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Where Are They Going?

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Romans 10

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." (Isaiah 52:7)

Dear LWML Kansas District Sisters-in-Christ!

I love fall! There is just something about it that brings grateful closure of seeing the crops harvested from the fields and the prairie grasses all headed out, bursting with seeds for next year. On the other hand, there is the excitement of a new school year: new students, teachers, classes, and sports seasons. Even though we are approaching the end of the church year, it is with great anticipation that I just completed the order for new curriculum, new Bibles, and new catechisms for new students and new classes as we begin the fall classes for Sunday School and Midweek. I love fall!



What does fall bring to your LWML? Many societies take a break during the summer and are now ready to begin meeting regularly again. Char Kroemer, Vice President of Communication for LWML, recently had an article at www.lwml.org answering "Who We Are" in LWML. As a take-off of that, please take time in your meetings to answer these focus questions for your zone or society:

- * **ENGAGE:** How does our LWML focus on Making our Faith Meaningful...to our Lord and in the lives of other people?
- * **ENCOURAGE:** How does our LWML focus on Sharing Encouragement...offering ways to serve Him with gladness through serving in our church and serving other people?
- * **EQUIP:** How does our LWML focus on Nurturing Faith...by offering opportunities to be in the Word?
- * **ENJOY:** Is our LWML a vibrant, energized, God-blessed, Christ-centered, and Spirit-filled organization?

If your society can easily answer these questions and you also find that you are providing Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service, and financial support for Mission Grants and local projects—congratulations! Praise Him! If your society struggles to answer these questions, or if you see areas for improvement, or if you want to try some new ideas, be sure to tap the amazing resources at the LWML district and national websites. Call or email an officer or committee chairman. Ask questions. Talk. Pray. **We are here to help. We are here to serve Him—through serving you.**

As we continue to reflect on "Beautiful Feet" following our 2018 convention, what does the new LWML logo make you think? And Feel?

For me, I love the simplicity of the logo: the cross that is above all; the heart that represents His love for us, foremost, and then the love we share with our neighbors; and none of that would be possible without His precious blood (the drop) that He shed for us. As your president, I am committed to the tagline that reflects our purpose: **In Mission**. The Kansas District focus is not on meetings. We spend minimal, albeit necessary, planning and preparation time in meetings—so that we can focus on being **In Mission**. And we invite and encourage you to focus on the same in your societies: **Less Meetings—More Mission!**

Our opportunities to Believe, Proclaim, Serve, and GO to bring His Good News to others are unlimited. I ask again, "Beautiful Feet—In Mission: Where are YOU going?"



*In His Grace and service,
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Counselor's Corner

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While on a business trip to England, some years ago, a traveler was invited to view through a microscope lens to see the intricacies of flower petals and a few crystals. He was amazed to study their beauty and detail. He decided to purchase a microscope like it, and take it back home with him. He thoroughly enjoyed using it, until one day he examined some food he wanted to eat for dinner.

Much to his dismay, he discovered tiny creatures crawling in this favorite of his. Since he liked this food, he wondered what he ought to do. He could not eat it, because the thought of eating creepy, crawly things troubled him. Finally, he concluded that he could get out of his dilemma if he simply forgot what he saw under magnification. And so, he destroyed the microscope that caused him to discover the distasteful truth. So, he smashed it to pieces, and never thought about it again.

“How foolish!” you think. But many people do the same thing with the Word of God. They think it is interesting, until it reveals more than they care to know. It shows their evil nature, and displays the truth of what is hidden within. “For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two edged sword, it penetrates to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart,” Hebrews 4:12. While some may be appalled at what they see, they should not ignore the truth.

The answer to the dilemma is not to ignore the facts, but to understand them. Every human heart carries a burden of sin, which has a life of its own in each human life. This evil nature isn't always seen, but it is always present. As the Word of God speaks to us, it shows us our nature, but it also makes known His mercy and grace. The Bible points us to see Jesus Christ, our Holy Redeemer. He is able to take away our sin. Faith in Him makes us pure. He cleanses us so that we become righteous children of God – all by faith, not by works, because God sees through a lens that looks first to the holiness of Christ, our Lord.

Fall is the time we think of heading to school. But learning is not merely for children. Join or create a Bible study group. Read the Bible, and don't be dismayed to learn what you see described there. God's love is the true and great focus of the Bible, for it points us to see Jesus, His Son.

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Hebrews 4:12



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FINANCIAL NEWS

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In the summer Sonshine I asked three questions. Were you able to select the correct answer? Below are three more questions and answers for you to review. If you need help to find the correct answer, check out the LWML Kansas District website. Watch for more questions to come in future Sonshine issues. Mark all answers that apply.

1. When/how are Mission Grants paid?
 - a. One per month, in the order they were chosen.
 - b. All of them immediately after the convention in which they were chosen.
 - c. One at a time, in the order they were chosen, as the EC determines the district has enough funds to distribute a grant.
2. The God’s Gracious Gift Fund (GGGF) is funded by:
 - a. Donations
 - b. A portion of the Mission Goal (budget)
 - c. Interest from an interest-bearing account and Thrivent Choice Dollars
3. God’s Gracious Gift Fund (GGGF) grants are paid when?
 - a. Throughout the biennium.
 - b. convention in which they were selected.
 - c. Once we have enough donations.

