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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Joyful Obedience!

Is that an oxymoron? An oxymoron is defined as this:

oxymoron \ahk-sih-MOR-ahn\ noun: **a combination of contradictory or incongruous words** (such as cruel kindness); broadly: something (such as a concept) that is made up of contradictory or incongruous elements.

Can you be *joyful* in obedience? Today's society certainly doesn't think so. How many times have you heard this: "You're not the boss of me!" We are being taught in so many ways that we must do our own thing, by our own means, in our own way, in our own time. Who are we being obedient to with that attitude? Ourselves? That is how the devil would like us to be. God, on the other hand, only wants what is best for us. His love and forgiveness surround us and guide us to make God-pleasing decisions. Then, why is it so hard to be obedient to His word and command? And even so be *joyful* about it?

Joy comes because we know we are doing what God wants us to do. It might not be perfect timing for us, but God will somehow give us the time to do His calling. **NO** more excuses of "I don't have time." God will also give us the means to accomplish those callings. **NO** more excuses of "I don't know how." Go ahead and step out of your box and be a leader! God will be your biggest fan the entire time. He will guide you, teach you to be a strong leader, and provide people to assist you. Be the type of leader that will draw in more people as you prepare and guide each of them to also be leaders.

Is God calling you to be a leader for Lutheran Women in Mission? Have you talked to Him about that type of service? Please pray about stepping up and serving your group, zone, district, or national LWML.

God also calls you to be a *joyfully obedient* follower, not only as a follower of Jesus, but as a supporter for any of the leaders in your life. Encourage, support, and pray for your leaders.

Follow the SON! In *joyful obedience*.



Kim Burdett
District President



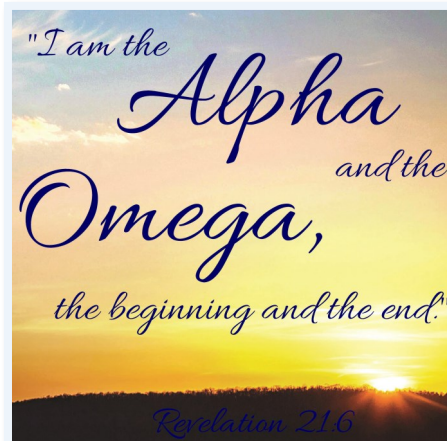
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At the end of the Bible is a book that is widely romanticized for one reason or another. The text tells us about the final judgement and the new creation. The book of Revelation records,

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:1-8).



This passage is normally associated with funerals for good reason because it speaks about the life to come. Jesus tells us that at that time all the pain and suffering of this life will be gone and all that will be left is the heavenly joy of knowing Christ. The joy of seeing Jesus face to face will bypass all things of this life. So, with the end in mind, let us always keep our minds and hands busy with the Lord's work, holding the sabbath day sacred, gladly hearing God's Word, receiving His gifts for us and sharing the love of Christ with all others around us.

Do you need a devotion or a Bible study for your LWML group, zone, or just for your personal use? Did you know there are many free spiritual growth resources [here](https://www.lwml.org/all-spiritual-growth) on the LWML website? Visit www.lwml.org/all-spiritual-growth for a wealth of devotions and studies. You can find Mustard Seed devotions, Gospel Outreach devotions, litanies, readings, short programs, mission grant devotions, coloring Scripture downloads. You'll also find short, single session Bible studies as well as long, multi-session studies. This page gives you access to *Quarterly* Bible studies, as well as devotions and studies available in the LWML store. You can also find a link to the page explaining all about the LWML *On the Go* devotional podcast. Check it out today!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105)



It seems we are certainly living in end times with all the floods, droughts, fires, and other natural disasters occurring throughout the world. Thank you to all who donated items for Orphan Grain Train at Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL). See below for a list of items.

On the LWML website, www.lwml.org, you will find a mission service calendar (click [here](#) for a link to the webpage). There are two full years of mission service activities available; neither are dated and may be used whenever you'd like. October of the Year 1 calendar suggests visiting an elderly neighbor. This is very important right now, as we are still in the midst of a pandemic and many people have real fears about going out. Another calendar suggestion is to provide treats for your local school's teachers. As a former teacher, I know that any food brought to the teacher's lounge is quickly eaten and very much appreciated. Be sure to include a note of encouragement and let the school staff know that you are praying for them. The mission service calendars are a tool to help you *Serve the LORD with gladness*.

Be sure to share your mission service activities in *The Kansas Sonshine*. Your report is very much appreciated and may inspire another group to serve others in the same way!

