



# The Kansas Sonshine

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## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

**Congratulations, LWML Kansas District!  
The Convention is Coming!**

Greetings, LWML Sisters-in-Christ!

*Celebrating*  
75 YEARS OF SERVING OUR LORD IN MISSIONS!

Your LWML Kansas District Executive Committee and Convention Planning Committees are BUSY! We are SO EXCITED as we look forward to celebrating Kansas District 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial convention in April at Hutchinson. There are dozens upon dozens of emails zipping behind-the-scenes to plan the details to make the convention run smoothly.

Have you ever attended an LWML Kansas District Convention? Why should you attend this time? Consider these Top 30 reasons to join your LWML sisters from April 20-22, 2018, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to:



- 30: Promote LWML with a new T-shirt, vest, or convention bag.
- 29: Enjoy delicious food and snacks throughout the weekend.
- 28: Read the history of and memories about LWML in the Kansas District.
- 27: Understand the outreach and LWML support of Mission Central to the LCMS.
- 26: Sing praises in the Convention Choir and in group singing.
- 25: Encourage your Pastor through supporting his attendance at the Pastor's luncheon on Saturday.
- 24: View the beautiful banners celebrating the convention theme.
- 23: Uplift the convention in prayer at the Chapel.
- 22: Explore the displays of Lutheran service organizations in the Exhibit Hall.
- 21: Understand the workings of LWML through our Bylaws updates.
- 20: Share a hug and conversation with long-time friends/LWML women.
- 19: Meet (and, if a delegate, vote for) new Kansas District officers/leaders for 2018-2022.
- 18: Introduce yourself to new Sisters-in-Christ from across Kansas.
- 17: Shop at the LWML and CPH stores for support materials for your faith walk.
- 16: Strengthen leadership skills through training opportunities led by the Executive Committee.
- 15: Pray your way through a labyrinth and/or color your way through journaling scripture.
- 14: Donate items for the ingathering to support charitable organizations.
- 13: Learn more about LWML from national Leader Development Chairman Susan Brunkow and from Strategic Plan Facilitator Carol von Soosten.
- 12: Search for new Bible Studies through the sampler sessions led by EC members on Friday afternoon.
- 11: Remember the blessings upon LWML through our own M & M interrupters, Mary and Marlene.
- 10: Be inspired by the enthusiasm and energy of the Young Woman Representatives.



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- 9: Develop understanding of Lutheran mission organizations through the Saturday afternoon interest sessions.
- 8: Give special offerings to God's glory and for His work during the convention weekend.
- 7: Celebrate the joys of LWML at the Saturday Banquet, entertained by Jan Struck.
- 6: Study (and, if a delegate, vote for) the Mission Grant and God's Gracious Gift proposals for the 2018-2020 Biennium.
- 5: Listen to Author/Deaconess Elizabeth Ahlman's message at the Christian Life Breakfast.
- 4: Discover God's plan for our "Beautiful Feet" through Bible Study led by Deb Burma.
- 3: Receive God's Grace through Word and Sacrament at the opening worship service on Friday evening led by our District Pastoral Counselors.
- 2: Be sent with your Beautiful Feet to strengthen LWML in your societies, communities and zones.
- 1: Praise God for 75 years of Blessings upon the LWML Kansas District, and ask His Blessings upon our next 75 years.



Looking forward to seeing you in Hutchinson!  
 President Brenda • [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org)

### **LWML Celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with the Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League**

The 78th Kansas District Convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League was held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Marysville, Kansas, on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Kansas LLL President Tim Voelker welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their involvement and support of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Video greetings were shown from LHM President and CEO Kurt Buchholz. The LCMS Kansas District President Rev. Peter Lange also brought words of encouragement and thanks for the work being done by LLL members across Kansas.

