



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

Board of Directors Report

2020–2022 Biennium

April 21, 2022

Bethany Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas

2020–2022 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PASTORAL COUNSELORS

President	Kim Burdett	Recording Secretary	Mary Dohl
VP of Caring Service	Betty Amey	Treasurer	Carolyn Fishburn
VP of Christian Life	Allison Lehmann	Financial Secretary	Kathryn Richard
VP of Communication	Kris Osler	Meeting Manager	Debbie Lehman
VP of Gospel Outreach	Janice Cundiff	Pastoral Counselors	Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi
VP of Organizational Resources and Parliamentarian	Elaine Engelman		Rev. Michael Schmidt
VP of Special Focus Ministries	Jill Lowe	Appointed Personnel to Executive Committee	
		District Planner	Eden Keefe
		Assistant to the President	Sherri Rose

ZONE PRESIDENTS

Herington Zone	Sharon Kolanowski	Northeast Zone	Peggy Coder
Hutchinson Zone	Tammy Taylor	Northwest Zone	Betty Kruse
Kansas City CrossRoads Zone	Patty Mader	Southeast Zone	Dodie Copley
Lincoln Zone	Shelly Keller	Southwest Zone	(open)
Linn Zone	Sheryl Kruse	Topeka Zone	Allison Lehmann
Manhattan Zone	Julie Hatesohl	Wichita Zone	Chris Brandorff

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Caring Service Committee

Kathy Heiniger, Chairman
Sharon Daugherty, Sherry Fick, Linda Stanton

Christian Life Committee

Nancy Taylor, Chairman
Sara Deepe, Cathi Temple

Communication Committee

Jill Kruse, Chairman, LWML Store Manager
Brenda Piester, Directory Manager
Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager
Sherri Rose, Newsletter Editor
Shelly Keller, Social Media Manager, Website Assistant
Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager
Karl Peschel, Website Administrator

Gospel Outreach Committee

Jolene Stackhouse, Mission Grants Chairman
Julie Hatesohl, Mission Grants
Sandra Childs, Student Financial Aid Co-Chairman
Pam Popp, Student Financial Aid Co-Chairman

Organizational Resources Committee

Kirsten Hastings, Chairman
Christy McCombs

Special Focus Ministries Committee

Elise Lorenz-Cleary, Chairman
Lisa Brack, Sarah Winkler
Joyce Duitsman, Church Workers in Mission
Sherri Rose, Heart to Heart Sisters

Endowment Committee

Eden Keefe, Committee Coordinator
Carolyn Fishburn, Brenda Piester,
Kathryn Richard

Archivist-Historian Co-Chairmen

Amanda Engelman, Marie Roth
Esther Ideker, Archivist-Historian Emeritus

Prayer-Mail Coordinator

Velma Bass

Travel Chairman (LWML Convention, Lexington)

Donna Burton

Lutheran World Relief Pickup Coordinators

C.J. and Sharon Cross

Nominating Committee

Tammy Taylor, Chairman, Hutchinson Zone
Chyleen Pauesick, KC Crossroads Zone
Arlyce Klipp, Linn Zone
Joyce Hagemann, Southeast Zone
LaJean Rinker, Topeka Zone
Brenda Piester, Past President Consultant

2022 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Eden Keefe, Chairman, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone
Ella Schempp, Co-Chairman, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone,
Carol Olson, Co-Chairman, Southeast Zone, Beth Ringwald, Co-Chairman, Southeast Zone

REPORT TO THE LWML CONVENTION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE 2020–2022 BIENNIUM

April 22–24, 2022
DoubleTree Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas

Activities of the District President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended weekly worship services;
- Participated in Bible studies;
- Participated with the Executive Committee in the Bible study, *Focus Lost, Focus Restored*;
- Participated in forming a new church in the Eudora, DeSoto, and west Olathe area named, Light of the World Lutheran Church; and
- Used *The Prayer Map* to journal prayer requests.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Strived to present professional and organized materials and resources from the President's desk;
- Worked to provide helpful agendas and resources to the Executive Committee;
- Provided leadership guidance to help others to achieve their goals; and
- Served as Treasurer for the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone.

Sharing Encouragement

- Developed the *follow the SON* theme for my presidential term;
- Tried to provide positive encouragement at all times;
- Wrote personal notes;
- Prayed for prayer partners and other requests;
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Tried to efficiently and effectively reply to thousands of emails; and
- Kept in contact with Young Woman Representatives.

Meetings Attended

- July 2020, Transition meeting with Past President Brenda Piester
- July 2020, Executive Committee (EC) meeting – initial meeting
- July 2020, EC meeting; Pre-Interdepartmental (ID) meeting
- August 2020, Interdepartmental meeting, Salina
- August 2020, Zone Presidents meeting, via zoom since presidents were not at ID
- August 2020, Convention planning meeting; initial meeting via Zoom
- September 2020, Convention planning meeting with convention co-chairs
- September 2020, District President's meeting
- October 2020, Board of Directors (BOD) email meeting to approve BOD minutes
- October 2020, EC meeting to approve funding of Mission Grants #1 and #2
- November 2020, EC quarterly meeting
- November 2020, email vote on 2022 Convention logo
- February 2021, Toured Wichita DoubleTree for 2024 District Convention
- February 2021, EC quarterly meeting
- February 2021, Toured Overland Park DoubleTree for 2022 District Convention
- March 2021, Virtual President's Assembly meeting
- March 2021, Met with Convention Chairman to begin 2022 District Convention Schedule
- April 2021, EC quarterly meeting
- May 2021, Convention planning meeting



**District President
Kim Burdett**

- May 2021, Invited and attended ordination of Seminary graduate and LWML Student Scholarship recipient Christian Schultz at St. John, Alma
- June 2021, Hosted Zoom pre-convention Zoom devotion time
- June 2021, In-person President's Assembly prior to 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky
- June 2021, LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky
- July 2021, EC meeting, Wichita
- July 2021, KAOL Leadership Training event
- August 2021, Endowment Committee meeting to start LCEF investments
- November 3, 2021, Met with Convention Chair Eden to discuss convention budget
- November 6, 2021, LLL Kansas District Convention, Risen Savior Basehor
- November 11–12, 2021, EC meeting
- November 12–13, 2021, Christian Life Retreat
- November 16 and 18, 2021, Convention planning Zoom meetings
- December 13, 2021, Endowment Committee meeting via Zoom
- December 13, 2021, EC meeting via Zoom
- January 3, 2022, BOD Zoom meeting to approve grant proposals for 2022–2024 ballot
- January 4, 2022, Zoom meeting to discuss A/V equipment needs for the convention
- January 12, 2022, Convention worship planning meeting via Zoom
- January 17, 2022, Convention planning meeting with chairmen and hotel manager at the DoubleTree
- January 19–22, 2022, LWML President's Assembly meeting in St. Louis, Missouri
- January 24, 2022, Endowment Committee meeting via zoom
- January 25, 2022, Zoom meeting with Sherri Rose, *The Kansas Sonshine* Editor
- February 11, 2022, Convention worship planning meeting
- February 11–12, 2022, EC meeting
- February 12, 2022, Convention planning meeting
- February 27, 2022, Meeting with Special Focus Ministries Committee for convention planning
- February 28, 2022, Met with Music Director Janet Hibbard to discuss convention music

