



# The Kansas Sunshine

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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

## *President's Official Call to Convention*

**38th Biennial Convention  
of the  
Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League  
Kansas District  
April 17-19, 2020  
Topeka, Kansas**

BE THOU MY VISION



"LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS..." HEBREWS 12:2

**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*

**The Voting Body of the convention will vote on Mission Grant proposals, God's Gracious Gift Fund Proposals, Bylaws revisions, and elect new officers for the 2020-2024 terms of office.**

**Attendees will learn more about the Mission of the LWML Kansas District and the Gospel-sharing and service projects that the Mission grants are funding.**

*I look forward to meeting with you in Topeka as we celebrate and thank God for another biennium of blessings upon the LWML Kansas District! See you in April! — President Brenda Piester*

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**38<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District**  
**April 17-19, 2020 – Topeka, Kansas**  
**"Be Thou My Vision" – Hebrews 12:2**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

BE THOU MY VISION



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

**Please Print Clearly:**

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cong. City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact: Name/Relationship/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact at Convention: Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**First Time to Convention? YES NO**

**Please Check Only One:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ EC or BOD Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ District or Convention Committee Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ Past President
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Presenter/Speaker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor, Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen; Age \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Guest \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILS in *The Kansas Sunshine* Convention Issue: <http://www.kansaslwml.org/2020-district-convention.html>**

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

_____ <u>Early Discounted Registration</u>	\$ 98 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ <u>Registration</u> (postmarked after March 17)	\$108 x _____ = \$ _____
<b><i>Registration after April 1 is not guaranteed to include meals</i></b>	
_____ <u>Spouse</u> Registration: Name _____	\$ 78 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ <u>Exhibitor</u> Registration (Banquet ticket <u>NOT</u> included)	\$ 63 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ <u>Clergy</u> Registration: <i>NO Charge, and no meals included (select meals below)</i>	\$ 0 x _____ = \$ <u>0</u>
_____ <u>Saturday Only</u> Registration (WITH Banquet ticket)	\$ 78 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ <u>Convention Choir</u> music fee	\$ 5 x _____ = \$ _____

**Optional Meals:** See complete meal menus\* in *The Kansas Sunshine* Convention Issue.

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

_____ Friday Boxed Lunch (Ham OR Turkey Sandwich*)	\$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Friday Boxed Lunch <u>Pastors and Men</u> (Ham OR Turkey Sandwich*)	\$ 18 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Friday Dinner Buffet (Backyard Cookout—Burgers & Brats*)	\$ 26 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast Buffet (Build Your Own Parfait*)	\$ 14 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Saturday Lunch Buffet (Soup/Baked Potato Bar*)	\$ 22 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Sunday Christian Life Breakfast (Capitol Quiche*) Speaker: Kristi Roegner	\$ 20 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ <b><i>Additional</i></b> Saturday Banquet Ticket(s) – <b><i>ONE is included with the registration</i></b>	\$ 35 x _____ = \$ _____
Meal (Chicken Angeline*) Inspirational Entertainment: Devin Henderson	

**TOTAL PAYMENT:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2. Mail registration form and payment to:**

**LWML Convention Registrar:** Barbara Butts, c/o Christ Lutheran, 3509 Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611  
Contact info: [dandb273@att.net](mailto:dandb273@att.net) or 785-633-7279

**Confirmation will be mailed or emailed** to those who register before April 1, 2020.

A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. **No refunds after March 17, 2020.**

**3. Convention Hotel Information:**

Phone: (800) 579-7937

Capitol Plaza Topeka Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas 66612

Rate: \$101 plus applicable taxes (double/double) Ask for the "LWML" discount rate.

Online registration: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1779832&hotelID=13576>

**You are responsible for making your own reservations by March 27 for the "LWML" block of rooms.**

**4. Special Needs:**

- None  Bringing own wheelchair/walker (circle)  
 Large print schedule and Bible Study  ASL Signer  
 Would ride a golf cart from the hotel to the Convention Center (if one is available)  
 Special Diet, be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Friday Blood Donation:**

CHECK if you plan to donate blood Friday (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

**To make your own life-saving appointment** call 800-RED-CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use code: KSLWML

**6. Friday Afternoon Bible Study Samplers:** (all sessions repeat) – CHECK one or two sessions, if attending:

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Balance—Christ Filled Living</i>   | Allison Lehmann   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Forgiveness</i>  | Ella Schempp      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Golden Fruit</i>   | Kathryn Richard   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Joy—A Study in Philippians</i>   | Janice Cundiff    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>LifeLight: Ruth/Esther</i>   | Rev. Robert Grimm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, Trust</i>  | Elaine Engelman   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Session 2 Only: Taking it to the Streets</b> (all First Timers and YWRs) – Jill Lowe and Committee |                   |

**7. Saturday Morning Leader Development Sessions:** CHECK one session, if attending:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Basic Protocol and Structure</i>      | Elaine Engelman and Committee                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Heart to Heart Sisters</i>            | Sherrri Rose and Committee                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Online Groups and Mailbox Members</i> | Linda Kootz, Esther Circle, Trinity Lutheran—Salina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Preserving Your LWML History</i>      | Esther Ideker, Amanda Engelman, Marie Roth          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Purple Feud</i>                       | Allison Lehmann and Committee                       |

**8. Saturday Afternoon Interest Sessions:** (session time slot in parentheses) CHECK one or two sessions, if attending:

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1)    | Fairmount Ministries, Wichita – Jenn Eickman and DCE Paige Edgington                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1)    | Lights for Christ (national LWML Grant)— Linda Tape, Holy Cross Lutheran—Wichita           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1)    | Passageways: Providing Hope to Homeless Veterans – Jennifer Garrison, Ascension—Wichita    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1, 2) | Building Faith through Family Devotions – Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1, 2) | LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces/Operation Barnabas – Chaplain, Lt. Col. Steven Hokana    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1, 2) | Preventing Death by Suicide – Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2)    | Apple of His Eye – Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2)    | International Friendship Center – Lynette Bosch, Holy Cross Lutheran—Wichita               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2)    | LWML Gifts of Love Ministry and the NEW LWML Kansas District Endowment – Carol von Soosten |

**9. Saturday Afternoon Mission Walk/Prayer Labyrinth:** CHECK if participating: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT-  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-  
WAIVER (PAW FORM)**

Are you looking for the PAW form?  
**It's no longer required for  
registration!**

However, at convention check-in,  
you will be asked to list  
emergency contact information  
on the back of your nametag.  
*Woo hoo! Less paperwork!*

**FIRST TIMERS**

If this is your VERY FIRST LWML  
Kansas District Convention,  
be sure to stop at the  
Special Focus Ministries table  
to pick up a special gift just for  
***FOCUSING YOUR EYES*** on the  
Topeka Convention!  
ALSO, plan to attend the special  
first-timers Bible Study Sampler,  
**“Taking It to the Streets,”**  
on Friday from 1:50-2:30 p.m.  
***See you in Topeka!***

**CALLING ALL TEENS!!**

Fun activities are being planned for  
a “Friday Fun Night”  
JUST FOR TEENS!!  
All teens who attend the  
convention are invited!  
Please look for a space on the  
registration form to check that you  
have a teen coming along.

The Special Focus Ministries  
Committee is excited to offer this  
**“first look”** at Lutheran Women in  
Mission for our youngest attendees!  
*Bring your swimsuit!*

**YOUNG WOMAN  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Just wait until you see what  
convention fun the  
Special Focus Ministries  
committee has planned for you—  
beginning with the Mentor  
Luncheon on Friday,  
to the YWR Friday Fellowship,  
to the Saturday YWRs Late Night!

Be sure to  
***KEEP YOUR EYES FOCUSED*** –  
we're going to keep you very  
busy!

# 2020 General Convention Schedule – Topeka, KS

## **Friday, April 17 (Pre-Convention Activities):**

7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast – Executive Committee
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast – Young Woman Representatives with Special Focus Ministries Comm.
9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration Opens; Ingathering Collection (all day Friday and Saturday morning)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
9:30 a.m.	Processional and Banner Practice (Executive Committee and Zone Presidents)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO stores or exhibits will be open Sunday)
10:15 a.m.	Convention Choir Practice
11:30 a.m.	YWR/Mentor Luncheon (by Invitation)
11:30 a.m.	Pastors' and Men's Luncheon with Mission Speaker, Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner
11:30 a.m.	Boxed Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Bible Study Samplers
2:30 p.m.	Snack Break

## **Friday, April 17 CONVENTION Session 1 and Opening Worship:**

3:15 p.m.	Singing
3:30 p.m.	CONVENTION SESSION 1: Bible Study 1
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO stores or exhibits will be open Sunday)
5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	Buffet Dinner
6:45 p.m.	Pre-Worship Music
7:00 p.m.	OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION; Offering # 1
After worship	Informal Sing-along
9:30 p.m.	YWR Friday Fellowship and Teen Friday Fun Night

## **Saturday, April 18 CONVENTION Session 2 and Session 3:**

6:30 a.m.	Registration Open (Delegate Registration closes at 9:00 a.m.)
7:00 – 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO stores or exhibits will be open Sunday)
7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Leader Development Sessions
8:30 a.m.	Singing
8:45 a.m.	CONVENTION SESSION 2: Bible Study 2 and Business Meeting with Voting
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Buffet Luncheon
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO stores or exhibits will be open Sunday)
1:00 p.m.	Singing
1:15 p.m.	CONVENTION SESSION 3 Mission-in-Action Presentation and Mission Speakers
2:45 – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits, CPH and LWML Stores Open (NO stores or exhibits will be open Sunday)
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Interest Sessions
4:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Prayer Labyrinth, Mission Walk, or Count Your Steps with Pledge Walk Offering
4:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Servant Events
6:30 p.m.	Banquet with Inspirational Entertainment Devin Henderson
9:30 p.m.	YWRs Late Night – ALL former YWRs invited!
9:30 p.m.	Informal Gathering – Mingle with Friends
9:30 p.m.	Ballot Counting (Teller Committee Members Only)

## **Sunday, April 19 CONVENTION Session 4 and Closing Worship:**

7:30 a.m.	Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker Kristi Roegner
9:00 a.m.	Singing
9:15 a.m.	CONVENTION SESSION 4: Closing Business Meeting CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE; Offering # 2
Noon	Convention ends
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting with New Officers

# LWML Kansas District Convention Meals \* – 2020

Prices of meals include the hotel service charge, applicable taxes, and gratuity.

