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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).

Follow the SON!

During the past biennium, we have talked about some key words as we follow the Son.

We started with:

Look, are you looking to Jesus? **Focus**, are you focusing on Jesus? **Listen**, are you listening and practicing "being still" in order to hear Him?

Serving Grace-fully, are you serving in a manner that is full of grace? **Obedient**, are you obeying God's direction with a joyful attitude? **New focus**, are you open to change and seeing things in a new way?

Serving grace-fully

in joyful Obedience

with a New focus

Are you following the Son? Here's an opportunity to consider. Every new biennium shortly after the district convention, new committees are formed. Why not consider being a part of one of the committees? Or even think about eventually becoming an elected officer for the district or for LWML. It's a great opportunity to live out God's plan for you and to serve Him. And before you say "NO", just remember to pray about it and ask God for His guidance. It is HIS plan after all.

To be considered for a committee appointment, please fill out the Committee Appointment — Personnel Profile (CAPP) form and return it to me at president@kansaslwml.org before April 30, 2022. The form can be found in this newsletter, on the website, and will also be available at the convention in April. I would love the opportunity to work with you, and to serve alongside you, as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Kim Burdett District President

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi | Pastoral Counselor

Have you ever been lost or confused about how to get to where you are trying to go? Whenever I am lost or confused about where to go, I ask my phone to give me directions to the location.

In life, we often find ourselves confused and in need of direction. We are not alone in this feeling, King David in Psalm 25:5 said this: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Our final destination of life is described in the book of Revelation, where John writes, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ... that they may rest from their labors ... (Revelation 14:13). As baptized children of the Lord, our end is secure, as we hold to the Lord by faith all of our days.

Our Lutheran Women in Mission Kansas District Convention is April 22–24 this year. It has been designed to encourage you in your faith as we all make our way through this life, home to see our Lord. Our theme is *His Cross is our Compass*. To help all of us keep our ultimate goal in sight, whenever we feel confused and in need of direction, we should always look to Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith.



COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler | VP of Communication

The 2022 Convention of the LWML Kansas District will soon be here! The members of the Communication Committee have been working to keep you informed about all things LWML.

Marj Aufdemberge continues to diligently work collecting the fees necessary for the website and email blasts to continue providing you with timely information as well as those that keep the LWML Quarterly coming to you. Please encourage your group treasurer to submit those fees for this year.

Brenda Piester keeps us updated on contact information for office holders throughout the district so that communication can continue seamlessly through transitions.

Shelly Keller continues to share informative and inspirational posts on our Facebook page. I urge you to visit the page and interact with one another through the posts. We'd especially like you to share 2022 LWML KS District Convention moments and memories. It's a great way to build relationships within our LWML Kansas District community!

Lisa Gruhn is staying very busy working behind the scenes preparing presentations for the convention as well as making sure the necessary A/V equipment is in place when April 22 arrives.

Jill Kruse has been placing orders to ensure you have the latest LWML merchandise to choose from at the LWML Store during the convention.

Sherri Rose has done a phenomenal job producing the *Sonshine* ... this is already the third issue in 2022! Everything you need to know about the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention can be found in the 2022 Pre-Convention *Sonshine* located on both the Communication page and the 2022 District Convention page of the LWML Kansas District website, *kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention*.

Speaking of our website, a behind-the-scenes member of the Communication Committee is our webmaster, Karl Peschel. He keeps the website up and running and makes additions and edits as needed. He also sends email blasts to keep you informed of the latest news you need to know. If you are not receiving email blasts and would like to, simply click on this <code>link</code> or go to the Communication page of the website, scroll down to Electronic Delivery, and follow the links provided there to sign up.

As the VP of Communication, I touch base with each of these committee members, and they with me, as needed in various situations. The committee members are talented, reliable, and faithful servants of the Lord who make being the vice president of their committee a true privilege.

If you ever have a question or a comment about the website or anything else that is part of Communication, please email *communication@kansaslwml.org*.

The Communication Committee continues to move toward the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention as we rely on the knowledge that *His Cross is Our Compass*!

CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

The convention will soon be here and I am getting excited. Be sure to check the pre-convention *Sonshine* for details of the organizations receiving ingathering items. We hope you plan to participate in the servant events. See below for a short description of servant events available for your participation on Saturday afternoon of the convention. It is amazing to see what can be done when we are working together. Getting to know our sisters in Christ while using our hands to serve the Lord is an added bonus.

See you at the convention!

SERVANT EVENTS, SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Packaging dried beans/rice for the food pantry at Mission Southside, Olathe
Tying and packing quilts for Orphan Grain Train
Tying fleece blankets for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)
Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends
Coloring postcards

INGATHERING ITEMS

Joy Meadows Items to collect:

- boys and girls socks, infant through teen sizes
- boys and girls underwear, 2T through men's and women's sizes
- baby wipes
- diapers, infant through size 6
- \$25 Gift Cards, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Old Navy

MOST Ministries Eyeglasses Items to collect:

- adult-sized prescription glasses
- child-sized prescription glasses

LWML Texas District Stamporee Program Items to collect:

• trimmed, cancelled postage stamps

Veterans Administration, Wichita

The Chaplain at the VA has had specific requests for the **King James Version** of the Bible. Bibles need to be in **excellent condition**.

AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) Group Homes, Kansas City Area Items to collect:

- paper towels
- pasta
- canned soups

- paper napkins
- pretzels
- canned vegetables

- paper plates
- fruit snacks
- canned fruit cocktail

- disposable cups
- granola bars
- pasta sauce
- fig newtons

Do you have a suggestion for the Bible verse and theme to be used for the next (2024) LWML Kansas District Convention?

Put on your creative hat, search your favorite Bible verses, and submit your suggestion to President Kim Burdett at president@kansaslwml.org BEFORE APRIL 15.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Allison Lehmann | VP of Christian Life

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

When I chose this as my personal verse for this biennium, I didn't quite think of how its application would change my thought process. At this time two years ago, we were planning a normal convention. Then, everything **but** normal happened. The verse says: *Rejoice always* — even when we get sick, or plans are disrupted? *Pray without ceasing* — that hasn't been hard at all, praying for job security, that my kids will experience normal school soon, for good health. But, *give thanks in all circumstances*? What about when we lose a job, are too scared to go out, or lose a loved one? We can be assured that this <u>IS</u> God's will for us, to be thankful that He has given the gift of salvation and everlasting life in Him. Remember to rejoice, pray, and give thanks every day. Schedule time for your own daily prayer walk. How do I fit that in, you ask? Do you drive anywhere on a regular basis, like to work, volunteering, or doctor visits? Or do you sit and have coffee in the morning or walk your dog? I bet you all spend a few minutes in the bathroom each day. I often use the time driving to and from work to think about my to do list, my concerns, schedule for the day/week ... how easily that time and those thoughts can turn into prayers.

Over this biennium, the Christian Life Committee has shared some ideas for other prayer walks. They modified the 2020 Convention Prayer Walk to a virtual format in the manual, and have provided prayer walks at Kansas Assembly of Leaders events. The Christian Life Retreat was blessed to have Past LWML President Patti Ross share how to *Keep the Focus on Jesus*.

We look forward to your participation in the 2022 Convention Prayer Walk, *I Walk in Danger All the Way,* and your attendance at the Christian Life Breakfast to listen to Kristi Roegner share her story. If you would like to learn how to create your own prayer walk for your local group or zone, attend the leadership session Friday afternoon, *Planning a Retreat and Prayer Walk*.

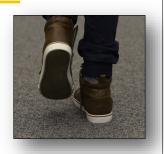
Check out the Christian Life webpage at <u>kansaslwml.org/christian-life</u>! There, you can find past prayer walks, links to Day of Prayer Service (the 2022 service was written by Pastor Grimm, St. John, Alma), Faith Building Help for Groups, along with many other resources.

Thank you to the 2020–2022 Christian Life Committee: chairman, Nancy Taylor, Sara Deepe, Cathi Temple and Sarah Kuske. If you are interested, or know of someone who would enjoy serving on this committee, please fill out a Committee Appointment — Personnel Profile (CAPP) form, found on pages 8–10 of this publication and on the website, *kansaslmwl.org/organizational-resources*, under the Forms bar.

It has been an honor to serve the LWML Kansas District these past four years under the leadership of Presidents Brenda and Kim. I have learned so much about how women work together to serve the Lord with gladness.

Your sister in Christ, Allison Lehmann

Put on your walking shoes for the Convention Prayer Walk, Friday, April 22. There will be an indoor option and an outdoor option. During the Walk, you'll have the opportunity to spend time in prayer to lift up the convention, lift up our LWML Kansas District leaders, and lift up AbleLight, formerly Bethesda, to our Lord. You're sure to be blessed in the process!



GOSPEL OUTREACH

Janice Cundiff | VP of Gospel Outreach

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! LWML Kansas District has paid the eighth and final mission grant for the 2020–2022 biennium to the Kansas District LCMS Retreat Center in Herrington. This grant was for \$8,500, and will be used for a new stairlift at the Retreat Center. In addition, Student Financial Aid has been paid for the Spring 2022 semester.

Thank you for your faithful mite giving! Without all of you, the mission grants for this biennium would not have been paid.

Find the full-page Mission Grants Poster at <u>kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach</u>.



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

BE THOU MY VISION



Hehrews 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)

COMPLETED 6. KansaSEED, LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry (\$5,000)

COMPLETED 7. Topeka Lutheran School (\$5,000)

COMPLETED 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

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Sandra Childs | Chairman, Student Financial Aid

We recently sent the Spring semester financial aid to six different colleges. These included Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne; Concordia University, Nebraska; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia University, Wisconsin; Concordia University, Chicago; and Concordia University, Irvine.