Kathy Heiniger | Caring Service Chairman

Thank you to everyone who donated to the ingathering at KAOL July 16-17! Kits and items collected were picked up by Orphan Grain Train representatives and taken to the warehouse in Wichita to be distributed where they are needed. The following kits and items were collected:

Orphan Grain Train +

School Kits

- * 26 complete and 13 partial kits plus 457 additional school kit items and hundreds of pencils.

Hygiene Kits

- * 102 complete kits plus 319 additional hygiene kit items.

Additional items

- * 46 additional hygiene items, plus lots of travel size bars of soap, shampoo, and lotion.

It should be noted that the Orphan Grain Train School Kit and Hygiene Kit items have been revised since we sent out the ingathering list for KAOL. Please check the Caring Service page of the Kansas LWML website, www.kansaslwml.org/caring-service to see the items that are now included in each kit. Kits already made from the previous list will be accepted, but future donations should be made using the new list.



JESUS' LOVE

IN

ACTION!

*For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

(Galatians 5:14)

Greetings to all:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Each year in the fall when the new church year starts, I choose a Bible passage to follow for the next year. Last year I chose Jeremiah 29:11. I chose this verse because I knew what was ahead of me both physically and spiritually. I knew that knee surgeries and the LWML convention were in the future and I knew God would have a plan and it would all work out. My surgeries were in March and April, and without them I would not have been able to do anything. Walking had been difficult for me. Both surgeries were a success, and life could resume.

May brought my 55th high school class reunion; it's great to see friends that we haven't seen for five years. June was the LWML convention in Lexington, Kentucky. It was a great convention and I think what made it even better for me was that I participated in the mission flag parade and that in itself was the icing on the cake. My friends Sharon and CJ Cross drove to the convention with me.

July brought KAOL—what a great experience! Attending as member of the Board of Directors made it even better. Our Christian Life Committee wrote the prayer walk for KAOL titled *From Seed to Harvest*. The prayer walk has been posted to the Christian Life page on the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org/christian-life and is available for use by zones and groups. I also encourage you to download and print it for your personal use. In August, I helped with my home LWML group's annual summer fundraiser.

Now it's time for the fall Christian Life Retreat, November 12—13, 2021, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport, Wichita. The theme this year is *Keeping the Focus on Jesus*, based on Hebrews 12:2. We are delighted that Patti Ross, LWML Past President, will be our keynote speaker and weekend friend. Patti has invited Judy Carlson, LWML Kansas District Past President, to join us. We hope to see you all there!

I leave you with this thought from Gary Thies, Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa. He asked this question at the LWML convention—"How many of you are missionaries?" He asked everyone to raise their right hand and he swore in everyone as missionaries. So, my message for you is this: whenever you leave your home, church, work place, or shopping area, remember you are in the mission field and remember Psalm 100:2, *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

Christian Life Retreat

November 12-13

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

2098 Airport Rd, Wichita



Keeping the

FOCUS

on

JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

Tips from the Planner

At the 2021 Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL), I shared some podium and presentation tips. The handout is available on the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org/2021-kaol-event under the “Resources” section ([here](#)). It covers basic speaking tips, how to give an introduction, and podium protocol at an LWML convention. This resource may be used by groups and zones as needed. Check out other KAOL resources on the same page.

Style Guide Tips

This issue we are focusing on technical terms, because – with the exception of ‘password’ – I doubt they were ever on any of our spelling lists! Source: the [LWML Style Guide](#)
All terms are lowercase except at the beginning of a sentence.

- cellphone, smartphone – one word
- email – one word
- home page – two words
- internet – one word
- login, logon, logoff – one word when used as an adjective, but two words in verb form.
For example: I will log in to my login account.
- online – one word
- password – one word
- PowerPoint presentation – two words, written as shown
- username – one word
- website, webmaster, webservant, webcast, webpage,
- World Wide Web, the web, web address, web browser – written as shown

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER

Kathryn Richard | Financial Secretary
Carolyn Fishburn | Treasurer

**Mite Offering GOAL 2020-2022 Biennium \$145,000
\$6,042 is needed each month to meet our goal.**

**Mite Offerings RECEIVED
through August 31, 2021, \$82,278**

The amount needed through August to be “on track” to reach the biennium’s mite offering goal is \$102,714. This means we are \$20,436 short at the end of August, with about six months left in the biennium.

We pray that God will provide the mite offerings to support both our LWML Kansas District and national mission grants. Remember that 25% of the district mite offerings are sent to the national LWML.

The 2021 KAOL Mite Offering Challenge was \$986.48.

Thank you ladies!

We have a new app to use for giving donations to the LWML Kansas District from your smartphone. The last day for using the GivePlus Mobile app was September 30, 2021.

