
- You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations by **March 17 to receive the LWML room rate.**

Photo Release for Kansas Sonshine Newsletter, Kansas LWML website and Facebook:

- By sending in this registration, you agree to allow your photograph be used in LWML Kansas District publications.

NOTE: When submitting your registration form and payment, you MUST also complete the Health and Emergency Information Form, and send it also! This is a required document and will be kept confidential. Thank You!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Date of Birth

Address City State / ZIP

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Whom should we notify in case of an accident or medical emergency? Please list two persons with different addresses/phone numbers who are not at the LWML meeting with you.

Name Name

Address Address

Phone Phone

Relationship Relationship

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Insurance/HMO Policy Number

Medicare No. (if applicable)

PRIMARY PHYSICIAN

Name

Address Phone

Please list any health conditions (i.e., allergies, chronic conditions), special circumstances, or medications which should be known about prior to emergency treatment:

Signature

Date

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT! THANKS!

General Convention Schedule

Thursday, April 14 (Pre-Convention Activities):

8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting

Friday, April 15 (Pre-Convention Activities):

8:15 a.m. Executive Committee Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Registration Opens
9:30 a.m. Processional & Banner Practice (E.C., Zone Presidents and YWRs)
10:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Exhibits plus CPH and LWML Store Open
1:00—3:00 p.m. Round Table Bible Study Samplers
3:15 p.m. Mission Prayer Trail OR Walkless Prayer Time
5:00—6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. **CONVENTION BEGINS** with Opening Worship Service

Saturday, April 16

6:30 a.m. Registration Open (**delegate registration closes at 8:00 a.m.**)
7:00 a.m. Christian Life Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Convention Session #1: Bible Study 1 and Business Meeting
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Convention Session #2: Mission in Action speakers
3:30 p.m. Interest Sessions
4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Servant Events
6:30 p.m. Banquet and Evening Activities

Sunday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
8:15 a.m. Convention Session #3: Bible Study 2 and Closing Worship

CHRISTIAN LIFE BREAKFAST SPEAKER



Marsha Maurer

Marsha has spoken with Christian groups of various denominations, women's clubs, garden clubs, educators, libraries, museums, book clubs, writers' groups, and retirement communities. With Biblical references, stories, and inspiration, she invites audiences to personally experience God's guidance and blessing. Marsha shares the joy of being God's cherished creation, redeemed by Christ to delight in serving Him. She encourages God's own beloved to see how they are destined to reflect His love "For Such a Time as This".

Marsha and her husband Michael, a career officer in the United States Army, now retired, live in Augusta, GA, where Marsha is a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER



Reverend Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II

The Rev. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II is dean of Pastoral Education and Certification, Director of Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program and professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, teaching primarily in the area of homiletics. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Southern Methodist University in May 1976 and also a Master of Business Administration there in August 1978. After working in business and politics, he earned his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in May 1984. Dr. Fickenscher pursued his doctoral degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving the Ph.D. in Homiletics from that institution in May 1996, making him the first man in the LCMS to hold a Ph.D. in this field.

Dr. Fickenscher served Messiah Lutheran Church in Midland, Michigan, from August 1984 to March 1989. He then accepted a call to Peace Lutheran Church in Garland, Texas, where he served from March 1989 until accepting a call to the seminary in July 1999. At their present congregation, St. Paul Lutheran in Fort Wayne, Dr. Fickenscher and his wife Claire together have been Sunday School superintendents and youth counselors, and currently serve on the evangelism board. Even more importantly, they are the very proud parents of Rachel, Daniel and Gabriel.

He is a strong supporter of the sanctity of human life, including as a district pastoral advisor for Lutherans for Life. Dr. Fickenscher is a frequent speaker for conferences, retreats, and workshops. He is a regular guest on “Issues, Etc.”, KFUO “Studio A” and “Table Talks” radio programs, and has also been a guest on “The Lutheran Hour” and “Point of Truth” television.

Junior District Counselor, Pastor Jay Hobson, said “This man is simply amazing. Boisterous, energetic, and relatable.” The LWML Kansas District Executive Committee is excited to see what insight Dr. Fickenscher brings to our theme “For Such a Time as This”.

NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE



Debbie Larson

Debbie Larson, Vice President of Organizational Resources, from Bismarck, North Dakota, will be the National LWML Representative to the Kansas District Convention in April 2016. Debbie is very involved in the LWML, and according to her Vision Statement, she sees the women of the LWML stepping out in faith, responding to His love with grateful hearts and true joy, and as Lutheran Women in Mission share Christ’s love and message with the whole world, she sees lives transformed for Christ. Please welcome Debbie to Kansas when you see her at convention!

LWML: Public Relations Director, Marketing Team Director, Christian Life Committee, Faith Aflame Task Force

DISTRICT: President, Vice President of Mission Grants, Newsletter Co-editor, Recording Secretary, Convention Cochairman, Travel Coordinator for the Oklahoma City and Minneapolis conventions

ZONE: Christian Life Chairman

SOCIETY: President, Vice President, Funeral Committee, Christian Life Chairman, Secretary

CHURCH: Board of Education Vice President, Board of Education member, funeral co-coordinator, Sunday school teacher, small group Bible study leader, co-editor of church directory, Board of Evangelism member and Vice President, director of annual Living Last Supper drama

LCMS DISTRICT: North Dakota District Planning Council

Debbie attended the University of North Dakota and is a retired office manager and full-time volunteer. She also is a Library Book Sale volunteer, serves on the Martin Luther School Board of Directors, and is a public school volunteer art teacher.

CONVENTION BANQUET SPEAKER



Linda Reiser, Past LWML President

Linda Reiser was born and raised on a farm in Waterbury, Nebraska. She was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, Nebraska where fall mission festivals began to spark her interest in the mission work of the church.

That mission interest was further realized as she served as the 15th President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League from 2003-2007. As President of the LWML, Linda was able to witness firsthand the amazing 'mighty mite box' donations from the women of the church. Those millions of dollars as well as the prayers offered for the missions and missionaries have made an eternal difference throughout the world. Linda was able to witness firsthand a graduation ceremony in Bo, Sierra Leone, where men were being 'set aside' for ministry in local congregations at the Center for Theological Studies that was started by an LWML grant 30+ years ago.

Before her election to LWML President, Linda served as the Vice-President of Servant Resources, Leader Development Committee Chairman and as Nebraska South LWML President. Linda presided over the 31st biennial convention in Tampa, Florida, under the theme *Live Joyfully as Salt and Light*, and the 32nd biennial convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where the LWML gathered to *ROCK—Rest On Christ the King*.