Zone events attended

- October 2020, Southeast Zone Fall Event, St. Peter's, Humboldt
- October 2020, Herington Zone Fall Event, Grace, Strong City
- October 2020, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Fall Event, Risen Savior, Basehor
- October 2020, Lincoln Zone Fall Event, St John, Lincoln
- April 2021, Topeka Zone Spring Event, Faith, Topeka
- September 2021, Topeka Zone Fall Event, Immanuel, Lawrence
- October 2021, Northeast Zone Fall Event, Trinity, Atchison
- October 2021, Herington Zone Fall Event, Calvary, Council Grove
- October 2021, Wichita Zone Fall Event, Grace, El Dorado
- March 2022, Lincoln Zone Spring Event, Immanuel, Ellsworth
- March 2022, Southeast Zone Spring Event, Zion, Pittsburg
- March 2022, Kansas City CrossRoads Spring Zone Event, Our Savior, Kansas City

It's been an honor to serve the LWML Kansas District as your president. I hope we have strengthened you spiritually, equipped you to be leaders, and given you new ways to support missions. May God bless our time together as we "Serve the Lord with gladness."

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 NIV).

We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19 NIV).

REPORT TO THE LWML CONVENTION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE 2020–2022 BIENNIUM

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DoubleTree Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas

Activities of the Vice President of Caring Service to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended Bible studies at Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and KAOL meetings; and
- Shared prayer requests at these gatherings.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Researched and selected caring service projects for KAOL and convention; and
- Researched and selected charities for in-gatherings for KAOL and convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Submitted regular articles to *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Communicated with the Caring Service Committee in planning activities; and
- Attended Hutchinson, Northwest Zone, and Southeast Zone events as District Representative.

Meetings Attended

- June 27, 2020, virtual LWML Kansas District Convention
- September 26, 2020, convention transition meeting in Topeka
- November 6–7, 2020, Kansas District EC meeting, Manhattan
- February 19, 2021, 2024 convention planning at DoubleTree Hotel, Wichita
- March 4, 2021, KAOL virtual planning meeting for Caring Service Committee
- April 30–May 1, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, Overland Park
- June 24–27, 2021, LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky
- July 16–17, 2021, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and KAOL
- October 7, 2021, Caring Service Committee via Zoom
- November 11–12, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, DoubleTree, Wichita
- December 13, 2021, Zoom Executive Committee meeting
- January 3, 2022, Board of Directors Zoom meeting
- February 11–12, 2022, Executive Committee and convention planning meeting

It is a joy to serve the Lord through the Kansas District LWML.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NIV).

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Activities of the Vice President of Christian Life to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended regular worship services at St. John's, Topeka;
- Participated in various Bible studies with Executive Committee, spouse, and individuals and families;
- Served as LSAT Board Member, Topeka Lutheran School; and
- Served as Topeka Zone President.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Facilitated planning of the 2021 Christian Life Retreat, Wichita;
- Assisted with planning of Prayer Walks with Christian Life Committee for 2020 KAOL, 2021 KAOL/BOD, and 2022 Convention;
- Facilitated planning of 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention Christian Life Breakfast;
- Regular communication with and encouragement to Christian Life Committee members; and
- Committee submission to quarterly *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter.

Sharing Encouragement

- Gave presentation on "Mites and Missions" to a local group, Fall 2021;
- Reviewed and updated information on LWML Kansas District Christian Life website page; and
- Plan to lead Leadership Seminar on "Planning a Retreat and Prayer Walk" at the 2022 Convention.

Meetings Attended

- Christian Life committee planning meetings, including regular email correspondence, site visit to Christian Life Retreat Hotel
- LWML Kansas District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, various dates
- 2021 Christian Life Retreat, Wichita
- 2022 Women's Retreat, Holy Cross, Wichita
- Attended 2022 Convention planning meetings
- Attended local quarterly and zone events

It has been an honor to serve the LWML Kansas District as Vice President of Christian Life these past four years under the leadership of Presidents Brenda and Kim. What a joy it has been to serve the Lord alongside fellow sisters and brothers in Christ on the Executive Committee, the Christian Life Committee, and here in the Kansas District.

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).

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Activities of the Vice President of Communication to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Participated in *Focus Lost ... Focus Restored: A Bible Study* with the Executive Committee;
- Led a session of *Focus Lost*; and
- Planned and implemented the Holy Cross Lutheran Church LWML Women's Retreat in March 2022.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Facilitated the reporting of Mission Grant payments as they were made through email blasts and social media; and
- Worked with Technology Manager Lisa Gruhn to complete presentations of past Mission Grant recipients and 2022–2024 Mission Grant and GGGF applicants.

Sharing Encouragement

- Wrote and facilitated the distribution of several email blasts for the purposes of promoting LWML news and activities, such as Convention Bus, District Retreat registration, *The Kansas Sonshine* publications, Student Financial Aid applications, and Young Woman Representative (YWR) applications;
- Wrote and facilitated the distribution of email blasts every ten days throughout the 80 Days of Thanksgiving campaign, encouraging reflection on faith, LWML, and gratitude.

Meetings Attended

- All Executive Committee meetings (with the exception of November 2021)
- All district Board of Directors meetings
- Convention Planning A/V Technology Meeting

A major undertaking in my position during this biennium was the total revision of the LWML Kansas District website. I worked closely with Website Administrator Karl Peschel to redesign the site and facilitated the changing of our platform based on his recommendations. I strove to work with each Vice President to ensure her committee's webpage was up to date. I also work with the Executive Committee as we endeavored to make the site easy to navigate, welcoming and informative to visitors, and showcases the work our Savior is accomplishing through the LWML Kansas District.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20b).

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Activities of the Vice President of Gospel Outreach to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Participated in monthly Bible studies at LWML society meetings;
- Completed Bible studies and prayers with the LWML ladies at the zone, district and national (Kentucky convention) levels;
- Worshipped with my local congregation;
- Participated in KAOL leadership training in Wichita;
- Daily personal Bible reading and online devotions (LWML daily devotions);
- Attended 2021 national convention and enjoyed riding the “Kansas” bus; and
- Attended Christian Life Retreat in Wichita.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Served as local group president;
- Attended LWML convention in June 2021 in Louisville, Kentucky;
- Communicated with the Gospel Outreach committee members regarding their duties;
- Participated in zone events, attended Board of Directors meetings;
- Attended Northwest Zone events and represented the district Executive Committee as needed;
- Supported *Stamps for Missions* project by collecting stamps personally, as well as from family, friends, and in my congregation;
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Selected possible Day of Prayer recipients; and
- Received Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund (GGGF) applications for 2022–2024 biennium.

Sharing Encouragement

- Encouraged ladies when representing the district at zone events;
- Answered email questions directed to LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach;
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Encouraged women in my congregation to be involved with LWML and its activities;
- Encouraged women to use the resources on the LWML website and in *The Kansas Sonshine*; and
- Participated in the LWML Kansas District Prayer Mail.



