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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

New Challenges = New Opportunities = CHANGE!

Greetings, LWML Sisters-in-Christ!



It was a privilege to work with Society, Zone, and District officers during the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) in August in Wichita. We pray that the information was helpful and relevant to each of their leadership roles and responsibilities. One of the discussion items, especially with Zone Presidents, was about acknowledging “supporting members” of LWML. (Also see VP of Organizational Resources Gloria Raab’s article in this *Sunshine*.)

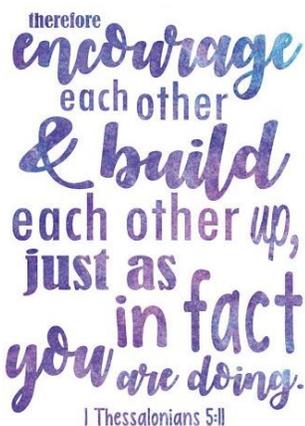


I sometimes hear from LWML officers that their societies or zones do not have as much participation as in the past. I do not see this as a “problem” but rather as an **opportunity** to honestly review what we are doing, to pray for wisdom, and to **challenge** ourselves that to embrace the chance that, maybe, we need to change what we do! Oh my, I said the “C” word: **Change!**



Do we wish more women attended meetings? Consider changing the meeting time—at least SOME of the time—that the society meets to be more available to women who work outside of the home. Do we wish more women attended Bible Study? Evaluate the time it is offered. Would changing to a different time or day fit the schedule for more women?

Do we wish that more women helped with quilting, or with other groups who serve? If women are not able to attend the group, are there other ways we can involve them to support the group? Can they cut fabric squares at home? Can they make freezer meals to have on hand to take to shut-ins or new mothers? Can they collect plastic bags and cut them into strips for others to crochet into sleeping mats? Can they mark Bibles for delivery to prisons or homeless shelters? Yes, it would be “ideal” to physically come together to do these projects. Depending on the season she is in with young children, or a career, or no longer wanting to drive at night, going to a meeting may not be an option for every woman. There are still many valuable ways that every women can work to encourage others and support the purposes of LWML!



THESE are the supporting members of LWML who we want to Engage in Bible study (for ALL of us to deepen our faith in Christ), and to Encourage and Equip each one to use her unique gifts in God’s service. Enjoy this special sisterhood relationship with long-time friends and new friends together—serving our Lord!

The Time is Now...Love One Another,
Jesus Christ above all,
President Brenda • president@kansaslwml.org

Counselor's Corner

Pastor Bob Grimm
Junior Pastoral Counselor



Captain James Cook was a navigator, cartographer and explorer of the 18th Century. On an early trip past the South Sea Islands, he permitted his men to go ashore. Suddenly the natives rushed them, and before they could regain their boats, one of the men had been captured as they fled. Being unarmed, the other men were compelled to sit in their boats watching their helpless comrade, as he was killed and eaten before their eyes.

20 years later, Cook was cruising in the same part of the ocean when he was overtaken by a storm and shipwrecked. For days they drifted until they were driven to the same shore. When Cook recognized the place where his shipmate had been eaten, he urged his men to use all their strength to keep the lifeboat out to sea, but it was of no use, for in spite of their efforts, they were driven upon the rocks. Crouching with fear, and keeping a sharp lookout for the savages, he sent one of the men to the top of a little hill to spy out the land. Cautiously he went forward till he looked over the top of the knoll. Down in the valley, amid a clump of trees, he saw a white finger of a spire rise over the scene, with a cross at its peak. With great joy, he turned and waved to his companions, shouting, "Come on over, it's all right. There's a church over here." They were safe! God had worked wonders through the years to change the people of that land.



In a world where so many things attack good sense and decency, and where right and wrong can become confused, the church remains a safe place. It is not a place for fear. It is a haven for the broken and weary, whose lives have been shipwrecked. It ought not become a battleground of politicism, nor an encampment of the contentious and rebellious, but a steady and faithful harbor of truth. The church is to be a refuge of peace, the peace that passes understanding, that is, of Jesus Christ. His Church offers His love, His joy, and His peace; so it better not cheapen or lessen His work, nor abuse His grace. May our churches remain sanctuaries (literally: holy places) from the storms and evils of life. God, help us to make it so!

COMMUNICATION

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I LIFT MY HANDS AND PRAY

Happy moments
Praise God.
Difficult moments
Seek God.
Quiet moments
Worship God.
Painful moments
Trust God.
Every moment
Thank God.

