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It Takes a Village

Dear LWML Kansas District Sisters-in-Christ! Happy New Year!

Even before I read *My New Year's "Things I Don't Do List"* * written by Heidi Goehmann, I already had the thought: "I am not good at sending cards." It's not that I don't have cards, I have hundreds. It's not that I don't have stamps, I love to buy commemorative stamps (and clip them for Lutheran World Relief). It's not that I don't have people's addresses, I do. It's not that I don't have thoughts and prayers that I want to express, I have much on my mind that I want to share. It's just about having my act together enough all at one time to find the right card, write the heartfelt note, address the envelope, stamp it, and take it less than 100 yards to my mailbox. "I'm just not good at sending cards."



When I taught gifted education with an amazing co-teacher and our outstanding paraprofessional (who was the glue that kept it all working!), I often said, "It takes a village." As I wrap up my four years as your LWML Kansas President, I begin to reflect on the thousands of people across Kansas who "Serve the LORD with gladness" **so faithfully** as Lutheran Women (and men!) in Mission. "It takes a village" comes to mind again. And Again. From the 2016 Convention "For Such A Time as This" (with the uplifted hands logo), to 2018 "Beautiful Feet," to this 2020 "Be Thou My Vision" — the "village" of the LWML Kansas District is abundantly blessed by God with these amazing Gifts of Grace:



³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation;

the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness (Romans 12:3-8).

As you read this list, think of the Lutheran Women in Mission in your own LWML “village” who fill these roles: Piano players • Cake bakers • Minutes recorders • Devotions readers • Prayer warriors • Gospel preachers • Bible study leaders • Song composers • PowerPoint developers • Bylaws keepers • Website builders • Ingathering boxers • Young women encouragers • Altar caretakers • Sermon givers • Flower arrangers • Meal takers • Mite offering givers • Quilt sewers • Bus riders • Convention planners • Speech presenters • Organ players • Document proofers • Nominee seekers • Mission walkers • Newsletter editors • Grant writers • Thought provokers • Application approvers • Shut-in visitors • Email communicators • New member greeters • LWML Store sellers • Kitchen cleaners • Article authors • Picture takers • Meeting managers • Car poolers • Supplies donators • Food bank workers • Hymn singers • Check depositors • Kit packagers • Carpet sweepers • Salad makers • Account balancers • Retreat organizers • History preservers • Tech supporters • Snack preparers • Voucher signers • Budget planners • Banner designers • Gift wrappers • Choir directors • Table decorators • Hand shakers • Mission trip goers • Servant event leaders • Healthcare responders • *Quarterly* mailers • Media posters • Childcare workers • Idea thinkers • LWR shippers • Banquet entertainers • Endowment supporters • Prayer shawl knitters • Window washers • Program printers • Candle lighters • Caring listeners • Stamp trimmers • Midweek teachers • and hundreds, hundreds, more faithful, gifted servants, including • Card senders •



I look forward to seeing you in Topeka for the 2020 Convention as we “Fix Our Eyes on Jesus!”

Now, to get started on those cards...

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<https://heidigoehmann.com/blog/my-new-years-things-i-dont-do-list>

Counselor’s Corner
Pastor Rocco Mallardi
Junior Pastoral Counselor, Kansas LWML



Recently in preparation for the Advent of our King, my kids and I have been learning to play Silent Night on a number of instruments. We have a piano, a mandolin, a banjo, a guitar, and a number of voices chiming in, as we together, during our evening prayers, are learning something new to the glory of our King. Advent is a special time of year where we look back at the incarnation of our Lord. An event that was preceded by the spirit overshadowing Mary as Jesus entered in. During Advent, just like an expectant mother, our anticipation of the child entering in builds. Then on a silent night, a holy night, the sounds of a woman in labor pierced the night as the birthing process began, followed by the cries of a little baby were heard for the first time, as Jesus entered into the world. Laying in Mary’s lap was the Savior of the nations, the virgin’s child made here His home. This child who entered in, in the most humble way imaginable, was really the King of all creation with all the power and authority of the one whom all things were created through. This child, with his heavenly powers, came to redeem you from all of your sins. The Advent season is all about reminding ourselves of that first Advent of our Lord and Savior.