Currently, Linda serves as a board member for Lutheran World Relief and a member of the Board Development Committee and Resource Development Committee. She is also a board member of the Mission of Christ Network. A very enjoyable task is serving on the Gift Planning Council for LWML and seeing how the Gifts of Love program started while she was President has helped people share God's gifts for ministry.

In her home Nebraska District LCMS, Linda is a member of the Lutheran Ministry Foundation Board of Directors. She leads a Bible Study at 6:30 a.m. in her home church and is actively involved in numerous other groups within the church. She has been married to her husband and best friend, Ron, for 43 years. They have two married adult children, 2 grandsons and 4 granddaughters ranging in age from 2 to 10 years of age. She also enjoys spending time with her Dad who has celebrated 94 years of life. Linda enjoys walking, golfing and reading.



*Serve the Lord with Gladness
(Psalm 100:3)*

Convention Meals Menu

Friday, April 15 – Evening Dinner

Mexican Buffet \$18.00

Ground beef, fajita chicken, corn shells, flour tortillas, lettuce, green onions, cheese, jalapenos, olives, guacamole, sour cream, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, salsa, and sopapillas with honey

Saturday, April 16 – Christian Life Breakfast

Quiche Plated Breakfast \$15.00

Freshly-baked quiche served with bacon or sausage, breakfast potatoes, seasonal fruit, orange juice, coffee, hot tea and milk

Saturday, April 16 – Noon Lunch

Prairie Deli Buffet \$17.00

Salad, cucumbers, tomatoes, cheese, croutons, Italian and Ranch dressings; sliced turkey, roast beef, ham, cheddar cheese, pepper jack cheese, Swiss cheese, tomatoes, pickles, red onions, Kaiser wheat buns, mayo, mustard; potato chips; brownies and cookies

Saturday, April 16 – Evening Banquet

Classic Pot Roast Plated (cost is included with registration)

Extra banquet tickets are \$30.00 each

Pot roast, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots/squash/green beans, mixed greens salad, and New York cheesecake with fruit topping

Sunday, April 17 – Breakfast

Sunflower Breakfast Buffet \$13.00

Assorted pastries, seasonal fruits, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange and apple juices, coffee, hot tea and milk

Convention Ingathering

The following organizations have been selected to be the recipients of the Convention Ingathering:

The Crisis Center

The Center serves victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, and Riley counties.

Women's and children's socks and underwear (**NEW**)

Disposable diapers and wipes

Sanitary napkins and tampons

Toilet paper and facial tissue

Laundry detergent and cleaning supplies

\$5 and \$10 Walmart gift cards

Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.

They provide emergency shelter, transitional living, and homelessness prevention services.

Men's and children's underwear (**NEW**)

Common over-the-counter medications

Toilet paper and paper towels

Cleaning supplies

Towels, blankets and pillows

\$5 and \$10 Walmart gift cards

MOST Ministries Eyeglasses

They provide recycled eyeglasses to people living in developing nations around the world and are distributed through short-term missionary teams.

Gently used eye glasses

Adult-sized Prescription Glasses

Child-sized Prescription Glasses

Reading Glasses

Non-Prescription Sunglasses

INTEREST SESSIONS

Saturday, April 16

A. Piece Makers: Changing the World one Piece at a Time—Kathy Jackson

Do you love kids? Do you have a heart for missions? Do you like to sew? Combine all that and begin a sewing ministry at your church which engages children. Take it one step further and begin a sewing ministry at a Juvenile Detention Center. Come to the Piece Makers session with Kathy Jackson from Garden City, Kansas, and learn how God is moving in mighty ways through fabric, sewing machines and a love for the lost.



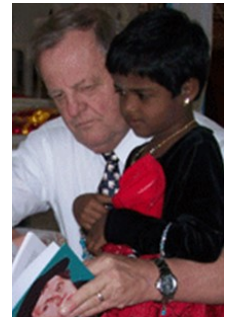
B. Finding Our Voice—Rev. Jeff Duncan, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS; Senior Pastoral Counselor, LWML Kansas District



Who has not been challenged with a changing societal acceptance of definitions of marriage, sexual roles, male-female gender issues, and the rampant moral decline evident on TV and Hollywood movie portrayals? Christians have a voice in the midst of all these changes! We have something to offer the world - solid, truth filled, pure words from Christ Jesus our Lord and Holy Scriptures. We have 'reasonable' explanations for the how and why a biblical worldview gives structure and purpose and meaning to marriage, relationships, and sexual expression. Pastor Duncan attended the Doxology Insight Conference of this title in St. Louis, MO the summer of 2015. He reports his findings and shares practical advice from this event.

C. The Word Works—Rev. Robert Rahn, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Rev. Rahn will present "THE WORD WORKS". He will show how this is true from the Biblical aspect of Acts 8:25-40 (Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch), and also from the results seen in the Lutheran Heritage Foundation publishing of Lutheran books and materials in 90 languages and in 100 countries.

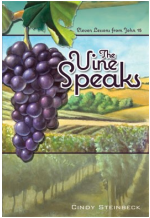


D. International Student Ministry (ISM)—Liz Beikmann, Helping International Students (HIS)



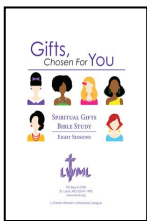
ISM, Inc. is a recognized service organization of LCMS. Their mission is to encourage and equip God's people for intentional Gospel ministry among international student communities. In Manhattan, Kansas, they partner with an alliance of several area churches in a local organization called HIS (Helping International Students). St. Luke's Lutheran Church is a member of this alliance, with Liz serving as the facilitator between St. Luke's and HIS. St. Luke's provides host families to all students attending Kansas State University from the Czech Republic. Students are met at the airport by a host family, helped to get settled in their campus housing, invited to participate in family and church events, and befriended throughout their stay in Manhattan. Speaker Liz Beikmann, who coordinates matching students and host families, will share stories of their support of and mission to the Czech students at KSU. Liz served on the LCMS's International Student Ministry (ISM) Board of Directors from 2010—2015, two of those as President.

Bible Study Round Table Samplers



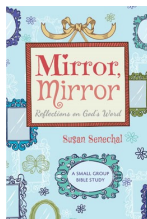
Leader: LaJean Rinker
Title: "The Vine Speaks"
Author: Cindy Steinbeck
Publisher: CPH

Author Cindy Steinbeck and her father own and operate a large vineyard in Los Robles, Ca. In this Bible Study, she shows a correlation between their work in the vineyard and Christ being the Vine and we the branches. Each of the 11 chapters feature words of Jesus from John 15 along with Scripture from the Apostles and the Old Testament referring to Jesus' work in us and our work as branches in the vineyard. She concludes each lesson with a time for discussing the relation of the Vine and His work in our everyday lives. She has a very interesting writing style and certainly provides many thought-provoking ideas and issues.



