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My Grandmothers' LWML—Also Known as Ladies Aid...

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

Motivated by my dear daughter-in-law and inspired by the book, *The Joy of Less*, by Francine Jay, I am purging my office. Do I need a paper copy (or 10) of a Bible Study I can find on the LWML website? Nope, it's going to recycling. Do I need a program from a Mother-Daughter Dinner many years ago? Nope, my memory is with my Mother, not the piece of paper that lists the menu. Do I need recipes, neatly clipped from magazines, that I have never tried (and, quite possibly, never will)? Nope, I can search the internet much faster for the random ingredients I have to make a breakfast casserole (i.e. asparagus, eggs, ham, etc.). Even of the items I DO want to keep, I am scanning many and keeping digital copies. It feels good to purge, and I have much, MUCH more to do!

HOWEVER, not all is going to the trash. I have a picture of my grandmothers and me when I was one. As I looked at that, a flood of memories came, but then I started wondering about them when LWML became an organization. Grandma (Amanda) Schepmann (left) was born in 1884 in Ellsworth, KS. After marrying, she was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Holyrood and would have been 57 when LWML started in Kansas. She was a member of Ladies Aid and faithfully attended their Quilting Bee. Great-Grandmother (Lena) Knop (center) was born in 1878 in Ellinwood, KS. She was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran in Ellinwood, and would have been 64 when their Ladies Aid was chartered. My Grandma (Ruby) Knop (right) was born in 1907 and grew up in the Great Bend area. She would have been a young 35 when the Ladies Aid was chartered in her then home congregation, St. Paul Lutheran, Natrona (Preston), KS.



These strong women had grit and perseverance. Great-Grandma was a widow at age 48. Grandma Schepmann had 13 children, and four babies died when they were less than a month old. They all three lived during the Great Depression. They had their roots in the land and their hands in the soil. They milked cows, churned butter, canned their garden produce, and created with their hands—quilting, embroidery, knitting and crochet. They were born before U.S. women had the right to vote. They attended LCMS churches where the women and children sat on one side and the men sat on the other. The men went through the lines first at the church dinners. Their church worship services were in German.

What was different about their Ladies Aid than the WinGS (Women in God's Service) Lutheran Women in Mission group that I attend? They always met in the afternoons, wore dresses and hose (and I'm not talking pantyhose!), wore hats and gloves for the special events, and they always ate some beautifully crafted dessert with fancy, fluffy icing. Each meeting had Devotions AND a Bible Study AND a business meeting. Always. **What is the same?** They, and we, love the fellowship and friendship with the other women; they, and we, fill Mite Boxes with hard-earned coins; they, and we, have Bible Study and pray; they, and we, dig into God's Word, and lift each other and mission servants up in prayer. ***They, and we, Serve--With Gladness!***



Let's continue to invite and encourage other women to join with us—***Lutheran Women – in Mission!***

Looking at the past to help guide and direct our LWML future—keeping what works and purging the rest—

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Counselor's Corner

Pastor Bob Grimm

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Years ago, an ardent music lover unexpectedly met the great composer Johannes Brahms. He recognized the composer, and he asked him, "Master, would you please write here a small portion of a masterpiece and sign it so I can have a precious memory of this fortunate encounter?"

Brahms took the pencil and paper, scribbled the initial bars of *The Blue Danube* by Johann Strauss, and signed, "Unfortunately, not by me, Johannes Brahms."

Great things are often part of our lives, and it is true wisdom to recognize that we are not the cause of the best of these things. They are gifts from others, and we do well to pass along praise.

As one thinks about life, we see that God is responsible for bringing us His good. His mercy brings hope. His forgiveness brings peace. His love brings joy. The masterpiece of Jesus Christ was his death and resurrection, that is, His victory over sin, death, and the powers of the devil. We dare not take credit for this great work, but we can, in humility, pass along the praise, and give credit to our Maker and Redeemer.

It does not take a chance encounter to meet the author of salvation. God's Word, the Bible, brings us face to face with the Savior, and we can talk with him each day, and learn from Him every time we listen. He comes to us, so we may have infinitely more than precious memories. He brings us the full portion of divine grace and love.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!! We are pleased to announce that Mission Grant # 5 for \$4,000 to the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, based in St. Louis, has been **PAID!** Thank you for your mites and faithful financial giving!

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ATTENTION—ALL LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONES: *please send in an article and pictures from your Spring Zone events, to be published in the Summer issue of the Sonshine! Thank you!*

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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DID YOU KNOW that minutes from a previous meeting, that had been presented to the group in written form before the current meeting, did not need to be read aloud and/or a motion made to accept them? The meeting chair asks for additions or corrections and then says “The minutes will be accepted as presented/corrected.” The same is true of the treasurer’s report. The chair calls for questions about the written report and then says “The treasurer’s report will be filed as presented/corrected.”

(The answers to the following Bitsy Bylaw questions were found in Tips for Leading with Confidence. This is a resource from the LWML Leadership Development Committee and has a lot of really good information about how to be an effective leader. You can sign up to receive bi-monthly email tips at www.lwml.org under LWML Leadership Resources.)

