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The President's Podium

Brenda Piester

21st LWML Kansas District President



*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10*

Deep Roots = New Growth

Greetings, LWML Sisters-in-Christ! Thank you for the privilege to serve as your president for the next four years. I value the trust you have placed in me, and I pray that I may lead with wisdom, discernment and a joyful spirit.

As I accepted the responsibility at the Manhattan Convention, I shared some of my deep roots to LWML through my great-grandmother, grandmothers, mother and other connections to those in the legacy of Kansas LWML. I am thankful for those who have gone before and for the trails they have blazed in missions and service. But I do not rest on those laurels. Yes, just as we are to be rooted and unshakable (Ephesians 3:17), we are also called to serve and grow (Galatians 5:13).

LWML leaders are invited to mentor a Young Woman Representative. We first meet our YWR at a Mentor Luncheon before the beginning of the convention, and it was there I was introduced to my new "mentee." Although our husbands are both involved in production agriculture, and we both live on the farm/ranch, we are different in many ways. I grew up on a Kansas farm, she grew up in a large city in another state. I teach in the public school, she home-schools her children. I was baptized Lutheran as an infant, she came to faith at a later age. I am "seasoned" and have grandchildren. She is a young wife and mother. But, we are BOTH called to new roles of service.

What can I learn from her? SO MUCH! She is a beautiful, gifted Daughter-of-The-King. She is growing in her faith, service and leadership. She is in the beginning of her role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission. We who have "deep roots" in LWML have the responsibility to develop "New Growth" in the next generation of LWML women. Choose a woman to mentor. Invite her to your Bible Study—and make sure she has child care if she needs it. Ask her if she would donate paper goods or a salad to a funeral dinner—and offer to pick it up if she works outside of the home. Invite her to share in our mite offerings—and make sure she knows the history of mites and give her updates of how her coins and dollars are making an impact for Christ's mission. Invite her to your LWML meetings—and ask if she has ideas for us to use new technology to make our meetings more welcoming and efficient. Encourage her. Uplift her. Listen to her. Serve with her. Love her. Pray for her.



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Forty-eight Kansas LWML officers and committee members met in Hutchinson the last weekend of June for the Kansas Assembly of Leaders. We continued with the convention theme: "For Such a Time as This... Leadership in Changing Times." Pastoral Counselors Jay Hobson and Bob Grimm led the "*Christian Leaders Bible Study*"* focusing on qualifications, priorities and motives, and characteristics of Christian Leaders. Jan Wendorf, national LWML President 2007-2011, wove her own experiences and message into the same theme. Committees met for the first time with their Vice Presidents and discussed leadership roles and opportunities and plans for service in the coming biennium. Just as my cattle rancher husband is keenly aware of grazing patterns that leave enough of the plant on the top so the roots can continue to maintain the plant and new growth can happen, so we strengthened leadership roots for new growth in Kansas LWML... "For Such a Time as This."

Deep Rooted and watching for opportunities for New Growth, In His Grace,

President Brenda

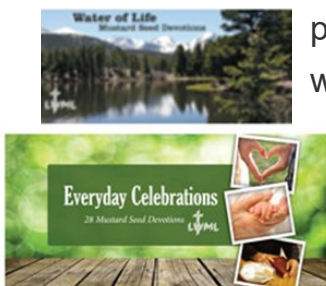
*Written by Rev. John Heckmann, national LWML Counselor 2011-2015 and available for free download at <http://www.lwml.org/free-resources/2012/03/christian-leaders-bible-study>



The History of Mustard Seed Devotional Packets

The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.

In 1971, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) developed a new series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These individual leaflets were designed initially to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed numerous Mustard Seeds packets, all on different topics.



Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing.

Counselor's Corner

Rev. Jay Hobson
Senior Pastoral Counselor



"Enjoy the Water"

Summer is a great time to get in the water.

Drive to the nearest lake and you will see more boats out on the water than you did a couple of months ago. Travel to some of the bigger rivers in Kansas and you might catch a glimpse of a canoe or raft. The covers come off the pools. The kids start running through the sprinklers. When the hot Kansas sun starts heating up, getting in the water is just the thing to cool us down. It is the perfect way to escape the heat.

In many ways this is exactly why God gave us baptism.