## Friday, April 17

Boxed Lunch: Pastors/Men with Mission Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner

Boxed Lunch: Black Forest Ham OR Smoked Turkey Sandwich ..... \$18

*Shaved Black Forest ham and Swiss cheese OR smoked turkey and aged cheddar cheese  
... topped with lettuce, tomato and red onion, served on a Kaiser roll  
Potato Chips Cookie  
Bottled water or Soda*

Evening Buffet: Backyard Cookout..... \$26

*Hamburgers—lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, fresh buns  
Brats—cooked in beer and finished on the grill  
Baked Beans in traditional sauce Fresh fruit salad—a blend of fresh seasonal fruits  
Potato salad Macaroni Salad  
Deviled eggs Assorted chips  
Strawberry cream cake Brownies  
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea, Iced water*

## Saturday, April 18

Breakfast Buffet: Build Your Own Parfait ..... \$14

*Vanilla yogurt Fresh fruits and berries  
House-made granola Assorted pastries  
Orange juice Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced water*

Lunch Buffet: Fresh Homemade Soup and Loaded Baked Potato Bar ..... \$22

*Chicken and wild rice soup OR Vegetable beef soup  
Loaded Baked Potato Bar Rolls and butter  
Cookies and brownies Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea or Iced water*

Saturday Plated Banquet with Inspirational Entertainment: Devin Henderson

**(One banquet ticket is included with registration)** Additional banquet tickets ..... \$35

**Chicken Angeline**—Breaded chicken breast topped with a parmesan cream sauce  
*House Salad Roasted red potatoes  
Green beans New York cheesecake OR Carrot cake  
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea and Iced water*

## Sunday, April 19

Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker: Kristi Roegner

**Capitol Quiche** ..... \$20

*Baked egg casserole with honey cured ham and topped with cheddar cheese  
Breakfast potatoes Bacon  
Assorted breakfast pastries Family style sliced fruit  
Orange juice Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, and Iced water*

\* If you have dietary restrictions, please note that on your Convention Registration form.

# CONVENTION INGATHERING

## The Topeka Rescue Mission

"In 1953, it began with a prayer—a faith that God would make a way—and an abiding desire to help those who were hungry and homeless. Over 62 years later, it's what we do every day: *bringing help and hope through faith with its sleeves rolled up—100% supported by you.*"

Their theme scripture verse is: *He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners* (Isaiah 61:1b).



Items we will be collecting:

- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Ravioli
- Sack lunch items, individually wrapped such as granola bars and snack crackers
- Dish soap
- Diapers, sizes 5 and 6
- Shampoo, conditioner; hotel size or larger
- Toothpaste

## Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries is an organization networking people from all over the globe who feel called by God to continue the healing work of Jesus Christ. They believe God is calling us to ensure that Lutheran healing ministries are sustained in countries deeply challenged by poverty. Global Health Ministries hospice kits provide comfort and needed supplies for someone who is suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer, or other devastating illness. Kits are distributed by palliative care providers through Lutheran hospice programs that reach into villages in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Cameroon.



The following items will be collected in our convention ingathering.

- regular-size bath towels (not longer than 52")
- toothbrushes (in original, individual packaging)
- nail clippers
- bath-size bars of soap (wrapped, unscented, such as Dove Unscented for Sensitive Skin)
- jars or tubes of petroleum jelly (approximately 4 ounces or larger, lid taped)
- pairs of heavy-duty household gloves (kitchen type, size medium)
- wash cloths
- "pick" style combs



**Trimmed stamps for the Texas District Stamporee project**

**OR**

**Bring untrimmed stamps for the Servant Event**



## CONVENTION INGATHERING

### **MOST Ministries Eyeglasses**

MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. Churches and organizations across the U.S. collect and send used eyeglasses to MOST Ministries, where they are then sorted, tested and repackaged by volunteers for distribution on the mission field by our team members. The cost of a pair of glasses in many developing nations can exceed a month's salary. Without assistance from MOST Ministries, hundreds of thousands of people would go without the glasses they need to work, read or attend school. MOST Ministries often provides the only pair of eyeglasses a person will ever own.

- Adult-sized prescription glasses
- Reading glasses
- Child-sized prescription glasses
- Non-prescription sunglasses

This year **4 million** pairs of eyeglasses will be thrown away in the U.S. while **158 million** people worldwide suffer from uncorrected vision



PROVIDE THE GIFT OF SIGHT BY ORGANIZING AN EYEGGLASS COLLECTION DRIVE AT YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL

Mission Opportunities Short Term

## CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

### **Assembling Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries**

During our servant events on Saturday, we will be assembling the ingathering items into hospice kits.



### **Trimming stamps with Sara Frank for the Stamporee project**



Trim stamps while listening to Sara Frank, the Texas District Stamporee coordinator, as she tells about the project which brings thousands of dollars to support shipping costs for Lutheran World Relief. Some scissors will be provided, or you are welcome to bring your own scissors to this fun and motivating project. No experience needed!

### **Tying and Packing Quilts for Orphan Grain Train**

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling you share through a quilt distributed by Orphan Grain Train. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone.



### **Packaging dried beans/rice for the food pantry at Mission Southside in Olathe**

Mission: Putting God's love into action by extending help through hope. Mission Southside has a **neighbor's heart** ... a heart that loves Jesus Christ and one that genuinely cares about the needs of others. Mission Southside is not a church, but partners with churches, "helps" organizations, businesses, and

individuals to bring hope to Johnson County, Kansas, through the meeting of both physical and spiritual needs. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, our prayer is that God will be glorified, and our heart is for those in need. We would love to have you join us in that mission.

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS

### PASTORS' AND MEN'S LUNCHEON WITH MISSION SPEAKER

Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

#### Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner – Apple of His Eye Mission Society



Bob and Kristi Roegner serve the Lord with the Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE), a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as Bible teachers in Israel. They are the first AOHE team to serve in the Holy Land sharing Jesus (Y'shua) as the Messiah to Jewish people! As part of AOHE's strategic plan in Israel, Bob and Kristi are also involved in the planting of an indigenous Messianic Lutheran congregation in cooperation with Immanuel Church Lutheran. This Lutheran church plant includes new Jewish people who believe in Jesus (Y'shua) as the Messiah. Bob and Kristi are responsible for raising up new leaders, leadership training and catechetical teaching.

While in Israel, Bob and Kristi serve in a partnership role with Immanuel Lutheran Ministries assisting Immanuel Church Lutheran in Tel Aviv in all areas of ministry. For Bob, this includes preaching, leading worship, and teaching. For Kristi, this includes administration, publications, and women's and children's ministry.

Apple of His Eye – Est. 1996

To learn more, go to: <https://www.appleofhiseye.org/>



## BIBLE STUDY

Friday, April 17, Convention Session 1 – Saturday, April 18, Convention Session 2

#### Pastor Jay Hobson – Bible Study Leader



Jay is the pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Skiatook, OK. He earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was ordained into the holy ministry in 2011. The desire to tell others about the love of God in Christ Jesus was what drove Jay to become a pastor, which he still loves doing to this day. He spent the first eight years of his ministry at two wonderful congregations in Hepler and Erie, Kansas, and served four years as pastoral counselor for the LWML Kansas District from 2014-2018.

When he is not "wearing the clerical," Jay loves spending time with his wife Angelyn and wrestling with his three kiddos, Julius (5), Amelia (2), and Ezra (9 months!). He is also a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. So, Boomer Sooner!

**NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE**  
**Saturday, April 18, Convention Session 2**

***Marie Chow – Vice President of Organizational Resources***  
**2019-2023**



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*Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

Marie Chow first became involved with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) as a Young Woman Representative to the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in 1990. Marie's first mentor, district officer Judy Knebel, asked Marie, who had more experience than Judy in certain areas, to help with various tasks. That led to Marie attending zone and district events and eventually, her local group.

She believes that as the LWML continues to grow and adapt to our ever-changing world, our organization will continue to inspire and encourage all women to be in the Word and to use their unique God-given gifts and talents to serve Him and share the Good News and His love with each other, their neighbors, and people throughout the world. Our organization is focused on the Word and on missions. The LWML encourages women to use their time and talents to expand the kingdom of God, and that's why Marie is involved. She loves the fellowship at each and every gathering.

Marie served as the LWML Meeting Manager from 2011–2015. In the LWML Washington–Alaska District, she served as President from 2014–2018, Vice President of Servant Resources from 2010–2014, Planner from 2008–2010, and Recording Secretary 2004–2008. She was also Zone Secretary-Treasurer and held various offices in her local group.

Community activities include assisting with an employee resource group at work with planning events to promote awareness of Asian Americans' cultural strengths and capabilities to drive a positive business impact. She works full time as a principal software engineer at Liberty Mutual Technology Group, Inc. Marie likes to read and travel in her free time.

Marie is the oldest of four girls and lives with her widowed mother and sister. Her other two sisters are married; she has one niece and two nephews. At her local church, Marie is the co-deacon of social ministry, where the focus is to serve others through volunteering, ingatherings, or donating monetary gifts. She is also involved with the puppet ministry, serves as an offering steward, and as a greeter. You can tell by her smile that she is an excellent greeter.

Her favorite Bible verse is *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths* (Proverbs 3:5–6).



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*Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).*

## **CONVENTION MISSION-IN-ACTION SPEAKERS**

***Saturday, April 18, Convention Session 3***

***Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner – Apple of His Eye Mission Society,  
Tel Aviv, Israel***



As part of Apple of His Eye’s strategic plan in Israel, Bob and Kristi are also involved in the planting of an indigenous Messianic Lutheran congregation in cooperation with Immanuel Church Lutheran. The Lutheran church plant includes new Jewish people who believe in Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah. Bob and Kristi are responsible for raising up new leaders, leadership training and catechetical teaching.

Both Bob and Kristi assist in active outreach to Jewish people who come to Immanuel Church Lutheran for organ and other music concerts and for Immanuel’s “Open Church.” Immanuel’s “Open Church” is an evangelistic opportunity to open the church doors to ALL interested people, believers, non-believers, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian alike to share the beautiful interior of Immanuel Church Lutheran including the stained-glass windows and the organ with 1,200 pipes and 18 stops built by Paul Ott, from Gottingen, Germany.

The Roegners have served the LCMS for over 38 years in various mission endeavors—starting in 1981 as missionaries to Liberia, West Africa, serving as church planters and leadership trainers to the Kisi people. Other roles for Bob have included serving as Area Secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Middle East for LCMS World Mission; Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators; Executive Director of LCMS World Mission; and church planter for the English District of the LCMS. Other roles for Kristi have included Mission Information Coordinator at LCMS World Mission; Small Group Missionary at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri; and Administrative Assistant and Outreach Chair at Peace Lutheran Church in O’Fallon, Missouri. Both Bob and Kristi have served the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) as leaders at various levels. Most recently, Bob served as the National Pastoral Counselor from 2013-2017, and Kristi as Chair for Church Workers in Mission Task Force from 2015-2017.

Bob and Kristi were married in August of 1975, and their marriage has been blessed with four children, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and six grandchildren.

### ***Carol von Soosten – LWML Gift Planning Counselor***



Carol von Soosten went home hooked on LWML after her first convention as a Young Woman Representative. She was so uplifted and energized, she told complete strangers in the grocery store about her mountaintop experience. She says Lutheran Women in Mission and LWML conventions should consider a warning label, “Caution, may become addicting with prolonged use!” Carol loves the LWML because spreading the Gospel message is at the heart of everything they do. Sharing the joy of serving the Lord and His gift of salvation while connecting people and funding to missions is something she really appreciates. Providing materials and resources for all women is another powerful blessing of Lutheran Women in Mission. Carol is so thankful that LWML provides a place for all women to use their gifts in service to the Lord.

As your LWML Gift Planning Counselor, Carol joyfully serves as a guide to help LWML members transfer their God-given blessings to the people they love, and the ministries they care about, by putting a prayerfully-considered Charitable Gift Plan in place. LWML Gift Planning Counselors help you discover how you can share your faith, minimize taxes, bless your family, and make a lasting impact on your ministry with your estate. Carol’s previous experience in leadership and development blends with her enthusiasm for all Lutheran Women in Mission. What a wonderful way to encourage missions with ongoing financial support.

