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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).*

Thank you!!

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Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention a wonderful success. Whether you participated in the convention as a planner, an attendee, a prayer warrior, a volunteer, an exhibitor, a presenter — or any number of ways — you glorified God with your actions. My prayer was that you could witness us **Serving Grace-fully** even when things didn't go as planned; and that we did so in **Joyful Obedience** as we remembered we were there to glorify God and follow His command; and that we also were open to trying **New** things.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a part of the LWML Kansas District's committees. I appreciate your willingness to serve, and I pray that your time spent doing so will be a wonderful experience as you follow the Son. Just as you are committed to serving LWML, we are committed to providing leadership training. Our Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) / Interdepartmental this summer will focus on "EQUIP — BUILD UP — SERVE."

Thank you to everyone for the outpouring of love and prayers as we mourned, and celebrated, my mom, Ruth Kandt. She was blessed with 91 years on this earth until God took her home to heaven on June 6th.

As in all things ... glory and thanks be to God.

Kim Burdett
District President



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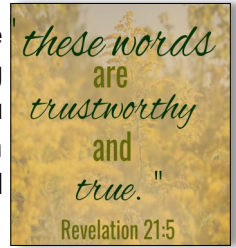
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. Michael Schmidt | Pastoral Counselor

The Authority of Scripture

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. But believing the Bible is the Word of God because it says it is *God-breathed* (2 Timothy 3:16) is a circular argument. (Just because something says it is the truth or authoritative doesn't make it so. Consider all the interesting things you can find on the internet.) Our understanding that the Bible is the Word of God stems from the Resurrected Christ. What is presented below is an apology, that is, "a reasoned defense," for the authority of Scripture, stemming from Jesus.



1. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, when tested according to the ordinary criteria applied to any document of antiquity, give evidence — both within and without — that they are primary source historical material for the life of Jesus. Those criteria would include:
 - external (this would include the writings of Josephus or Tacitus);
 - internal (such as Jesus predicting his own crucifixion); and
 - bibliographical (this asks how many early manuscripts have been found and how many years away they are from the original writings).
2. The central figure of the Gospels claims to be no less than God in the flesh.
3. Jesus offered objective evidence for the truth of His claim by the miracles that He did.
4. Jesus' view of the Old Testament was that it was true and authoritative. *Jesus answered them, "... — and Scripture cannot be broken — ..."* (John 10:34-35).
5. Jesus' view of the New Testament was that it was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you*" (John 14:26).

Why is this important? Because, when Scripture addresses a particular topic, it is authoritative. This includes our articles of faith, such as the Trinity, Justification, the Office of the Ministry, the Means of Grace, our Amillennial View of End Times, and the Resurrection of the Dead. Scripture also speaks to the topics of Creation (vs. Evolution) and our church body's Pro-life stance (vs. Pro-abortion).

As we speak *in love* (Ephesians 4:15) and *in gentleness and respect* (1 Peter 3:15), we should speak *the truth* (Ephesians 4:15) boldly, unapologetically, and unequivocally. As we speak the truth that is found in Scripture, we remember that its authority comes from the Resurrected Christ. He is life, and life is found in His words!

In case you missed it (ICVMI)...

2022–2024 Mission Grants

1. Orphan Grain Train, Kansas Division, \$5,000
2. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, \$5,000
3. Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California, \$6,000
4. CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita, Kansas, \$4,500
5. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota, \$3,000
6. Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan, \$5,000
7. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, Kansas, \$5,000
8. Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, Ottawa, Kansas, \$6,000
9. Matongo Seminary, Kenya, \$6,000
10. Immanuel Community Outreach Association, Kansas City, Kansas, \$1,500
11. Trinity HOPE, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee (partial funding), \$1,200

TOTAL \$48,200

2022–2024 GGGF Grants

1. Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, Missouri, \$3,000
2. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, Kansas, \$500
3. St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas, \$5,000
4. LCMS Office of International Mission, Asia Region, \$5,000
5. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas, \$5,000
6. St. Luke's Lutheran Early Learning Center, Manhattan, Kansas, \$3,000
7. St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas (partial funding), \$534