In the waters of baptism, we received God's holy name upon us. God combined His Word with water so that the waters would be "a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth of the Holy Spirit." Baptism is God's cool, forgiving waters that quench and dull the scorching heat of sin, death, and the devil.

Unlike summertime waters, though, God's baptismal waters provide refreshment and refuge all year-round. When I get out of the pool on a hot summer day, I'll air dry fairly quickly. But the waters of baptism never dry up. From the day your pastor poured the water over your head and spoke the name of God over you, you have never dried up. Your baptism still remains.

What a relief! When you are troubled by your sin and you feel the fiery judgment against them, remember you are baptized into Christ. All your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake! When you feel the devil's hot tempting in your heart, just sing to him, "Satan hear this proclamation, I am baptized into Christ." When we cling to the grace that God gives us in baptism, the judgment of sin and the devil himself will flee as quickly as the summer heat from water.

Enjoy the water this summer, and you, dear Christians, enjoy the waters of your baptism.

+Kyrie Eleison+

Pastor Jay G. Hobson

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED...

Dear Kansas District LWML,

On behalf of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and our International Student Ministry, we sincerely thank you for the generous donation [from the Mission Trail Walk at the Manhattan Convention]. Please know that a portion of this donation will go directly to HIS (Helping International Students) who we partner with at St. Luke's to be used to purchase Bibles and other Christian resources for Internationals at KSU. The rest will go toward events and resources for ISM at St. Luke's.

We thank God for your interest and care. What a wonderful blessing!

Blessings, Liz Beikmann, ISM Coordinator, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS

FINANCIAL NEWS



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The Lord is so good and we are so blessed! For the first quarter in this new biennium, \$12,648.94 for mites has been received.

At the Great Bend Zone's final meeting in April, members presented the LWML Kansas District with a \$1,000 check for the God's Gracious Gift Fund. GGGF began in 1993, when the LWML Kansas District received gifts from the estate of Hulda Petermann. Hulda was from Holyrood, KS, and a member of the Great Bend Zone. The \$1,000 gift from the Great Bend Zone was given to GGGF in thanksgiving to God for all of the faithful members of the Great Bend Zone. (The Great Bend Zone was dissolved, and the societies were realigned into other zones at the 2016 Convention.)

As a reminder, special LWML Kansas District envelopes are available to be used for special monetary gifts. Your gift can be designated for Financial Aid, God's Gracious Gift Fund, or District Mission Projects. This is a wonderful way to give a memorial for a loved one or friend, but it's also an awesome way to honor someone for a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, baptism, confirmation, graduation, or retirement. Special GGGF gifts are listed every two years in the convention manual.

If you would like some of these envelopes or need information regarding a monetary gift to the LWML Kansas District, please send a note with your remittance voucher when you send in your mite money. Our mites are so important and I ask you to pray for our mission projects, as we gather the money to uplift and support these important projects.

*On behalf of the Great Bend Zone, Marsha Giggy presents a \$1,000 check for the God's Gracious Gift Fund to Kansas District LWML representative, Brenda Piester.
(Submitted by Donna Briggeman)*



Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Payment and Website Maintenance Fee Payment

Did you remember to make your payment before March 1 for your society's *Quarterly* subscriptions and the Website Maintenance Fee? It's still not too late to send in your payments. Even if your society doesn't receive any copies of the *Quarterly*, **every** society should send a \$6.00 payment for the website maintenance. This maintenance fee is payable yearly and helps keep our LWML Kansas District website up to date. If you need the payment form, you can find it on the website in the Organizational Resources section. We encourage everyone to get current on your payments.

Society presidents and treasurers, please take note of the following information:

- ♦ **Decreases** in the number of copies of *Quarterly* subscriptions can be done only once per calendar year. The next deadline will be March 1, 2017, and will take effect with the 2017 summer issue.
- ♦ **Increases** in the number of copies of *Quarterly* subscriptions may be made at any time during the year.
- ♦ The Website Maintenance Fee is a one time fee of \$6.00 per society per year.
- ♦ Every LWML society treasurer should submit payments with the subscription form to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary.
- ♦ The *Quarterly* subscription rates are as follows: 1-9 copies are \$6.50 each; 10 or more copies are \$5.00 each.

Any questions may be directed to **Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager**. Please email her at distribution@kansaslwml.org.