## **CONVENTION MISSION-IN-ACTION SPEAKER**

### **Saturday, April 18, Convention Session 3**

#### **“Christ in God and Country” – Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana**

**Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) USA (Ret.) BCC, D.A.A.E.T.S**

**Assistant Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**



Chaplain Steven Hokana serves as the Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He brings to the Assistant Director position more than twenty-six years of service as an active-duty U.S. Army chaplain, with a total of thirty-one years of service in the United States Army.

Hokana graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History from Concordia College—New York, Bronxville, NY, in 1982. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, in 1987, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX, in 2006. His dissertation illustrates the redemptive love of God to heal those with anxiety disorder through confession and prayer. He is a board-certified chaplain and an active member of the Association of Professional Chaplains. In addition, he is a member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) and a Diplomate, American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, in collaboration with the National Center of Crisis Management.

Hokana's military service took him to Southwest Asia, Cuba, Bosnia, Germany, Denmark, Alaska, and on multiple stateside assignments. His military and combat operations include Desert Shield; Desert Storm for the liberation of Kuwait; and Stabilization Force 6, a multinational peacekeeping force deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina after the Bosnian war. His involvement in military operations includes Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support. During his career, he has provided pastoral care in diverse units, including Combat Service Support, Airborne Infantry, Light Infantry and Armor.

Hokana has served as Chief of the Department of Ministry, United States Disciplinary Barracks; Training Manager of Chaplain/Chaplain Assistant Training, U.S. Army Medical Command; and he twice served as ministry chief in Army hospitals. His career culminated in his service as chaplain of the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), where he supervised forty-four chaplains and chaplain assistants who provided religious-support operations to thousands of soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and contractors in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and multiple other nations in Southwest Asia area of operation.

Among his awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (nine), the Commendation Medal (six), the Achievement Medal (three), the Humanitarian Service Medal (two), the Parachutists and Air Assault badges. Hokana is the recipient of the Army Medical Command, Order of Medical Military Merit, the Bronze St. Martin of Tours award for more than 20 years of service as a chaplain in the LCMS, and the Four Chaplains Medal by the United States Army Chaplaincy for collegial selfless behavior while rendering religious support in the US military.

His driving passion is a deep love for those who struggle through difficult life events. He has written and spoken extensively on the topic of Christ's power through painful issues of life. He is a clinically trained chaplain with a specialty in spirituality and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Hokana and his wife of thirty-six years, Mary, have three children and two grandchildren.



## **BANQUET INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER**

**Saturday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.**

### **Devin Henderson – Entertainer/Comedian**



Devin Henderson has been making audiences laugh for over a dozen years. Recently, he placed third out of forty plus people in Kansas City's annual "Clash of the Comics" at the Kansas City Improv Comedy Club. Devin is a father of six and a pain in the neck to the world's most beautiful bride. He spends a lot of time braiding Barbie's hair and drawing unicorns on the Etch-a-Sketch, and sometimes he also plays with his kids. Devin's comedy is clean with no naughty words and is based off his observations as a family man, entrepreneur, and amateur ukulele artist.

He has a funny way of helping people use humor to perform at their best in the workplace. As an entrepreneur, Devin's mantra is: "When life's hard, laugh harder." He shows people how humor can help them deal with change, stress, failure, difficult people, and the lint that collects on the shower floor after wearing a new pair of socks. Black socks. We're talking real problems.

He wrote this bio himself, which is actually kind of weird.

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqY6sWTR5w4&feature=youtu.be>

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE BREAKFAST SPEAKER**

**Sunday, April 19, 7:30 a.m.**

### **Kristi Roegner – Apple of His Eye Mission Society**



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.

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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### **Katy Gifford – "Interrupting Gifford" ...throughout the convention...**



Katy Gifford, Falls City, Nebraska, is truly blessed! Katy knows that she is "God's workmanship" and God has prepared work for her to do. Being the wife of a pastor, mom to five Blessings (and recently a bonus Blessing-in-law), current Nebraska South District President, teacher to hundreds of students over the past 25 years, including her current high school special education students and their families, as well as plenty of volunteer opportunities in church, school, and community have filled Katy's life with many ups and downs. It is in the hard times that she finds the greatest blessings. The Lord helps keep a song on her lips, a smile on her face, a prayer in her heart, and He allows Katy to see the lighter side of life and keep what is important foremost in her mind—specifically, Christ's redeeming Love for all people. She is blessed in Christ and knows that you are too!

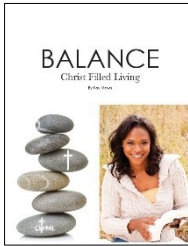
# Bible Study Samplers

Friday, April 17, 2020

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

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

Bible studies are available through LWML or CPH. Leaders will preview the study and go in-depth in a section of it.



**Leader: Allison Lehmann**

**Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Living***

**Author: Kay Meyer**

**Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Family Living***

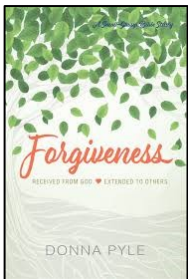
**Author: Coreen Jander**

**Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Family Living with Adolescence***

**Author: Dr. Mary Ann Waldon**

**Publisher: LWML**

Do you ever feel like your life is out of balance? Maybe you have experienced changes or challenges in your life, you have a growing family, or are facing the struggles of adolescent children. These three stand-alone, six-lesson Bible Studies can be used in a group setting, with a partner, or individually. *Christ Filled Living* explores how knowing Jesus, prayer, encouragement, and service can give our lives balance, and how we can find balance when life becomes overwhelming. *Christ Filled Family Living* causes us to realize our lives are constantly shifting within our community, identity, special needs and in marriage. *Christ Filled Family Living with Adolescence* examines the struggles young adults and parents face such as peer pressure, technology influences, emotional influences, disabilities, and becoming adults. We'll explore a short session of each study and share ideas on how we can find balance in our daily walks.



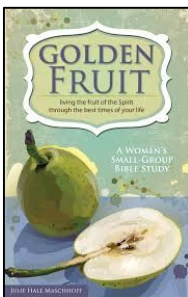
**Leader: Ella Schempp**

**Title: *Forgiveness – Received from God ♥ Extended to Others***

**Author: Donna Snow Pyle**

**Publisher: Concordia Publishing House**

Donna states, "Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. When someone has offended us, the temptation to not forgive is great. But the roots of unforgiveness and bitterness can grow deep in the human soul. Left alone, unforgiveness produces bitter fruit that shows itself in angry thoughts, words, and deeds. Eventually, it will destroy us from the inside out."



**Leader: Kathryn Richard**

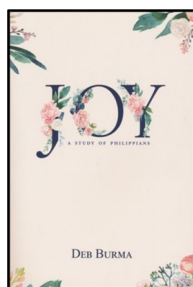
**Title: *Golden Fruit: Nine Lessons about the Fruit of the Spirit***

**Author: Julie Hale Maschhoff**

**Publisher: Concordia Publishing House**

We all have various roles to fill—daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend, volunteer, employee, leader, etc. This nine-session Bible study helps the Christian woman put these roles, characteristics and emotions into perspective. Each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and considers how the lives and stories of nine biblical women (Esther, Dorcas, Ruth, Elizabeth and others) convey that characteristic. You'll see how God is at work in your life too and how His promise of salvation and peace through Jesus are fully yours all the time. Each "lesson" ends with a "challenge of the week" and personal journal page.

## Bible Study Samplers (continued)



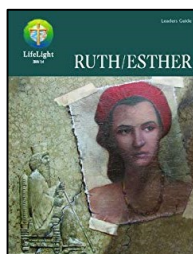
**Leader:** Janice Cundiff

**Title:** *Joy—A Study of Philippians*

**Author:** Deb Burma

**Publisher:** Concordia Publishing House

This eight-week Bible study is divided into five study sessions, forty sessions total. This study reviews the book of Philippians verse by verse. Each session features a Joy theme “Joy in ...” and how you possess this joy, verses from Philippians, examining a portion of Paul’s letter with other verses in scripture, four daily questions with answers in the back of the book, and a daily challenge to apply to your life. Deb Burma is also the author of “Stepping Out”, “Living a Chocolate Life” and “Beautiful Feet.”



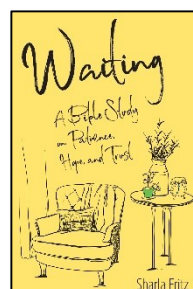
**Leader:** Rev. Robert Grimm

**Title:** *LifeLight: Ruth/Esther*

**Author:** Gary Dunker

**Publisher:** Concordia Publishing House

Two books of the Bible have been named after women. Both Ruth and Esther are persons of faith who are highlighted in these Old Testament books. The LifeLight (C) series from CPH does a marvelous job helping participants to think through issues of faith and duty, which have great implications for us today. The nine-session course encourages private study of the Bible text, group discussion, and offers leadership for in-depth thoughts of these Scriptures.



**Leader:** Elaine Engelman

**Title:** *Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust*

**Author:** Sharla Fritz

**Publisher:** Concordia Publishing House

I HATE TO WAIT, and that is what intrigued me about the title of this Bible Study. Author Sharla Fritz walks with us through the lives of eight Biblical women who give us examples of waiting—some good and some not so good—but all with life lessons that can help us grow in patience, hope and trust.

### Session 2 Only –

**Especially for all “first-timers” to the convention and all Young Woman Representatives, however, ALL are welcome!**



**Leaders:** Jill Lowe and Special Focus Ministries Committee

**Title:** *Taking It to the Streets*

**Author:** LWML – 2017-2019 Gospel Outreach Committee

**Publisher:** 2018 Assembly of Leaders <http://www.lwml.org/aol>

First-timers, YWRs, and anyone wanting to learn more about LWML, join us for a trip down the “streets” of LWML. We will show you how Women in Mission travel through Bible Study, servant events, and mission projects. We will stop by the “Mite Museum” to find out more about mites. We’ll journey through many products offered by LWML seeing sites that will Engage, Encourage, Equip, and bring Enjoyment. Reserve your space on the “Taking it to the Streets” adventure today!





## LEADER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 7:30 – 8:15 A.M.

**ANYONE** who wants to learn more about LWML in the Kansas District is **WELCOME** to attend one of these informal Leader Development sessions led by Kansas District officers and committee members. Corresponding officers or committee members in zones, groups, or societies are especially encouraged to attend. *Grab breakfast and come join us!*

### **Basic Protocol and Structure: Business + Bylaws = Efficiency**

*Vice President of Organizational Resources Elaine Engelman and Committee members  
LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Marie Chow*

Most groups prefer shorter meetings—bylaws can help you achieve that goal. Come and visit with us during the leadership development session “Basic Protocol and Structure”. We will discuss how this could be done and you will get to visit with our special guest, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Marie Chow. Please bring any questions you might have to aid our discussion.

### **Email Groups and Creative Approaches to Connecting with Lutheran Women in Mission**

*Linda Kootz, Esther Circle—Trinity Lutheran LWML, Salina, KS*

Linda Kootz, Trinity Lutheran LWML, had a vision of connecting more women to all the LWML is—service projects, Bible study, fellowship, gathering Mite Offerings, and being connected as Lutheran Women in Mission. She started the online Esther Circle for women who are unable to attend LWML meetings. She’s been met with great enthusiasm and participation! Come hear how this works in their group and discuss with others how this may work in your own group. National Mailbox Member materials will also be available for your review.