Leader: Brenda Piester
Title: "Gifts, Chosen for You"
Author: Cheryl Mattil
Publisher: LWML

This study provides the opportunity for participants to learn how their daily tasks/jobs are gifts from God. Each of the eight lessons features a highlighted gift; administration, faith, generosity, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching, and wisdom. The scripture theme verse for this study is Romans 12:4-6a *"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..."* This study can be done on your own or a leader's guide is provided for group study.



Leaders: Elaine Engelman and Bernie Reetz
Title: "Mirror, Mirror"
Author: Susan Senechal
Publisher: CPH

This eight session Bible study focuses on how our view of ourselves often differs from God's view of us. Even though we may not always like who we see when we look in the mirror, the author shows us through Scripture how God sees us—a beloved, redeemed daughter. Susan Senechal is also the author of "God is in the Laundry Room".



Leaders: Kim Burdett and Kerri Lynne Brown
Title: "Soul Spa"
Author: Sharla Fritz
Publisher: CPH

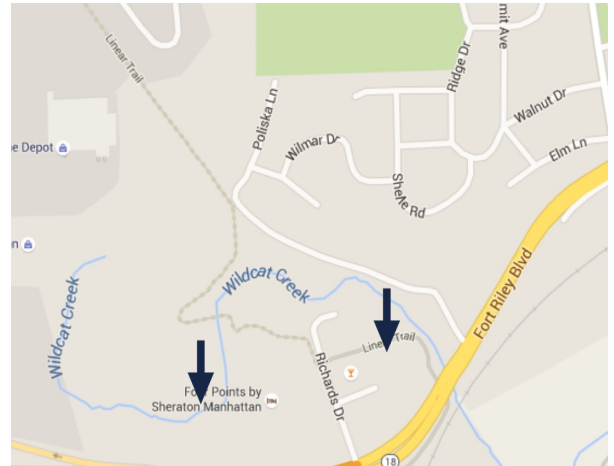
When we are tired or stressed, when our muscles ache or our skin feels dry, we can go to a health spa for renewal - but what do we do when our soul needs care? Come to the Soul Spa where spiritual practices refresh you, where God is eager to meet with you and care for your spirit. Using spa analogies, this resource guides the reader to engage in holy habits such as Bible study, Scripture meditation, sacred reading, prayer, and more. In this eight-week study, you will sample 28 different experiences to help you draw upon the spiritual renewal only the Holy Spirit offers: He will soothe your hurts and fill you with hope; He will nurture your soul with grace and mercy and peace.



CONVENTION MISSION WALK



COME AND WALK THE MISSION PRAYER TRAIL in support of the International Student Ministry at Kansas State University! Just north of the Four Points by Sheraton in Manhattan is a portion of the City of Manhattan's Linear Trail. (see map) The first 1/8 mile is paved; after that is a well maintained gravel walk that will accommodate 2-3 abreast. If you walk the entire marked convention route, it will be a two mile round trip, but there will be signs marking every quarter mile; you can turn back whenever you wish. At the beginning of the trail, you will receive a prayer card to take with you. As you navigate the trail, you are encouraged to step off the path at designated areas and pray for various aspects of the convention.



A donation form is included in this convention issue if you would like to collect support from others for International Student Ministry at KSU. Any money collected for the walk will be turned in to the Gospel Outreach Committee before the walk at their committee booth. More information about International Student Ministry can be found in the "Interest Sessions" section of this issue.

NOT INTERESTED IN COMMUNING WITH THE GREAT OUTDOORS, but still want to be a convention prayer warrior and support the International Student Ministry? Try our "**walkless**" Mission Walk! You can still collect pledges for International Student Ministry by agreeing with your supporters to spend a certain number of minutes in prayer during the time set aside for the Mission Walk. Pick up a prayer card at the Gospel Outreach Committee booth and sit in the designated area or take your card to the privacy of your hotel room. Spend some time talking to the Lord about suggested areas of the convention without ever leaving the building! In addition, President Karen will introduce you to "Coloring the Scriptures". Join her for this Bible-focused, relaxing, inspirational way to be in meditation and prayer.



CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION



The LWML Kansas District Convention will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, located on the south side of Manhattan, Kansas, on 530 Richards Drive. The hotel is just east of the junction of Kansas Highway 113 (Seth Childs Blvd.) and Kansas Highway 18 (Fort Riley Blvd.), on the north side of Highway 18.

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations before March 17, 2016. The beds are DOUBLES with a rate of \$104 per night, plus applicable taxes.

You may call the hotel lobby at 785-539-5311 or the General Registration Center at 1-888-627-8649 to make your reservation. Or you may make your room reservations online at the group rate:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/lutheranwomensleague>

2016 LWML Kansas District Convention
Mission Prayer Trail and Walkless Prayer Time

The **International Student Ministry at Kansas State University** is the recipient of the 2016 mission walk. They will use these donations to help purchase Bibles for the international students. Some of the students are not Christians when they first arrive at KSU. These funds will also be used for meals that they have each semester to welcome the international students to campus.



The District Executive Committee is providing two “walk” options for you this year. We know that the Kansas weather can be unpredictable, and we know that walking a long distance can be a physical challenge to some, so in addition to the outdoor “Mission Prayer Trail,” we are providing an indoor area for a quiet time of prayer and reflection—also known as “Walkless Prayer Time.”

Whichever “walk” option you choose, we encourage you to collect donations for the International Student Ministry at Kansas State University.

The District does not keep a record of individual contributions or send individual thank you notes to the donors. Should you wish to do so, please keep your own list of those contributing to your walk.



- Print or copy this form,
- Place it and the donations in an envelope, and
- Turn the envelope in at the **GOSPEL OUTREACH table** at convention.

2016 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION
“MISSION PRAYER TRAIL” OR “WALKLESS PRAYER TIME”

I joyfully “walk” for \$ _____ from (#) _____ donors!

Signed _____

Thank you for “walking” for missions!

Make checks payable to LWML Kansas District Convention, notation Mission Prayer Trail. Thanks!

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Offering 1—Friday Evening Communion Worship service
2016—2018 Biennium Mission Projects

Offering 2—Sunday Morning Worship Service
Lutheran Heritage Foundation for Spanish Bibles with the Small Catechism

(It costs LHF \$5.00 to publish one small catechism into any language. There are Lutheran churches in the Kansas District that could use the catechisms and Bibles in Spanish.)

LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2016 Convention

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2016 LWML Kansas District Convention in Manhattan, Kansas, the Nominating Committee would like to announce the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT

Brenda Piester

VICE PRESIDENT OF CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey

Laura Hunter

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION

Shelly Keller

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Tonya Pike

Ella Schempp

RECORDING SECRETARY

Gloria Raab

Kathryn Richard

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Jeffrey Geske

Rev. Robert Grimm

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

Kathryn Richard, Nominating Committee Chairman

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



Brenda Piester - Great Bend Zone, Coats

Local LWML: Bethany Guild: President, Vice President, Treasurer (2012-2015), Member Development Chairman, Mission Projects Chairman, Banner Committee, Altar Guild, Bible Study leader

Zone LWML: Great Bend Zone—President (2006-2009), Gospel Outreach Chairman (2009-Present), Member Development Committee (2002-2006)

District LWML: VP of Communication and Parliamentarian (2012-Present), Recording Secretary (2008-2012); EC Committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Zone Realignment, Convention Credentials, and “Church Workers in Mission”; Kansas Assembly of Leaders: Assisted with leadership training and technology: 11 years; Member

Development Committee (2004-2008); Kansas District Retreats; Discipling Woman Seminar and Effective Society Planning Workshop

National LWML: Assembly of Leaders. attended: “PING” in 2012; “A Time to Lead” in 2008; Assisted with Marketing Booth at 2015 Convention; Conventions attended: 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007

Other Church Related Service: Children’s Christian Concern Society / LeadAChild: Recording Secretary, 6 years; Board of Directors, 10 years; Thrivent GivingPlus® Coordinator, 9 years; Thrivent Sand Hills KS Chapter Leadership Board, 13 years, President, Records Director, Assistant Finance Director; Newsletter, Website; Church Webmaster, 7 years; Financial Secretary, Endowment Committee, and served on Church Council, 3 years; Finance Board, 6 years; Sunday School Teacher, 19 years; Midweek School Teacher, 9 years; Vacation Bible School Teacher and Crafts Leader, 16 years; Lutheran Youth Fellowship Leader; Thrivent/AAL fundraising events, service projects and educational programs; AAL Lamplighter.

Brenda is a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita and active at their Pratt Campus. She is involved in several ways, including coordinating children’s church at Pratt. Following the dissolution of the Great Bend Zone, she will be active in the newly chartered LWML Society in Pratt, WinGS (Women in God’s Service).

Brenda teaches gifted education in Pratt USD 382 and at Skyline USD 438, and has taught for 39 years. She is a graduate of St. John’s College, and holds a Master of Science degree from Kansas State University. She is the recording secretary for Delta Kappa Gamma Society for women teachers. In the community, Brenda has served as a 4-H Community Leader, officer for the Pratt County Fair Association, volunteers at the 4-H livestock sale and the beef carcass show, is Secretary of the Pratt County 4-H Foundation, and has served on the Pratt Regional Medical Center Ethics Board.

Brenda has been married to Ron for 40 years, and they live on the fifth-generation Piester Ranch in South Central Kansas. They enjoy continuing education and have attended the “Best Practices for Ministry” Conference (LCMS), in Phoenix. They have two married sons and five grandchildren. Brenda looks forward to further involvement in LWML, and as she finds time, she enjoys helping on the ranch, landscaping, quilting with the Skyline Apple Patch Quilters, traveling, reading, and spending time with their grandchildren.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey - Wichita Zone, Wichita

Local LWML: Society President (4 years), Vice President (3 years), Christian Growth Chairman, Special Focus Ministries Chairman (current), Membership Chairman, Special Events Chairman, funeral dinner coordinator (current)

Zone LWML: Wichita Zone – President (current), Christian Growth Committee, delegate to 2015 National LWML convention

District LWML: Hospitality Chairman for 2014 District LWML convention in Wichita

Other Church Related Service: Guatemala Partnership Committee, choir, Sunday School teacher, attend and occasionally lead a women's weekday Bible class, substitute teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School.

Betty is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. She taught at Holy Cross Lutheran School for 22 years, serving as principal for four of those years. She served on the Kansas District Professional Development Committee for six years and is a member of the Board of Directors of the St. John's College Alumni Association.

She is married to husband Leon (Butch), a retired engineer. They have three married adult children and eight grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with them and with friends, traveling, gardening, reading, home projects and water sports, as well as playing bridge.



Laura Hunter - KC CrossRoads Zone, Olathe

Local LWML: Society President (2 terms), Circle Chair (2 terms)

Zone LWML: Mission Service Chair (3 terms), KC North/South transition committee – subcommittee chair

District LWML: Caring Service Committee Chairman, Assistant to the President, Recording Secretary, 2012 District Convention Registrar, 2000 District Convention chair of tote committee

National LWML: Attended 10 national conventions

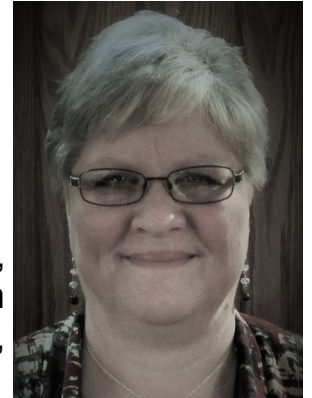
Other Church Related Service: Nursery Director

Laura is a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee. She is employed as a project manager at CenturyLink (formerly Sprint and EMBARQ) where she has gained people and project management experience during her 30 years with the company. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (2001) and an MBA degree (2008) from Ottawa University. She is the proud mother of two children and grandmother of two, whom she loves to spend her free time with along with traveling.



*LWML KANSAS DISTRICT
CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION*

Shelly Keller - Lincoln Zone, Sylvan Grove



Local LWML: Joined LWML in 1985 – 15 years at Immanuel, Ellsworth and 15 years at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove. Bethlehem Society: secretary (2004-2012), SFM chairman (2013-present), Annual Bazaar co-chairman (2003-present)

Zone LWML: Lincoln Zone - Christian Life chairman (2004-present), Zone Board of Directors committee to plan Fall Workshops and Spring Rallies, Bylaws committee

District LWML: Member Development Committee, member (2006-2008), chairman (2008-2010); Sonshine Editor and Communication Committee chairman (2010-present)

National LWML: Attended conventions in Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Sioux Falls, Portland, Peoria, Des Moines

Other Church Related Service: Organist and pianist, choir member, Thrivent member, assists with Mid-Week School music, Sunday School music, the Children's Christmas program, and VBS meals.

Shelly is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove. She attended Bethlehem Lutheran School and Sylvan Unified High School in Sylvan Grove, attended Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, and graduated from the NCKAVTS nursing program in Beloit.