COMMUNICATION

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ATTENTION: SOCIETY/GROUP TREASURERS AND/OR PRESIDENTS

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fee

PAYMENTS FOR 2020

Now is the time to send your society/group payments for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee. These payments should be sent before March 15, 2020. The subscription rate for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* **has increased**: 1-9 subscriptions are \$7.50 each and 10 or more subscriptions are \$6.00 each. Please make sure everyone knows that the price has changed!!

One other notable change this year is that the website maintenance fee is increasing to \$10.00. Every society/group should pay the website maintenance fee. This one-time, yearly fee helps to maintain the LWML Kansas District website for your use. See a more detailed explanation regarding the website maintenance fee at the bottom of the remittance form.

March 15, 2020, is also the deadline to make decreases in the number of subscriptions of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* your society/group wants to receive. Increases in the number of subscriptions your society/group receives may be made now or at any time during the year. Changes submitted by March 15, 2020, will take effect with the 2020 summer issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2020) is available in this issue of The Kansas Sonshine. This form should be completed by every society/group treasurer or president. All payments need to be sent to LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager, Marj Aufdemberge, by March 15, 2020. Her name and address are on the remittance form. Your mailing should include only the completed remittance form and your check. Do not send a voucher, as it's no longer needed for the *Quarterly* and website fee payments.

The remittance form is also available on the LWML Kansas District website at www.kansaslwml.org. To find the form, click on Organizational Resources, then click on Forms. The form is titled *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2020).

Any other questions may be directed to Marj Aufdemberge, LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager, by email at distribution@kansaslwml.org or by phone at 785-524-3981. Thank you.

***Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2020)**

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by March 15, 2020.

SOCIETY/GROUP INFORMATION:

Society/Group Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Society/Group Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's phone _____ Treasurer's email _____

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Number of *Quarterly* subscriptions requested # _____

Multiply by rate (1-9 copies, \$7.50 each; 10 or more copies, \$6.00 each) x _____

SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

Add Yearly Website Maintenance Fee (**see explanation below) + \$ **10.00**

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **LWML Kansas District**

Mail only this **form** and the **payment** to: (DO NOT send a district remittance voucher)

**Marj Aufdemberge
LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager
2232 E. Elk Drive
Lincoln, Kansas 67455**

Contact information: (email) distribution@kansaslwml.org -OR- (phone) 785-524-3981

*****Website Maintenance Fee explanation: This \$10.00 fee helps pay the website web hosting fee (paid yearly), the website domain registration (paid yearly), and the website administrator's fee (paid every six months). It takes all of these things to make the website work for our district, our zones, our societies/groups, and all of our members and congregations and guests who use the LWML Kansas District website. The website has an abundance of information that society/group, zone, and district leaders use and share with others to keep everyone informed. It is requested for ALL societies/groups in the LWML Kansas District to pay this minimal annual fee, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support of the LWML Kansas District website.***

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

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In this world of political correctness it is often confusing as to how we should address the person conducting a meeting. I ran across the following article by June Wohler in *Bylaws Bits and Bytes* (Vol. II, #2) that may help.

Parliamentary law has a language all its own. In olden days when people assembled for meetings, everyone sat on a bench. The only person who was provided with a chair was the person presiding. Hence—the **chairman**!

To differentiate between the sexes, the terms “Mister Chairman” and “Madam Chairman” have always been used. The proper form of address is not Chairperson, Chairwoman, or Chairlady. And to say “Madam Chairwoman” would indeed be redundant.

The National Association of Parliamentarians has taken a strong stand on the matter of contrived language in reference to the presiding officer. “Chairman” is a gender neutral term even though the word “man” appears in its spelling. The term “Madam” has nothing whatever to do with an individual’s marital status. The word belongs to the title of the office.

Because LWML has adopted *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* as its parliamentary authority we adhere to this usage in our committees.

