



The Kansas Sonshine

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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

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District
37th Biennial Convention Registration
"Beautiful Feet" – Isaiah 52:7
April 20-22, 2018 – Hutchinson, Kansas

Last Name _____



Please Print Clearly:

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Cong. City/State: _____

LWML Zone: _____

Please Check Only One:

- _____ First Time to Convention
 _____ LWML Member
 _____ EC or BOD Member
 _____ Committee Member
 _____ Past President
 _____ Pastor
 _____ Exhibitor, Organization: _____
 _____ Teen; Age _____
 _____ Other Guest _____

See details in *The Kansas Sonshine* Convention Issue: <http://www.kansaslwml.org/2018-district-convention.html>

Registration Fees: Each registration includes ONE (1) Saturday Banquet Ticket Fee:

- _____ Early Discounted Registration \$ 98 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ Registration (postmarked after March 3*) \$108 x _____ = \$ _____
 * Registration after April 1 is not guaranteed to include meals
 _____ Spouse Registration: Name _____ \$ 78 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ One Day Registration for Saturday only \$ 78 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ Clergy Registration (Saturday lunch & banquet tickets not included) \$ 0 x _____ = \$ 0
 _____ Singing in the Convention Choir \$ 5 x _____ = \$ _____

Optional Meals:**

Price of meals includes hotel service charge, applicable taxes, and gratuity.

- _____ Friday Dinner Buffet (Pasta Bar**) \$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ Saturday Lunch Buffet Women (Chuck Wagon Cookout**) \$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ Saturday Mission Luncheon Pastors and Men (Chuck Wagon Cookout**) \$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
 _____ Additional Saturday 75th Anniversary Banquet Ticket(s) \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____
 Meal (London Broil**) and Entertainment: Jan Struck
 _____ Sunday Christian Life Breakfast (French Connection**) \$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
 Speaker: Deaconess Elizabeth Ahlman

** See complete meal menus in *The Kansas Sonshine* Convention Issue.

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

The LWML Kansas District Participant Information, Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release Form (PAW Form) is required to be completed before the Convention Registration is final.

Name: _____

1. Make your check or money order payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention

2. Mail registration form and payment to:

LWML Convention Registrar, Linda Stanton, 3704 Quivira Dr., Hutchinson, KS 67502

You may contact the Registrar at convregistrar@hotmail.com or 620-662-4151

Confirmation will be sent to those who register before April 1, 2018.

If you include your email address, your confirmation will be sent to you by email.

A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. **No refunds after March 17, 2018.**

3. Convention Hotel Information:

Atrium Hotel & Conference Center, 1400 N Lorraine St., Hutchinson, KS 67501

Rate: \$75 plus applicable taxes

Phone: 620-669-9311

You are responsible for making your own reservations by April 4 for the LWML block of rooms.

***** If you need a room on the first floor, be sure and request that.**

***** There is no elevator to the second floor.**

4. Special Needs:

_____ None

_____ Bringing own wheelchair/walker

_____ Large print schedule and Bible Study

_____ ASL Signer

_____ Special Diet, be specific: _____

5. Friday Afternoon Round Table Bible Study Sampler, check two, if attending:

_____ *Every Picture Can Tell God's Story*

Kathryn Richard and Bernie Reetz

_____ *Peter...From Fisherman to Fisher of Men*

Pastor Bob Grimm

_____ *Ruth, More than a Love Story*

Elaine Engelman

_____ *Sip, Savor or Drink Deeply*

Ella Schempp and Amanda Williams

6. Friday Afternoon Prayer Labyrinth, check if attending: _____

7. Friday Afternoon Scripture Journaling, check if attending: _____

8. Friday Afternoon Leadership Development Sessions, check one, if attending:

_____ *Bylaws Basics—It's All About Structure*

Gloria Raab and Ruth Stice

_____ *Communicate with Confidence*

Shelly Keller and the Communication Committee

_____ *Follow the Mites! Where Do They Go?*

Kim Burdett and Ella Schempp

_____ *Leaders with Passion for LWML*

Brenda Piester and Susan Brunkow

_____ *Our LWML Legacy—Pass It On*

Esther Ideker and Judy Carlson

9. Saturday Afternoon Interest Sessions, (session number in parentheses) check one or two, if attending:

_____ (1) LeadaChild (formerly known as Children's Christian Concern Society)

_____ (1) Orphan Grain Train

_____ (1, 2) Fairmount Coffee Company at the Lutheran Student Center at Wichita State University

_____ (1, 2) LWML Gifts of Love Ministry—Passing on Your Faith, Wishes & Instructions; Legacy Circle

_____ (1, 2) Mission Central—LCMS World Mission, Mapleton, Iowa

_____ (2) Kansas Nebraska Good News Radio

_____ (2) Lutheran Indian Ministries and Haskell LIGHT, Lawrence, Kansas

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NAME: (Please Print)

(Last)

(First)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The purpose of this participant information, acknowledgement, waiver, and release form (PAW) is to identify each person ("Participant") who wishes to volunteer with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District ("District") or participate in District-sponsored activities. As a condition to becoming a Participant, District requires each person to provide the following information and to release District from any liability for his or her safety and well-being when volunteering for District and while participating in any District-sponsored activities including optional activities scheduled in conjunction with a District event. This form may be copied for use at Kansas District activities, including, but not limited to, Biennial Conventions, Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Christian Life Retreat, Board and Committee meetings, and the Convention bus.

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Medications: _____

Special Diet Restrictions: _____

Reaction to Diet Restrictions/Medications Needed: _____

Allergies and Other Known Health Risks/Problems: _____

_____ None: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number (Optional): _____ Check if on Medicare _____

List **two** persons to Contact in the Event of an Emergency (Name, Telephone Number(s), Relationship).
One person is your roommate or someone attending the event with you.



NAME: (Please Print)

(Last)

(First)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

I understand that to become a Participant, District requires me to acknowledge and agree that District assumes no, and disclaims all liability for my safety and well-being while acting as a Participant. In consideration of District permitting me to be a Participant:

- (a) I acknowledge that the information set forth above is complete and accurate.
- (b) I recognize that there are certain risks inherent in events including servant activities and the mission pledge walk and will register for, and participate in, these optional activities only if I am medically able, and I assume the responsibility for personal injury to myself as a result of such activities.
- (c) I acknowledge and agree that District is a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ("LWML"). The LWML is an auxiliary agency of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am a Participant.
- (d) I hereby waive, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, all claims arising from my participation in District-sponsored activities. I release and discharge District, its directors, officers, employees and agents from all claims, demands, actions or causes that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries (including death), loss or damage suffered by me while I am a Participant.
- (e) I consent to any medical treatment that District (or any of its authorized representatives) deems to be necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident or other medical emergency, and I accept full financial responsibility for any fees or expenses relating to this treatment.

I grant permission to District and/or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, in web cast, video or audio recordings, social media, or any other record of this event for any purpose.

Please check ONE:

☐ I request that the LWML Kansas District destroy this document after the designated event.

☐ I grant permission for the LWML Kansas District to retain this document through the 2018-2020 Biennium.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this document and understand it. I further acknowledge that by signing below I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.

Both pages must be completed and returned together.

DATE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(if under 18) PARENT'S NAME: _____ PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

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 Night Party
Teens' Friday Night Party

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
9:00 p.m. YWRs Late Night

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

LWML Kansas District Convention Meals – 2018

Friday, April 20

Evening Buffet: Pasta Bar

Mixed greens with assorted dressings, Italian pasta salad, Relish tray
Meat Lasagna, Herb roasted chicken, Linguini noodle, Garden spiral noodle
Beef marinara sauce, Alfredo sauce, Garlic toast
Strawberry Cheesecake
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea and Iced water

Saturday, April 21

Continental Breakfast: *Complimentary for those staying at the Atrium Hotel*

Lunch Buffet: Chuck Wagon Cookout

Shredded beef brisket, Roasted chicken quarters
Potato salad, Cole slaw
Homestyle potatoes, Baked beans, Buttered corn
Fresh baked biscuits
Apple pie
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea and Iced water

Saturday Banquet: London Broil

Spinach Salad: Roasted peppers, Apple smoked bacon, Romano cheese and Balsamic vinaigrette
Marinated flank steak in a mushroom sauce, Baked potato
Vegetable Medley: Green beans, Orange and yellow carrots, and Red peppers
German Chocolate Cake or Peach Cobbler with whipped topping
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea and Iced water

Sunday, April 22

Christian Life Breakfast: French Connection

French toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Fresh biscuits
Fresh fruit, Choice of juice
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea and Iced water

FIRST TIMERS – If this is your **VERY FIRST** LWML KS District convention, be sure to stop at the Special Focus Ministries table to pick up a special gift just for bringing your beautiful feet to Hutchinson!

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
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- 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 Church in 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



CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

Bring your willing hands and scissors because both will be put to good use! ***Thank you!***
These are the servant event projects planned for Saturday afternoon of the convention:



- **Making witness bracelets** which are distributed by MOST Ministries short-term mission teams
- **Tying fleece blankets** for Phil's Friends cancer care packages
- **Packaging dried beans/rice** for the food pantry at Mission Southside in Olathe
- **Decorating lunch sacks** to be used by Marcia Merrick in her work with the homeless in the Kansas City area
- **Working on plastic sleep mats** to go to Marcia Merrick for the homeless in the Kansas City area or to Orphan Grain Train.
 - If you want to help make plarn (the plastic yarn used in the mats), please bring a bag of clean plastic grocery bags to cut and roll.
 - If you can crochet and want to crochet the plarn, please bring a size P or Q crotchet needle.

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVES

Just wait until you see what convention fun the Special Focus Ministries committee has planned for you, beginning with the Mentor Lunch on Friday to the Saturday Fun Night! Be sure to put your beautiful feet in comfortable shoes – we're going to keep you very busy!

