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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).

Welcome to the new biennium!

As I begin the second half of my term as your President, I want to think that we are all a part of a well-oiled, finely tuned ministry program. I'm excited that so many of you stepped forward and volunteered for positions and that I have witnessed the joy you feel in serving. But just when I think I am "following the SON" so strongly, it's then that I hear a squeaky wheel. Is my "S" out of alignment? Or is my "O" wobbling? Or maybe the "N" isn't feeling so new after all? I guess I'd better pull over and re-evaluate.

I'm sure many of you feel the need to re-evaluate, especially when you question your decision to volunteer for a position. And here's the glorious news: God will not let us walk in darkness, but we will have the light of life. (See John 8:12). And I'm confident that LWML will help us become better Christian leaders in all that we do.

LWML Kansas District's Mission Statement says, in part, that we will **nurture**, **motivate**, and **prepare** women to serve the Lord with gladness. This past summer, at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders, the district officers, appointed personnel, and committees, along with zone presidents, did just that as we explored ways to follow and practice our mission statement as well as the 2022–2024 Primary Focus Areas. Do you know what those areas are? Proclaiming Christ, Supporting Missions, Equipping Women, and Serving Others (kansaslwml.org).

Follow the SON! Even if you have a squeaky wheel.



Kim Burdett
District President



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Werner | Pastoral Counselor

What Does Proverbs Teach Me About Life?

At first glance the Proverbs from the Bible may seem to be just another stuffy old book from three thousand years ago telling me what to do. Or, as is popular nowadays, one could take the view of, "If I just do the things in this book — be a good person — I will be blessed with friends and power and money and prestige."

Solomon, however, gives us a different take.

Right away, the author lays out the common theme for us: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom* (Proverbs 9:10a). And what is this wisdom? Wisdom in Proverbs is not limited to just knowing what to do in certain situations based on experience or education. Wisdom is contemplating the understanding of how to live according to how God would want you to live. More on this later.

But it's even bigger than that! In chapter 8, wisdom is personified. It is of God (and is God) in verses 22–31. And it's given freely to all who would receive it.

This Wisdom is Jesus Christ! This is why we *preach Christ crucified ... to those whom God has called ... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God* (I Corinthians 1:23-24). ... *you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption* (I Corinthians 1:30). Jesus Christ, through His life, death, and resurrection, has made us right with God once again.

What Should I Do About It?

Because we have received this gift of grace from God, we may now aim to live a life pleasing to Him. This goes back to the statement made earlier. Well, what does God actually want from me? Here comes wisdom, back again: wisdom is contemplating the understanding of how to live according to how God would want you to live. Now that we have this salvation through Christ crucified, risen, and ascended, we are now free to serve our neighbor, especially including sharing this Good News as the opportunity arises.

Finally (as is nearly obligatory in this situation), I'll end with a quote from the great reformer Martin Luther, "[Proverbs] may properly be called a book of good works, for in it [Solomon] teaches how to lead a good life before God and the world." Lord, grant this to us all.

Christ's Peace,
Rev. John Werner



CHRISTIAN LIFE

Sharon Daugherty | Christian Life Committee Chairman

Joy! Joy! Joy! What wonderful thoughts come to mind when you just sing your heart out, lift that voice up, and sing *Rejoice in the Lord always (again I say, rejoice)*. How can you not be uplifted when you join in with *I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)*?

Did you know that the King James Bible cites the word "joy" 155 times?

And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick (1 Samuel 18:6 KJV).

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one (Psalm 28:7–8 NIV).

Look at David's personal testimony of authentic joy that he's discovered as a result of his time with God. By spending time with God in prayer and daily Bible lessons, we can enter into God's wonderful joy-filled presence and allow His truths about joy to fill our hearts.