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Bernie Reetz, VP of Gospel Outreach

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The Gospel Outreach committee members are chairman Pam Popp, Kris Koops, Marie Keil, and Lisa Brack. Kris and Lisa will share the duties of Student Financial Aid. Pam and Maria will share the duties of the Mission Projects and the God's Gracious Gift Fund. Pastor Grimm will serve as spiritual counselor.

GO is already busy since convention in April. We have paid our first mission project. Students have applied and submitted their applications for Financial Aid from the LWML Kansas District, which will be distributed before school starts. We met during KAOL to discuss the projects our committee manages.

At KAOL, the Board of Directors voted to send the 2016-17 Day of Prayer offerings to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, based in St. Louis. The LDMS will engage in evangelism and Christian education training to help deaf persons and their families see Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and engage in evangelism and Christian education training to help deaf persons serve Jesus Christ as His redeemed people.

Continue sending in your mites for LWML. Donations can be given in the name of a loved one, or as a gift in a family member's name for the God's Gracious Gift Fund or for Student Financial Aid. Don't forget to donate to Day of Prayer also. Donations are tax deductible! What an honor to give something in someone's name who is special to you.

Thank you to the new GO Committee team.



A time to celebrate!
LWML TURNS 75 IN 2017

Come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention | June 22-25, 2017 | Albuquerque, New Mexico

CARING SERVICE

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To God be the glory for everyone's work at convention! The Caring Service Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the convention ingathering for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter (support of the homeless), The Crisis Center (support of the abused), and used glasses for MOST Ministries. Additionally, there were many busy and willing hands at convention creating witness bracelets for MOST Ministries short term mission trips, making 'cards of hope' and fleece blankets for Phil's Friend's cancer care packages, and tying quilts for LWR. We also decorated lunch sacks for Marcia Merrick's work in feeding the homeless in the Kansas City area. Several ladies have contacted me requesting information on how to make the lunch sacks and how to get completed sacks to Marcia. This is a wonderful idea for VBS! Feel free to email or call me and I can forward the instructions to you as well. The amazing totals for the Ingathering and Servant Events can be found in the Sonshine convention issue on the LWML Kansas District website.

2016 Lutheran World Relief Pick-up Dates

9 a.m. - Noon

WICHITA (St. Andrews) – Tuesday, October 4

HAYS (Trinity) – Wednesday, October 5

SALINA (Trinity) – Thursday, October 6

TOPEKA (Christ) – Friday, October 7

COMMUNICATION

Shelly Keller, VP of Communication

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It is a privilege to begin serving the LWML Kansas District as Vice President of Communication. Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", so as I graciously take upon the task of keeping the LWML Kansas District updated and informed of events and news, I pray for God's guidance and strength to keep me focused and humble to accept all challenges that arise. There is much work to do in our service for the Lord and the LWML, and I have a great committee who will assist me. These are the members of the Communication Committee:

Marj Aufdemberge, who will also serve as the chairman, is the Distribution Manager. She manages the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions and Website maintenance fees (\$6.00/year), and encourages all societies to get current with payments of their subscriptions and website fee. (distribution@kansaslwml.org)

Sara Deepe has accepted an invitation to serve as the Newsletter Editor, beginning with the 2016 Fall issue. She is eager to get to know the ladies of the Kansas District better. Please email your news articles, event information, and pictures to her, following the posted deadline schedule for each issue, which can be found on the website. (sonshine@kansaslwml.org)

Darla Abbott is the Social Media Manager. She manages the Kansas LWML Facebook page, and she would appreciate any news about your events that she can post there. And don't forget to "Like" KS LWML. You may also find Darla taking pictures at many of our Kansas LWML events. (facebook@kansaslwml.org)

Kathie Thurman serves as the Store Manager. She is responsible for ordering merchandise and products to sell at the Kansas conventions, retreats, and KAOL, for the attendees' shopping pleasure. She will also assist President Brenda and myself with the "Church Workers in Mission" gift bags project for distribution to pastors new to the Kansas District. (store@kansaslwml.org)

Shawna Spiehs will serve as the Technology and Directory Manager. She will also serve as photographer at many of the LWML events, and will be busy keeping the Kansas District Personnel Directory updated. As district, zone, and society personnel change, so will the directory information. So please email Shawna with new names, addresses, email addresses, and other contact information, so the Kansas District directory will always be up-to-date. (technology@kansaslwml.org)

Mark Fuchs continues to serve the LWML Kansas District as Webmaster, and we appreciate his expertise very much. He has led us in changes to the email blasts so messages can be more individualized. Be watching for exciting changes to the website in the near future. (website@kansaslwml.org)

If there is anything that the Communication Committee or I can do to help you or to answer any question you may have, please contact us. Our contact information can be found on the website. We are here to serve you and our Lord with gladness!