Meetings Attended

- June 27, 2020, Virtual LWML Kansas District Convention, Hays
- July 6, 2020, Executive Committee Zoom meeting
- October 12, 2020, Executive Committee Zoom meeting
- November 6–7, 2020, Executive Committee meeting
- April 24, 2021, Northwest Zone meeting, Oakley
- April 30–May 1, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, Overland Park
- May 1, 2021, Convention Planning meeting, Overland Park
- June 24–27, 2021, LWML National Convention, Lexington, Kentucky
- July 15, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, Wichita
- July 16–17, 2021, Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Wichita
- September 18, 2021, Gospel Outreach Committee meeting in Salina
- September 25, 2021, Northwest Zone Fall Gathering, Oberlin
- October 9, 2021, Lincoln Zone meeting, Ellsworth
- November 11–12, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, Wichita
- November 12–13, 2021, Christian Life Retreat, Wichita
- December 13, 2021, Executive Committee Zoom meeting
- January 3, 2022, Executive Committee Zoom meeting
- March 19, 2022, Northwest Zone meeting, Phillipsburg

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear (Psalm 46:1).



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Activities of the Vice President of Organizational Resources to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Worked through the Bible Study, *Focus Lost – Focus Restored* with the Executive Committee;
- Shared the Bible study, *God's Relentless Love* with my local Mary/Martha group; and
- Attended the Christian Life Retreat in Wichita, November 2021.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Prayed for and with my Organizational Resources Committee members; and
- Met with zone presidents at 2021 KAOL and discussed the importance of Christian Copyright Licensing.

Sharing Encouragement

- Supported zone leaders in person and through email, as they worked through the bylaw ratification process during a pandemic;
- Answered emails from group leaders who were updating their group bylaws; and
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine* when requested.

Meetings Attended

- September 26, 2020, Manhattan Zone Fall Event
- March 13, 2021, Southwest Zone Event
- April 24, 2021, Lincoln Zone Spring Rally
- October 16, 2021, Hutchinson Zone Fall Meeting
- March 26, 2022, Manhattan Zone Spring Event
- Executive Committee meetings when called, if possible
- Convention planning meetings when necessary

It has been my great privilege to serve the LWML Kansas District as Vice President of Organizational Resources. It has been a time of growth for me and helped me move just a little bit out of my comfort zone and journey down a new path of service.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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Activities of the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Special Focus Ministries (SFM) committee chose three district Young Women Representatives (YWR) for LWML Convention in Lexington, June 2021; and
- Chair attended LWML Convention in Lexington, June 2021.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Led “LWML Bus Tour” presentation, giving overview of LWML at 2021 KAOL
- Facilitated SFM group meeting with zone SFM members at 2021 KAOL, also included YWRs to national convention in Lexington; and
- SFM committee prepared activities for zone YWRs at 2022 District Convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Zone YWRs paired up with active LWML women mentors; and
- Church Workers in Mission Coordinator sent 17 welcome packets to new pastors in the Kansas District in 2021-2022 and sent 10 letters of welcome to new church workers.

Meetings Attended

- April 2021, Herington Zone Spring Mission Day
- April 2021, KAOL planning meeting via Zoom
- Summer 2021, Executive Committee (EC) meeting and KAOL
- October 2021, Northeast Zone and Kansas City Crossroads Fall Events
- November 2021, EC meeting prior to Christian Life Retreat
- February 2022, EC meeting
- February 27, 2022, SFM Zoom meeting
- April 2022, SFM meeting after Hutchinson Zone Spring Event
- Other EC and convention planning meetings as called

It has been a joy and pleasure to serve the LWML Kansas District as your Vice President of Special Focus Ministries for the past four years. Serving the Lord through LWML is a blessing and privilege. Thank you.

***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”
(John 8:12b).***

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Activities of the Recording Secretary to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Led Bible study and prayers at Executive Committee (EC) meeting(s) and participated in others led by EC members;
- Attended Sunday services, Sunday school, Bible study, and Biblical Citizenship Class; and
- Christian Life Chairman for Holy Cross Group; chaired Prayer Breakfast Committee.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Recorded the business meetings of the EC and the Board of Directors (BOD) at Zoom and in-person meetings;
- Participated in servant events at zone events and at the 2021 LWML Convention; and
- Attended local Sewing Sisters, making clothing for youth in need, pillowcases for charities, and items to sell at the Christmas Shoppe from which all proceeds benefit designated missions.

Sharing Encouragement

- Presented the District President's message at zone events;
- Encouraged individuals to apply for Gospel Outreach grants;
- Assisted with serving congregation's funeral dinners; and
- Encouraged giving of mites when meetings were halted due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Meetings Attended

- Fall 2020, Wichita Zone Fall Event in 2020; Spring 2021, Southeast Zone Spring Event; Fall 2021, Wichita Zone Fall Event; Fall 2021, Linn Zone Fall Event; Spring 2022, Herington Zone Spring Event
- LWML Kansas District EC meetings, BOD meetings, KAOL, Christian Life Retreat
- 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

All praise and glory to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many thanks to my sisters and brothers in Christ on the Executive Committee. They have been a blessing in helping me to fulfill the duties of my office and grow spiritually.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12 NIV).

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Activities of the Financial Secretary to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Daily Bible study and devotion reading;
- Attend worship regularly;
- Present devotions and prayers for EC meetings;
- Lead devotions and Bible study for local LWML group;
- Volunteer to help where needed in church and community; and
- Lead Bible study sampler at 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Received and deposited remittances for mites and other giving twice a month;
- Prepared financial reports for District President and District Treasurer twice a month and provided to Executive Committee prior to meetings;
- Worked with Carolyn Fishburn, District Treasurer, to develop 2022–2024 biennium budget proposal;
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Served as secretary/reporter for local LWML group;
- Served as treasurer of congregation's church council;
- Coordinated our congregation's annual rummage sale and "community give-away;"
- Provided school supplies and baby care kits and items to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train;
- Supported "Stamps for Missions" project by collecting stamps personally, from family and friends, and from mail received as Financial Secretary; and
- Lead financial session for Leader Development at 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention with Carolyn Fishburn, Treasurer.

Sharing Encouragement

- Responded to requests for information and supplies from group and zone officers;
- Participated in local group and zone events;
- Served as Southeast Zone Vice President; reviewed and updated zone bylaws; and
- Encouraged women in our congregation to be involved with LWML and its activities at all levels (group, zone, and district).



**Financial Secretary
Kathryn Richard**

Meetings Attended

- Monthly group meetings
- Zone Board of Directors (BOD) meetings and zone events
- District Executive Committee and BOD meetings, KAOL, Christian Life Retreat, convention planning meetings (co-chair Decorations Committee), Travel Committee (chair), and Endowment Committee meetings, as called
- 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

Witnessing the generosity of our LWML members, groups, zones, and supporters is gratifying as I receive their monetary gifts for the district's mission work. To God be the glory!

“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 NIV).