### **Heart-to-Heart Sisters**

*Heart-to-Heart Sisters District Leader, Sherri Rose; and Committee member Bernie Reetz*

Are you curious who Heart-to-Heart Sisters are or what they do in Kansas? Plan to attend this very informative session designed to educate our LWML sisters why the H2H program exists and how to execute it in their local groups/societies. We will discuss about how to talk with people from different ethnicities. The H2H goal is to have a program in place for the 2022 convention, similar to the current Young Woman Representatives program. Come learn how you can develop and encourage Heart-to-Heart Sisters in your own location.

### **Preserving Your LWML History**

*LWML Kansas District Archivist-Historians: Esther Ideker, Amanda Engelman, and Marie Roth*

It’s time to rediscover your LWML history! Maybe you have made a scrapbook of your favorite LWML events, but where is that scrapbook now? History in a box under your bed isn’t ideal. Sharing our past is key to sparking new interest in LWML and our mission. We live in an era set up for sharing, specifically images. We also want to make sure those pictures are safely preserved for future generations. Come explore ways to share and safely preserve our hidden history.

### **Purple Feud**

*Vice President of Christian Life Allison Lehmann and Committee members*

Based on the popular TV game show ‘Family Feud,’ Purple Feud is a fun way to test your LWML meeting knowledge. Come join the Kansas District Christian Life Committee for friendly head to head competition as you learn about meeting planning and creating an agenda, electronic etiquette, and decision making. Whether you are new to LWML planning or would like a great review, Purple Feud will increase your confidence from the beginning to the end. Join the fun to start your day!

## **CONVENTION OFFERINGS**

### **Offering 1—Friday Evening Communion Worship Service:**

2020—2022 LWML Kansas District Mission Goal

### **Offering 2—Sunday Morning Worship Service:**

Orphan Grain Train—Russian Orphanages

Orphan Grain Train’s “Adopt an Orphanage” program currently has 90 orphanages under full sponsorship in Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Hundreds more are awaiting help. Many of these orphanages are in remote rural areas where poverty is the norm and adult unemployment is as high as 80%. Combined with chronic alcoholism, these conditions have a tremendous impact on families.



Conditions in the orphanages are often extremely harsh. The temperature was -20° F. when this photo of a Severskyia, Russia orphanage was taken. Many children have only one or two sets of clothing. Medicine and other necessities are often in short supply or unavailable.

With the “Adopt an Orphanage” program, Orphan Grain Train provides support for each sponsored orphanage at a cost of \$280 a month. Funds are wired to Orphan Grain Train partners on location who purchase and deliver medicine, medical supplies, hygienic supplies, vitamins and clothing directly to the orphanages. No funds are given directly to the institutions, only supplies. This ensures that the help actually reaches those who need it.



*Make checks payable to the LWML Kansas District.*

*Note the Offering # on the “For” line of the check. **Thank you!***

**2020 LWML Kansas District Convention**  
**Prayer Labyrinth (inside) OR Mission Walk (outside)**  
**OR**

**NEW! Count Your Steps (Friday and Saturday of the convention)**

Preparations are underway for the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention Prayer Walk. Meditation on the Small Catechism will be the **FOCUS**. A proper understanding of the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine can help us **SEE** Jesus more clearly as you travel through each of the stations. If you're not up for walking outside on the grounds of the convention center, there will be an indoor option. **LOOK** for more information at the convention about "Count Your Steps." Upon completing of the prayer walk, you will have your own set of prayer beads that can be used for future meditation. This is a wonderful time for spiritual reflection.



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*We encourage you to come walk with us as we **"fix our eyes on Jesus!"***

**Passageways, Wichita, Kansas, is the 2020 recipient of the  
Prayer Labyrinth/ Mission Walk/ Count Your Steps Pledges.**



**MISSION:**

To assist every veteran that walks through our doors to achieve their individual goals and provide essential tools and resources for housing stability, independence and self-sustainability.

Passageways was formed in the hearts of Jennifer and Susan, two members of Ascension Lutheran—Wichita, in 2014. They had a vision to impact the population of homeless veterans living on the streets in the greater Wichita area. Passageways is a faith-based organization providing solution-based ministry services to the homeless and veteran population. Services to the Heroes are at no cost to them.

The Christian Life Committee is offering a prayer time which will take about 30 minutes at stations or on your own time. Three "Mission Pledge" options are provided for you this year:

- "Prayer Labyrinth" – indoor walking area with stops for prayer and reflection
- "Mission Walk" – weather permitting, a walking course will be planned with indoor and outdoor stops
- "Count Your Steps" – using your own step-counter device, keep track of your steps on Friday and Saturday, and complete the prayers and reflections on your own time

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

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- Print or copy this form,
- Place it and the donations in an envelope, and
- Turn the envelope in at the **GOSPEL OUTREACH OR CHRISTIAN LIFE** exhibit table at the convention.

**2020 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION MISSION PLEDGE**  
**(circle) "Prayer Labyrinth" or "Mission Walk" or "Count Your Steps"**

I support LWML with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from (#) \_\_\_\_ donors!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for "pledging" for missions!*  
*Make checks payable to LWML Kansas District Convention, notation Passageways.*  
*Thank you to you and to those contributing through you!!*

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### LWML Store

I am always excited for convention to come around to spend time with my sisters in Christ! I plan to bring you a great variety of LWML store items, I hope you will enjoy. If you want large quantities (10 or more) or a specific item, please contact me at 316-260-0447 or [kathietea@att.net](mailto:kathietea@att.net) by March 27, 2020.

I will need some help setting up and running the store at convention. If you would like to help, please contact Arlene Roberts, Convention Store Coordinator at [ajrob56@yahoo.com](mailto:ajrob56@yahoo.com).

See you in April, Kathie Thurman, LWML Kansas District Store Manager

## ***INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – Select TWO on the Registration Form Saturday, April 18***

***Session 1: 3:00-3:40 p.m. – Session 2: 3:50-4:30 p.m.***

### ***“Coffee Conversations: Relational Evangelism” at Fairmount Ministries – Paige Edgington, DCE, and Jenn Eickman, Director of Development***

#### ***Session 1***

Established in 1959, Fairmount Ministries, originally known as University Lutheran Center, has seen a lot of changes and has operated under a handful of names. With all these changes, one thing remains constant...our call as an organization to share the love of Jesus Christ!

Join Paige Edgington and Jenn Eickman over a cup of coffee as they discuss ways to walk as Titus 2 women. In this session, you will learn how to dive deeper into your relationships, ways to encourage and pray for your sisters in Christ and discover practical tools for evangelism. It can be as simple as meeting over a cup of coffee. This session will be sprinkled with stories from Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Company and lessons they have learned through their outreach efforts.



Paige Edgington, DCE, Director of Outreach and Coffeehouse Manager at Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co., Wichita;  
Jenn Eickman, Director of Development at Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co., Wichita

### ***Lights for Christ, Zacapa, Guatemala—Linda Tape, Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita***

#### ***Session 1***



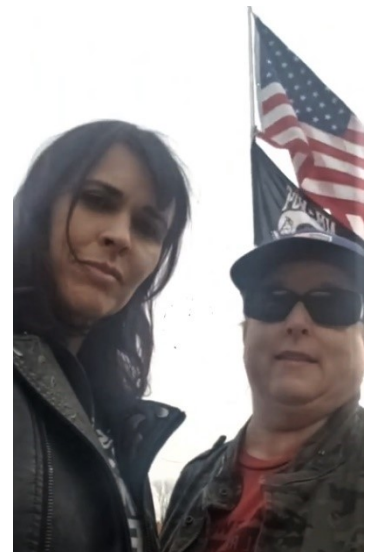
Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, entered into a partnership with Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala, to assist Divine Savior with its mission work to the community around it. Holy Cross was asked by Divine Savior to help the church reach out to the children and families that live in the local landfill to assist them with an education and to introduce them to the Gospel. We are in the sixth year of our work with Divine Savior in this program we call "Lights for Christ." I will present information and updates on these children, their families, and the much-appreciated assistance that LWML has graciously agreed to provide to our "Lights for Christ" children through Mission Grant #8 of the 2019 – 2021 biennium.

### ***Passageways, Ltd.—Jennifer Garrison, Ascension Lutheran-Wichita***

#### ***Session 1***

Passageways was formed in the hearts of Jennifer and Susan, members of Ascension Lutheran Church—Wichita, in 2014 with a vision to impact the population of homeless Veterans living on the streets in the greater Wichita area. Passageways is a living center designed to provide US veterans with housing in a caring and comfortable environment.

Passageways is a faith-based non-profit organization providing solution-based ministry services to the homeless and near homeless Veteran population with the mission to, assist every Veteran that walks through their doors to achieve their individual goals and provide essential tools and resources for housing stability, independence and self-sustainability.



## ***INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – Select TWO on the Registration Form***

### ***“Building Faith through Family Prayers”—Rev. Dr. Rocco and Janine Mallardi***

#### ***Session 1 and 2***

***Messiah Lutheran — Hays***

Pastor Rocco Mallardi and his wife Janine will seek to encourage you in your leadership of your own family prayers, giving you the information and tools so that you too can grow in faith together with your family.

Some topics that they will cover are:

- What does research say about family prayers?
- How do you lead family prayers?
- Is there any help out there in leading family prayers?



### ***“Preventing Death by Suicide”—Rev. Dr. Richard “Rick” Marris, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis***

#### ***Session 1 and 2***



Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people in the USA, but did you know it is even more common among middle-aged and elderly adults? What can Christians do to help prevent others from attempting to harm themselves? Come and learn what you can do to “help and support your neighbor in their physical need.”

Dr. Richard “Rick” Marris is the director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route (RAR) Programs and associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Marris was called to the faculty in the fall of 2006. He previously served as the dean of faculty (2010-13) and director of Continuing Education and Parish Services (2007-09). His areas of interest and expertise include pastoral care and counseling, and Christian reconciliation.

Before coming to the Seminary, he served at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Junction City, Kan. (2000-06), first as a vicar then as a pastor. He was a professor of psychology and counselor at St. John’s College in Winfield, Kan. (1983-86; admissions counselor 1982-83); and Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Ill. (1986-98). He also has done counseling, clinical and consulting work with Lutheran Child and Family Services; the Baldwin Center for Psychological Services; the Center for Applied Psychology and Forensic Studies; the Kansas State University Counseling Center; Rapha (a Christian inpatient psychiatric group); Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Lutheran Special Education Services; and various districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Marris received certification for pastoral ministry (RAR) in 2001 and his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary (2008). He also holds an associate’s degree from St. John’s College (1978); a bachelor’s degree from Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Ill. (1980); a master’s degree in counseling from the University of Kansas (1985); and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Loyola University of Chicago (1994)

## **INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – Select TWO on the Registration Form**

### **LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces/Operation Barnabas—Chaplain Steven Hokana**

**Session 1: “The Veterans Among You: An Untapped Goldmine for the Body of Christ”**

**Session 2: “The Body of Christ for Veterans and Families Suffering with PTSD”**



The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families. The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities.