Are you getting the news?

Please make sure all of your LWML members are signed up to receive the news at <http://www.kansaslwml.org/newsletter.html> . Even if you signed up in the past, please go there and update your preferences, ESPECIALLY if you have changed your email address! We want to make sure you get all of the LWML news and updates!



Thank you to all of the LWML women and men in Kansas for your support, encouragement, and kind words extended to me over the last six years, as I served the LWML Kansas District as the Sonshine Editor. This is my last issue as your editor and I thank you for your articles and pictures and event information that you have sent to me to share with the people of the Kansas District in each Sonshine issue . I am beginning a new chapter in my walk with the Lord doing the work of the LWML, and I would appreciate your prayers as I continue my LWML journey working with my wonderful committee members, as we continue together to communicate with you through the newsletter, social media, and the website. To God be the glory! In His praise—Shelly Keller

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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THANK YOU to everyone who shared their reasons for praise with the Christian Life committee over the past year in our campaign to list “10,000 Reasons to Praise the Lord”. We accumulated over 2,000 reasons by the end of convention in April. My favorite appeared to be a child’s handwriting and said “just because”!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to Tammy Songer, Jolene Stackhouse, and Pastor Jeff Duncan for their service on the Christian Life committee over the past two years.

WELCOME to those serving on the Christian Life committee for 2016-2018. Returning committee members: 1) Carol Bauck (Topeka Zone)—a retired nurse who lives in Ottawa with her husband and enjoys traveling; 2) Amanda Williams (KC CrossRoads Zone)—an RN at KU Med, studying for a masters as a Family Nurse Practitioner, married, enjoys running and meeting friends for coffee. New members: 1) Tiffany Harkins (KC CrossRoads Zone)—a seventh grade math teacher in Olathe who loves her job, married, enjoys spending time with all 14 of her nieces and nephews; 2) Judy Kolterman (Manhattan Zone)—a cook at the Onaga Senior Center, married, enjoys volunteering in her community; 3) senior counselor Pastor Jay Hobson—serves the dual parish of Hepler/Erie in southeast Kansas, married with a young son.

NOTICE: If you are a zone Christian Life chairman, we would like to hear from you! Please go to the LWML website and use the email address for the VP of Christian Life to send your name, zone, and contact information. Then we can send you information to share in your zone when necessary.

SAVE THE DATE!! The next Christian Life Retreat will be November 3 & 4, 2017! It will be held at the Best Western Holiday Manor and Convention Center in McPherson, Kansas. Stay tuned to the Sonshine and your zone Christian Life chairman for more details as they become available.

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

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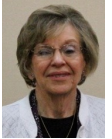
Meet the Special Focus Ministries Committee! Ann Harms, from the Wichita Zone, is our committee chairman for the 2016-18 biennium. Katie Hunter, Topeka Zone, is returning as committee member for the next two years, and the two new members are Jill Kruse of the Hutchinson Zone, and Carey Bolte of the KC CrossRoads Zone. We are looking forward to working together! Our first order of business will be to select two Kansas District Young Woman Representatives for next year’s national LWML convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Now is the time to find young women applicants! It’s not too early to start talking to young ladies in your congregation who might be interested in learning more about LWML. Be sure to encourage them to apply when the time comes. Applications will be available in the fall Sonshine and on the website.

NOW IS THE TIME ... start talking to young women age 22 - 35 in your zone about applying to be one of TWO YWRs sent by the KS District to the 2017 National LWML Convention. Watch for deadline dates to be announced!

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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Structure Committee Reorganized

The Structure Committee is a vital part of the organizational structure for LWML Kansas District. Formerly part of the Communications Department, this committee was moved to the Organizational Resources Department following the district convention in Manhattan. The committee's responsibilities remain the same:

- presenting proposed District Bylaws amendments to the convention body for approval after they have been reviewed by the District Board of Directors and the National Structure Committee, and
- reviewing zone bylaws and amendments, and approving those that do not conflict with District Bylaws.