The use of “Madam” would also be the correct term if your group has a president instead of a chairman.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

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The Christian Life Committee is so excited to see you all at the “Be Thou My Vision” convention in April! There is a lot to take in during a convention and many choices you have about which booths to visit and which sessions to attend. As you are making your choices, we invite you to consider signing up for the Christian Life Breakfast to enjoy fellowship time with your LWML sisters over a warm breakfast and to hear an inspiring message by our guest speaker, Kristi Roegner, Bible Teacher in Israel with The Apple of His Eye Mission Society. Read the information Kristi shared below to help us get to know her a little better before we join her at the Christian Life Breakfast.

Kristi Roegner (nee Sandmann) was born into a loving pastor’s family on December 25, 1955, in Pittsburgh, PA. Her family also lived in the Philadelphia area and the Cleveland/Akron area while she was growing up. Kristi met and fell in love with Bob Roegner, at Concordia Jr. College in Ann Arbor, MI. The two married in 1975 and settled in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where Bob attended Concordia Sr. College and Concordia Theological Seminary. Their marriage has been blessed with four children, two in-law children, and six grandchildren.

Due to various calls Bob accepted after being ordained, the family has moved from Ft. Wayne, IN...to Liberia, West Africa...to St. Louis, MO...to Aurora, IL...to Westwood, NJ...back to St. Louis, MO...to O’Fallon, MO...to Groveland, FL... and now to Tel Aviv, Israel - where Bob and Kristi currently serve as Bible teachers.

Kristi has had opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness through the LWML with the Heart to Heart Sisters’ Committee and with the Church Workers in Mission Task Force. Other opportunities she’s had in the area of outreach are teaching English as a Second Language to refugee women; serving as Small Group Missionary at a congregation in St. Louis; and assisting in a variety of other short-term outreach avenues.

The move overseas is allowing Bob and Kristi to experience and enjoy all Israel has to offer, interact with its people, visit its historical and archaeological sites, savor its foods, learn its culture and share the gospel message as the Holy Spirit provides opportunities. What a humbling privilege it is to serve the Lord with gladness in Israel!



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<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/>

YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER WALK

At the 2019 LWML Kansas Assembly of Leaders in August, the women attending shared some “prayer pointers” during the prayer walk to help others be “faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12). These pointers are listed below as a help to you in your prayer walk.

- *Pray at a regular time each day when you have time for personal quiet, such as before the day gets busy.
- *Pray Luther’s Morning Prayer each morning and add individual petitions for family and friends.
- *Pray Luther’s Evening Prayer each night before going to sleep and be sure to add in prayers of specific thanksgivings.
- *Pray without ceasing! Pray continually by turning every thought in your mind into a prayer.
- *Focus more on others rather than yourself.
- *Pray with others during times of trouble. Be an example by letting others know when you pray for them.
- *When you wake up in middle of the night and can’t fall back to sleep, use the time for prayer and/or Bible reading.
- *Pray while driving. Turn off the radio and talk to the Lord as you drive or pray while at traffic lights.
- *Pray during commercials with the sound muted while watching T.V.
- *Pray while doing dishes.
- *Thank God for His faithfulness and ask Him for help in remaining focused on Him and His redeeming love.
- *During times of worry or concern, a helpful prayer is “May every breath be a prayer to you, O Lord.”
- *God’s creation is a great place to pray...thankfulness for the beauty of nature puts prayer on our hearts and minds.
- *When you are walking, look up and around to see God, not down and within.
- *Pray for members of your church family as you walk or exercise. Be sure and spread your prayers over all, not just those you think need them.
- *When your family is experiencing trials, pray for broken family relationships and for all to completely trust in God’s direction for their lives.
- *Ask the Lord to keep you mindful of the mighty things He can do.
- *When you hear sirens (ambulance, police, etc.), pray for those responding to the crisis and for those in distress.
- *Place notes in your calendar as reminders to pray.
- *Keep your Bible and prayer journal on top of your desk as a visual reminder.
- *Keep a journal or notepad handy when on social media to record prayer requests...and then actually pray!
- *Stop and pray right when you feel pulled to do so...don’t wait until ‘prayer time.’
- *Personal prayer: “God, you helped me through a hardship I let go and let God, then soon all seemed better. Thank you God for your answer to prayer.”
- *Find time to “Be still.” Put down your device at the end of the day for uninterrupted prayer. You can start with just 1 minute a day and then build to 10-15-20-30 minutes.