TOTAL \$22,034



GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE 2022–2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President — Kim Burdett

VP of Caring Service — Betty Amey;
Caring Service Committee — Linda Stanton (chair),
Cindy Mead, Beth Ringwald, Jolene Stackhouse

VP of Christian Life — Cathi Temple;
Christian Life Committee — Sharon Daugherty (chair),
Sara Deepe, Fonda Lawrence, Heather Rolf

VP of Communication — Kris Osler;
Communication Committee — Shelly Keller (chair),
Brenda Piester, Marj Aufdemberge, Sherri Rose, Jill
Kruse, Lisa Gruhn, Elise Kammeyer

VP of Gospel Outreach — Julie Hatesohl;
Gospel Outreach Committee — Kathy Heiniger (chair),
Connie Crowder, Sandra Childs, Heather Van Slyke

VP of Organizational Resources — Christy McCombs;
Organizational Resources Committee — Carol Olson
(chair), Chyleen Pauesick, Gloria Peterson

VP of Special Focus Ministries — Sarah Kleopfer;
Special Focus Ministries Committee — Pam Popp
(chair), Lisa Brack, Sarah Winkler, Patty Mader, Joyce
Duitsman (Church Workers in Mission Coordinator);
Heart to Heart Sisters Committee — Sherri Rose
(District Leader), Judy Kolterman

Treasurer — Relda Galli

Financial Secretary — Kathryn Richard

Recording Secretary — Mary Dohl

District Meeting Manager — Debbie Lehman

District Planner — Eden Keefe

Pastoral Counselors — Rev. Michael Schmidt,
Rev. John Werner

*Please keep these leaders in your prayers as they
serve the Lord in the LWML Kansas District.*

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Cathi Temple | VP of Christian Life

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:6).

Greetings from the LWML Kansas District Christian Life Committee! I am so humbled and excited to have been selected to serve as the Vice President of this wonderful committee. Joining me for this biennium will be our chairman, Sharon Daugherty (Southeast Zone), returning member, Sara Deepe (Wichita Zone), and new members, Fonda Lawrence (Northwest Zone) and Heather Rolf (Topeka Zone). Between them exists such a wealth of experience that I am blessed to be able to work with them!

A bit of information about this committee includes: one of us has 26 grandchildren and is married to a pastor; another has four children and works with her husband managing the family farm and Pioneer Seed agency, one spends so much time doing things for her church, her family always looks there first (after checking to see if she's driving the city van, picking up folks for doctor's appointments); one of us has so many animals, it's hard to keep track; and one of us is a former military wife, mother, daughter, and sister-in-law. (Answers below!) All of us share a passion for working together with our sisters of LWML to serve our Lord!

The committee has already begun to create a Prayer Walk for Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL). We will soon begin work on the 2023 LWML Kansas District Christian Life Retreat to be held in the fall of 2023. Watch for further information!

If there is ever anything the Christian Life Committee can do to help you on your journey, using "His Cross as Our Compass," please do not hesitate to reach out to us through the district website or at christianlife@kansaslwml.org.

(Answers to *Who's Who on the Christian Life Committee*: Sharon, Heather, Fonda, Sara, Cathi)

CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

Thanks to all of you who brought items to the convention for the ingathering for Joy Meadows and AbleLight. The ladies who picked up the items were overwhelmed with your generosity. The stamps, eyeglasses, and Bibles are on their way to their recipients. A big thank you goes to Thrivent® for providing Action Team funds for a couple of our servant events — the beans and rice for Mission Southside, and fleece fabric to make blankets for Ronald McDonald House Charities.



Welcome to our new Caring Service Committee members; Linda Stanton, from Hutchinson, has served on this committee for the past two years, and will serve as chairman. Beth Ringwald, from Iola, Jolene Stackhouse, from Junction City, and Cindy Mead, from Paola, have consented to serve on our committee. I am excited to get to know these ladies better and to work with them as we *Follow the Son*. I look forward to KAOL, when the committee will meet to get acquainted and make plans for the coming year.

COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler | VP of Communication



Gardening. Quilting. Writing. Long walks. Vacations. There are so many great things about summer! As a teacher, summer affords me more time to do the things I really enjoy doing and to focus on letting His cross be my compass.

For some, like me, life slows down this time of year, but for others it accelerates to what seems like breakneck speed! LWML groups often have schedule changes too. Maybe your group doesn't meet at all or perhaps it has more brief meetings than in other seasons. Bible studies are often suspended as well. Staying in the Word may be more difficult. Downloading the LWML app can help! You'll find daily devotions, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly's* Bible studies, and weekly podcasts. You can even share these with your group right from the app, a great way to stay in touch during long breaks! To find the app, just go to the app store you use for your phone and search for LWML. Download the app and start enjoying time in the Word!

There are a few housekeeping items that the Communication Committee would like you to be sure are taken care of this summer.

- ◇ Please report any newly elected officers of your group to your zone president so that they can be included in the District Directory for the use of officers and committees of the district and zones.
- ◇ Please make sure your group has paid the fees for the LWML *Quarterly* and the LWML Kansas District website maintenance. Payment should be remitted to Marj Aufdemberge, 2232 E. Elk Dr., Lincoln, KS, 67455. If you have questions about these fees, you are welcome to email me at communication@kansaslwml.org. If you don't know your group's status on the fees, please email Marj at distribution@kansaslwml.org.
- ◇ If your group participates in activities over the summer, we would be very excited to receive pictures and information to share on social media, facebook@kansaslwml.org, or in the next *Sonshine*, sonshine@kansaslwml.org.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Communication Committee for all being willing to return for another biennium of service! I so appreciate the services of **Sherri Rose, Sonshine Editor; Jill Kruse, Store Manager; Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager; Shelly Keller, Social Media Manager; Brenda Piester, Directory Manager; and Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager.**

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

As I begin my first month of serving as the LWML Kansas District Vice President of Gospel Outreach, my heart has been overflowing by the opportunity to receive the many “thank you” messages and having the chance to present checks to those groups voted by our delegates to receive God’s Gracious Gift Funds.

Recipients of God’s Gracious Gift Funds include:

- LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces: \$3,000
- Bethlehem Lutheran, Greenleaf, Kansas (Swaddling Clothes Program): \$500
- St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas (Playground/Driveway Repair): \$5,000
- LCMS International Missions — Asia Region: \$5,000
- St. Luke’s Lutheran, Manhattan, Kansas (Outreach to Hearing Impaired): \$5,000
- St. Luke’s Lutheran Early Learning Center, Manhattan, Kansas (Teacher Training): \$3,000
- St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas (Wall/Marquee repairs): \$534 (partially funded)

The Mission Grants for the 2022–2024 biennium will support eleven mission projects, totaling \$48,200, to be paid with mite offerings. For a list of mission grant recipients for 2022–2024, please visit the Gospel Outreach page of the district website, kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.

I am pleased to announce that our first mission grant for the 2022–2024 biennium has been PAID. The funds will be awarded to the Kansas Division of Orphan Grain Train, in the amount of \$5,000, to help with shipping costs. In addition, the LWML Kansas District has approved \$40,000 in scholarships for students this biennium.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Kathryn Richard

MISSION GOAL FOR 2022–2024

Total Mission Goal — \$155,400

Goal includes:

Mission Projects — \$43,000

Student Financial Aid — \$40,000

Operations & Publication Expense — \$36,150

Mites to National — \$36,250

(25% share of \$145,000 mite offering goal)

Please send your mite offerings to:
Kathryn Richard, Financial Secretary
LWML Kansas District
PO Box 314
Arma, KS 66712
Email: financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org

The monthly mite offering goal to reach our biennium goal is \$6,042. For April and May 2022, \$11,665.61 in mite offerings have been received, compared to our two-month goal of \$12,084.