Committee members are: Ruth Stice (chairman) from Meade (Southwest Zone), Glenna Lemke from Topeka (Topeka Zone) and Bev Wiese from Hunter (Lincoln Zone).

Zones are encouraged to review bylaws every four years, which will be especially important this biennium as societies formerly in the Great Bend Zone have been welcomed into adjacent zones. Email your proposed amendments to Ruth Stice at structure@kansaslwml.org. The committee will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

QUILTING STORIES



Cleone Neff and Bernie Reetz

QUILT PRESENTED TO PAST PRESIDENT CLEONE NEFF

Bernie Reetz, VP of Gospel Outreach, helped make quilts when she spent six weeks in Florida. They made several quilts for shut-ins in the Florida / Alabama area. Since Cleone was one of the past LWML Kansas District presidents, she asked if she could bring a quilt back to give to her. Bernie said that it was humbling to work with the ladies of Naomi Circle those six weeks. The quilters were LWML "snow birds" who shared a love for quilting, as well as fellowship and devotions, and on occasion they attended concerts, toured churches, and enjoyed lunch together.

QUILTS FOR MISSIONS



Loydene West has been busy sewing and quilting. Loydene moved to Garnett to be near her daughter after the death of her husband. Her daughter belongs to the First Christian Church in Garnett, and while cleaning their basement, they found a large amount of material. The ladies gave it to Loydene and from that material she is making quilt tops for missions. It is wonderful to see cooperation between churches. Loydene shared with the ladies how Trinity LWML provides warmth, protection, and bedding for those in need. It warmed our hearts to think that our sister in Christ, Loydene, shared the LWML mission with her new church family.

Pictured: Loydene (standing, second from right) is presenting a quilt top to Ruth Kirchoff (standing, third from left). Evelyn Hensley, age 97 (seated on right), sews almost all of the quilt tops that are tied for missions. The ladies of the Trinity LWML of Winfield cut the squares and Evelyn sews.

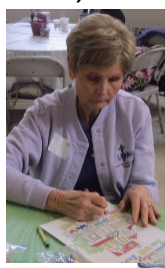
(submitted by Katie Wilson)



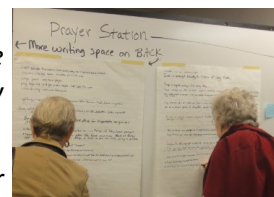
ZONE NEWS



The Spring Event for the **Kansas City CrossRoads Zone** was held on March 19, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Leavenworth with 58 ladies in attendance. The theme for the event was taken from Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." The devotion was provided by Pastor Joel Schultz of Beautiful Savior in Olathe. Karen Morrison, LWML Kansas District President, was present, and provided updates on district events. Everyone was encouraged to contribute to a list of 10,000 reasons to be thankful. The ingathering project for the event was to collect items for Trinity House Charities, a mission outreach of the host congregation.



Our dear sister, Pat Bockelman, passed away in February. She had been very active in the zone and will be missed greatly. In her remembrance, Zone President Tiffany Harkins read the beautiful poem that was printed in her funeral program.



As a part of the event, the attendees were given the opportunity to color Bible coloring sheets, which were to be included in the zone's banner at the district convention in Manhattan. The zone officers for the next biennium were installed: VP of Christian Life - Pam Popp, VP of Gospel Outreach - Carolyn Hanson, and Secretary - Christy Stapf. The morning ended with a prayer walk prepared by Alli Bauck, followed by lunch.

(submitted by Tiffany Harkins)



On April 30th, the **Wichita LWML Zone** held their Spring Rally at Christ Lutheran Church in Augusta. The ladies made May baskets for the nursing home residents in Augusta.

(Submitted by Maria Keil)

The **Herington LWML Zone** Spring Rally was hosted by Calvary Council Grove on March 12. The opening devotion was presented by Pastor Adam Reichard of Calvary. It was entitled "To Act Justly, To Love Mercy, and To Walk Humbly with your God".

A business meeting was held with election of officers. A letter from the District President Karen Morrison was read, as she was unable to attend. Our guest speaker was John Wolf, a Missionary to Africa. The ingathering offering was taken and given to Missionary Wolf to use for his trip to Africa. Alvina Federwitz, who has worked for the Lutheran Bible Translators for over 40 years, reported on the work they do and of the great need for workers in these fields.