FINANCIAL NEWS

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UPDATE - Mite offerings received, as of 12/31/19: \$121,157.47

At the 2018 convention, a Mite Goal of \$145,000 was adopted. There are two months left to reach this goal; your mite offerings need to be received before March 15, 2020, to complete the 2018 – 2020 biennium. We truly have been blessed, as on the December 2017 mite offering report, the mite offerings for the same time period were at \$112,856.57. That leaves \$23,842.53 to meet our goal in the next two months! Thank you for your faithfulness!

I also want to “Thank you” for the recycling of the old remittance vouchers. This past deposit, there were no old vouchers used. It is hard to not use the supplies we have, but the recycling of those old forms is very helpful. There are additional giving opportunities on the new remittance vouchers that are not on the old remittance vouchers.

Questions? Contact: financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org



Student Financial Aid

The 2020 Spring semester Student Financial Aid for \$10,000 has been paid. Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue their education this semester.

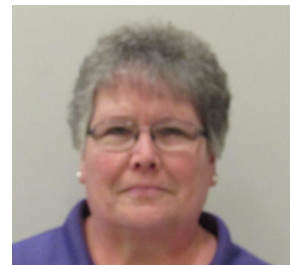
If you know a student who is considering becoming a church worker, either as a teacher, DCE, deaconess, or pastor, please encourage them to apply for the LWML Financial Aid. These forms can be found on the LWML Kansas District website. Students can complete the online application or they may download, complete, and email or mail it in.

We continue to support and encourage these future church workers with our prayers and our offerings for the Student Financial Aid Fund. Our mite offerings are truly mighty, as we support this important and worthwhile mission!

Lisa Brack
Student Financial Aid Chairman

GOSPEL OUTREACH

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Thank you to everyone who submitted applications for Mission Grants and the God's Gracious Gift Fund. At the 2020 Kansas District Convention, in April in Topeka, the Gospel Outreach Committee will be presenting nineteen Mission Grant and seventeen God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals to be voted on by the delegates at the convention.

The Spring 2020 Student Financial Aid payments have been sent to the Concordia Universities and Seminaries for the students going into church work.

The Day of Prayer recipient for April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020, is the LCMS Kansas District West Africa Partnership. The Day of Prayer recipient for April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, will be selected at the Board of Directors meeting in April, prior to the convention.

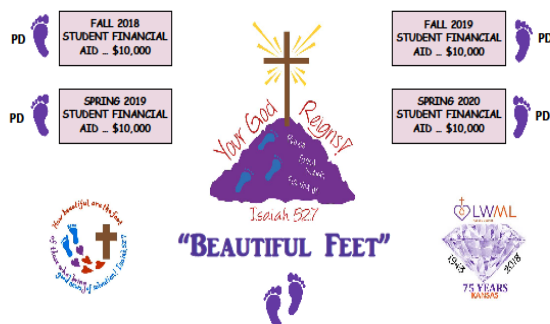
Convention Offerings:

Friday Evening Worship Service: 2020-2022 Mission Goal

Sunday Morning Worship Service: Orphan Grain Train-Russian Orphanages

Mission Pledge Walk: Ascension Lutheran, Wichita, for Passageways, Ltd.-- Providing hope to Military Veterans

2018-2020 MISSION GRANTS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID LWML Kansas District



- PD 1. Orphan Grain Train, Wichita, KS: \$5,000
- PD 2. Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis, MO: \$5,000
- PD 3. Lutheran Braille Workers, Kansas: \$6,000
- PD 4. Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS: \$5,000
- PD 5. LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, MO: \$4,000
- PD 6. Lutheran Student Center at Wichita State University: \$5,000
- PD 7. Capstone Ministries, Kisumu, Kenya: \$4,000
- PD 8. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry: \$5,000
9. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI: \$4,000

←This Mission Grants poster can be downloaded from the LWML Kansas District website at www.kansaslwml.org and click on Gospel Outreach. Print the poster to share with your society.

