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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS**

## ***My Mother's Ladies Aid and My Women in God's Service (WinGS)***

Dear LWML Kansas District Sisters-in-Christ! Welcome Fall!



When I was growing up, Mother belonged to one of two LWML Societies in our church—the Bethany Guild, which was mostly “younger” women or women whose schedules worked best to meet in the evenings. After I married, I also joined this group of women for Bible study, service projects, fellowship, and prayer. I love(d) the women in the Bethany Guild!

After Mother ended working part-time outside of the home and preferred an afternoon meeting to an evening one, she switched her membership to the Ladies Aid Society. They have a nicely printed, very detailed annual program book. They have a topic/Bible Study and a business meeting each month in the church basement. They always have a hostess and a dessert. Another Bible Study is led in the evening in the home of a Bethany Guild member. They have a very active sewing group which crafts hundreds of quilts for Orphan Grain Train. I love(d) the women in the Ladies Aid! And I love the women in our WinGS Group!

Fast forward to the Women in God's Service (WinGS) group to which I now belong. We meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at the public library. It's “after work” for those who work outside of the home and finishes before any evening school, community, or sports activities. Our “program book” is entirely digital and a little more “on the fly.” The agenda is emailed, and we have dispensed with the typical meeting items such as roll call and reading of the minutes so there is more time for devotions, projects and fellowship. We rarely do business with a formal motion/second/discussion/vote but prefer to do business by an informal discussion and decision by consensus. We sometimes have fingerfood snacks, and sometimes, not. Two additional Bible studies are led during the week—one in the afternoon, and another while the children are in FUSION (Midweek) classes. We have a group who crafts prayer shawls to give to those in need throughout the community.

These two groups are quite different, and yet, quite the same. Both have the common thread of being in The Word, serving others, and generously—faithfully—giving Mite Offerings that are sent in to support Mission Grants in the Kansas District and throughout the world.



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Is one type of group more “correct”? NO! Both groups meet the style of the women where they are in location, time, and season of life. And that, my dear Sisters-in-Christ, is what each of your local groups needs to find—the balance of Bible study, service, fellowship, and the opportunity to give Mite Offerings to support the “big-picture” purposes of Lutheran Women in Mission.

That is what makes LWML unique—there is NOT only one “right way” of meeting together. DO WHAT WORKS FOR YOUR GROUP! Be CREATIVE in trying new ideas. CONSIDER the new Mailbox Member program to reach more women! Be open to CHANGE! As we learned at the 2019 Kansas Assembly of Leaders, we are to “Follow the Leader.” That Leader we follow is Jesus Christ. When we keep our eyes, our hearts, our minds, and our service focused on Him, the rest will fall into place.

Continuing to look for ways to encourage other women to join with us—Lutheran Women – in Mission!



President Brenda Piester | [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org)

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It is with humble joy that we announce to you that five Kansas Lutheran Women in Mission have accepted appointments to serve LWML at the national level:

**Susan Brunkow**, Manhattan (former Oklahoma District President), has been appointed to fill the remaining two years of the term of **Vice President of Christian Life**. The position was previously held by Jennifer Huecker who had to step down due to health reasons.

**Karen Morrison**, Wichita (Kansas District President from 2012-2016), will serve on the **Gospel Outreach Committee**.

**Kristen Brunkow O'Shea**, Topeka (Young Woman Representative to Mobile), will serve on the **Committee on Young Women**.

**Eden Keefe**, Overland Park (LWML Vice President of Christian Life 2013-2017), will serve as the **Christian Living editor for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly***.

**Brenda Piester**, Coats (Kansas District President 2016-present), will serve on the **Growth and Development Committee**.

You may read the entire news release and the rest of the appointments at <http://www.lwml.org/posts/news/enews-268>

Please keep these women in your prayers for safe travels to the LWML Interdepartmental Meeting in St. Louis from October 23-26, and pray that their work may be Christ-centered and Mission-minded as they "Serve the Lord with gladness."

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**Counselor's Corner**  
**Pastor Bob Grimm**  
**Senior Pastoral Counselor, Kansas LWML**



The Tour de France may be the most well-known bicycle race of our time. Bicyclists compete 23 days. This year they rode 2091 miles beginning in Brussels, Belgium, and traveled south in France, and then circled north to conclude in Paris. Egan Bernal, of Australia, became the youngest champion in decades, when he completed the race this year at age 22. Every day for three weeks, we are shown news video of the beautiful countryside as racers travel through much of France.