She has been married to husband Ray since September 2000 and they have a blended family of five children and three grandchildren. She has been involved in nursing since 1980 and is an LPN at Lincoln and Sylvan Grove Medical Clinics. She has been an Avon Representative since 1987, is a Sylvan Alumni Association board member, and volunteers for USD 299 as a music department accompanist for musicals, programs, contests and solos. She enjoys cooking, gardening, crafts and traveling.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CANDIDATES FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Tonya Pike – Great Bend Zone, Ellinwood

Local LWML: Society President (2 terms), Christian Growth Chair (4 terms)

Zone LWML: Christian Growth Chair (3 terms)

Other Church Related Service: Certified Pastoral Assistant since 2006, Board of Evangelism Chair (3 terms), adult Bible study leader for years, Sunday School teacher (middle school - 5 years; preschool – 2 years); NYG adult sponsor, church newsletter editor and website administrator (3 years), VBS.



Tonya is a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Ellinwood, where she became a member and was married in 1990. She grew up in a different denomination and was active in youth group, leading Bible studies, and helping with the bus ministry, children's church and sang in the choir. Her past work experience includes cashier (20 years), optometric assistant (4 years), and collection agent (1 year). She presently works part-time at a billing company and provides after-school care for a friend's children several days a week. She is also studying in a nursing program to pursue an occupation which will allow her not only to help people be as healthy as possible but will also allow her to reach out to those who are looking for that hope we have in Christ.

She and her husband, Stacy, have three children and two grandchildren. Their daughter will be married in April, one son is planning to propose to his sweetheart soon, and the youngest son is a senior in high school where he is active in a variety of activities. Free time is very limited, with visiting grandchildren in Wichita, working on wedding plans, studying, and working. However, she does enjoy quilting, remodeling projects, and reading.

Ella Schempp – KC Crossroads Zone, Shawnee

Local LWML: Society President

Zone LWML: Past President and Recording Secretary

District LWML: Gospel Outreach Committee

National LWML: Attended 4 national conventions

Other Church Related Service: Current - Board of Parish Education, Website Committee Chair, Altar Guild, special task force committee; Past - Stewardship Committee and Nominating Committee.



Ella is a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, where she is quite active with the church and school. She serves on several school committees and assists at game events either at the gate or in the snack bar, and providing breakfast for the All Pro Dads (dads and their school children) once a month. She and her husband, Duane, enjoy attending grandchildren's events.

She has six years of banking experience as well as 30 years of experience with Farmer's Insurance. While at Farmer's she was involved in a number of strategic initiatives, was a home office trainer where she created training materials and taught classes. She was also a claims service manager for 7 years, cash receipt supervisor for 7 years, data entry supervisor for 5 years. She holds a B.A. degree from Mid-America Nazarene University and the AIM designation, as well as an M.S. degree in adult education from Kansas State University. She enjoys reading, working on the computer, traveling, and teaching computer classes at LUMA during the fall and spring semesters.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CANDIDATES FOR RECORDING SECRETARY

Gloria Raab – Wichita Zone, Wichita

Local LWML: Society President, Vice President, and Secretary of Holy Cross, Wichita; President and Secretary of Hope Lutheran, St. Ann, Missouri

Zone LWML: Wichita Zone – President and Secretary, Bylaws review committee

District LWML: Vice President of Caring Service (2012-present), Planner/Parliamentarian (2008-2012), Spring Tour Chair, Bylaws Review Committee

National LWML: Zone delegate to 1997 national convention in Charlotte, NC

Other Church Related Service: Currently serving as secretary to the Church Council at Holy Cross, Wichita. Has served as parish secretary, Sunday School and VBS teacher.

Gloria is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. She is a Parish Worker graduate from St. John's College, Winfield, KS, and is currently employed as a legal secretary at INVISTA.

She has been married to husband Paul for 46 years, and they have three children and eight grandchildren. Free time activities include reading (especially historical novels), travel, cooking and keeping up with their children and grandchildren.



Kathryn Richard – Southeast Zone, Arma

Local LWML: Society President, Caring Service Chair, Secretary/Reporter (current)

Zone LWML: Caring Service Chair (2005-2007), President (2007-2011), Vice President (2012), Secretary (2014-current), Bylaws Review Committee

District LWML: Structure Committee (2005-present), Chair (2012-present); Nominating Committee (two terms, current chair), 2014 District Convention co-chair and planning committee secretary, Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Structure Committee displays and skits

National LWML: Attended 4 national conventions

Other Church Related Service: Council Treasurer (2005-present), Council Secretary (2000-2005), Stewardship Chair (1998-99), Altar Guild Chair (current), Sunday School/VBS teacher, 125th Anniversary and 140th Anniversary Celebrations co-chair, Thrivent congregational representative.

Kathryn is a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsburg. She received her bachelor's degree in business and MBA degree from Pittsburg State University. She retired in 2014 after 43 years at Pittsburg State, 27 of which were as Regional Director of the Small Business Development Center. Other positions at PSU included administrative assistant, research analyst, and adjunct business faculty member. She has also completed several leadership training courses at the Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita).

She lives on a farm in rural Arma with her husband of 45 years, Larry. They have three married adult children and four grandchildren. Her free time activities include reading, quilting and volunteering. Her volunteer activities include 4-H community leader and clothing project leader; Crawford County 6th Grade Youth Leadership (facilitator); Arma V-J Homecoming Association (secretary 5 years, chair 4 years, vice chair currently); and Board of Directors for two regional economic development organizations--SEK Inc. (recording secretary, 2010-present) and Southeast Kansas Regional Prosperity Foundation (secretary, 2005-present).



*LWML KANSAS DISTRICT
CANDIDATE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR*

Rev. Jeffrey D. Geske



Reverend Jeffrey D. Geske is the son of Arnold and Linda Geske. He was born on July 13, 1970, baptized on August 23, 1970 at St. John Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and confirmed his faith on June 16, 1985. He was raised in Thief River Falls and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1989. Reverend Geske served in the United States Army Reserve. He served as a medic and a chaplain's assistant and was in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has been honorably discharged from the Army in 2002. In 1994, he graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He completed his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in 1999. He was ordained into the holy ministry at St. John Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls on February 28, 1999.

Following his ordination, Reverend Geske was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland, Kansas. In his seven years in McFarland, he served on a variety of boards and also served on the City Council of the city of McFarland. He also served three years as mayor of the city.

He is currently the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Netawaka, KS. Prior to his call to Immanuel, Reverend Geske was pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina, KS. Prior to his service in Salina, Reverend Geske was pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Amarillo, TX. While in Texas, he served in the Amarillo community as a member and president of the Interfaith Campaign for the Homeless and as the president of the Amarillo Ministerial Association. He also served as the pastoral advisor for the Lone Star District of the Lutheran Laymen's League and as zone pastoral advisor for the Good Samaritan ~ Bethesda Ministries.

Reverend Geske was married to Laura Genter on June 3, 1995. Reverend Geske and Laura had three children. Joshua was born on December 29, 2003 and twins Jacob and Joy were born on August 9, 2008. Laura, Joshua, and Joy were taken to heaven as a result of an automobile accident on January 28, 2012.