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

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The Special Focus Ministries Committee is preparing for women of all ages to attend the LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka in April. It will be a mountain-top experience for everyone, as we focus on Jesus with 2020 vision!

- The committee has been making BIG plans for the Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) who will be attending the district convention! Our YWRs will have a busy schedule full of fun, fellowship, and learning all about LWML.
- Teens are welcome! We would love to have teens join us at convention also! If you have a teen coming, please let us know by noting it on the convention registration form, so we can plan activities for them as well.
- We are also looking forward to greeting and meeting all the first-timers to the convention! If you've never attended a district convention, now is the time! We'll be looking for you!
- This past summer, the LWML Kansas District was blessed to have four YWRs attend the national convention in Mobile. They will be sharing their experiences with us in Topeka at the district convention.
- The convention T-shirt order form is in this issue of the Sonshine. The order deadline for shirts is **February 28**. Shirts will be ready for pick-up at convention!
- Convention tote bags will be available for purchase at the convention! Please note: supplies will be limited, so get yours early! We will **NOT** be taking pre-orders for tote bags. Bags will be \$5.00 each. Below is an example of the bags:



The Special Focus Ministries Committee looks forward to welcoming you to the convention in Topeka in April with 2020 vision!

LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention Shirt Order Form

BE THOU MY VISION



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.

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

SOCIETY NEWS

86 year old Marion Boyd made 5 quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church's Mary Martha LWML in Oakley, KS. The LWML also sent 42 personal care kits and 3 boxes of soap to Lutheran World Relief.

Submitted by Kathleen Eilert



Immanuel LWML WinGS News – New Project Idea

At KAOL in August we were given a notebook about the new LWML Program, Mailbox Members. Tucked back in the pages was a mission project idea that really intrigued me. The project is titled Bethesda Clothing Protectors and includes a pattern and detailed instructions. Our Southeast Zone BOD group met and decided we would like to make them as a servant event at our Fall Event. We applied for a Thrivent Grant to purchase the hand towels and members of our WinGS group at Hepler shared their fabric, sewing machines and other materials necessary for the project. We are happy to report we have 18 protectors completed and also sent several 'kits' with all supplies for one protector home with others in our Zone. I contacted Bethesda about where to send them and I received an e-mail for Tasha Foster, Bethesda Area Director in Shawnee Mission, KS with the following information:

Tasha Foster
Bethesda Area Director
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Shawnee Mission, KS 66215
Phone: (913) 906-5009, Fax: (913) 469-4028

We are excited to have a project that is fun to make and will be used in Kansas!

Debbie Lehman
Immanuel LWML WinGS
Hepler, KS



SOCIETY NEWS

The St Paul's Cheney LWML sponsored the 23rd annual Advent By Candlelight event which invites the women of our rural community as well as others within a 40 mile distance to come and enjoy a dessert and evening program focusing on preparing our hearts in the Advent season. This year we served over 120 with the majority of participants being non-church members. The women of our congregation participated in decorating the 18 tables for this event. We ask volunteers to prepare the dessert and the husbands of the LWML to serve the tea and coffee. We had 4 people involved in putting on the program and also included our day school students to share "Hope Has Come", a cantata of Luke 2. Since we had the Thrivent Action Team monies, there was no registration fee for this event; instead we asked the ladies to bring baby items for the St. Anthony's Pro-life Outreach. We also highlighted the Life Ministries of our congregation including Embrace Grace program. The Advent by Candlelight event is our biggest evangelism outreach and is an opportunity to invite and share the Joy of God's mercy and grace through Christ. Our theme was "It's A Boy", an LWML resource.

Submitted by: Elise Cleary, St. Paul's Cheney, LWML President



Pictured: Elise Cleary and Julia Schomacker

News From Beautiful Savior

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:5-8)



We know that we and our loved ones will all experience illness in this world, but we keep our hope in Christ and know that though our physical bodies may wear away, we have eternal life in Christ. In LWML we regularly engage in regular Bible Study and prayer to care for one another's spiritual well-being. In November, Beautiful Savior in Olathe had an added bonus of also helping care for the physical well-being of the women of the congregation by hosting a Zumba class with a guest instructor. This was a fun way to accept President Brenda's challenge to try something new that might be welcoming to new participants!