Joshua Robinson wrote a back story for the Tour de France in *The New York Times*, with a headline: "White paint keeps race rated G." (July 24, 2019) Their early morning responsibilities were to whitewash or camouflage obscene messages or political slurs that appear along the roadways and trails the bicyclists travel. They were to make sure the road service was fit for a global television audience. That meant no political messages, no rude words, and especially, no genitalia. They are known as the Tour's "Erasers", although whitewashers might be more appropriate. They wake up at the crack of dawn with a bucket of paint and some rollers.

One of the men explained, "You can't stop human stupidity," when he was asked about the reason why people draw obscene or political messages. The team can be quite creative, turning obscene drawings into something else, such as an owl or a butterfly, and at other times they simply paint giant white blocks in the road to cover over the offensive graffiti. The point of the article is that they must do it every single morning of the race. And the job is important every single year. It must be applied again and again.

There is something to learn from this. Human ingenuity, sinful ingenuity, always reveals itself. Sin is like that, in that it does not simply quit or go away. It is perverse, crude, and disgusting to others. The blood of Jesus covers us. And we need Him each day to make us presentable to the world, and to our heavenly Father.

The hymnwriter Horatio Bonar declares:

*"Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee" (LSB 565)*

***Live as God's pure and beautiful child!***

***Pastor Grimm***

***"Let him know that whoever brings back a sinner  
from his wandering will save his soul from death  
and will cover a multitude of sins." James 5:20***

# COMMUNICATION

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) This has been my personal verse during my term as your VP of Communication. This verse has helped me every day to accomplish what is set before me to do. Knowing Christ is with me every step of the way is very important to me, and I know He's with all of you as well. Christ stands by us and He supplies our needs, and we should be content with that. We have that assurance, because of our faith, that He will always be with us, and will guide us to do His work, according to His will. And I thank Him for His leadership and love.

Please visit the LWML Kansas District website for all of your LWML needs. Contact anyone on the Communication Committee with your questions or if you need assistance; click on the Contact Us tab for committee member email addresses. We are still in search of a willing person to serve as the Technology Manager. If you are interested in this position, or need more information, please contact me as soon as possible.

Communication Committee members are:

- Marj Aufdemberge, chairman, and Distribution Manager (*Quarterly* subscriptions)
- Sherry Meier, Directory Manager
- Ramie Schulteis, Social Media Manager (Facebook)
- Kathie Thurman, LWML Store Manager
- Michelle Domsch, Newsletter Editor (*The Kansas Sonshine*)
- Karl Peschel, Website Administrator

God's blessings to you during the upcoming holiday season.



Plan on checking out the LWML Store at the Christian Life Retreat in Salina. Kathie Thurman will have the Store available both days.



## ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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Dear Bitsy, Our society is having trouble deciding the best time to meet. Our older members don't like to drive at night and the young women we'd like to invite work during the day. Any suggestions? Undecided

Dear Undecided, Your group is not alone in this quandary and I wish there was a pat answer. I can share what has worked with some other groups that I have visited and maybe it will spark an idea that will work with your unique group of Lutheran Women in Mission.

- Group One has several small groups within their big group. The small groups set their own meeting times and places; they may or may not serve refreshments. They try very hard not to meet for more than an hour at a time. They have small groups for Bible Study (one morning and one evening), sewing groups to make small Baptismal banners and large banners for church use, quilters, those who crochet plastic mats for the homeless, altar care, and service projects such as assembling Lutheran World Relief kits. Then once a quarter—February, May, September, and December—the large group meets for a fellowship meal and to share what everyone has been doing and to be sure they are meeting as many needs as they are able. This is when they “officially” collect mites, but mite donations can be made to the treasurer any time.
- Group Two meets on Saturdays and they alternate monthly meetings between Bible Study/business and service projects/business. They also keep their meetings to an hour or less and they provide babysitting for any who might need it. They send out an agenda by email and/or snail mail at least a week before a meeting so everyone has a chance to prepare reports and get questions ready, because the business section of the get together is held to no more than 15 minutes. They don't serve refreshments, but do have snacks for the children.
- Group Three meets for monthly Bible Study/business during the day. They serve refreshments first during a 30 minute fellowship time. Four times a year they plan a meal and invite all the women of the congregation. They have some kind of planned program (a local hand bell choir, the police chief on personal safety, a local historian, the high school show choir, etc.) and they have information available about LWML in general and their group in particular. They always ask for suggestions on future programs and for ideas on service projects within the congregation. Their goal is to involve one new person in one activity per year.

It seems the groups with the most success stories are those who find out the interests of the women of their congregation and then look for ways to incorporate those interests into programs or service projects. These groups are willing to accept that it isn't necessary to have a business meeting every time they get together, but it is vital to begin with a devotion and/or prayer. They experiment, try new things, expect and accept some failures, but don't quit trying just because this time, this way it didn't work. God bless your efforts as you continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness! Bitsy

**Meeting Planner**  
Find the best time

# CARING SERVICE

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## KAOL Ingathering

Our sincere thanks for all of the items donated for the KAOL ingathering for the Grace Lutheran Food Pantry in Wichita and for the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse in Wichita. These items will be a blessing to all who receive them in the Name of Jesus. Following is a list of the items received.