CALLING ALL TEENS!!

Fun activities are being planned for a Friday Night Party JUST FOR TEENS!! All teens who attend the convention are invited! Please look for a space on the registration form to denote that you have a teen coming along. The Special Focus Ministries Committee is excited to offer this "first look at LWML" for our youngest attendees!

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Deb Burma: Bible Study Leader



Deb Burma is a sought-after international speaker for women's conferences, retreats, and conventions. She has a passion for sharing Christ's love in a creative, engaging style, touching the hearts of women, meeting them in the moments of their everyday lives, and engaging them in God's Word.

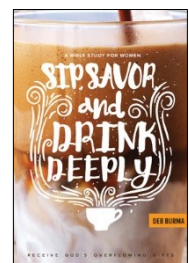
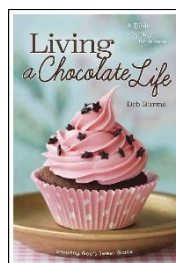
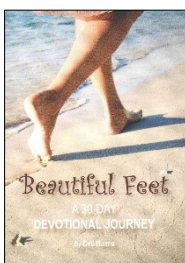
She is the author of several devotion books, including *Beautiful Feet*, the best-selling Bible study, *Living a Chocolate Life*, and her newest book, *Sip, Savor, & Drink Deeply*. Deb is a follower of Jesus, a pastor's wife, and a mom...and a devoted mocha-latte-cappuccino drinker too.

Deb is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. She has directed women's, children's, and family ministries in multiple churches across the Midwest, and she has received additional training with courses in writing, speaking, and doctrine through **Concordia Publishing House (CPH)**, **Concordia Seminary**, and the **Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)**, under the direction of noted authors, editors, and theologians.

Deb has spoken for **Lutheran Hour Ministries** at both national and regional conferences and for the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** as keynote speaker for national convention, in addition to, several district conventions. She has led workshops and sectionals for **Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) Conferences**, **Concordia University System's** Beautiful Feet Conference, the Nebraska District LEA Conference, and **WLI's National Conferences**. Her ministry travels have taken her to 25 states and Canada, and also lead her down the street to her home church!

Deb authors women's Bible studies, Christian-living books, retreat kits, and devotionals, all published by **CPH**. Her work has appeared in several periodicals, such as the **Lutheran Woman's Quarterly** and **Today's Christian Living**. She is a contributor to the **CPH blog, The Word Endures**, and writes devotions for her personal blog, *Fragrant Offerings*.

Deb was born and raised on a ranch in western South Dakota. She and her family have shared adventures residing in Texas, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, and now live in Columbus, Nebraska, where Deb's husband, Cory, serves as pastor at **Peace Lutheran Church**. They're blessed with three children, Chris, Courtney, and Cameron, and a new son-in-law, Aaron. She enjoys leading an active lifestyle. In her spare time, she loves to run and exercise, cook and bake for her family. She enjoys long walks with her husband and faith-filled conversations with her friends. In a quiet moment, you will find her curled up next to her family, enjoying a fun movie, or relaxing with a good read from an inspiring Christian book.



Carol von Soosten (LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator): National LWML Representative



Strategic Plan Facilitator Carol von Soosten went home hooked on LWML after her first convention as a Young Woman Representative. She was so uplifted and energized, she told complete strangers in the grocery store about her mountaintop experience. She says Lutheran Women in Mission and LWML conventions should consider a warning label, “Caution, may become addicting with prolonged use!”

Carol loves the LWML because spreading the Gospel message is at the heart of everything they do. Sharing the joy of serving the Lord and His gift of salvation while connecting people and funding to missions is something she really appreciates. Providing materials and resources for all women is another powerful blessing of

Lutheran Women in Mission. Carol is so thankful that LWML provides a place for all women to use their gifts in service to the Lord. She believes LWML is the best mission-focused organization providing global impact while affording women everywhere the opportunity to grow in their faith, connect with other sisters in Christ, spread the Gospel message, and glorify our Lord through service – and she loves those LWML hugs!

The theme “Equip, Encourage, Engage, Enjoy” really resonates for Carol. She has been encouraged by some wonderful women in the LWML and she truly enjoys encouraging others to share their God-given gifts. She counts herself extremely blessed to have been mentored by some incredible women in the LWML. From local friends, past District Presidents and officers, to past LWML Presidents and officers, these women have encouraged her with their joyful service to the Lord and to the LWML with God’s love shining through everything they did and continue to do.

Carol caught that spark of joyful service and agreed to serve in various LWML positions at the society, zone, district, and national levels including society Secretary, Vice President, President; zone Young Woman Representative, Christian Growth Retreat Leader; district Young Woman Representative, Committee on Young Women member and chairman, Recording Secretary, Mission Grants Committee member, Convention Coordinator, Public Relations Director, District President; national Christian Resources Editors Committee member, Public Relations Director, and now as Strategic Plan Facilitator.

Carol recently relocated to Centralia, Illinois after many years in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her husband, Mark, is a Lutheran School principal and they have one grown son, Paul. Carol looks forward to getting to know her new church family and being part of the LWML Southern Illinois District. Her hobbies include hiking, traveling, and reading. Carol has several favorite Bible verses, but the one which has always provided comfort, motivation, and reminds her to step out in faith with God doing the work is Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*



Jan Struck: 75th Anniversary Banquet Speaker



Jan Struck's earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana where she experienced her elementary education in a two-room, Lutheran school. Her strong Christian background led her to Valparaiso University where she received her theater/English degree.

Jan's "Life Story" has included the blessing of mothering three children, teaching school, working in secretarial and administrative job positions, and experiencing single parenthood after divorce. Additional "surprises", from a loving and delightful Creator, have brought the joy of a second marriage and a combined family that totals six grown children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She is delighted to have been given a lifetime of bizarre experiences and an ability to see humor and irony in her journey.

Jan is retired from her career as a trainer/consultant in the field of healthcare technology. She is truly blessed to serve the Lord as a popular speaker leading Bible studies, workshops, and women's retreats. Jan has traveled extensively in the States, as well as Canada. Her involvement with LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) has enabled her to bring the gift of laughter to numerous district and national conventions.

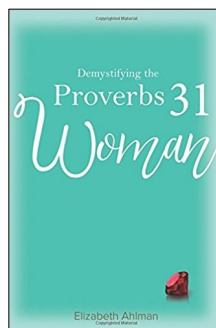
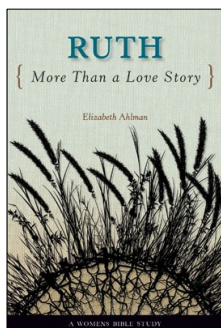
With over 40 years of experience in teaching, motivating, and entertaining her audiences, Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life with fellow travelers and leaves them laughing. Her trust and faith in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God"!!

Elizabeth Ahlman: Christian Life Breakfast Speaker



Elizabeth Ahlman is a pastor's wife and mother of four living in Houston, TX. She is a trained Deaconess in The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS), and has written two books for Concordia Publishing House: *Ruth: More Than a Love Story* (2014) and *Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman* (2017).

She served as Deaconess and Communication Specialist for the Eurasia Region of the Office of International Mission of the LCMS from 2013-2015. Elizabeth studied at The University of Iowa where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with an Emphasis in Creative Writing (2005). She went on to study Exegetical Theology and Deaconess studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, where she earned a Master of Arts in theology and deaconess certification (2007). Elizabeth is currently a stay-at-home mom. You can follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/authorelizabetahlman.



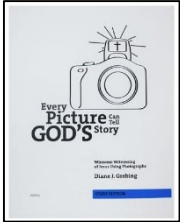
Round Table Bible Study Samplers

Friday, April 20, 2018

Session 1: 1:00-1:40 p.m.

Session 2: 1:50-2:30 p.m.

Attendees may select **two sessions** to hear and see a sample of a Bible Study available through LWML or Concordia Publishing House. Presenters will preview the study and go in-depth in a section of it.



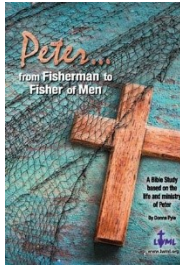
Leaders: Kathryn Richard and Bernie Reetz

Title: Every Picture Can Tell God's Story

Author: Diane J. Grebing

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

Do you enjoy taking photos? Have you considered how you can use your photos as a witnessing tool and a way to keep your focus on Jesus through your faith? This Bible study will expose you to a new way to lead a group Bible study (or even your individual study) through God's eyes, by zooming into God's word as a wide angle witness. Bible passages you select are paired with your photos to prepare a "Witness Album" to help you be prepared when you have a chance to witness and share God's story with others.



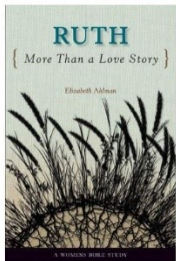
Leader: District Pastoral Counselor Robert Grimm

Title: Peter: From Fisherman to Fisher of Men

Author: Donna Pyle

Publisher: LWML

Peter was an incredible man of God, a fisherman whom Jesus called to become a fisher of men. This video-based Bible study journeys with Peter so that we may grow in faith, love, and service. Students are enabled to see the growth of Peter's faith within the calling of God as Jesus teaches, heals and blesses people during His earthly ministry. Students discover the meaning of God's call in Christ's death, and learn from Peter's bold words at the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Participants grow from Peter's restoration by the Gospel to feed the lambs and sheep of the Savior. Each of the eight video sessions is approximately 45 minutes long, and time is needed for discussion in this LWML DVD Bible Study *Peter: From Fisherman to Fisher of Men*, written by Donna Pyle. District Counselor Robert Grimm will share snippets of the videos and demonstrate how you may use this in your local Bible study.



