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Congratulations, LWML Kansas District!
Praise Him for 75 Years of Mission-Focused Blessings!

Greetings, LWML Sisters-in-Christ! Happy 75th Anniversary! Congratulations! LWML Kansas members, you've reached a "Diamond Jubilee" milestone!

Have you registered to attend the Convention in Hutchinson? There is still time!

See the Convention issue of *The Kansas Sonshine* on the Kansas LWML website for the registration form and all of the other information you will need to make the event meaningful to you. Come to Hutchinson and join over 350 of your fellow LWML Sisters-in-Christ in celebration and thanksgiving of our 75 Years of Blessings! Wouldn't it be awesome if we had three hundred **SEVENTY-FIVE** participants?

The Legacy PowerPoint has over 250 pictures of LWML women in it! Please send more pictures of LWML women over 80-years young—I'll do my best to include them! Email to president@kansaslwml.org or my cell at 620-546-3964. Thanks!

Your LWML Kansas District Executive Committee and Convention Planning Committees are BUSY! We are SO EXCITED as we look forward to our 37th Biennial convention. There are dozens upon dozens of emails zipping through cyberspace to finalize the details to make the convention run smoothly. The manual is to the printer. The worship folders are ready to print. The convention PowerPoint is being developed. There are three special gifts for all convention attendees that are being finished. Are you ready? ***It's not too late to register!***

Please, join me in prayer for:

- Safe travels and good health for participants and presenters
- No glitches with technology—and quick solutions, if necessary
- The convention to be Bible-based, God-guided, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, Mission-minded, Faith-equipping, Past-reflecting, Friendship-building, and Future-focused



Godspeed, my friends; See you in Hutchinson!
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Counselor's Corner

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When I attended a parents' meeting at Wabaunsee High School a few years ago, I heard a phrase that helps me to remember that we are here for a purpose. One parent stood up and asked for us (other parents) to be a source of "goodness *en force*." We ought to be a source of strength for those who are not as strong, and a reliable help for those who need someone to rely on. It does not matter whether someone even knows that he/she needs that help, we can provide it, honestly, lovingly, respectfully, "because we are the adults here."

This attitude shows that parents make a difference, not only for their own kids, but for others as well. What we do has a broader impact than what we see close at hand. We don't even need to be a parent to help. We gladly choose to do what is right, and we choose what is right, even if it denies some perceived pleasure. As I often repeat in Bible Classes I teach: "We are not called to lead comfortable lives; we are called to live useful lives."

This truth was best demonstrated in history. Looking at Jesus Christ, we see a man who took on many sorrows. We see a Savior who died for someone else's wrongs. We see a holy man (and a holy God) who suffers at the hands of sinners. Why? Why would anyone do such a thing? Because it takes goodness to overcome evil. The world does not always understand this, but the Bible asserts it is true. Read through Romans 12:17-21, which concludes: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." So it is with Jesus of Nazareth. There may be arguments about Him. But the truth of His life is more certain than the truth of any Roman Emperor, or philosopher of the Middle Ages, or even of any president in the 18th Century. People may doubt, or complain about Him, but what He has done still stands out as the greatest thing anyone has done. There may always be questions of "Why?" but the facts are still clear. The Bible (II Corinthians 5:21) explains the goodness *en force* Christ sought: "He became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."



Let's follow His example and seek to do good, for goodness is greater than evil.

COMMUNICATION

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BEAUTIFUL FEET

Do you like your feet? Do you like how they look? Feet are usually not the most beautiful feature of someone's body. Do you take care of your feet? What have your feet been doing lately?

Did you know that God loves feet? He says that some people's feet are beautiful. In Romans 10:15, it says that God thinks that your feet are beautiful if you are telling people the Good News about Jesus! It doesn't matter if you have a big wart, calluses, a yellow toenail, or if your feet stink! God says that your feet are beautiful!

Think about Jesus' feet. He traveled many miles on His feet to meet people and share the Good News of salvation. He walked on water. People kissed His feet. People washed His feet. He carried His own cross, and His feet were nailed to that cross. Jesus has beautiful feet! Thank You, Jesus, for Your feet!