Dear Bitsy, Our group seems to be having more and more of a problem making an effective decision about anything. What do you suggest? Signed, Perplexed

Dear Perplexed, Two extremes can create situations where less than ideal decisions might be made: 1) groups blindly agree will all their leader’s suggestions; or 2) a dominant member of the group shuts down all discussion from the other members. Both these extremes may lead to unsuitable outcomes. The following suggestions may help encourage all members of your group to become involved in the decision making process. Hope these will help all of you “Serve the Lord with Gladness” more effectively! Bitsy

- Begin with prayer.
- Ask questions rather than giving opinions when acting as the chairman.
- Divide into sub-groups to work on alternatives and then reconvene.
- Brainstorm three alternatives before making choices.
- Intentionally request input from quiet members.
- Explore assumptions before making decisions.

Dear Bitsy, I have become part of an LWML group that seems to connect best by email. Do you have any tips on that type of correspondence? Signed, Out of My League

Dear OOML, Here are a few ideas that may help:

- Include LWML in the subject line
- Keep the subject line to the point and under 55 characters so it is easy to read.
- Avoid too many images that take a long time to load. (The average person spends just 20 seconds scanning an email.)
- Respond to each email as quickly as you can—within 24 hours if possible. (Even a quick note that says you will send more information at a later date will acknowledge that you received their correspondence and let them know you are not ignoring them.)
- Sign your full name. (You may not be the only Bitsy they know in LWML!)

Remember to keep your message as simple and to the point as possible. I believe the group members will appreciate your respect of their limited and valuable time. Keep on connecting! Bitsy

CARING SERVICE

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I am looking forward to praising the Lord in Mobile, to the exciting Kansas bus tour to take me there, and to the fellowship with my Kansas LWML sisters. Donna Burton, our bus tour coordinator, has said that there will be some room on the bus to take our "Gifts from the Heart". Those of you who are riding the bus may bring your gifts or those of your society or zone. If your gifts do not fit in your allowed luggage, they can be in boxes or plastic bags. (Donations will pack best in the bus if they are in closed boxes. However, LWR quilts could be in plastic bags and stacked on top of luggage.)

To see what is being gathered and who the recipients will be, go to www.lwml.org. Scroll down to the convention picture and click on it. Then scroll down to 2019 Gifts from the Heart for complete descriptions of items needed.

Betty Amey
Caring Service Committee Chairman



Kansas Assembly of Leaders 2019 - "Follow the Leader"



WHEN: Friday, August 2 – Saturday, August 3, 2019
WHERE: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich Rd., Wichita

MORE KAOL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW THIS SUMMER!!

- WHO:** Zone Presidents (August 2, beginning at 3:30 p.m. - August 3)
- District Committee Chairmen (August 2, BOD Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. - August 3)
- Special Appointed Personnel (August 2, BOD Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. - August 3)
- 2020 Convention Chairmen (August 2, BOD Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. - August 3)
- District Committee Members (August 3)
- Zone Committee Chairmen and Committee Members (August 3)
- Zone Pastoral Counselors (August 3)
- Zone Archivist-Historians (August 3)
- ALL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS*** (August 3)
- District Executive Committee (August 1-3)

**CHRISTIAN
LIFE**

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“Balance: Christ Filled Living”

BALANCE
Christ Filled Living
By Kay Meyer

The Christian Life Committee is currently doing the Bible study *“Balance: Christ Filled Living”* by Kay Meyer. Our plan is to read one chapter each month and then meet virtually via email discussion of the chapter. One question in the first chapter was 'How does knowing Jesus as our Savior and Lord give your life balance?' As a way to let you get to know us a little better, our committee's responses are below.



Allison: By knowing that Jesus Christ is my Savior, I know that He loves me, has forgiven my sins, and has saved me from eternal death. This knowledge gives my life balance. I don't have to prove my worthiness to anyone, God has created me and loves me for who I am.

Tiffany: In wanting to exemplify the love of Christ for others and wanting to honor God's commandments, I have a desire and effort to live righteously and serve others. However, that is balanced by knowing I'm forgiven for my failings in doing so and I have no pressure to feel like I have to do 'enough' good in order to try to earn my salvation.

Nancy: I am a child of God, and as a baptized person, I know that Jesus Christ is my Savior and that my sins are forgiven as I confess and repent. I know that I will have a place in heaven and I look forward to the Resurrection.

Judy: He is my strength. Knowing that He's there for me to help me through all troubles keeps me balanced at those times.

Trish: He is my firm foundation.... knowing He is there and is with me and will never ever leave me, this gives me encouragement and I want to share this with others.

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We encourage you to also think of creative ways to study God's word with your LWML sisters in Christ, even if you can't meet together in person regularly!

Submitted by Tiffany Harkins, Christian Life Committee Chairman

LWML Kansas District Archivist-Historians

The Kansas District has been blessed with women who love the legacy of LWML and want to preserve it for current members and future generations. *It is a privilege to now bestow the title of "Emeritus" on Judy Carlson as she ends her service to the Kansas District.* Esther Ideker will continue to lead this team and will train the new Archivist-Historians.