The most basic definition of prayer is “talking to God”. Prayer is described in the Bible as seeking God’s favor, drawing near to God, and kneeling before the Father. We are to worry about nothing and pray about everything. And we are to pray without ceasing. Prayer develops our relationship with God and demonstrates our trust and dependence upon Him. Prayer is the Christian’s way of communicating with God. We pray to praise God and thank Him and tell Him how much we love Him. We pray to enjoy His presence and tell Him what is going on in our lives. We pray to make requests and seek guidance and ask for wisdom.

We have many things to pray and be thankful for. Our nation needs our prayers; our churches need our prayers; families need our prayers; and the LWML needs our prayers. We can pray for our LWML projects and our leaders. We can pray for guidance in planning our upcoming Christian Life Retreat and District Convention. And we can pray for the work of all of the committee members in our district, zones, and societies, as we carry on the daily work of the Lord by serving Him.

God is good and asks us to trust Him. In prayer, essentially we say, “Not my will, but your will be done.” The key to answered prayer is praying according to God’s will in accordance with His Word. Be in the Word and **Always Say A Prayer**.

~~ Shelly Keller, VP of Communication

*I'm overwhelmed by His faithfulness and the blessings in life I see;
His loyalty to hear my every plea;
The many prayers He has answered for me.*



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ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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LWML Society and Member Reporting

At the beginning of each calendar year, societies are asked to file an annual report of membership. Our District President submits this information to national for its records, and the record of members and societies is also used to determine the number of delegates for representation at district and national conventions. National LWML recently updated its guidelines so all districts, zones and societies are using the same criteria when making their reports.

We focus on all of the supporting members who actually assist in LWML projects. Continue to encourage all women of your congregation to attend LWML Bible studies and SHORT meetings and join us as together we "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Please use the following criteria when preparing your next statistical report

Active Society

If a group meets all or most of the following guidelines it would be considered an active society:

- *has officers or a coordinator/contact person;
- *meets at least quarterly;
- *participates in, or is aware and supportive of zone and/or district events;
- *contributes to mites and prays for the missions that are supported by mites; and
- *subscribes to the Quarterly.

Supporting Society

- *does not have officers or a coordinator/contact person; and
- *does not meet or contribute to mites consistently, but continues to pray regularly for the LWML

Active Member of a Society

Any woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is eligible for membership in a society.

- *If a member of an active society participates on a regular basis in her group activities, she would be referred to as an active member.
- *Active society members are eligible to represent their district at a national LWML convention in accordance with their zone and district bylaws.

Active Individual Membership

Active Individual Membership is available to women who are communicant members of LCMS congregations with or without a group affiliated with LWML, and is designed for women who have an interest in the mission and ministry of the LWML organization, but cannot, for a variety of reasons, attend society meetings. Applications for recognition as an individual member should be made in writing to the District President.

*If an individual meets all or most of the following guidelines, she would be referred to as active:

- Is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation;
- Participates in and is supportive of zone and/or district events;
- Contributes to mites and prays for the missions that are supported by mites; and
- Subscribes to the *Quarterly*.

*Voting Privileges

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Supporting Member of a Society

Some LWML groups consider all communicant women in their congregation as members of their society. The women in this category do not actively attend any LWML function. The LWML District President should report them as supporting members to national LWML.

Supporting society members are eligible to represent their district at a national LWML convention, ONLY in accordance with zone and district bylaws. This is discouraged as their knowledge of LWML activities would be limited.

Dual Parish Societies Meeting as One Group

It is recommended that one society disband, with new bylaws written that incorporate both groups under one name. Alternately, both existing societies could disband, with the group applying for a new charter.

Inactive Society

Holds an LWML charter with zero members, and is not eligible for representation at zone and/or district levels. If at some time the society desires to become active within the zone, the zone president should be notified.

Disbanded Society

Notify the District President in writing that the society has been disbanded. If at some future date there is a desire within the congregation to re-activate an LWML society, the society must apply for a new charter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - - SOCIETY BYLAWS

Recently Organizational Resources was asked if the Organizational Resource Team reviewed and maintained files of updated bylaws from each Society.

Zones should maintain files of society bylaws; those Zone committees can verify that society documents align with zone bylaws. Review the sample Zone Bylaws Article XII—Standing Committees, Section 5g “review and keep a file of society bylaws and encourage societies to keep their bylaws current.”