Even if your group does not meet during the summer months, please remember to feed your Mite Box on a regular basis! All money sent to the LWML Kansas District **must be accompanied by a remittance voucher**. Checks should be made payable to LWML Kansas District. Remittance vouchers can be found on the [Organizational Resources page](#) of the LWML Kansas District website (PDF is [here](#)).

You may submit your mite offerings online at kansaslwml.org/giving. NO remittance voucher is needed with an online donation. Questions — contact Kathryn at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Eden Keefe | Committee Member

Endowment Provides Additional Mission Grant Funding!

The LWML Kansas District Board of Directors approved the use of 4.5% of the Endowment Fund designated for mission grants for the 2022–2024 biennium. This provided \$5,200 – which was added to the approved mission grant goal of \$43,000 – and allowed us to pay additional grants!

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Matthew 9:38).

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Christy McCombs | VP of Organizational Resources

Greetings from the Organizational Resources Committee (ORC)! With a new biennium comes the beginning of a new cycle of the Zone Bylaw Review Process. Bylaws can be intimidating to many, but the ORC works hard to ensure that the review is a smooth and efficient process. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of your zone and LWML. A rotation schedule was given to each zone president this past spring. Please reach out to me if you need another copy of the schedule.



What can your Zone do to be ready for your Zone Bylaw Review?

- * Know where the most recent, electronic version of your zone's bylaws are — preferably a Word document.
- * Have your Zone Bylaw Review Committee in place and ready to serve.
- * Watch for an email from the ORC chair letting you know it is your zone's turn for review.

What is the Bylaw Review Process?

- * The zone president will receive an email from the ORC chair requesting an electronic version of the zone bylaws the month before the scheduled review date.
- * The bylaws are given to the ORC members to review and make suggested corrections.
- * The ORC chair will return the bylaws to the zone with the committee's suggestions within two weeks.
- * The zone is encouraged to make changes and return the bylaws to the ORC for another review within two weeks. The ORC and Zone Bylaw Review Committee may go back and forth like this several times until the bylaw review is complete.
- * After a final review by the ORC, the zone will be notified that the bylaws are ready for ratification.
- * Once the zone bylaws are ratified, the zone will send a final, ratified version to the ORC chair for the committee's records.

If you have questions about bylaws or the Bylaw Review Process, please feel free to contact me at resources@kansaslwml.org. I look forward to serving the Lord with you during this biennium.

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Sarah Kleopfer | VP of Special Focus Ministries

I hope you are enjoying your summer, finding time to relax, and having some fun, as well! As a former teacher, I always looked forward to summer break. Now, as a part-time employee for our local chamber of commerce, I sure miss my summers off!

The district convention in April was such a great experience. I hadn't been to one in a while, and it was great being surrounded by faithful women, hearing, and participating in, great music. My favorite part is hearing how our mite offerings are working around the district and throughout the world.

Our zone sent a Young Woman Representative (YWR), and I have already been talking to her about her experience at the convention. She had a great time! Please be thinking about and encouraging young women in your congregation to apply to be a YWR at the national convention next summer. Applications will be available in the fall.

God's blessings on the rest of your summer!

HEART TO HEART — SISTERS OF ALL NATIONS

Sherri Rose | Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader

It was good to see so many people at the 2022 district convention! I welcome new committee member Judy Kolterman to the Heart to Heart Committee. We will discuss ideas and plans at the upcoming KAOL Interdepartmental meeting. Watch for Heart to Heart information in future newsletters and at fall and spring events. In the meantime, if you'd like more information about Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations, please visit the LWML website, lwml.org/heart-to-heart. You'll find information and videos about how the program started, and it's role in LWML.

This committee will certainly welcome additional members! If you are interested in serving on this district committee, please contact me at h2hsister@kansaslwml.org, or contact Sarah Kleopfer, VP of Special Focus Ministries, ministries@kansaslwml.org.

*Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3).*



CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | CWM Coordinator



A Warm Kansas LWML Welcome

to these church workers:

Rev. Timothy Koch
Zion, Linn, installed May 1, 2022

DCE Josh Keithley
Lord of Life, Leawood, installed February 6, 2022
as Mission and Family Outreach Coordinator

TIPS AND TRICKS

Eden Keefe | District Planner

LWML Style Guide Tips

If you are referring to our district name, capitalize and write it **LWML Kansas District**. It is not written Kansas District LWML.