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces assists and trains congregations through project Operation Barnabas. The goal is to equip and encourage local LCMS members in compassionate care and witness by training outreach to all military connected people (active, reserve, retired, veterans and their loved ones). For more info: <https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces>

### **Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Tel Aviv, Israel—Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner**

#### **Session 2**

As part of AOHE’s strategic plan in Israel, Bob and Kristi are also involved in the planting of an indigenous Messianic Lutheran congregation in cooperation with Immanuel Church Lutheran. This Lutheran church plant includes new Jewish people who believe in Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah. Bob and Kristi are responsible for raising up new leaders, leadership training and catechetical teaching.

Both Bob and Kristi have served the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) as leaders at various levels. Most recently, Bob served as the National Pastoral Counselor from 2013-2017, and Kristi as Chair for Church Workers in Mission Task Force from 2015-2017.



### **International Friendship Center—Lynette Bosch, IFC Coordinator, Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita**

#### **Session 2**



The International Friendship Center is a volunteer-run organization at Holy Cross Lutheran in Wichita, KS. It offers free classes (primarily ESL) and events for the international community. The goal is to build meaningful relationships with each student so the light of Christ can be shared and the participants can be disciplined in His Truth. There are many ways to get involved—no experience is necessary, just a love of meeting new people and learning about other cultures.

## **INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – Select TWO on the Registration Form**

### **Carol von Soosten—LWML Gift Planning Counselor and Gifts of Love Ministry**

#### **Session 2**

LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten serves in partnership with the LCMS Foundation.



*Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. Let Carol help you put your wishes on paper to care for your family and impact ministry. LWML provides free, professional assistance you can trust. You will have joy and peace of mind knowing your instructions will be carried out.*

Carol helps individuals and couples plan and direct their commitment to giving to family and all ministries of the church. In addition to working one-on-one with individuals and couples, Carol works to help people discover how they can share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry through charitable planning.

Carol has 25 years of joyful service in various positions in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League including national Strategic Plan Facilitator, Public Relations Director, and Rocky Mountain District President. Prior to coming to the LCMS Foundation to serve LWML last year, Carol previously served in several development positions in academic and non-profit settings including Washburn University and a Lutheran school foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and All Faiths Receiving Home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carol and her husband, Mark, live in southern Illinois where they worship at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Belleville, Illinois.

Carol eagerly looks forward to serving Lutheran women and their families and welcomes the opportunity to talk with you.

Gifts of Love is an official ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League providing free gift planning services to LWML women and their families. LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten serves in partnership with the LCMS Foundation.





# Calling All Singers!

Do you love to sing?

We invite you to be a part of the  
2020 LWML Convention Choir!

Just mark "Convention Choir" on the  
Registration Form, and we will send  
you the music (if Registration is re-  
ceived by April 1—otherwise, just  
join us for practice).



**Practice is on Friday morning, April 17, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Sunflower Ballroom. See  
*you there!***

## **LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2020 Convention**

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 202- LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka, Kansas,  
the Nominating Committee announces the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive  
Committee for the 2020-2024 term.

PRESIDENT: Kim Burdett and Sherri Rose

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Dohl

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Kathryn Richard

VICE PRESIDENT OF CARING SERVICE: Betty Amey and Linda Stanton

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION: Kris Osler

PASTORAL COUNSELOR: Rev. Dr. John Tape (Wichita) and Rev. Michael J. Schmidt (Manhattan)

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

Beverly Wiese, Nominating Committee Chairman

# Candidate for President

## ***Kim Burdett – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Christ Lutheran, Overland Park***



**Local LWML:** Kim is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Overland Park, but remains a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church LWML; President, Vice President; Member Development Chairman

**Zone LWML:** Zone Treasurer (currently); Young Woman Representative to the Kansas District Convention in Hays (1996); Convention Budget Planning Committee; Member Development Committee

**District LWML:** Co-Chairman of the Endowment Committee (currently); Treasurer (2014-2018); Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2012-2014); Financial Secretary (2008-2012); Committee on Young Women, Member and Chairman; Member Development Committee, Member

**National LWML:** Attended three national conventions; LWML Finance Committee (2015-2017)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Member of the handbell choir; Sunday School Superintendent and teacher; Vacation Bible School Superintendent and staff; Youth Group: Adult Counselor and Financial Secretary; Midweek Teacher; Adult Bible Study Leader; Retreat Chairman, and Event Planner

**Work Experience:** Employed part-time at Christ Lutheran Church and Education Center as an accounting assistant; Received Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance from Kansas State University

**General:** Kim has been married to Chuck for 36 years, and they have three grown children: Alyssa, Christian, and Michaela (Brady), and three grandchildren. Kim’s favorite pastime is loving on their grandchildren and spending time with their family, traveling, and baking goodies—especially unusual flavors of cheesecake and decorated cupcakes.

Kim states: “LWML has become a priceless treasure for me in my faith walk with Jesus Christ. Being a part of LWML's mission is truly a blessing and serving alongside all of my LWML peers has been a tremendous inspiration. You are all mentors to me as I strive to be a strong mentor to all of my you, my LWML family.”

# Candidate for President

## ***Sherri Rose – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Hope Lutheran, Shawnee***



**Local LWML:** Hope – Shawnee LWML (2019-Present); Redeemer – Topeka LWML (1989-2019), President (several terms), Vice President; Grace – Kansas City LWML (1985-1989)

**Zone LWML:** President; Vice President; Christian Life Committee Chairman; Care and Needs Committee Chairman

**District LWML:** Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (2014-2018); Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader (2017 to present); Communication Committee, Member

**National LWML:** Attended LWML conventions in Peoria (2011), Des Moines (2015), Albuquerque (2017), and Mobile (2019); Participated in Heart to Heart Sisters Leader Training in Albuquerque (2017) and Mobile (2019)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Co-Teacher Preschool Sunday School class; Board of Evangelism member; Church Secretary; Vacation Bible School teacher and song leader; Choir member; Children’s Christmas Service Director; Attend weekly Bible study; New member of the bell choir

**Work Experience:** Church Secretary at Redeemer Lutheran Church (11 years); Volunteer at the LMH Health (Lawrence Memorial Hospital), Lawrence; LMH Health Volunteers Board Secretary and Governance Committee Chairman

**General:** Sherri has been married to Larry for 41 years this February, and they have two daughters: Kindle and Caitlin (Gary) and one grandson. She enjoys knitting, sewing, reading, browsing cookbooks, playing several musical instruments, and spending time with their young grandson.

Sherri states: “In March of 2019, my husband and I sold our house, moved to a temporary house, then moved into our current house in Shawnee. (My husband moved us in while I was attending the Mobile Convention!) We just transferred membership from Redeemer—Lawrence, and I am looking forward to seeing God’s blessings and His plans unfold in our new location. There are so many things to learn and so many ways to serve others through this congregation. I’m also looking forward to meeting more LWML sisters, getting back into an LWML ‘routine,’ and becoming part of a different LWML Zone.”

# Candidates for Vice President of Caring Service

## ***Betty Amey – Wichita Zone Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita***

**Local LWML:** President (4 terms); Women’s Bible Study leader, LWML Committee Chairman, Funeral dinner chairman

**Zone LWML:** President (2 terms); Christian Growth Chairman

**District LWML:** Caring Service Committee Chairman; Attended several Kansas Assembly of Leaders meetings and several District conventions

**National LWML:** Attended four national conventions and was a delegate to the Des Moines Convention (2015)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Sunday School teacher, Youth Ministry Leader, and Choir member; St. John’s College Alumni Association Board Member; Orphan Grain Train (Wichita Warehouse) Board Member and volunteer; Bethesda resale shop (Wichita) weekly volunteer; Member of the LCMS Kansas District ad hoc Committee on Aging

**Work Experience:** Graduated from Concordia Teachers College and taught four years at Holy Cross Lutheran School; Earned a Masters in Science Education and worked two years in a Title Math/Science program at Wichita State University; and Filled in as teacher and principal several times while their children were young; Ended her career with 17 years as Math/Science teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School.

**General:** Betty is married to Leon “Butch”, and they have three adult children Rebecca (Mark), Ben (Colette), and Brian (Pam). She enjoys teaching, reading, home projects, traveling, playing bridge, and their grandchildren.



## ***Linda Stanton – Hutchinson Zone Our Redeemer Lutheran, Hutchinson***

**Local LWML:** President (6 years); Currently serve as Secretary

**Zone LWML:** Zone President; Caring Service Chairman

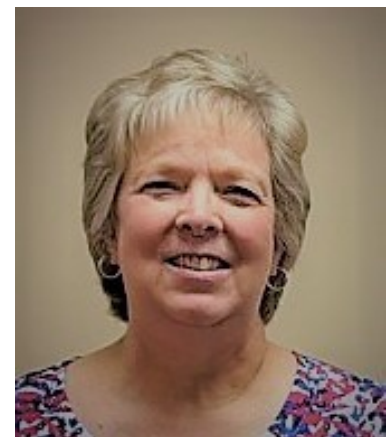
**District LWML:** 2018 Hutchinson Convention Registrar

**National LWML:** Attended the LWML convention in Albuquerque (2017)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Taught Youth Club and Sunday School; Helped in the kitchen and served as Christian Service Representative on the Church Council; Works with the Angel Tree and the Monthly Soup Kitchen

**Work Experience:** Called as a Parish Worker to St. John’s College where she served as the Secretary to the Dean of Students; Citizens Bank, Farmington, NM—Secretary in the Trust Department; First National/Merchants Bank, Lawrence, KS—Loan Secretary, Head Teller, Assistant Cashier; Sunflower Bank, Salina, KS—Secretary, Operations Manager; Wiens & Company Construction—Office Secretary

**General:** Linda is married to Tom, and they have three adult children Mendy (Jason), Rebecca (Jared), and Nathan, and two grandchildren. Linda enjoys volunteering at church, being neighborly, helping friends and family, and spending time with their grandchildren.



## Candidate for Vice President of Communication

***Kris Osler – Wichita Zone***

***Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita***

**Local LWML:** LWML Women’s Retreat Chairman 2013-Present; Society President, Advent by Candlelight Chairman (St. Paul’s—Cheney)

**District LWML:** Special Focus Ministries Committee (2018); Christian Life Committee Chairman (2010-2014); Publications Committee Member and Circulation Chairman (2008-2010)

**National LWML:** Attended the LWML convention in Des Moines (2015)

**Work Experience:** Upper Grades Teacher, St. Paul’s Lutheran—Cheney (2000-2003); Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School, Wichita (2011-Present)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Women’s Bible Study Leader (2015-Present); Holy Cross Fellowship Commissioner (2016-2019); Youth Group Fireworks Stand Manager (2017-2019)

**General:** Kris has been married to Tom for 32 years. They have three children: Erin, Sean (Miranda), and Trent. Kris enjoys quilting, writing Bible studies and devotions, and hiking.



## Candidate for Recording Secretary

***Mary Dohl – Wichita Zone***

***Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita***

**Local LWML:** Member (1993-Present); Vice President (1999-2000); President (2000-2001); Secretary, Treasurer, Special Focus Ministries, Christian Life Chairman (Present); Holy Cross Women’s Retreat Committee (several retreats)

**Zone LWML:** President (2017-Present); Christian Growth Chairman, York Zone-NE (late 1980s); Zone Delegate for Nebraska South District to the LWML Convention in Fort Worth, TX (1987)

**District LWML:** Attended many District Conventions, often as a delegate

**National LWML:** Attended many LWML Conventions, Delegate (1987)

**Work Experience:** Substitute Teacher for USD 259-Wichita (2015-Present); Elementary and Middle Public School Teacher (31 years, retired in 2015); Customer Service Representative at Southwestern Bell Telephone (9 years)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Stewardship Committee (Late 1990s to early 2000s); Singles Coordinator (1995-Present), Plan activities and create newsletter bi-monthly for Singles Ministry, Host and lead Singles Bible Studies, Team Captain for Special Events Committee; Church Choir (1992-Present); Sewing Sisters (making dresses and shorts that are distributed to children by missionaries)

**General:** Mary enjoys traveling, attending weekly programs at Wichita Museums, reading, participating in a Book Club, sewing, and is active in the Volkssport Walking Club.