The following students received financial aid for the Spring 2022 semester:

Studying to be a pastor:

Josiah Schultz

Matthew Golti

Jaron Melin

Joshua Brandmahl

Jonah Schultz

Studying to be a deaconess:

Naomi Postier

Ashley Wangerin

Music major:

Jennifer Horne

Master's degree:

Hannah Elsev

Studying to be a Lutheran School teacher:

Kayla Johnson Mikayla Lowe

Madison Chiappetta

Broderick Schofield

Emma Taylor

Jesse Schultz

The students are very thankful for the help from LWML Kansas District. We have received notes from them expressing their appreciation for these funds. Please keep these students in your prayers and continue to pray for more church workers.

Funds will be available for the 2022–2023 school year. **Applications are due by June 1, 2022, and must be completed each year.** Please encourage young people you know, who are interested in church work, to apply. If you have any questions, please contact me (Sandra) at *financialaid@kansaslwml.org*.

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Elise Lorenz-Cleary | Committee Chairman

Are you planning to attend the convention?

FIRST TIMERS If this is your VERY FIRST LWML Kansas District convention, be sure to stop at the Special Focus Ministries t-shirt table to pick up a special gift just for finding your way to Overland Park!

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVES Just wait until you see what convention fun the Special Focus Ministries Committee has planned for you, from the Mentor Lunch on Friday to the Saturday Night Visual Faith Ministries Seminar! You will see the many directions of mission outreach while focusing on Christ, your compass, and finding many directions of service in LWML!

CALLING ALL TEENS! Fun activities are being planned for a Friday Night Party!! All teens who attend the convention are invited! Please look for a space on the registration form to denote that you have a teen coming along. The Special Focus Ministries Committee is excited to offer this "first look at LWML" for our young attendees!

FORMER YWRS Reconnect with the Special Focus Ministries Committee Friday Night for a fun activity. Also, a special drawing for a gift give away will be at the Special Focus Ministry display table!

LADIES! Look for the 2022 YWRs at convention and fill your name tag with stickers as you get to know these young women of the Kansas District LWML!

CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | CWM Coordinator

A warm Kansas LWML Welcome to the following church workers, new to the Kansas District!

Rev. Matthew Jennings, St. Peter's, Humboldt, installed January 9, 2022

Rev. Matthew Koterba, Holy Cross, Scott City, installed January 30, 2022

Rev. Philip Hoppe, Trinity, Colby, installed January 16, 2022

Rev. Timothy Booth, St. John, Aliceville, installed February 13, 2022

Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Immanuel, Hepler, installed January 5, 2022

Please extend a personal welcome to the Kansas District and to LWML, as you come in contact with any of these church workers. Invite them to local group and zone meetings or events.

Keep them informed of all things LWML!

ENDOWMENT

Eden Keefe | Endowment Committee Chairman

The Endowment Committee made a recommendation to the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee for use of the Endowment Fund — Mission Grant Account funds for the 2022–2024 biennium. The approved recommendation will come before the Board of Directors at their April 21 meeting. We hope to have an exciting announcement for you at the April convention!

GIFT PLANNING

Eden Keefe | Gifts of Love Advocate

It is important to regularly review beneficiary designations of financial assets. A couple looks to leave a gift to their church and gifts to family. They filled out their insurance designation to distribute the death benefit to their church. Their IRA beneficiary designation will go to family. From a tax perspective, that is exactly backwards, as the IRA has income tax associated with it and the insurance does not. A charitable gift of IRA assets to ministry will Returning God's Blessings eliminate income tax based on that portion. Are your wishes aligned properly? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. This is a free service for LWML members and their families. Contact LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten at Carol von Soosten @lfnd.org, phone, 800-741-4138, lwmlgiftplan.org.

Carol will be presenting at convention. Please take the opportunity to meet her!

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Elaine Engelman | VP of Organizational Resources

Since this is my last opportunity to write in *The Kansas Sonshine* as Vice President of Organizational Resources, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. The first thanks goes to awesome committees of women dedicated to details. 2018–2020 biennium: Christy McCombs, chairman, and members Kirsten Hastings, JoAnn Meyers, and Karen Morrison. 2020–2022 biennium: Kirsten Hastings, chairman, and members Christy McCombs and Karen Rinne. These women have worked well together helping zones to update and streamline zone bylaws. They have each been a blessing to me.

My second thank you is to the Executive Committee members who have served from 2018–2022. They made my task of keeping current the District Bylaws and Leadership Guidelines much easier by keeping their individual sections up to date and by constantly asking questions.

My largest thank you goes to the all the women of the Kansas District serving with gladness wherever they are. They are women who stepped up in local groups and each of the zones when the Organizational Resources Committee asked, and took a hard look at bylaws. They continued to work, even when it wasn't possible to meet in person. Nine out of twelve zones have ratified revised bylaws in the last four years and two of the last three zones are getting very close to completion. THANK YOU so much for your efforts. Please continue to review your bylaws regularly and ask questions of the Organizational Resources Committee. They are here to serve the women of the Kansas District and to help you be the best leaders you can be.

Do you like to have all your "i"s dotted and your "t"s crossed? Do you notice misspelled words in your emails, newsletters, and bulletins? Do you appreciate a well run and efficient meeting? Can you think "outside the box"? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may be just the person we need in Organizational Resources!