Answers: 1. c; 2. a, c; 3. b

COMMUNICATION

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What is **COMMUNICATION**? The dictionary has several good definitions:

- * it is the imparting or exchanging of information or news;
- * the successful conveying or sharing of ideas;
- * the means of connection between people;
- * the means of sending or receiving information; and
- * a way of sending information to people by using technology and other methods.

These definitions also define the Communication Committee of the LWML Kansas District. 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.

Marj Aufdemberge is the committee chair and serves as the Distribution Manager. Please be sure to send her your society *Quarterly* payment, and any change in your subscription. The deadline is March 1, 2019.

Michelle Domsch is the Newsletter Editor. She would appreciate articles to include in *The Kansas Sonshine* regarding your society and zone events. The *Sonshine* is published quarterly.

Shawna Spiels is the Technology Manager. She is always available to help you with your technology needs, including PowerPoint presentations. You can email her with your questions.

Sherry Meier is the Directory Manager. If you have changes in personnel in your society and/or zone, please send those changes/corrections to her to include in the District Directory to keep it updated.

Kathie Thurman is the Store Manager. She orders merchandise and supplies to sell at all of the district events for all of your LWML needs. If you need her to order anything for you ahead of time, please send her an email.

Ramie Schulteis is the Social Media Manager. She manages the LWML Kansas District Facebook page. If you have an upcoming event, please contact her if you'd like to advertise and share information.

This committee is a group of women who are ready to share their knowledge and information, and are always ready to help you with your LWML needs or answer any questions you may have.

Lastly, please remember to visit the LWML Kansas District website at www.kansaslwml.org often. There is a lot of information posted for your use. We appreciate all of the time and effort of our current webmaster, Mark Fuchs, who has kept our website updated and fresh for nearly 10 years. He is stepping down at the end of 2018, and we are looking for a replacement. We will miss Mark and his knowledge, and are so thankful for his work and dedication to our website, as he has served the LWML Kansas District with willingness and gladness.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To keep the LWML Kansas District Directory up-to-date, we need your help! We track the executive committee, district committees and all the zone offices, including pastoral counselor. For societies, we need only the president and treasurer information. This includes name, address, phone numbers and email address.

Executive committee, district committee members, and zone presidents, please email any changes to Sherry Meier (slmeier1950@gmail.com), Directory Manager. Society presidents, send your changes to your zone president, who will forward that information on to Sherry.

Thanks for your help! God bless all that you do for Him through LWML! Sherry Meier

CARING SERVICE

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My granddaughter and I had the AWESOME experience to travel to Guatemala this July with MOST Ministries on an eyeglass mission trip. Funding for this experience was made possible in part by the mission grant for MOST Family Scholarships approved at the Albuquerque national convention last year!

We traveled with a team of 13 to Santiago Zamora, which is about 1.5 hours from Guatemala City. It is a rural area with a Lutheran Church that also houses a LeadaChild school. This was my second time to visit Santiago Zamora (I was there two summers ago with MOST) and my granddaughter's first. The church Iglesia Luterana Redentor del Mundo (Redeemer of the World Lutheran Church) hosted a five-day eyeglass clinic where we measured and fitted refurbished glasses for people within the community. The overwhelming joy of serving these kind and humble Guatemalans is hard to put into words! Some of the clients already had glasses (most likely from our visit two years ago) that just needed to be updated. But many were receiving glasses for the first time, and some of them had very advanced prescriptions. It was hard for us to imagine how they got by without glasses for so many years. The cost of glasses in Guatemala is less than in the US, but still well outside of affordability; costing as much as a farmer's annual salary. This was an opportunity for the clients to not only to receive physical eyesight, but also an opportunity for spiritual sight as each participant begins and/or ends their visit at an evangelism station manned by the local congregational leaders.



We also had the opportunity to visit one of the shelters set up in a public school for victims of the recent Fuego (Fire) Volcano eruption that occurred early June. You may have seen this on the news. We were actually staying about 10 miles from that volcano. This eruption killed over 300 people and has destroyed the crops (corn, beans, vegetables, fruits, coffee) for this year and will impact the crops for a few years to come.



CHRISTIAN LIFE

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This fall we will not meet as a district for a Christian Life Retreat, but that does not mean we can't take intentional time to grow and encourage one another in our faith walk. Here are some ideas to consider with your society, with a small group or friends, or by yourself.