Betty Amey, Caring Service Chairman

### Grace Lutheran Food Pantry

Toilet Paper rolls	148
Bars of Soap	122
Dish Soap	21
Laundry Soap	10
Paper Towels	4
Canned fruit	9
Applesauce	11
Tuna	34
Peanut Butter	25
Jelly	11
Mac & Cheese	44
Pancake Mix	30
Pancake Syrup	6
Crackers	10
Canned Vegetables	65
Spaghetti Sauce	25
Spaghetti pkg.	21
Canned soup	42
Flour pkg.	7
Sugar	7
Rice	6
Cereal	10
Dry beans	5
Boxed meals	16
Misc.	18
Cash/gift cards Food Pantry	\$95
Cash/gift cards for OGT	\$125



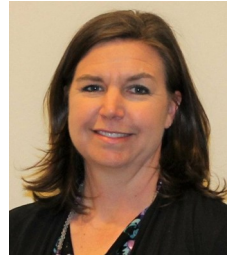
Sherry Fick, Sharon Daugherty, volunteer, Betty Amey, Carol Nix, Kathy Heiniger.

### Orphan Grain Train

Socks	133	Crayon pkg.	141	Medical equipment	51
Underwear	174	Markers pkg.	48	Combs	17
Diapers	680	Protractors	62	Hygiene kits	27
Bandages pkg.	102	Constr, Paper pkg.	65	Quilts	52
Sanitary Products	66	Notebooks	145	Bibles	3
Toothbrushes	176	Scissors	70	Stamps	
Toothpaste	99	Backpacks	15	Literature for the Fair booth	
Glue sticks	41	Rulers	1		
Coloring books	49	Pens & pencils	lots		
		Toys	15		
		Erasers	2		

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

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We hope all of you can join us at our Christian Life Retreat with the theme "Fearless Women, Redefining Beauty Boldly." Our committee has visited the site and has been in contact with Heidi Goehmann and we are really excited for this engaging and uplifting weekend! The registration form is included in this Sonshine and is available at [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org). Though the registration deadline has passed, we will still accept registrations. Please mail them in immediately, and we will make every attempt to secure meals and rooms. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to grow in your faith and make connections with your LWML sisters from all across Kansas.



Concordia Publishing House has partnered with Lutheran Women's Missionary League to bring you an updated shopping experience while still providing the full range of LWML products and resources.



National LWML has a National LWML Pinterest page. Check out the great resources!



Kansas LWML is on Facebook! Be sure to "like" our page. You can also follow the National LWML on their Facebook page too! Join today.



## FINANCIAL NEWS

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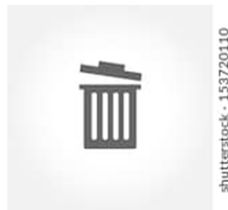


**[financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org](mailto:financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org)**

**Thank you for your faithfulness with your prayers and Mite Offerings!**

Were you or your LWML President at KAOL in August? There have been some updates the Remittance Voucher. A new line has been included for Leader Development. Check out the article below for more information about Leader Development.

***Now my challenge to you is going be hard! Take those old remittance forms and place them in a recycle bin.***



**Remittance Vouchers are now online.**

- **The form is two part.**
- **Print a copy from the website below**
  - **<http://www.kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources.html>**
- **Complete the voucher leaving the date and money blank.**
- **Make copies of the completed form (to save time when you send in your monies) to the Financial Secretary.**
- **Payee on check should read "LWML Kansas District"**
  - **This is very important banks require the payee to read the same as the name on the account.**

Questions ? Contact [financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org](mailto:financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org)

### **NEW Leader Development Fund Established for the Kansas District**

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce the creation of a new Leader Development Fund for use in the Kansas District. The initial funds came from any "overages" held in the District Treasury following the 2016 and 2018 Conventions and from the 2017 Christian Life Retreat. (Being good stewards of registration fees for these events means the District operated in the black and had some money remaining after all expenses were paid.) NO Mite Offerings were used to fund the account. The purpose of the fund is to pay expenses toward developing Lutheran Women in Mission as leaders in the Kansas District. The first expenditure from the account was to pay the Zones \$150 toward the registration fees for their Zone Delegates to the Mobile Convention. At the Kansas Assembly of Leaders, each group/society was presented with the new "Mailbox Member" materials to use to reach out to all women in their congregations, and the cost of printing these notebooks was from the Leader Development Fund. Donations are accepted for this fund in the same way as to the Student Financial Aid Fund or for the God's Gracious Gifts Fund. If you have questions, please contact President Brenda Piester. Thank you!