Kansas District Archivist-Historians

From left:
Chairman
Esther Ideker

A-H Emeritus
Judy Carlson

Co-Chairmen
Amanda Engelman,
Marie Roth



"Co-chairing with Judy has been such a blessing with her experience as LWML Kansas District President, national LWML Recording Secretary, and as an active member of her church family and local LWML. Judy has God-given talents of organization, technology savvy, as well as a passion for LWML history. What an encouragement she has been to me, personally, and to our Kansas District! Judy and I learned that we have some real connections with her home congregation in Nebraska and feel blessed to have served together. I am so thankful for her Illinois family to have her nearby, and the LWML there will welcome her with open arms. We will miss her and her servant heart in the Kansas District." -- **Esther Ideker, Whiting**

After living in Paola for over 50 years, **Judy Carlson** will be moving to Springfield, IL, in early April.

"I am looking forward to continuing to be involved in LWML in the Central Illinois District. I would love to hear from Kansas LWMLers any time, and I look forward to seeing you at conventions in the future."

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Amanda Engelman, Manhattan, graduated from Kansas State University in 2003 with a BS in History and from Emporia State University in 2005 with a Master's in Library Science. She is single and currently runs an online eBay business, which allows her the flexibility to spend (sometimes extended) time with her family and especially her five nephews (ages 18 months - 10 years). Besides family time, she enjoys reading, puzzles, plants, and melty-beads (yes, those little plastic beads you might have put on a board and made designs with as a child), and also spending time with her four closest college friends who get together twice a year for women's weekends. Amanda's earliest LWML memory is of "helping" organize the church kitchen, and of Mother-Daughter banquets with her mother, Elaine, and grandmother, Mary Lou.

Marie Roth, Humboldt, graduated from Bradley University and Ball State University. Before moving to Kansas, she worked in several different jobs including leading mission trips to teaching college to managing a membership program. She now holds her favorite role as mom to three children and will be starting homeschooling in the fall. While her husband attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, she worked with Concordia Historical Institute and found a passion for preserving and sharing history. In her spare time, Marie enjoys reading, crafts, and spending time outside.

FINANCIAL NEWS

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This morning, I was reading the daily devotion in Portals of Prayer, and it was talking about giving up something for Lent to prepare for Easter. The day after Valentine's Day, there was already Easter candy on the store shelves. Then on my phone, the Bible passage for the day popped up from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

So, in thinking about all this, my focus has changed. Perhaps it's not what we are going to give up for Lent, but rather what we can do instead: encourage without any corrupt speech, and look for ways to build someone up and take the time to listen to them.

MITES Update (as of 3/31/19) – \$69,874.09

Other funds:

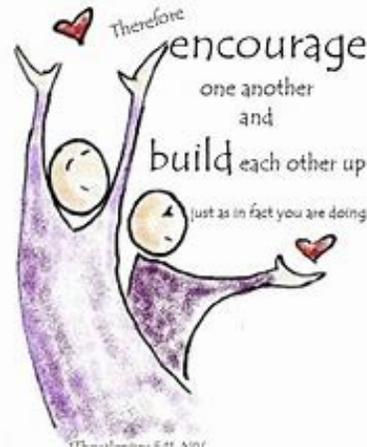
Valentine's Day \$1,493.17

Thrivent Choice \$1,137.00

District Mission Grants \$1,325.00

God's Gracious Gift Fund \$5,788.47

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!



When sending your check to the Financial Secretary for mites and other financial gifts, please make your check payable to the LWML KANSAS DISTRICT. (Banks require the payee on the check to match the name on the account.)

Please send your check with a REMITTANCE VOUCHER. You may find the voucher at: www.kansaslwml.org >>>click on Organizational Resources >>> click on Financial >>> click on Remittance Voucher >>> click on the printer to print the document. There are two vouchers on one page—fill in your information, and then make copies of the page for future use.

VOUCHERS SHOULD BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND CLEARLY, so the Financial Secretary knows exactly where the money is to be used and to whom credit should be given. Always keep a copy for your records.

If you have any questions regarding the voucher, please read the Remittance Voucher Instructions, located on the same page as the voucher on the website, or contact the Financial Secretary.

MISSION GRANT UPDATES

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We thank God for the mite offerings received for financial aid and grants. The Spring 2019 Student Financial Aid for \$10,000 has been paid. In addition, Mission Grants #3 and #4 have also been paid. Mission Grant #3 funds were paid to the Kansas Lutheran Braille Workers for \$6,000. Kansas has three Braille Work Centers, and the grant has been equally divided between them. Mission Grant #4 funds were presented to Ascension Lutheran Church of Pratt for \$5,000. We praise God for the women of the Kansas District and thank them for their faithful mite offerings, further praying that these mites will be used to His glory!

GRANT #3—\$2,000

The **Braille Work Center #71**, located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, received \$2,000. Pictured is a group photo of the people who regularly work at the Center, and the presentation of the check to the center's director, Susan Rathgeber (right), by Gloria Raab (left), LWML Kansas District Meeting Manager.