- 1.) Enjoy exercise and Autumn by walking your Beautiful Feet through the neighborhood. While walking, you can give back by intentionally praying over each household, picking up trash, and/or stopping to talk to neighbors you usually don't interact with much.
- 2.) Spend devoted time in scripture and prayer. Remember the Visual Faith examples shared at last year's retreat and find resources on our Christian Life page of the district website.
- 3.) Take time to talk to other women at church. There can be some pent up worry or excitement that doesn't get shared when we just smile and wave with a quick passing hello on Sunday morning. If Sunday morning doesn't allow enough time for deeper discussion, take the initiative to plan a time to meet later in the week to show you genuinely care.
- 4.) Challenge yourself. This may mean you memorize a verse or passage that has a special meaning to you every time you read it, that you make yourself pray out loud every day for a month, or that you connect with an accountability partner weekly and practice the art of confessing sins and reminding each other of the beauty and healing of Christ's forgiveness and grace.



ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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The Organizational Resources Committee would like to thank all of the zones who have sent their bylaws to us when requested. We are almost back on schedule and that is due to your willingness to help us. The following helpful tidbit of information, "Small Words", was written by Lois Schlickau and published in [Bylaws Bits and Bytes](#), Vol. VI, #2, 1996. "In a recent issue of Portals of Prayer, the author wrote, 'Pay attention to the small words.' This excellent advice can also be applied to bylaws. For example, two little words that often appear in bylaws are "may" and "shall". There is a distinct difference in meaning. When the word "may" appears, it gives the organization an option or choice. When the verb "shall" appears, the choice has been removed. It is a requirement that must be done. The next time you read your LWML bylaws, pay attention to those significant 'small words'".

Dear Bitsy, Our zone is having a real problem finding people to serve as officers and committee chairmen. Do we really need all the positions that they have at the district and national levels? Signed, Frustrated

Dear Frustrated, National and District bylaws stipulate that elected officers are President, Vice President (s), Secretary and Treasurer. At the zone level it is possible to rename some of those positions and/or combine positions with something else. For example, the Vice President could also be the Organizational Resources committee chairman and ask for volunteers when it is time to review zone bylaws. A single person could serve as Caring Service and Special Focus Ministries Chairman or you might combine Christian Life and Gospel Outreach. This option might be the answer if your population is declining, but the drawback to combined positions is less people giving input and voting on your zone Board of Directors.

If a time commitment seems to be the issue, a second option might be to have your chairmen serve two year terms with no consecutive term in the same position. The current committee chair selects a co-chair to work with her during the second year of her term to learn the job and share the responsibility. Then when the original chairman's term is up the co-chair takes over and finds another woman to mentor in that position. This might be a way to involve more young women and those who have been supporting members up until now, because they will have someone to "show them the ropes" as well as knowing their time commitment is short term.

Before, during and after the election process, pray for God's guidance and thank Him for sending the people He wants to fill those open positions so you all can "Serve the Lord with Gladness". Bitsy

Dear Bitsy, I'm the new zone Archivist/Historian and I have a lot of really interesting things to share. How do I get in touch with the District Archivist/Historian so I can send her some of these things? Signed, Enthusiastic

Dear Enthusiastic, I am pleased to hear that your zone has done a good job of recording its history. The Kansas District currently has two Archivist/Historians and they can be reached by email at either archivist.esther@kansaslwml.org or archivist.judy@kansaslwml.org. I'm sure they would be glad to discuss the best ways to preserve what you have and the kinds of things you might want to save in the future. However, the District does not store information for individual zones or societies. The Kansas District stores District history, each zone keeps and stores its history, and each society keeps and stores its history. Maybe you could ask your zone president about setting up a display at a zone event or having a couple of trivia questions at each meeting with a prize for the first right answer. It sounds like this position will give you the opportunity to "Serve the Lord with Gladness". Bitsy

Heart to Heart Sisters

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It has been a blessing to be part of the Heart to Heart Sisters program since June 2017. After completing my term as VP for Special Focus Ministries in April, I have been able to attend a couple of events related to the H2H program. In May, I attended the Multiethnic Symposium at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The symposium is held annually and is in place to affirm and celebrate multiethnic ministries, and to learn from those who are leading the way in those ministries. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet people and to spend some time with national LWML VP of Special Focus Ministries, Kaye Wolff, who was a presenter and is a key organizer of the symposium, and with LWML President Patti Ross.

In July, Jill Lowe and I were privileged to attend the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society (OELMS) annual conference at Christ Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO. The entire conference was July 18-21. I was asked to give a presentation to the leadership of the OELMS on July 19. My presentation was titled "Women's Role in the LCMS – LWML", an introduction to how women are involved in the LCMS (Deaconess, DCE, Educator, etc.), but mostly it was an introduction to LWML and how women can be involved in the mission of the LWML and build relationships with each other. I introduced the Heart to Heart Sisters program, emphasizing that ALL LCMS women can be involved in LWML regardless of age, culture, or ethnicity. We provided mustard seed devotion packets, mission project bookmarks, LWML bookmarks, and, thanks to the generous women of the Kansas District, many past issues of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine. These materials were available to the women who attended the conference later in the weekend.

The Oromo people are from Ethiopia; the OELMS strives to bring Oromo people living in the US to saving faith in Christ, directing them to membership in LCMS congregations. It was a joy to be with them at their conference. Jill and I were able to stay for the closing worship service, which was partly in English, partly in the Oromo language, but completely joyful and Spirit-filled! It was a blessing to be with these gentle, loving and friendly brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you have questions regarding Heart to Heart Sisters, or suggestions on how your congregation might be served by this program, please contact me by email.