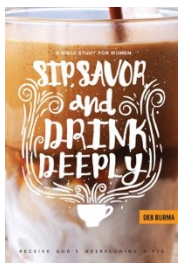
Leader: Elaine Engelman

Title: Ruth, More Than a Love Story

Author: Deaconess Elizabeth Ahlman

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

If you or your group is interested in an in-depth study of an Old Testament book, I think you will want to sample "Ruth, More Than a Love Story" by Elizabeth Ahlman. This study is a verse by verse review of the story of Ruth, complete with historical context and explanations of key terms and concepts. There are discussion questions at the end of each chapter. As you look beyond the surface story, you can see how its concepts apply to your life, and deeper still, how these Old Testament people were pivotal to God's plan.



Leaders: Ella Schempp and Amanda Williams

Title: Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply

Author: Deb Burma

Publisher: LWML

Come join us for a special coffee break! Maybe you don't drink coffee, and prefer hot chocolate or tea instead; please join us anyway. We will look at God's word on My Cup: Cleaned Out (Made New) and look at recipes for our lives. Do you have a special cup? Bring your Bible or phone with a Bible app as we "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply". Psalm 34:8 "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

Follow the Leader

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God and Savior (Psalm 25:5a).

Leadership Development Sessions

Friday, April 20, 2018

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ANYONE who wants to learn more about LWML in the Kansas District is **WELCOME** to attend one of these informal Leadership sessions led by Kansas District officers and committee members. Corresponding officers or committee members in societies and zones are especially encouraged to attend.

Bylaws Basics—It's All About Structure

Vice President of Organizational Resources Gloria Raab with Committee Chairman Ruth Stice

Does your group wonder how much detail should be included in its bylaws, or the correct steps to take prior to amending existing bylaws? Are you familiar with the LWML Style Sheet, or do you have questions about basic parliamentary procedure? Bring your questions or a copy of your bylaws, and join your Organizational Resources leadership team for a time of questions and answers, plus an introduction to many of the resources available on the LWML website. This discussion is open to all zone and society representatives interested in bylaws and basic organizational structure.

Communicate with Confidence

Vice President of Communication Shelly Keller with Communication Committee Members Darla Abbott, Marj Aufdemberge, Michelle Domsch, Kathie Thurman, and Shawna Spiehs

The LWML Kansas District Communication Committee will share ways to communicate LWML news easily with women in your society and church through products, publications, social media, and the website. You will also get the latest updates on *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription process, as well as meet all the members of the committee. Please join us as we show you how to navigate through the pages on the website, view the Kansas LWML Facebook page, and answer any questions you may have about effective LWML "communication".

Follow the Mites! Where Do They Go?

Treasurer Kim Burdett and Financial Secretary Ella Schempp

We'll discuss where our mites and other donations go (How many funds and accounts do we handle? What do GGGF, Thrivent Choice, and SFA mean?), how the funds are used (Do all of the mites go to mission projects?), and the most effective way to get the donations to their proper destination (Can all donations be written in one check?). We'll cover items such as filling out remittance vouchers, knowing what is needed to open a society or zone bank account, and how to prepare a budget. There will be time for a questions and answers session, and supplies will be available.

Leaders with Passion for LWML

Kansas President Brenda Piester and LWML Leadership Development Chairman Susan Brunkow

"Oh, no! They want to nominate me to be Society President! Should I do it?" or "Please help! I've been elected Zone President! How do I start?" or "My friend has suggested that I run for a district office. I don't know if am qualified. Please help me decide!" If you've ever heard yourself thinking any of these thoughts, this informal presentation is for you! It is designed to assist, encourage, and uplift those who are already in leadership positions and those who are considering accepting that role in the future. Half of the time will be spent reviewing available resources, and the remainder of the time will be a Q & A session. Come with questions, and leave with courage and confidence!

Our LWML Legacy—Pass It On

Archivists-Historians Esther Ideker and Judy Carlson

Legacy ('le-gə-sē) 2. *Anything handed down from, or as from, an ancestor to a descendant.*

Webster's second-most preferred dictionary definition of the word "legacy" will guide our conversation, questions, discussion, sharing and learning about the preservation of historical information during this interest session. It is a timely topic during this 75th Anniversary year of our organization and, as we preserve our legacy, we also look ahead to the future for what God has planned for us.

2018 LWML Kansas District Convention
75th Anniversary
Prayer Labyrinth and Scriptural Journaling

Offering recipient: Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

MISSION:

"Telling more and more people about Jesus, so that there will be more people in our real home in heaven."

VISION:

"Every Christian praying for and PERSONALLY supporting a missionary or mission project!"



The District Executive Committee is providing two options for your convention prayer time:

- "Prayer Labyrinth"—an indoor walking area with stops for prayer and reflection. This will take about 30 minutes to complete.
- "Scriptural Journaling" for personal prayer and fellowship with your Sisters-in-Christ to uplift each other.

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You are welcome to and encouraged to bring love offerings from your society or other LWML members who are unable to attend the convention.

The District does not keep a record of individual contributions or send individual thank you notes to the donors. Should you wish to do so, please keep your own list of those contributing.

- Print and complete this form, and place it with your offering in an envelope.
- Turn the envelope in at the **GOSPEL OUTREACH table** at the convention.

2018 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION 75th ANNIVERSARY
LOVE OFFERING for "MISSION CENTRAL"
"Prayer Labyrinth" and/or "Scriptural Journaling"

I celebrate 75 years of LWML with my offering amount: \$ _____

Signed _____

Make checks payable to LWML Kansas District Convention; notation Mission Central. Thank you!

MISSION LUNCHEON FOR PASTORS AND MEN

Saturday, April 21, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Mission Development Counselor for Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa



The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith started serving Nov. 1, 2016 as mission development counselor at Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. In this role, Smith serves alongside “Old Missionary Gary” Thies. Mission Central was launched in 2003 to help support missionaries and mission projects around the world. As mission development counselor, Smith works to inform congregations and their members of the LCMS national and international mission work, while also connecting people with opportunities to support missionaries and projects with prayer, encouragement and voluntary giving. In addition, he advocates for regional mission opportunities spearheaded or coordinated by their respective LCMS districts. “Truly the Lord continues to grow His kingdom through the missionaries and mission projects of the LCMS and its partners nationally and internationally,” Smith said.

“It is an honor to come alongside missionary Gary Thies at Mission Central to work together in this multi-generational mission effort to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Jesus is the best generosity strategist ever, and I’m humbled to have this opportunity to serve in His mission.”

(See additional information in the Interest Session Speakers.)



CONVENTION MISSION-IN-ACTION SPEAKER

Saturday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.

Tim Young Eagle – Lutheran Indian Ministries



Tim Young Eagle, CFRE, was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an American Indian of Pawnee descent. Throughout his career Tim has been a successful leader with a distinguished record of accomplishment in fundraising, sales, marketing, and leadership that spanned more than 35 years. Tim currently serves as the Executive Director of Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM), an organization that does Christian outreach to Native peoples in Hawaii, Alaska and to Native Americans in Wisconsin, Washington, New Mexico, Kansas, and Arizona. He is the author of “The Dream Catcher – A Father and Son Story” a work of Christian fiction published by Author House in 2003.

He previously served in strategic leadership positions as the Senior Principal Gifts Officer for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee, as National Director of Development for Bethesda Lutheran Communities and as the Executive Vice President of Mission Advancement and Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee.

In addition to his work with the LIM, Tim is a professionally trained facilitator for The Leadership Challenge (TLC), The Student Leadership Challenge (SLC), and Team Emotional and Social Intelligence (TESI) workshops. He has also completed coursework in Life, Professional and Executive Coaching.

Tim received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He is the current chairman of the board of the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative (LUMIN). In 2006, Tim was honored to receive the CUM DEO Award as a Distinguished Alumni of the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee. Tim earned his designation as a Certified Fund Raising Professional (CFRE) in 2014. He also holds a Certificate in Fund Raising Leadership from Indiana University’s Lilly School of Philanthropy.

Exploring

LWML HISTORY: ONE
MISSION AT A TIME!

INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – Select TWO on the Registration Form

Saturday, April 21

Session 1: 2:45-3:30 p.m. – Session 2: 3:45-4:30 p.m.

LeadaChild (formerly Children's Christian Concern Society) – Dr. Phil Frusti

(Session 1)



LeadaChild is an independent Lutheran Mission Agency, dedicated to providing the Good News of Jesus' love to children through education in countries where many children are unable to attend school. LeadaChild was founded in 1968 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity, incorporated in the state of Kansas as the Children's Christian Concern Society. Its name was changed to LeadaChild in 2013 to simplify communicating the ministry name and brand via internet and social media. LeadaChild is also a charter member of the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies (ALMA) and a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Dr. Philip Frusti began his new role as executive director of LeadaChild at the beginning of 2017. Throughout his 34 years of educational ministry, he has served as a teacher, principal, and professor of educational Leadership in the Concordia University system. He has also served internationally as an educational consultant and trainer in evangelism. Dr. Phil is married to Cassandra; they have four children and six grandchildren.

Orphan Grain Train – Rev. Jeff Crane and Rev. Ralph Schmidt

(Session 1)



Pastor Jeff Crane is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, and served as a pastor in northeast Iowa for four years before moving to Wichita where he served as Campus Pastor at Wichita State University for six years and then Senior Pastor at Holy Cross. He helped with the establishment of an Orphan Grain Train warehouse at 911 Maple St. in Wichita last year and serves as the Wichita Branch Manager. He is excited about this new ministry opportunity and very willing to visit congregations and provide information about OGT and its desire to respond to circumstances of need in Christ's Name.