So, which is the correct way to write our district president's title and name?

- 1) Kansas District LWML President Kim Burdett
- 2) LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett
- 3) Kansas District LWML President, Kim Burdett
- 4) LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett

If you chose #2, you are correct! When the title precedes the name, no commas are needed.

For extra bonus points, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is written with The capitalized and a hyphen or em dash, no spaces. The abbreviation is the LCMS (no hyphen or dash). Synodical district names are preceded by LCMS just like LWML district names. Example – LCMS Kansas District.

2023 LWML CONVENTION



You're invited to attend the 2023 LWML Convention!

Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).*

Goal Statement: As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

For information about the 2023 LWML Convention, visit the [Convention Central page](#) of the LWML website, lwml.org/2023-convention.



Need a ride?

RIDE THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT BUS TO THE 2023 LWML CONVENTION!

Watch the district website, kansaslwml.org, for upcoming information about a district bus headed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2023!

More information should be available at fall zone events.

If YOU are interested in serving as Bus Chairman, please contact President Kim at president@kansaslwml.org.

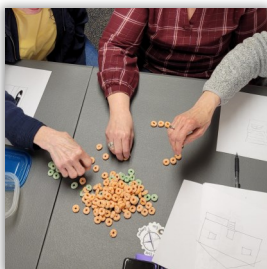
KANSAS ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS (KAOL)

Eden Keefe | District Planner

Equip – Build Up – Serve

LWML Kansas District will host the 2022 Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL)/Interdepartmental (ID) for the newly-formed district committees, zone presidents, and some appointed personnel on July 8–9 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

The theme of KAOL is Equip – Build Up – Serve and is based on Ephesians 4:12-13, 15-16. *To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, ... we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*



Our goal — participants will be equipped and built up to serve Christ through the LWML Kansas District. Our strategies — to provide information about the district website, leadership resources, interactive and productive committee planning, time for Bible study, singing and fellowship, a mite challenge, an ingathering, and a Prayer Walk!

Resources for KAOL, as well as all reports to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee will be posted online at kansaslwml.org/2022-kansas-assembly-of-leaders.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Eden Keefe | Gifts of Love Advocate

If you are interested in learning how charitable giving can share your faith, bless your family, and impact ministry, contact Carol von Soosten at carol.vonsoosten@lfnd.org or 800-741-4138.

LWML's Gift Planning Counselors are experienced professionals who can assist you with transferring your blessings to family, heirs, and ministry. When you ask for assistance you can expect –



- A prayerful approach to our work together;
- Convenient meeting time and place;
- No charge for Gift Planning Counselor services;
- Guidance and options to organize and implement your Christian estate/gift plan; and
- Complete confidentiality.

You will receive a variety of choices available to you in developing your plan, such as charitable trusts, gift annuities, donor advised funds, and endowments. You will also receive a general overview of other planning techniques like wills and living trusts, as well as help to guide you through sensitive end of life planning and decisions.



*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1*

DISTRICT HISTORIANS/ARCHIVISTS

Marie Roth, Amanda Engelman | Co-chairs

Historical Item of Note

In July 1948, Eisa Hass returned home to Topeka after an administrative meeting for the national LWML organization in Chicago. The following is an article that appeared in *The Topeka Journal*. Mrs. Hass's work, and the current projects of the national organization, were commended by the Mayor of Topeka, Frank J. Warren, by personal letter (next to the article).

"Mrs. Hass Returns from National Meeting

"Mrs. C.A. Hass, 1138 Wayne, returned last week from Chicago, where she attended an administrative board meeting of the General Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

"Now in her sixth year as financial secretary of the national organization, Mrs. Hass is approaching the close of her third term. Mrs. Sadie Fulk Roehrs of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is president of the General League.