Volunteers Needed: to serve on
the LWML Kansas District Heart to
Heart Sisters District Committee



Sherri Rose, the LWML Kansas District Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader, is looking for one or two LWML sisters with a heart for multicultural ministries to work with her to get the Heart to Heart Sisters program off to a good start in the Kansas District. The Heart to Heart Sisters program is an intentional effort to ensure that multicultural LCMS women in our District participate in the life and work of the LWML. New resources from the national LWML Heart to Heart Sisters committee will help with this work in our district. Please contact Sherri by email for more information. In addition, anyone interested in serving on the Heart to Heart Sisters District Committee is asked to complete and submit to Sherri the Committee Appointment—Personnel Profile (CAPP Form), which can be downloaded from the LWML Kansas District website at <http://www.kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources.html>. Please prayerfully consider if this is one way you can "Serve the Lord with Gladness" in the Kansas District.

YOUR MITES and CONVENTION OFFERINGS AT WORK

2017–2019 Mission Grant # 5: Current Missionary Need — LCMS International Mission; \$100,000 FULLY PAID.

National LWML Treasurer, Marilyn Schroeder, visited Mission Central with the VERY FIRST National LWML Grant that was given in conjunction with the National LWML Convention in 2017! In her hand was the very first check given this year for the grants awarded, and she presented this amazing MIRACLE to “Old Missionary” Gary Thies and Rev. Brent Smith, Co-workers at Mission Central in the amount of \$100,000.00!!! Every penny of this gift will be given to help support ten of our LCMS missionaries!



The special 75th Anniversary Thank Offering and the offering given by those participating in the Prayer Labyrinth of the 2018 LWML Kansas District Convention in Hutchinson were mailed to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, in the total amount of \$4,376.75. “Official Adoption Agreements” for the Direct Support of these three women were written. ***These women (below and on the next page) thank you for your support! Please share this information in your societies and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.***



NICHELLE DYKEMA – Missionary to Lima, Peru

Bio: Nichelle Dykema serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Peru. In this role, she coordinates and supports long-term and short-term missionaries and mission teams coming to serve in Lima, Peru. She also covers events and mission news in Peru to maintain ongoing communication between missionaries, supporters and the community. Included in her communication responsibilities are newsletter and video creation, and social media promotion of the work being done in Peru. She also assists with other communications tasks as needed. Nichelle’s hometown is New Plymouth, Idaho, where her home congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church is located. She received an Associate Degree in Graphic Design from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance from Boise State University. Before serving in Peru, Nichelle worked as a marketing coordinator, graphic designer, and interior designer. In 2016, she participated on a short-term mission team to Nicaragua. Her hobbies include reading, painting, kayaking, hiking, traveling, weight lifting and running.

Prayers: Pray for Nichelle as she serves in Peru. Ask God to provide her with a swift and smooth time of support-raising. Pray God gives Nichelle strength and peace as she moves to Peru and transitions to serving and living overseas, adapting to a new culture and language. Pray for the current mercy work and church planting happening in Lima as the LCMS missionaries serving there continue to expand ahead of her arrival. Pray that the Holy Spirit works through God’s Word to draw missionaries, supporters, community members and churches closer together as the available communication avenues are used to keep everyone in constant contact as brother and sisters in Christ. Let us give thanks that Nichelle is serving God’s children in this part of the world.

For More Information:

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<https://www.lcms.org/image/Dykema-Peru-June-2017.jpg>
<https://www.facebook.com/NichelleinLima/>



BRITT ODEMBA – Serving the Lord in Kenya

Bio: Britt Odemba serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Kenya. Britt works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) as an educational consultant. She has served primarily with Springs of Life Lutheran Church in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya, where she helped restore their school, Karama Academy. During her time in this role, she facilitated growth in the school’s enrollment and assisted in its budget process, hiring of new staff and staff trainings. Britt is now transitioning to a new position as assistant to the local Project 24 director. Project 24 is a children’s boarding facility program initiated by the LCMS and the ELCK. A child sponsorship program named Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya has stemmed from the Project 24 program, and Britt now oversees this

sponsorship program in Kenya. She gathers all of the children’s information and photos in order to create profiles for each child. These profiles are then shared with their donors. Britt looks forward to the continued expansion of this program.

Britt is from Palo Alto, Calif., and she has a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. Before heading to the mission field, she served as a preschool teacher and director at Christ Lutheran Church & School in Costa Mesa, Calif. God prepared Britt for her work in Africa through four short-term mission trips, three of which were in Kenya. During these trips, Britt helped at a rescue center, led vacation Bible school and taught health and hygiene classes. Britt’s hobbies include reading, hiking and spending time with her husband Micah and their children Rael and Silas.