# Candidate for Financial Secretary

## ***Kathryn Richard – Southeast Zone Zion Lutheran, Pittsburg***

**Local LWML:** Secretary and Reporter (current); President, Caring Service Chairman

**Zone LWML:** Southeast Zone: Secretary (2014-2017); Vice President (2012-2014); President (2007-2011); Care and Needs Chairman (2005-2007); Bylaws Review Committee; Financial Review Committee

**District LWML:** Recording Secretary (2016-Present); Structure Committee (2005-2016) and Chairman (2012-2016); Nominating Committee two times, including Chairman; 2014 District Convention at Wichita: Co-Chairman and Planning Committee Secretary; Kansas Assembly of Leaders: Executive

Committee presentations, Structure Committee displays and skits; Attended several Women's Retreats and District Christian Life Retreats

**National LWML:** Attended five national conventions

**Work Experience:** Kathryn retired in 2014 after 43 years at Pittsburg State University, 27 of which were as Director of the regional Small Business Development Center. She managed a budget of over \$275,000 and a staff of three in providing assistance to small businesses in 15 southeast Kansas counties. Assistance included cash flow and budget projections, marketing, business planning, etc. Other positions held include administrative assistant (7 years), research analyst (9 years), adjunct business faculty (9 years). Received Bachelor's degree in Business Education and MBA from Pittsburg State University

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Council Treasurer (2005-Present); Council Secretary (2000-2005); Stewardship Chairman (1989-1999); Altar Guild, many years including Chairman (2012-Present); Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher; various congregational committees; Thrivent congregational representative, fundraising events and service projects; organize quilting, school kit, and baby kit assembly projects for Lutheran World Relief

**General:** Kathryn has been married to Larry for 49 years. They have three children: Amy, Julie, Dan, and three grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, quilting, and volunteering as 4-H Community Leader and clothing project leader (1981-present). Kathryn is also active in the community and volunteers with the Arma Homecoming Association, Secretary (2005-2010), Vice Chairman (2015-2017), and Chairman (2011-2015 and 2017-Present); and the Southeast Kansas Regional Prosperity Foundation, Board Member, Secretary (2005-Present). In the past, she has volunteered as a facilitator with the Crawford County Sixth Grade Youth Leadership (2005-2017) and with SEK, Inc. (regional economic development organization), Board Member and Recording Secretary (2010-2016). She also enjoys spending time caring for her mother and being with their grandchildren.



# Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

## ***Rev. Michael Schmidt – Manhattan Zone St. Luke’s Lutheran – Manhattan, KS***



### **Education:**

- 2011 Master of Science – Family Life, Concordia University, Nebraska
- 1996 Master of Sacred Theology (STM), Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1995 Master of Divinity (MDiv), Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, Pomona, CA

### **Work Experience:**

- 2011-present Pastor – St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS
- 2000-2011 Pastor – Desert Foothills Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1996-2000 Associate Pastor – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, CA
- 1989-1991 Industrial Engineering Intern, United Parcel Service, Anaheim and Laguna Hills, CA
- 1991 Manufacturing Engineering Intern at McDonald Douglas in Monrovia, CA
- 1987-1989 Campus Life Director at Arcadia High School, Arcadia, CA
- 1987 Youth Director at Our Savior Lutheran Church
- 1985 & 1986 (Summer) Camp Counselor at Arrowhead Lutheran Camp, Arrowhead, CA

**Congregation:** During Pastor Schmidt’s time at St. Luke’s (2011-present), the congregation has become a Cancer Companions Congregation, started Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls Troop KS-0057, and started a LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Team. The Preschool has also transitioned into an Early Learning Center. At his previous parish (2000-2011), the congregation started Stephen Ministry. He attends a ministerial group in Manhattan. St. Luke’s is also in the process of relocating the church and expects to be at their new location in 2020.

**Circuit:** Pastor Schmidt has been active at Circuit Meetings and made a presentation for the Circuit Forum on Luther’s 95 Theses in 2017. He has been supportive of his circuit (Circuit 8) starting Flint Hills Lutherans for Life. He served as the Circuit Counselor (2004-2011) when he was at his previous parish.

**District:** Pastor Schmidt served as a LERT theological trainer at a LERT Training event in April of 2019. At his previous District (Pacific Southwest District) he served on the Pastor’s Conference Leadership Team in 2009.

**Synod:** He attended the Synodical Convention as a voting delegate in 2007, 2010, and 2013.

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Pastor Schmidt became a Stephen Ministry Trainer in 2002. His vicarage was in Gainesville, FL, where he was responsible for the Campus Ministry at the church.

**General:** Rev. Schmidt is married to Kristina, and they have three sons and one daughter who are ages 11 through 17. He enjoys watching sporting events and runs a fantasy football and baseball league at the church. He currently coaches a 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team.

# Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

***Rev. Dr. John Tape – Wichita Zone***

***Intentional Interim Pastor,***

***Lord of Life Lutheran – Leawood, KS***



## **Education:**

- 1993 Doctor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1984 Master of Theology, Lutheran School of Theology – Chicago, IL
- 1980 Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne, IN
- 1976 Bachelor of Arts, Concordia Senior College (LCMS) – Fort Wayne, IN
- 1974 Associate of Arts, Concordia College/University (LCMS) – Austin, TX

**Work Experience:** Rev. Dr. John W. Tape has served as a parish pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He has served as the Executive Director of two recognized service organizations of the LCMS.

**Congregation:** He is a member of the Guatemala Mission team with Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita.

**District LCMS:** Dr. Tape has served as a guest preacher, and he is a trained Reconciler for the LCMS Kansas District.

**Synod:** Pastor Tape also works part-time as a frequent guest instructor for Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO, teaching online theology courses. He has served as a Hearing Facilitator.

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Dr. Tape has served as the Pastoral Advisor for Fairmount Ministries (formerly known as the Lutheran Student Center) which provides service and Christian outreach to the campus of Wichita State University and the surrounding community.

**General:** John is married to Linda, who is an attorney with Koch and specializes in environmental law. John and Linda are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS. They are blessed with three adult children and three grandchildren. In his free time, Dr. Tape enjoys reading and cooking.



# MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

*Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) Mission Grants*

- 1. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Food & Clothing Co-op** ..... \$ 5,000  
This request will be used to purchase perishable food items each month to be given directly to the students and their families. The co-op plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during the seminary years. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family volunteering time each month.  
*(Submitted by Katherine Rittner, Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City, IN)*
- 2. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI**  
**Fund translation and publishing of books** ..... \$5,000  
This submission is for funding translation and publishing of books for a Lutheran library for Central and South America, giving LCMS missionaries and other churches in 20 countries the tools they need to evangelize and teach in the language of the people.  
*(Submitted by Ruth Scott, St. John's Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS)*
- 3. Martin Luther Primary and Devotional Secondary School, Sierra Leone**  
**Development of school buildings and grounds** ..... \$ 6,000  
This request will assist in the development of the school buildings/grounds as LeadaChild works with church and school leadership in Sierra Leone to develop an educational hub to advance the Gospel and quality learning opportunities in the region.  
*(Submitted by LeadaChild, Olathe, KS)*
- 4. Rural Churches = Garden City, Lakin, and Ulysses, KS**  
**Ministry Partnership** .....\$ 4,500  
This request will be used for materials, supplies, and training specific to replanting the church. Three rural churches will create a new ministry partnership to focus on revitalizing and replanting with a mission-minded pastor. These rural areas, mostly Hispanic, will be able to receive the Word and Sacrament.  
*(Submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS)*
- 5. Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, KS**  
**Updating the school library** ..... \$5,000  
This submission would be used for purchasing new and up-to-date nonfiction and fiction selections, as well as new alternative seating in the library. The school has students from a variety of church and non-church backgrounds. Part of updating will be adding more Christian selections.  
*(Submitted by Emma Taylor, Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, KS)*
- 6. KansaSEED, LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry**  
**Leadership training** ..... \$ 5,000  
This request is for leadership and outreach training for deaf leaders from churches who support deaf ministry. Reports indicate there are 9,100 profoundly deaf people in Kansas with the majority unchurched. This would provide training to interpreters to share their faith and extend the love of Jesus in the deaf community.  
*(Submitted by Sara Hale, KansaSEED)*
- 7. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT, Lawrence, KS**  
**Provide meals, crafts, and other activities in the dorm** ..... \$5,000  
This submission will enable Deon Prue of the ministry staff to meet and build relationships with the freshman women by providing meals, crafts, and other activities in the dorm. Deon is trained to help individuals walk through the healing journey with Jesus at their side. This core group of women can then become leaders at Haskell LIGHT.  
*(Submitted by Tiffany Harkins, Beautiful Savior, Olathe, KS)*
- 8. Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, MO**  
**Translating Scripture for the Komba people of Ghana** ..... \$5,000  
This request would allow pastors, leaders, men, women, and children to share and know Jesus by being able to read, hear, and speak about Him in their own language. In 2014 the Komba New Testament was published and sold out. This would make the entire Bible available to the Komba people of Ghana for the first time ever.  
*(Submitted by Lisa Brack, Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, KS)*

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**9. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO**

**Help fund the education costs of international students.....\$5,000**

This request will help fund the educational costs of international students enrolled in Concordia Seminary's Graduate School. When these global students earn their advanced-level theological degrees and return to their home countries, they will become seminary professors and church leaders and spread God's word through many nations.

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

**10. Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Brentwood, TN**

**Identify and train Israeli Jewish believers .....\$5,000**

This submission will help train Jewish Messianic believers in Israel. It will also help develop systems and strategies for outreach and planting house fellowships, as in the days of the early church. The Apple of His Eye will be sharing the Gospel message of Jesus as their Savior with the Jewish people in Israel.

*(Submitted by Debra Wilson, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)*

**11. Kansas District LCMS Retreat Center, Herington, KS**

**Purchase of Stair Lift.....\$8,550**

This request is to purchase a commercial stair lift which will improve accessibility, mobility, and safety in floor-to-floor travel. The retreat center is a relaxing and peaceful atmosphere in which church workers and members from across Kansas can reconnect with God and their families.

*(Submitted by Tabitha Society, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Herington)*

**12. Ministry in Mission, Jacmel, Haiti**

**Monthly operating costs of the Jacmel Lutheran Home ..... \$5,000**

This submission will help to provide for the staffing and daily operations of the Jacmel Lutheran Home which provides eldercare. Without family and government safety nets, the elderly are among the most vulnerable people in Haiti. Residents of Jacmel Lutheran Home are carefully screened to verify their needs.

*(Submitted by Susan M. Matzke, St. Mark Lutheran, Chesterland, OH)*

**13. Orphan Grain Train, St. Petersburg, Russia**

**Health care needs of children in the orphanages ..... \$5,000**

This request is for basic daily needs such as diapers, wipes, and medical needs such as band-aids. There are 60 plus Russian Orphanages that OGT assists. The Russian Government allocates money, but the local budget only allows for approximately one diaper a day for each orphan. Money is disbursed through OGT to appointed Russian workers that run the orphanages.