## 2019-2020 Student Financial Aid Recipients LWML Kansas District

Twenty-two students from the Kansas district are receiving financial aid from LWML Kansas District. A total of \$20,300 will be disbursed for the 2019-2020 school year. We thank God for their commitment and willingness to serve fulltime in our churches!

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Home Congregation</u>
Jesse Schultz	CU Chicago	Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Jennifer Horne	CU Nebraska	Immanuel, Canton
Madison Chiapetta	CU Wisconsin	Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Ramon Ontiveros	CU Nebraska	St. Matthew, Nortonville
Hanna Elsey	CU Irvine	Faith, Topeka
Jordan Mahken	CU Wisconsin	Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Mikayla Lowe	CU Nebraska	Trinity, Atchison
Broderick Schofield	CU Nebraska	Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
Stephanie Hatesohl	CU Chicago	Bethany, Overland Park
Josiah Schultz	CU Chicago	Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Natasha Bonine	CU Nebraska	St. Paul's Haven
Makayla Kosberg	CU Nebraska	Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Olivia Johnson	CU Nebraska	Bethany, Overland Park
Leah Werling	CU Nebraska	Trinity, Salina
Mary Schultz	CU Wisconsin	Bethany, Overland Park
Kaleb Weinauf	CUNE/CSFW	Risen Savior Basehor
Joshua Brandmahl	CSFW	St. John's Topeka
Jacob Rhodes	CSL	Ascension, Wichita
Jaron Melin	CSL	Holy Cross, Wichita
Brendon Moore	CSL	Ascension, Wichita
Christian Schultz	CSFW	St. John, Alma
Brian Doel	CSL	Hope, Shawnee

Lisa Brack

LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach Committee and Student Financial Aid Chairman

## SOCIETY NEWS

A group of LWML ladies from Immanuel Lutheran, Netawaka, of the Northeast Zone, went on a field trip in July and visited Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor, KS. They toured the facility, and Pastor Weinkauff explained the theology behind the architectural features of this beautiful church.



Front Row: Pastor Robert Weinkauff, Nancy Schumann, Angela Strube, Marcia Coufal, Pastor Van Velzer.  
Second Row: Esther Ideker, Elizabeth Handke, Janet Amon, Joyce Strube.



The Ladies Society at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Herington, have a Relief Center for Orphan Grain Train. Clothes donated from the area for infants & toddlers, children, and adults are collected, sorted, and boxed for shipment to the warehouse in Norfolk, NE. Our ladies have been working with this project for 15 years so thousands of boxes have been packed and shipped. The container in the picture is where the filled boxes are stored until it is full and it will be replaced with another container.

# Orphan Grain Train +

## ZONE NEWS



Out of over 3000 women at LWML Convention in Mobile, AL, and probably 5000 photos taken, this is the one that the LCMS put on the front page of *The Reporter*. The two delegates shown are Amanda West and Chyleen Pauesick from the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone.

### Upcoming National LWML Conventions:

- 2021 — Lexington, Kentucky — June 24–27
- 2023 — Milwaukee, Wisconsin — June 22–25



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LWML Update from the LCMS Reporter Newspaper  
(Check out the Kansas Lutheran Women in Mission in the cover photo!)

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2019/lwml-adopts-2-1-million-mission-...> See More



BLOGS.LCMS.ORG

LWML adopts \$2.1 million mission goal, elects new president

## 2019 Zone Fall Meetings

September 21: Manhattan Zone

October 5: Southwest Zone

October 12: Herington Zone, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone, Northeast Zone, Northwest Zone, Southeast Zone, Topeka Zone

October 13: Lincoln Zone

October 19: Hutchinson Zone, Wichita Zone

October 20: Linn Zone

Just a reminder to each zone to please submit an article for the January Sonshine regarding your fall event!



Enjoy a relaxing weekend of connecting with old friends and meeting new ones.

### ENJOY MUSIC

### MEDITATE IN GOD'S WORD

### LIGHTEN YOUR SPIRIT WITH LAUGHTER

### WIN PRIZES

The LWML Kansas District Store will have items available for your shopping enjoyment.