Prayers: Pray for Britt as she continues to serve in Kenya. Ask God to guide her and Micah as they raise Rael and Silas in the Christian faith. Pray for the Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya program and that the children may continue to grow in their faith. Pray that God continues to bless the efforts of the staff at Karama Academy. Pray for the students and school families as they learn more about God and His love for them.

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CINDY ZIRBEL WRUCKE—Serving the Lord in Eurasia

Bio: Cindy Zirbel Wrucke serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eurasia, based in the Czech Republic. Cindy is the director of communications for the Eurasia region. She develops effective regional communication strategies and supports the LCMS personnel serving in this region with their communication needs. She also presents timely information about Eurasia mission work through print, video, web and social media to worldwide audiences. Cindy’s home congregation is Peace Lutheran Church, located in Beaver Dam, Wis. She received a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Marquette University, Milwaukee, and a master’s degree in communication from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In her free time, Cindy enjoys knitting, running, cooking and traveling. Cindy has video production experience at NBC affiliates in Milwaukee and Dallas, as well as American Airlines corporate headquarters in Dallas-Fort Worth. She served as editor for Thrivent’s magazine *Correspondent* before owning her own marketing communication firm. Cindy also worked as a financial advisor and was a limited partner with Edward Jones. She recently owned an organic farm and ran a local business in the Horicon, WI, community.

Prayers

Please pray for Cindy as she serves in the Eurasia region. Ask God to help her quickly adapt to a new culture and learn a new language. Pray that God strengthens her to boldly share the Gospel through effective communication. Ask God to keep Cindy safe as she travels throughout the region supporting the LCMS personnel in their fields of service. Let us give thanks to God that Cindy is serving His children in this part of the world.

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Rev. Bob Grimm



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TAKING CARE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL FEET



PRESIDENT BRENDA



PRAYER WALK



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MOVIE NIGHT—"I Can Only Imagine"

Kansas Assembly of Leaders | July 6-7, 2018 | Beautiful Feet: Where Are They Going?

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina was the location of the 2018 KAOL, where district leaders gathered for leadership training, Bible study, team building, and fellowship. Using Romans chapter 10 and the theme “Beautiful Feet: Where Are They Going?”, the training sessions focused on these four main points – BELIEVE...PROCLAIM...SERVE...GO. The sessions were led by presenters Susan Brunkow of Manhattan, who serves the national LWML as Leadership Development Chairman, and Rev. Bob Grimm of Alma, who serves the LWML Kansas District as Senior Counselor. The Executive Committee, Zone Presidents, District Committees, and Special Appointed Personnel were the invited guests to KAOL, who also enjoyed a Prayer Walk, a mite challenge, singing, a skit, foot spas, movie night with snacks, and shopping at the LWML Store. The KAOL attendees participated in an ingathering to benefit the Ashby House of Salina, which is an emergency family homeless shelter. At the conclusion of KAOL, participants are better prepared to continue the LWML focus of nurturing our faith in Christ, making our faith meaningful, and sharing encouragement with those we come into contact with daily.

Submitted by Shelly Keller, VP of Communication

Kansas Assembly of Leaders Ingathering

We welcomed some new “beautiful feet” to the Caring Service Committee at KAOL in July at Salina - Fonda Lawrence, Sherry Fick, and Kathy Heiniger. They join Carol Nix, myself, and VP Laura Hunter on the committee. They were put right to work sorting and counting the many donations that the zones and officers brought for The Ashby House in Salina. Ashby House is an emergency family homeless shelter in Salina. The gentleman who picked up the items for the shelter was so appreciative of all of the items that were collected. Thank you for the following donations.

The following items were received:

Toilet Paper rolls	78	Paper towel rolls	69	Cleaning supplies	18
Towels	73	Wash cloths	61	Shampoo/Conditioner	44
Deodorants	30	Diaper pkgs.	10	Dillon's gift cards	\$30
Wet Wipe pkgs.	19	Hotel size toiletries	91	Teeth products	10
Walmart gift cards	\$75	Cash	\$70	Women’s hygiene pkgs.	8

God has been so good to us and it is a blessing to share with others in the Name of Jesus.

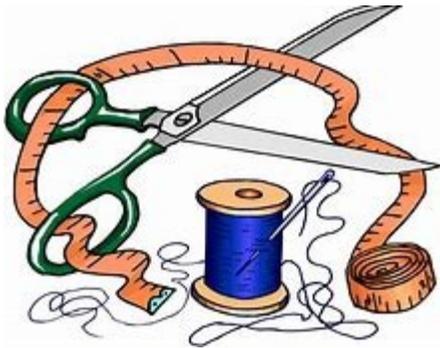
Many of your societies and zones assemble LWR kits. Instructions are on www.lwr.org. Orphan Grain train also collects hygiene and school kits and their instructions can be found at www.lwml.org. Be aware that the items included are slightly different between the two organizations. The Orphan Grain train site has a simple pattern for making diapers out of old men’s white tee shirts.

The committee is always collecting ideas for servant projects that can be shared with all of our LWML members.