*(Submitted by First Lutheran Guild-LWML, Phillipsburg, KS)*

**14. Bethesda Lutheran Communities, KS**

**Implement a Faith Resource Fund for Kansas ..... \$4,000**

This request would provide resources for 150+ people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kansas. The mission of Bethesda is to enhance the lives of those with disabilities with services that share the good news of Jesus Christ. The resources would include Bibles, prayer books, confirmation materials and faith assessment tools.

*(Submitted by LWML/Ladies Aid, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka, KS)*

**15. Trinity HOPE, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hermitage, TN**

**Feed Christian school children in Haiti ..... \$4,500**

This submission is to assist Lutheran churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to hungry children who attend their Christian schools. By providing daily nutritious noon meals, their physical needs are more adequately met. Food can be a powerful witness of Christ's love.

*(Submitted by Denise Gudlin, Mid-South LWML District)*

# MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) Mission Grants

**16. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND**

**Electronics for worship services ..... \$3,000**

This submission will partially help fund a \$15,000 chapel renovation to the Spiritual Life Center. The funds requested will purchase a new audio board, mixer, cables, wiring, speakers and microphones for worship services. The mission of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

*(Submitted by Rebecca Gutierrez, Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS)*

**17. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS**

**Outreach Efforts ..... \$6,000**

This request is for curriculum including Bibles, catechisms, and Christian literature as well as funding fellowship, outreach, and community gatherings. Fairmount Coffee Company is an outreach ministry of Fairmount Ministries. Guests come in possibly seeking a hot cup of coffee and receive so much more.

*(Submitted by Jennifer Eickman, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS)*

**18. CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita, KS**

**Social Enrichment Activities ..... \$4,000**

This request is to be used for activities for individuals who are homeless or living at or below the poverty line and are in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addictions. These activities will be interwoven with Biblical truths and opportunities for Risen Savior members to extend faith, hope, and mercy to the clients, tying faith and recovery together.

*(Submitted by Mary Lou Rusco, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)*

**19. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO**

**Scholarship Fund and Overhead Expenses ..... \$2,000**

This submission is for the scholarship fund for Kansas residents, so that money is never a reason a person cannot attend camp, and for overhead expenses. The camp atmosphere and activities allow for the opportunity to share God's grace and glory in His creation including riding and caring for horses.

*(Submitted by Katy Pauley, Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS)*



Mission Grants are funded from Mite Box and other designated offerings. The grants are selected by the delegates at the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka.

The Mission Grants are awarded throughout the 2020-2022 biennium as donations allow and in the order of the number of the votes received.



# **God's Gracious Gift Fund Applications**

**\$13,363 available funding**

**Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) GGGF Grants**

- 1. Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, Offerle, KS: Quilt Ministry ..... \$500**  
This request is for purchasing sewing materials for quilts and for sewing machine purchase and repair. This quilt ministry shares the Gospel when the recipients see that these quilts are given freely from those who love Jesus.  
*(Submitted by Ladies Aid, Zion Lutheran Church, Offerle, KS)*
- 2. Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS: Portable Microphones ..... \$4,000**  
This submission is for the purchase of wireless, portable microphones for the church sound system. These will be used to enhance the outreach to the community onsite as well as offsite.  
*(Submitted by Trinity Lutheran LWML, Garden City, KS)*
- 3. Mwadui Lutheran School, Mwadui, Shinyanga, Tanzania: Completion of the school clinic ..... \$5,300**  
This request is to finish construction of a medical clinic at the school (where conditions such as malaria are treated) which prepares pastors, teachers and others with Christ centered Lutheran education.  
*(Submitted by Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer, Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)*
- 4. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Humboldt, KS: Purchase Supplies for Sensory Saturday Events ..... \$750**  
This request is to purchase supplies for the Sensory Saturday events. These events connect children and their families in the community with Jesus in ways that involve play. For children with sensory issues, there will be a quiet area with Bible story books if they become over-stimulated.  
*(Submitted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church LWML, Humboldt, KS)*
- 5. Immanuel Lutheran, Ellsworth, KS: Comfort Dog Ministry ..... \$750**  
This submission is to purchase 90 "plush puppies" with the comfort dog's name on the bandana. These puppies will be distributed when visiting nursing homes, schools, first responders, and those affected by disaster. This project will share the love of Jesus through personal visits and shared conversations of comfort.  
*(Submitted by Carol Kratzer, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, KS)*
- 6. Christ Lutheran Church, Elkhart, KS: Bathroom Remodel ..... \$4,000**  
This request is to purchase materials to convert two small bathrooms into one handicap bathroom. This would help to meet the physical needs of the aging population.  
*(Submitted by Linda Harlow, Christ Lutheran Church, Elkhart, KS)*
- 7. The Legacy of Herington, Herington, KS: Purchase Lutheran Service Books ..... \$1,300**  
This submission is for the purchase of 50 LSB Pew Edition to be used at a satellite worship site. The Legacy is an assisted living and nursing facility. Services are held weekly for gathering in Word and Sacrament.  
*(Submitted by Tabitha Society, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Herington, KS)*
- 8. Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center, Junction City, KS: Playground Improvement ..... \$5,000**  
This request is to make improvements in the playground to solve the current drainage problems. New programs such as "Play and Pray" are in the making to bring families together for a brief devotional and play time.  
*(Submitted by Amber Crocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Junction City, KS)*
- 9. Flint Hills Lutherans for Life, Manhattan, KS: Outreach Material ..... \$1,000**  
This request is to fund informational and outreach materials and speaker fees to educate the public on issues that affirm life according to God's Word.  
*(Submitted by Mt. Calvary LWML, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego, KS)*
- 10. International Friendship Center, Wichita, KS: Sewing Machines ..... \$1,500**  
This submission is for the purchase of sewing machines and storage for a sewing class. Church volunteers help individuals new to the USA build skills which enable them to support themselves and their families.  
*(Submitted by Lynette Bosch, International Friendship Center, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)*
- 11. God's Little Saints Preschool, Atwood, KS: Scholarships ..... \$1,000**  
This submission is for scholarships for children who might need financial help to be able to attend the preschool to learn about Jesus.  
*(Submitted by LWML Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Atwood, KS)*

# God's Gracious Gift Fund Applications

\$13,363 available funding

Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) GGGF Grants

**12. Women of the Pearl, Uganda, Africa: Hygiene Kits and Education ..... \$3,000**

This request is to provide Sanitary Pad Kits to the women of Uganda. Volunteers deliver the kits and teach the women how to make the pads as well as provide hygiene, AIDS, and STD education.

*(Submitted by Karen Morrison, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)*

**13. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS: Spring Break Mission Trip ..... \$2,000**

This submission is to partially fund student missionaries and other travel expenses to build homes for local families in Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

*(Submitted by Jennifer Eickman, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS)*

**14. Orphan Grain Train Relief Center, rural Herington, KS: Transportation of Shipping Container ..... \$2,000**

This request is to assist in covering the expense of transporting a container to the warehouse at St. John Lutheran Church. With a container on site, boxes can be stored without need for extra transfers. Once the container is full, OGT will pick up the container and transport it to the Norfolk warehouse.

*(Submitted by Ladies Society, St. John's Lutheran Church, Herington, KS)*

**15. Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Kansas City, KS: Food ..... \$1,600**

This submission is to purchase one month of food from Harvesters Food Bank for Immanuel's food pantry. The food pantry is an outreach to the inner city with a high concentration of Hispanic families.

*(Submitted by Laura Hunter and Susan Parrish of Hope Lutheran, Shawnee and Bethany Lutheran, Overland Park, KS)*

**16. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO: Dishwasher ..... \$3,500**

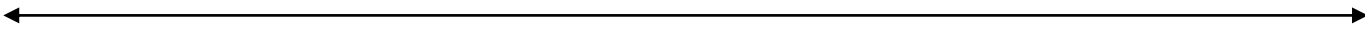
This request is for the final amount needed to purchase a new commercial dishwasher. The staff at LVR are always eager to share the Gospel with the campers.

*(Submitted by Katy Pauley, Trinity, Garden City, KS)*

**17. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ascension Lutheran, Pratt, KS: Prayer Shawl Supplies ..... \$500**

This request is for purchasing yarn, needles, etc. to knit or crochet prayer shawls. These shawls are given to church or Pratt community members in time of illness, stress, or grief.

*(Submitted by WinGS LWML, Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS)*



God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF) is supported by the 2018 Day of Prayer Offerings, from Thrivent Choice dollars, and from memorials, honorariums, and other donations. The recipients are selected by the delegates at the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka.

The GGGF Grants are disbursed immediately following the 2020 Topeka Convention.



## 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 ¾ 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 ¾ sleeve raglan t-shirt:

Unisex V-neck t-shirt:



Shirts must be pre-ordered and picked up at convention.

Name: _____	Size:	Ladies ¾ 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\*\*\*

**LWML Kansas District  
2020 Convention Tote Bag**

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:



**BE THOU MY VISION**



**"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." - Hebrews 12:2**

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT BYLAWS

To be presented April 22, 2020 Kansas District Convention, Topeka, Kansas

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

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## **1. ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION, section 3-NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Proposed amendment

Strike Letter E and move to duties of Parliamentarian

If adopted will read

~~E. prepare printed ballots with the names listed in alphabetical order for the District convention~~

*Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format*

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## **2. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section D.—Gospel Outreach Department, 1.b.2.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “prepare ballots of” and insert “Give information regarding”; add “to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots” following “application date,

If adopted will read:

~~Prepare ballots of~~ Give information regarding the proposed mission grants for the District Convention, listing them according to their application date, to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots

*Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format*

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## **3. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section A.—Gospel Outreach Department, 1.c.2.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “prepare ballots of” and insert “Give information regarding”; add “to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots” following “application date,

If adopted shall read:

~~Prepare ballots of~~ Give information regarding the proposed GGF grants for the District Convention, listing them according to their application date, to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots;

*Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format*

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## **4. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.C. (Parliamentarian)**

Proposed Amendment

Add a semi-colon and the word “and” to 2.; Add 3.

If adopted shall read:

2. be an ex officio member of the Organizational Resources committee (see Article XI, Section 3.E.1);  
and  
3. prepare convention ballots for Mission Grant proposals, GGF proposals, and election of officers and pastoral advisor.

*Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format*



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**5. Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 6.G.**

Proposed Amendment

Insert “District Bylaws and” before “Leadership Guidelines”

If adopted shall read:

G. oversee the on-going review of the District Bylaws and Leadership Guidelines;

*Rationale: to conform to current practice*

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**6. Article XII-FINANCES, section 4.A. Heading**

Proposed Amendment

Insert “(SFA)” before “Fund”

If adopted will read:

A. Student Financial Aid (SFA) Fund

*Rationale: for conformity within the document and clarity within section 4*

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**7. Article XII-FINANCES, section 4.A.1.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “the” before “Student Financial Aid”, strike “(SFA) fund”, use lower case for “Student Financial Aid”

If adopted will read:

1. Monies designated for student financial aid shall be invested in an account in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) with a minimum of \$10,000 remaining invested. Interest and principal above the minimum balance will be disbursed by semester as financial aid to students preparing for full-time church work, in accordance with the procedures put forth in the *Leadership Guidelines*.