The Christian Life Committee would like to invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for the Christian Life Retreat, November 10–11, 2023. Yes, this is over a year away; but, if you mark your calendar now, then you are more likely to be able to join us for this uplifting event! We are pleased to announce that Sharla Fritz will be our guest speaker. She will lift us up in **joy!** Sharla has been described as an amazing, eye-opening speaker and author. She helps women who feel they are pulled in a hundred different directions find soul-rest by helping them connect to Christ — the Healer of souls. Sharla's books have given thousands of women the tools to dig into Scripture and experience a transformation of their attitudes and heart. With light-hearted stories and thought-provoking applications she makes Bible study fun and uplifting.

We hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to spend time lifting up your soul. Watch the upcoming issues of the *Sonshine* and the website for more information! It is sure to be a **joyous** time.

Christian Life Retreat 2023

November 10–11, 2023

LOCATION: To Be Announced

Guest Speaker: Sharla Fritz

Mark your calendar, and invite a friend!

More info to come!



Don't forget to send photos and/or an article to show what your LWML group or zone has done or plans to do to celebrate 80 years of LWML. If you'd like your information to be included in the LWML *Quarterly* please submit your article and information to newseditor@lwml.org.

CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

The Caring Service Committee had a good meeting at KAOL. I am excited to have Cindy, Beth, and Jolene, under the leadership of chairman Linda Stanton, serving the Lord on this committee. Check the website ([here](#)) to meet the committee.

Autumn is soon upon us and I will be ready for cooler weather. We are still praying for rain and are reminded every day that many have so many cares and needs. Following are some ideas for your group for the next few months.

September: Prepare food treats for teachers. Include a homemade, crafted card with a prayer, Scripture and/or blessing. Consider inviting someone from outside your LWML group to lead the cardmaking activity. This would introduce that person to your LWML group, as well as providing a meaningful activity.

October: Do a web search for the Pumpkin Prayer and prepare little treats with the prayer attached. Give these to young families in your church or neighborhood.

November: Prepare thank you notes at your group gathering for all your church staff, Sunday School teachers, or church leaders.

December: Care home residents get more attention for Christmas than any other month, but maybe we could also remember the caregivers with cards or treats.



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the ingathering at KAOL. The recipients appreciated your generosity. *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised* (Psalm 145:3a).

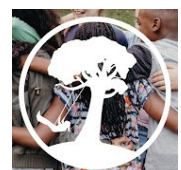
Flint Hills Bread Basket		USO at Fort Riley	
Rolls of Toilet Paper	107	Boxes of Snack Bars	74
Rolls of Paper Towels	6	Beef Jerky/Slim Jims	14
Detergent	10	Beverage Packages	6
Toothpaste	43	Mac/Noodles/Oatmeal	105
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THANK YOU from Joy Meadows
Gifts from the Heart recipient
LWML Kansas District Convention 2022

Dear Kansas Lutheran Women's Missionary League,

Thank you for giving to Joy Meadows. Your gift helps foster children in Kansas find joy in the journey to healing and home! We are grateful.

The Joy Meadows Team



ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Christy McCombs | VP of Organizational Resources

The Organizational Resources Committee spends most of its time reviewing the bylaws of the zones in the Kansas District. Did you know that we review local group bylaws as well? We do! When was the last time your group reviewed and updated its bylaws? Maybe its time to pull your bylaws out of that old file cabinet or hard drive, dust them off, and give them a breath of fresh air. The bylaws process is chronological: LWML makes changes to the national bylaws; the district must update to conform to (national) LWML; zones then update; and finally, groups update. The purpose of taking the time to review bylaws on a regular basis is to ensure that all zone and group bylaws align with the national LWML bylaws.

The Organizational Resources Committee is always on hand to assist! Samples of both zone and group bylaws can be found on the Organizational Resources page of the LWML Kansas District website ([here](#)). The committee is also encouraging zones and groups to utilize the [LWML Style Guide](#) when making updates. This resource can be found at [lwml.org](#). If you have trouble locating it, someone on the committee can always email you a copy. Feel free to reach out to me or to Carol Olson, Chair of the Organizational Resources Committee, if your zone or group has any questions regarding bylaws. We are always happy to help.