Rev. Ralph Schmidt was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1973. He served as a parish pastor for 18 years in Michigan and Florida. He accepted a call to serve as Director of Church Relations and Planned Giving at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. In 2001 he began serving at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, where he served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement. In 2011, he began his role as Director of Donor Advising for Orphan Grain Train where he continues to serve. Rev. Schmidt has also served the church in other roles, including various positions to raise funds for Forward in Remembrance, Alive in Christ, the Fine Arts Building at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, and the chapel at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He led the effort to build the new library at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

His current role has included the ground work in beginning the Wichita Branch of Orphan Grain Train which opened the doors to its new warehouse in June 2017. Rev. Schmidt is married to Janice nee Mackie, and they have been blessed with three children and two grandchildren.

Fairmount Coffee Co. – Lutheran Student Center Rev. Dr. John Tape and DCE Paige Edgington (Session 1 and 2)

The Lutheran Student Center (LSC) is a campus ministry sharing the love of Jesus through outreach, education, and leadership development. They are located in Wichita in the Fairmount Neighborhood directly across the street from Wichita State University (WSU). The LSC is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Fairmount Coffee Co. is our newest outreach ministry. The coffeehouse is a quiet place for students to study, an intimate corner of the world for brothers and sisters to gather over The Word, and a fun hangout to catch up with friends. It provides an opportunity to witness to and reach out to the WSU and Fairmount communities.



Dr. John W. Tape is a pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He received his doctorate in systematic theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He currently serves as the Director of the Lutheran Student Center at Wichita State University. John also works part-time as a frequent guest instructor for Concordia Seminary St. Louis, MO teaching online theology courses. His wife Linda is an attorney with Koch and specializes in environmental law. John and Linda are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS. They are blessed with three children and three grandchildren.



Paige Edgington is a Director of Christian Education in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Theology with emphases in Youth and Family Ministries at Concordia University, Nebraska in 2013. Paige serves at the Lutheran Student Center as the Director of Campus Outreach and Manager of Fairmount Coffee Co, which is an extension of the outreach ministry of the Lutheran Student Center. Paige is married to Cooper, who is a Vocational Trainer at KETCH in Wichita. Cooper and Paige are members at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita. In her spare time, Paige loves drinking coffee, taking her cocker spaniel dog, named Lego, on walks, and listening to podcasts on faith, leadership, and business!

LWML Gifts of Love Ministry and Legacy Circle – Linda Gage, LWML Gift Planning Counselor (Session 1 and 2)



Linda Gage is a Gift Planning Counselor with the LCMS Foundation and serves the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Linda helps individuals and couples plan and direct their passion for giving to family and all ministries of the church.

In addition to working one-on-one with individuals and couples, Linda speaks at events, conventions and retreats to help people discover how they can share their faith, minimize taxes, bless their family and make a lasting impact on ministry through their estate.

Linda has served in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for over 30 years. Prior to serving with the LCMS Foundation and LWML, Linda served for 26 years in the LCMS Eastern District, most recently as their Gift Planning Counselor and previously as the Executive Director of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, the Eastern District's Outdoor Ministry Center.

Linda resides in Silver Creek, New York (near Buffalo) with her husband Don on their 75-acre fruit farm consisting of vineyards and orchards. They are blessed with two sons, Jason and Ryan, daughter-in-law Ashley, two beautiful granddaughters, Gabrielle and Gianna, and a precious grandson, Gavin. You will find the Gage family each Saturday from mid-July to November at the local Farmer's Market with their fresh fruit and vegetables. Don and Linda are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Silver Creek, New York. They also are members of National Grape Cooperative (Welch's).

Linda welcomes the opportunity to talk with you individually, at a Society Meeting, Zone Rally, or District Convention or Retreat. Consider inviting her to be a workshop presenter, Bible study leader or interest session speaker. You will learn a lot and have the confidence in knowing that you are working with an experienced LCMS professional who serves our LWML with joy.

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa – Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Mission Development Counselor (Session 1 and 2)



(See additional information under the Mission Luncheon for Pastors.)

Brent, Jennie, Zachary (16), Katelyn (15), and Sophia (12) will be based in Omaha, Neb. — a location that will allow him both to welcome missionaries traveling to Mission Central and deploy nationally at the invitation of individuals and congregations. After growing up on a farm outside Imperial, Nebraska, and working in public accounting, Smith has served in various positions in the church since 1995, when he was sent to work as business manager for the LCMS in Central Asia (1995-97). He later spent six years as an evangelistic missionary in Russia before being called to the role of regional director for the LCMS Eurasia region (2006-2013). His Doctorate degree focused on strategies for working as Christians in Muslim-majority contexts. Most recently, he served three years based near Washington D.C. in the LCMS Southeastern District as executive director for mission development (2013–2016).

Kansas Nebraska Good News Radio – KNGN Staff (Session 2)



As the 1980's were waning and the radio world in an ever-changing upheaval, a radio group local to McCook, Nebraska, decided to eliminate one of its commercial AM stations in favor of a more prominent FM station. In the hopes that a local Christian radio station would benefit McCook greatly, and a testimony to the power of Christ, they offered the AM Station license to a local Church, Peace Lutheran, located on East 6th street in McCook. Naturally the decision was an incredible opportunity. By God's grace, in April of 1992, KNGN began by broadcasting Easter services from Peace Lutheran Church. Located in a tiny closet at Peace Lutheran, KNGN operated as a flagship station

for LCMS owned KFUD out of St. Louis, rebroadcasting many programs created by KFUD. As time moved on and KNGN's mission grew, the station was faced with a tough decision. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod could no longer afford the operating expenses of the station, giving the station operators two choices: shut down and abandon the mission, or incorporate to become completely locally owned. The station was reformed under the new name *Kansas Nebraska Good News Broadcasting Corp.* In 1996, KNGN was blessed with a brand-new facility located at 38005 Road 717 outside of McCook. Dedicated that April, KNGN moved its base of operations to the much bigger facility. Now streaming worldwide, KNGN continues to grow day-after-day—thanks to the generosity of its donors and the Grace of Jesus.

Lutheran Indian Ministries – Tim Young Eagle, and Haskell LIGHT House – Bob and Deon Prue (Session 2)



(See additional information under Convention Mission-in-Action Speaker.)

Deacon Bob Prue runs the Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. The goal: to walk alongside our Native brothers and sisters, letting our light shine before them, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. (Matthew 5:16). Nearly 1,000 students from 145 tribes attend the university. Bob, with the help of his wife, Deon, strive to develop meaningful relationships with these young adults at a time when they are searching and forming their core values and beliefs.

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

Strong Faith, Fervent Love: Providing Physical and Spiritual Care in the Wake of Disaster

We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19)

Helping the hurting amid disaster, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources. For more information:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>



Special 75th Anniversary Thank Offerings:

(Prayer Labyrinth and Anniversary Cake)

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, in support of LCMS World Mission

Mission Central is the largest mission supporting agency in the entire U.S. for our Lutheran Church and supports the majority of all of the missionaries in the Lutheran Church. Mission Central is another example of not what men can do, but what God can do in the middle of a cornfield in the middle of the hills of Western Iowa. This just "can't really work"...and yet it does, and the Good Lord smiles and continues to bless this amazing place that HE has put together! For more information:

http://www.missioncentral.us/missioncentral/what_in_the_world

Calling All Singers!



Like to sing? We invite you to be part of the 2018 LWML Convention Choir! Just mark "Choir" on the Registration Form, and we will send you the music [IF registration is received by April 1 – otherwise just join us for practice].

There is only one practice on Friday afternoon, April 20, from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m. at the Convention Hotel.

LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2018 Convention

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2018 LWML Kansas District Convention in Hutchinson, Kansas, the Nominating Committee announces the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Allison Lehmann

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Janice Cundiff and Pam Popp

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Elaine Engelman

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES: Elise Cleary and Jill Lowe

TREASURER: Carolyn Fishburn and Janice Russell

PASTORAL COUNSELOR: Rev. Jeffrey Geske and Rev. Rocco Mallardi

Please keep these faithful LWML sisters and brothers in prayer, as they wait to see how the Lord will use them to serve the LWML Kansas District with gladness!

Tiffany Harkins, Nominating Committee Chairman

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Candidate for Vice President of Christian Life

Allison Lehmann – Topeka Zone St. John's Lutheran, Topeka

Local LWML: Sarah Circle, St. John's Topeka; M & M's Zion Lutheran, Chanute

Zone LWML: SE Zone VP of Christian Life (2009-2011)

District LWML: Young Woman Representative (2010), Special Focus Ministries Committee (2011-2014), Special Focus Ministries Chair (2014-2016)

National LWML: Young Woman Representative in Peoria, IL (2011)
Attended the National Convention in Des Moines (2015)

Other Church Related Experiences: Midweek Teacher at Zion, Chanute (2009-2012), Sunday School Preschool Teacher at St. John's, Topeka (2012-present)

General: Allison has been married to her husband Doug for twenty years. They have two sons: Alex (13) and Jacob (11). She is a part-time physical therapist at Rebound Physical Therapy in Topeka. Allison volunteers at Topeka Lutheran School where she is also head Track and Field Coach. She enjoys spending time outside, taking road trips with her family, cheering on her sons, baking, reading and doing crafts.



Candidate for Vice President of Organizational Resources

Elaine Engelman – Southeast Zone Zion Lutheran, Chanute

Local LWML: Ladies Circle President (2007 to present)

Zone LWML: President (2017 to present)

District LWML: Mission Projects Chair (4 years), Member Development Committee (2 years), Member Development Chair (2 years), Christian Growth Committee (4 years), Meeting Manager (2012-2014), Convention Co-Chair (2014), Vice President of Christian Life (2014-2018)

National LWML: Convention Choirs: Albuquerque (2017), Des Moines (2015), Peoria (2011), Sioux Falls (2007), Minneapolis (1999), Kansas City (1995)

Other Church Related Experiences: Organist, Midweek Music Director, Stewardship Board Chair, Associate Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, Thrivent Congregational Advocate, M&M's Bible Study

General: Elaine is a retired preschool teacher. She has been married to her husband, David, for 40 years and they have four children and five grandsons. Elaine enjoys sewing, reading, and cross-stitch in her spare time.