Have you ever told a friend about Jesus? Have you ever helped someone who was in need? Have you ever invited someone to church? Have you ever prayed with someone? God loves it when we do these kind of things. God wants us to go out and share the Good News of eternal life, which we have because of Jesus...because of His death and resurrection and His love for us!

So take a look at your feet. Does God think your feet are beautiful?

Many beautiful feet will be making their way to Hutchinson very soon, to celebrate the mission of the LWML and join with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ in studying God's Word. Jesus' feet will be present with us also, every day, every step of the way. Hope you can join us the

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



*Editor's note: Join us in Hutchinson to sing this refrain to the "Beautiful Feet" song. The music and lyrics are by Shelly Keller, composed specifically for this convention.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

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Do you have mite monies ready to send to the Financial Secretary for the 2018-2020 Biennium?

Mites collected in 2016-18 totaled \$138,343.39. We have been so blessed to use our mites to serve the Lord!

Are you a Thrivent member? Have you designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars to support LWML? We received \$790 this past biennium from Thrivent Choice Dollars to support the God's Gracious Gift Fund. The grant recipients will be selected by the convention delegates. Thank you for your support!



Look for me at convention on Friday afternoon at the Leadership Development Session, "Follow the Mites! Where Do They Go?".

Kim Burdett and I will answer your questions about mites and how to complete the voucher, and share more fun information. I will have mite boxes and vouchers for you to take home. See you in Hutchinson!!

2020 Convention Theme Ideas Requested

Does 2020 seem a long way off? It's not really so far away, if you are involved in Convention Planning. The 2020 Convention of the LWML Kansas District will be held April 17-19, 2020, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Please submit THEME IDEAS with a title and supporting Bible verse to President Brenda by MAIL at 29063 64th Rd., Coats, KS 67028, or by EMAIL to president@kansaslwml.org as soon as possible. The Board of Directors will select the theme at their meeting prior to the 2018 convention, and the theme will be announced at the end of the convention. *Thank you for your ideas!*

GOSPEL OUTREACH

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The LWML Kansas District has paid the ninth and final Mission Grant for the 2016-2018 Biennium. Interim Program Director, Ree Smock, accepted the \$3,000 check on behalf of Kansas Nebraska Good News (KNGN) Radio.

With this check, KNGN will continue to broadcast Christ-crucified, cross-focused, Law and Gospel to all listeners. With the ongoing support of the existing programs, KNGN can continue to serve its listeners in Kansas with LCMS programs. This support from LWML can help bring more programming. Thank you, LWML Kansas District members, for your faithful mite offerings!



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.



CONVENTION OFFERINGS

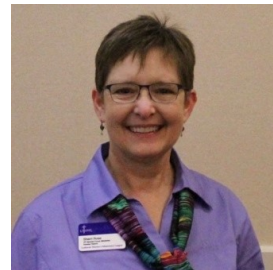
Offering 1—Friday Evening Communion Worship Service: 2018—2020 Biennium – LWML Kansas District Mission Grants

Offering 2—Sunday Morning Worship Service: LCMS World Relief and Human Care—Disaster Response

Special 75th Anniversary Thank Offerings: (Prayer Labyrinth and Anniversary Cake) Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, in support of LCMS World Mission

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

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The Special Focus Ministries committee is busy planning activities for Teens and 15 Young Woman Representatives! Join us in welcoming and teaching these young women just how loving and giving and serving the LWML Kansas District really is! We'd like to give them as much knowledge of the LWML as possible in the short three days of the convention. Be sure to introduce yourself to your Zone's YWRs, and be available to answer any questions they might have. Please keep the YWRs and Teens in your prayers. "We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk (*with beautiful feet!*) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10 ESV) (words in parentheses are mine).

FIRST TIMERS - If this is your FIRST LWML Kansas District convention, be sure to visit the SFM table near registration to pick up your special gift! We want to welcome you to this wonderful LWML experience!

TEENS - Teens will join together on Friday night to learn, laugh, and lift each other up! We'll learn about LWML and all it offers to women of all ages - even teens!! We'll celebrate LWML as Teens in Mission!