A Lasagna Lunch was served. Pastor Clark Davis, Zone Counselor, led the closing devotion "The Urgency of the Harvest".

(submitted by Barbara Schlesener)





ZONE and SOCIETY NEWS



The **Northeast Zone** Spring Rally was hosted by St. Matthew, Nortonville, on Saturday, April 2. Pastor Michael Dunaway led us in Lesson 1 of the Bible Study "Upon this Rock" by Reverend Timothy Pauls. The lesson entitled "On this Rock" examines Peter's confession of Christ and identifies the Rock on which the church is built.

Our mission speaker was Gentry Linscott, who grew up around Nortonville and now lives in Wichita. She is the granddaughter of Emma Lou Niemann, past President at St. Matthew. She spoke of her three mission trips to Haiti. She had just returned from a mission trip to Guatemala.

The ingathering was for flip-flops for children in orphanages. There were 135 pairs of flip-flops and sandals collected at the rally. The annual business meeting was held following a delicious salad luncheon. Kansas District LWML Meeting Manager Debbie Lehman brought news from the District.

(Submitted by Kathy Heiniger)



The final meeting of the **Great Bend Zone LWML** was held on Sunday, April 3, at St. John's Lutheran in Ellinwood. The societies of the Great Bend Zone were invited to worship with the congregation of St. John's. Afterwards, the Great Bend Zone sponsored a catered meal in the parish hall.

Time for fellowship was enjoyed while sharing memories and perusing zone scrapbooks and banners. One of the scrapbooks contained a brief history of the LWML in our zone. Lola Hilst (wife of Rev. Wm. Hilst of St. Paul Preston) was the delegate to the organizational meeting of the National Lutheran Women's Missionary League in Ft. Wayne in 1941. Mrs. Hilst became the first president of the Arkansas Valley Circuit prior to the official organization of the Kansas LWML. Lola Hilst's daughter, Elnora Briggeman, went on to be president of the LWML Kansas District from 1964-68. Elnora's daughter, Marsha Giggy, Great Bend Zone treasurer, presented a \$1,000 check to Brenda Piester for the God's Gracious Gift Fund. GGGF has a special place in the hearts of the Great Bend Zone, as it originated years ago with a donation from a zone member from Holyrood, Hulda Petermann.

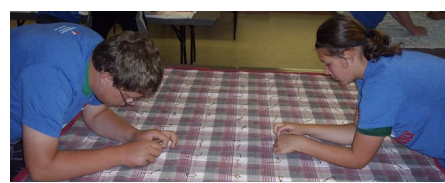
Other historical moments of the Great Bend Zone were shared via a skit presented by Lisa Brack, Donna Briggeman, Marsha Giggy, Connie Lueker, and Tonya Pike.

In appreciation for her service, President Lisa Brack was presented with a quilted wall hanging, designed and made for her by Kathie Thurman. President Lisa expressed gratitude for the support she received in her two terms. "Although we'll be going our separate ways to join other zones, we will have the opportunity to meet again at district and national conventions. God's blessings!"

(Submitted by Donna Briggeman)

The **LWML of Zion Lutheran Church in Linn, KS** partnered with the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Linn Lutheran School and their teacher, Mr. Beikmann, on April 26th for a "Sewing Workday". This is the second year of partnership on this successful project. The group of 8 women and 15 students completed and packed 36 quilts for shipment to Orphan Grain Train. This project was helped by funds from Thrivent. Seed money was used to form a Thrivent Action Team to purchase bed sheets for use on the project and to provide pizza and treats to those helping out.

(Submitted by Vera Uffman)



At the KC CrossRoads Spring Rally, the ladies participated in a prayer walk. The theme was Romans 12:12. One of the stations was based on the discipline of being "faithful in prayer". The participants were asked to share some "prayer pointers". They wanted to share this advice to help strengthen other women in their daily prayer walk.
(Submitted by Alli Bauck)

"Prayer Pointers" to help others be "faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12)