In March of 2015, Reverend Geske married Patricia Kelm in Georgetown, TX. Reverend Geske and Trish enjoy their participation in the exciting ministry of Lutheran Woman's Missionary League, and are excited to be in mission here in the Kansas District.

*LWML KANSAS DISTRICT
CANDIDATE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR*

Rev. Robert W. Grimm

Biography of Rev. Robert W. Grimm

Personal:

Born April 14, 1958

Baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Young America, MN

Married: Gayle Ann Bartley, December 27, 1981, Lexington, MI

Children: Erik (Eve) Grimm, St. George, KS

Elisabeth (Brandon) Heath, Le Mesa, CA (as of 8/8/2015)

Aaron (Kayla) Grimm, Albuquerque, NM

Education:

St. John's Lutheran School (1972); Mayer Lutheran High School (1976); Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI (1980); Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (1985)

Mission Statement:

I seek to serve Jesus Christ, and desire to grow from His holy Word, and to build His kingdom by faithful living, public and private worship, ready witness, and a joyful heart.

Service:

Pastorates:

St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville, KS; 1985-1997

Calvary Lutheran Church, Yates Center, KS; 1985-1992

St. John Lutheran Church and School, Alma, KS; 1997 to present

Vacancies: Trinity, Burlington, (1989-1990 and 1995)

Trinity, McFarland, (1997-1999 and 2006-2008)

St. Paul's Alta Vista (2009-2012)

Zone LLL Counselor, 1992-1994

Zone LWML Counselor, 1999-2001, 2003-2005

LWML Spring Rally Speaker, 2002

Regional Vice President, Kansas District LCMS, 2003-2009

Kansas District Secretary, 2009-2012

Participation:

LeRoy Ministerial Alliance 1985-1997, chair 1992-1994

Site Council, USD 245, 1995-1997

Mill Creek Valley Ministerial Alliance, 1997 to present, chair 2004-2006, and treasurer 2006 to present

Kansas District Constitution Committee, 2012 to present

Hobbies:

Music (singing and playing guitar), athletics, reading, travel



LWML Kansas District

2016 Convention Shirt and Convention Bag Order Form



The 2016 convention shirt is a purple Dri-Fit Polo that can be ordered in Ladies and Unisex sizes. The convention logo is on the upper left breast. The cost is \$20 per polo.

Also available to order: a sturdy purple and black convention bag with shoulder strap and outside pocket, with convention logo and date printed on the front pocket. The cost is \$10 per bag.

Shirts and bags must be pre-ordered and may be picked up at the LWML Convention in Manhattan

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

ALL CONVENTION SHIRT/BAG ORDER FORMS **MUST BE RECEIVED**
BY FEBRUARY 20, 2016!

Please mail payment with order form to:

Allison Lehmann, 6201 SE 69th St, Berryton, KS 66409

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GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND APPLICATIONS
\$17,938.00 AVAILABLE

EACH PROJECT SELECTED WILL RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED OR UP TO \$2,690.00

- 1. Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park, KS: Lockers for Middle School**-----**\$2,075.00**
The student population is growing. We are reaching students and their families not just within the congregation but also in the community. As the school gains students we have to accommodate for their learning needs and that includes lockers. There is no room in the present lockers for the students to share lockers.
(Submitted by Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park, KS)
- 2. Hope Lutheran School, Shawnee, KS: Tables and Chairs**-----**\$6,203.81**
The money is needed for replacement of 19 tables for three classrooms, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and 76 chairs for the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The chairs that students are using are in really bad condition. Most are cracked or busted. The tables in the 8th grade have collapsed a number of times this year. Hope Lutheran School started in 1983 and was the only Lutheran school in the area. The school is a great outreach for the church as many of the students are not members of the church.
(Submitted by Hope LWML, Shawnee, KS)
- 3. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Pratt, KS: Christian Books and Videos** -----**\$750.00**
St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is a vital part of education for our Pratt area students. The money is needed to add Christian books and videos to the library at the school. Some of our children come from families that do not attend a church. It is so exciting to see our little 3 and 4 year olds learn about the love of Jesus.
(Submitted by Bethany Guild/LWML, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston, KS)
- 4. Knot Sew New Quilters, Dodge City, KS: Quilt Batting and Thread**-----**\$250.00**
The money is needed for quilt batting and thread to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. To extend our efforts in making quilts for distribution to areas of need both locally and abroad. We are a group of two to five ladies working one morning a week. Most of the ladies are over 80 years old.
(Submitted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Dodge City, KS)
- 5. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton, KS: Complete Set of Arch Books**-----**\$350.00**
Immanuel has enjoyed an increase on the number of small children in the congregation over the past few years. Also our Midweek program has been an effective outreach tool to the young children in the community. The Arch books would provide the congregation with a valuable teaching tool and a valuable outreach tool to the families of the children we reach in the Midweek program.
(Submitted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton, KS)
- 6. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO: Bind the Bruises**-----**\$500.00**
Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares God's grace and glory in His creation. Since the 1980's teens from Kansas have come to LVR for a week to worship and grow in their faith. Part of the camp experience is playing in His creation which leads to hunger and sometimes injury. Ice is used for the camp kitchen and medic needs. Currently, icepacks and ice trays are the tools available. An icemaker would greatly enhance the ease of providing ice for the camp.
(Submitted by Angela Johnson, Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO)