Candidates for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Janice Cundiff – Northwest Zone St. John's Lutheran, Oberlin

Local LWML: Society President (10 years) , Vice President (2 years), Member of Caring Service Committee, Christian Growth Committee and Chancel Circle

Zone LWML: Zone President (10 years) and Vice President (2 years)

District LWML: Structure Committee (2012-2014), Caring Service (Committee 2014-Present), Convention Banner Committee Co-Chair (2018)

National LWML: Delegate in Sioux Falls (2007)

Other Church Related Experiences: Church Body Secretary (3 years), Sunday School Superintendent (4 years), Sunday School Teacher and VBS Teacher (10+ years), Board of Finance (6 years), and Memorial Committee

General: Janice is retired after working as a licensed speech pathologist for 31 years. She is the current office secretary at Rayes Grocery in Oberlin. Janice is married and has two sons and two grandchildren. Her hobbies are reading, quilting, and doing Sudoku and jigsaw puzzles.



Pam Popp – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone King of Kings Lutheran, Gardner

Local LWML: Society President (10 years), Vice President (4 years), VP of Mission Projects (3 years)

Zone LWML: Vice President of Gospel Outreach (4 years) and Vice President of Christian Life (2 years)

District LWML: Gospel Outreach Committee (4 years), Gospel Outreach Chair (2 years)

National LWML: Young Woman Representative in Oklahoma City (2003)

Other Church Related Experiences: Sunday School Teacher, VBS Volunteer, Family Handbell Choir



General: Pam has worked as a marketing assistant and as a marketing executive for Traveler's Insurance. She is currently a volunteer for the Olathe Health Center as a monitor for the Birth Place unit and has also volunteered at Open Arms Child Development Center. Pam and her husband of 25 years, Dan, both graduated from Kansas State University. They have a 21-year old son named Coltyn who attends Johnson County Community College in pursuit of following in his father's footsteps as an architect. Pam's passion for her 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class comes second only to her love for LWML. She greatly enjoys being the storyteller each year at VBS! She also loves to scrapbook, make greeting cards, and crochet doilies and rugs.

Candidates for Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Elise Cleary - Hutchinson Zone St. Paul, Cheney

Local LWML: Member since 1992. President, Secretary, Vice President of Mission Projects, Vice President of Christian Life, Advent By Candlelight Chair, Program Chair

Zone LWML: Since 1996, served as Secretary, Song Leader, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Christian Life, Women's Retreat Chair

District LWML: Hutchinson Zone Young Woman Representative (1996), Song Leader/Music Committee (2004, 2006, 2018), Convention Choir, KAOL, regular attendee at Conventions and Christian Life Retreats

National LWML: Convention Choir in Peoria (2011) and Des Moines (2015)

Other Church Related Experiences: Choir (and soloist), Song Leader, Call Committee, Altar Guild, Commissions of Stewardship and Christian Education Ministries, Coordinator of Summer Adult Sunday School, Stephen's Ministry Caregiver for five years.

General: Elise has been a full time Dental Hygienist for 31 years. She uses her Stephen's Ministry training daily and enjoys having the opportunity to serve others. Elise has been married to Pat Cleary for 9 years and her life has been blessed with two stepsons, Noah and Cameron. LWML has been a legacy of serving for Elise with grandmothers, aunt, mother, sister, and niece being involved over many years. What joy it is to serve the Lord with gladness as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.



Jill Lowe - Northeast Zone Trinity Lutheran, Atchison

Local LWML: President

Zone LWML: Member Development Chair, Secretary, Christian Life Chair

District LWML: Member Development Chair, Communications Committee (LWML Store), Convention Co-Chair (2016), Special Focus Ministries Committee (2017-)

National LWML: Attended 13 national conventions

Other Church Related Experiences: Parish Education Committee, VBS Director and VBS Craft Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator (Reformation and Easter), Youth Committee

General: Jill is a teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. She has taught preschool, 2nd grade, and 5th/6th grade. She has been married to her husband, Mike, for 26 years, and they have two wonderful daughters, Jayme (21) and Mikayla (18). Jayme attends Concordia University in Seward, NE. Mikayla is a senior this year. Jill began attending national LWML conventions with her grandmother, mother, and aunt and continues to share the conventions with her mom! Also, Jill's daughters have attended national LWML conventions with her since they were born. When they ask where their next vacation is, they are asking where is the next LWML convention! What a blessing to always share conventions with them!



Candidates for Treasurer

Carolyn Fishburn – Hutchinson Zone St. Paul’s Lutheran, Haven

Local LWML: President (6 years), Vice President (6 years),
Treasurer (4 years)

Zone LWML: Treasurer (2 years)

District LWML: 2018 District Convention Treasurer

National LWML: Delegate in Edmonton (1993),
Attended Kansas City Convention (1995)



Other Church Related Experiences: Board of Stewardship, Children’s Pew Bags, Assist with Wednesday night meals and Sunday fellowship time, congregational representative to the Haven Food Bank Board

General: Carolyn has been a paraprofessional at Haven High School for the past eight years. Previously she was the school cook at St. Paul’s Lutheran School in Haven for five years and a computer programmer for Farmland Industries in Hutchinson for eighteen years. She’s a business graduate from St. John’s College, Winfield, and has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Emporia State University.

Carolyn has been married to her husband, Phillip, for 32 years. Their son is a Lutheran school teacher in St. Louis. Their daughter will graduate in May from Kansas State University, then will have two years of graduate school to become a speech pathologist.

Janice Russell - Northwest Zone Immanuel Lutheran, Norton

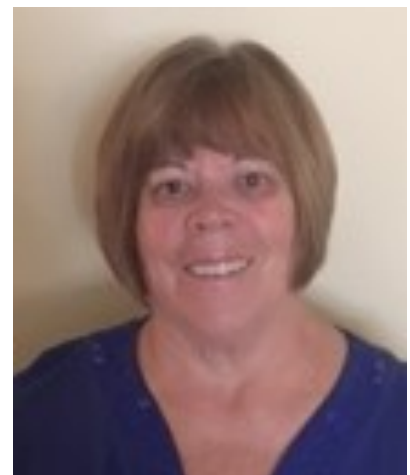
Local LWML: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Zone LWML: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

District LWML: Financial Secretary

National LWML: n/a

Other Church Related Experiences: Previous Sunday School Teacher
and VBS Teacher



General: Janice recently retired after twenty years as Clerk of the Board for USD 211 Norton. She has been married to Lee for 46 years and they have a son, daughter-in-law and 2 grandchildren who live in the KC area.

Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Jeffrey Geske – Wichita Zone Peace Lutheran Church, Andover

Education: Reverend Jeffrey D. Geske is the son of Arnold and Linda Geske and was born on July 13, 1970, baptized on August 23, 1970 at St. John Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and confirmed his faith on June 16, 1985. He was raised in Thief River Falls and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1989. Reverend Geske served in the United States Army Reserve. He served as a medic and a chaplain's assistant and was in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has been honorably discharged from the Army in 2002. In 1994, he graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He completed his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in 1999. He was ordained into the holy ministry at St. John Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls on February 28, 1999.



Experience: Following his ordination, Reverend Geske was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland, Kansas. In his seven years in McFarland, he served on a variety of boards and also served on the City Council of the city of McFarland. He also served three years as mayor of the city. He is currently the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Andover, KS. Prior to his call to Peace, Reverend Geske was pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Netawaka, KS. Prior to his service in Netawaka, Reverend Geske served Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina, KS. Prior to his service in Salina, Reverend Geske was pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Amarillo, TX.

Other Church Related Experiences: Reverend Geske was a participant in the Pastoral Leadership Institute from 2004-2008. While in Texas, he served in the Amarillo community as a member and president of the Interfaith Campaign for the Homeless and as the president of the Amarillo Ministerial Association. He also served as the pastoral advisor for the Lone Star District of the Lutheran Laymen's League and as zone pastoral advisor for the Good Samaritan ~ Bethesda Ministries.

General: Reverend Geske was married to Laura Genter on June 3, 1995. Reverend Geske and Laura had three children. Joshua was born on December 29, 2003 and twins Jacob and Joy were born on August 9, 2008. Laura, Joshua, and Joy were taken to heaven as a result of an automobile accident on January 28, 2012.

In March of 2015, Reverend Geske married Patricia Kelm in Georgetown, TX. Reverend Geske and Trish enjoy their participation in the exciting ministry of Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and are excited to be in mission here in the Kansas District. He enjoys singing, visiting with people, visiting new places, studying history, reading, walking, and sports—as a spectator only.

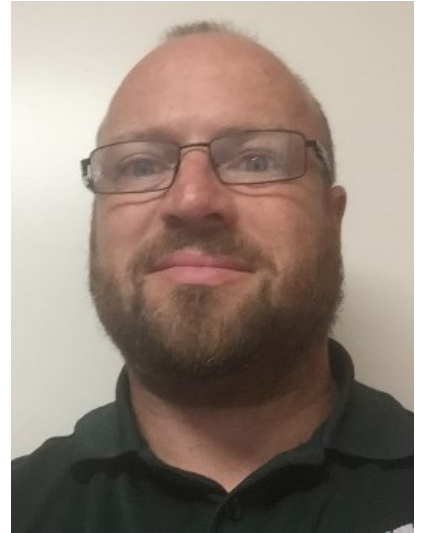
Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Rocco Mallardi – Northwest Zone Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays

Education: Rocco Mallardi graduated in 2007 from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. He earned his Master of Divinity in 2011 from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Mallardi is currently writing his doctoral dissertation through Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, on "Using Luther's Small Catechism as a Family Devotional".