"The national women's organization has two current projects, and much of the money used in the promoting of these immense programs is cleared thru the financial secretary. The group is sponsoring the support of orphanages in Europe, including 19 institutions and 550 children. Sixteen of these orphanages are in Germany, and in addition to their support, the Lutheran women strive to find homes for the misplaced youngsters. Food packages are sent out regularly, and more than a million dollars worth of clothing was sent to them last year. "The Lutheran women of the Kansas District have the responsibility of supporting about 40 of the European orphans, Mrs. Hass stated this week.

"The national organization of which the Topeka woman is financial secretary, at the present time is also building a mission at Monterey, Mexico. This is the personal project of the Lutheran women, and it will be under their direct supervision when it is completed.

"Mrs. Hass is prominent in the work of St. John's Lutheran Church in Topeka, and was the first president of the League in the Kansas District, resigning that position when her duties in the national organization increased."



July 13, 1948

Mrs. C. A. Hass
1138 Wayne
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hass:

We want to congratulate you on the splendid community work you are doing and on the many opportunities you are enjoying in meeting ladies and representatives from a wide and varied field of community and church interests. Real and genuine growth come from such contacts and we know you are one of the very few people in our country so favored.

Again, congratulating you and with the very best of personal good wishes, we are,

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Warren
Ray D. Hodgell, Secretary

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THANK YOU FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS

MISSION GRANT RECIPIENT THANK YOU

Orphan Grain Train

We are so GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, and BLESSED! We appreciate the delegates voting for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). I just called the couple that takes care of the boxing, etc., here in Phillipsburg and read them your letter. They were quite excited and appreciative that OGT was selected. The funding for shipping cost is SO NEEDED.

Our First Lutheran Guild — LWML thanks the [Gospel Outreach] committee for doing such a NICE JOB with the information and video that was presented to LWML Kansas District. We appreciate Orphan Grain Train being chosen as a mission grant recipient.

God's Blessings,
Michela "Mick" Hiesterman
On Behalf of First Lutheran Guild — LWML
Phillipsburg, Kansas

SWADDLING CLOTHES

Julie Hatesohl presented the God's Gracious Gift Fund check in the amount of \$500 to recipient, Swaddling Clothes, in Greenleaf, Kansas. Swaddling Clothes serves five Kansas counties providing clothes, diapers, cribs, and baby formula to those in need. They accept gently used items.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL, ALMA, KANSAS

God's Gracious Gift Fund check presented to St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas, in the amount of \$5,000.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MANHATTAN, KANSAS

St. Luke's received two checks from God's Gracious Gift Fund:

\$5,000 to provide equipment for the hearing impaired; and

St. Luke's Early Learning Center received \$3,000 for teacher training.



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, March 27, the ladies of **Grace LWML, Lyons**, welcomed the ladies of **St. John, Ellinwood**, to a Spring Tea Party. The event was to thank the St. John ladies for their past support. We enjoyed sharing a devotion titled *T — Teach, E — Encourage, A — Adore*, and refreshments of flavored teas and homemade cookies. Each attendee received their choice of one of the table decorations, a paper teapot with flowers. We look forward to more fun events together!



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Holy Cross, Wichita, Sarah Circle, held a Spring Tea and Hat Show on April 4, 2022.

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St. Luke's LWML, Manhattan, made kits to distribute to those diagnosed with cancer. Gift bags included a blanket, prayer shawl, chap stick, devotions, tea bags, and various other items of comfort.



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The 5th and 6th graders at **Trinity Lutheran, in Winfield**, have been helping Busy Bee Mission Quilters. As a final project, each student created a baby quilt for Orphan Grain Train. The students have given from their hearts, their time, and talents to create a gift of love and comfort.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

Immanuel Ladies of the LWML, Netawaka, Kansas, with the theme of “Strengthening the Family,” held a Wedding Tea Event for ladies of the congregation and guests. They were invited to bring their wedding dresses, mementos, and photos to share. Wedding dresses of mothers from earlier years (1928 and 1949) were displayed; one from 1952, and one as recent as May 2021.