- 7. Lutheran Student Center, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS: New Furniture——\$1,000.00**
 The furniture at the Lutheran Student Center is 30 years old. Much of it has served its purpose very well, not only outdated but falling apart. The students are very good about it and they have not complained. The place where we meet to discuss God's Word should be a respectable, comfortable and attractive place where students enjoy spending their time, sharing a cup of coffee and discussing their faith.
 (Submitted by Dr. John Tape, Lutheran Stent Center, Wichita, KS)
- 8. Capstone Ministries, Kisumu, Kenya: Job opportunities for Women——\$3,000.00**
 Capstone Ministries is a Christian organization that is an RSO of the LCMS and is affiliated with the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church. Capstone Ministries has been working with street children in Kisumu, Kenya since 2002. The encapsulators will be used by the Capstone Program to provide local income and also provide job opportunities for the women in the Kisumu area.
 (Submitted by Trinity LWML, Winfield, KS)
- 9. Summer Arts for Community Kids, Wichita, KS: Supplies, Intern & Publicity——\$4,000.00**
 Parents and their children find many ways to occupy the days of summer break. Holy Cross would like to offer four classes that would appeal to the artistic side of students to help them explore new activities and improve already held skills. Classes are designed primarily for middle school age students both from Holy Cross Lutheran School but especially from the broader community. The four one-week classes are: Summer Theater, Summer Drummers, Summer Band, and Summer Art Projects.
 (Submitted by Kent Stephens, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)
- 10. Come Build Hope in Mexico, Trinity, Garden City, KS: Fuel——\$6,000.00**
 Trinity, Garden City has been taking families, youth, and adults to Mexico for the last 15 years. These trips not only have been helping the poor in Mexico by providing them a home but has opened up mission eyes for the Kansas people. Eighty-eight people participated in 2015 from all over Kansas. The money will help make the trips affordable for the families of Kansas to participate.
 (Submitted by Leland Jackson, Trinity, Garden City, KS)
- 11. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI: Lutheran Catechisms for Lithuania——\$2,000.00**
 Part of the Lutheran Heritage involves Lutherans from the Baltic States. These countries are trying to re-introduce Christianity in their countries. The opportunity to teach the catechism in the Lithuanian public schools is mind boggling. We have a chance to reach children with theologically correct Lutheran doctrine.
 (Submitted by Holy Cross LWML, Wichita, KS)
- 12. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO: Horse Ministry——\$500.00**
 Whispering Spurs is an organization that uses horses as an opportunity to enjoy God's creation from the back of a horse. Each trail experience lead by Whispering Spurs is begun in prayer and glorifies God in his creation of the nature explored and the animal used for the ride. Currently Whispering Spurs provides horses and wranglers for the Lutheran Valley Retreat. Kansas youths and families attend Lutheran Valley Retreat. Funds are requested to update tack supplies for the horses that are used for rides at Lutheran Valley Retreat.
 (Submitted by Stephanie Schauland of Whispering Spurs, Woodland Park, CO)

MISSION PROJECTS PROPOSALS

\$40,000.00

- 1. Lutheran Valley Retreat-Shelter for Staff-----\$5,000.00**

Lutheran Valley Retreat shares God's grace and glory in His creation. Focusing on Christ, the Colorado camp values the inerrant Word of God, loving all people as God created them, providing fun, safe outdoor experiences for all, and transforming Christ-like servant leaders who love the people of their community. Since the 2002 Hayman fire that burned through the property, housing is being replaced, but there is a shortage. During extremely busy weeks, some of the Lutheran Valley Retreat staff volunteer to stay in tents or on the floor to allow for another child to experience God's grace at camp. Funding will help to continue to renovate or build more housing at LVR. (Submitted by Angela Johnson-Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO)
- 2. Bethany Lutheran School-Desks and Chairs-----\$4,800.00**

The school at Bethany is growing, especially our middle school. The student population at Bethany is 70% non- members. Every day, we have an incredible opportunity to share God's word in a Christian setting. We are bringing a new generation of students into God's Word. New desks and chairs are needed, as the long skinny tables that are currently available, do not allow them adequate space to learn. (Submitted by Bethany Lutheran School, Overland Park, KS)
- 3. Jesus El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church-Spanish Bibles & Food Pantry-----\$3,000.00**

The church is located in a low-income Spanish-speaking community. The bilingual Bibles and devotional materials are given out to people as they come to the church. The church is also the local food pantry that is open one day a week. The church is helping people transition into productive citizens starting with their faith walk with Jesus Christ. There is a strong community outreach on both the Missouri and Kansas sides of the state line. (Submitted by Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Kansas City, KS)
- 4. Kansas Nebraska Good News Radio-Program Development-----\$4,000.00**

KNGN is one of the two LCMS radio stations in the US. Our programs preach Christ crucified, cross focused, and Law and Gospel to all that listen. We also create new programs to reach individuals where they need it. Because we are on the public radio band, many non-believers come across our channel on the radio dial and hear the proclamation of the Gospel. With the creation of new programs and the ongoing support of the existing programs, KNGN can continue to serve our listeners in Kansas with LCMS programs. Devotions by local pastors and Bible studies from local congregations are added to the lineup. (Submitted by St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin, KS)
- 5. LCMS ministry to the Armed Forces/Operation Barnabas-Help for Veterans-----\$4,000,00**

Operation Barnabas is a network of care to our nation's military members and their families. The ministry's purpose is to provide care for our military and their families during and after their deployment, through training of district counselors and congregations and the establishment of local Barnabas Chapters. The money will be used for on-site visits to congregations creating local outreach efforts, evangelism training to Lutheran veterans in their local congregations, and materials and training for Barnabas Chapters in local congregations. (Submitted by Mary Hamilton, LCMS Grants Coordinator, St. Louis, MO)
- 6. The Lutheran Student Center-Wichita State University-Student Missionary-----\$5,000.00**

In our outreach to the students at Wichita State University, we have found that there is no substitute for one-on-one person contact. We need help in developing this important area of our ministry. The Lutheran Student Center would like to hire a student missionary who would focus entirely on reaching out to the university students. This would ideally be a student who has a heart for sharing the Gospel and who has numerous contacts in the university. He or she would spend 20 hours a week talking with the students, sharing the Gospel and inviting them to the University Lutheran Student Center. (Submitted by Dr. John Tape, Lutheran Student Center, Wichita, KS)

- 7. Concordia Seminary-Fort Wayne-Food Bank-----\$5,000.00**
 The Food and Clothing Co-op, on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 60% of the students are married and second career with families. Most of the spouses cannot find a job because the employers know that they will only be available for a short time. The money will be used to purchase perishable food items for the Food and Clothing Co-op. (Submitted by Karen Fuelling, Director of the Food and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN)
- 8. Concordia Seminary-St. Louis-Food Bank-----\$5,000.00**
 It is likely that food is not the first thing you think about when someone is preparing for the Holy Ministry. Tuition, books and a place to live are probably what comes to mind almost immediately. However, seminarians must also figure out how to afford the cost of providing food for their families while preparing for the ministry. Stretched to the max by other expenses, putting food on the table (especially healthy food) can be an immense challenge. The money will be used to buy perishable food for the Food Bank. (Submitted by Jenny Wagener, Gift Processing Specialist, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)
- 9. Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry-Native Students, single moms & children-----\$5,000.00**
 Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry expands with the new facility being built on the campus in Lawrence, KS; additional opportunities will be afforded to work with the students. The money is needed for programs offered at Haskell LIGHT for Native students, single mothers and children. One aspect of the possible programs is to equip and empower women through theological training. Another aspect is mentoring women in the areas of money management, cooking skills, developing healthy relationships, setting boundaries and much more. Also a children's ministry has been started on Sunday mornings. (Submitted by First Lutheran Church, Paola, KS)
- 10. Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes ,Dominican Republic-Housing-----\$5,000.00**
 The money is needed for alternative community-based living supports in Lutheran host homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Dominican Republic. The money will be used to help them find host families for the children and train the family to take care of the child. The LCMS first sent missionaries to begin work in the Dominican Republic in September of 2005 with the intent to plant congregations, train church workers and establish a mercy ministry with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Several Dominican Lutheran congregations and two schools have been established. (Submitted by Teryl Putman, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tillamook, OR)
- 11. Children Christian Concern Society-Sierra Leone-School Equipment-----\$5,000.00**
 Children Christian Concern Society Lead-a-Child has been working in Sierra Leone since 2005. The program has expanded greatly. Now the Lutheran Schools in Sierra Leone have 5,865 students in 29 Lutheran Schools with 178 teachers. CCCS Lead-a-Child helps with the teachers' salary assistance; however, they don't help with school equipment or furniture. Christian Education is very important to the Lutherans in Sierra Leone. This project will help with the Christian Education of the children in Sierra Leone and will help bring hope for now and their eternal future. (Submitted by Sandy Bachofen, Grace, McPherson)
- 12. First Lutheran Preschool, Sabetha, KS-Copier-----\$1,000.00**
 The money will be used for a copier for the preschool. Not all the students who attend our preschool come from a Christian home. Therefore, materials are copied and sent home to provide an extension of Christian education in the home. Also, monthly newsletters include Bible stories that are being taught to our students. These provide constant communication with the parents and our congregation. (Submitted by First Lutheran, Sabetha, KS)