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Salina, KS



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there is no flaw in you (Song of Songs 4:7).*  
**Fearless Women, Redefining Beauty Boldly**

Please join us  
at the  
Lutheran Women  
in Mission  
Christian Life Retreat

**"Fearless Women,  
Redefining Beauty Boldly"**

November 1 - 2, 2019  
Salina, Kansas

Sponsored by the  
LWML Kansas District







### Guest speaker: Heidi Goehmann:

Heidi Goehmann is a licensed clinical social worker and mental health care provider, deaconess, writer, speaker, wife, mom, and advocate. She received her bachelor's degree in theology and psychology from Concordia University Chicago, and her master's degree in social work from the University of Toledo with an emphasis on children, families, and social justice.

Heidi has worked in a variety of clinical settings including trauma treatment, play-based therapies, and systems research. She is a certified Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing therapist, and has training in the Gottman method of couple's therapy. She has also served in various ministry capacities including youth and young adult ministry, women's ministry, and family ministry.

Heidi can always be found at [loveymyshepherd.com](http://loveymyshepherd.com) which provides resources and advocacy for mental health and genuine relationship.

Heidi loves her family, sticky notes, Jesus, adventures, Star Wars, Star Trek, and new ideas... not necessarily in that order.

*You are altogether, beautiful, my love, there is no flaw in you (Song of Songs 4:7).*  
Fearless Women, Redefining Beauty Boldly

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY ~~~ November 1

— *Dinner on your own before the event starts* —

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens, check into rooms / Shopping Open until 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Welcome / Session I

8:00 p.m. Vespers Service

8:45 p.m. Fellowship: After Hours Fun and Games!

### SATURDAY ~~~ November 2

Early Meditations/ Walkers

7:15 a.m. Registration Opens

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast provided  
Shopping Open until 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Welcome / Session II

11:15 a.m. Break / Shopping Open until 12:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m. Lunch Served

12:30 p.m. Session III

2:30 p.m. Closing Thoughts



Please reserve my spot!  
"Fearless Women,  
Redefining Beauty Boldly"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

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Hotel Room, Meals & Activities for One Great Price!

*Rooms are Double—Double Beds*

- ☐ 1 person/room \$99.00
- ☐ 2 persons/room \$74.00 per person
- ☐ 3 persons/room \$65.00 per person
- ☐ 4 persons/room \$61.00 per person
- ☐ I plan to attend the retreat, but will not stay at the hotel. Registration cost: \$48.00

**DEADLINE EXTENDED!** PLEASE ADD \$10 if  
postmarked AFTER October 10, 2019.

I have a roommate/s: \_\_\_\_\_

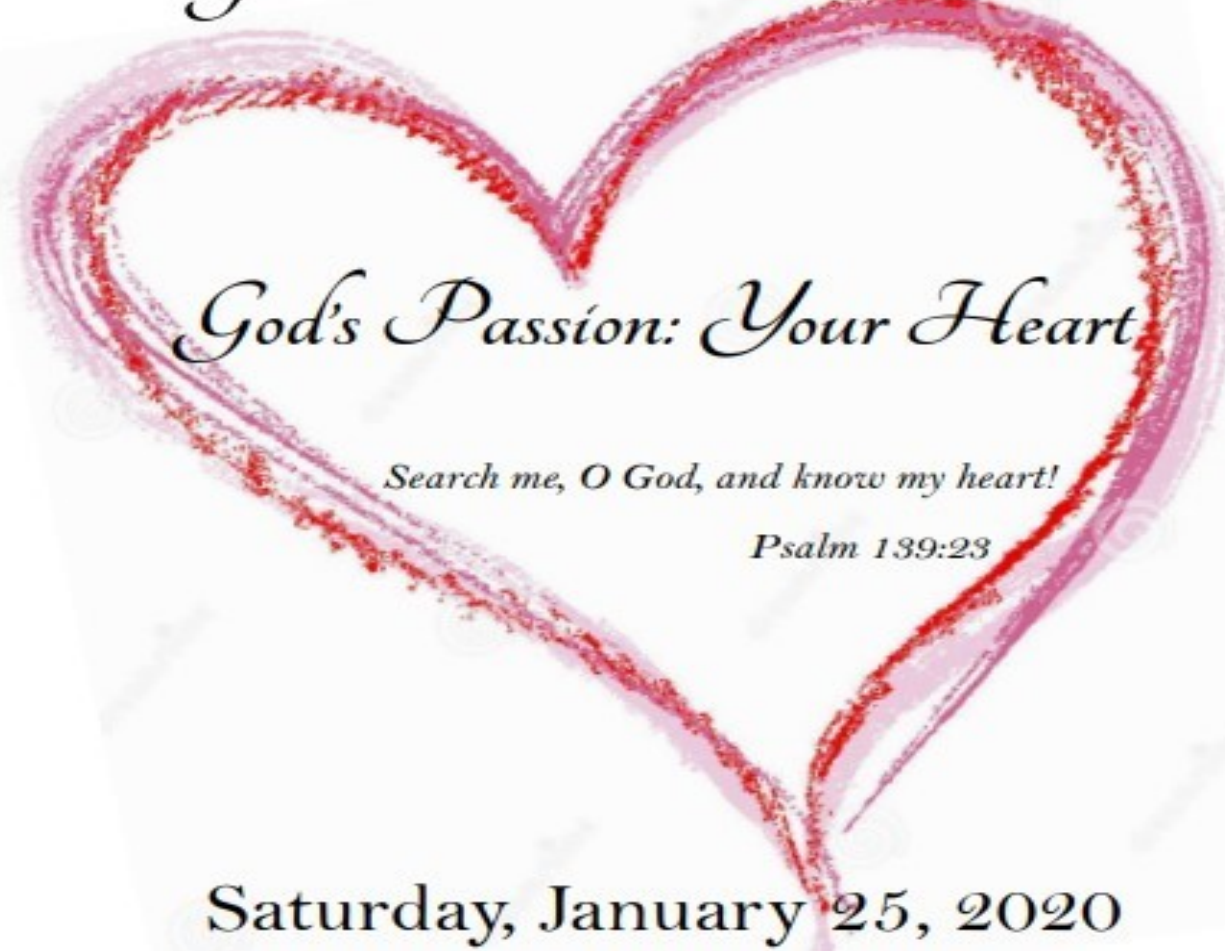
\_\_\_\_\_ The Committee may assign me a roommate.