Looking for another way to *Serve the Lord with gladness?* There may be another district committee that could use your unique gifts and talents. Please fill out a Committee Appointment — Personnel Profile (CAPP) form and send it to LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett. The form is available on the Organizational Resources page of the LWML Kansas District website, hwml.org/organizational-resources. Paper copies will be available at the Organizational Resources Committee table during the convention. We will be glad to answer any questions you have regarding LWML service at a district level.

Completing a form is not a commitment to serve; it is a way for the Executive Committee to discover all the Kansas talent. If you think you may want to serve in the future, but not at the present time, just mark that section on the form before submitting it.



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Dear LWML Member,

As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, you are a gifted child of God! Enabling you to use your gifts in ministry to the people of Kansas and of the world is part of the mission of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The Executive Committee is always looking for volunteer personnel to serve on District Committees and in appointed positions; it is most helpful to have information available with the names of women willing to serve.

This letter suggests the possibility of such an appointment for you. It should not be considered as a commitment on your part, or as an actual appointment. However, your response will enable your new District President and the Executive Committee to fulfill their responsibilities in a timely manner. Indicate your interests on the attached form. If you have questions, call or email me, using the contact information above; I will forward all forms to the new Executive Committee. If you are willing to serve the Lord and lead the women of the LWML Kansas District, complete and return the *Committee Appointment — Personnel Profile (CAPP) Form*; it will be of great value during the appointment process.

- ❖ The appointment is for two years. Committee members are eligible for one consecutive reappointment to the same committee.
- Committee members help plan and attend the annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL).
- Committee members are expected to attend the District Convention in the spring of even numbered years. A full schedule of responsibilities keeps committee personnel very busy before and during the convention.
- Standing Committee Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and attend BOD meetings once or twice a year (just prior to the convention and at the KAOL).
- The LWML Kansas District is responsible for expenses incurred for the ongoing work of the committee.
- Although the responsibilities are great, so are the rewards! You will be strengthened in your spiritual walk; and, you will form deep and lasting friendships as you use your God-given gifts. Many of our current officers and committee members are employed outside the home; many hold offices and are also involved in their local LWML Groups and Zones.
- Talk this over with your family. Be in prayer. Discuss with a trusted friend or a District Officer.
- For more information, see Gifts, Chosen for You Spiritual Gifts Bible Study at www.lwml.org.
- * Return the form to Kim Burdett at president@kansaslwml.org.

The LWML Kansas District values you and your gifts! You have been given much. This opportunity for service may be in God's plan for you. May you continue to be blessed by serving with gladness wherever He calls you.

May God guide and bless your service decisions,

Kím Burdett

LWML Kansas District President (2020–2024)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3–5).



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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT — PERSONNEL PROFILE (CAPP)

Name:	Date:
Address:	
City, State, Zip+4:	
Phone:	
Email:	
LWML Kansas District Zone:	
Congregation:	
VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE	
LWML (Group/Society, Zone, District):	
Church:	
Community:	
Employment:	
I have been involved with other goal setting or leadership training	g:
Other information:	
There's more, please complete the back of this page.	



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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW TO INDICATE GIFTS, TALENTS, SPECIAL SKILLS AND INTEREST IN POTENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Spiritual Gifts:	Special Skills:	Technology Skills:	Committees/Positions:		
☐ Administration	☐ Artist	☐ Data Maintenance	☐ Caring Service		
☐ Evangelism	☐ Banners/Worship A	rt 🗕 Photography	☐ Christian Life		
☐ Faith	☐ Editor/Manuscripts	Presentations	☐ Communication (Publications/Media)		
☐ Generosity	☐ Editor/Newsletter	☐ Social Media	☐ Gospel Outreach (Mission Grants/GGGF)		
☐ Hospitality	☐ Goal Setting/Plannii	ng Facebook/Twitter	☐ Gospel Outreach (Scholarships)		
☐ Mercy	☐ Graphic Design	Videography	☐ Organizational Resources (Bylaws)		
☐ Prayer	☐ Journalism	☐ Web Design	☐ Special Focus Ministries (Heart 2 Heart Sisters)		
☐ Service/Helping	☐ LWML Store	☐ Other:	☐ Special Focus Ministries (Young Women)		
☐ Teaching/Bible Stud	ly 🗖 Musician	☐ Other:	☐ Archivist-Historian		
☐ Wisdom	☐ Proofreading	☐ Other:	☐ Convention Planning		
☐ Other:	☐ Writer/Bible Study	☐ Other:	☐ Meeting Manager		
☐ Other:	☐ Writer/Devotions	☐ Other:	☐ Mission Trips/Travel		
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-	Copier I	Printer	Scanner Fax machine		
Other Comments:					
POTENTIAL APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL PERSONNEL					
Please check one box and return this Committee Appointment – Personnel Profile to President Kim at the address above.					
Yes, I would consider an appointment to serve on a LWML Kansas District Committee at this time.					
☐ I am unable to serve at this time. Please keep my name on file for future consideration for LWML Kansas District Committee/Appointed Personnel service.					
I understand that this is for information and planning purposes and does not obligate me to serve.					
Signature:					

PLANNER TIPS

Eden Keefe | District Planner

Have you ever been typing an email and then accidently deleted a big chunk of it? Don't panic. On your keyboard, just press the Ctrl (Control) key and the Z key together. It will reverse your last action – like the deletion of, or in, your email. This tech tip has saved me time and frustration, and I hope it will help you too!