Christy McCombs, VP of Organizational Resources, resources@kansaslwml.org

Carol Olson, Chair of Organizational Resources Committee, crazycarololson@gmail.com

ARCHIVISTS/HISTORIANS

Amanda Engelman and Marie Roth | Co-Chairmen

Did you know that the publication we affectionately call *The Kansas Sonshine* began in 1944 and was originally known as *The Kansas District News Letter*? One year after the formation of the LWML Kansas District, the first issue was published in July 1944. President Mrs. C.A. Hass wrote and published it from her office. The first issue was two pages long and contained announcements, news items, and the financial report. In 1945, Mrs. F.A. Eggert became the editor, relieving the president of her editorial responsibilities. The newsletter was mimeographed until January 1946, when it began to be printed. Original circulation for *The Kansas District News Letter* was 2,600 in 1944. Twenty-five years later, in 1968, newsletter circulation had reached 7,300. Circulation was 7,000 in 1992. *The Kansas District Newsletter* was renamed *The Kansas Sonshine* in the late 1990's. Online circulation began in the early 2000's and frees up more mite offerings for mission work.



Have you visited the LWML Store lately?

You may want to look to the store for gifts to share with the ladies of your congregation on LWML Sunday. There are gifts for every budget. Visit cph.org/lwml.



CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | CWIM Coordinator

A Warm Kansas Welcome

to pastors and church workers new to our district!



Pastors:

Rev. Jon Franson, St. Paul, Coffeyville
Rev. Troy Slater, Immanuel, Canton
Rev. Matthew Schultz, Ascension, Pratt
Rev. Matthew Goehring, Immanuel, Norton

Lutheran School teachers:

Kim Burke, Linn Lutheran School, Linn
Abigail Meyer, Good Shepherd, Marysville
Kayla Ernstmeyer, Hope, Shawnee
Kristi Schkade, Hope, Shawnee
Sarah Warneke, Trinity, Winfield
Jan Maxon, Holy Cross, Wichita

LWML Kansas District sends a welcome packet to pastors and church workers new to our district. Please take time to give a personal welcome to those new to your congregation. A recent LWML eNews article gave this information:

Conversations with our church workers, whether they have been serving or are new to your community, will be welcomed and will open opportunities for friendship, care, and support.

For more ideas on showing appreciation for called church workers, go to lwml.org/church-workers-in-mission to view information designed to assist you in supporting, acknowledging, and nurturing called workers. A new resource now available on the webpage is [Ideas for LWML Districts to Support, Encourage, and Care for Church Workers](#). You will also find the Church Workers in Mission brochure on the webpage to share with your church workers as they become acquainted with LWML and resources immediately available to them.

[eNews 384: LWML Supports Called Church Workers](#)

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The Lutheran Women in Mission of the
North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and
South Wisconsin Districts

Invite you to the
LWML 40th Biennial Convention
in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 22-25, 2023

**Don't want to plan your own LWML convention trip?
Let us do that for you — ride the LWML Kansas District BUS!**

A BIG thank you to Judy Ruckman for volunteering to be our 2023 Travel Chairman! Contact Judy at buschair@kansaslwml.org to let her know you are interested in riding the bus.

Travel dates are June 20 through June 26.



GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

LWML Kansas District Mission Grants Bookmarks are now available!

The LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach Committee is proud to introduce new printable bookmarks with the list of mission grants for the 2022–2024 biennium. These bookmarks can be printed single or double-sided; color or black and white; depending on your printer settings. There are three bookmarks to an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Cardstock is recommended. As each mission grant is completed, you can pray for that organization as you highlight it on your bookmark. These will make great handouts at your zone fall events, LWML Sunday, or for your local group members. Find the bookmarks on the Gospel Outreach page on the LWML Kansas District website, kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.

