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LOOK to Jesus. **FOCUS** on Jesus. **LISTEN** to Jesus.

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! No, I haven't lost all sense of time. I'm writing this around Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent and yes, I do know you'll be reading this in the middle of January. So, as you read, go back to November and December with me and remember all you thanked God for. For me, it's always a time to be thankful for family, even if we couldn't be in the same house. I'm thankful that it is the one time of the year I can pretend I'm not on a diet and I will fill the house with the aromas of goodies baking. I love Christmas music and I'm thankful I can listen to it. (And I would do so year-round if I could!) Every once in a while, I turn the music up so loud to try and drown out the noise of the world or lift the weight of all my worldly burdens. Just words and rhythms bouncing around in my mind and ears reminding me what a joyful time of year it is as we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and His Second Coming.

I realize that's in sharp contrast to my last writing in which I talked about being still and listening to God and having a daily relationship with Him. But whether we are listening to God, to each other, or while singing "Mary, Did You Know?", do we really **listen**? Are the words that we vocalize, or write, the words that we want to hear? Are they the words we want Jesus to hear? He is seeing and hearing them! In this time of social media, degrading and negative opinions and statements run rampant across the internet. The year 2020 has brought many significant events that seem to have a way of dividing us. I would hope that we all are doing our part to spread God's love and not the hate of the world. Listen and encourage one other. Love each other like every day is Christmas!

Jesus was born for us and keeping our focus on Him is so important. Maybe you envision yourself "Running the Race" to the cross and Jesus, although I'd rather picture myself on a leisurely faith-walk. We are all heading towards the same finish line. We just need to be sure it is a healthy race by shedding all the burdens that are weighing us down so we can cross the finish line easily.

We are still looking ahead to the LWML 2021 Convention "Running the Race" in Lexington, Kentucky, and making plans for YWR's, our delegates, the bus travel, etc. We are also hoping to have our annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders in July 2021, the Christian Life Retreat in November 2021, and the 2022 Kansas District Convention in Overland Park. We will continue to plan as if all events will happen and adjust accordingly if those plans need to change. All we can do is pray that somehow we can once again resume our social gatherings.

Look and run to Jesus. Focus on Him. Pray. Respect and love each other. And listen.

Until we meet again, {{ HUGS }} to you all.

Kim Burdett
District President



Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District will nurture, motivate, and prepare Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod women to serve the Lord with gladness.



Let me begin by saying thank you. It is an honor to be elected to this position of Jr. Counselor. The LWML has a long tradition of faithful service, and it is a joy to serve with and support our *Lutheran Women in Mission* of the Kansas District.

As I write this article, it is December. And being December, the Christmas story is on my mind. Although the important point of that story is not the angels but Jesus; nevertheless, the angels get our attention. Which is probably why they are in the story ... to get our attention. They get our attention in order to point us in the direction of Jesus. They don't want us to miss what's really important.

Angels surround Jesus' birth. The angel Gabriel visited Zechariah to tell him that his wife Elizabeth would have a son, John the Baptist (Luke 1), who would make ready the way for Jesus. Six months later the angel Gabriel also visited Mary to tell her that she would give birth to "the Son of God" (Luke 1). An unnamed angel visited Joseph in a dream to tell him that he should not be afraid to take Mary as his wife, "for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1). An unnamed angel appeared to shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth, telling them that the Christ had been born (Luke 2). Then a multitude of the heavenly hosts appeared and spoke their praise to God (Luke 2). After the Magi visited the holy family, an unnamed angel again visited Joseph in a dream, telling him to take his family and "flee to Egypt" (Matthew 2).

Angels also appeared at Jesus' resurrection (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20) and His ascension (Acts 1). It's as if angels appear so that we don't miss the importance of what is happening. The important event ... and the important person ... is Jesus! The angels are saying, "Don't miss His birth, His resurrection, His ascension."

We know that angels ministered to Jesus after he was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11). We also know that an angel appeared to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to strengthen him before His passion and death (Luke 22:43). In these events, the angels were not proclaiming a message to others, but rather they were tending to Jesus. But nevertheless, the fact that their appearance is recorded in Scripture says that these events are also important.

But in the other stories, it's as if these heavenly beings are excited for us, and they want to make sure that we see the significance of what is happening. God is intervening in human history. God is working out our salvation in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Heaven is intermingling with earth, and thus, human beings get to see heavenly beings and hear them direct our attention to Jesus.

Are there other stories of angels? Absolutely. Elisha and his servant were protected by the heavenly hosts (2 Kings 6:15-17). An angel set Peter free (Acts 12:5-11). And lest we forget, every time Satan and demons are mentioned, it's an "angel" story, because Satan and demons are fallen angels who are under God's judgement (2 Peter 2:4).