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Activities of the Treasurer to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Pre-Convention Bible study via Zoom;
- Attended 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky; and
- Vice President and Caring Service Coordinator of local group.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Reconciled monthly Treasurer's reports;
- Updated the district's mission goal worksheet;
- Processed and paid expense vouchers as approved by the District President;
- Established and updated online giving for LWML Kansas District website;
- Established and updated online giving on GivePlus mobile app for smartphones;
- Designed Vanco Mobile app to replace GivePlus app for smartphones;
- Procured card reader to accept debit and credit cards at the LWML Kansas District Store; and
- Established General and Mission Grants Endowment Funds at LCMS Foundation.

Sharing Encouragement

- Participated in Student Financial Aid Task Force;
- Served on Endowment Committee;
- Collaborated with Financial Secretary to establish online giving procedures and reporting; and
- Presented proposed budget for 2022-2024 biennium with Financial Secretary.

Meetings Attended

- June 22, 2020; July 6, 2020; October 12, 2020; December 13, 2021; and February 3, 2022, Executive Committee (EC) via Zoom
- July 31, 2020; November 6–7, 2020; February 19–20, 2021; April 30–May 1, 2021; July 16, 2021; November 11–12, 2021; February 11–12, 2022, Executive Committee (EC)
- June 3, 2020; August 3, 2020; January 3, 2022, Board of Directors (BOD) via Zoom
- July 16, 2021, BOD, in person
- August 1, 2020, District Interdepartmental (ID) meeting
- July 17, 2021, KAOL
- July 14, 2021; August 8, 2021; December 13, 2021; January 24, 2022, Endowment Committee via Zoom
- April 24, 2021, Hutchinson Zone Spring Meeting
- September 18, 2021, Zone BOD

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Treasurer for the past four years.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NIV).



**District Meeting Manager
Appointed District Officer
Debbie Lehman**

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Activities of the Meeting Manager to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Led a session of Focus Lost/Focus Restored for Executive Committee (EC) meeting; and
- Attended LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Attended Christian Life Retreat; and
- Shared LWML Resources at the Kansas District LCMS Pastor's Conference.

Sharing Encouragement

- Represented the district at the Northeast Zone.

Meetings Attended

- Attended EC meetings in person and on Zoom
- Attended Convention Planning meetings in person and on Zoom
- Online, phone and Zoom meetings about 2022 Convention Hotel Rooms
- Toured DoubleTree in Wichita for 2024 Convention
- Completed contract with Helms Briscoe for 2024 Convention in Wichita
- Online and phone contacts for the 2026 Convention

I enjoy the Meeting Manager job and give thanks to God for all the help I receive from my fellow EC members. I try to follow the verse below and remember everything is under God's mighty hand and remind myself to humbly wait for God's due time.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:6–7 NIV).

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Activities of the District Planner to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Worshiped and communed regularly;
- Participated in and facilitated Bible studies;
- Used and promoted LWML and Visual Faith™ resources;
- Prepared LWML devotions, programs, and prayers for meetings and events; and
- Spent time daily in the Word and in prayer.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Provided oversight for committees in their implementation of goals under the district mission statement, primary focus areas, and according to the Guidelines;
- Developed resources to assist district committees in their work and President Kim, Vice Presidents, and Committee Chairmen in their leadership roles;
- Sought to provide high-quality work in each assigned task; and
- Served in my local LWML group and zone.

Sharing Encouragement

- Provided leadership training and constructive feedback;
- Met with committees and district leaders for visioning and goal-setting;
- Maintained a positive attitude to exemplify serving the Lord with gladness; and
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*.

Meetings Attended

- July 6, 2020, Executive Committee (EC) Zoom meeting
- July 31–August 1, 2020, EC meeting
- August 3, 2020, Leadership Development with Zone Presidents and Appointed Personnel
- November 6–7, 2020, EC meeting
- February 19–20, 2021, EC meeting
- March 4, 2021, KAOL Zoom Planning meeting
- April 30–May 1, 2021, EC and Convention Planning Committee meetings
- July 15–17, 2021, EC meeting, BOD meeting, Kansas Assembly of Leaders
- November 11–12, 2021, EC meeting
- December 13, 2021, EC meeting via Zoom
- January 3, 2022, EC/BOD meeting via Zoom to approve mission grant and GGGF proposals for ballot



**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Kansas District**

**District Planner
Appointed Executive Committee Personnel
Eden Keefe**

- January 7, 2022, meeting via Zoom to do initial planning for 2022 leadership events with President Kim and Meeting Manager Debbie Lehman
- January 17, 2022, 2022 Leadership Training planning meeting with President Kim
- February 11–12, 2021, EC Meeting

I am humbled and grateful to be able to serve alongside the LWML Kansas District leaders, pastoral counselors, and committees as together we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and honor God by equipping women to serve others.

... walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called ... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, (Ephesians 4:1b, 15).



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Activities of the Caring Service Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas:

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Contributed a list of service ideas that could be done at home or in small groups during COVID-19 in an article in the fall 2020 edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*; and
- Summarized a list of the ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train collected at the 2021 KAOL for the fall 2021 edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

Working together in person, via Zoom, and by email, the Caring Service Committee designated:

- The in-gathering for the August 2020 Interdepartmental Meeting would be monetary donations to the First Convention Offering — the 2020–2022 LWML Kansas District mission goal;
- The ingathering for the July 2021 KAOL as items for school kits and health kits for Orphan Grain Train;
- The ingathering for the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention; and
- The servant events for the 2022 Kansas District Convention.

Sharing Encouragement

- Communicated with Betty Amey, Vice President of Caring Service, on a regular basis; and
- Worked with Caring Service Committee members.

Meetings Attended

- August 1, 2020, Interdepartmental meeting in Salina
- October 10, 2020, Northeast Zone Fall Gathering in Sabetha
- April 10, 2021, Northeast Zone Spring Gathering in Wathena
- July 16–17, 2021, KAOL
- October 9, 2021, Northeast Zone Fall Gathering in Atchison
- Monthly LWML Society meetings

These past few years have had their challenges, but our committee has worked together to provide in-gatherings and servant events to give LWML ladies the opportunity to help organizations fulfill physical needs.

Caring Service Committee Members: Kathy Heiniger, Caring Service Committee Chairman, Sharon Daugherty, Sherry Fick, Linda Stanton, Betty Amey, Vice President of Caring Service, Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NIV).

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Activities of the Communication Committee to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Ran a series of Facebook posts featuring each zone and a prayer;
- Strived to include faith building articles in each newsletter, as well as bible verses; and
- Created and presented video and slides at district functions to clearly communicate information to all attendees.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Maintained the LWML Kansas District Directory so communications can be efficient and accurate;
- Set up the LWML store at KAOL, Christian Life Retreat, and Hutchinson Zone events; and
- Showed how local LWML groups and zones are serving the Lord with gladness in *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter.

Sharing Encouragement

- Curated Facebook posts featuring LWML podcasts, events, mission grants, service projects, and more;
- Shared thanks and appreciation with zone and group presidents for sending directory updates; and
- Kept the district website up to date with LWML events, information, and resources.

Meetings Attended

- November 2020, Kansas District Christian Life Retreat
- July 2021, Kansas Assembly of Leaders
- August 2020, Interdepartmental meeting

Communication Committee Members: Jill Kruse, Communication Committee Chairman, LWML Kansas District Store Manager; Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager; Shelly Keller, Social Media Manager; Sherri Rose, Newsletter Editor; Brenda Piester, Directory Manager; Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager; Karl Peschel, Website Administrator; Kris Osler, Vice President of Communication; Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (Philippians 4:8 NIV).