- ✚ Set aside the same time to pray every day so it becomes a habit.
- ✚ Pray early in the day before activities get in the way.
- ✚ Keep a prayer journal. (*Write down the ways God answered those prayers.*)
- ✚ Pray before bed so your worries may be lifted to the Lord.
- ✚ Talk with God aloud while driving (*or stuck in traffic*). Listen to a Christian radio station.
- ✚ Yell/scream while you vacuum or mow the lawn; God hears your cries.
- ✚ Begin meals with prayer. Ask others for requests so you can pray at that time.
- ✚ When at a restaurant, ask your server if he/she has a prayer request and pray for him/her when the food arrives. (*Hard at first but gets easier with time.*)
- ✚ Remember to pray "thank you" prayers instead of just "I want!"
- ✚ Throughout the day send up prayers of thanks for blessings as they occur.
- ✚ Pray for the unlovely that their hearts will be softened by God.
- ✚ Don't be afraid to pray out loud! Honor the Holy Spirit moving in/through you!
- ✚ Pray often and anywhere. God is everywhere and always ready to listen anytime!
- ✚ Focus on God and faithful prayer will easily follow.
- ✚ When you hear a siren—police, fire truck, or ambulance—pray for the people involved.
- ✚ Join an e-prayer group to strengthen others who live outside your immediate area.
- ✚ If a friend asks for a prayer request drop everything and pray for him/her right away!
- ✚ Teach your children to pray by example. (*If you do it...they will too!*)
- ✚ Use *Portals of Prayer* each morning to start your day. Include prayer time in your daily devotions.
- ✚ Think of ACTS: Acknowledge God's holiness and presence; Confess your sins and need for God's grace and mercy; Thank God for your many blessings; and present your Supplications (requests) to Him. Notice the balance of a strong prayer life.
- ✚ Pray while you exercise or while doing chores around the house.
- ✚ Incorporate taking deep breaths with saying small prayers. Use Scripture breathing technique.
- ✚ Remember, no prayer is too big or too small for God!





Saints Alive After 55 – 2016 Retreat

Date: July 17-19

Where: Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS

Speaker: Professor Ben Freudenburg

Ben Freudenburg has been a Director of Christian Education for 40 years, working with children, youth, and their families to nurture their love for God and each other through the church and is presently serving as Director of the Concordia Center for the Family, Division Chair of the Family Life Program and Professor in Family Life Studies at Concordia University Ann Arbor. He is married to Jennifer and is father to Cori and Sara and grandfather to Caleb, Markey, Adelaide and Micah. He has served at Shore Haven Lutheran in Euclid, Ohio; Our Redeemer Lutheran in Hutchinson, Kansas, Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood, Missouri, and Christ Church-Lutheran in Phoenix AZ as Minister to the Christian Home. He received his BS in ED and his certification as Director of Christian Education and Masters of Science – Family Life through Concordia University in Seward Nebraska. He has served as President of Lutheran Educations TEAM department and as President of Lutheran Education Association a national professional organization for Lutheran educators. He has written for a variety of education and youth journals and magazines and wrote *The Traveling Guide: A Vehicle for Youth Ministry, Through Children's Eyes: 52 Children's Messages* (CPH) and *The Family Friendly Church* (Group Publishing).

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION LWML SUNDAY 2016



Based on Psalm 66:5 and John 1:35-51, the theme chosen for the 2016 LWML Sunday celebration is *"Come and See!"*

A full worship service is available for download at www.lwml.org

2017 Convention

LWML 37th Biennial Convention

Date: June 22-25, 2017

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Theme: "Jesus Christ Above All"

Scripture Verse: *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.* (Philippians 2:9)

Convention Goal Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will be:

Encouraged through worship and Bible study.

Equipped to share His message of salvation.

Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.



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2016-2018 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.



Next Sonshine news deadline:
September 5

Shelly Keller, former Sonshine Editor
 Sara Deepe, new Sonshine Editor
sonshine@kansaslwml.org



HERINGTON ZONE - Those attending the Kansas District Convention in Manhattan, April 15-17, gather around the Herington Zone banner, made by ladies of the Lincolnville LWML society. Pictured are: (seated) Jeri Klose, Helen Mitchell; (standing) Pastor Justin Panzer, Barb Schlesener, Marilyn Riemer (Zone President), YWR Heather Gustin, Debbie Jenne, Donna Walker, YWR Amber Kuntz and Donna Ascher.

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.

Lutheran Women in Mission

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!