Take this short Convention Etiquette quiz to see if you're ready for the 2022 convention!

CONVENTION PROTOCOLS AND ETIQUETTE ACTIVITY

- 1. How to Get a Message to the President During a Convention Session
 - A. Stand in the back of the Ballroom and wave to get her attention.
 - B. Go up to the podium to hand her a message.
 - C. Write out the message legibly and take it to Hospitality Volunteer in the back of the Ballroom. (She will then make sure it gets to the President's Page.)
- 2. Someone Feels Unwell During a Convention Session
 - A. Tell her to "Suck it up, Buttercup!"
 - B. Alert a Hospitality Volunteer and assist the person to the First Aid Room.
 - C. Check the Crisis information in your name badge holder and call if necessary.
- 3. Taking a Phone Call
 - A. Phones should be on silent or vibrate.
 - B. If an urgent call comes in, immediately get up and go outside the nearest exit, *then* answer or call back.
 - C. If the call can wait, text the person that you will call during a break.
 - D. Be sure to take or make a call in the public restroom.

Answer key is found on page 21 of this publication. Good luck!

TREASURER

Carolyn Fishburn | Treasurer

The Giving option on the LWML Kansas District website has been updated! Check out what is new:

- Memorial or honorarium gifts can designate the honoree;
- Dollars **and cents** can now be entered (this was requested by group treasurers for entering mite offerings); and
- Convention offerings can be given online during the month of April.

How to get started with online giving:

- To use a computer or tablet, click on the "Giving" tab on our website, kansaslwml.org; or
- To use your smartphone, use the Vanco Mobile app. Search for *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* in the App Store or Google Play and install the app. Search for LWML Kansas District as the church name.

Pointers for both the online screen and the Vanco Mobile app:

- Donations can be made from bank accounts or credit or debit cards;
- Anyone can give a one-time donation, either as a guest or by signing in;
- If you sign up to create an account, you will be able to save your payment methods, set up recurring (weekly, biweekly, or monthly) donations, and view your giving history; and
- If you sign up online, you are also signed up with the mobile app, and vice versa.

Please contact me at *treasurer@kansaslwml.org* if you have any guestions.

2022 CONVENTION INFORMATION

FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday Evening Worship Service, the Divine Service with Holy Communion, will be hosted and held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe. LWML convention attendees and guests are welcome to attend. The service is also open to the community. The church is approximately a fifteen minute non-highway drive from the hotel. As we will not be able to provide transportation for all attendees, please feel free to "create your own carpool" by finding a ride with a friend or two, or introduce yourself to someone new and share a ride.

Convention Transportation from the DoubleTree Hotel to/from the Friday Evening Opening Worship Service will be provided on a first come, first served sign up basis. Sign up sheets for two Lutheran High School buses will be available on one end of the Registration table. The buses will leave by 6:30 p.m. and return after the service. Since we will not be able to provide transportation for everyone, we encourage carpooling **AND following the printed directions below** as they will alleviate having to make a U-turn. The church is on a hill and there is not a cut through in the median at the driveways. Please consider sharing a ride with a friend or two!

Directions from the hotel parking lot: turn right/south on Mastin Street. Use the right 2 lanes to turn right onto College Boulevard. In about a mile, use the left 2 lanes to turn left/south onto Quivira Road. Drive 3 miles and turn right/west onto 135th Street. In 2 miles, turn right/north on Black Bob Road. The church will be .5 mile on your right.

Because the church is on a hill, there is not a cut through the median at the driveway. If you come from the north, you will need to go past the church and make the first available U-turn to approach from the south. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's address is 13145 S. Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66062.

To return to the hotel, you can turn right out of the driveway and drive north 1.5 miles to 119th Street. Turn right/east on 119th Street and drive two miles to Quivira Road. Turn left/north onto Quivira Road. In 2 miles, turn right onto College Boulevard. In about a mile, use the far left lane to turn left onto Mastin Street and then turn left into the hotel driveway.

Ready to shop?



The **LWML STORE** will be **OPEN** at convention. We will be **fully stocked** with all of your favorite items <u>AND</u> several brand new items as well! Pay with cash, check, or credit/debit card. Bible study sampler books will be available (limited quantities).

Come see what we have to offer!

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MEMORIAL BOOK IN PRAYER ROOM

There will be a Memorial Book located in the Prayer Room. This is a place to memorialize faithful LWML Kansas District servants who have gone home to be with the Lord. This includes both LWML members and LWML pastoral counselors. The book will be passed along for use in future conventions.