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Activities of the Gospel Outreach Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Met with Gospel Outreach Committee to review and approve applications for Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF) grants;
- Prepared and revised a summary of each approved application for approval by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; and
- Prepared description for each convention video presentation.

Making our Faith Meaningful

- Prepared announcements for *The Kansas Sonshine* of Mission Grants and GGGF grants paid; and
- Received and reviewed applications for the 2022–2024 Mission Grants and GGGF grants.

Sharing Encouragement

- Notified recipients of grants selected for 2022–2024 biennium; and
- Proofread the posters prepared by committee members.

Meetings Attended

- Gospel Outreach Committee meetings
- 2020 and 2021 KAOL
- Four Board of Directors meetings
- Substituted for Vice President of Gospel Outreach at two Executive Committee meetings

Gospel Outreach Committee Members: Jolene Stackhouse, Gospel Outreach Chairman, Julie Hatesohl, Pam Popp, Sandra Childs, Janice Cundiff, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor

You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky, as you offer them the message of life (Philippians 2:15b-16a GNT).



Special Focus
Ministries
Committee
Kansas District

**Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader
Sherri Rose**

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Activities of the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Participated in Bible study and local LWML group;
- Attended Christian Life Retreat and other LWML Kansas District events; and
- Daily devotions, Scripture reading, and prayer using *Today's Light* devotional magazine from Concordia Publishing House.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Sent email requests to LWML leaders of congregations in the Kansas District to identify congregations where the Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters program may have an impact;
- Prayed for implementation of the H2H program in the Kansas District; and
- Attended 2021 LWML Convention as delegate for Kansas City CrossRoads Zone, participated in servant events, and attended the Heart to Heart Sisters reunion lunch.

Sharing Encouragement

- Prepared Leadership Session for 2020 LWML Kansas District convention (canceled);
- Attended the Women of the TIG Ministry Women's Retreat in Jetmore, Kansas to encourage participation in LWML; and
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine* encouraging participation in Heart to Heart Sisters.

Meetings Attended

- August 1, 2020, Interdepartmental (ID) meeting at which the H2H committee met
- August 12, 2020, phone meeting with committee member, Bernie Reetz
- March 30, 2021, Zoom meeting with Ann Harms, as committee consultant, and Bernie Reetz, committee member, to brainstorm ideas for H2H
- May 1, 2021, Women of the TIG Ministry Women's Retreat, Jetmore, Kansas
- BOD meetings, as called

The LWML Heart to Heart Sisters program is an intentional effort to include ALL women in the mission of LWML. Please pray with me that Our Lord will guide us in our effort to equip ALL LCMS women with resources for growing in their faith in Jesus, and encourage the education of and involvement in LWML, for furthering the Kingdom of Christ.

Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Members: Sherri Rose, District Leader, Bernie Reetz (through 2021), Jill Lowe, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor

fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

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Activities of the Organizational Resources Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Meditated on God's Word through personal devotions;
- Worshiped weekly with my home congregation; and
- Attended weekly Bible study.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Volunteered at Vacation Bible School;
- Participated in Mission Service projects of my home congregation; and
- Assisted with Sunday School as a substitute teacher.

Sharing Encouragement

- Prayed for the Organizational Resources Committee members;
- Encouraged young women engagement at my home congregation; and
- Ratified Northeast, Linn, Northwest, Manhattan, Wichita, Southeast, and Hutchinson Zones' Bylaws.

Meetings Attended

- August 1, 2020, LWML Kansas District Interdepartmental (ID) meeting
- July 16, 2021, Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL)
- October 25, 2021, Conference call with the Vice President of Organizational Resources
- January 3, 2022, Mission Grant and GGF proposals Zoom meeting
- March 5, 2022, Conference call with the Organizational Resources Committee
- April 21–24, 2022, LWML Kansas District Convention

Our committee is comprised of two other wonderful ladies, but we will all be rotating off; please prayerfully consider participation in the Organizational Resources Committee and reach out to any of us with questions.

Organizational Resources Committee Members: Kirsten Hastings, Organizational Resources Committee Chairman, Christine McCombs, Elaine Engelman, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Junior Pastoral Counselor

but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action (Daniel 11:32b).

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Activities of the Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Encouraged young women of the LWML Kansas District to participate in LWML activities at home and in their zone;
- Attended Christian Life Retreat; and
- Regular attendance at worship.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Mentored to young women of my congregation to serve in worship music;
- Served others with ingathering and *Advent By Candlelight* event with young women attending and participating;
- Created sketch with former Young Woman Representative (YWR)/committee member for use at KAOL; and
- Worked with Communications chair and webmaster in organization of Special Focus Ministries (SFM) page and YWR online application.

Sharing Encouragement

- Ordered, sold, and displayed 2022 convention t-shirts;
- Planned activities for YWRs at 2022 convention;
- Prayed for my fellow committee members;
- Communicated with convention chair throughout convention planning process;
- Invited national YWRs to work with SFM committee at KAOL and planning convention;
- Communicated with Archivist, Marie Roth, to create a list of former YWRs in hopes to reconnect and evaluate the effectiveness of the YWR program; and
- Encouraged committee members to use their talents while planning convention events.

Meetings Attended

- 2020 and 2021 KAOL
- Worked with committee in National YWR selection
- Communication with zone presidents regarding their zone YWR selections
- Forwarded YWR registrations, room assignments, etc. to convention personnel
- June 12, 2021 and February 27, 2022 ZOOM meetings
- April 2, 2022 committee meeting

Young women of our congregations are so willing to serve, but in different ways. They only need encouragement to do what the Spirit guides them to do. We must be willing to do new things, and invite, invite, invite.

Special Focus Ministries Committee Members: Elise Lorenz-Cleary, Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman, Lisa Brack, Sarah Winkler, Joyce Duitsman, Jill Lowe, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).



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Activities of the Herington Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Offered daily prayer for leadership in the zone and local group; and
- Encouraged small groups to keep in prayer and to continue a mission focus.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Fall Workshop using the *Compassion* Bible study in the *Quarterly*; and
- Encouraged local groups to meet faithfully and to be studying the Word.

Sharing Encouragement

- Be a witness to the community by sharing and caring to outreach centers; and
- Invited groups to participate at each other's group meetings and events within the zone.

Meetings Attended

- Day of Prayer Service at Calvary, Council Grove
- National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky
- KAOL meeting in Wichita, Kansas
- 2021 Zone Fall and 2022 Spring Events
- Spring fundraiser for financial assistance to support a student at Concordia University, Seward, whose parents are missionaries to Tanzania

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

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Activities of the Hutchinson Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended Bible study at Fall zone meetings;
- Hosted mission speakers at the spring meetings;
- Regularly attended worship and Sunday School;
- Attended small group home Bible study; and
- Attended LWML Bible study.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Organized zone in-gathering for Open Door Pregnancy Care Center, Hutchinson, Orphan Grain Train, and Ellinwood Food Bank;
- Carried out Mite Box Sunday to keep the LWML mission visible to the congregation; and
- Gathered items for teacher kits for Orphan Grain Train.