As your LWML Kansas District President, it was my honor to thank the LLL for their partnership in sharing the Gospel and in mission outreach throughout Kansas as official auxiliaries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Bio Nilo Lutero Figur, LHM Ministry Advancement Officer and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, gave an enlightening presentation of the work being done through LHM. LCMS President Matthew Harrison gave an encouraging presentation of interesting facts, fascinating history, and personal reflections on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Saturday afternoon, throughout the evening German meal and Meet-and-Greet, and again in Bible Class on Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Harrison was the preacher for the Sunday Worship Service held at Washington High School. "Thank you for allowing me the privilege to represent the Lutheran Women of Kansas at the LLL Convention!"



From Left:  
 LWML Kansas District President Brenda Piester  
 LLL/LHM Kansas District President Tim Voelker  
 LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison  
 LCMS Kansas District President Rev. Peter Lange

## Counselor's Corner

### "The Prince of Peace"

Pastor Jay G. Hobson  
Senior Pastoral Counselor



Every day we look at the news, either on the television or on the internet, and what do we see? Conflict. Between Republicans and Democrats. Between nations. Between peoples whose skin is a different color. Between the rich and poor. The list is endless.

We also feel conflict at home. It not uncommon for spouses to argue vehemently with each other. We see our children and grandchildren bickering and causing trouble for each other. Even the dog and the cat nip at each other at times!

We feel conflict in our consciences and in our hearts when we sin. The wicked that we have done nags at us. It radiates shame and hurts of guilt. We can feel within us that all is not right, even if we try to justify our sin.

There is conflict far away, close, and within.

In the book of Isaiah, God promises a Savior who will be the "Prince of Peace." The language is important. For the Savior will not come simply to make peace, but Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah would come to reign over us in peace.

We know from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He was born into the world to bring us the peace that we need, and to destroy the conflict created by the devil at the beginning of all thing. So our Savior went willingly to His cross, died to forgive all sin, was buried, and rose again on the third day triumphant over Satan, triumphant over conflict.

He begins His gracious rule over you now. "Thy kingdom come," we pray, and so He does. He brings us the forgiveness of sins in the absolution, in Baptism, and in the Lord's Supper to give peace to our consciences and heart, so that we may live in peace without the guilt and the shame.

He begins His gracious rule in the home as His love has its way with us and we love each other as we ought to love each other. Spouses forgive each other as Christ has forgiven them, and children learn to act lovingly toward their brothers and sisters.

He promises to bring an end to all conflict on the Last Day. All wars will cease and every knee will bend before the Lord. The judgment will come, and those who trust in Christ will rest in peace with Him forever under His gracious rule.

His gracious rule of peace began when He entered the world on Christmas morning, was brought to bear against all conflict at the cross, and rules over us now and forever to bring us the peace He won.

Praise God for our "Prince of Peace" and may His kingdom and gracious rule come to us always! Amen!



# COMMUNICATION

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## FEET ON THE GO

What have your feet been doing lately? Walking through the snow? Jogging in the park? Standing in line at the grocery store? Digging your toes in the sand while on vacation? Sitting with your feet up in your recliner watching your favorite movie? Soaking your feet in a foot bath? Trying on new shoes? Getting a pedicure? Our feet are so important in our daily walk of life, and we need to take care of our feet.

Just think of all the walking Jesus must have done in His day, walking for miles and miles in sandals or even barefoot, preaching and teaching the Gospel to hundreds of people. What a witness His feet were so many years ago! It started with all the feet that followed the star and travelled to find the Messiah in the stable. Later in His life, many people walked to hear Jesus preach, and others followed Jesus and the cross to Calvary. People even offered to wash Jesus' feet.

What are your feet doing now? Do they drive you to work every day? Do your feet take you to church to worship, pray, and give thanks? Will your feet be a witness for Jesus every day, wherever you are? I hope your feet will take you to Hutchinson in April for the LWML Kansas District convention, where your feet will meet many beautiful feet from all over Kansas. Together all of these beautiful feet will be dancing and singing with joy, attending Bible study, shopping in the CPH and LWML stores, attending various sessions, celebrating the 75th Anniversary, and sharing the love of Jesus with each other.

While you are at convention, you will have an opportunity to participate in different Leadership Development sessions. The Communication Committee is hosting a session on how to "Communicate with Confidence". We will share ways to communicate LWML news easily with women in your society through products, publications, social media, and the website. You will also get the latest updates on the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription process. We hope you can join us to get updated information and ask any questions you may have about effective LWML "communication".