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

LWML Kansas District 2022 Convention Schedule April 22–24, Overland Park

Thursday, April 21, 2022 (Pre-Convention Activities)
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

5:00–9:00 p.m. Exhibits and Committee Displays Setup

2.00–3.00 p.m. Exhibits and Committee Displays Setup

6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church

Friday, April 22, 2022 (Pre-Convention Activites)

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Prayer Breakfast 8:00–10:00 a.m. Exhibits and Committee Displays Setup

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration open; Ingathering

9:30 a.m. Processional and Banner Practice (EC, Zone Pres., YWRs)

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open

10:15–11:15 a.m. YWRs meet with Special Focus Ministries Committee

11:15 a.m. YWR/Mentor Lunch (by invitation only)

1:00–2:30 p.m. Bible Study Samplers 2:45–3:30 p.m. Leadership Seminars

3:30–5:00 p.m. Prayer Walk 5:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Pastors meet with YWRs at church site

7:00 p.m. Pre-worship music at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

7:15 p.m. Official Opening of Convention and Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 p.m. YWR Friday Night Party

Saturday, April 23, 2022 CONVENTION SESSION 1

6:30–8:30 a.m. Registration (delegate registration closes at 8:00 a.m.)

6:30 a.m. Breakfast available for purchase in the restaurant or coffee shop

7:00–8:00 a.m. Grab-n-Go breakfast available for purchase

8:00 a.m. Singing

8:15 a.m. Bible Study and Business Meeting with Voting

11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch and Men's Luncheon 11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open

CONVENTION SESSION 2

12:45 p.m. Singing

1:00 p.m. Mission Speakers

2:45–6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open

3:00–4:30 p.m. Interest Sessions 3:45–5:00 p.m. Servant Events

CONVENTION SESSION 3

6:30 p.m. Banquet and Inspirational Entertainment by Devin Henderson

9:00 p.m. YWR Party with LWML President, Debbie Larson

Sunday, April 24, 2022 CONVENTION SESSION 4 AND CLOSING WORSHIP

7:00 a.m. Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker

8:30 a.m. Singing

8:45 a.m. Final Business Meeting and Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Closing Worship Service with Installation of Officers

Noon Convention Adjournment 12:30 p.m. Officers meet for pictures

(schedule subject to change)

2022 LWML Kansas District Pre-convention Devotion



"You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode" (Exodus 15:13).

A man came rushing to the airport and ran down the concourse to security with his ticket and boarding pass in hand. After being checked, he went to the gate and found the plane he was scheduled to fly on was already on the runway. He missed his flight!

A bystander who saw all this said, "You didn't run fast enough."

The disappointed man replied, "I ran fast enough, but I didn't start on time."

There is a difference, isn't there? Knowing *when* to go is as important as knowing *where* to go. God time for us is now. Know Him now. Love Him now. Serve Him now.

Christ's cross is our compass. But, don't leave the compass in a drawer till later. We need Him to see the right direction to proceed. We need Him to help us in knowing our destination. Christ offers life, and points us to understand life as He speaks in His Word. There is no other way. (You may read John 14:1-8.)

Yet, our timing depends upon God's mercies. They are new every morning. They are for you. Repent of the things that are not right, and repent of the mistrust of His timing in your life. Scripture reminds us in 2 Corinthians 6:2, *Now is the day of salvation*. Eternity is not an eternity away. There is no better time to look to His cross for directions. As you prepare for the LWML Kansas District 2022 Convention, pack your clothes, bring your Bible, pray for growth experiences, expect God's guidance. Please remember God's time is now, and be ready for a pleasant ride into God's truth with sisters in Christ!

Let us pray: Dear Savior, thank You for Your watchful eye upon us. You bless us with the things we need, as we need them. You encourage us to prepare for blessings, as we look to You in faith and hope. We appreciate Your Son, our Savior, and ask You to build our faith. Guide us now and always into Your love and truth. In Your holy name, hear us. Amen.

The 2022 LWML Kansas District Pre-convention Devotion was written by Rev. Robert Grimm, St. John Lutheran Church, Alma, Kansas.

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Those going to the LWML convention are invited forward.

PASTOR: St. Paul says in Galatians 3:27–28, For as many of you were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

CONGREGATION: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

PASTOR: King David says in Psalm 133, Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters] dwell in unity!

CONGREGATION: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

PASTOR: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

PASTOR: At your Baptism, you were claimed by God, and promises were made on your behalf. At your confirmation, you publicly professed that faith created in you in Baptism and nurtured and nourished through the Means of Grace to this very day. Here are some of the promises you made at your confirmation:

- to renounce the devil, his works and his ways;
- to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- to hear God's Word and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully; and
- to continue steadfast in this Confession and Church and suffer all, even death, rather than fall from it.

PASTOR: As we send you to Overland Park for the 39th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention, we send you there knowing that we are sending you to live out your Baptism and those promises you made at your confirmation among the people you will be in contact with there.

PASTOR: We pray that you return to us reinvigorated in your Christian walk as you will have had the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed through the many opportunities you will be given to be gathered around the Word of God and the Sacrament of Holy Communion with your sisters, and even a few brothers, in Christ.

PASTOR: And while you are away, be assured that we will support you with our prayers, and when you return we will welcome you with open arms asking to hear of the awesome deeds of our heavenly Father while you were away.