Make checks payable to LWML Kansas District.  
Please send registration form with payment to:

*Tiffany Harkins*  
706 N Walnut St., Olathe, KS 66061

Save the Date for –

# *Holy Cross Women's Retreat*



*God's Passion: Your Heart*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!*

*Psalm 139:23*

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**9 am—2 pm**

**\$20** (before January 11, lunch is included)

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N Greenwich, Wichita**

## YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVES – KANSAS YWR REFLECTIONS ON THE 2019 CONVENTION IN MOBILE, ALABAMA



During my time as a Young Women's Representative in Mobile, I learned a great deal about LWML. I was highly impressed at the numerous missions that were being funded through Mite Boxes locally and abroad. It was inspiring to hear from a few of the missions that were voted on at the previous convention and see what incredible work God has helped them accomplish. Being surrounded by women who are passionate to serve God was a highpoint, especially all the young women I was able to connect with. I was also not expecting how effortless it was to talk to new people at the convention. Normally this is a challenge for me, but thanks to a scavenger hunt the YWR committee came up with, I was able to open up and talk with various women at the convention. This included meeting several members of the national convention committees who I would never have talked to otherwise. It showed me how approachable the members of LWML are. We are all working together to "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

-- ***Sarah Winkler, Hutchinson***

While there are lots of conventions highlights my favorite was the **quality conversations and building relationships** with so many amazing, Christian women. These are my highlights:

- The four of us Kansas YWR's shared a room and had great life chats via pillow talk.
- Sitting with the Kansas delegation we were right up front taking in all the business of the LWML and had time to discuss and share in "awe" over the impact of what mites, the Word and hard work can do.
- We had prayer partners with YWRs from other states and we shared our challenges with the encouragement that God is bigger than our struggles.
- I had conversations with Bible study author Donna Pyle, about the challenges of being a woman in today's society.
- My home congregation is struggling without a pastor, and I found many women in similar situations wrestling with similar questions.
- Sharing this experience with my mom knowing that LWML has provided her and my grandmothers these blessings for a long time.

Praise the Lord we are not alone! God sent so many blessings to me this convention through the women of the LWML. After going to convention, if you were to ask me, "What does LWML do?" I would say this: Women build up one another to use their God given talents in service to Him.

-- ***Kristen Brunkow O'Shea, Topeka***

My parents checked me into my room so I could meet my roommates, the other Kansas YWRs. This experience provided me with new friends. It helped shed some light on some future decisions. It opened my eyes about the Mite Boxes and the many people those mite offerings help. LWML has to continually try new ideas. We need to see that every woman in church has a Mite Box!

-- ***Shelisa Fick, Liberal***

My time in Mobile was an experience to remember. Meeting new and encouraging women who are strong in their faith to the Lord was such a blessing. It helped to build new friendships and grow in my own faith. It was a joy to meet so many amazing ladies who have become so dear to me.

My favorite part was riding the bus. Making some lasting memories and being surrounded by all the joyful ladies who were present was inspiring. I've even seen a few of them since the trip, which makes it all the more joyful when we get to reconnect.

The speakers and the Bible Studies were perfect for the occasion and the voices filling the auditorium were incredible! I enjoyed the music, singing and laughter we shared together, both as a group, and also among new friends. God's grace was truly and powerfully present and moving in and throughout Mobile.