But Jesus didn't become an angel to save angels. He became a human being to save us! And the angels don't want us to miss it.



Joy to the World

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CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey, VP of Caring Service



Is your group working on projects at home during the pandemic? Consider a group project but stay safe at home by working independently. Share your ideas and pictures by email to sonshine@kansaslwml.org for publishing in *The Kansas Sonshine* OR, contact Shelly at facebook@kansaslwml.org for posting on social media. Thrivent members, remember to take advantage of the Thrivent Action Funds to purchase materials for your projects.

NEED PROJECT IDEAS???

visit the
Mission Service Activities page at
www.lwml.org

THANK YOU to everyone who collects stamps for the LWML Texas District Stamporee Project! God works in wonderful ways—I was concerned as to how I would get stamps that YOU have collected to Sara Frank in Austin, Texas. Sara has a friend who lives in the Dallas area willing to transport the stamps to her, and she happens to live less than a mile from our son! Four boxes and three bags of stamps — DELIVERED! Keep collecting and bring stamps to your next zone or district event. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jean Wellner, who sorts and prepares the stamps just the way Sara likes them. You do not need to sort them, but stamps should be trimmed to a 1/4 inch border. Donation of a stamp collection would be accepted and should be kept in its complete form. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps are given to Lutheran World Relief to cover shipping costs of kits and quilts. More information about the Stamporee Project is located on the Caring Service page at www.kansaslwml.org.



KITS AND QUILTS

Whether you are putting together kits for Lutheran World Relief or Orphan Grain Train, please note the contents that should be included by visiting these websites: www.ogt.org or www.lwr.org. Box content is specific for each organization.

2020

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS

C.J. and Sharon Cross, assisted by Karen Morrison, arranged for the LWR trucks through Kansas. Amounts of quilts and kits collected were as follows:

	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Wichita	216	5,085
Hays	214	7,359
Salina	473	9,219
Topeka	522	11,392

Making Our
Faith
Meaningful

2021

LWR PICKUP SITES

(Pickup times for all locations is 9 AM to Noon)

WICHITA – OCTOBER 5, 2021

Holy Cross Lutheran, 600 N. Greenwich

HAYS – OCTOBER 6, 2021

Trinity Lutheran – 2703 Fort St.

SALINA – OCTOBER 7, 2021

Trinity Lutheran – 702 S Ninth St.

TOPEKA – OCTOBER 8, 2021

Christ Lutheran – 3509 SW Burlingame

a note from Sharon and CJ Cross

The Lutheran World Relief trucks from Kansas are on their way. The boxes and items were fewer this year due to the pandemic, but Kansas ladies still served as a blessing to many. In addition to the above donation totals, there were monetary donations totaling \$1,298.75 to be used by LWR for shipping expenses.

Thank you to all the many volunteers for all the hard work in a very unusual year. May God richly bless each and everyone who gave of themselves in any way.

*Sharon and CJ Cross
LWR Kansas Coordinators*

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Cathi Temple, Committee Member



The members of the Christian Life Committee have met virtually several times since the 2020 LWML Kansas District virtual convention and are in contact by email often. We are in the beginning planning stages for the 2021 Fall Women's Retreat. The Christian Life Committee is pleased to announce that the 2021 Fall Women's Retreat will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport, November 12-13, 2021. We are so excited that our featured speaker and Bible Study leader will be LWML Past President Patti Ross! Please add these dates to your calendar and join us in looking forward to some rest, relaxation, and renewal. Be on the lookout for the registration form and more information in the Spring 2021 *Sonshine*. In the meantime, we will continue to plan for the retreat and pray that the Lord will allow us to meet with you all in June at the LWML convention in Lexington.

We ask that you continue to keep our committee and the entire LWML organization in your prayers. In this difficult time of isolation and change, it is more important than ever that we continue to analyze our own Christian lives and remember to turn our eyes to the Lord when those lives seem to stray from His path. The Christian Life Committee wishes each of you a Blessed New Year filled with Christ's peace.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Kathryn Richard



Thank you to LWML groups that mail checks for mites and other giving. Just a reminder: mites can now be given online. Visit the Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org, click on "Giving", scroll down to the Online Form, and click on the "Sign In/Sign Up" in the top right corner of the purple bar. Enter the email address being used (see tip below), create a password, and "Create your GivePlus Account" at the bottom of the screen. In the "Name" field, it is suggested the city and name of the church/LWML group/circle be entered so that online giving can be tracked along with any checks that might be sent on behalf of your group. For example: *Pittsburg Zion LWML* or *Pittsburg Zion Dorcas Circle* could be entered in the "Name" field. Include the church address to help identify your group. The group's checking account routing number and account number will also be requested. After the account is set up, sign in to it each time giving occurs so the bank account information will not need to be reentered and giving history can be reviewed.