Sharing stories of each wedding day brought smiles and tears. Wedding shower contests were played; wedding song solos shared; a devotion on family togetherness, and a door offering for Lutheran Family Services completed the afternoon. A reception table included wedding cake, punch, and mints, and each guest was presented a memento of the day. It was wonderful to see guests reminiscing happy days — a time of fellowship and rejoicing.

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The **Manhattan Zone** held their Spring Event on March 26, 2022, in McFarland. Guest Speaker was Rev. Craig Muehler, Director of LCMS Ministry of the Armed Services. Our mite offering challenge, raising over \$700, was for various armed service organizations. Ingathering was for the Fort Riley USO, who provides items to soldiers returning to Fort Riley. The Caring Services Committee provided a skit from the LWML website: *Designs by Sophia — The Proverbs 31 Woman*. The Fall Event is scheduled for September 24 in Wamego.

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The **Topeka Zone** was blessed to have 21 delegates, two YWRs, and many other LWML’ers attend the LWML Kansas District convention. What a wonderful time for worship, service, and fellowship!

The Topeka Zone Spring Event was held at St. Johns, Aliceville, in March. Forty-three attendees heard a presentation by Sharon Daugherty about her ministry in Alaska and God’s providence.

Topeka has been one of the three Lutheran World Relief Kansas District pickup sites for many years. After discussion at the Spring Event and a wonderful presentation from Jeff Crane (Orphan Grain Train) at Christ Lutheran, Topeka, in April, the Topeka Zone is excited to report that we plan to continue to have a pick up at Christ Lutheran the first part of October — for Orphan Grain Train! Details to come.

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The **Herington Zone** Spring Mission Event was held at Our Redeemer, Herington, on March 26, 2022, with 25 attendees. Susan and Ronald Rathberger gave a presentation about the Braille Mission, Center #71, located at Holy Cross, Wichita. Susan showed a video depicting the history of the braille organization, along with a display of materials that are produced at the center. The servant event allowed the attendees to use the press machine, punch and binder machines, and to use the zinc plates. The ingathering at this Mission Event included 364 pairs of children/teen new socks and 49 pairs of eyeglasses for MOST ministries, which were delivered to the LWML Kansas District Convention. Mary Dohl presented to Heather Williams, Business Manager, LCMS Kansas District, a mission grant check for a new chair lift for the Kansas District Retreat Center, located at Herington Lake. A Mite Box Challenge using coins to answer questions was played by attendees. Coins were added based on a YES or NO response to questions such as, "have you ever been to a sunrise service?"; "have you ever had matching dresses?"; "have you ever had an indoor egg hunt?"; or "have you been able to take a nap?"



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Sandra Childs

Hutchinson Zone Spring Event

Hutchinson Zone held their Spring Event on April 2 at Our Redeemer, Hutchinson, with 66 in attendance. Opening devotions were led by Pastor Quentin Nuttmann. Our mission speaker for the morning was Sandra Childs from Ascension, Wichita. She spoke on the LWML Mission Grant #12, Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania. Ingathering items of paper towels, liquid hand soap, Ritz crackers, disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, diapers, and Kleenex were collected for Our Redeemer Early Learning Center. Carolyn Fishburn, LWML Kansas District Treasurer, was the district representative for the day. A delicious baked potato bar was served for lunch by the ladies of Our Redeemer. After lunch, the business meeting was held, and new officers elected were Becky Modellmog, VP of Gospel Outreach, and Barb Geuy, Secretary. Following the election, Pastor Henry Blickhahan installed the new officers. Mite offerings were collected, and there were drawings for beautiful Easter decorations made by Marsha Gigg.

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The **LWML Northeast Zone** held their Spring Rally on April 9, 2022, at the Fairview Community Building. Ladies from St. Paul, Fairview, were the hostesses. Twenty-nine women and two pastors attended the rally. We collected 41 packages of socks and 21 packages of underwear for Orphan Grain Train. Pastor Ian Kinney was our speaker, giving an interesting historical presentation of Lutheran Mission through the ages. Jill Lowe, LWML Kansas District VP of Special Focus Ministries presented the president's newsletter. We have eight women with plans to attend the district convention. It was a good day to praise God with music, fellowship, LWML mite offerings, and gifts of love.