ZONE NEWS

The Hutchinson Zone Board of Directors' meeting was Sept 21st and our Zone Fall Event was October 19th. Joyfully: Serving - It was an opportunity to review the remaining Mission Projects needing Mighty Mites before the end of this biennium as well as plan for our Fall Event held at Immanuel, Canton. Joyfully: Caring— an ingathering was collected for Orphan Grain Train. Joyfully: Learning - Zone Pastoral Counselor, Ron Rather, lead a Bible study on "Ruth" and Joyfully: Equipping — the MAILBOX MEMBERSHIP concept was explored as well as used to find ways to include and Joyfully: Engaging — Invite young women in the Zone to participate at the 2020 Kansas District Convention as YWRs. In preparation for convention the ladies were also asked to help find a Convention Banner designer/maker. Joyfully: Including - all were invited and encouraged to invite others from their home churches to the Christian Life event in Salina, November 1-2, 2019. Being JOYFULLY: Lutheran Women in Mission.

Joyfully submitted by Elise Cleary, Hutchinson Zone President



ZONE NEWS

Linn Zone LWML Meeting

On Sunday, October 20, 2019, forty-four members and guests of the Linn Zone Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) met for the Fall Event at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bremen, Kansas. Following an opening hymn, Pastor Aaron Fenker led devotions.

Pastor Philip Miller, Zone LWML Counselor, led Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. The group completed coloring cards and bookmarks for local nursing homes and Phil's friends cancer patients to use to share our faith. The members also collected food items and cash for the local food banks.

Joyce Holle was the Zone delegate to the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, in June of 2019 and gave an interesting power point presentation of the convention.

Vice President Deb Ohlde led us in an activity on being effective communicators. The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies displayed quilts and small dresses that they had made for missions. The afternoon concluded with fellowship.

Submitted by: Linda Beikmann, Linn Zone Secretary



ZONE NEWS

"Follow the Redeemer" was the theme of the LWML NE Zone Fall Gathering held at the Netawaka Community Building on October 12, 2019. A beautiful, cool, crisp day was the setting for the host society, from Immanuel Lutheran, Netawaka. They had a special anniversary, as they were celebrating ninety-seven years of their Ladies Aid group. They displayed a quilt from the 1940's and several historical items.

Pastor Michael Van Velzer from Immanuel gave a devotion and Pastor Sean Kilgo, NE Zone Counselor, led the Bible study on the book of Ruth.

We had a noisy mite challenge where ladies put mites in buckets for various questions and we also had a NE Zone trivia contest. The winners received LWML jewelry.

Brenda Meyer, Gospel Outreach chairman, had a display of the LWML mission projects.

We had an LWML treasure table and the ladies gave mite offerings in our large mite box in exchange for the LWML treasures.

Sarah Kleopfer, our Zone delegate to the LWML convention gave highlights of her experience. She thanked the ladies for the opportunity and encouraged the ladies to attend the next convention in Kentucky.

Laura Hunter, LWML Kansas District VP of Caring Service, gave the President's report and she assisted in the dedication of the Ingathering. Our gifts of food pantry items were given to the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance.

The ladies signed cards for two students who received Student Financial Aid.

After a salad luncheon, we enjoyed a beautiful cake celebrating Immanuel's anniversary.