GRANT #3—\$2,000

The **Braille Work Center #64**, located at Augsburg Lutheran Church, Shawnee, received \$2,000. Pictured is Ella Schempp (left), LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary, presenting the check to Bill and Linda Mobley.

GRANT #3—\$2,000

The **Braille Work Center #31**, located at St. John Lutheran Church, Topeka, received \$2,000. Pictured is Allison Lehmann (right), LWML Kansas District VP of Christian Life, presenting the check to Eileen Klump, the center's new director.



GRANT #4—\$5,000

Ascension Lutheran, in Pratt, is a new church. Basic resources, such as Bibles and music, are needed for worship, and to support Sunday School and Bible Study.



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT DAY OF PRAYER OFFERING RECIPIENT

April 1, 2019—March 31, 2020

The new LWML Kansas District Day of Prayer offering recipient is the West Africa Partnership. The LCMS Kansas District and the National LWML both support the mission work in Africa. In April 2018, prior to the start of the convention in Hutchinson, the Board of Directors met and chose the offering recipients for the 2018-2020 biennium. The first year's recipient, which ended March 31, 2019, was the District God's Gracious Gift Fund. Beginning April 1, offerings will be given to the West Africa Partnership. Continue reading below to learn more about the mission work being done in Africa. *(Used with permission from the LCMS Kansas District.)*

The LCMS Kansas District has supported international mission work in the country of Guinea, West Africa since 1997. The LCMS sent its first missionary to Guinea in 1996 to work with refugees who fled there from Liberia and Sierra Leone; the Kansas District joined the effort the following year. (To read more about LCMS mission work in Guinea, visit the LCMS [Guinea page](#).)

Phase 1 of our mission partnership focused on spreading the Gospel and engaging in mercy work. Over the past two decades, we've deployed multiple missionaries, pursued mercy projects, sent Kansans on short-term mission trips, and offered financial support and prayer. Workers in Guinea have established churches and preaching stations, baptized believers, and encouraged evangelists.

We're now in Phase 2: Raising up pastors for Guinea and other French-speaking West African countries. Three Guinean Lutherans are currently enrolled at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET), an international seminary in Togo, and local entry-level pastoral education is now underway in Guinea. Thanks be to God!

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) provides seminary education for students from countries in West and Central Africa, including Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Burundi. The first pastors from CLET, five men from Togo, were ordained in 2002. The typical course of study at the CLET is three years of seminary training and two years of vicarage. For a vivid look at life at the CLET, check out the article, "[A Moment Decades in the Making](#)," in the online edition of *Lutherans Engage the World*.

Please keep these students, our church workers, and the people of Guinea/West Africa in your prayers.



(pictured above) Three students from Guinea and their families at the CLET in Togo.



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

The Student Financial Aid for the spring term has been disbursed. Students are attending schools at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, Concordia University in St Paul, Minnesota, and Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, as well as the seminaries in St. Louis and Fort Wayne. Praise God for these young people and keep them in your prayers, as they continue their studies to become LCMS church workers.

Mikayla Lowe—Trinity, Atchison

Jordan Mahnken—Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Stephanie Hatesohl—Bethany, Overland Park

Natasha Bonine—St. Paul's, Haven

Olivia Johnson—Bethany, Overland Park

Makayla Kosburg—Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Josiah Schultz—Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Jacy Johnston—Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Wamego

Kasaundra Kosberg—Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Joseph Kracht—Bethlehem, Bremen

Monica Lennington—Trinity, Atchison

Jayme Lowe—Trinity, Atchison

Kaleb Weinkauf—Risen Savior, Basehor

Brian Doel—Hope, Shawnee

Leah Werling—Trinity, Salina

Jonathon Bailey—Trinity, Garden City

Mary Schultz—Bethany, Overland Park

Joshua Brandmahl—St. John's Topeka

Jacob Rhodes—Hope, Lenexa

Jaron Melin—Holy Cross, Wichita

Brendon Moore—Ascension, Wichita

Mika Patron—Grace, McPherson

Raymond Doubrava—Immanuel, Wichita

Bryan Meadows—Bethany, Overland Park

Nathan Knaus—Faith, Abilene

Lawson Short—Peace, Greensburg

Andrew Hatesohl—St. Paul, Clay Center

Lisa Brack

Student Financial Aid Committee Chairman

SFA and Grant Applications are Available

The Student Financial Aid Application, due by June 1, 2019, and the Grant Application (for Mission Grants and the God's Gracious Gift Fund), due by September 1, 2019, are both available on the website. The PDF form can be downloaded, printed, filled out, and mailed in, or you may choose the Online form, fill it out, and submit it electronically. Please visit the website to find the application you need: www.kansaslwml.org >>> Organizational Resources tab >>> Applications. Any questions on the application process, please contact Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach.



In cooperation with...



...LWML announces a new way to donate!

Since the beginnings of LWML, women have very generously, and faithfully, filled their Mite Boxes with coins, bills, and checks.

As times change, more and more personal payments are made with a credit or debit card. Rather than actually handling bills and coins, you may now use

your “change” to support LWML by “rounding up” your purchase. You are in total control of which cards or accounts “round up.” You can set how many cents or dollars you round up, and you can set a daily limit.