A couple of points to consider:

- The email address is the unique identifier to Vanco, the company processing our online activity. A treasurer should not use her personal email so that the group giving and her personal giving will be kept separate. We recommend a new email address be set up when a new treasurer is elected so that, in the future, that email address will be specifically used for the LWML group.
- Only whole dollar amounts can be given online. Those extra cents will need to stay in the group's account and may be added to the next month's mite amount.



If you prefer to mail your group's mite offerings using the remittance voucher, please do so. However, if your group wants to give online giving a try and you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is best at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org.

ICYDK (In Case You Didn't Know) - credit card companies charge LWML a fee for accepting payment by debit or credit card. When giving online with a debit or credit card, please consider adding the credit card fee amount to your donation. To avoid fees, a bank account may be used.
Thank you!

COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler, VP of Communication



Throwback Thursday (TBT) started on social media platforms as the practice of sharing old photos, resulting in some great conversation and a flood of memories - some sweet, some bittersweet. Inevitably the pictures show change. Transitions have occurred since that picture was taken - graduations, weddings, funerals. Some TBT pictures cause us to long for a visit back to those days. Others make us thankful those days are gone. Still others point out the countless blessings that have made us who we are.

As we enter a new year, it's pretty standard to review the past one, a large dose of TBT at one time. Some would rather not this year. 2020 consisted of a lot we'd prefer to forget, but if we gaze beyond the historically devastating events of last year, we can find the blessings God provided amidst the difficulties and suffering. Among mine were a comfortable home in which to "shelter," extra family time, a new appreciation of the workers at the grocery store, and of the kid who handed my family's supper from the window of the fast food restaurant. However, I know some have suffered great loss and I am thankful that *"the LORD is near to the brokenhearted."* (Psalm 34:18) If you are one who suffered loss, your Kansas LWML sisters-in-Christ stand ready to pray for you and with you through our prayer mail. You can request prayer by emailing pmail@kansaslwml.org.



An uplifting TBT for the new year would be to scroll through the posts from the past year on our Facebook page. It may have been a rough year, but the Lord worked in and through the Kansas LWML in mighty ways! Mission Grants were paid. A virtual District Convention was planned and implemented by many who had never undertaken such a task before and God's people responded! God's Gracious Gift Funds were paid. Offering goals were met and God's work continued. Hundreds of ladies from all over the nation gathered online to study God's Word through virtual Bible studies.

As we enter 2021, exciting things are on the horizon. In the area of Communication, we are especially excited to announce that our website will be receiving a much needed overhaul. We will be changing to a new webpage service which should be more user friendly and adaptable to our needs. Look for a fresh, new look by February 1, 2021.

May God bless us with another year of service to Him upon which to reflect and be grateful next January!

Friendly Reminders

Changes in contact information for zone officers or group (society) president and treasurer, or any officer changes, may be emailed to Brenda Piester, Directory Manager, directory@kansaslwml.org. Thank you for helping maintain efficient communications!



Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee payment is due by March 15, 2021. The Quarterly Remittance Form may be found on the Organizational Resources page at www.kansaslwml.org.



Do you have something you'd like posted on the LWML Kansas District Facebook page?? Contact Social Media Manager Shelly Keller at facebook@kansaslwml.org.



Zone and Society News and pictures of events may be sent via email to Sherri Rose, *The Kansas Sonshine* editor at sonshine@kansaslwml.org.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Elaine Engelman,
VP of Organizational Resources



Dear Bitsy, I was recently elected chairman of my LWML group and a question came up about my right to vote. Some say I only get to vote to break a tie. I didn't know so I didn't argue, but with our limited attendance right now I don't ever get to vote. Could you please help? **New to the Job**

Dear New to the Job, Thank you so much for your willingness to step into this leadership position! Some of your ladies are partially correct: your vote does break a tie. However, you are also a member of the group and entitled to voice an opinion and to vote. In a smaller group (usually up to about 20), a chairman/president may vote along with everyone present. If the vote is by ballot she can keep her vote separate if she wishes just in case of a tie.

In larger groups, it is advisable for the leader to keep her vote separate in case there is a tie. This is because the person in charge of the meeting represents impartiality and needs to be sure that both sides of a question are presented before a vote is taken. She also makes sure that everyone that wants to speak to a question has that opportunity. In a majority vote (one that requires only one more vote than half of those cast), the vote **fails** if it is a tie. The president/chairman's vote can make it pass if she votes yes **OR** if the vote passes by only one vote, the president/chairman can make it fail by voting no and creating a tie vote. If you have other questions about voting or about other meeting procedure, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) is a good resource.