District LCMS: "I serve the saints of the Kansas District as a member of the Board for Junior High Youth Ministry and as a member of the Board of Adult Education."

Experience: "I served the saints of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Oswego, Kansas and the saints of Trinity Lutheran Church Parsons, Kansas as their pastor from 2011-2015. I am currently serving the saints of Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays, Kansas."



Other Church Related Experiences: "At Trinity and St. Paul's we ran a yearly work week where we would bring people from other LCMS churches from around the country to work on homes in our community as a way to show Jesus's love to others. At Messiah, we have just called our first Director of Christian Education (DCE) to work alongside of us as we seek to teach the next generation about Jesus."

General: Pastor Mallardi is married to Janine, who is a graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, with a major in Human Psychology and a Minor in Family Life Ministry. She has her DCE certification. They have four children: Caleb, Leah, Hannah, and Abigail, and he enjoys camping with his family.



God's Gracious Gift Fund Proposals

(\$5,918 available funding)

- 1. Lutheran Student Center, Wichita State University: Mission Trip to Mexico ----- \$ 1,000.00**
This request is for the WSU Lutheran Student Center spring break mission trip to Mexico. Mission trips are life changing events. These trips serve the poorest of the poor. On these trips, the students spend a week building a home for a homeless family, while showing people God's love in words and action.
(Submitted by Rev. Dr. John Tape, Pastor/Director; Lutheran Student Center, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS)
- 2. Linn Lutheran Preschool, Linn, KS: Preschool Library ----- \$ 1,200.00**
The submission is for the update and replenishment of Christian books and resources in their library, including the collection of their Big Books and the Preschool Christian Music Library. This money would also be used to purchase the preschool curriculum that coincides with their Christian approach to educate.
(Submitted by St. John LWML of St. John Lutheran Church, Palmer, KS)
- 3. Hope Lutheran Family Life Center, Shawnee, KS: Update Stage Lighting ----- \$ 3,600.00**
The request is for stage lighting in the Family Life Center, where programs are held throughout the year, such as Christmas and Kindergarten graduation. The current lights are 25 years old. LED lights are desired to save energy and for longer life of the bulbs. These lights will improve the center in a way that will attract additional students and members, many of which have no church home.
(Submitted by Ella Schempp, Board of Christian Education Chairman, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS)
- 4. MOST Ministries: Postage, Shipping and Baggage Fees for Missionary Teams ----- \$ 500.00**
This submission request is for postage, shipping and baggage fees to offset costs of the volunteer missionary teams. Working directly with LCMS missionaries, deacons and deaconesses, and the national Lutheran church leaders, MOST mission teams perform many outreach missions. MOST Ministries leads about 30 teams in the mission field annually. The summer is when 75% of the teams leave to serve in the field. In 2016, \$4,016.03 was spent for postage and shipping, and \$987.50 was spent for airline baggage fees.
(Submitted by Sarah DePriest, Interim Executive Director; MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, MI)
- 5. WinGS LWML, Ascension Lutheran, Pratt, KS: Prayer Shawl Ministry ----- \$ 500.00**
This submission request is for the cost of materials for prayer shawls needed by this new LWML society, so they may reach out to serve in their community. These shawls will be given to church members and non-members in their time of illness or grief. So far, yarn has been donated by individual members. Freeing up the costs of shawl supplies will allow members to make donations for other LWML or church projects.
(Submitted by WinGS (Women in God's Service) LWML, of Ascension Lutheran, Pratt, KS)
- 6. St. Paul Lutheran School, Cheney, KS: Purchase Used School Bus ----- \$ 3,000.00**
This request is for the purchase of a school bus that seats 30 students. The need for a larger bus is great. The current bus seats 14. For many students, this is their only transportation to school. Purchasing this bus will fill this need and will also allow transportation for school field trips and sporting events. Growing disciples through Christian education is a valuable mission outreach now and for the future.
(Submitted by St. Paul LWML of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Cheney, KS)
- 7. Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center, King of Kings Lutheran, Gardner, KS: Purchase Laminator for Preschool and Church Use ----- \$ 2,500.00**
This submission asks for the funding to purchase a laminator. Open Arms serves over 100 children and would use this equipment daily. This center touches many lives through the pre-school and child care center mission. Teachers try to utilize resources to their fullest. The laminator will allow the center to preserve and reuse their resources.
(Submitted by Angela Thrasher, Director; Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center, King of Kings, Gardner, KS)
- 8. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO: Gospel of Mark Presentations Program ----- \$ 5,000.00**
This request is to help cover costs of the Gospel of Mark presentations program. This program enables people throughout the country to experience Jesus' presence in a new and powerful way. The book of Mark is divided into six parts each given by a different presenter. The emphasis is placed on Mark's word, his images, and his message. This program is presented five times a year largely at LCMS congregations. This program is free of charge, but the costs are \$25,000 per year.
(Submitted by Tom Evans, Grant Writer for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)

Mission Grant Proposals

2018-2020 Biennium



1. Family Shield Ministries, St. Louis, MO

Design and produce new resourced for the unchurched \$ 4,000

This submission is for the Family Shield Ministry to design and produce new resources including booklets and Bible studies. Plans include producing two new booklets that will include the Law and Gospel and Bible studies that will be put on the Ministry's website. This material is not only for the unchurched, it also will help Christians grow in faith and learn to share their faith in non-threatening ways with family and friends. Bibles will be purchased to give to those who request one.

(Submitted by Kay Meyer, President; Family Shield Ministries, St. Louis, MO)

2. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI

Reprinting *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in Spanish \$ 5,000

This submission is for reprinting, *A Child's Garden of Bibles Stories*, for Spanish speaking families in Kansas, in the United States and worldwide. Recently the newly translated book for children arrived at the Foundation. Many Hispanic ministries in the state of Kansas are very excited to have this book to distribute to Spanish speaking children to further their missions.

(Submitted by Ruth Scott, LWML President; St. John Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS)

3. Lutheran Student Center at Wichita State University

Reaching the Lost: Evangelism Leadership Seminar \$ 5,000

This submission is for room, board, and transportation for guest speakers and food for all participants of the seminar. This seminar will focus on training young people to learn the best ways to reach other young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Evangelism today's contemporary society is a new challenge. This seminar will focus on presentations and workshops on methods and resources for this new group of the unchurched.

(Submitted by Rev. Dr. John Tape, Pastor/Director; Lutheran Students Center, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS)

4. Lutheran Braille Workers

Production costs at three LBW work centers in Kansas to provide God's Word \$ 6,000

This request is for the production costs of three Lutheran Braille work centers in Kansas who provide God's Word to the blind and the visually impaired throughout the world. All written materials are given out for free. In the United States, 95% of the visually impaired are unchurched. The three work centers produce and ship the Bibles to people throughout the world.

(Submitted by Susan Rathgeber, volunteer for the LBW work center at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)

5. Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS

Start-up expenses for resources for Worship and Education Programs \$ 5,000

This is a request for start-up expenses for the new church, Ascension Lutheran. This new mission plant needs basic resources for worship, Sunday School, and Bible study which includes Bibles and music for worship. Other key components necessary for more formal worship such as altar paraments and a Baptismal font are also needed.

(Submitted by Shannon Bergner, WinGS LWML President; Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS)

6. Hope Lutheran School, Shawnee, KS

Learning module equipment, 3D printer, SMART Board, Projector \$ 5,600

This submission is for a 3D printer, PLA filament, a smart white board, a projector, and a table. These items will be used to inspire, engage, and empower the students to use their imaginations and create new ideas. Currently, 40% of these students are non-Lutheran. These items will prepare young people to learn to use their talents and abilities to express their love of Jesus through their faith-based projects.

(Submitted by Ella Schempp, Board of Christian Education Chairman, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS)

- 7. Capstone Ministries, Kisumu, Kenya**
Week-long Capstone Camp for 40 boys, counselors and families \$ 4,000
This request is for a weeklong camp experience for about 40 boys, counselors, and their families, who have been rescued from the street life in Kenya. This provides the opportunity to interact with other boys who also have been reconciled with their families. The retreat is based on Christian teachings and provides the opportunity to learn about Christ's love and to be baptized if they so desire.
(Submitted by Trinity LWML, Trinity Lutheran Church, Winfield, KS)
- 8. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, KS**
Development of the Disciple Garden at St. Luke's \$ 5,000
The grant is requested for the development of the 32-acre Disciple Garden property of St. Luke's, adjacent to a low-income apartment complex of 47 buildings. The project will be dedicated to making disciples of the residents of inner city, Kansas City, KS, by reaching out to youth and adults with works of mercy, while sharing the message of Jesus. The Disciple Garden is planned to be a place of life-changing learning and share the Gospel in an immersive and hands-on way—deeply connecting the people to God's creation, embodying hospitable compassion, and living in community with each other.
(Submitted by LWML "Women in Mission", St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, KS)
- 9. MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, MI**
Provide Evangecubes to be used by participants of the MOST Ministries trips \$ 2,500
This request is for Evangecubes and printed witness materials to be used by participants of the MOST Ministries. Evangecubes are used to explain the story of Salvation through pictures. These lightweight, portable materials portray simple images that easily navigate the language barrier. These cubes are left behind to be used by the long-term missionaries and pastors.
(Submitted by Sarah Circle, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS)
- 10. Orphan Grain Train, Wichita, KS**
Renovation, operating and shipping costs for the new warehouse in Wichita \$ 5,000
This request is for the renovation of the Orphan Grain Train's new warehouse in Wichita, so they can receive, sort, pack, and ship goods to needy people, including orphanages, throughout the world. All the work is done by volunteers in the Wichita area. Shipping costs are the largest expense of the Orphan Grain Train is \$50,000 annually.
(Submitted by Rev. Ralph Schmidt, Director of Development; Orphan Grain Train, Wichita Branch, Wichita, KS)
- 11. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS**
Community Outreach to Rolling Ridge Elementary \$ 5,000
This submission is for the community outreach program that began in 2013 when Redeemer adopted a nearby Title I school, Rolling Ridge Elementary. This mission proposal is asking for funds to purchase bilingual children's Bibles, to support the food Co-op, to help pay for monthly meals, hygiene and welcome kits, a chance to rent an apartment to increase activities, and homework huddles (homework help and Bible study).
(Submitted by Kirsten Willingham for Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS)
- 12. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry, Lawrence, KS**
Curriculum and Training for Celebration Recovery Group at Haskell LIGHT House \$ 5,000
This submission is for a "Celebrate Recovery Group" which would meet 52 weeks a year at the LIGHT House near the campus of the Haskell Indian Nations University of Lawrence. The money would cover the curriculum kit, participant's guide, training for two leaders, as well as weekly meals for the group. Celebrate Recovery provides a large group teaching time and small breakout groups where participants are encouraged to share openly about their struggles and victories. Celebrate Recovery doesn't just help with the hurts of the past, but teaches how to live a healthy life, to live sober, develop positive relationships, and enhance their world through the loving gift of Grace and Love given to them by Jesus.
(Submitted by Sherri Rose, LWML President; Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lawrence, KS)