PASTOR: Therefore, we send these ladies (and gentlemen) forth as disciples to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. While there, they will be fed and nourished on God's Holy Word and through fellowship with each other. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to be used in the service of our Lord in this place.

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PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: And also with you.

PASTOR: Let us pray: We give You thanks, O God, that through Baptism You have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. In this community of faith, we have heard Your loving Word for us and for all of creation. We have been fed and forgiven at Your Holy Table and called to be witnesses to Your Gospel to all those You place in our lives. We pray now that You would grant Your peace to all those attending the LWML Kansas District Convention in the days ahead. Guide them by Your Word, renew them by Your Spirit, protect them as they travel, make their way safe, and their homecoming joyful. We pray this in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR: Sisters (and brothers) in Christ, you are set apart as representatives of the body of Christ and of this congregation to represent us at the LWML Kansas District Convention. As St. Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:17, Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen!

PASTOR: Go now in the power of our heavenly Father, ready, as we profess in our League Pledge, to serve Him *wherever and whenever He has need of us.* Amen!

Written by Rev. John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011-2015

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You are invited to use the Pre-convention Devotion and the Blessing of Convention Participants in your local LWML group and in your congregation. May they bless your participation in the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention!



Lincoln Zone 2021 Fall Workshop, held at First Lutheran Church in Plainville, was enjoyed by 23 ladies and three pastors on Saturday, October 9, 2021. The ingathering benefitted *Suitcase Project for Foster Children*, along with trimmed stamps, decorated lunch bags for homeless, toiletries for Ellsworth Family Connection, plastic bags for making *plarn* mats (servant event was folding and cutting the bags), and Christian materials for the State Fair LLL booth. Pastor Michael Schmidt, Peace, Natoma, and First, Plainville, led the group in devotions and Zone Counselor Pastor Chris Craig engaged everyone

in a Bible study based on the hymn *For All the Saints*. During the passing of the Mite Box, Ramie Schulteis read the book, *Be Kind*, by Pat Zietlow Miller. In the book, the preferred color purple and the theme of doing kind things for others parallels the mission of LWML. Everyone enjoyed a salad luncheon and dessert. Lisa Brack and Susan Wolf led a Prayer Walk after lunch, followed by a business meeting, consisting of reports, including Zone Delegate Pam Fleming's 2021 LWML Convention report, and local group reports of activities. Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi was also in attendance and spoke about mission trips and his experiences as a district counselor.



Lincoln Zone Fall Workshop



Lincoln Zone Spring Rally was held at Immanuel, Ellsworth, on Saturday, March 5, with 31 women and five men in attendance. Pastor Luke Brown led opening devotions, and attendees enjoyed a presentation by Carol Kratzer and Tammy Stefek, along with special guest, Keren, the Comfort Dog. Keren is the first Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Ministries Comfort Dog in Kansas. After receiving a mite offering, singing, and lunch, Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi, Messiah, Hays, spoke about the Lutheran mission in Peru and his mission trips there. An offering was taken for this Peru mission ministry. Special guests were LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett, and her husband, Chuck. Following a business meeting and installation of officers, Zone Counselor Pastor Chris Craig, Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove, led closing devotions. An ingathering supported Ellsworth Caring Families after-school snack program.

Linn Zone Spring Event was held March 6, St. Paul, Clay Center, with 35 attendees. Pastor Michael Hoffman, St. Paul, led opening devotions and was the speaker. He offered a general informational overview of the *Value them Both* proposed constitutional amendment to be on the ballot in Kansas in August and provided handouts and resources for those who wanted more information. Ingathering items were taken for Life Choices Ministries in Manhattan, a life affirming pregnancy resource center, and Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf, a repository of clothes, food, diapers, and other necessities for babies and small children. Thank you to the zone officers elected for the next two years.



Northeast Zone Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 9, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview. We look forward to having Jill Lowe as the district representative. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Ian Kinney, who is pastor at St. Paul, Fairview, Zion, Hiawatha, First, Sabetha, and Immanuel, Fairview. Pastor Kinney will speak to us about *Missions throughout the Centuries*. Our ingathering of socks and underwear will be given to Orphan Grain Train. We hope to collect 80 items for the 80th year of the LWML Kansas District.



Topeka Zone is making plans to meet at St. Johns, Aliceville for their spring meeting on March 26. Based on John 8:12b, *Christ Be my Leader* will be the theme of the meeting and will include a presentation by Rev. and Mrs. Daugherty about their time serving in Alaska. An ingathering will benefit the Baby Bucks program of Coffey County and a servant event will take place before the meeting.

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Southeast Zone continues to prepare for the 2022 district convention. We have joined in prayer at noon every Wednesday. Beginning April 1, we will continue to pray at noon each day. We pray that the Holy Spirit will use us to minister during the convention and that the Lord will strengthen faith and bring spiritual growth to all who attend. Please read further for reports from groups in the Southeast Zone — Immanuel, Hepler's Women's Brunch, and Grace, Iola's Prayer Service and Supper.