For more information, go to <http://lwml.donateyourchange.com/> .

The LWML Kansas District receives 20%, national LWML receives 70%, and 10% is retained by NYC for processing.

Signup is FREE and donations are tax-deductible.



Ready to give your spare change?

Today, when you go to the grocery store, dine at a restaurant or make a purchase with a checking or PayPal account or credit/debit card, you can be giving to **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League**. When you sign up to create a Donate Your Change RoundUp Giving account and direct your giving to us, you’ll give automatically every time you spend.

We love the easy, organic, ongoing quality of NYC RoundUp Giving. We believe you’ll love how easy it is to give without giving up control. You give as much as you want. You set the limits. You change your setup features as often as you like to accommodate your giving.

You enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you give a little every time you spend to support our mission and work.

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee

Why make a *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ)* payment?

The *LWQ* is sent out four times a year to each society that elects to receive them. They are sent by the LWML office in St. Louis. The LWML sets the rates for each subscription a society receives. The current rates are \$5.00 for 10 or more subscriptions and \$6.50 for 9 or fewer subscriptions. The LWML Kansas District is billed by the LWML for the total amount of all the *LWQ's* the district receives. If a society doesn't pay for the subscriptions it receives, the money to pay for the *LWQ* comes out of Mites.

Why make a *LWQ* payment at this time?

The LWML office allows a society to increase the number of subscriptions it wants to receive at any time during the year. However, decreases in the number of *LWQ's* a society wants is allowed only one time a year – in the spring. That is why there is a due date listed on the *LWQ* remittance form that each society is asked to send with their payment. Payment by the requested date allows the LWML Kansas District to send the changes to the LWML office in St. Louis by their deadline date.

Why make a Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The Web Maintenance fee is a one time payment of \$6.00 per year. The LWML Kansas District requests that each society pay this fee to help with costs of maintaining the www.kansaslwml.org website. There is a lot of useful information on the website. Check it out.

Where are the forms to send with the *LWQ* and Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The forms are on the website. Go to www.kansaslwml.org. Click on Organizational Resources. Click on Forms to find the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Web Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2019). Click on Financial to find the remittance voucher.

Where is the payment sent?

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee payments should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager. The Distribution Manager keeps track of how many *LWQ* subscriptions each society requests and of the payments made by each society. The current Distribution Manager is **Marj Aufdemberge**, 2232 E. Elk Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455. Email at distribution@kansaslwml.org. All other payments, such as Mites, Day of Prayer, or donations, should be sent to the Financial Secretary.

Thank you to the many societies that have made their 2019 payment. It isn't too late to make a payment if you haven't already done so. Remember – nonpayment reduces our Mites for missions.



SOCIETY NEWS

The Ladies Aid at Zion Lutheran - Offerle, which was established in October 1921, pre-dates the LWML for more than 20 years. They have been involved with quilt making for nearly 100 years.

On the third Thursday of each month, ladies from Zion, along with a few other ladies in the community, gather at the church to make quilts. The tradition started on October 19, 1921. Two of the ladies (Wilma Lancaster and Marilyn Kersting) remember attending quilting days at Zion with their mothers.

Various sizes of quilts are constructed, including baby, youth, and full size. Most of the fabric is donated by church members and the community. The finished quilts are distributed to Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Typically, 50 -70 quilts are completed annually.

Proverbs 31:13, 20 - "She selects wool and flax and works with her hands... She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy."

Submitted by Debra Lancaster



Pictured (L-R): Wilma Lancaster, Sidney Hicks, Nancy Hattrup, Diana Wetzal, Laquita Kenke, Marilyn Kersting, Patsy Fredlake, and Linda Stegman

In Memory Of ...

First St. John Lutheran Church of Kensington celebrates the life, faith and service of Cheryl Synoground. Cheryl was always an active member of the church and served in many capacities.



Cheryl was a faithful member and leader in LWML, serving as President of our society for the past eight years and secretary for at least four years prior to that. She was recently elected as vice-president of the Northwest Zone. Cheryl was our loyal "taxi" service to and from many conferences, meetings and conventions.

We are so grateful for Cheryl's example of faithful and humble leadership. She will be missed by all, but especially by those she served with as sisters in LWML.

Cheryl will always be remembered by us as a child of God who lived her life in faith and lived her faith in service.

--- Submitted by the Northwest Zone

SOCIETY / ZONE / DISTRICT NEWS

The Topeka Zone will have their Spring Gathering on April 6 at Faith Lutheran, Emporia, beginning at 9 a.m. with coffee and a servant event. Our guest speaker will be Lee Alderman of Abundant Harvest, a men's rescue and food distribution center in Emporia. We will also have an ingathering to benefit Abundant Harvest. We invite all the ladies of the Topeka Zone to join us on April 6.

The Topeka Zone also wants to give kudos to Christine Stapf and her committee for all the assistance they gave our Bylaws Committee in updating our Zone Bylaws. They made the job SO much easier!!

LaJean Rinker, Topeka Zone President

Beautiful Savior in Olathe has had a fun start to 2019.