This was covered in the Organizational Resources segment at KAOL:

When (Zone) amendments are being proposed, we ask that zones have the amendments first reviewed by the District Organizational Resources Committee to make sure that there are no conflicts with district bylaws. Organizational Resources keeps an approved copy of each Zone’s bylaws. In the same manner, societies have their bylaws reviewed by a zone bylaws committee or zone officers.

This bylaws process is chronological: National makes changes to the national bylaws; District must update to conform to National, so as to not conflict; Zone updates; then Societies update. All zones and Societies must review and update if needed, since National made changes in 2016.

Your District Organizational Resources committee is always available to assist! Sample bylaws guidelines are in the Appendix of the Leadership Guidelines available at www.lwml.org. Wording in the sample can be used; just insert your local information.

Please contact us for help.

By Ruth Stice

FINANCIAL NEWS

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Ladies what a blessing! The Lord is working through our mites in sharing God's word. As of August 31, 2017, we have collected \$89,685.05 for mites and have paid seven (7) of our nine (9) Mission Grants. Praise the Lord!

FYI: A Mission Project can not be paid until we have received the money. At the 2017 convention, we have been encouraged to send our mites in monthly to the District Financial Secretary, so that National and District Mission Grants can be paid earlier.

Challenge: I save the stamps from your mite envelopes. I love the flag design but the next time I want to encourage you to purchase and use Commemorative Stamps! This supports the LWML Texas District Stamporee Project. All proceeds go to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund.



Christian Schultz, second-year M.Div. student at the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, represented the LWML Kansas District in presenting a check for Mission Grant #7 for \$5,000 to the food bank at the seminary. Schultz, from Alma, Kansas, is also a recipient of the Student Financial Aid from the LWML Kansas District.



The Mite Box, based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the mite box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. Mite Boxes are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel. Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$2 million in mission grants.

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2018)

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by March 1, 2018.
Send payment to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary.
Please include an LWML Kansas District remittance voucher with your payment.

SOCIETY INFORMATION:

Society Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Society Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's phone _____ Treasurer's email _____

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Number of *Quarterly* subscriptions requested # _____

Multiply by rate (1-9 copies, \$6.50 each; 10 or more copies, \$5.00 each) x _____

SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

Add Yearly Website Maintenance Fee + \$ 6.00

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: LWML Kansas District

Mail (1) your check, (2) this form, and (3) a remittance voucher to:

Ella Schempp
LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary
12601 W. 60th
Shawnee, KS 66216

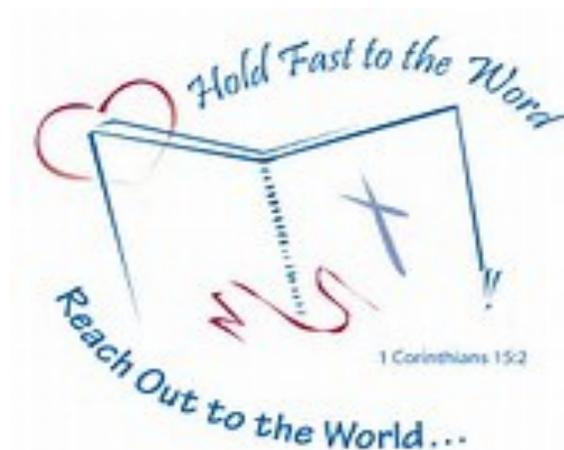
Marj Aufdemberge, LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager
Contact information: distribution@kansaslwml.org or 785-524-3981

2017-2018 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

The Student Financial Aid Committee would like to announce the recipients of the 2017-2018 student financial aid. There were 24 applicants, including one (1) freshman, three (3) sophomores, six (6) juniors, four (4) seniors, and ten (10) seminarians including one (1) deaconess. The LWML Kansas District awarded a total of \$23,800 to these students. Please consider "adopting" one or more of the students through your society or zone. Each one would love your prayer support and cards/ letters of encouragement and love.