Are you ready for some LWML fun, fellowship, and hugs from your friends? The time is nearing to get your bags packed and get your beautiful feet on the road to Hutchinson. We'll see you there with bells on.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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### **I'm a Convention Delegate—What Does This Mean for Me?**

My society has honored me by asking me to represent it as a delegate to the April 20-22, 2018 Kansas District Convention in Hutchinson. What will I be asked to do?

#### **At Convention Registration**

While there may be several women from your congregation participating in the convention, each society has only a designated number of delegates based on the membership of each congregational unit as of January 1, 2018. When you arrive at the registration table, you will be asked to sign a Zone Delegate Registration form indicating the society/unit you represent. You will receive a ribbon designating you as a delegate and which is to be attached to your convention name tag. You must be registered prior to the beginning of the Saturday morning convention session.

#### **At the Saturday Morning Convention Session**

At the first convention session on Saturday morning, all delegates will be seated by zone in a designated area of the convention hall. Included in this business session will be approval of proposed Bylaws amendments, and adoption of the Mission Goals for the 2018-2020 biennium. Ballots will be cast for district officers, pastoral counselor, proposed Mission Grants for the 2018-2020 biennium, and proposed God's Gracious Gift Fund grants. Delegates who cannot vote at this time will forfeit their voting privileges. Proxy votes are prohibited.

#### **Where Can I Find Information about Items on the Ballots?**

Watch for a special pre-convention issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*. It will include bios of all district officers and pastoral counselor candidates, the proposed Bylaws amendments, and summary descriptions of proposed Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund grants. Ask your society members for their opinions, as the votes you cast will reflect the desires of your society.

#### **What Other Convention Activities are Planned?**

The theme for the 2018 convention is Beautiful Feet, based on Isaiah 52:17: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of salvation." As our Kansas District celebrates its 75th anniversary as part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), the convention will open with a communion worship service on Friday evening (invite spouses, family members and friends to worship with us). Throughout the weekend there will be Bible studies, a Christian Life breakfast, small group special interest sessions, servant events, greetings from a national LWML representative, a Saturday evening banquet with special entertainment, opportunities to shop at the CPH and LWML stores, as well as singing, renewing of friendships, and spontaneous expressions of joy as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Sunday morning will close with a special worship service and installation of officers. Details about all of these events are in the pre-convention issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*. We'll see you in Hutchinson April 20-22, 2018!!

## CARING SERVICES

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### Time to start collecting!

In addition to the Ingathering recipients (which will be announced soon in the Convention issue of the Sonshine) we will also be collecting the following items at convention in Hutchinson.

- \* Used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries (without the cases)
- \* Materials for the LLL booth at the next 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 mothers and grandmothers can use at home to reinforce religious values.

- \* Stamps for the Texas District Stamporee project

Remember, trimmed stamps can always be brought to any LWML Kansas District event (conventions, KAOL, and given to the District rep at zone rallies/events).

Any stamps turned in make it to Texas without having to spend postage to mail them thanks to Tricia Geske (Andover) and her mother. Whenever Tricia's mother visits her in Kansas, she takes our stamps back to Texas to Sara Frank (the coordinator of the project). Sara lives in the same LWML zone as Tricia's mom.

Also, thanks to Jean Wellner (Andover) who has begun sorting the stamps again prior to sending the stamps to Texas. I am sure the sorting saves the ladies in Texas a lot of time!



## FINANCIAL NEWS

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Ladies what a blessing! The Lord continues to work through our mites and allowing us to help share God's word. As of December 31, 2017, we have collected \$112,876.57 for mites. Praise the Lord!

As we near the end of 2017, have you designated your Thrivent Choice dollars? I would like to encourage you to do so, as these dollars go directly into our God's Gracious Gift Fund so it can grow.