Since my return home, I have continued to share God's love and grace with those I come into contact with. Mobile was a true grace filled experience for me. I can still feel the awe and wonder of those days, praying as one, in Christ, together. I cling to that experience and pray I may return someday.

-- ***Brenae Ard, El Dorado***

# 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention

## BE THOU MY VISION



“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus...” - Hebrews 12:2

Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19, 2020

Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel—Topeka, Kansas

### **Convention Goal Statement:**

**As we focus on Jesus with 2020 vision, we will**

- \* See the Author of our faith more clearly**
- \* Open our eyes to the joy of enduring crosses daily, and**
- \* Share with others the vision of the glory of God.**

### **Special Focus Ministries News**

It is time to start thinking about choosing Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) for the 2020 Kansas District Convention! Each zone may choose up to two young women (between the ages of 20-35) to attend the 2020 District Convention in Topeka. The Special Focus Ministries Committee has already begun planning special events for these young women during the convention. We will also have activities for teens at the convention. The YWR application is included in this issue of the Sonshine and is also available on the website. Please encourage the young women of your congregations (or even someone you know from across the state!) to apply for this great opportunity to learn more about LWML. The application deadline is January 15, 2020.

T-shirt sales are also in full swing already! We sold several shirts at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders this summer, and we will have them available again at the Christian Life Retreat in Salina. If we don't have your size in stock or if you won't be at the retreat, the order form is included in this issue of the Sonshine. All shirts that are ordered will be available when you check in at the district convention in the spring.

Convention tote bags will also be available to order for the 2020 convention. Look for more details and the order form in the next issue of the Sonshine.



# LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention Shirt Order Form

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For the 2020 convention, we are offering two styles of shirts. One is a ladies gray  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve raglan t-shirt with pink sleeves. The other is a unisex gray V-neck t-shirt. Both are a soft Tri-Blend that is 50% polyester, 25% cotton, and 25% rayon. Both shirts also have the LWML Kansas District logo on the back.

Ladies  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve raglan t-shirt:



Unisex V-neck t-shirt:



Shirts 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 and style in stock.)

Name: _____	Size:	Ladies $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve	Unisex T-shirt
Address: _____	S	_____	_____
Phone: _____	M	_____	_____
Email: _____	L	_____	_____
	XL	_____	_____
Quantity: Shirt _____ x \$15 each =	2XL	_____	_____
Total Due _____	3XL	_____	_____

\*Please mail payment with order form to: Jill Kruse, 2095 Rainbow Rd., Galva, KS 67443\*

\*\*All convention shirt orders must be received by February 28, 2020\*\*

\*\*\*Make checks payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention 2020\*\*\*



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August 2019

**To:** LWML Zone Presidents  
LWML Zone Special Focus Ministries Chairmen  
LWML Society Presidents  
LWML Society Special Focus Ministries Chairmen  
LWML Members

***Attention all Zone Presidents and Zone SFM Chairmen: Please see that each society in your zone receives a copy of the enclosed pages.***

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Greetings from the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee!

The LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee will host a special program for Young Woman Representatives at the LWML Kansas District Convention, April 17-19, 2020 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Topeka.

We encourage all LWML members to invite and encourage any young woman fitting the guidelines to apply!

YWR applications will be due to the Zone Presidents by January 15, 2020. **Each Zone will be responsible for selecting up to two Young Woman Representatives and submitting the two chosen YWR applications to the SFM Committee, along with the convention registration forms and registration fees by February 1, 2020.** Hotel Reservations will be made by the LWML Kansas District convention planning committee. Each Zone will be responsible for paying the hotel expenses for their YWR as directed to Zone Presidents by the convention planning committee.

Please direct any questions and send convention YWR registration forms to:

Jill Kruse  
2095 Rainbow Rd.  
Galva, KS 67443  
620-242-3412  
jkruse@jayhawkpl.com

In His Name,  
***Jill Kruse***  
LWML Kansas District  
Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman



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**YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION GUIDELINES**  
**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**What is a Young Woman Representative?** A YWR is a young woman who represents her church, society, zone and district for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); she does not have to be a member of LWML! She will attend the District convention as a special guest and have the opportunity to see how the LWML operates in its missionary service. More importantly, she is mentored on how to develop a strong relationship with God and others through her work in LWML.

**Who may apply?**

1. She must be a mature young woman between the age of 20-35, who is a member of the Kansas District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
2. She must be able to be away from home and/or work for the entire convention.