Stephanie Hatesohl	Bethany, Overland Park	Joseph Kracht	Bethlehem, Bremen
Olivia Johnson	Bethany, Overland Park	Courtney Roberts	Mt. Calvary, Wamego
Makayla Kosberg	Beautiful Savior, Olathe	Jaron Melin	Holy Cross, Wichita
Rachel Norem	Beautiful Savior, Olathe	Brendon Moore	Ascension, Wichita
Jacy Johnston	Mt. Calvary, Wamego	Mike Patron	Grace, McPherson
Kassaundra Kosberg	Beautiful Savior, Olathe	Brion Doel	Hope, Shawnee Mission
Monica Lennington	Trinity, Atchison	Christian Schultz	St. John, Alma
Jayme Lowe	Trinity, Atchison	Andrew Hatesohl	St. Paul, Clay Center
Kaleb Weinkauf	Risen Savior, Basehor	Nathan Kraus	Faith, Abilene
Leah Werling	Trinity, Salina	Micheal Apfel	Bethany, Overland Park
Kelsey Adcock	Mt. Calvary, Wamego	Lawson Short	St. Paul, Preston
Molly Goltl	Ascension, Wichita	Nicholas Cordt	Risen Savior, Wichita

Kris Koops
Student Financial Aid Committee



SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

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Even though the National LWML convention is only a few months behind us, it is already time to start thinking about choosing Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) for the 2018 Kansas District Convention! This is an exciting program where up to two young women (between the ages of 20-35) may be chosen by each zone to attend the District convention in Hutchinson. Because the zone pays for all the young women's expenses (registration, meals, lodging, and transportation), it allows many young women who otherwise might not be able to afford to go to the convention the opportunity to join us and catch the excitement of LWML. Through this experience, they learn the full scope of what LWML does and what a blessing it is to be a part of God's work through this servant-hearted group. The Special Focus Ministries Committee will soon be hard at work planning special events for these young women during the convention. (I'll also mention here that we're going to have a special activity for teens at the convention as well!) The YWR application is included in this issue of the Sonshine and is available on the website. Please encourage the young women in your congregation or zone (or even one you know from across the state!) to apply for this inspiring opportunity. Applications must be returned to Zone Presidents by January 15th, 2018.

T-shirt and vest sales are also in full swing! You may see some of the women around you at fall LWML events wearing their 2018 convention shirts, as we sold many at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders. But we still have many more, which will be available at the Christian Life Retreat in McPherson. If we don't have your size in stock, if you won't be there, or if you want an order-only vest, the order form is included in this issue of the Sonshine also.

Convention tote bags: Tote bags will be available one way or another! We are currently exploring the possibility of an outside group funding the bags for every attendee. But if that does not work out, we will be offering them for sale later, just as we did for the 2016 District convention.



LWML Kansas District

2018 Convention Shirt Order Form



For 2018, we will be offering two styles of 100% cotton t-shirts with an embroidered logo: **unisex short-sleeved in ash gray**, and **ladies' style long-sleeved in medium gray**. Each shirt will cost \$14.

We are also offering a white, sleeveless microfleece vest with an embroidered logo for \$30. This will be an **order only** item; there will not be any available at KAOL or the fall retreat.

Shirts and vests must be pre-ordered and picked up at convention.
 (Some shirts will be available to buy or pick up at KAOL and the fall retreat, but it is not guaranteed we will have your size & style in stock.)

*** Make checks payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention 2018***

ALL CONVENTION SHIRT/VEST ORDER FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB 24, 2018

Please mail payment with order form to:

Ann Harms, 9411 E Pebblebrook Ct., Wichita, KS 67207

Name: _____	Size: Ladies Long-sleeved • Unisex Short-sleeved • Vest
Address: _____	Small _____
Phone: _____	Medium _____
Email: _____	Large _____
QUANTITY: SHIRT _____ x \$14 each = _____	XL _____
VEST _____ x \$30 each = _____	2XL _____
TOTAL DUE: _____	3XL* _____

*For 3XL vests, add \$4.



Special Focus Ministries Committee
LWML Kansas District
Sherri Rose, Vice President
Ann Harms, Chairman

September 2017

To: LWML Zone Presidents
LWML Zone Special Focus Ministries Chairmen
LWML Society Presidents
LWML Society Special Focus Ministries Chairmen
LWML Members

Attention all Zone Presidents and Zone SFM Chairmen: Please see that each society in your zone receives a copy of the enclosed pages.

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Greetings from the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee!

The LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee will host a special program for Young Woman Representatives at the LWML Kansas District Convention, April 20-22, 2018 at the Atrium Hotel & Convention Center, Hutchinson.