To use the new app:

- Search for Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement - Vanco Payment Solutions in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and install the app.
- Search for LWML Kansas District as the church name.
- All scheduled recurring gifts will process as planned. You will be able to log in using your existing username and password.

I want to thank everyone who submitted Mission Grant and God's Gracious Gift Fund applications. As of this writing, the next step is for the Gospel Outreach Committee to meet on September 25 in Salina to review all the applications. After meeting, the list of applications will be sent to the Executive Committee for review. The third step for the applications is to forward them to the Board of Directors for review.

Please continue giving mite donations. There are three mission grants yet to be funded for the 2020-2022 biennium. Mite offerings may be sent directly to Kathryn Richard, Financial Secretary, or online at www.kansaslwml.org/giving.

The Mission Grants and Student Financial Aid Poster (right) may be downloaded from www.kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach. You can print it to share with your group or zone or even with your congregation! Get everyone involved supporting missions!

KANSAS DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MISSION GRANTS & STUDENT FINANCIAL AID 2020 - 2022

BE THOU MY VISION



Hebrews 12:2

- COMPLETED** 1. Orphan Grain Train (\$5,000) -
- COMPLETED** 2. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 3. Concordia Theological Seminary (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 4. Lutheran Bible Translators (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 5. TIG Ministries Partnership (\$4,500)
6. KansaSEED, LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry (\$5,000)
7. Topeka Lutheran School (\$5,000)
8. Kansas District LCMS Retreat Center (\$8,500)

Fall 2020—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Spring 2021—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Fall 2021—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Spring 2022—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Heavenly Father, thank you for Your vision to support these organizations during this biennium. Watch over them and guide them to do Your work. In Jesus' name. Amen

Sandra Childs | Student Financial Aid Chairman

The Fall 2021 Student Financial Aid grants have been mailed to Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, California, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, Nebraska. We thank God for these young people who study to become LCMS church workers and pastors. Please keep them in your prayers.

The following students received Financial Aid this semester:

*The FEAR of the
LORD is the
beginning of
WISDOM.*
Proverbs 9:10

Joshua Brandmahl, St. John's, Topeka
Madison Chiappetta, Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Hannah Elsey, Faith, Topeka
Matthew Goltl, Ascension, Wichita
Nathan Harkins, Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Jennifer Horne, Immanuel, Canton
Kayla Johnson, Holy Cross, Wichita
Mikayla Lowe, Trinity, Atchison
Jordan Mahnken, Beautiful Savior, Olathe

Jaron Melin, Holy Cross, Wichita
Naomi Postier, Grace, McPherson
Broderick Schofield, Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
Jesse Schultz, Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Jonah Schultz, Bethany, Overland Park
Josiah Schultz, Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Emma Taylor, Faith, Topeka
Ashley Wangerin, Christ the King, Salina

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee
Payment due by March 15, 2022

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

The *LWQ* is sent out four times a year to each group (society) that elects to receive them. They are sent by the LWML office in St. Louis. LWML sets the rates for each subscription a group receives. The current rates are \$6.00 each for 10 or more subscriptions and \$7.50 each for 9 or fewer subscriptions. The LWML Kansas District is billed by LWML for the total amount of all the *LWQ*'s the district receives. **If an LWML group doesn't pay for the subscriptions it receives, the money to pay for the *LWQ* comes out of mite donations.**

Why make the *LWQ* payment at this time?

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

Why make a Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The web maintenance fee is a one-time yearly payment of \$10.00. **Every LWML group in the Kansas District is asked to pay this fee.** The fee helps pay the LWML Kansas District website hosting fee, website domain registration, and the website administrator's fee. The website has an abundance of useful information that each group, zone, and district leader can use and share with others to keep everyone informed. Check it out at www.kansaslwml.org.

Where is the form to send with the *LWQ* and/or Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The form may be found on the Organizational Resources page of the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org (click [here](#)). The form is listed under the heading of "Forms". The form is also on [page 8](#) of this issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

Where is the payment sent?

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee (2022) payments should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager. The Distribution Manager keeps track of how many *LWQ* subscriptions each LWML group has requested and of the *LWQ* and web maintenance fee payments made by each group.

The current LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager is:

Marj Aufdemberge, 2232 E. Elk Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455

email: distribution@kansaslwml.org

All other payments such as mite offerings, Day of Prayer offerings, or other donations should be mailed to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary or paid online at www.kansaslwml.org/giving.

Thank you for making your 2022 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and web maintenance fee payment on time. Remember – nonpayment by your LWML group reduces our mite donations for missions.

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2022)

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by March 15, 2022.