DISTRICT PLANNER
Eden Keefe



Are you familiar with the LWML Style Guide?

I'll bet when you learned to type, it became automatic to put two spaces after a period or a colon. That is no longer the convention, even if it is "the way we've always done it!" When writing articles, devotions, invitations, or brochures, please try to keep only one space after a period or colon. For more information on writing conventions for LWML, check the LWML Style Guide at www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet.



Returning God's Blessings

What are your desires for your family after the Lord calls you home to be with Him?

As Christians, our primary desire is that our family and friends will continue in their own faith in Jesus Christ. Writing down your confession of faith and sharing it with family is something with which your LWML Gift Planning Counselor, Carol von Soosten, can help.

As an LWML Gift Planning Counselor, Carol offers free, professional assistance you can trust.

For more information email: Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org; phone: 800-741-4138 lwmlgiftplan.org.

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES
Elise Cleary, Chair



The Young Women in Mission Facebook page is a place to connect with other women involved in LWML. The Special Focus Ministries Committee encourages use of this social media to see the connections of ministry, outreach and fellowship. Another way to find these connections is to go to a national or district LWML convention as a Young Women



Representative (YWR). We are eager for the selection of the young ladies that applied and will be chosen to be the Kansas District YWR's for the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington. Watch for their introduction in the Spring edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach

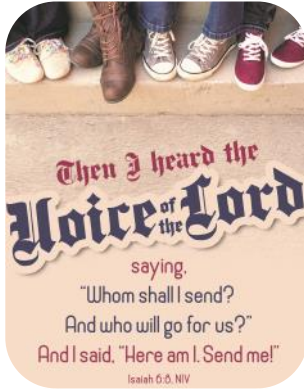


As we begin a new calendar year, two mission grants have been paid: Mission Grant #1 to Orphan Grain Train for St. Petersburg, Russia orphanages in the amount of \$5,000 and Mission Grant #2 to Lutheran Indian Ministries at Haskell LIGHT, Lawrence, Kansas in the amount of \$5,000. Thank you for your mites that have been sent directly to Financial Secretary Kathryn Richards and/or donated online. Mites can be mailed or donated online at any time.

It's not too early to begin thinking about writing a mission grant application for the 2022-2024 biennium. The updated grant application form has been included in this *Sonshine* edition, pages 9-10. The deadline to submit a grant application is **September 1, 2021**. Please consider submitting small grant amounts for a God's Gracious Gift Fund grant and larger grant amounts for a mission grant. Thank you again for your mites which help us reach our mission goal!

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Pam Popp, Student Financial Aid



Spring 2021 Student Financial Aid Recipients LWML Kansas District

Twenty students from the Kansas district are receiving financial aid from LWML Kansas District. There are a few changes from the Fall 2020 Semester.
(Two students graduated and one did not enroll.)

Student Financial Aid Application is on page 8 of this publication and may be completed and submitted online at www.kansaslwml.org.

Name, Hometown

Hannah Elsey, Topeka
Olivia Johnson, Kansas City
Naomi Postier, Newton
Jennifer Home, Canton
Grace Miller, Marysville
Maddison Chiappetta, Lenexa
Mikayla Lowe, Atchison
Jordan Mahnkan, Olathe
Broderick Schofield, Sylvan Grove
Jesse Schultz, Overland Park

Program of Study/School

DCE/CU Irvine
DCE/CU Nebraska
Deaconess/CU Nebraska
Parish Music/CU Nebraska
Parish Music/CU Nebraska
Teacher/CU Wisconsin
Teacher/CU Nebraska
Teacher/CU Wisconsin
Teacher/CU Nebraska
Teacher/CU Chicago

Name, Hometown

Joshua Brandmahl, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Matthew Goti, Wichita
Nathan Harkins, Olathe
Jaron Melin, Derby
Brendon Moore, Winter Haven, Fla.
Jake Rhodes, Lenexa
Christian Schultz, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Jonah Schultz, Kansas City, Mo.
Josiah Schultz, Overland Park
Caleb Wehling, Lincoln, Neb.

Program of Study/School

Pastor/C TSWW
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Pastor/C SL
Pastor/C TSWW
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CU = Concordia University

C TSWW = Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

C SL = Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri



Be sure to check out the Mission Grants Poster on the [Gospel Outreach](#) page of the LWML Kansas District website! Keep track of our progress!

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (SFA) APPLICATION for SYNODICAL SCHOOLS only

LWML Kansas District – Lutheran Women in Mission
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Return to: Pam Popp 745 N. Spruce St. Gardner, KS 66030 financialaid@kansaslwml.org LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach
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RETURN BEFORE JUNE 1, 2021

New application Renewal

School year 2021-2022: (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 — Lutheran School 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. ****

12/1/2020 kso



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 6-1-21.)