Sharing` Encouragement

- Delivered DVD's of the worship service to shut-ins;
- Delivered gift bags as a thank you to healthcare workers at Dignity Care; and
- Hosted funeral dinners for families of members.

Meetings Attended

- Regular monthly LWML meetings at Christ the King, Salina as Group President
- September 12, 2020, Hutchinson Zone Board of Directors meeting at Our Redeemer, Hutchinson
- October 17, 2020, Hutchinson Zone Fall meeting at St. Paul's, Haven
- April 24, 2021, Hutchinson Zone Spring meeting at St. Paul's, Cheney
- July 2021, KAOL at Holy Cross, Wichita
- July 2021, District Nominating Committee meeting
- September 18, 2021, Hutchinson Zone Board of Directors meeting at Trinity, Salina
- October 16, 2021, Hutchinson Zone Fall Meeting at St. John's, Ellinwood
- January 3, 2022, Kansas District Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

This is my first experience as president of the Hutchinson Zone. Since I recently retired, it was perfect timing to take on this new challenge. With God's help and the support of the amazing women at all levels of LWML, I will do my best to "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).



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Activities of the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Regularly attended weekly worship and Bible study at home congregation and when traveling;
- Regularly studied the Bible and devotional material at home;
- Participated in worship services thru music ministry; and
- Attended a women's retreat.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Participated in zone in-gatherings;
- Volunteered at Metro Lutheran Ministries Christmas store and breakfast outreach;
- Prepared and served funeral meals; and
- Sent out inspirational messages/information by text, email, and social media.

Sharing Encouragement

- Visited LWML members who could not attend meetings or events;
- Sent sympathy cards to LWML members who experienced the loss of loved ones;
- Encouraged young women to apply for YWR positions and selected individuals to attend the district convention; and
- Daily shared God's love with faculty, staff, and students at Lutheran parochial school.

Meetings Attended

- Three District BOD meetings
- Four Zone BOD meetings
- Four Zone events
- Three District Convention committee meetings
- LWML Kansas District virtual convention 2020
- Attended LWML convention 2021

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (I Corinthians 13:13 NIV).

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Activities of the Lincoln Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Personal prayer and regular worship service attendance at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove;
- Serve regularly on the Bethlehem Altar Guild; as a Sunday School teacher; as an organist; directed the children's Christmas Eve service; and helped with the Halloween Bible Walk;
- Participated in Bible study at monthly LWML group meetings and at zone events; and
- Read the LWML daily devotions on email and follow the LWML podcast when able.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Attended the LWML convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in June 2021;
- Participated in zone and group in-gatherings;
- Showed Christian concern with prayer for members of the congregation and community; and
- Used a Thrivent Action Team grant for the in-gathering to support The Homestead at the Lincoln Zone Spring Rally.

Sharing Encouragement

- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Encouraged group and zone members to use the district website for resources; and
- Shared the LWML mission work at Sunday School and collected a monthly Mite offering from the children.

Meetings Attended

- February 23, 2020, Zone BOD meeting at Concordia, Hoisington
- March 29, 2020, Zone Spring Rally at Concordia, Hoisington – canceled due to COVID-19
- April 17–19, 2020, Kansas District convention in Topeka – canceled due to COVID-19
- June 27, 2020, LWML Kansas District Virtual Convention held in Hays
- October 31, 2020, Zone Fall Workshop at St. John, Lincoln
- March 21, 2021, Zone BOD meeting at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove
- April 24, 2021, Zone Spring Rally at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove; was elected Zone President
- July 16–17, 2021, LWML Kansas District BOD meeting and KAOL
- August 28, 2021, Zone BOD meeting at First, Plainville
- October 9, 2021, Zone Fall Workshop at First, Plainville
- January 3, 2022, LWML Kansas District BOD Zoom meeting
- February 2022, Zone BOD meeting by email
- March 5, 2022, Zone Spring Rally at Immanuel, Ellsworth
- April 21–24, 2022, LWML Kansas District BOD meeting and 39th Biennial Convention, Overland Park

I also serve as Vice President, co-chair of the Annual Bazaar, and Special Focus Ministries chair of the Bethlehem LWML group. I am a member of the LWML Kansas District Communication Committee, serving as the Social Media manager (i.e. Facebook). I also composed the music and lyrics for the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention theme song.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).



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Activities of the Linn Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- At our Zone Fall Events, Bible Study is led by our zone counselor. Our Christian Life Chairman also presented several ideas that can help our faith to grow.
- At our Zone Spring events, speakers inform us about a special mission project or current event. Last spring, our speaker was Rev. Jonathan Clausing. He spoke about his work in Tanzania as a theological educator. He began his work in Eastern Africa at Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya, in 2018. An upcoming speaker is an area pastor, to inform the group about the “Value them Both” amendment that is on the ballot in Kansas this year.
- During the year, I shared the LWML mission grants devotions that are featured each month with the groups through emails. I also shared any notices that I received from national LWML news. This way the groups can share this information and grow in knowledge of what is happening in LWML.
- Encouraged participation in the YWR program.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Linn Zone has in-gatherings at all events as well as service activities. We support a new outreach program called “Swaddling Clothes” that Bethlehem, Greenleaf organizes. Support includes diapers, wipes, and other things for babies specific to their requests.
- In Fall 2021, we made witness bracelets for MOST Ministries. Our Caring Service Chairman has been busy sharing ideas and samples of items that can be used to reach out and share the story of our faith.

Sharing Encouragement

- Relaying information to area congregations from District that includes resources and general LWML facts;
- Reaching out within the Zone to congregations and members who may have special needs; and
- Encouraging support for zone level non-profits and fundraisers that support the broader work of the church to share God's love and the message of salvation.

Meetings Attended

- Four spring and four fall zone board meetings
- One KAOL
- Four Spring Events
- Three Fall Events

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).

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Activities of the Manhattan Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Pastor Jim Price, Mt Calvary, Wamego, provided Bible studies on Prayer; and
- Pastor Michael Schmidt, St. Luke's, Manhattan, provided Bible studies on the Angel of the Lord.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Adopted revised LWML Manhattan Zone Bylaws; and
- Collected in-gatherings to Caring Closet, Onaga Elementary School, St. Luke's Early Learning Center, and Orphan Grain Train during our Spring and Fall Events.

Sharing Encouragement

- Supported each other during the COVID-19 pandemic through virtual meetings; and
- Invited Susan Brunkow, LWML Vice President of Christian Life, to give a presentation on the resources available through LWML (Spring Event 2021).

Meetings Attended

- LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky
- July 2021, KAOL
- 2020 Manhattan Zone Fall Event
- 2021 Manhattan Zone Spring Event
- 2021 Manhattan Zone Fall Event

This past biennium has shown us God's power and mercy as we have adapted to learning how to "Zoom" and Facebook Live. The resources provided through the thoughtful and hard work of our national and district LWML has been a blessing to so many individuals throughout this period of our lives. We are certainly blessed and thankful.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV).