*In January, they watched "The First Rosa", produced by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Through this we learned about Dr. Rosa J. Young's history as a pioneer Lutheran educator and missionary.

*In February, they hosted their 16th annual overnight retreat in lieu of their typical Monday night meeting. At this retreat, they continued the theme from the 2018 District Convention and used Deb Burma's "Beautiful Feet" retreat kit based on Romans 10:17 – "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*In March, they had a guest speaker from SAFEHOME share about what they do, signs to look for if someone else is being abused, the programs they have, and volunteer opportunities. This tied in with a missions collection the congregation held for SAFEHOME in the month of March.

COMING ZONE EVENTS

April 13: Northeast Zone Spring Fling—Zion Lutheran, Hiawatha, 9 a.m.

April 27: Herington Zone Spring Mission Day—Kansas District Retreat Center, Herington; Registration at 8:30 a.m. and Opening Session at 9:30 a.m.

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I am Debbie Jenne from Faith, Abilene, in the Herington Zone. I am the chairman of the District Nominating Committee, and I need your help!! We need to fill the District positions of President, VP of Caring Service, VP of Communication, Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary. The deadline for submitting nominations is September 1, 2019. These officers will be elected at the 2020 Convention in Topeka. We are looking for any nominations you may have from your zone, or anyone you may know that would fill a position from another zone. Please do what you can to help fill these positions. Any suggestions are welcome. Thank you for your prayers considering nominees, and also prayers if you would like to be a nominee.

Yours in Christ, *Debbie Jenne* nominations@kansaslwml.org



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

District Nominating Committee

Debbie Jenne, Herington Zone
Beverly Wiese, Lincoln Zone
Karen Eskew, Northwest Zone
Mary Jo Schultz, Southwest Zone
Mary Dohl, Wichita Zone
Karen Morrison, consultant, Wichita Zone

2019 LWML Kansas District National Young Woman Representative Bios

The following four young women will be representing Kansas as Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) at the national convention in Mobile, AL, in June. Please pray that these women will experience a spiritually uplifting, inspiring, fun-filled, entertaining, and interesting convention.

Kristen Brunkow O'Shea

My name is Kristen Brunkow O'Shea and I am saying hello from Topeka, KS, where my husband, Gabriel, and I attend Prince of Peace Lutheran. I grew up in Ponca City, OK and was very blessed to grow up in an active Lutheran church and school community. My mom and grandmothers have been active in LWML and I was able to follow along growing up. I'm excited to experience a national convention now, as an adult, with my own LWML experience. My vocation includes training, speaking and coaching around human and organizational development for individuals and teams. My company is O'Shea Strengths Coaching: www.osheastrengthscoaching.com. I've been able to provide some training to the Oklahoma District LWML, which was so fun! I also have a side business of floral arranging and leading floral workshops. I went to K-State and have a B.S. in Family Science & Human Development; secondary major in Gerontology; and a minor in Leadership Studies. While at K-State, I was very active on campus and in my sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. I recently received my graduate certificate in Positive Psychology & a Master of Education in Positive Coaching from the University of Missouri. I enjoy spending time outdoors, working on house and yard projects, and doing jazzercise. My favorite verse is Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purposes."

Erin Grass

My name is Erin Grass and I grew up on a farm near McCook, NE. I attended Concordia University, Nebraska, as a student, majoring in K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music Education. I met my husband Josh there and will soon celebrate our 4th anniversary in June! We lived in Sedalia, MO, for three years, Josh teaching at the Lutheran school in town, and me teaching preK-12 music at a public school in the nearby town. But over this past summer, we moved to Topeka after taking calls (both of us!) to teach at Topeka Lutheran School. I now teach K-8 music and physical education. When I'm not in the classroom, I work as a health and wellness coach. You can also find me with a good book, taking walks with my husband, a cup of coffee in hand, or enjoying a Sunday afternoon nap. I look forward to how the LWML convention will impact my faith life, and what I will bring back to my congregation, our LWML group, and women in Christ!

Brenae Ard

My name is Brenae Ard. I am from the rural outskirts of El Dorado, Kansas. I have attended Grace Lutheran Church since I was born, and I work there as a part-time secretary. I have been a lifelong member of Grace LWML (as my mother took me to most meetings since birth). I enjoy meeting people and doing mission work. I have been to Costa Rica, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic, to share the Good News and God's grace with those in need. I've also helped with Sunday School, VBS, and led and participated in many Thrivent Action Team projects. I love studying the Word and attend as many Bible Studies, at church and with others, as I can. I strive to find the positive outcomes in every situation and always look for opportunities to share the grace of God. My hobbies are reading and crocheting. I also enjoy singing and being around friends and family. I am looking forward to the convention, the travel, the experience, learning more about LWML, and most of all, meeting all of you!