Either Grant

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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

is submitting the following project for consideration at the 2022 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 2022-2024 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: **Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach**
103 S. Rodehaver Ave.
Oberlin, KS 67749
785-475-3695
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: 1. If emailing this grant application or if using the electronic online form, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the application, but if not received within three days, please contact the VP of Gospel Outreach at the address above. 2. If the grant application is mailed through the postal service, you will also receive an acknowledgement of receipt, but if not received within ten days, please contact the VP of Gospel Outreach at the address above.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021



After much discernment and discussion, the LWML Kansas District has made the decision to phase out our relationship with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We believe that the mission statement of LWR no longer aligns with the mission of the LWML. In part, LWR's About Us website page states "we do not evangelize". Although LWR does tremendously good work with human care and disaster relief aid, they are no longer a Recognized Service Organization nor a recognized ministry partner of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

As we look to the future, we ask that you turn your support to Orphan Grain Train (OGT), whose Mission Statement reads from their website:

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

We realize that many kits and quilts have already been completed according to LWR requirements, so there will be one last LWR pickup in October, 2021. Much more information will come about how to support Orphan Grain Train. Please check out www.ogt.org to see their special projects like quilts, sleeping mats, kits, pillowcase dresses, etc. We look forward to partnering with OGT.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND OUR THANKS to all the women who are willing to "Serve the LORD with gladness!" in the LWML, especially these LWML Kansas District *Women in Mission* who are included in the slate of officers for voting at the 2021 LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky:

Vice President of Christian Life—Susan Brunkow

Vice President of Gospel Outreach—Karen Morrison

Recording Secretary—Brenda Piester



Are you ready and willing to serve on an LWML Kansas District committee??

Your first step is to fill out a Committee Appointment—Personnel Profile (CAPP) form found on the [Organizational Resources](http://www.kansaslwml.org) page of www.kansaslwml.org under "Forms". The form includes an informational letter explaining service in the LWML Kansas District.

Prayerfully complete the form today and begin "serving the LORD with gladness" on a new level!

2020 Convention Offering Updates (final amounts)

Offering #1: 2020-2022 LWML Kansas District Mission Grants
\$5,534.08

Offering #2: Orphan Grain Train, Russian Orphanages
\$2,264.01

Prayer Walk/ Mission Walk: Passageways, Wichita
\$953.90

Purple-Mercials (aka LWML Infomercials)

Ready to do some shopping??

Visit these links for videos that share LWML products and resources to purchase for yourself or to give to others:



youtu.be/Klr4JKZNdos

youtu.be/beKOONoz38Y

Shop the LWML store at www.cph.org

2021 LWML CONVENTION INVITATION

The members of the 2021 LWML Convention Hosting Districts – Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio – are excited to have the opportunity and privilege to be your hosts for the 39th Biennial LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Join us in beautiful Lexington as we are

“Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”

See you there!

Ruth Thomas, 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee Chairman

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2021 LWML Convention registration information may be found in the [insert of the winter issue of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*](#) (the insert is also on the LWML website).

- See page B of the insert for the shirt order form—receive by mail deadline is March 1, 2021; pick up at the convention deadline is May 15, 2021.
- Hotel info is on page I of the insert and the registration form starts on page L.
- Early discounted registration is February 1—March 14, 2021. Online registration will be available at www.lwml.org.
- Find out about Tee Up 4 Mites, Gifts from the Heart, Servant Connections, speaker info, and much more in the insert.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



39th Biennial Convention

Lexington, Kentucky

June 24–27, 2021



LWML Kansas
Racing
to Lexington!



Are YOU ready for the LWML Convention???

Come ride the LWML Kansas District
bus to Lexington!

If you are interested in riding
the Kansas bus please email

Donna Burton at
buschair@kansaslwml.org.

The bus trip will start in Wichita on **JUNE 21** and will return to Kansas on **JUNE 29**.
Plans are underway for a day side trip to visit the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky.

A **\$100 deposit** will hold your seat on the bus and is **due March 1, 2021**.

The deposit is **NON-REFUNDABLE** unless the bus is canceled.

WE NEED A MINIMUM NUMBER OF 30 PEOPLE; if less than 30, you will be contacted soon after March 1.

Deposit should be mailed to Donna Burton, 415 Chick St., Council Grove, KS 66846

checks payable to LWML Kansas District

Estimated pricing for the trip is:

4/room \$704	2/room \$1004
3/room \$804	1/room \$1604

Pricing includes the bus cost, eight (8) nights lodging, and one ticket for the Ark Encounter. Along with your deposit please indicate how many people you prefer in your room and, if known, names of those you would like to room with. ALL meals **AND** convention registration/fees are **YOUR** responsibility. Visit www.lwml.org for registration information.