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Activities of the Northeast Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended KAOL in July in Wichita (four people from the Northeast Zone);
- Attended Christian Life Retreat in November in Wichita; and
- Chose a YWR for the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Served as delegate from Northeast Zone at the LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky and visited churches in the zone to share convention experiences; and
- Donated mite offerings, monthly, and held mite collections at rallies and gatherings.

Sharing Encouragement

- Donated to Kaden's Closet;
- Donated to Orphan Grain Train; and
- Donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Meetings Attended

- Spring and Fall 2021, Northeast Zone Board of Directors meetings
- April 10, 2021, Spring Rally, Christ Lutheran, Wathena, Kansas
- October 20, 2020 Fall Gathering, First Lutheran, Sabetha
- October 9, 2021 Fall Gathering, Christ Lutheran, Wathena
- April 9, 2022, Spring Rally, St. Paul, Fairview, Kansas

The Northeast Zone Spring Rally for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22–23).

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Activities of the Northwest Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- In the Word personally and at Bible classes (also lead a women's class);
- Faithfully worship at Trinity, Colby; and
- Attended Christian Life Retreat 2021.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Planned and led zone events;
- Participated in local group planning and events;
- Assisted host zone event groups in choosing "Gifts from the Heart" recipients;
- Participated in 2020 and 2021 KAOL; and
- Attended LWML Convention 2021 Lexington, Kentucky.

Sharing Encouragement

- Prepared and presented *ENCOURAGE*, with husband Dave, for Spring 2021 zone event (note that *courage* is contained in the word: when we encourage, we GIVE courage!);
- Mentored, encouraged, and communicated with group presidents; and
- Visited about half of our groups at a scheduled gathering.

Meetings Attended

- Fall 2020 (Norton), Spring 2021 (Oakley), Fall 2021 (Oberlin) and Spring 2022 (Phillipsburg) zone events – and led them. They have been shorter and smaller in attendance this past biennium.
- KAOL 2020 and 2021
- 2021 LWML Convention

I greatly appreciate all of the prayers, words of sympathy and gifts showered on me and my family at husband Dave's "heavenly homecoming."

I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God and I will be there to help you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9 CEV).



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Activities of the Southeast Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

We have had an interesting Biennium. The year 2020 began with the pandemic forcing cancellation of our 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention, and postponement of Southeast Zone's Spring Event. Our zone felt it important to resume our LWML activities as soon as possible. Our Fall Event was held at St. Peter's, Humboldt, on October 3, 2020. We gathered two van loads of clothing and personal hygiene products to be distributed by Orphan Grain Train. We were blessed by being able to share of our bounty with others and return to some sense of normalcy. At our Spring Event, held at Zion Lutheran in Independence, Pastor Matthew Wood of Medan, Indonesia, inspired us with stories about his translation efforts in creating a hymnal in the Bahasa language. We were so inspired that we submitted a Mission Grant application, which appears on the ballot under God's Gracious Gift Fund. Our Fall Event in 2021 at Grace, Iola, strengthened our faith by our participation in a Prayer Walk.

I am so proud of the way our zone has responded to the many challenges in this biennium.

With His cross as our compass, we will be guided by His Word, navigate a path of service for His Kingdom, and point others to Jesus, our Salvation.

My personal prayer is Psalm 25:4–5 NLT: *Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You.*



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Activities of the Topeka Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Did not hold 2020 Fall Event due to Covid concerns;
- Attended convention transition planning meeting as host zone president, Fall 2020;
- Attended Topeka Zone Spring Event, Spring 2021, Faith, Topeka;
- Attended Topeka Zone Fall Event, Fall 2021, Immanuel, Lawrence; and
- Attended Topeka Zone Spring Event, Spring 2022, St John, Aliceville.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Selected two Young Woman Representatives from the Topeka Zone to the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention;
- Filled all Zone Executive Committee positions; and
- Conducted future planning for zone events with zone Executive Committee and group presidents.

Sharing Encouragement

- Spoke at Afternoon Tea, "Mites and Missions," Fall 2021, Faith, Topeka;
- Provided ideas for, and incorporated servant events with zone events;
- Conducted regular correspondence with group presidents regarding district events and other information; and
- Gave Orphan Grain Train presentation at Christ, Topeka for area LWML women, Spring 2022.

Meetings Attended

- Zone events: Spring 2021, Faith, Topeka; Fall 2021, Immanuel, Lawrence; Spring 2022, St. John, Aliceville
- 2021 LWML Convention, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2020 and 2022 KAOL
- KS District BOD meetings (via zoom), various dates
- November 2021, Christian Life Retreat
- Topeka Zone Executive Committee meetings, Fall 2021; Spring 2022; multiple email correspondence

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).



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Activities of the Wichita Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Daily Mustard Seeds and other devotions;
- Devotions with Mother who is in Assisted Living/Memory Care;
- *The Kansas Sonshine* and *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*;
- Encouraged groups to nominate young women to serve as Young Women Representatives;
- Adult choir and bell choir; and
- Bible studies.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Surveyed members of all groups in Wichita Zone for input as to their choices for delegate to vote for at LWML convention, Lexington, Kentucky;
- Assisted with packing the truck for Lutheran World Relief;
- Packed ingathering items for students at WSU, packed ingathering items for El Dorado Homeless Initiative, and Layette kits for Orphan Grain Train; and
- Assisted with activities at Assisted Living / Memory Care.

Sharing Encouragement

- Communicated with groups to encourage participation in all LWML activities;
- Encouraged women in zone to design and construct zone banner for convention;
- Encouraged local groups that were thinking of becoming inactive; and
- Lead Singles Group.

Meetings Attended

- Two KAOL events
- Two Zone Fall Events
- Two Zone Spring Events
- LWML Convention at Lexington, Kentucky
- Christian Life Retreat
- Zone Board of Directors meetings
- Numerous Executive Committee meetings

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV).

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Activities of the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Attended 2021 KAOL, district Christian Life Retreat, and zone events;
- Provided devotions and prayers at meetings;
- Covered the convention planning with prayer; and
- Regularly receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Utilized Convention Leadership Guidelines for effective convention planning;
- Equipped volunteers with budget and convention information;
- Met to plan and network;
- Focused on the convention theme verse; and
- Worked to the best of our ability in service to our Lord and his people.

Sharing Encouragement

- Communicated regularly with host committee chairs and provided meeting summaries;
- Communicated regularly with President Kim Burdett and district Convention Planning Committee members;
- Celebrated accomplishments;
- Promoted convention attendance and the opportunities to volunteer within the host zones (Kansas City CrossRoads and Southeast); and
- Provided articles for *The Kansas Sonshine* and all requested articles and information for the *Sonshine* Convention Issue and convention manual.