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

If adopted, amendments will be required for the following Articles:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 (Elected Officers)

Add: Vice President of Organizational Resources

Section 4 (Election)

Currently Reads: B. The Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Treasurer shall be elected at the next biennial District convention.

Proposed: B. The Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Treasurer shall be elected at the next biennial District convention.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Add new Section 6 – Vice President of Organizational Resources

The Vice President of Organizational Resources may perform the duties of the President in the absence of or at the request of the President, and shall:

- A. coordinate the Organizational Resources Department;
- B. serve on the District Convention Planning Committee;
- C. facilitate interdepartmental meetings and focus the LWML vision through the planning process;
- D. facilitate the development and focus of organizational goals approved by the Board of Directors;
- E. oversee the on-going review of the Leadership Guidelines;
- F. furnish a report to the District convention, including departmental duties; and
- G. perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Section 1 – Departments

Currently reads: The District Departments shall be Caring Service, Christian Life, Communication, Gospel Outreach, and Special Focus Ministries, with a Vice President serving as coordinator of each Department. The coordinators shall be ex-officio members of the District Departmental Committees.

Proposed: The District Departments shall be Caring Service, Christian Life, Communication, Gospel Outreach, Organizational Resources, and Special Focus Ministries, with a Vice President serving as coordinator of each Department. The coordinators shall be ex-officio members of the District Departmental Committees.

Rationale: This position would better align the district's current position of Planner (an appointed position) with that of national's office of Vice President of Organizational Resources. Responsibilities are clearly defined (as opposed to the somewhat vague description of the Planner's duties). The Structure Committee would be moved from the Communication Department to the Department of Organizational Resources.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 6 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 7d (Recording Secretary)

Currently Reads: Compile a Kansas District Directory annually.

Proposed: Strike paragraph d

Rationale: Responsibility will fall under the general duties of the Vice President of Communications, and will be specified in the Leadership Guidelines.

ARTICLE VIII – CONVENTIONS, Section 2 (Site Selection)

Currently Reads: A. Convention sites shall be determined at least four (4) years in advance.

B. Zones shall extend invitations for hosting District Conventions. Invitations shall be sent to the District President by the Fall Board of Directors meeting four (4) years prior to the proposed convention.

C. The Executive Committee shall review the invitations from Zones and present to the Board of Directors for their approval or selection.

D. If only one approved invitation is extended, it will be accepted by the Executive Committee.

Proposed: Strike Paragraphs A, B, C and D. Replace with:

Convention sites are determined based on a “District Convention Rotation Schedule” approved by the Executive Committee.

Rationale: The Host Zone will have a city within its geographic area with a hotel/convention center large enough to adequately serve as a convention site. Assigned co-host zone(s) will provide all LWML Kansas Zones the opportunity to participate in organizing and planning for a district convention. This conforms with current practice.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Section 6.f – Lutheran Family Retreat Committee

Proposed: Strike Section 6.f

Rationale: The Lutheran Family Retreat has been discontinued.

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Section 4.A – Student Financial Aid Fund

Currently Reads: This fund shall be invested in an account in the LCMS Extension Fund (LCEF) with the principal remaining invested but interest income earned being disbursed yearly as financial aid to students going into full-time church work. Any principal acquired in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be applied to the interest available and awarded in the next school year in addition to the financial aid approved by the convention.

Proposed: 1. Monies designated for the Student Financial Aid (SFA) Fund shall be invested in an account in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) with a minimum of \$10,000 remaining invested. Interest and principal above the minimum balance will be disbursed by semester as financial aid to students preparing for full-time church work, in accordance with the procedures put forth in the Leadership Guidelines.

2. Any SFA monies returned to the District will be reinvested in the SFA fund.

Rationale: The LWML Kansas District has been blessed with resources to support financial aid for students going into full-time church work. As the need is great for workers in the harvest field, and the education cost for students continues to rise, the LWML Kansas District wants to be the best steward of these resources. Awarding more financial aid, until the monies currently in the fund reach the \$10,000 level (aligned in criteria with the God’s Gracious Gift Fund), will provide more financial support to students in their education to become church workers.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS (continued)

If the proposed position of Vice President of Organizational Resources is adopted, permission is requested to:

- delete all references to Planner (found in Article XI, Sections 5.A and 5.C).
- delete references to the Structure Committee found in Article XI, Section C (Communication Department).
- move references to the Structure Committee in Article XI, Section 3.C.2 to the Organizational Resources Department.

Permission is requested to delete a reference to the Lutheran Family Retreat Committee in Article XI, Section 6A.






Permission is also requested to re-number and re-letter to account for any deletions or insertions.

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Convention Servant Events

Come with your willing hands and scissors because both will be put to good use!

Following are the servant event projects planned for the convention:

-  **Assembling witness bracelets which are distributed by MOST Ministries mission teams**
-  **Decorating lunch sacks to be used by Marcia Merrick in her work with the homeless in the Kansas City area**
-  **Tying fleece blankets for Phil's Friends cancer care packages**
-  **Making cards of hope for cancer patients which are distributed by Phil's Friends**
-  **Tying quilts**

CONVENTION TOTE BAG NOTICE

Convention tote bags will not be provided to each attendee. Tote bags are for sale from the Special Focus Ministries Committee and can be ordered by using the convention shirt order form found in this issue or on the website. If you do not wish to purchase a tote bag, please feel free to bring a tote bag from a past convention or event to use while you are at convention. Thank you.

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