Grace, **Iola** hosted their annual Prayer Service, inviting all churches in the Southeast Zone, on Thursday, March 3. A lasagna meal was served before the service. The prayer service, *Lord, Teach Us to Pray,* based on Luke 11:1, was written by our own Rev. Robert Grimm, St. John's, Alma. Kim Kristalyn was the service leader and Linda Hill read the Scripture readings. Following the prayer service, dessert was served, and we enjoyed fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Twenty-one attendees were from Zion, Chanute, Grace, Iola, and St. Peter's, Humboldt.





Christ the King, Salina, held their annual Chicken Noodle Dinner on Saturday, February 26, from 4–7pm. They served homemade chicken and noodles, green beans, rolls, and cake to about 275 people. This all-congregation project was coordinated by LWML. Proceeds were designated to the Kitchen Appliance Replacement Fund. Both carry-out and free delivery were offered.





After a year off due to the pandemic, the ladies of **Holy Cross, Wichita**, were blessed to host a Women's Retreat on March 5. The theme was *The Work of Christ*, based on Philippians 1:6. Katie Koplin, from Minnesota, was the featured speaker. Katie encouraged the 85 women who attended the retreat to live in the freedom we have because of the work of Christ. The ladies also enjoyed a light breakfast, a delicious luncheon, prayer time, singing, and fellowship with others. It was a blessed day filled with the joy of the Lord!







Immanuel LWML WinGS, Hepler, hosted a Women's Brunch/Secret Prayer Sister Reveal for the ladies of our congregation on Saturday, February 26. During the morning, the ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch, a get-acquainted game, a devotion, and time to visit with their Prayer Sisters. Several ladies of Immanuel also hosted a quilt show for everyone's enjoyment. After brunch, the WinGS members worked on one of our current projects: making hats, diapers, and blanket kits for micro-preemie babies through a program called Teeny Tears.

In January, when it was very, very cold, the LWML group from **Risen Savior**, **Basehor**, got together and cooked up a lot of vegetable stew. They made 20 gift bags, including a quart of stew, dessert, dinner roll, and Christmas card. The bags were delivered the next day to 18 homes, for 20 people. The recipients selected were people, from the Risen Savior congregation, who live alone. They were certainly happy to have a surprise visitor at their door, with a ready-to-eat meal. One of the ladies, who lived close to three of her delivery homes, even heated them up at home and delivered the meals hot and ready to eat, just at lunch time! This project was funded with a Thrivent grant.



Risen Savior, Wichita, LWML, hosted a Sip and Savor with the Savior event on January 23, a coffee drink and chocolate tasting event. Beverages were provided by Fairmount Coffee Company. The ladies spent a fun and tasty afternoon learning all about coffee drinks, chocolates, and how they go together. Each attendee received a copy of Deb Burma's Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply

devotional booklet. The ingathering was canned goods for Fairmount Coffee Company's Blessing Box, and gently used devotionals and Bibles for use in their outreach.







What's YOUR 80? LWML Kansas District celebrated 80 days of thanksgiving for 80 years of LWML from Thanksgiving Day to Valentine's Day. If you would like to share something special that you, your LWML group, or zone has done, or is doing, to celebrate 80 years of LWML, please email a short article (photos optional) to sonshine@kansaslwml.org. Please indicate "LWML 80 Days" in the subject line, and be sure that your name, your LWML group name, or the name of your zone is also indicated in the article. Articles will be shared as space is available.

Chocolate

St. Paul's, Haven, surpassed their goal of 80 items for each event they held. In December, they collected over 100 pairs of gloves or mittens, plus a few stocking caps, to give to *First Call for Help*, located in Hutchinson. They also held a "souper" bowl collection in February, and received 104 cans of chunky style soup and seven packages of crackers for the Haven Food Bank.



2022 DATES TO REMEMBER Executive Committee Meeting, DoubleTree Hotel, Overland Park April 20–21 April 21 BOD Meeting, Bethany, Overland Park April 22–24 LWML Kansas District Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Overland Park May 5 Articles due for The Kansas Sonshine summer issue May 6-7 Executive Committee Meeting, Herington Retreat Center June 11 Convention Transition Meeting, location TBA Executive Committee Meeting, St. Luke's, Manhattan July 7-8 **July 8–9** KAOL / Interdepartmental (ID) Meeting, St. Luke's, Manhattan

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.

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

ANSWER KEY FOR CONVENTION PROTOCOLS AND ETIQUETTE ACTIVITY (PAGE 11)

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- 2. B or C
- 3. A, B, and C

Don't forget to check out *kansaslwml.org* for updated information, to give online, and for convention information!

Do you need ...

- The list of mission grants for 2021-2023? The mission grant featured for the current month? Visit www.org/mission-grants;
- A devotion appropriate for Spring? Visit Iwml.org/spring;
- An idea for a servant event? Visit wml.org/mission-service-activities,
- Online LWML resources, such as social media links? Visit <u>lwml.org/online</u>;
- Information about the LWML Podcast? Visit /wml.org/podcast, or

Don't see your need listed here? Visit <u>Iwml.org</u>. Browse the website, and see what LWML can provide for you!



but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).





Mission Statement

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