Sarah Winkler

My name is Sarah Winkler. Originally, I am from Solomon, KS, and attended Fort Hays State University, where I received my BGS in Theatre, with a minor in Business. After graduating, I moved to Hutchinson to be closer to my then fiancé, now husband, Brendan. For the past (almost) 4 years, I have worked as a Customer Support Specialist for the First National Bank of Hutchinson. My husband and I also have a small side business where we rent out one of our bedrooms on Airbnb. I enjoy staying active in my community and have been on the board of Young Professionals of Reno County as a Service Team Leader and Membership Chair, as well as at my church, Our Redeemer Lutheran, as the Tech/Communication Chair. In my free time I love to travel with my husband and make crafts. In the past couple of years I've taken up crocheting, which is a challenging, but rewarding skill! Being able to participate as a YWR is very exciting and I can't wait to worship and serve God together as one!

2017–2019 MISSION GRANT #22 – Reallocated January 2019

\$30,000

LeadaChild is a Lutheran Mission Agency, dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to children through Christian education in countries where many children are unable to attend school. Pastors and missionaries serving around the world send education project requests to LeadaChild, where their team of educators, pastors, and lay-people review each request. They provide aid to educational ministries that align with their goal of sharing the love of Jesus with children. Educational scholarships for students, teacher training, curriculum resources, and promotional materials are provided at no cost to these ministries.

Reallocated mission grant #22a will help support teacher training “hubs” in their schools already established in Liberia and other West African/Asian countries. LWML Kansas District President Brenda Piester recently acknowledged her privilege of presenting a \$30,000 check to the Executive Director of LeadaChild, Dr. Philip Frusti, at the organization's office in Olathe, Kansas. Dr. Frusti said that the timing of the grant presentation was perfect, in that they would be traveling to Africa in the next couple of months to really work on getting the teaching hubs established. Brenda said that Dr. Frusti thanked her and the LWML more than once, and he expressed how grateful LeadaChild was for receiving this mission grant.

To learn more about all 22 mission grants, click here: lwml.org/mission-grants.



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (SFA) APPLICATION for SYNODICAL SCHOOLS only

LWML Kansas District – Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Return to:

Lisa Brack
1938 CR 390
Albert, KS 67511
620-923-6311
financialaid@kansaslwml.org
LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach

RETURN BEFORE JUNE 1, 2019

New application Renewal

School year 2019-2020: (circle one) Freshman, Sophomore,
Junior, Senior, Sem I, Sem II, Sem III, Sem IV, Internship, Vicar

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Last First MI

Male Female

Home Address _____
Street address City State Zip

School Address (opt.) _____

Phone _____ Email address _____
 Home # Cell #

Synodical School _____

Program of study: (circle one)

*Pastor — Teacher — Deaconess — Director of Christian Education — Director of Christian Outreach
Director of Family Life Ministry — Director of Parish Music — Lay Minister*

Will you be a full-time student? Yes No Will you attend the entire year? Yes No

Home congregation _____ City _____

Parent's/Spouse's name _____

Children's names and ages _____

**** My signature below is my approval for the Synodical School above to release enrollment and program of study to the LWML Kansas District for consideration of this application. ****

Applicant Signature

Date

**** Submission of a thank you note to the address above, grants the LWML Kansas District permission to publish it in various LWML Kansas District communications. ****



Date received _____
(For committee use only)

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION

Please select one of the following:

District Mission Grant

(These grants are selected by convention delegates and paid during the biennium. These are a larger grant amount, which are paid from mite offerings received during the biennium.)

God's Gracious Gift Fund

(These grants are selected by convention delegates and paid immediately after convention, and are a smaller grant amount. The total amount available will be announced on the website after 6-1-19.)

Either Grant

(The Gospel Outreach Committee will select the grant which best fits the application request.)

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

_____ of _____
(SOCIETY / INDIVIDUAL) (CONGREGATION / CITY)

is submitting the following project for consideration at the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention.

The proposed project is for _____
(ORGANIZATION)

in _____
(CITY / STATE / COUNTRY)

Recipient contact information:

(NAME)

(STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX)

(CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE)

(PHONE NUMBER)

(EMAIL ADDRESS)

The recipient must be affiliated with one of the following. Please check the one that applies to this request.

LWML LCMS District LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of LCMS

The money is needed for _____
(Be as specific as possible. Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Amount requested \$ _____

Is the need current? Yes No

When would the money be needed? *(Keep in mind this proposed project must be viable during the 2020-2022 biennium)*

Has the project had other funding sources? Yes No *(If yes, list other funding sources and amounts.)*

How does this project share the Gospel with those who haven't before heard or believed it?

Why do you think this would be a good project for the LWML Kansas District?

This application is submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Return to: **Maria Keil, Mission Grants Chairman**
LWML Kansas District
4401 Eagle Lake Drive
Bel Aire, KS 67220
316-744-8935
grants@kansaslwml.org

Visit the LWML Kansas District website, Gospel Outreach page, to learn more about the grants currently being funded.
www.kansaslwml.org

Note: *If emailing this grant application, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the application. If an acknowledgement is not received within three days, please contact the Mission Grants Chairman.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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.

Salina Ambassador Hotel
1616 W Crawford St.
Salina, KS



*You are altogether, beautiful, my love,
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 ilovemyshepherd.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.

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



You are altogether, beautiful, my love, there is no flaw in you (Song of Songs 4:7).