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Southeast Zone Spring Event was held Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Zion, Pittsburg. We opened with singing led by Pastor Jennings and son, Joseph, followed by Pastor Cook's devotion. Elaine Engleman presented a Mite Challenge. We held our business meeting with special guest, LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett, speaking about the upcoming district convention in Overland Park, and encouraging us to attend. Elections were held, with Sharon Daugherty elected as Vice President, and Lynn Lytle elected as Secretary. After a snack break, Sharon Daugherty presented "Ministry in Juneau, Alaska." *The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng* (Psalms 68:11 NIV). The event concluded with the dedication of ingathering items — stuffed animals and books for newborn to age 18, given to Dream Big Little One Association, and closing devotions by Pastor Jennings. A sack lunch was provided upon leaving.

All of us in the Southeast Zone are basking in the glow of the district convention. It was such a blessing to co-host the convention with Kansas City CrossRoads Zone. The various groups in the Southeast Zone that served on convention committees reported that it was a joyful experience. We have heard only positive feedback from those who attended the convention. We will continue to use His Cross as our compass.



Pastor Jennings
and Joseph



Mission Speaker
Sharon Daugherty



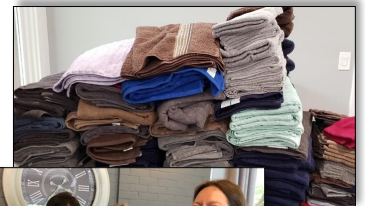
Pastor Cook



What's YOUR 80? LWML is celebrating 80 years of thanksgiving. If you would like to share something special that you, your LWML group, or zone has done, or plans to do, to celebrate, 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.



After a short meeting, including elections and officer installations, the ladies who attended the **Holy Cross, Wichita**, Spring Tea worked to assemble Hygiene Kits for shipment to Eastern Europe through Orphan Grain Train. We issued ourselves a challenge to gather enough items for 80 kits. Thrivent® Choice Dollars were used to purchase items for approximately 30 kits. With that, we surpassed our goal, assembling a total of **105 kits!** We even had some extra items which were contributed to the Operation Christmas Child project for use in shoeboxes this fall, and extra bath towels for the local Orphan Grain Train, Wichita, warehouse for use in assembling future kits.



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As part of the 80 items for 80 years campaign, **Lydia Circle, of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe**, made **80** little jars filled with "hugs & kisses" for Mother's Day.



DATES TO REMEMBER

2022

- July 1 Deadline for 2023 banner design and 2024 logo design
(email to president@kansaslwml.org)
- July 7-8 EC Meeting, Manhattan
- July 8 BOD Meeting, Manhattan
- July 8-9 KAOL/Interdepartmental (ID), Manhattan

2023

- June 22-25 LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Pray for LWML Mission Grants!

Visit lwml.org/mission-grants for information about all the LWML mission grants. See the "Featured Mission Grant of the Month" listed on the webpage, and share with your congregation!



UPCOMING LWML GROUP EVENTS

If your LWML group is planning an event and you'd like to inform all LWML Kansas District groups, email Sherri at sonshine@kansaslwml.org with the information. *The Kansas Sonshine* is printed in January, April, July, and October. Articles and information are due by the 5th of the month prior to publishing.

Be sure to pay close attention to publishing dates and article due dates.



Are you interested in praying for others in the LWML Kansas District? 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 and zones should be emailed to Brenda Piester at directory@kansaslwml.org.



LWML **Quarterly** and LWML Kansas District **website maintenance fees** were due March 15, 2022. If your LWML group hasn't yet submitted the fees, or if you have a question about your fees, please contact Marij at distribution@kansaslwml.org.



Have you seen the **Summer Resources page** on the LWML website? Visit lwml.org/summer. Some of the resources featured are: devotions, Bible studies, LWML Mailbox Member Program (learn how to get started), and mission service activities. Check it out today!



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.