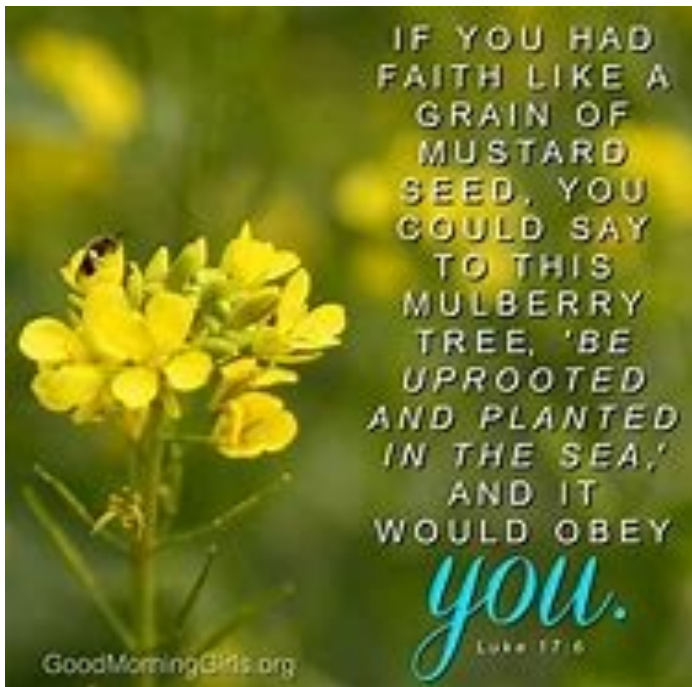
Submitted by Cindy Manche



ZONE NEWS

On Saturday, October 18th, the women of the Wichita Zone came together to study the word of Luke 17:6 "Faith Like a Mustard Seed". Our Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Snow led us in a Bible study, Katie Wilson and Maria Keil gave a report of their experience as delegates to the national convention in Mobile, and we packed care packages for finals for the students at Fairmount Ministries at Wichita State University.

Submitted by Maria Keil



DISTRICT AND ZONE NEWS

SW Zone Mission Festival Rally

The SW Zone Mission Festival Rally was held October 5, 2019, at Holy Cross in Dodge City, with twenty-two ladies present. The ingathering was "Health Kits" for Fort Dodge residents and non-perishable food items for the "Manna House". During registration, servant events were held by tying fleece quilts and trimming stamps. The Festival was opened with Devotion by Pastor Jahnke of Holy Cross and then Pastor Mike Hagamen led us in an interesting Bible Study on The Golden Rule, using a Bible theme. After a delicious lunch, we returned to the meeting for a closing with the "Prayer Walk".

Submitted by Bernie Reetz, SW Zone President

Ladies tying fleece quilts at SW Zone Rally Oct. 5 at Holy Cross in Dodge City



Trinity Lutheran Church LWML

Trinity Lutheran Church Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) in Garden City has been busy this fall with the idea of mentoring the young ladies of Trinity and inviting the Youth Group young women to a reception, where we presented them with a gift bag of Mustard seeds, devotion booklets, LWML teddy bears and ice cream for a snack. We invited the young ladies to be involved in LWML with our many activities and we would serve as their mentors. They helped us with our skit during LWML Sunday worship. They also have put together their own mite boxes for a challenge we had going on at Trinity until December 1. At the close of the challenge, the money collected will go to "Mites" for LWML Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund. The youth were challenged to build mite boxes for the last three missions. The students collected \$113.25 toward the challenge. The goals had already been met, but Trinity Lutheran Church LWML will use these funds to go toward other mission projects. We are so proud of these young folks helping our LWML meet the missions with "Mites" challenge!

The Trinity Christmas Bazaar was held November 16th. The LWML booth sold baked goods and several craft items.

December 7, Trinity LWML hosted an "Advent Breakfast" inviting all the ladies, young and old. We opened with the lighting of the Advent wreath. We also had fun creating a candy cane story with a live good sport, Clara Fay, the reason candy canes are the Christmas candy and what the colors mean.

During the Advent season, LWML served their favorite soups during two midweek meals before Advent service on the 11th and 18th.

In February 2020, Trinity LWML will host a "Chili Cook Off", inviting our congregation and the community to participate in the cook off. The Garden City Fire Department will be the judges.

Submitted by Bernie Reetz, Trinity LWML President

ZONE NEWS

Bagging it for LWR

On September 21, 2019, the Manhattan Zone held their Zone fall event at Wheaton. Thirty members were present. A Thrivent Action Team card was used to purchase school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. The group assembled 45 school kits.

Submitted by Carolyn Stutzman



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2020 LWML Kansas District Convention

BE THOU MY VISION



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

Scheduled for Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19, 2020 Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel
In 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.

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