Fearless Women, Redefining Beauty Boldly

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs: _____

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

REGISTRATION:

(PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICES AND ENCLOSE AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY!)
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

- **PLEASE ADD \$10 if postmarked AFTER September 28, 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



38th Biennial Convention
Mobile, Alabama
June 20-23, 2019

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Invites you to the

38th Biennial Convention

Thursday, June 20–Sunday, June 23, 2019
Mobile Convention Center | Mobile, Alabama

“In Praise to the Lord”

The convention theme is based on the Scripture verse,
*Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a).*

Convention Goal

Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim
the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives

- Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word.
- Tell of His salvation for all.
- Declare His glory among the nations.
- Go forth in His joy!

Convention Logo Explanation

To declare His glory among the nations is the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit and God's marvelous works, we will be equipped in 2019 at Mobile, Alabama, to tell of His salvation from day to day. The **Cross** and the **Heart** mark the work of Christ Jesus to all the Earth and lead us **In Praise to the Lord**.



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***** URGENT NOTIFICATION *****

Air Transportation to Mobile, Alabama

Airlines that serve Mobile include: American (Eagle), Delta, United, and VIA Air (from 15 cities only). You should make your reservations as soon as your plans are definite in order to get the best price and to fly when you would like. When checking the airlines for flight information on the web, the three-letter designation for Mobile Regional Airport is MOB.

Transportation to the convention downtown hotels from the Mobile Regional Airport (20 miles from downtown) will require a shuttle or taxi. Hotels downtown do not offer this shuttle service. Arrangements for shuttles have been made for a discounted rate for LWML members. You will pay for services each way. Please email your round-trip itinerary (including flight numbers and city traveling from to Mobile) and name of LWML contracted hotel where you are housed to claire.carlson@lwml.org in order for arrangements for shuttles to be made for you. If you have more than you in your party, please list all names that need shuttles to their hotel. It is imperative that you email your flight itinerary as soon as you make your reservations as indicated above so we can get an accurate count for the shuttles. You will be contacted with appropriate shuttle information.

Due to the issues in the airline industry, if you have already submitted your flight itinerary and there have been any changes or updates, please submit those as well to claire.carlson@lwml.org.

Please note the LWML discounted airport shuttles are only arranged for those who are staying at the LWML contracted hotels. Other options for airport shuttles in Mobile are limited and expensive (\$30-\$40 per person each way).

Rental cars are also available at the airport but rentals should be reserved before your arrival. The following rental car agencies are located on the first floor of the airport: Alamo, Avis, Enterprise, Hertz, and National.

****Please share this notification with any others who you know are traveling to and from Mobile by air.**

Rev. 040219



Mobile Housing Update

In an effort to have housing for the attendees at the Convention, a new hotel has been added to the block of LWML hotels for Mobile, AL

This hotel is: Mobile Marriott
 3101 Airport Boulevard
 Mobile, AL 36606

- You may make your reservations by phone or use this reslink [Book your group rate for 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary Biennial Convention](#)
- Phone: 251-476-6400. Ask for the LWML Block of rooms
- Rate is: \$104.00 per night for Single and Double Occupancy.
Triple Occupancy is \$109 per night and Quadruple Occupancy is \$114 per night.
- These rates listed are plus hotel tax.
- Each person receives a breakfast coupon according to the room occupancy allowed
- Complimentary on-site parking
- Room amenities include: complimentary guest room internet, mini-refrigerator, safe, iron & ironing board, coffee maker & coffee, bath amenities, hair dryer, and complimentary guest laundry
- If arriving from the airport, shuttle accommodations can be made, but have to be made at least 24 hours prior to pick up or departure. Call 251-370-9380 or 251-476-6400
- Cut Off date to receive these prices is June 1, 2019
- Complimentary shuttle service will be provided from the hotel to and from the Mobile Convention Center in the morning before sessions begin and in the evening at the conclusion of convention programming.



Kansas – National Convention T –Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please mark how many of each size of shirt you would like to order.

Small: _____ \$ _____

Medium: _____ \$ _____

Large: _____ \$ _____

X-Large: _____ \$ _____

2XL: _____ \$ _____

3XL: _____ \$ _____

Total number of shirts # _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Shirts are Gildan unisex and are made of 100% cotton. The color is an old gold and the state of Kansas is in purple with a sparkly sunflower in the corner.

Prices:

S, M, L, XL	\$20.00
2XL	\$22.00
3XL	\$24.00

Please add \$5.00/per shirt for shipping. Send order forms and make checks payable to:

Maria Temple
110 W. 5th
LeRoy, Ks. 66857

Any questions email Maria at
mariadtemple@gmail.com

Thank you for your order and I hope to see you at the convention!!!

Mail order (postmarked) deadline date by May 15th, 2019 for orders needed at the convention. Any shirts not needed for the convention can be ordered later but will not be sent out until after the convention dates. No shirts will be sold at the convention. No exchanges.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT
Invites you to the 38th Biennial Convention**

**Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19, 2020
Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel | Topeka, Kansas**

BE THOU MY VISION



**“LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS...” HEBREWS 12:2
LWML KANSAS DISTRICT – 2020**

Theme Verse:

*...looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2 NRSV).*

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.



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