Betty Amey, Chairman
Caring Service Committee

SOCIETY NEWS

Members of the Preston St. Paul Lutheran Quilters meet from September through April to sew 100+ quilts annually for world relief efforts. Quilts are dispersed by Orphan Grain Train in Omaha. When the ladies heard the Lutheran Student Center was having a silent auction fundraiser, a few members planned an early special quilting day in August to make a "school days" themed quilt and pillowcase to donate to the cause. Members who made the quilt were: Helen Condict, Carol Gordon, Kathie Thurman, and Donna Briggeman.



Pictured above: Kathie Thurman and Carol Gordon

Calvary LWML, Council Grove, has several projects coming up:

September: collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief

November: give care packages to our college students

December: collect towels and sheet sets for our local community help center; also in December—buy gifts for 1 boy and 1 girl in our community

Kim Koegeboehn, Society President



SOCIETY/ZONE NEWS

The LWML at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Scott, was presented their charter at the Southeast Zone Fall Event on September 8. Kathryn Richard, Kansas District Recording Secretary, and Elaine Engelman, SE Zone President, made the presentation to Colleen Murrin. Other Trinity LWML members participating were Kathy Werling, Paulette Smith, Robin Hughes, Martha Scott, Lori Nelson, Cynthia Cooley, and Amanda Lancaster. We welcome them to our Zone and District.



LWML Wichita Zone will meet on October 20 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Our cohosts for the day are Risen Savior and Peace, Andover. Registration will open at 8:45 am. Our guest speaker is Donna Burton, who will tell us about her experiences in the mission field in Alaska, where she has helped lead VBS for several years.

Mary Dohl
Wichita Zone President



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ZONE NEWS

Greetings from Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS. Pictured is our servant hearts assembling school kits for LWR. We assembled 27 kits on September 4th, and also readied 27 quilts for LWR. Yes that is Pastor 'Mike' helping us!! Our congregation blessed us abundantly with school supplies for this project. We have more servant projects coming up for each month. Serving the Lord with Gladness and using our Beautiful feet!!

Mary Jo Schultz
TLC Society VP/ SW Zone President



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.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Wichita - Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Risen Savior Lutheran (6770 E 34th St N, Wichita, KS 67226)

Hays - Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Trinity Lutheran (2703 Fort St, Hays, KS 67601)

Salina - Thursday, Oct. 11 at Trinity Lutheran (792 S 9th St., Saline, KS 67401)

Topeka - Friday, Oct. 12 at Christ Lutheran (3509 SW Burlingame, Topeka, KS 66611)

All Pickups are scheduled from 9 a.m. to Noon

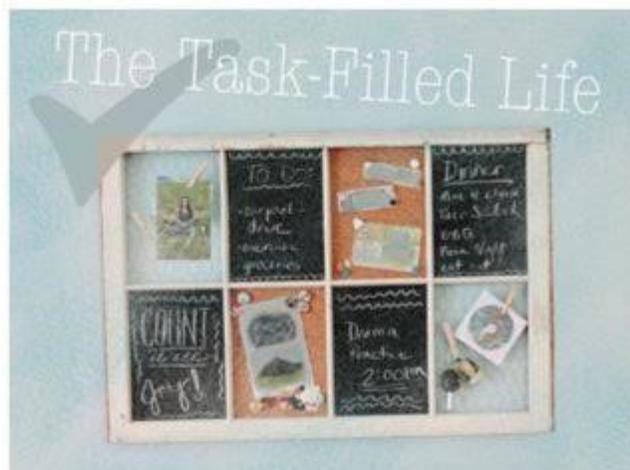
Truck loading volunteers NEEDED at each location. Put on your 'Live Generously' t-shirt and join in the fun! For questions or to get your name on the volunteer list, call Karen Morrison at 316-641-0677.

THE TASK-FILLED LIFE Bible Study by Jan Brunette – 2018



Each day's lesson will be posted online according to the date in parentheses following it. Bible Study begins on Saturday, October 6. It has posts for 6 days each week for six weeks through Friday, November 16. [The Task-Filled Life Bible Study Table of Contents](http://www.lwml.org/posts/life/the-task-filled-life-bible-study-table-of-contents)