Meetings Attended

- September 26, 2020, 2020 Convention Transition Meeting
- November 6–7, 2020, EC/CPC meeting (Chairman)
- February 19–20, 2021, EC/CPC meeting (Chairman)
- April 20–May 1, 2021, EC/CPC meeting (Chairman)
- May 1, 2021, Convention Planning meeting with Host Committee Chairs at convention hotel
- July 16–17, 2021, Convention Planning meeting with co-chairs during Kansas Assembly of Leaders
- July 27, 2021, Convention Zoom Planning meeting with Meeting Manager and Hotel Liaison for meal selections (Chairman)
- August 16, 2021, Convention Planning Zoom meeting with President Kim and Co-chairs
- August 18, 2021, Convention Planning meeting with President Kim (Chairman)



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Eden Keefe**

- August 19, 2021, Convention Zoom Planning meeting with Co-chairs
- September 17, 2021, Convention Zoom Budget meeting with President Kim (Chairman)
- September 21, 2021, Convention Planning Zoom meeting with Co-chairs
- November 3, 2021, Convention Planning meeting with President Kim (Chairman)
- November 11–12, 2021, EC/CPC meeting (Chairman)
- November 16 and 18, 2021, Convention Planning Zoom meetings with host committee chairs and zone presidents
- January 4, 2022, Convention AV Zoom Planning meeting (Chairman)
- January 17, 2022, Convention Planning meeting with President Kim, Meeting Manager, Hotel Liaison, and DoubleTree Manager (Chairman)
- February 11–12, 2022, EC/CPC meeting and Convention Planning meeting with Host Committee Chairs at the convention hotel February 12, 2022
- Attended our zone events
- Conducted business via email, phone calls, and texts as needed

It is our prayer that, with His cross as our compass, we will be guided by His Word, navigate a path of service for His Kingdom, and point others to Jesus, our salvation. May this convention be pleasing to God and a blessing to those who participate!

Eden Keefe, Convention Chair with Host Committee Co-Chairs: Carol Olson, Southeast Zone, Beth Ringwald, Southeast Zone, Ella Schempp, Kansas City CrossRoads Zone

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).

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Activities of the Archivist–Historians to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Maintained records of how Christ is working in each zone and in the district; and
- Compiled a list of Young Woman Representatives (YWR) from Kansas to both district and national conventions.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Equipped zone historians and other interested women with guidelines and tools for saving memories of zone activities; information presented at insight session for 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention;
- Continued digitization of LWML files, focusing on preserving photographs first;
- Explored ways to share our rich history through digital means; and
- Submitted 2018–2020 biennial history and other required documentation to LWML archives.

Sharing Encouragement

- Created and shared a memory exhibit at 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention exhibit hall;
- Gathered and submitted photos to LWML (national) for Throwback Thursday posts;
- Replied to requests for information from the district archives.

Meetings Attended

- February 1, 2021, at district archives in Topeka
- June 22, 2021, at district archives in Topeka
- June 22–25, 2021, Amanda at LWML national convention in Lexington, Kentucky
- July 16–17, 2021, Board of Directors meeting and Kansas Assembly of Leaders in Wichita
- August 26, 2021, at district archives in Topeka
- September 30, 2021, at district archives in Topeka
- November 4, 2021, at district archives in Topeka
- January 13, 2022, at district archives in Topeka
- February 28, 2022, at district archives in Topeka
- March 14, 2022, at district archives in Topeka
- April 4, 2022, at district archives in Topeka
- April 21–24, 2022, at Board of Directors meeting and district convention in Overland Park

Esther Ideker is now an Archivist–Historian Emeritus. We thank her for her years of service to the Kansas District LWML!

You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you (Song of Solomon 4:7).

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Activities of the Endowment Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- Planned for the use of estate gifts so that we can effectively and wisely enhance the scope of LWML Kansas District Gospel work; and
- Prepared devotions and prayers for committee meetings.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Continued the legacy of LWML by stewarding estate gifts in a way that will be both God-pleasing and beneficial to the district leaders and our LWML District;
- Worked with our LWML Gift Planning Counselors and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Foundation, to assist LWML members and their families transfer their blessings to family, heirs, and ministry; and
- Recommended use of Endowment funds based on designation by donors and the Guidelines.

Sharing Encouragement

- Implemented our Endowment Guidelines and Gift Acceptance Policies so that donors can trust that their estate gifts to LWML Kansas District will be thoughtfully and wisely managed.
- Presented at zone events and convention with LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten to promote the LWML Kansas District Endowment Fund and the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry.
- Publicized the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry and the LWML Kansas District Endowment Fund in *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter to increase visibility and offer opportunities to connect with our LWML Gift Planning Counselor.

Meetings Attended

- July 31–August 1, 2020, Executive Committee (EC) meeting
- July 14, 2021, Endowment Committee Zoom meeting
- July 16–17, 2021, EC and Board of Directors (BOD) meeting
- August 8, 2021, Endowment Committee and LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten Zoom meeting to fill out LCMS Foundation Investment Account Worksheet
- December 13, 2021, Endowment Committee Zoom meeting to discuss reallocation of Endowment Funds
- January 24, 2022, Endowment Committee Zoom meeting to discuss recommendation for use of Endowment Funds – Mission Grants for the 2022-2024 mission grants
- February 11–12, 2022, EC Zoom Meeting February 3, and in person
- Other business was conducted via email



**Endowment Committee Chairman
Eden Keefe**

During the 2020–2022 biennium, the LWML Kansas District received estate and Endowment Fund memorial gifts in the amount of \$120,289 in designated gifts and \$45,763.53 in undesignated gifts. Two Endowment Fund accounts were opened with the LCMS Foundation. Of the undesignated gifts, 10% was sent to the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry per our Gift Acceptance Policy. Recommendation for use of a portion of the designated gifts in the 2022–2024 biennium will come before the Board of Directors at the April 21, 2022, meeting and be reported to the convention body.

For more information about gift planning through the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry go to lwmlgiftplan.org.

Endowment Committee Members: Eden Keefe, Chairman, Carolyn Fishburn, Brenda Piester, Kathryn Richard, President Kim Burdett, Advisory, and Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi, Advisory

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6–7).



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Activities of the Lutheran World Relief Coordinators to the Primary Focus Areas

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

Wichita—250 boxes, 5,604 pounds

Hays—352 boxes, 7,298 pounds

Salina—622 boxes, 10,960 pounds

Topeka—520 boxes, 9,861 pounds

Total boxes—1,744

Total weight—33, 723 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 ogt.org. May the Lord bless your giving to those who are in need! Kim Burdett, LWML Kansas District President

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Activities of the Prayer Mail (P-Mail) Coordinator to the Primary Focus Areas

Nurturing Faith in Christ

- It is MY faith that is nurtured by distributing prayer requests. Read 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, and substitute the word, "my," for the word, "our."

Making Our Faith Meaningful

- Meaningful faith is action: I read James 2:14, to remind myself of that fact. The whole section, verses 14-26, speaks to me.

Sharing Encouragement

- One of my favorite Bible verses remains Hebrews 3:13a: *But encourage one another daily*. Prayers for us are SO valuable; prayers for others are encouraging even if they are not sure who is praying for them.

Meetings Attended

- None; I am home-bound. Larry has Parkinson's Disease and dementia.

Since the 2020 LWML Kansas District Virtual Convention, I have distributed 102 prayers/updates for illness, thanksgiving, births, deaths, and other topics. These are distributed "blind CC" so that email addresses are not circulated. What a meaningful and rewarding task this is for me!

My personal Bible verse changes with the day sometimes, it seems. Today, and in this chapter of my life, it would be Romans 12:12 NIV: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*