WEBSITES TO VISIT:

www.kansaslwml.org
 (Kansas site)
www.lwml.org
 (National site)
www.kslcms.org
 (Kansas LCMS site)
www.lcms.org
 (Synod site)

We want to thank all who contributed to the ingathering at KAOL on June 24 for the Open Door Pregnancy Care Center in Hutchinson. The young ladies who picked up the items said their shelves for large size diapers were empty. We had requested the larger size and many packages contributed were an answer to prayer.



For Such a Time as This, we were blessed with the following items:

80 rolls of toilet paper	96 bottles of water
17 packages of diapers	6 bottles of detergent
4 large cartons of diapers	7 personal items
50 items of Infant clothing	17 multi-packs of crackers
30 packages of baby wipes	57 rolls of paper towels

(pictured: LWML Kansas District Caring Service committee, left to right—VP Laura Hunter, and committee members Karen Rinne, Gloria Peterson, Janice Cundiff, Carol Nix, Betty Amey)

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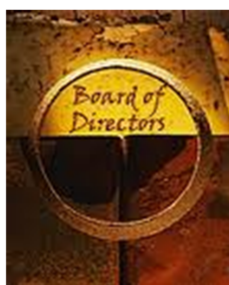
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Communication Committee:

The Communication Committee connects women with the mission of LWML through the Kansas District newsletter, directory, and website, as well as social media and LWML products and publications, to support all women as they serve the Lord with gladness.

Office:	Name:	Hometown:	Zone:	Email:
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Webmaster				

Caring Service Committee:

The Caring Service Committee selects, organizes, and supervises ingathering and servant events at District Conventions, the Kansas Assembly of Leaders and other LWML district events as needed. Through our collective service, we show the caring love of Christ to others in our church, our communities and our world.

Office:	Name:	Hometown:	Zone:
Chairman *	Betty Amey	Bel Aire	Wichita
	Janice Cundiff	Oberlin	Northwest
	Carol Nix	Wichita	Wichita
	Gloria Peterson	Overland Park	KC CrossRoads
	Karen Rinne	Overland Park	KC CrossRoads



Christian Life Committee:

The Christian Life Committee of the LWML Kansas District provides guidance to the women of the Kansas District on how to find resources and programs to help them and their societies grow in faith.

Office:	Name:	Hometown:	Zone:
Chairman *	Tiffany Harkins	Olathe	KC CrossRoads
	Carol Bauck	Ottawa	Topeka
	Judy Kolterman	Onaga	Manhattan
	Amanda Williams	Mission	KC CrossRoads



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Gospel Outreach Committee:

The GO Committee seeks, accepts, evaluates and forwards Mission Project and God's Gracious Gift Fund requests for selection by the Convention Delegates for each biennium. The committee also accepts, evaluates, and approves student Financial Aid applications for students entering church work and enrolled in a Concordia University or LCMS Seminary. Additionally, the GO Committee considers and forwards potential recipients for Day of Prayer, Mission Walks, and Convention Offerings to the Board of Directors and reports payment of Mission Goals to Zone Presidents.



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Chairman * and				
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SFA Co-Chair.	Lisa Brack	Albert	Lincoln	

Organizational Resources Committee:

The Organizational Resources Committee will review and advise on zone and society bylaws and proposed amendments, and approve those not in conflict with District bylaws. Following LWML guidelines, we will submit proposed District bylaws amendments for review by the District Board of Directors and the national Structure Committee, and present amendments to delegates at a district convention for a vote to adopt or not adopt the proposed amendments.

Office:	Name:	Hometown:	Zone:	Email:
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	Beverly Wiese	Hunter	Lincoln	

Bylaws



Special Focus Ministries Committee:

The Special Focus Ministries Committee plans and implements programs for Young Women Representatives, first time convention attendees, and teens, encouraging active participation in LWML.

Office:	Name:	Hometown:	Zone:
Chairman *	Ann Harms	Wichita	Wichita
	Carey Bolte	Lenexa	KC CrossRoads
	Katie Hunter	Emporia	Topeka
	Jill Kruse	Galva	Hutchinson



Special Appointed Committee:

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The Nominating Committee will seek qualified candidates to serve in elected offices for the next term of service.

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Member			KC CrossRoads	
Member			Manhattan	
Member			Northeast	
Past Pres./Consultant	Karen Morrison	Wichita	District	



**“Serve the Lord
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2

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