Each Zone in the Kansas District may sponsor up to two Young Woman Representatives (YWRs), age 20 through 35 (as of April 20, 2018). Other information about the application process is listed in the attached guidelines.

We encourage all LWML members to invite and encourage any young woman fitting the guidelines to apply!

Completed applications should be returned to Zone Presidents by January 15, 2018.

Each Zone will be responsible for selecting up to two Young Woman Representatives and submitting the two chosen YWR applications to the SFM Committee, along with the convention registration forms and registration fees. Hotel Reservations will be made by the LWML Kansas District convention planning committee. Each Zone will be responsible for paying the hotel expenses for their YWR as directed to Zone Presidents by the convention planning committee.

Attention Zone Presidents: Page 1 of this application and all convention registration forms and fees are to be submitted to the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee by **February 1, 2018**. Please direct any questions and send convention YWR registration forms to:

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9411 E Pebblebrook Ct.
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316-712-0877
annkirstinharms@yahoo.com

In His Name,

Ann Harms

LWML Kansas District
Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman



Special Focus Ministries Committee
LWML Kansas District
Sherri Rose, Vice President
Ann Harms, Chairman

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION GUIDELINES DISTRICT CONVENTION

What is a Young Woman Representative? A YWR (acronym) is a young woman who represents her church, society, zone and district for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); she does not have to be a member of LWML! She will attend the District convention as a special guest and have the opportunity to see how the LWML operates in its missionary service. More importantly, she is mentored on how to develop a strong relationship with God and others through her work in LWML.

Who may apply?

1. She must be a mature young woman between the age of 20-35 (as of April 20, 2018), who is a member of the Kansas District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
2. She shall have a deep love and devotion to her Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to attend all sessions and YWR activities of the convention. YWRs will be seated together but will not vote.
3. She must be able to be away from home and/or work for the entire convention.

What can the YWR expect from the experience?

1. She will be given a "mountain-top" experience that will be spiritually uplifting, inspiring, fun-filled, entertaining and interesting.
2. She will be a special guest at the convention. Her LWML Zone will cover registration, travel, housing, and meal package costs.

What can the District expect of the YWR?

1. The YWR will be encouraged to become an active participant in her society, zone or the district and will be encouraged to share her knowledge of LWML with other women.
2. The YWR will be encouraged to prayerfully consider completing a Personnel Resource Profile after the convention for future involvement in the LWML Kansas District.

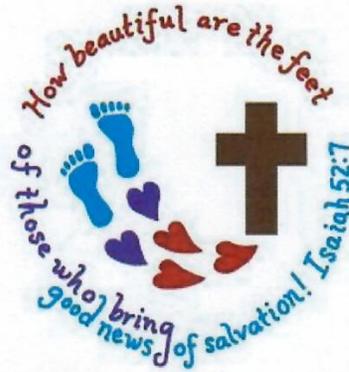
How to apply:

1. The Young Woman Representative applicant should complete all pages of the attached form. **The applicant should then send all pages, including the letter of reference (page 3 of the application), to her zone president:**
Zone President Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
2. The application must be sent to the Zone President by email or mail, received no later than **January 15, 2018**. (If the Zone President does not have email, please mail the application. It is suggested to postmark by January 11 or earlier.)
3. Each Zone Committee may select up to two YWRs to the LWML Kansas District Convention. The selected YWRs' information, registration forms, and fees must be given to the Special Focus Ministries Committee by **February 1, 2018**.
4. Zone Presidents should notify all applicants as to whether or not they have been selected by February 1, 2018.

Questions? Contact Ann Harms at 316-712-0877 or annkirstinharms@yahoo.com



Special Focus Ministries Committee
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YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION
LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2018
April 20-22, 2018, Hutchinson, KS

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____, Kansas Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ [] cell [] home Do you text? Y N

Email _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Church City _____

LWML Zone _____



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YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION
Letter of Reference

Applicant's Name _____

Please describe why this individual should be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the LWML Kansas District Convention.

Reference written by:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Email _____

Local LWML Society President Signature _____

Return this letter of reference to the YWR applicant, so she may return it to her Zone President with the YWR application forms.

Questions? Contact Ann Harms at 316-712-0877 or annkirstinharms@yahoo.com

The application must be received by the Zone President no later than **January 15, 2018**.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

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LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CHRISTIAN LIFE RETREAT

The Christian Life Retreat is coming up, so remember to send in your registration for this wonderful event soon. The **early bird deadline is October 1!** Make your check out to **LWML Kansas District** and place CL Retreat on the memo line. You may find the registration form on the page of this Sonshine issue or on the website: www.kansaslwml.org. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in McPherson for fellowship and to celebrate the great faithfulness of the Lord that is new every morning!