*Rationale: for clarity within the document*

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**8. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 3.B. (Christian Life) 1.b.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike section 3.B.1.b. completely

~~b. be responsible for promoting the distribution of prayer and praise requests among interested District members via prayer email;~~

*Rationale: to conform to current practice. This is no longer the responsibility of this committee; it is the responsibility of special appointed personnel—Prayer mail coordinator. (see Article XI, section 6.G.)*

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**9. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.E.3. (Short Term Mission Coordinator)**

Proposed Amendment

Insert “provides” before “reports”, strike comma and insert “and” after “Committee” and strike “and the District Convention”.

If adopted will read:

3. provides reports for Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

*Rationale: clarification of duties and removing unnecessary words. (Report for the District Convention is covered under general duties of all special appointed personnel.)*

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**10. Article XVII—AMENDMENTS, section 1.B.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “ have been” and insert “be”; Strike “approved by the national Structure Committee” and insert “approved by the LWML Structure Committee” following “Board of Directors”.

If adopted shall read:

B. The proposed amendments shall be presented for approval to the District Board of Directors, approved by the LWML Structure Committee, and published in the District newsletter two (2) months prior to the District Convention.

*Rationale: to conform with procedural steps in Article XI, section 3.E. and national practice*

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**11. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 6.H.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike 6.H. completely and move to Special Focus Ministries (Article XI, section F)

Currently reads: The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training received from LWML.

*Rationale: to conform to current national practice*

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**12. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section F- SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT**

Proposed Amendment

Insert “and the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and committee” after “Ministries Committee”

If adopted will read:

The Special Focus Ministries Department shall include the Special Focus Ministries Committee and the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and committee. The Vice President of Special Focus Ministries shall be coordinator of the Special Focus Ministries Department.

*Rationale: to conform to current national practice*

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**13. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section F.2.**

Proposed Amendment:

add “2. The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and Committee shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training and guidelines received from LWML and/or direction from the District Executive Committee” under section F.

If adopted will read:

2. The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and Committee shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training and guidelines received from LWML and/or direction from the District Executive Committee.

*Rationale: to conform to current national practice and to cover the time lapse between national training and District appointment*

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**14. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.A.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader”

If adopted will read:

A. The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist/Historian, Parliamentarian, District Convention Chairman, Short-term Mission Coordinator, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, and Prayer Mail Coordinator. Special Appointed Personnel shall:

*Rationale: this position is now part of the Special Focus Ministries Department*

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**15. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 6-SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

Proposed Amendment

Add H. The Travel Chairman shall explore options for transportation to the national convention.

If adopted will read:

H. The Travel Chairman shall explore options for transportation to the national convention.

*Rationale: To have a person in the Kansas District responsible for exploring travel options to national conventions and to conform to current practice.*

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**16. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6-SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL, A.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “and” before “Prayer Mail Coordinator”; Insert “and Travel Chairman.” following “Prayer Mail Coordinator”.

If adopted shall read:

A. The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist/Historian, Parliamentarian, District Convention Chairman, Short-term Mission Coordinator, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, ~~and~~ Prayer Mail Coordinator, and Travel Chairman. Special Appointed Personnel shall:

*Rationale: To have a position available in the Kansas District that is responsible for exploring travel options to national conventions and to conform to current practice.*

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**17. Article IV—ORGANIZATION, section 3**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “national” from the last line

If adopted shall read:

The District is composed of societies and individual members within congregations of the LCMS, on campuses, in resident homes, and those organized in settings other than these. Societies are united to form zones, zones are united to form districts; and districts are united to form the ~~national~~ LWML.

*Rationale: to remove unnecessary words from bylaws*

Conforming Amendments: Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 1.J.; Article VII-Pastoral Counselors, section 3.B.; Article IX—REPRESENTATION, Section 5, first line (the word “national” that appears in the heading and in B. will become “LWML”); Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 2.C.7.; Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.I.; Article XII-FINANCES, section 1.C.;

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**18. Article III-MEMBERS, section 1-SOCIETY**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “society” and insert “group”

If adopted shall read:

Section 1 – SOCIETY-GROUP

*Rationale: To recognize flexibility in the names of local organizations and to conform to national practice*

Conforming amendments: If the amendment is adopted, the same change will be made wherever the word society -(ies) appears. Article III-MEMBERS, sections 1 and 2; Article IV-ORGANIZATION, sections 1, 2, & 3; Article V-OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION, section 3; Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 8.D., section 9.E.; Article IX-REPRESENTATION, Section 1.A., Section 2.A., B., & C., ; Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 1.C.4.; Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 3.A.1.b., section 3.B.1.d.; and Article XVII-AMENDMENTS, section 1.C.

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**19. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “special” in all references to special appointed personnel

If adopted shall read:

**ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

*Rationale: to remove unnecessary words from bylaws and conform to national practice*

Conforming Amendments: Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 1.A.1., section 2.C.3., section 6 (heading), section 6.A.

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**20. Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 1.J.**

Proposed Amendment

Strike “national LWML Board of Directors” and insert “LWML Presidents Assembly”

If adopted shall read:

J. serve, by virtue of the office, as a member of the LWML Presidents Assembly; and

*Rationale: to conform to national practice*

Conforming Amendments: Article IV, Section 4

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# CAPITOL PLAZA TOPEKA

1717 SW TOPEKA BLVD., TOPEKA, KS 66612

*You are responsible for making your own reservations by March 27 for the "LWML" block of rooms.*

## Capitol Plaza Topeka Hotel

Phone: (800) 579-7937

Rate: \$101 plus applicable taxes (double/double)



Ask for the "LWML" discount rate.

Online registration: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1779832&hotelID=13576>

### Good to Know: Capitol Plaza Topeka

- Capitol Plaza Topeka is a three-star hotel which is nearby the Topeka City.
- The Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka welcomes you with a friendly staff and its smoke-free accommodations.
- All rooms of the Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka are equipped with cable TVs, tea and coffee-making machines.
- Guest rooms of the Capitol Plaza Topeka include free Wi-Fi, and the bathrooms have hairdryers and toiletries.
- Capitol Plaza Topeka is a walking distance from the Kansas State Capitol Building.

### Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka

Guests coming to the Topeka Capitol Plaza are welcomed by warm and hospitable front desk staff 24/7. The lobby is filled with bright, lush garden, enticing lounge, stone fountain and café tables. In the Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka guest rooms, you'll find minifridges (in some rooms), flat-panel TVs, and work desks for a comfortable stay.

### Popular Hotel Amenities and Features

Take advantage of recreational opportunities offered, including an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a 24-hour fitness center. Other features at this hotel include complimentary wireless Internet access, and gift shops/newsstands, and express check-out. Free self-parking is available onsite.

### Restaurants, Bars, Lounge & Dining options

In addition to the catered convention meals, The Falling Water Grill, a restaurant which specializes in American cuisine, is available. Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at the bar/lounge.

### Hotel Accommodations and Guest Rooms

Make yourself at home in one of the 224 air-conditioned rooms featuring flat-screen televisions. Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and cable programming is available for your entertainment. Conveniences include complimentary newspapers and coffee/tea makers, and housekeeping is provided daily.



## FEATURED AMENITIES

### Accessibility

Wheelchair Accessible bathroom

In room accessibility

### Fitness Services

24/7 fitness facilities

### General Amenities

Wheelchair accessible path of travel

Wheelchair accessible parking

Assistive listening devices available

Braille or raised signage

### General Amenities

Laundry Room

### Internet

Free internet

### Lobby Level Services

Express check out

Safe deposit box at front desk

### Parking Services

Self-parking - Free

RV, bus & truck parking - Free

### Pool Facilities

Indoor pool

Swimming pool

### Property Features

- Smoke free property

- Roll in shower

### Restaurants & Bars

- Bar & lounge

- Hotel Restaurant

### Shopping

- Gift shops or news stand

- Shopping on site

### Spa Services

- Jacuzzi / Spa tub

# CAPITOL PLAZA TOPEKA

1717 SW TOPEKA BLVD., TOPEKA, KS 66612

**Maner Conference Center** – LWML Convention Site, exhibits, sessions, banquet  
Parking is on the north side of the Conference Center

**Capitol Plaza Topeka** – Lodging, meals, sessions, servant events  
Parking is on the east side of the Hotel

## Indoor walkway between the buildings



## Driving Directions:

From the south: I-335, Exit 177 and then east to SW Topeka Boulevard, Turn left/north to Hotel

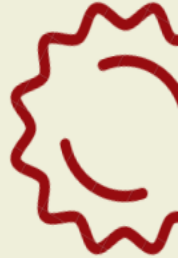
From the west: I-70, Exit 355, Turn left/south on SW Wanamaker Road, Turn left/east on SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Turn right/south on SW Topeka Boulevard to Hotel

From the east: I-70, Exit 363, Turn left/south on SE Adams St., Turn right/west on SE 15<sup>th</sup> St., Turn slight left/west on SE 17<sup>th</sup> St., Turn left/south on SW Topeka Boulevard to Hotel



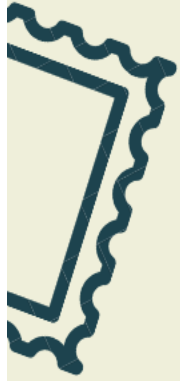
## Support Lutheran World Relief

# STAMPS



I am planning on attending your convention in Topeka in April and look forward to assisting you with stamp information, questions, and trimming. I will have available for you to purchase the following items which all have current postage (55-cents or more) affixed to the envelopes. You get an item that you can use, I can repurpose donated stamps, and Lutheran World Relief gets 100% of the money!! What a deal - a win, win, win situation for everybody!! All packages will sell for \$5.00.

- Plain, legal size envelopes -- 20/pkg
- Christmas Cards -- 15/pkg
- Birthday, Get well, Sympathy, Thank you, Thinking of you, and plain note cards, etc. 15/pkg.



The LWML sisters in Texas appreciate your collection of stamps to help make this project a success. Over the past 10 years, we have collected over \$46,000.00 for LWR and all of this is from paper that would have been in someone's trash can. To God be the glory!!

Sara Frank, Stamp Coordinator for Texas LWML



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

# First Time at the Kansas Convention!

## LWML Kansas District Blood Drive

Friday, April 17, 2020

9 am – 3 pm

Emerald Rooms IV and V

Capitol Plaza Hotel  
1717 SW Topeka Blvd  
Topeka, KS 66612

To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS  
or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
(use sponsor code: **KSLWML**)

- Be sure to bring a photo ID, drink plenty of water and eat prior to your appointment.
- Save time at your appointment by completing RapidPass via the Blood Donor App or visit [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass)
- Please check “Blood Drive” on your convention registration form.

Questions? Call Laura Hunter, 913-709-1284  
or email [caringervice@kansaslwml.org](mailto:caringervice@kansaslwml.org)



**2022 LWML  
Kansas District  
Convention Theme  
Ideas Needed !**

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**Kansas District**

The 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention  
will be held in Overland Park, April 22-24.

Submit your theme idea along with the supporting  
Bible verse to: President Brenda Piester  
by April 1, 2020.  
[bjpiester@gmail.com](mailto:bjpiester@gmail.com)

Choices will be voted on by the Board of Directors at  
the April 16, 2020 meeting.  
Thank you!!