So what is the difference between a Mission Grant and a God's Gracious Gift Fund? The monies for GGGF are paid out following the convention, while the Mission Grants are paid with mite dollars over the biennium (2 Years) as monies are received. I have been receiving monies for GGGF from some of the societies in addition to the Thrivent dollars to help build the fund.



LWML Store—Kathie Thurman will have items from the LWML Store available at the Holy Cross Women's Retreat on January 20, 2018. If you would like her to have a certain LWML item available at the Retreat, please send an email by January 12, 2018 to: [kathietea@att.net](mailto:kathietea@att.net). To see a catalog of available items, visit the store at [lwml.org/store](http://lwml.org/store).

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

**Complete this form and mail it with your payment  
by March 1, 2018.**

**Please include an LWML Kansas District remittance voucher with your payment.**

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**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:

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## GOSPEL OUTREACH

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At the 2018 Kansas District convention in April, the Gospel Outreach Committee will be presenting sixteen Mission Grants and eight God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals for delegates' selection by vote.

The Spring 2018 Student Financial Aid grants have been mailed to the Concordia Universities and Seminaries for students going into church work.

Day of Prayer recipients for May 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 (11 months) 2018 Day of Prayer is Lutheran Student Center Fairmont Coffee Shop located at Wichita State University Campus. Day of Prayer for April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 (12 months) will be selected at the Convention Board of Directors meeting for ballot; Kansas LCMS District Education Relief Fund or Kansas LCMS Disaster Relief Fund.



### Convention Offerings:

Friday Evening Worship Service: 2018-2020 Biennium Mission Grants

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

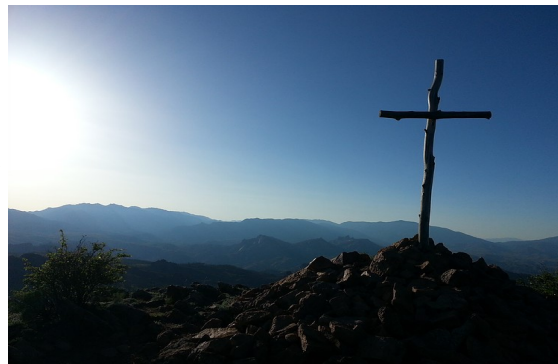
Sunday Morning Worship Service: LCMS World Relief and Human Care-Disaster Relief Fund



Mission Goal #8, for \$5,000 to Lutheran Valley Retreat-Shelter for Staff has been paid. The grant will be used to renovate existing cabins, and the hope is to build a new "Retreat Staff Cabin", when all the permits are approved. Since the 2002 Hayman fire, the staff do not have a place to sleep except in tents or on the floor.

Lutheran Valley Retreat is excited about the growth of the camp so students can experience camp. Thank you to LWML Kansas District for the opportunity to grow in God's grace.

**Lutheran Valley Retreat—Visit us at [lvr.org](http://lvr.org)**  
**"Sharing God's grace and glory through His creation"**



## **SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES**

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The Special Focus Ministries of the LWML Kansas District has been busy recruiting young Lutheran women who may be interested in furthering their knowledge about and involvement in the LWML to attend the 2018 Kansas District Convention as Young Woman Representatives. We have a slate of fun activities planned so that the young women can get to know each other, their mentors, and the LWML as an organization during the weekend.

We are also excited to offer a special event planned Friday evening just for teens who attend the convention this spring! Please look for a space on the registration form to denote that you have a teen coming along and let us know her age so we can plan accordingly!

Finally, the Kansas District was blessed to have three YWRs attend the 2017 LWML National Convention last summer. Following are these young ladies' reports about their experiences.

From Alaina Booth:

I learned a lot and met many people at the 2017 National LWML Convention. On Thursday, I participated in the servant events for making health kits and putting together Braille calendars - we put together all the supplies they had available for making health kits, so I had to switch! While doing those tasks, I got to meet other ladies like Marie Chow (the district president for Washington-Alaska) and Ashley Tieman (a fellow YWR who shares some common interests with me). The opening worship service that evening was also edifying. I was even able to sit by my mother (unplanned - there just happened to be open seats by where she was sitting). Also, my second grade teacher from eastern Iowa, who I haven't seen in nearly 20 years, was sitting in front of me, so I was able to chat with her for a bit! Listening in on the convention/business proceedings was interesting - I learned a great deal about the inner workings of LWML as an organization. It was also good to learn about President Patti's vision for LWML during the special YWR dinner on Friday. Overall, I'm glad I was able to attend the convention to learn more about the direction LWML is headed.

