

The Kansas Sonshine

CONVENTION SUMMARY

APRIL 2018

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

37th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District April 20-22, 2018 Hutchinson, Kansas

*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)*



Lighting of the Convention Candle by the President's Page—
Lit by Carla Boyd (left), sister of President Brenda Piester.

Lutheran Women in Mission

NEWLY ELECTED:

Vice President of Christian Life
Allison Lehmann

Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Janice Cundiff

Vice President of Organizational Resources
Elaine Engelman

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
Jill Lowe

Treasurer
Carolyn Fishburn

Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Rocco Mallardi

Meeting Manager (appointed)
Gloria Raab

2018-2020 BIENNIUM MISSION GRANT RECIPIENTS

1. Orphan Grain Train, Wichita, KS: \$5,000
2. Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis, MO: \$5,000
3. Lutheran Braille Workers, Kansas: \$6,000
4. Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS: \$5,000
5. LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, MO: \$4,000
6. Lutheran Student Center at Wichita State University: \$5,000
7. Capstone Ministries, Kisumu, Kenya: \$4,000
8. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry: \$5,000
9. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI: \$4,000

2018-2020 BIENNIUM GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND RECIPIENTS

(\$5,918 AVAILABLE FUNDING)

1. MOST Ministries; Postage, Shipping & Baggage Fees for Missionary Teams: \$500
2. St. Paul Lutheran School, Cheney, KS; Purchase Used School Bus: \$3,000
3. Linn Lutheran Preschool, Linn, KS; Preschool Library: \$1,200
4. Lutheran Student Center, WSU; Mission Trip to Mexico: \$1,000
5. WinGS LWML, Ascension-Pratt; Prayer Shawl Ministry: \$218



Above (left to right):
Jan Struck, Carol von
Soosten, Deb Burma.
Pictured left:
Jan Struck as Miss
Pearl Van Even Odd
Hoven

CREDENTIALS REPORT

VOTING BODY:

Board of Directors—28

Past Presidents—5

Delegates—169

TOTAL VOTING—202

NON-VOTING BODY:

Appointed Personnel and Committee Members—6

LWML Members—117

Pastors and other Registrants—45

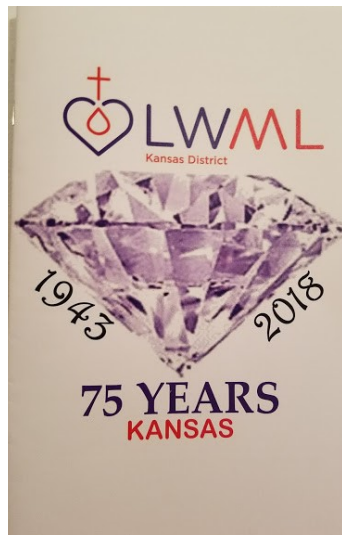
TOTAL NON-VOTING—168

GRAND TOTAL—371

CONVENTION ITEMS FOR SALE!!

PLEASE EMAIL PRESIDENT BRENDA PIESTER WITH YOUR ORDER!

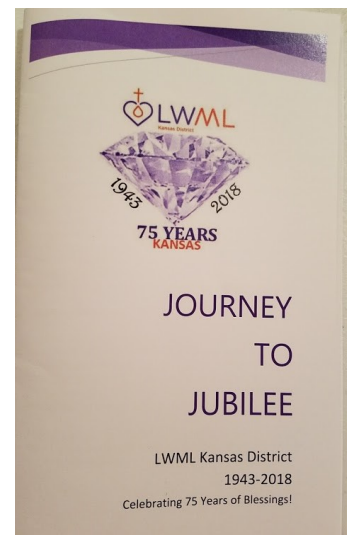
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**LWML
KANSAS DISTRICT
HISTORY BOOKLET
\$3 EACH**



**RALLY
TOWEL
\$4 EACH**



**JOURNEY TO
JUBILEE BOOKLET
(LWML MEMORIES)
\$4 EACH**

MISSION GOAL FOR 2018-2020

Total Mission Goal: \$155,700

Mission Grants: \$43,000

Student Financial Aid: \$40,000

Mites to National: \$36,250

Operating Expenses: \$36,450

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Friday worship service: \$4,707.84

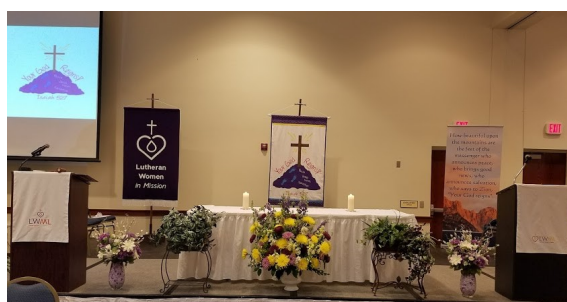
2018-2020 Mission Goal

Prayer Labyrinth: \$855.00

Mission Central

Sunday worship service: \$4,466.25

LCMS World Relief & Human Care--Disaster Response



Convention Servant Events

Many willing hands worked on the convention servant events. LWML women made the following:

- ⇒ **481 Witness bracelets**, which will be distributed by MOST Ministries short-term mission teams
- ⇒ **Ten fleece blankets** for Phil's Friends cancer care packages
- ⇒ **666 lunch sacks** for Marcia Merrick in her work feeding the homeless in the Kansas City area
- ⇒ **Two pound packages of pinto beans (141 pkgs.), rice (54 pkgs.), and black beans (25 pkgs.)** for the food ministry at Mission Southside in Olathe
- ⇒ **Cut, rolled, and crocheted** plarn to make plastic sleep mats which can be distributed by Marcia Merrick or Orphan Grain Train (we hope that this project will continue by individuals and societies)

CONVENTION INGATHERING

• Christian Soup Kitchen Ministry/Hutchinson

Liquid hand soap: 122
 Floor cleaners: 35
 Paper towels: 155 rolls
 Toilet tissue: 82 rolls
 Foam cups: 1083
 Monetary gifts/cards: \$285

Spices: 98 containers
 Dish towels & cloths: 128
 Plastic silverware: 23 packages
 Dish soap: 48
 Laundry detergent: 1
 Coffee Creamer: 1



• Food Pantry at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson

Canned Meat: 34
 Canned fruit and vegetables: 241
 Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce: 59
 Canned evaporated milk: 19
 Macaroni & Cheese: 199 pkgs.
 Tuna & Hamburger helpers: 68
 Tuna: 143 cans
 Cereal: 61 boxes
 Misc. Food items: 28

Canned soup: 64
 Canned pasta: 30
 Ramen noodles: 327 Pkgs.
 Dish soaps: 37
 Bath soaps: 372 bars
 Toilet tissue: 395 rolls
 Peanut butter/jelly: 12
 Hygiene Products: 47
 Monetary gifts/cards: \$320

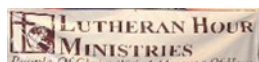


• MOST Ministries Eyeglasses

- **859 glasses (plus 100 pairs turned in before convention for a total of 959)
- **105 sunglasses



• A Truckload of Materials for the Lutheran Laymen's League booth at the 2018 State Fair



• Four large boxes of trimmed stamps for the Texas District Stamporee project



Thank you for your donations!

2018 Convention Theme Song

"Beautiful Feet"

REFRAIN

Beautiful feet, that guide our way,
Beautiful feet, with us today.
He's the Messenger on high –
Our God reigns!

On the mountaintop is He
Announcing peace to you and me.
Hear His message, voices raise
All together, sing His praise.

REFRAIN

Jesus brings Good News to all,
We see His light, we hear His call.
Spread the news of saving grace,
To all the world in every place.

REFRAIN

He alone, salvation brings
Alleluias! We will sing.
Jesus died, He set us free,
Thank you Lord for victory!

REFRAIN

Take my heart, my voice, my hands,
To do the work that God commands,
Missions, mites, with love outpoured,
And with our feet, we serve the Lord.

REFRAIN



If you'd like the sheet music for this song, please visit the website to download and print.

www.kansaslwml.org and click on the Conventions & Events tab / 2018 District Convention



75th CELEBRATION CAKE

INGREDIENTS OF LIFE - SPIRITUAL RECIPE

SUGAR = LOVE --- who doesn't need some sweet love in their lives? Love one another ---- a command from God.

John 13:34 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

VANILLA = FAITH ---- just a little goes a long way. Such a STRONG and POWERFUL ingredient for our lives.

Matthew 17:20 *He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."*

SODA/BAKING POWDER = HOPE ---- this ingredient always gives you a lift/rise --- because of Christ we all have hope.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 *English Standard Version (ESV) We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

EGGS = PEACE --- White and yellow of eggs work together to create a complete product. May we always work together to the glory of His name.

2 Corinthians 13:11 *[Final Greetings] Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

FLOUR = KINDNESS ---- takes a lot to make life abundant ---- PRAY you all have lots of flour in your life.

Ephesians 4:32 *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

SALT = FRIENDSHIP ---- You are the salt of the earth. Grow from our Christian friendships and may you be the spice of someone's life.

Matthew 5:13a *[Salt and Light] You are the salt of the earth...*

The filling of the cake turned out to be a marble cake with swirls of silver, copper and green! A very RICH cake indeed!

Exodus 35:5a *Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze;*

Using your BEAUTIFUL FEET – May your cake-walk in life be filled with spiritual ingredients – LOVE, FAITH, HOPE, PEACE, KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP.

Galatians 5: 32 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Written by Marsha Giggy, for the 75th Anniversary "Cake" for the 2018 LWML Kansas District Convention; the Thank Offering was donated to Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa.

The total collected for the "filling" of the 75th Anniversary cake:

\$3,521.75

JOIN US in TOPEKA in April 2020 for the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML Kansas District at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, hosted by the Topeka, Lincoln, and Herington Zones.

**THEME: "BE THOU MY VISION"
Hebrews 12:2**