LWML GROUP (SOCIETY) INFORMATION:

Group Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Group Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's phone _____ Treasurer's email _____

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Number of *Quarterly* subscriptions requested # _____

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

SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

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

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE = \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

The Bylaws Revision Chart is kept by the Organizational Resources Committee. This chart allows all zones in the LWML Kansas District to be revised within the biennium. The following is the suggested schedule for zone bylaws review for the remainder of the 2020-2022 biennium. After the zone review process is complete, a final electronic copy should be sent to the Organizational Resource Committee. The Organizational Resource Chairman will return an email with approval information. Thank you for keeping your zone's bylaws up-to-date!

2020-2022 Organizational Resources Bylaws Revision Chart

(months prior to September, 2021 have been removed; chart is presented in list form for this publication)

September/October 2021 Southeast Zone, Dodie Copley, President	March/April 2022 Northwest Zone, Betty Kruse, President
November/December 2021 Lincoln Zone, Shelly Keller, President	May/June 2022 KC CrossRoads Zone, Patty Mader, President
January/February 2022 Herington Zone, Sharon Kolanowski, President	July/August 2022 Manhattan Zone, Julie Hatesohl, President



But all things should be done decently and in order.
(1 Corinthians 14:40)

GIFTS OF LOVE

Eden Keefe | Gifts of Love Advocate

For those who are handy, a new project around the house is always an excuse to purchase a new tool for the garage collection. While that might be a bit of an obsession, there is deep truth in understanding that to do a home improvement project correctly, you must have the right tool. The project will go more smoothly, and the craftsmanship of the result will be far higher, if the right tool is used.



One of the biggest "projects" the Lord ever gives us with money is planning how to distribute our estates when the Lord calls us home. A will or trust might get the job done. A charitable trust or personal endowment might be required. For flexibility, maybe the choice is a donor advised fund.

Which is the right tool? We don't use wrenches to pound a nail and don't cut tile with a wood saw. Knowing what you are trying to accomplish, you grab the right tool and, in the end, have something beautiful. The same thing is true about using the right gift planning tools in creating your gift from your estate.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started in constructing your plan. Contact Carol von Soosten at carol.vonsoosten@lfnd.org (505) 730-2064.

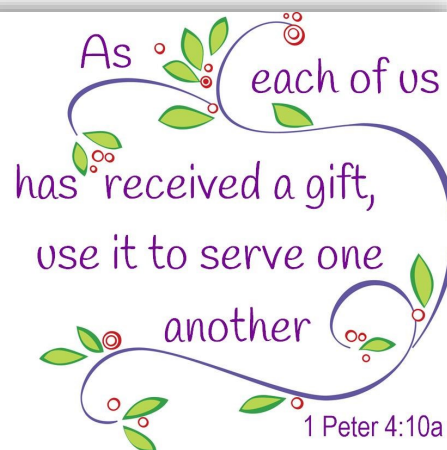
A WARM LWML WELCOME TO THESE PASTORS NEW TO KANSAS!

Rev. Scott Holder	Lord of Life, Leawood	Installed June 13
Rev. Ian Kinney	NE Kansas Partnership, Hiawatha	Installed June 26
Rev. David McCloskey	Peace, Greensburg	Installed June 27
Rev. Sean Baker	Bethany, Overland Park	Installed July 11
Rev. Caleb Stoeve	Immanuel, Hepler/Good Shepherd, Erie	Installed July 18
Rev. Christian Schultz	First, Paola	Installed July 25
Rev. Luke Jacob	Trinity, Mission and Shawnee	Installed August 22
Rev. Kurt Cockron	Risen Savior, Basehor	Installed September 12

Please extend a personal LWML greeting to these pastors and church workers, if they are in your zone or congregation, and show them how much they are appreciated!

WE ALSO WELCOME THESE CHURCH WORKERS NEW TO KANSAS!

Chris Dehning	School Principal, Trinity, Winfield
Jay Williamson	Deacon, Mt. Calvary, Marysville
Teachers:	
Molly Baker	Bethany, Overland Park
Kathy Bartels	Topeka Lutheran, Topeka
Heather Croucher	Bethany, Overland Park
Morgan Dunst	Holy Cross, Wichita
Molly-Ann Wells	Holy Cross, Wichita



Don't forget to invite someone new to the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention!

Perhaps, invite a new church worker in your congregation. Or a new friend.

Or a *Heart to Heart Sister*!

If you would like more information about Heart to Heart Sisters,
please contact Sherri Rose, h2hsister@kansaslwml.org.

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you, I wait all the day long (Psalm 25:5).*



The Kansas District now has an Endowment Fund set up with the LCMS Foundation. Recent estate gifts from the Philip E. Ascher Trust and Norma Jacob Estate, along with Endowment donations previously given and held in an LCEF account, allowed us to open our account.