13. Orphan Grain Train, Stuttgart, KS

Shipping costs of donations from Stuttgart to Grand Island, NE \$ 5,000

This request is for shipment costs to transport donated items to Grand Island Nebraska, where they are then shipped to places in need around the world. These goods provide spiritual, emotional and humanitarian aid to areas that have “no hope”. The Orphan Grain Train’s key mission is to help those less fortunate and in dire need of help.

(Submitted by First Lutheran Guild/LWML, First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, KS)

14. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Support for Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School \$ 5,000

This request is for the financial support of the international students at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. These students are reaching for their advanced theological degrees, so they may have the tools they need to minister in their home countries and to train and encourage others to join the ministry as pastors. Currently there are 47 international Graduate School students from 21 countries. Concordia’s Seminary Graduate School not only stands ready to welcome these students, but continues to give high priority to their formation.

(Submitted by Tom Evans, Grant Writer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)

15. Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO

Support for the Food Bank for the Seminary students and their families \$ 5,000

This request is for food to be provided to Concordia Seminary students and their families. The food bank operates solely on contributions – either monetary or in-kind. Donations are key to students as this food bank frees up portions of their limited financial resources. Currently there are 253 seminarian families registered to use the food bank. The goal is to serve these families so the servants in Christ can enter the mission field with reduced or zero debt.

(Submitted by Tom Evans, Grant Writer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)

16. LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, MO

Worker Wellness Retreat for Chaplain Families \$ 4,000

This submission is for the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces to provide a retreat for Chaplains and their wives that offers a break from the hectic, stressful, military ministry lifestyle. Adding the wives to the retreat is important because they not only support their husbands but are also involved in the outreach through the engagement of other military families who may or may not know the Gospel. Currently this program does not include funding for the wives. This request would provide for airfare and costs to make attendance affordable.

(Submitted by Mary Hamilton, Grants Manager for the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, MO)

Lutheran Women in Mission

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.

CONVENTION BAG NOTICE

Convention bags will not be provided for each attendee. The Convention Bags are for sale from the Special Focus Ministries Committee and can be ordered by using the convention bag order form found below. If you do not wish to purchase a convention bag, please feel free to bring a bag from a past convention or event to use while you are at convention. Thank you.



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.
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QUANTITY: _____ **BAG(S)** @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

LWML STORE

If you have a special order from the LWML Store you would like to pick up at the District Convention, please call Kathie Thurman at 316-260-0447 by March 31, 2018.

Proposed Amendments to the LWML Kansas District Bylaws to be presented at the 2018 Convention at its April 21 meeting

If proposed amendments are adopted, the Organizational Resources Committee requests permission to re-number and re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions, and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.

ARTICLE IV—ORGANIZATION

Section 2 - LWML Zones

Proposed amendment

- B. Strike “Structure” and insert “Organizational Re-sources.”
- C. Strike “support monetary projects” and insert “adopt mission grants.”

If adopted, will read

- B. Each zone shall write its own bylaws which shall be in conformity with the object and basic principles of the Kansas District and the Bylaws of the LWML. The bylaws and all subsequent proposed amendments shall be submitted to the District ~~Structure~~ Organizational Resources Committee for approval by this committee before being presented to the zone membership for adoption.
- C. Zones shall not ~~support monetary projects~~ adopt mission grants other than those of the District and the national LWML.

Rationale: Paragraph B is amended to reflect the current name of the committee. Paragraph C aligns with national's requirement that the only mission grants supported by zones are those previously approved by the District and national LWML.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 2 - Vice President of Caring Service

Proposed amendment

Strike Paragraphs “A” and “B;” move to Article VI, Section 6, Vice President of Organizational Resources.

If adopted, will read

- ~~A. assist the President in the duties pertaining to the office;~~
- ~~B. fill the temporary vacancy in the office of the President, in the event of an emergency or unexpected vacancy, until the office is filled by the Board of Directors (see Article X, Section 1.C.9.);~~

Rationale: The VP of Organizational Resources is the logical person to succeed the President in the case of an emergency, and will align with the responsibilities of that vice president's position as defined by national.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6 - Vice President of Organizational Resources

Proposed amendment

Insert new paragraphs “A” and “B.”

If adopted, will read

- A. assist the President in the duties pertaining to the office;
- B. fill the temporary vacancy in the office of the President, in the event of an emergency or unexpected vacancy, until the office is filled by the Board of Directors (see Article X, Section 1.C.9.);

Rationale: Responsibilities moved from the Vice President of Caring Service. The Vice President of Organizational Resources is the logical person to succeed the President in the case of an emergency.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Section 3 - Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Proposed amendment

- C. Strike “Caring Service” and insert
“Organizational Resources.”

If adopted, will read

- A. select candidates for President and Vice President of Caring Service Organizational Resources who have served as members of the District Board of Directors.

Rationale: The amendments proposed in Article VI, Sections “2” and “6” (above), if adopted, names the Vice President of Organizational Resources as the person to succeed the President in the case of an emergency.

ARTICLE IX – REPRESENTATION

Section 2 - Delegate Certification

Proposed amendment

- Strike “Section 2, “Delegate Certification” and replace with new Section 2, “Delegate Designation.”

If adopted, will read

Section 2, Delegate Certification

~~The District convention delegates shall be certified with the Recording Secretary:~~

- ~~A. The credentials of the delegates and their alternates shall be in the hands of the Recording Secretary four (4) weeks prior to the District convention for certification.~~
- ~~B. In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same society may serve as a delegate upon certification in writing by the Zone President and presentation to the District Recording Secretary.~~
- ~~C. Uncertified delegates in attendance at the District convention may be certified in writing by their Zone President prior to the convention session in which balloting occurs.~~

Section 2, Delegate Designation

- A. The Recording Secretary will contact each Zone President and each society/unit president eight (8) weeks prior to the District convention, indicating the number of delegates that may represent each unit.
- B. Zone Presidents will notify the Recording Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the convention, indicating the number of delegates that will represent each society/unit.
- C. Prior to the first convention session each delegate will affirm her status by signing a Zone Delegate Registration Sheet, indicating the society/unit she represents.

Rationale: Simplification of the delegate designation and registration procedure (allowing additions, deletions, or changes in delegates until the morning of the first business session) while maintaining the integrity of convention sessions.

Proposed amendment

Strike “Structure” and insert “Organizational Resources.”

If adopted, will read

The Standing Committees shall be Caring Service, Christian Life, Communication, Gospel Outreach, ~~Structure~~, Organizational Resources and Special Focus Ministries.

Rationale: Amend to reflect the current name of the committee.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**Section 3.A – Department Responsibilities (Caring Service Department)****Proposed amendment**

Strike Paragraph “1.b.”

If adopted, will read

1.b. ~~plan programs for training in caring service work; and~~

Rationale: This is no longer a responsibility of the Caring Service Committee.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**Section 3.C – Department Responsibilities (Communication Department)****Proposed amendment**

1. Strike “the newsletter editor as;” insert “a” before “chairman;” strike “three (3)” and insert “four (4).”

If adopted, will read

1. The Communication Committee, consisting of ~~the newsletter editor as a~~ chairman, ~~three (3)~~ four (4) or more members and a Pastoral Counselor, shall:

Rationale: The committee chairman is appointed by the VP of Communication. Four or more members conforms to current practice.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**Section 3.D – Department Responsibilities (Gospel Outreach Department)****Proposed amendment**

Strike Paragraph “1.d” and insert new paragraph 1.d.”

If adopted, will read

~~1.d. receive applications for student financial aid, and determine distribution of the financial aid funds and the annual interest from the District Student Financial Aid Fund with the approval of the Executive Committee; and~~
1.d. receive applications for student financial aid and, with the approval of the Executive Committee, determine distribution of any financial aid from the Student Financial Aid Fund which is over and above the amount included in the biennial mission goal; and

Rationale: Utilizing the current policy for disbursement of financial aid (approved by the Board of Directors 4/16/16), the financial aid over and above the amount approved in the biennial mission goal will be disbursed from the Student Financial Aid Fund (which includes accumulated interest) until that fund is near, but not less than, \$10,000. The correct name of the fund is Student Financial Aid Fund.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**Section 3.E- Department Responsibilities (Organizational Resources Department)****Proposed amendment**

Strike “Structure” and insert “Organizational Resources.”