**Great Is Thy
Faithfulness!**

LWML Kansas District
Christian Life Retreat
November 2017

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Romans chapter 12 reminds us that we each have different gifts, and each gift is important for the overall body of Christ. At the 2018 Kansas District convention, we will be electing officers to serve as VP of Christian Life, VP of Gospel Outreach, VP of Organizational Resources, VP of Special Focus Ministries, and Treasurer. In order to create a ballot, we need the willingness of ladies across Kansas with a variety of different gifts and passions to be willing to Serve the Lord with gladness in one of these positions. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to use your gifts in one of these ways and provide encouragement to others in your society and zone you believe are qualified, but who may be nervous or doubtful in their ability to serve in the role. You may send questions and/or nominations to Tiffany Harkins,

Officers to be elected in 2018 are:

VP of Christian Life

VP of Gospel Outreach

VP of Organizational Resources

VP of Special Focus Ministries

Treasurer

Please join us
at the

LWML Christian Life Retreat

to rest in His

GREAT FAITHFULNESS!

November 3 - 4, 2017, in
McPherson, KS



- ENJOY A RELAXING WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP
- CONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MEET NEW ONES
 - ENJOY MUSIC
 - MEDITATE IN GOD'S WORD
- LIGHTEN YOUR SPIRIT WITH LAUGHTER
 - WIN PRIZES

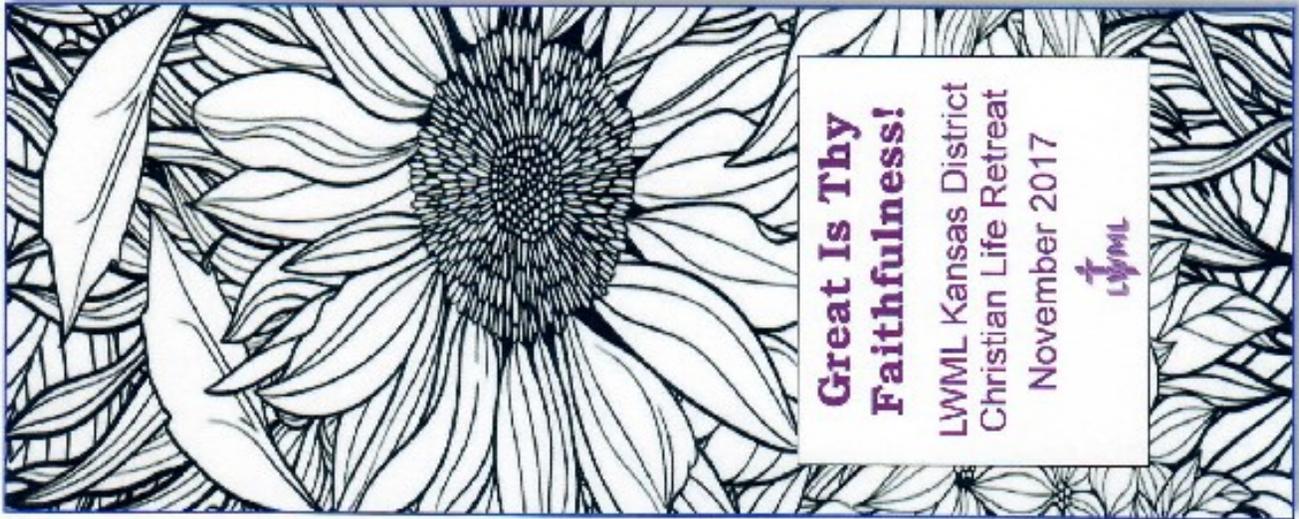
Concordia Publishing House and the LWML Kansas District Store will have items available for your shopping enjoyment!