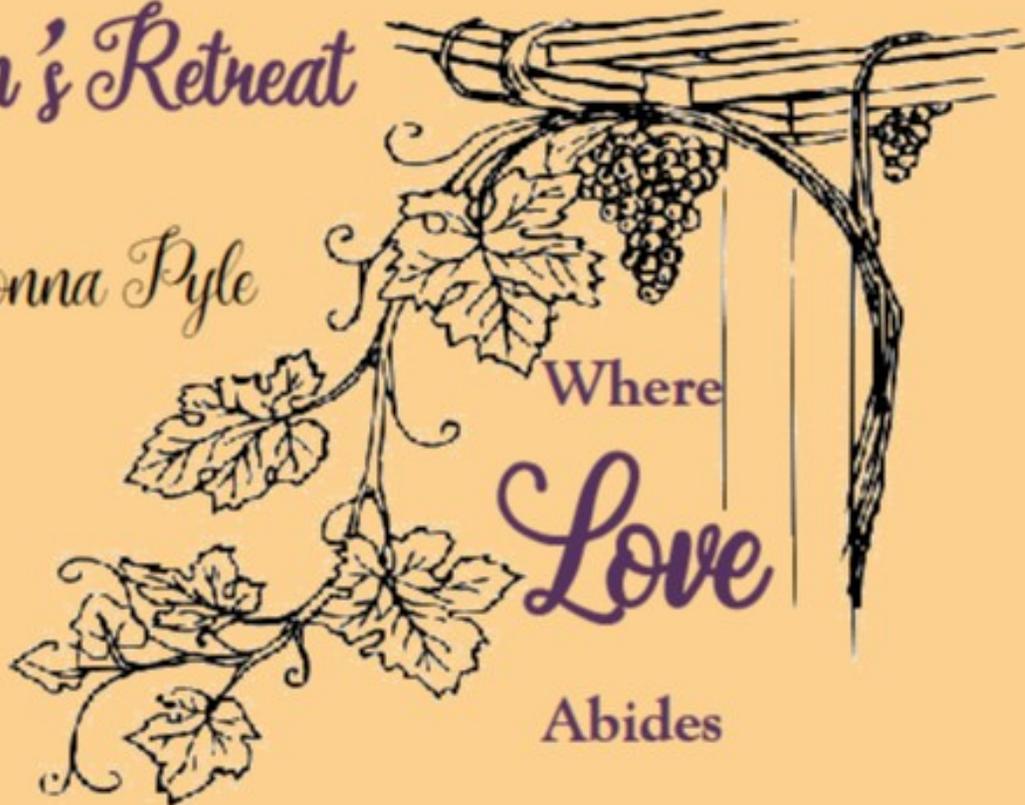
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Connecting to the True Vine to Bear Fruit that Lasts—

Women's Retreat

Presenter: *Donna Pyle*



Where

Love

Abides

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Tickets: \$20 early registration, \$25 after Friday, January 11

Registration forms will be available at <https://HolyCrossLutheran.net/LWMLretreat>
- for more information about Donna Pyle visit www.artesianministries.org -

*Doors open at 8:30 am for registration & breakfast, retreat begins at 9 and ends at 2:30,
lunch is provided*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church - 600 N Greenwich, Wichita KS

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SHIPS TO MOLDOVA
LWML Mission Grant Dollars at Work

The Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Wichita Warehouse recently loaded its first international shipment bound for Moldova (the poorest country in Europe). Included were over 1500 boxes of clothing, coats, shoes, quilts, hygiene kits, school kits and sewing fabric, as well as desks, medical equipment and wheelchairs. OGT is the recipient of Kansas District's first mission grant approved for the 2018-20 biennium.

Ways You Can Help:

Sponsor a Box (average cost to ship a box of supplies is \$11.00 or a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000). Checks are made payable to Orphan Grain Train Wichita Branch

Assemble layettes, school kits and hygiene kits (instructions are at www.ogt.org)

Donate adult, infant and children's clothing and shoes (new or used in good condition) and drug store items (shampoo, sanitary products for women, toothbrushes and toothpaste, or diapers for adults and babies)

Volunteer to sort and pack (hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays)

Pray for those in need around the world as we, through our abundance, share the love of Christ with compassionate gifts of love and mercy.



The Wichita Warehouse is located at 911 W Maple, Wichita KS. Call 316-655-1854 for more information.



Student Financial Aid Committee

The Student Financial Aid Committee would like to announce the recipients of the 2018-2019 Financial Aid. There are 27 applicants that qualified for financial aid from the Kansas District that are attending five of our Concordia Universities and Seminaries. The Kansas District awarded a total of \$26,850.00 to these students. Please consider “adopting” one or more of the students through your society or zone. Each one would appreciate your prayer support, as well as cards and letters of encouragement.

Mikayla Lowe — Trinity, Atchison

Jordan Mahnken — Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Stephanie Hatesohl — Bethany, Overland Park

Natasha Bonine - St. Paul’s, Haven

Olivia Johnson — Bethany, Overland Park

Makayla Kosburg — Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Josiah Schultz — Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Jacy Johnston — Mt. Calvary, Wamego

Kasaundra Kosberg — Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Joseph Kracht— Bethlehem, Bremen

Monica Lennington—Trinity, Atchison

Jayme Lowe — Trinity , Atchison

Kaleb Weinkauff — Risen Savior, Basehor

Brian Doel — Hope, Shawnee

Leah Werling — Trinity, Salina

Jonathon Bailey — Trinity, Garden City

Mary Schultz — Bethany, Overland Park

Joshua Brandmahl — St. John’s, Topeka

Jacob Rhodes — Hope, Lenexa

Jaron Meli — Holy Cross, Wichita

Brendon Moore – Ascension , Wichita

Mika Patron — Grace, McPherson

Raymond Doubrava— Immanuel, Wichita

Bryan Meadows — Bethany, Overland Park

Nathan Knaus — Faith, Abilene

Lawson Short — Peace, Greensburg

Andrew Hatesohl —St. Paul, Clay Center

Lisa Brack

Student Financial Aid Committee



MISSION GRANT #2 PRESENTATION



Shelly Keller (center) presenting the mission grant check to personnel from the Seminary Food Bank. Pictured (left to right): Cindy Bunte, Tom Evans, Shelly, Rev. Dr. David Peter, Kimberely Chapman, and Vicki Biggs.