YWR ALUMNI AND YWRS - Former and current YWRs, get ready for fun and excitement Saturday evening following the banquet for Saturday Night Late Night! We'll test the room's knowledge of the LWML, game show style, through the Pyramid Challenge (surprise guest emcees are possible!). All YWR alumni are invited to join us!!

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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The Christian Life committee is looking forward to seeing you all at our booth in the exhibit hall during convention. We will have a few of our favorite Bible studies and devotions on display and our Christian Life breakfast speaker Elizabeth Ahlman will be on hand Saturday to autograph her books. Both books, "Ruth: More than a Love Story" and "Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman", will be available for purchase at the CPH store.

ZONE NEWS

On March 24, the ladies of the Wichita Zone held their Spring Rally/Day of Prayer. The mission speaker was Susan Moellinger, President and Founder of Passageways, which is an organization that helps get Veterans back on their feet. Our service project was assembling blessing bags for the heroes to take with them on appointments. We also collected items for the ingathering, which will go to the house and be used by the heroes.

Maria Keil,
Wichita Zone, Caring Service Chair

Assembly Line of blessing bags

Mission Speaker, Susan Moellinger



Ladies hard at work assembling the blessing bags



Finished Blessing Bags

ZONE NEWS

Beautiful Savior LWML (Olathe, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone) held their 15th annual overnight women's retreat in February. With the theme verse of Psalm 46:10, the ladies were able to take some time to be still in God's presence at our *Seaside Escape*. The women enjoyed games and pampering, prayed with one another, and studied Sarai's story in Genesis to reflect on how to deal with doubt in life. They also made bracelets as gifts of encouragement for others, trimmed stamps for the LWML stamporee project, and made fleece blankets for senior citizens.



Submitted by, Tiffany Harkins

News from the Southeast Zone—We had our spring event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Erie. We spent much of the business meeting sharing information about the District convention in April, and our speaker gave us information about the Guest Home Estates—a chain of elder care/nursing home facilities. I had the pleasure of welcoming the society at Trinity Lutheran Church at Ft. Scott back into active status this spring, and I look forward to being able to share activities and ideas from LWML with them again.

Submitted by,
Elaine Engelman
SE Zone President



In Praise to the Lord!
2019 LWML Convention

Celebrate our Lord's victorious resurrection and tell of His glory and salvation in all the earth at LWML's 2019 Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Hosting LWML districts: Louisiana-Mississippi, Gulf States, and Florida-Georgia will welcome you June 20-23, 2019 with genuine southern hospitality.

For more information go to www.lwml.org/2019-convention

BLESSING OF CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS

Those going to an LWML convention are invited forward.

PASTOR: St. Paul says in Galatians 3:27-28, For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

CONGREGATION: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

PASTOR: King David says in Psalm 133, Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters] dwell in unity!

CONGREGATION: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

PASTOR: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

PASTOR: At your Baptism, you were claimed by God, and promises were made on your behalf. At your confirmation, you publicly professed that faith created in you in Baptism and nurtured and nourished through the Means of Grace to this very day. Here are some of the promises you made at your confirmation:

- to renounce the devil, his works and his ways;
- to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; • to hear God's Word and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully; and
- to continue steadfast in this Confession and Church and suffer all, even death, rather than fall from it.

PASTOR: As we send you to Hutchinson for the 37th Biennial Convention, we send you there knowing that we are sending you to live out your Baptism and those promises you made at your confirmation among the people you will be in contact with there.

PASTOR: We pray that you return to us reinvigorated in your Christian walk as you will have had the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed through the many opportunities you will be given to be gathered around the Word of God and the Sacrament of Holy Communion with your sisters, and even a few brothers, in Christ.

PASTOR: And while you are away, be assured that we will support you with our prayers, and when you return we will welcome you with open arms asking to hear of the awesome deeds of our heavenly Father while you were away. (continued on page 10)

PASTOR: Therefore, we send these ladies (and gentlemen) forth as disciples to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. While there, they will be fed and nourished on God's Holy Word and through fellowship with each other. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to be used in the service of our Lord in this place.

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: And also with you.