Best Western Holiday Manor

2211 E. Kansas Ave.

McPherson, KS 67460



**Great Is Thy
Faithfulness!**

LWML Kansas District
Christian Life Retreat
November 2017





Guest Speaker: Eden Keefe

Eden grew up in Kansas and has been blessed to serve in LWML since 1990. Her passion for Bible study and scriptural journaling has led her to explore ways to incorporate visual resources into her faith walk. She will lead us in ways to use journaling to meditate on, and respond to, God's rich Word.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, Lamentations 3:22-23

Agenda

FRIDAY – November 3

- 5:00 p.m.** Registration / check into rooms
- CPH / LWML Store** open until 7:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.** Welcome Reception
- 7:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker and Activities
- 8:45 p.m.** Vespers service
- 9:15 p.m.** Fellowship: After Hours Fun and Games

SATURDAY – November 4

- Early Meditations/ Walkers**
- 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Breakfast served
- CPH / LWML Store** open until 8:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome and Prayer
- 9:10 a.m.** Session I
- 11:15 a.m.** Break
- CPH / LWML Store** open until 12:30 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch served
- 12:30 p.m.** Session II
- 2:30 p.m.** Closing thoughts

Please reserve my spot! I want to Rest in His Great Faithfulness!

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

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1

REGISTRATION:

(PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICES AND ENCLOSE AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY)

Hotel Room, Meals and Activities for One Great Price!

(Room \$77.50, \$20 meals, \$20 registration + Friday snack)

- 1 person/room \$117.50 total
- 2 person/room \$78.50 per person
- 3 person/room \$65.00 per person
- 4 person/room \$59.00 per person **(BEST DEAL)**

PLEASE ADD \$10 if postmarked AFTER October 1

I have a roommate(s): _____ (list names)

The Committee may assign me a roommate(s).
 I plan to attend the retreat, but will not stay at the hotel. Registration cost: **\$45.00/person.**

Please check if you prefer a ground floor room, as no elevator is available:

Please send registration form with payment to:

Tiffany Harkins
 706 N. Walnut Street, Olathe, KS 66061

KAOL INGATHERING FOR PASSAGEWAYS AND THE TREEHOUSE

Many thanks to all the KAOL attendees and societies who contributed to the Ingathering at KAOL held in Wichita on August 5th. Your generosity is always overwhelming and so appreciated. Praise God from whom all blessing flow! Here are the totals:

Passageways	The Treehouse
118 rolls of paper towels	74 baby wipes packages
406 rolls of toilet paper	89 onesies
446 razors	32 baby bottles
34 laundry detergent jugs	27 blankets
26 dishwashing detergents/soaps	50 packages of diapers
135 boxes of Kleenex	4 cans of formula
50 shaving creams	4 thermometers
13 cans of coffee	1 nail clippers
35 bars of soap	1 baby ointment
Misc. toiletries	Burp cloths
\$255 monetary donations	\$90 monetary donations
One Walmart gift card	One Walmart gift card.



Passageways is an organization that in the name of Christ give homeless veterans a hand-up while providing a warm and safe environment for veterans to call home. Passageways was started by two members of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita.

The Treehouse, founded by the Orthodox Christian Ministries, offers mothers and babies a brighter future through sharing God’s love, basic necessities, education and genuine personal care.

- Laura Hunter – VP of Caring Service
- Betty Amey – Chairman
- Carol Nix, Gloria Peterson, Karen Rinne,
and Janice Cundiff – Committee Members
- Pastor Grimm – Pastoral Counselor



Think outside your church walls!

Our LWML group decided we wanted to get out into the community more this year. For several months we find an organization and go volunteer. This morning we went to Assistance League of Tulsa's Operation School Bell and helped clothe children from public schools who were in need of some help with uniforms, shoes, jackets and other necessities to attend school and be able to concentrate on their studies. We didn't preach or teach the Gospel message but we hope we showed the love and care that Jesus showed when He was among the people. Other workers at the site were interested in what church we were from and how we came to be there.



Two Minute Tuesdays

The Time is Now

Think outside your church walls! Get out into the public arena so people wonder who you are and why you are doing what you are doing. It can open conversations and opportunities for you. If you go to lunch afterwards it's even better!

Patti Ross

LWML President 2015-2019

Celebrate LWML Sunday With US

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

BE READY



IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

One of the goals of the National LWML – Women in Mission – is to challenge LWML women to make a difference in the lives of hurting, helpless and unbelieving people at home and throughout the world. In Kansas, we can accept that challenge and make a difference! At the National LWML Convention, many times we were encouraged to plan short-term mission trips. A couple of the attendees from Kansas approached me and want to make a short-term mission trip. One of the destinations would be Ysleta Lutheran Mission and Human Care in El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. This is a very possible mission trip for Kansas LWML – no passport needed, distance is not great! So what can we do there? In one week – we could assist in service projects that would make a difference, do home construction, help in a health care clinic, sort food for distribution, assist in teaching in the school, and much more! So let's plan for a spring trip to Ysleta!! The weather in Texas would be comfortable, the scenery on the way is beautiful!