If adopted, will read

The Organizational Resources Department shall include the ~~Structure~~ Organizational Resources Committee. The Vice President of Organizational Resources shall be the coordinator of the Organizational Resources Department.

Rationale: Amend to reflect the current name of the committee.

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**Section 3.E.1 - Structure Committee****Proposed amendment**

Strike “Structure” and insert “Organizational Resources;” insert “plus the Parliamentarian as ex officio member” after “Counselor.”

If adopted, will read

The ~~Structure~~ Organizational Resources Committee, consisting of a chairman, two (2) or more members and a Pastoral Counselor, plus the Parliamentarian as ex officio member, shall:

Strike Paragraphs “a,” “b,” “c,” and “d.” Insert new Paragraphs “a,” “b,” “c,” “d,” “e,” and “f.”

- a. ~~Present proposed amendments to the District Bylaws in the following manner:~~
 - (1) ~~Submit proposed amendments to the Executive Committee;~~
 - (2) ~~Submit proposed amendments to the District Board of Directors prior to the District convention;~~
 - (3) ~~Send the required number of copies of proposed amendments to the national Structure Committee for their approval prior to adoption by the District membership;~~
 - (4) ~~See that the proposed amendments are published two (2) months prior to the District convention; and~~
 - (5) ~~Submit proposed amendments to the District convention;~~
- b. ~~Receive and examine Zone Bylaws and proposed amendments and approve those not in conflict with the District Bylaws;~~
- e. ~~Provide copies of the District Bylaws to officers, committees and zones after adoption by the District convention; and~~
- d. ~~Provide Leadership Guidelines to the Board of Directors and District committee members at the direction of the Executive Committee.~~
 - a. Examine and evaluate the Bylaws of the District;
 - b. Submit proposed amendments to the District Board of Directors for consideration and approval;
 - c. Send the required number of copies of proposed amendments to the national Structure Committee for its approval prior to adoption by the District membership;
 - d. Submit approved proposed amendments to the District convention;
 - e. Receive and examine Zone bylaws and proposed amendments and approve those not in conflict with the District bylaws; and
 - f. Be responsible for updating the *Leadership Guidelines*.

Rationale: Amend to reflect the current name of the committee. Designates the Parliamentarian as ex officio member of the committee and provides a concise definition of committee's responsibilities. Guidelines for amending bylaws are contained in Article XVII.

ARTICLE XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Section 6 – Special Appointed Personnel

Proposed amendment:

- A. Strike “and” after “District Convention Chairman.” Insert “Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, Prayer Mail Coordinator and Heart-to-Heart Sister Leader” after Short-term Mission Coordinator.
- C. Modify Paragraph “C” (Parliamentarian) to read: “serve as an advisor...” as sub-paragraph “1.” Insert new sub-paragraph “2.” Insert new paragraphs “F,” “G” and “H.”

If adopted, will read

- A. The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, Parliamentarian, District Convention Chairman, ~~and~~ Short-term Mission Coordinator, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, Prayer Mail Coordinator and Heart-to-Heart Sister Leader.
- C. The Parliamentarian shall:
 - 1. serve as an advisor in parliamentary procedure upon request; and

Insert new paragraphs “F,” “G” and “H.”

1. serve as an advisor in parliamentary procedure upon request; and
 2. be an ex officio member of the Organizational Resources Committee (see Article XI, Section 3.E.1).
- F. The Lutheran World Relief Coordinator shall serve as area contact for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).
- G. The Prayer Mail Coordinator shall circulate prayer requests through the District prayer mail network.
- H. The Heart-to-Heart Sister Leader shall develop the District Heart-to-Heart Sister program as per training received from LWML.

Rationale: Conforms to current designated Special Appointed Personnel and defines responsibilities for the positions.

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

Section 1 – Mission Offerings

Proposed amendment

Strike “Mission;” insert “Mite.”

- A. Strike “Mission;” insert “Mite.”
- B. Strike “Mission;” insert “Mite.”
- C. Strike “mission offerings;” insert “mite offerings.” Strike “at least four times a year;” insert “monthly.” Strike “mission projects;” insert “mission grants.”
- D. Insert “mite” before the word “offerings.”
- E. Insert “offerings” after “Convention.” Strike “special offerings” and insert “specified financial gifts.” Insert “donor’s designation or” after “in accordance with the.” Strike “resolutions” and insert “purpose.”

If adopted, will read

Mission Mite Offerings

- A. Mission Mite offerings with the District shall be gathered using Mite Boxes or other means. Mite Boxes are furnished by the District Financial Secretary.
- B. Mission Mite offerings are to be remitted to the District Financial Secretary.
- C. The District shall remit twenty-five (25) percent of such mission offerings mite offerings to the national LWML at least four times a year monthly for approved mission projects mission grants and administration of the national LWML.
- D. The District shall retain seventy-five (75) percent of such mite offerings in its treasury for its approved mission grants and administration of the District.
- E. Convention offerings and other special offerings specified financial gifts shall be used in accordance with the donor’s designation or the specific resolutions purpose as adopted.

Rationale: Specifies that Mite offerings (as opposed to convention offerings and other designated financial gifts) are collected for approved mission grants and administrative costs on the national and district levels. Paragraph “C” aligns with a request from national, which will allow for more timely payment of national mission grants.



CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

The LWML Kansas District Convention will be held at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center, 1400 N. Lorraine Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Here's what you need to know:

- **You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations BEFORE April 4.** The beds are DOUBLE QUEENS with a rate of \$75 per night, plus applicable taxes. A major credit card or advance deposit is required to guarantee your reservation.
- **Call the Atrium Hotel at 800-362-5018 or 620-669-9311 to make your reservation.** Identify yourself as part of the "Lutheran Women's Missionary League" to get the group rate. NOTE: You will **not** get the group rate if you make a reservation on-line.
- **There is no elevator to the second floor,** so if you need a first floor room, be sure to tell them. Or, if you need a room close to the banquet hall, let them know that also.
- **If you stay at the Atrium Hotel,** the breakfast buffet for Friday and Saturday morning is **FREE**.



ATRIUM HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
1400 N. LORRAINE ST.
HUTCHINSON, KS 67501
PHONE: 620-669-9311

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Coming from the north through Salina:

- At Salina, merge onto I-135 S toward Wichita, traveling 34.7 miles
- Take exit 58 to merge onto KS-61 S for approx. 26.1 miles
- Turn right onto E 17th Ave. in Hutchinson, traveling .5 miles
- Turn left onto N. Lorraine St.

Coming from Hays:

- Traveling on I-70 E, take exit 184 for US-281 S, traveling approx. 27 miles
- Continue onto KS-4 E for 37.5 miles
- Turn right onto 22nd Rd/Hunter Blvd. for 10.1 miles
- Turn left onto US-56 E for 9 miles
- Turn right onto Plum Ave. for 18.1 miles
- At traffic circle, take 3rd exit onto E 56th Ave. for 1.1 miles
- Turn right onto N. Lorraine St. for 3.2 miles

Coming from Dodge City:

- Travel on US-50 E for 116 miles
- Take exit toward Ken Kennedy Fwy/S Lorraine St. for .2 miles
- Turn left onto Ken Kennedy Fwy/S. Lorraine St. for 2.7 miles
- Turn left onto E. 11th Ave for 154 ft.
- Turn right onto N. Lorraine St. for .2 miles

Coming from Arkansas City (This route has tolls.):

- Get on I-35 N in Guelph from US-166W, traveling 17.1 miles
- Follow I-35 N for 37.7 miles, taking exit 42 for I-135 toward I-235/Wichita/Salina/US-81 for .6 miles
- Continue onto I-135 N for .7 miles
- Use left 2 lanes to take exit 1C for I-235 for .5 miles
- Continue on I-235 N for 12.5 miles
- Take exit 13 for KS-96 W toward Hutchinson for .7 miles
- Continue onto KS-96 W for 30.8 miles
- Take Yoder Rd exit for .3 miles
- Turn right onto S. Yoder Rd for 8 miles
- Continue onto Airport Rd. for .8 miles
- Turn left onto E. 11th Ave. for 2.0 miles
- Turn right onto N. Lorraine St.

**The LWML Kansas District Joyfully Invites You
to Join Us in Hutchinson in**

Celebrating 75 YEARS OF SERVING
OUR LORD IN MISSIONS!

SPECIAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

💎 **Friday, April 20: (after the Opening Worship Service)**

75th Anniversary Reception

💎 **Saturday, April 21:**

**75th Anniversary Thank Offering
for Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa**

+ Marsha Giggy (daughter of Kansas LWML President Elnora Briggeman, 1964 -1968) will be the hostess for the Thank Offering “Celebration Cake” around the Convention Center on Saturday.

+ Be sure and greet her with a smile and an LWML hug—and your personal Thank Offering or a Love Offering from your Society! Thank you!

💎 **Saturday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.:**

**75th Anniversary Banquet
with Jan Struck, Speaker and Entertainer**

+ Wear your favorite fancy clothes of any style from any decade. Get those gloves out of the cedar chest and the hats down from the top shelf of the closet.

+ Enjoy music of the decades. Bring a memory to share with friends at your table.

+ Wear bling. Bring a noisemaker. Be prepared to laugh. And cry. And sing. And celebrate!

💎 **All Weekend, April 20-22:**

Honoring Our Kansas LWML Legacy

+ 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.

+ **Text** Brenda Piester at 620-546-3964 -or- **Email** president@kansaslwml.org -or- **Mail** to 29063 64th Road, Coats, KS 67028 by **March 1**.



Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
(Psalm 95:1-2)

Welcome to Hutchinson! It is fitting that the 75th Anniversary of the LWML Kansas District is in Hutchinson—one of the nine congregations in Circuit Nine, also known as the Ark Valley Circuit, where Lutheran women had been meeting as a group since 1940—even before the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was formed!