The purpose of the Fund is to promote, encourage, receive, and manage special gifts for the benefit of the mission and ministry of the LWML-Kansas District (KSD). The Fund will support a primary focus for mission and ministry in the LWML-KSD.

- A. Leader Development
- B Gifts of Love
- C. Short-term Mission Opportunities
- D. Other Ministry Areas

Leader Development – will focus on, but not be limited to, any expenditure or purpose related to leadership development of current LWML leaders offered by national or a district. It may also be used by current LWML leaders or members to attend events, seminars, meetings, on-line, and college courses that will enhance their skills and be of benefit to ministry in the LWML. It may also provide for, but not be limited to, subsidies in full or in part for LWML members, Young Women Representatives, and/or Heart to Heart Sisters. This monetary assistance will be eligible for use in attending national events and conventions, Kansas District events, conventions, and retreats or for other events that may be of benefit to service in the LWML.

Gifts of Love – will provide funds to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gifts of Love ministry.

Short-term Mission Opportunities – will provide funds for district LWML members to participate in short-term mission opportunities approved by the Executive Committee.

Other Ministry Areas – will provide funds for those ministries deemed to be of highest need as approved by the Executive Committee (e.g., Disaster Response).

The Endowment Fund Guidelines, LWML Gift Acceptance Policy, and Letter of Acknowledgement for IRA Rollover are all found on pages 33-48 of [Appendix e2-8](#) of the *Leadership Guidelines*.

If you are interested in learning more about charitable giving through estate gifts, or the correct language and address for a will or trust, your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help! Contact Carol von Soosten at carol.vonsoosten@lfnd.org (505) 730-2064 or Kansas District Gift Planning Advocate Eden Keefe at lwmleden@gmail.com. The service is free to LWML members and their families. Learn how you can *Share Your Faith, Bless Your Family, and Impact Ministry!*

For more information on the history of the Endowment Fund,
visit the LWML Kansas District website,
www.kansaslwml.org/kslwml-endowment-fund ([click here](#)).



We are looking forward to seeing your zone banners at the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention!

Here are the Zone Banner Instructions:

- Finished banner size is to be 3' x 5', added fringe may be longer. Banners should be based on the convention theme, **His Cross Is Our Compass** and may contain the convention logo. The logo is on the website, www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention ([click here](#)).
- Your zone's name MUST be on the front of the banner. You may abbreviate your zone name and can use any size letters. In addition, to help the host committee identify your banner, please include a small tag with zone name on the backside of the banner.
- Place a ribbon at least 8 inches long and 8 inches from the bottom on the back of the banner to be used to tie the banner to the pole to keep it from swinging.
- Please attach the banner to a 1" dowel with a screw eye on each end. Secure at least 8mm or one-quarter inch cording through each of the screw eyes, lay the cord flat along the dowel and knot it on the outside of each screw. Be sure to attach cord tightly as it will stretch as the banner hangs.
- Stands and poles for the banners are provided by the host committee. A room for your banner will be provided at the convention prior to the opening session on Saturday.

The banner committee will have some supplies on hand for repairs such as glue, pins, thread, needles, an iron, and steamer.

Questions may be directed to: Becky Franklin (bfranklin@kstcu.org) or Becky Mein (meinclublambbs@ckt.net).

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Elise Cleary | SFM Committee Chair

It is time to start thinking about choosing **Young Women Representatives** (YWRs) for the 2022 LWML Kansas District convention! Each zone may choose up to two young women (between the ages of 20-35) to attend the convention in Overland Park. The Special Focus Ministries Committee has already started planning special events during the convention for these young women as well as activities for teens. The **YWR** application is included on pages 13-16 of this publication and is also available on the website, www.kansaslwml.org/special-focus-ministries ([click here for application](#)). Please encourage the young women of your congregation (or even someone you know from across the state) to attend the 2022 convention, to apply for this great opportunity, and to learn more about LWML. The application deadline to your Zone President is January 15, 2022.

Young Women
IN MISSION

Also, check out the Kansas LWML website for a video from our YWRs sent to the 2021 LWML Convention (national) as they share their experience and enthusiasm!

DISTRICT ARCHIVISTS/HISTORIANS

Marie Roth | Archivist/Historian



Have you served as a Young Woman Representative to an LWML Kansas District convention? Or do you have records of those who have? The archivists/historians are creating a database of all YWRs and we don't want to leave anyone out. We are missing records for 2008, 2006, 2002, 1996, 1994, 1992 and 1990. We would also like to double check the completeness of the lists of all district conventions. Please send the YWR's name, hometown at the time and convention year to Marie Roth, archivist.marie@kansaslwml.org.