Please 'talk it up' in your zone and society! If you need more information – contact me:

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October 2017 Kansas LWR Pickup Report

The majority of the boxes received at the four pickup sites in Kansas contained quilts, but also received were many boxes filled with school kits, health kits, baby kits, and soap. It is such a blessing to witness all the 'servant hands' that have been hard at work for the last year. A great big THANK YOU goes out to every person involved in preparing these items for Lutheran World Relief.

Karen Morrison, LWML Kansas District Lutheran World Relief Coordinator

Wichita - 943 boxes with a weight of 18,623 lbs.

Hays - 507 boxes with a weight of 9,957 lbs.

Salina - 651 boxes with a weight of 13,443 lbs.

Topeka - 749 boxes with a weight of 15,996 lbs.



UPCOMING EVENTS— SAVE THE DATES

Please Join Us for the
Holy Cross Women's Retreat
 Saturday, January 20, 2018



Tickets: \$20 Doors open at 8:30 am, lunch is provided, day ends at 2:30 pm
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church - 600 N Greenwich, Wichita KS
 Registration forms will be available at <https://HolyCrossLutheran.net/opportunities-to-serve/LWML>

Kansas LWML is on Facebook! Be sure to "like" our page. You can also follow the National LWML on their Facebook page too! Join today.



National LWML has a National LWML Pinterest page. Check out the great resources!



Concordia Publishing House has partnered with Lutheran Women's Missionary League to bring you an updated shopping experience while still providing the full range of LWML products and resources.



2018 LWML Kansas District Convention

April 20-22, 2018

Atrium Hotel & Convention Center, Hutchinson

Convention Theme: Beautiful Feet

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

ZONE NEWS

Immanuel LWML Ladies and Pastor have been taking Day Trips to visit Lutheran Churches in Kansas to learn from their history and make contact with fellow LWML Sisters in Christ. Over the years they have visited Trinity Lutheran Church at McFarland, Kansas; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Leavenworth, Kansas; Saint John's, Farley, Missouri; The Church of the Plains at Victoria, Kansas; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sylvan Grove, Kansas; and most recently Peace Lutheran Church, Andover, Kansas. On July 11, 2017, when Immanuel Ladies travelled to Andover, Kansas, they were greeted by the LWML Ladies and Pastor Jeff Geske for a tour of the church, a report from Young Representative, Paige Edgington, Wichita, who attended the Albuquerque Convention, lunch and a Diamond Dazzle Party orchestrated by Peace Lutheran LWML President, Irene Major. Guests and friends of Peace wore "Bling" and were given purple prizes using the LWML web site Trivia Contest.



ZONE NEWS

The ladies of the NE LWML Zone were clad in purple and bling for their Diamond Dazzle fall workshop on September 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison. Pastor Sean Kilgo led the Bible study on Balance. Esther Ideker, NE zone delegate, along with attendees Jill Lowe and Brenda Meyer gave their LWML convention report. The ingathering went to Samaritan's Purse and servant events were decorating lunch bags and cutting quilt blocks.



Guest Speaker, Cindy Swanson portrays Katie Luther

Fifty-six members of the Linn Zone Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) met at St John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, Kansas, Saturday morning October 7, 2017, for their annual Fall Event. Pastor Jacob Sherry led a Bible study called "Knowing Jesus Gives Life Balance."

Guest speaker was Cindy Swanson from Lincoln, Nebraska. Dressed in 1500 German attire and a German accent, she talked and showed pictures of Katie Luther, wife of Martin Luther.

President Arlyce Klipp presided at the meeting. Michele Voelker talked about organizing a team to help with hurricane cleanup in Beaumont, Texas. Rita Siebold reported the collection today would be for hurricane victims. \$870 was collected and sent to Orphan Grain Train to be matched by Thrivent.

Arlyce Klipp announced there would be packaging of 42,500 Mercy Meals in Odell, Nebraska on November 27 and 28, 2017. Volunteers are needed for this project.

Loma Turk gave a report and pictures of the national LWML convention held this past June in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The morning concluded with a bounteous salad luncheon.