**What can the YWR expect from the experience?**

1. She will be given a "mountain-top" experience that will be spiritually uplifting, inspiring, fun-filled, and entertaining.
2. She will participate in worship services, the banner procession, a mentor lunch, and many special YWR activities. The days are busy and long!
3. She will be a special guest at the convention. Her LWML Zone will cover registration, travel, housing, and meal package costs.

**What can the District expect of the YWR?**

1. The YWR will be encouraged to become an active participant in her society, zone or the district and will be encouraged to share her knowledge of LWML with other women.
2. The YWR will be encouraged to prayerfully consider completing a Personnel Resource Profile after the convention for future involvement in the LWML Kansas District.

**How to apply:**

1. The Young Woman Representative applicant should complete the application online at [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org) or by filling out the attached form. All applications need to be completed and sent prior to January 15, 2020.

Zone President Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Zone Presidents should notify all applicants as to whether they have been selected by February 1, 2020.

Questions? Contact Jill Kruse @ 620-242-3412

[jkruse@jayhawkpl.com](mailto:jkruse@jayhawkpl.com)



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### ***YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION***

**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2020**

**April 17-19, 2020, Topeka, KS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, Kansas Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] cell [ ] home Do you text? Y N

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Church City \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_





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Please answer the following questions.

1. The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

How do you gladly serve the Lord in your life? (Please include church groups/activities in which you have been active in your congregation.)

2. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for this Zone at the LWML Kansas District Convention?

The Kansas Assembly of Leaders was held in early August 2019 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. All Zone Presidents, Committee Chairmen, and All Society/Group Presidents were invited and encouraged to attend. Materials were distributed to Zone Presidents for those local groups unable to be present.



*You are **WELCOME** to use these resources in your zones and local groups!*

**All LWML Assembly of Leader Resources are found at <https://lwml.360unite.com/aol>**

Topics available include:

- Basic Protocol and Structure
- Engage and Retain Volunteers
- Reaching Different Cultures & Generations
- S.A.L.T. – Sharing Active Leadership Techniques
- LWML: Join in the Mission <https://lwml.360unite.com/posts/aol-videos/lwml-join-in-the-mission>
- Effective Communication
- Essential Technology
- Resources: We've Got Them!

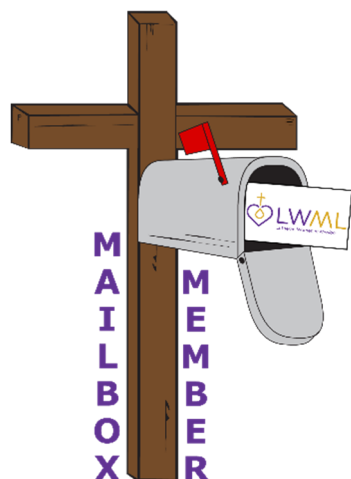


### ***Here's your CHALLENGE—and OPPORTUNITY!***

IMPLEMENT at least one new idea or UPDATE the way you have been doing something in your Zone/Society/Group. Take 1-2 pictures of your event or project and email them to Brenda Piester at [bjpiester@gmail.com](mailto:bjpiester@gmail.com).

Add a 15-20 word description of your change; include the name of your group.

These will be shown in a scrolling PowerPoint at the 2020 Convention! ***These are due MARCH 1, 2020.***



### ***Do you know women who are interested in service and missions but do not have time to go to meetings?***

If YES, your Kansas Executive Committee invites you to implement the **Mailbox Member** Program in your local society/group. Notebooks were distributed at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders in August. Monthly resources can be put in church mailboxes, can be emailed or messaged, or can be mailed in the traditional way.

**Color resources can be downloaded from**

**<https://lwml.360unite.com/mailbox>**

Mailbox Member resources enable women to:

- Grow as Baptized children of God
- Understand and support mission giving
- Participate in short term servant events
- Find support in Christian fellowship in this secular world
- “Meet” and work with other women in their local congregation

The District Caring Service Committee has been busy planning for the Ingathering and Servant Events at the upcoming 2020 Convention in Topeka! A sneak preview...something new is being added to our Kansas convention! We will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the convention hotel on Friday, April 17th. More information to follow, including how to sign up online to donate!

Laura Hunter. VP of Caring Service



### **NOTICE:**

*The Kansas Sonshine Convention Issue **AND** The Kansas Sonshine regular Winter Issue will **both** be published in January 2020. It's very important to turn in your articles, convention information, forms, pictures, etc. **by December 5!** The Convention Issue will contain all the information you need regarding the upcoming LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka in April 2020. "Be Thou My Vision" will be the theme—plans are underway!*

**Please mark your calendar to reserve April 17-19 to attend the convention!**

**As everyone prepares for the upcoming Holiday Season in these next three months, God's blessings to you! Have a **Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!****