Riding the bus is a great time to make new friends and rekindle old friendships. *Lexington here we come!!*

God's blessings,
Donna Burton, Bus Chairman

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORMS

PART 1 & 2



- You may register for Convention on the LWML website at www.lwml.org.
- Please read carefully before completing the forms found on pages M, N, and O.
- Please copy forms and instructions to share with others, and then complete the forms.
- Copy completed forms for your own records.

REGISTRATION FORM

- Be sure to include your LWML District name.
- Child Care/Youth Activities – Refer to description of the programs and complete the form on page O.
Enter the total from that form on Registration Form—Part 1 under No. 7. Enclose the King's Kids Clubhouse form with your convention Registration Form and mail to the Registrar.
- LWML encourages convention participation by teen girls but is not in a position to accommodate groups. Each teenage girl must be registered with a parent or guardian.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

- JANUARY 15, 2021**..... District Charter Bus Registration Opens.
- FEBRUARY 1, 2021**..... Early Discounted Registration Opens (\$150 Registration fee applies). You are encouraged to register as soon as you have made your decision to attend.
- MARCH 15, 2021**..... Regular Registration Opens (\$170 Registration fee applies for registrations postmarked after the date of March 14, 2021).
- MAY 10, 2021**..... Postmarked/emailed/faxed after this date (\$195 Late Registration fee applies).
- MAY 24, 2021**..... Child Care/Youth Activities deadline.
- JUNE 1, 2021**..... **LWML will give full refunds (minus convention processing fee) should the convention be canceled.**
- JUNE 10, 2021**..... CANCELLATIONS must be in writing, postmarked, emailed, or faxed, signed by the registrant by this date. A \$45 handling fee will be retained.
- JUNE 10, 2021**..... Registrations postmarked after this date will be handled as on-site registrations. Catered meals will not be available.
- JUNE 10, 2021**..... **NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE — NO EXCEPTIONS**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Be sure your forms are complete and the Total Remittance is paid by credit card, check, or money order. Incomplete forms will be returned.

- You may register for Convention on the LWML website at www.lwml.org.
- Make checks or money orders payable to: LWML Convention.
- Mail forms and payment to: LWML Convention Registrar, 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105.
- Fax forms with credit card information to: (314) 505-7506 after January 15, 2021.

QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION

The LWML Office will be available to answer any questions on registration Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time. The LWML phone number is (800) 252-5965.

Questions may be faxed to (314) 505-7506, or emailed to registrar@lwml.org at any time **after January 15, 2021**.

GOOD NEWS!! Each primary registrant has received a \$25 reduction from full registration fees (page M). Dividends from the LWML Endowment Fund will be used to reduce the registration fees to enable more people to attend this convention.



OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTOS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!

At this convention, everyone will order their LWML official group photos on the photographer's website. All 8"x10" prints are \$15 each (shipping included) and will be shipped directly to your mailing address.

Simply use this login information to start your order:

Website: www.enjoyphotos.com

Username: LWML Convention

Password: 48762

If you are unable to order online, or if you have any questions, call the photographer, Brad, with BP Photography, at (251) 802-9990.

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Registration Form—Part 1 Lutheran Women's Missionary League 39th Biennial Convention Lexington, Kentucky — June 24–27, 2021

Please Type or Print Clearly (use black ink) You may register for Convention on the LWML website at www.lwml.org.

Badge Name (last) _____ (first) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

LWML District _____

First time attending national LWML convention: Registrant Spouse

Check Appropriate Category (check only one)

- A. General Registration
- B. District Delegate
- C. District Young Woman Representative (YWR)
- D. District Pastoral Counselor
- E. LWML Board/Committee member (national)
- F. LWML Past President (national)
- G. Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE L

The LWML Endowment Fund has funded a registration reduction. This has already been applied to the fees below. More information on page L.

Registration Fees: Please extend amount of fees applicable to column on right.