Special Focus Ministries Committee
LWML Kansas District
Jill Lowe, Vice President
Elise Lorenz-Cleary, Chairman

August, 2021

To: LWML Zone Presidents
LWML Zone Special Focus Ministries Chairmen
LWML Group Presidents
LWML Group Special Focus Ministries Chairmen
LWML Members

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

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Greetings from the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee!

The LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee will host a special program for Young Woman Representatives at the LWML Kansas District Convention, April 22-24, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas.

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

YWR applications will be due to Zone Presidents by January 15, 2022. **Each zone will be responsible for selecting up to two Young Woman Representatives and submitting the two chosen YWR applications to the SFM Committee, along with the convention registration forms and registration fees by February 1, 2022.** Hotel reservations will be made by the LWML Kansas District Convention Planning Committee. Each zone will be responsible for paying the hotel expenses for their YWR as directed to Zone Presidents by the Convention Planning Committee.

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

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In His Name,

Elise Lorenz-Cleary

LWML Kansas District
Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman



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YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION GUIDELINES **DISTRICT CONVENTION**

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

Who may apply?

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

What can the YWR expect from the experience?

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

What can the District expect of the YWR?

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

How to apply:

1. The Young Woman Representative applicant should complete the application online at www.kansaslwml.org or by filling out the attached form. All applications need to be completed and sent to her zone president prior to January 15, 2022.
Zone President Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
2. Zone Presidents should notify all applicants as to whether they have been selected by February 1, 2022.

Questions? Contact Elise Lorenz-Cleary at 316-655-5451 or ywrapplication@kansaslwml.org



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YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION
LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2022
April 22-24, 2022, Overland Park, Kansas

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ T-shirt size _____

City _____, Kansas Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ [☐] cell [☐] home Do you text? Y N

Email _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Church City _____

LWML Zone _____



1. The LWML motto is *Serve the LORD with Gladness* (Psalm 100:2).
How do you gladly serve the Lord in your life? (Please include church groups/activities in which you have been active in your congregation.)
2. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for this zone at the LWML Kansas District Convention?

YWR CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

The three young women who attended the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky as Kansas YWRs have shared some of their remembrances of the convention. Be sure to check out their videos at www.kansaslwml.org/special-focus-ministries.

I am Lydia Kolanowski, and I was one of the YWR's from the Herington Zone. Lexington was my ninth national convention; I have only missed two my whole life. I enjoy participating in conventions, as my mother and grandma come too! I was honored to have been able to serve as a Young Woman Representative at this convention. I am always so amazed at how much of an impact LWML really has. LWML has been a part of my life from an early age and I have been very devoted to filling my Mite Box. Seeing where all of the mite offerings go—from all over the country to all over the world. It is fascinating to see how a little Mite Box can make a huge difference where it is needed most. I have many favorite parts of convention but what stood out to me the most was the mission flag procession. Seeing how much an impact that LWML has all over the world is truly inspiring. I am looking forward to attending more conventions and hope to see all of you then!



Elizabeth, President Kim, Lydia, Rachel

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a YWR for our district at the national LWML Convention! It was truly an AMAZING experience! I think what struck me the most from the convention was how much God was at work at the convention and also during the two years it took to prepare and plan for it. He not only worked through the mite offerings that were collected for the mission grants, but also in the convention committees and in each attendee on a personal level. I experienced that in my own life in how my perspective changed from that moment two years ago when I found out the convention would be hosted in Lexington, Kentucky, to when I walked up to the counters and tables to check in as a YWR.

The theme for the convention was “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus ...” I saw the parallelism of this in my life as I realized how I had run His race getting to the convention, and that I continue to run His race and look to Him as I return from the “mountain top experience” that the opening devotion portrayed, to the “valley below” in my daily life. With His grace, I can run the race set before me with the sisters in Christ that I met at the convention. Thank you!

In Christ alone, Elizabeth Wischer



Rachel, President Debbie, Elizabeth, Lydia

Greetings from the Southeast Zone! First and foremost, thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as a YWR at the Lexington LWML Convention! I don't think I could pick just one aspect of convention to be my favorite so I'll share a few. Hearing about the different missions LWML supports and seeing how our mite offerings are being put to work to spread the Word was pretty amazing. Walking amongst the many women in green through the streets of downtown Lexington during the mission walk was another one of my favorite parts. I'm positive we made an impact as we walked across the gay pride crosswalk singing *Jesus Loves Me*! We had the opportunity to work the YWR booth and help everyone in attendance make a fascinator. That was a fun way to meet LWML sisters from all over the country! I also enjoyed the keynote speaker. She spoke of the mountain top experience we were having at convention and how our work was at home in the valley. She was right, convention truly was a mountain top experience and we must continue our work here at home in the valley!