PASTOR: Let us pray: We give You thanks, O God, that through Baptism You have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. In this community of faith, we have heard Your loving Word for us and for all of creation. We have been fed and forgiven at Your Holy Table and called to be witnesses to Your Gospel to all those You place in our lives. We pray now that You would grant Your peace to all those attending the name of convention in the days ahead. Guide them by Your Word, renew them by Your Spirit; protect them as they travel, make their way safe, and their homecoming joyful. We pray this in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR: Sisters (and brothers) in Christ, you are set apart as representatives of the body of Christ and of this congregation to represent us at the name of convention. As St. Paul reminds us in Colossian 3:17, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Amen! PASTOR: Go now in the power of our heavenly Father, ready, as we profess in our League Pledge, to serve Him "wherever and whenever He has need of us." Amen!

Written by Rev. John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011-2015

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General Convention Schedule

Thursday, April 19 (Pre-Convention Meetings):

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

Friday, April 20 (Pre-Convention Activities):

8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Prayer Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Young Woman Representatives meet with the Special Focus Ministries Comm.
9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration Open
Ingathering Collection (all day Friday and Saturday morning)
9:30 a.m. Processional and Banner Practice (E.C., Zone Presidents, and YWRs)
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO exhibits will be open on Sunday)
11:15 a.m. YWR/Mentor Luncheon (by invitation)
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Round Table Bible Study Samplers
2:30 p.m. Snack Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Leadership Development Sessions
3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Prayer Labyrinth (allow approximately 30 minutes)
and/or Scripture Journaling
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Convention Choir Practice
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
6:45 p.m. Pre-Worship Music
7:00 p.m. CONVENTION BEGINS WITH OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE
After worship 75th Anniversary Reception
9:30 p.m. YWR Friday Fellowship and TEEN Friday Fun Night

Saturday, April 21

6:30 a.m. Registration Open (Delegate Registration closes at 8:00 a.m.)
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open
8:00 a.m. Singing
8:15 a.m. CONVENTION SESSION # 1: Bible Study 1 and Business Meeting with Voting
11:30 a.m. Mission Luncheon for Pastors and Men, with Speaker
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon
12:45 p.m. Singing
1:00 p.m. CONVENTION SESSION # 2: Mission-in-Action Presentation and Other speakers
2:30 – 6:15 p.m. Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO exhibits will be open on Sunday)
2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Interest Sessions
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Servant Events
6:30 p.m. Banquet with Entertainment and 75th Anniversary Celebration
After the Banquet Informal Gathering – Mingle with Friends
9:00 p.m. YWRs Late Night Party – *All former YWRs welcome!*

Sunday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Christian Life Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Singing
8:45 a.m. CONVENTION SESSION # 3: Bible Study 2 and Closing Business Meeting
10:20 a.m. Singing
10:30 a.m. CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE
Noon Convention ends
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting with New Officers

CONVENTION INGATHERING

Please bring items anytime on Friday or on Saturday morning. *Thank you!*

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

Christian Soup Kitchen Ministry/Hutchinson

- Liquid hand soap
- Floor cleaners (i.e. Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean)
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Dish soap
- 8 oz. foam cups
- Coffee creamer



- Large containers of pepper, garlic powder, parsley flakes, dried onions and celery
- Cloth dish towels
- Plastic silverware
- Gift cards (used to purchase bread, cookies, or fruit for dessert)

Food Pantry at Our Redeemer Lutheran/Hutchinson

- Canned meats
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
- Canned evaporated milk
- Macaroni & cheese
- Tuna & Hamburger Helpers
- Tuna
- Cereal



- Canned pasta
- Ramen noodles
- Dish soaps
- Bath soaps
- Toilet tissue
- Gift cards to purchase items most needed

MOST Ministries Eyeglasses

Gently used eye glasses are refurbished and distributed through short-term missionary teams



- Adult-sized prescription glasses
- Child-sized prescription glasses

- Reading glasses
- Non-prescription sunglasses

Materials for the Lutheran Laymen's League booth at the 2018 Kansas State Fair

- Portals of Prayer and My Devotions from the past 12 months
- Sunday School material, especially items that can be colored in and have a message from the Bible stories
- Any religious themed written materials that parents and grandparents can use at home to reinforce religious values



Trimmed stamps for the Texas District Stamporee project