Pictured with Shelly Keller at the Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis is her husband, Ray (left), and her cousin, Rev. Dr. David Peter (right).

The Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis, MO, provides food to Concordia Seminary students and their families. This grant helps students stretch their financial resources to feed themselves and their families. On July 30, Shelly Keller, VP of Communication, presented the second Mission Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis. Tom Evans, the grant writer for this mission grant, stated "we at the Seminary express our deepest gratitude to the LWML Kansas District for this generous mission grant in support of our Food Bank."

In a thank you letter received from Vicki Biggs, Senior VP of Seminary Advancement, she states, "the Food Bank continues to be a wonderful blessing for our students, the majority of whom have little income during their Seminary years and thus must live on tight budgets. The Food Bank enables them to be free from the distractions of worrying whether their families' nutritional needs are being met and where their monthly food expense dollars may come from. This helps them devote full concentration to their studies as they diligently prepare themselves for the Holy Ministry."

The Food Bank, which operates solely on contributions from deeply caring churches, individuals and organizations, continues to be an extraordinary blessing for the students and their families. Kimberely Chapman is the Seminary Administrator of Residential Services, who oversees the Food Bank program. Cindy Bunte, the Food Bank Coordinator, is a registered dietitian who places her twice-monthly orders to a local grocery store with the students' nutrition firmly in mind. The following statement from a seminary student sums up their gratitude for donations to the Food Bank. "We certainly acknowledge that the many people and organizations that donate to the Food Bank are incredibly generous. We are humbled over and over by these incredible people who help those who they haven't met and who they never may meet. It's amazing that these people and groups care so much about strangers. This is what a family of faith looks like and how its members care for each other."

Submitted by Shelly Keller, VP of Communication



Seminary students and family members shopping in the Food Bank.

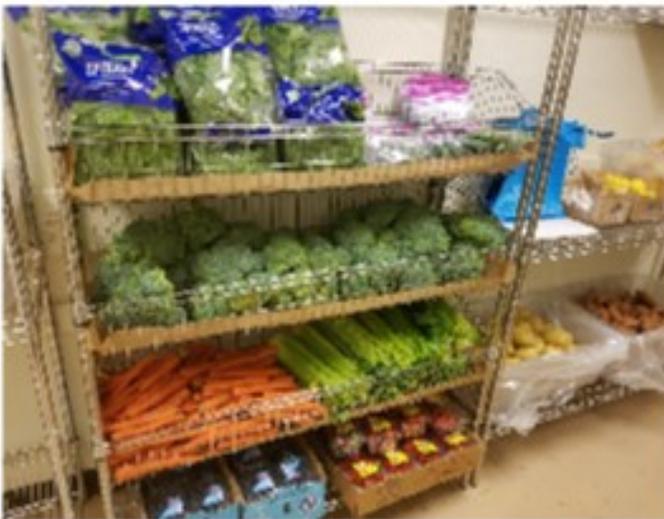


Concordia Seminary
Food Bank, St. Louis

Concordia Seminary—St. Louis / Food Bank UPDATE!

Groceries have been purchased to fill the shelves, freezers, and coolers of the Food Bank, using the recently received funds from the LWML Kansas District Mission Grant gift.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!



Submitted by Shelly Keller, VP of Communication

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

There are several mission trips upcoming in which you may participate. When you go, you will have such an enlightening experience—that you will want to go again and again! And if you cannot go, please pray for those who want to go and can go and support them with funds to enable them to participate.

An exciting trip coming up in spring/summer of 2019 will be with Lights for Christ mission trip to Zapaca, Guatemala. Holy Cross, Wichita, has been involved with this mission for several years. The mission is to rescue children who live in the city dump and connect them with a LeadaChild school where they can receive education, nutritional food and health care. If you are a medical professional, they would love to have your services. If you are not—you can still be helpful in caring for the children and assisting the medical personnel. If you need more information, contact Dr. John and Linda Tape (316)-686-1224 or ltape3232@gmail.com.

Another opportunity if you would like to travel further—a trip to Tanzania to witness to children and families will be available in 2019. No definite dates have been set and there is limited space for this trip. Contact me for more information.

You can also volunteer with Alaska Mission for Christ (AMC) for Vacation Bible Schools in the summer of 2019. This is such a rewarding experience—you are involved for only week or you can stay long and touch the lives of so many children. You get to see the great state of Alaska, and no passport is necessary!

Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas and northern Mexico always welcomes volunteers to assist in their school, clothing and food bank, with maintenance or building programs.

I hope you prayerfully consider one of these opportunities to participate or to assist someone to be a short-term missionary. If you would like more information about any of these trips, please contact me at the contact information listed below.

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