Rachel DeBusk

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND GROUP NEWS

Greetings from Shelly Keller, **Lincoln Zone** President! This is my first news article as the newly-elected Zone President. I walk in the footsteps of Beverly Wiese, who graciously led the women of the Lincoln Zone for over 25 years. We appreciate and thank her for her work, leadership, and guidance for all these years of wonderful service to LWML, our zone, and the Kansas District. She will remain active in the Lincoln Zone as Historian. We also thank Pastor Matt Schneider of Trinity, Hunter, in his 10+ years of service as our Zone Counselor. We thank him for his numerous Bible studies, his guidance, and his prayers for our LWML. We welcome our new Zone Counselor, Pastor Chris Craig of Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove. He's already familiarizing himself with LWML and our zone, as he attended KAOL in July and his first Zone Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in August. We welcome Lisa Brack as Zone Chairman of Christian Life, which was my previous position for 17 years, and Marj Aufdemberge as our newly-elected Zone Secretary.

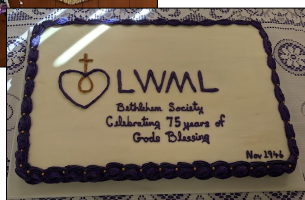
The Lincoln Zone has 14 churches and eight active groups. These women are faithful in their mite offerings, quilting, Bible studies, ingatherings, and numerous other church activities. In April, we gathered at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove, for our Spring Rally. The 52 attendees enjoyed a catered brunch and speakers from The Homestead Ministry of Manhattan and Salina, which offers a voluntary, short-term transitory care program for women, 18 years and older, who have bravely escaped the sex industry. These women are offered a safe residence



where they can start rebuilding their lives through education, job apprenticeships, work placement, professional counseling, mentor-ship, health care, and Bible studies. The Homestead has a location in Manhattan and just opened a location in Salina in March, 2021. You may visit their website www.homesteadministry.org for more information. A large ingathering of needed items was collected for The Homestead, as well as stamps, plastic bags for rugs, religious materials for the LLL booth at the State Fair, and items for Family Connections in Ellsworth. We collected an offering of \$575 for The Homestead in addition to a mite offering.



A servant event resulted in fifteen personal care caddies assembled for the women of The Homestead. A Thrivent action card was used to purchase supplies and attendees wrote cards of encouragement; the cards, along with an LWML devotion and a Thrivent note booklet, were inserted inside Bibles donated by Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove. To end the day, rally attendees enjoyed a special cake and punch. The Bethlehem group began an early celebration for their 75th LWML charter anniversary. The Bethlehem group is the oldest active group in the Lincoln Zone, with a charter date of November 3, 1946. The Lincoln Zone will meet October 9 in Plainville for a Fall Workshop and Bible study.



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The **Southeast Zone** will have our Fall Event on October 23rd at Grace, Iola. Our theme is *From Seed to Harvest* based on Ecclesiastes 3:2. Look for pictures from our event in the winter issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

We are excitedly planning to co-host the 2022 LWML Kansas District convention in Overland Park, April 22-24 with the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone. It was a pleasure to get acquainted with a number of their members at KAOL in July.



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND GROUP NEWS

Christ The King LWML, Salina (Hutchinson Zone) hosted our Annual Salad Supper August 23, 2021. Invited guests were the ladies from Trinity LWML, Salina. Our program for the evening was presented by Keren! Keren is the official Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Comfort Dog of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Kansas. She is the only LCC Comfort Dog in Kansas. Her "Top Dog" Carol Kratzer and Handler Linda Rust accompanied Keren to the salad supper. Keren showed us how she interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations.



Comfort Dog, Keren



OGT Teacher Kits

During the month of August, Christ The King, Salina collected items for 30 Teacher Kits for Orphan Grain Train. The bags were provided by the ladies at Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita and we filled them with basic supplies needed for teaching.



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St. John's LWML, Topeka (Topeka Zone) held our annual summer fundraiser in August. It's a Bargain Sale (large indoor garage sale) and it was larger than usual, as we were not able to have it in 2020. The sale was a good success and we will be able to do a few things for the church kitchen and put new ribbons in some of the Lutheran Service Books at St. John's, in addition to gifting Topeka Lutheran School half of the proceeds for purchase of needed items. There were 25 to 30 people helping, and not all of them were LWML members!