From Jeanie Tuttle:

The National convention was wonderful and eye opening. What an awesome group! So many caring, involved, and passionate LWMLers' are out there! I've been a Lutheran my whole life and yet I knew very little about LWML or what the mites we collect truly do. What a big difference those little mites make! Sitting up front with the delegates, I was able to chat with them and feel involved. Hearing the recipients of previous grants was an awesome emotional experience because it brought home how powerful God is in His use of the mites, offerings and us! I was overjoyed when we decided to fund the extra grant on faith!

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## SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

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The committee for the YWRs, and the women I met over the weekend, did such a great job of welcoming me and making it known that there was room for us there. They truly gave us a real look inside what it is to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission, to serve, and what we could make it using our gifts and talents. Being an LWMLer isn't all serious as proven by the "Humorous Interrupter" Katie Luther a.k.a Jan Struck. She also spoke to the YWRs and was hilarious and inspirational then too.

Basically, everyone needs to attend a National Convention. We took over the city. People knew us as the "Ladies in Purple" or "LIPS" one city native told me.

From Paige Edgington:

I am so thankful for my experience as a YWR to the 2017 National LWML Convention. Though I was raised in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and became familiar with LWML at a young age, it was not until this experience at the convention that I fully grasped the full picture of what LWML is all about. During the convention, we had many opportunities to learn more about LWML, visit with other young women to talk about ideas for our own societies, as well as learn about how the organization as a whole operates through experiencing the business meeting portion of the convention. We also were able to hear from many speakers, including Past LWML Presidents and Leaders, as well as Mission Grant Recipients. All of the speakers were very inspiring and it was great to hear their dedication to an organization that is focused on "Serving the Lord with Gladness!" and ultimately their faith in Jesus Christ, Our Savior. What an amazing celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the organization. I am so thankful to the LWML Kansas District for sending me to the convention. I am excited for my future involvement in such a wonderful organization!



Follow Us on Facebook— [www.facebook.com/LWML Young Women](http://www.facebook.com/LWMLYoungWomen)

### 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 64<sup>th</sup> Rd., Coats, KS 67028, or by EMAIL to [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org) by March 1, 2018.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

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2018 could be a year of “faith-growing” opportunities! You could:

- 1) Practice being a prayer warrior—perhaps using some of the tools acquired at the last Christian Life Retreat;
- 2) Begin a new Bible study—on your own, with a group of old friends, or sharing your faith with new acquaintances. (If you don’t know what to study, check out the LWML website and see what’s new.);
- 3) Visit the local nursing home or help at a homeless shelter and take time to share the latest Mustard Seed devotions;
- 4) Organize your annual program book with ideas from the *2017-2019 reSOURCES for Planning Programs* from national;
- 5) Plan to spend time with old friends and meet new ones at the Kansas District Convention April 20-22, 2018. Whatever is on your bucket list for 2018, do it all to the glory of God with joyful praise and thanksgiving.

### Honoring Our Kansas LWML Legacy

**WANTED:** Is there a Lutheran woman in Kansas who was a member of LWML when it began in 1943? If YES, PLEASE CONTACT BRENDA PIESTER at 620-862-5658. THANK YOU!

We invite every society to submit a picture of each woman over the age of 80 who is a member of LWML. These women will be honored in a video presentation throughout the convention.