	Quantity	Fee	Total
1. Early Discounted Registration (postmarked by March 14, 2021)	1. _____	1. \$ 150.00	1. _____
2. Registration (postmarked after March 14, 2021)	2. _____	2. \$ 170.00	2. _____
3. Late Registration (postmarked after May 10, 2021, and on-site)	3. _____	3. \$ 195.00	3. _____
4. One day attendance: ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday	4. _____	4. \$ 100.00	4. _____
5. Spouse Registration: (name _____)	5. _____	5. \$ 110.00	5. _____
6. Children/Youth under 18: (name _____ age _____) (name _____ age _____)	6. _____	6. -0-	6. _____
7. Child Care/Youth Activities Program (complete Form on page O and enter total)	7. _____	7. \$	7. _____
8. Thursday Servant Activities (complete Form-Part 2)	8. _____	8. \$ 5.00	8. _____
9. Mission Pledge Walk (complete Form-Part 2)	9. _____	9. \$ 12.00	9. _____
10. Choir: Sing in Convention Choir (complete Form-Part 2)	10. _____	10. \$ 5.00	10. _____
11. Thursday Evening Boxed Supper	11. _____	11. \$ 19.00	11. _____
12. Friday Noon Boxed Salad Lunch (complete Form-Part 2)	12. _____	12. \$ 19.00	12. _____
13. Friday Evening Plated Dinner	13. _____	13. \$ 26.00	13. _____
14. Saturday Noon Plated Salad Luncheon (complete Form-Part 2)	14. _____	14. \$ 23.00	14. _____
15. Saturday Evening Plated Dinner	15. _____	15. \$ 26.00	15. _____
16. Sunday Noon Boxed Lunch	16. _____	16. \$ 19.00	16. _____
17. 2021 Convention Charm	17. _____	17. \$ 10.00	17. _____
18. 2021 Convention Tie Tac	18. _____	18. \$ 10.00	18. _____

Convention Processing Fee (Non-Refundable): \$ 3.00

Total Remittance \$ _____

STOP!

In registering for LWML's 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, I and any other registrants on this form, agree to the General Release, COVID-19 Release, and the Photo Release found on page P of this form. Please check box to acknowledge the agreement:

Mail registration and payment to: LWML Convention Registrar, 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Make your check or money order payable to **LWML Convention** OR pay by credit card:

Card Number	Month	Year
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

print name as it appears on card

signature

phone #

zip code

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM PART 2 ON NEXT PAGE M

REGISTRATION FORM – PART 2 NAME: _____

Travel to Lexington: Please indicate how you plan to travel: airplane charter bus auto or van Greyhound bus

Convention Choir: Rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 24, 12–2 p.m. Music and information will be sent to you. Choir attire will be black skirts or slacks and purple tops. (NOTE: There is a \$5 fee to pay for choir music. See Part 1, line 10.)

I will sing in the choir: Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II Deaf Choir

Special Needs: deaf interpreter bringing own wheelchair/walker
 large-print convention manual wheelchair rental needed
 vegetarian diet gluten-free diet food allergies _____

Blood Donor: I am scheduled as a blood donor. Please see instructions on page C to schedule your appointment.

Thursday Servant Activities: Complete the information below, indicating the NUMERAL of the servant activity time (I, II, III) in order of your preference. Assignments will be made on a first-come basis. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

Times: I. 9–11 a.m. II. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. III. 1–3 p.m.

The \$5 fee includes all materials for the Servant Connections activities. Indicate on Registration Form—Part 1, line 8, the number of persons participating (registrant, spouse, child) and, include the fee for each. All persons participating in the Servant Connections activities MUST be a registered participant. If you are able to attend the convention only on Thursday, there is a one-day registration fee of \$100 (see line 4), which includes access to the Exhibits, option to purchase the meal, and option to participate in the Servant Connections activities (\$5 fee, Part 1, line 8). Detailed explanation on page B.

Time choice: 1st _____ 2nd _____ Name _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ Name _____

Friday Noon Info Gatherings: Mark your choice with the LETTER of the Info Gathering in order of your preference. See pages F and G for the descriptions of topics to be discussed. Indicate the persons attending (registrant, spouse, child), and add names and Info Gathering selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis.

Name _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Name _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

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| O. First-Timers | S. Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Staff | W. Partners in Mission |
| P. Gifts of Love Ministry | T. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) | X. YWRs, YWR Alumni, & Young Women |
| Q. Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion | U. Lutheran Hour Ministries | |
| R. Lunch with My Friends | V. MOST Ministries | |

Special Saturday Interest Luncheons: Mark your choice with the LETTER of the luncheon in order of your preference. See page G for the descriptions of the lunches. If indicating additional registered attendees, add names and luncheon selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis. All attendees must purchase the Saturday Luncheon, Registration Form—Part 1, line 14, page M.