St. John's Bargain Sale

We distributed some of the remaining items to local, community organizations. At least four truckloads and several van loads were given to The Giving Tree and Goodwill. A trailer load of furniture was taken to Restore. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and dedication!



Lutheran Women
in Mission



We remember the service of
Deaconess Linda Kennett,
now at home with Jesus.

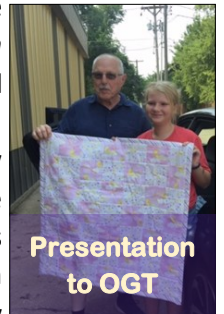


Help from the congregation!

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND GROUP NEWS



Trinity LWML, Winfield, asks: *“Have you ever wondered how LWML blooms in the heart?”* Miriam Meyer was interested in learning how to sew. We invited her to join us in May of 2021 to our wrap up for the year of Busy Bees Mission Quilting. We needed help sorting and pairing tops with backs. She dove right in matching tops and backs! What’s next? She helped set up, tie, and pin bindings – so much fun. *“Miriam, Orphan Grain Train (OGT) needs baby quilts, would you like to make one?”* She chose material (thank you, Thrivent Action Team for providing funds), cut, sewed, tied, and finished the binding and then presented it to Orphan Grain Train. She is now working on lap quilts for the care facility where her sister, Abby, works. She would like to lead her school, Trinity Lutheran, in gathering items for school kits for OGT. The 5th and 6th graders from her school will help Busy Bees Mission Quilters tie quilts starting in September. Just when we feel hopeless as to how to encourage and enlighten the next generation to the JOYS of LWML, God gives us this gift of hope and wonderment of watching a young girl’s eyes light up at the opportunity to serve her Lord and Savior. Thank you, Jesus!!



KANSAS ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS (KAOL) HIGHLIGHTS

This past July, your LWML Kansas District leaders – Executive Committee (EC), Board of Directors (BOD), which includes Zone Presidents, District Committees, District Appointed Personnel, Zone Committee Chairmen, Zone Pastoral Counselors, and all Group Presidents – met at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, for the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) meeting. Participants were led in Bible study by the District Pastoral Counselors, organizational information by the EC, planning for the future, and brainstorming with committee members. The theme for the two days was *Following the Son* displayed as a bus ride through the LWML journey. You’ll find committee and EC reports and several resources on the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org/2021-kaol-event. Take time to review these resources and use them in your LWML group!



LWML Kansas District
Executive Committee



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11-12, 2021—LWML Kansas District EC Meeting, Airport DoubleTree, Wichita

November 12-13, 2021—LWML Kansas District Christian Life Women's Retreat, Airport DoubleTree, Wichita

December 5, 2021—*The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter articles due for winter issue

February 1, 2022—Zone YWR registration and fees due to Special Focus Ministries Committee

March 15, 2022—*LWQ Quarterly* and Web Maintenance Fee DUE

April 22-24, 2022—LWML Kansas District Convention, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Overland Park

Results of the BOD Meeting prior to KAOL

Vote for 2022 Convention Offering # 2

- ♦ Soldiers of the Cross, helping pastors in need.

Vote for Mission Walk Pledges/Offering

- ♦ Bethesda Homes of Lenexa.

Vote for Banner Design for 2022 Kansas District Convention

- ♦ Design suggestion from Chyleen Pauesick, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone.

Vote for Day of Prayer offering recipient

April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023

- ♦ Fairmount Coffee, Wichita

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

A huge **THANK YOU** to Sharon and CJ Cross for organizing the final Lutheran World Relief truck pick up! It could not have been accomplished without their hard work and perseverance!

Total boxes—1,744

Total weight—9,861 pounds

Wichita—250 boxes, 5,604 pounds Salina—622 boxes, 10,960 pounds

Hays—352 boxes, 7,298 pounds Topeka—520 boxes, 9,861 pounds

Checks received—\$713.70, forwarded to LWR Baltimore for shipping costs.

Thank you so much for your loyal participation in this donation program. As our time for assisting in organizing the pickup for Lutheran World Relief comes to an end, we'd like you to know that LWML Kansas District is focusing our donation efforts toward Orphan Grain Train (OGT). Although we have not solidified any plans for organizing OGT pickups, we encourage you to contact OGT to find out how you can donate to them directly. More information, including branch locations of OGT warehouses, can be found at www.ogt.org. May the Lord bless your giving to those who are in need!

Do you know about LWML Online?

Do you know that LWML has an "app"?

Do you know that LWML has a podcast?

And a YouTube channel?

Find out more about all these online resources at www.lwml.org/online.



Contact information changes for groups or zones should be emailed to Brenda Piester at directory@kansaslwml.org.

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

Mission Statement



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