Include her name and home Society/Congregation. Email to Brenda Piester

at [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org) or Text to 620-546-3964 or

Mail to 29063 64th Road, Coats, KS 67028 by **March 1.**

**THANK YOU!**

## ZONE NEWS

### Hutchinson Zone Fall Gala Event

On October 21, 2017, the ladies of the Hutchinson Zone gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Preston to celebrate 75 years of LWML and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In all, 42 members, two guests & two pastors were in attendance. Many ladies came in their retro hats and gloves, while others came in celebration bling. Rev. Ron Rather led us in Bible study. We enjoyed a day of celebration, singing and fellowship. Bernie Reetz was our District Representative, and Sandy Bachofen gave a convention report. Throughout the day we had fun "interruptions" of LWML history tidbits. Mary Schmidt was the author and the inspiration behind these LWML wonderful bits of history. The famous M&M's for Mites & Missions (Mary Schmidt and Marlene Lorenz) made an appearance in a humorous skit. Many thanks to the Preston ladies for the beautiful decorations, delicious lunch and great celebration reception to end the day. To God be the Glory! Praising God together – the Hutchinson Zone LWML.

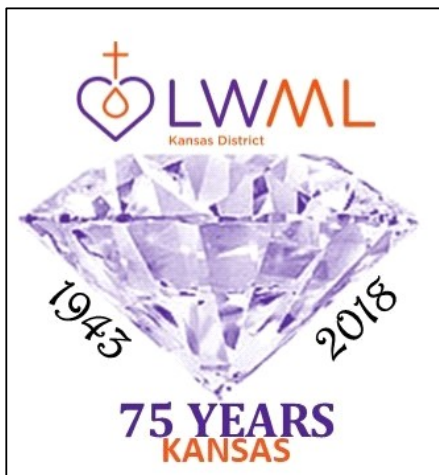


Pictured Top Left—Attendees in their retro hats and gloves

Pictured Top Right—Mary Schmidt and Marlene Lorenz



Pictured Bottom Left—Hostesses from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston



# You are Cordially Invited to Attend!

## CONVENTION INFORMATION

### LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

## *President's Official Call to Convention*

### 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).*



### **Convention Goal Statement:**

*Knowing that God Reigns and He directs our beautiful feet, we are bold to:*

- *announce peace through encouragement, friendship and support of those around us,*
- *bring Good News to all through our mission outreach, and*
- *proclaim salvation to those we are led to by the Holy Spirit.*

**The Voting Body of the convention will vote on Mission Grant proposals, God's Gracious Gift Fund Proposals, Bylaws revisions, and elect new officers for the 2018-2022 terms of office.**

**Attendees will learn more about the Mission of the LWML Kansas District and the Gospel-sharing and service projects that the Mission grants are funding.**

*I look forward to meeting with you in Hutchinson as we celebrate and thank God for 75 years of blessings upon the LWML Kansas District! See you in April! ~ President Brenda Piester*

# CONVENTION NEWS

*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).*

As this issue of the Sonshine is being prepared during the Advent season, our 'Beautiful Feet' are strolling to the manger to celebrate Christmas and the birth of a new-born baby who came into this world many years ago. From the manger, our 'Beautiful Feet' will travel to the cross and then the open tomb as we remember the death and resurrection of our Savior. From there, our 'Beautiful Feet' will continue on a journey to the Atrium Hotel in Hutchinson for the 37th Biennial convention of the LWML Kansas District, which will also include a celebration of the LWML's 75th anniversary. Now is the time to make plans for your 'Beautiful Feet' to join in this joyous gathering of the "Wonderful Witnessing Women" of the LWML Kansas District. Watch for complete details coming soon.

Mary Schmidt, Convention Chairman



## 2018 Convention BAG Order Form

Convention Bags are **PRE-ORDER ONLY** and will be available for pick up at the Hutchinson convention.

This sling bag features a padded back panel and shoulder strap, headset keyhole, a zipper pocket on the front, and a mesh pocket on the side. Made of polyester.  
12" W x 16" H x 4" D

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

ALL CONVENTION BAG 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY: **BAG** \_\_\_\_ x \$10 each = \_\_\_\_

# 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS— SAVE THE DATES

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



Presenter  
**Karen Lippert**  
Director of Women's Ministry  
Divine Redeemer Lutheran,  
Hartland, WI

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>

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April 20-22, 2018

Atrium Hotel & Convention Center, Hutchinson

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*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)*