Name _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Name _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

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| A. Andy Bates | E. Deaconess Amy Rast | I. Deaconess Kimberly Trombley |
| B. Rev. John Carrier | F. Rev. Kevin Robson | J. Rev. Robert Zagore |
| C. Rev. Dan McMiller | G. Jan Struck & Abby Goehring | K. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler |
| D. Rev. Craig Muehler & Susan Knowles | H. Gary Thies | |

Saturday Afternoon Photo Finish Mission Walk from 4:30–5:30 p.m.: Please indicate below your full name and, if applicable, spouse and children participating. Your spouse and children do not have to register for the convention to participate. A confirmation letter and pledge form will be sent to you from the Host Committee. Indicate on Registration Form—Part 1, line 9, the number of persons attending (registrant, spouse, child) and include the fee for each. The \$12 fee includes a special T-shirt.

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Shirt size: (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Shirt size: (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Shirt size: (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)

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LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LWML GROUP NEWS



**LWML Women in Mission have been busy even during this time of a pandemic!
Notice all the ideas for "Serving the LORD with gladness!"**



**To submit Zone or Group news for publication in *The Kansas Sonshine*
please email sonshine@kansaslwml.org (photos optional).**

Hutchinson Zone Fall Meeting had 40 in attendance with each congregational group represented, including five pastors. Ingathering items support Open Door Pregnancy Care Center in Hutchinson. Each congregation group shared information about their individual servant events which included hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train, baby blankets for a Native American hospital in Alaska, goodie bags for a nursing center, devotional gift bags for a local nursing home staff, Christmas cards for an LCMS chaplain, and pillowcase dress kits for women to take home to complete.

The **Northeast Zone** met October 10 at First Lutheran Church, Sabetha. Ten mighty *Women in Mission* and Zone Counselor Pastor Sean Kilgo spent the morning in Bible study. Their first study was Pastor Jay Hobson's Part II virtual convention study, *Let Us Fix our Eyes on Jesus* and the second study was led by Pastor Kilgo, *Eyes of Faith*. Their focus was definitely on "vision," as the ingathering was eyeglasses and they had a mite challenge involving glasses. Since they did not have elections in the spring, they mailed ballots to their congregation groups and elected new officers. Congrats new officers!

The **Kansas City CrossRoads Zone** Fall Event was held October 17 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor with 38 in attendance. Each attendee received a purple mask made by Zone President Chyleen Pausick. Rebecka Noel from Metro Lutheran Ministry shared ways in which we can volunteer time to help those in need.



Southeast Zone held their Fall Workshop on October 3 with 22 women in attendance. Pastor Roth lead the morning devotion and Pastor Crane spoke to the group about Orphan Grain Train. The group filled Pastor Crane's Ford Explorer with ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train. The Southeast Zone congregation groups have been busy in spite of the pandemic. Some of their activities include making "Cross in Your Pocket" quilt squares, greeting cards to shut-in members, LWR kits, and Birthday Blessing Bags.



Risen Savior LWML, Basehor held a Numana packing event this fall, packaging 2,160 meals to go to Haiti, their first in-person event since the pandemic restrictions began. Social distancing for volunteers was in place, which limited the number of volunteers, but they had fun packing food and many people will benefit from their service.

2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

January/February (TBA)—Executive Committee Meeting

January 5—LWML Convention housing reservations open

February 1—Early discounted registration opens for LWML Convention
(see page 13 of this publication for registration schedule)

****February 7—Delegate convention registration due****

March 1—LWML Kansas District Bus to the convention **non-refundable deposit due**

March 15—*Lutheran Women's Quarterly* payment and Web fees due

June 1—Student Financial Aid applications due

June 24-27—LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky

Summer (TBA)—Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL)

September 1—Mission Grant Applications due

October 5-8—Lutheran World Relief truck pick up

November 12-13—LWML Kansas District Christian Life Women's Retreat

Did you know???

Bible studies from the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*, multi-session studies, and single-session studies are all available as free downloads at www.lwml.org/bible-studies.

If you missed *Your Strong Suit* video Bible study by Donna Snow, you can watch all the sessions at www.lwml.org/bible-studies. You can also download the listening guide and listening guide answers!

The 2021 Prayer Service, written by past LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Robert Mundahl, "He Prayed *with* Them," based on Acts 20:36b will be available [online](#) in January.



- ❖ Don't forget to check out all the resources available on www.kansaslwml.org and www.lwml.org
- ❖ **Like** us on Facebook:
[Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML](#) and [KS LWML](#)
- ❖ Discover resources to use during COVID-19 at www.lwml.org
- ❖ To contact a vice president or committee chairman, visit [www.kansaslwml.org—contact us](http://www.kansaslwml.org—contact.us).
- ❖ Don't forget to "feed your mite box" OR consider donating your mite offerings online at www.kansaslwml.org/giving

If you would like to be included on the District Prayer Mail (P-mail) group listing, please send your name and current email address to Velma Bass, pmail@kansaslwml.org. The requests/thanksgivings/joys are distributed in "blind copy" manner so that your email is not shared.