SMART Goals Make Things Happen!

During the 2022 Kansas Assembly of Leaders, participants were given the opportunity to look forward at what they wanted to accomplish in their various committees or roles within the Kansas District. Each individual was equipped with the instructions to develop SMART objectives. These instructions can be found on the LWML Kansas District website, kansaslwml.org/2022-kansas-assembly-of-leaders.

What are SMART objectives? SMART is an acronym for: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-based. Setting SMART objectives helps an organization, committee, or group set a direction, brainstorm new ideas, and celebrate when they achieve that objective or goal.

Here's an example:

During this calendar year, our LWML group will collect \$2,022 in mite offerings to support the LWML Kansas District mission grants for this biennium.

SPECIFIC: Mite offering collection;

MEASURABLE: Collect \$2,022;

ACHIEVABLE: Consensus in the SMART objective will ensure the commitment and achievability;

RELEVANT: Supports the Kansas District mission grants for this biennium; and

TIME-BASED: Calendar year.

Setting two or three SMART objectives each year equips your committee or group to do amazing things to the glory of God.

Pray for LWML Mission Grants

Another resource for your LWML Sunday — share the featured mission grant of the month with your congregation. Visit lwml.org/mission-grants for a poster of the mission grant, and a story and prayer guide. There are four prayers for each mission grant — one per week!

LWML Kansas District Mission Grants Poster

The LWML Kansas District poster lists all mission grants selected at the 2022 convention. Print yours and keep up to date on mission grants as they are paid.

A poster is also available for each mission grant at kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Sandra Childs | Gospel Outreach Committee Member

Fall Semester 2022 financial aid has been sent to six different colleges for the following 18 students:

Trevor Flanick, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne
William Lane, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Caleb Wehling, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Jonah Schultz, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Nathan Harkins, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Matthew Goltl, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Josiah Schultz, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Jaron Melin, Pastor — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Hannah Elsey, Internship DCE — Concordia University Irvine
Madison Chiappetta, Internship DCE — Concordia University Wisconsin
Peggy Gott, Internship Deaconess — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Nola Gray, Internship Deaconess — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Ashley Wangerin, Deaconess — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Grace Miller, Teacher — Concordia Seward
Rachel Ada, Teacher — Concordia Seward
Kayla Johnson, Teacher — Concordia Seward
Jesse Schultz, Teacher — Concordia Chicago
Naomi Postier, Deaf Ministry — Concordia Seward

The students are very thankful for the help from the LWML Kansas District. I have received notes from them expressing their appreciation for these funds. Please keep these students in your prayers. Also, continue to pray for more church workers and let young people in your congregations know that if they want to go into church work, LWML Kansas District has scholarships available. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you
(Psalm 32:8).*

Gifts of Love

Eden Keefe | District Gift Planning Advocate

Life in this world God created is full and rich, with multiple blessings and opportunities. That is terrific, but it also means that we never seem to complete everything we set out to do. Sharing our faith with family, others at church, or in our communities should never end up on the regret list.

Myrna and Sid decided to not live in this regret. For a couple of months, they began thinking about their favorite Bible verses, the best moments of faith shared with family and friends, and the hope to which they were focused as they prepared to finish their earthly lives. Then they each spent a week writing some thoughts down. They shared them with each other. They laughed. They wept. They hugged, thanking God for the richness of life. They then shared these statements of faith with their pastor, asking him to share them at their funerals someday. They printed off a copy for each child and grandchild and placed it in a card with a handwritten note to each one, with notes that they should be distributed when the Lord called them home. It took some time, but they really enjoyed this deliberate process. They knew that their lives were now intentional testimonies of faith in Jesus. It all felt really good.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin **your** process. Contact Carol von Soosten at Carol.vonSoosten@lwnd.org Phone: 800-741-4138 or check out the resources online at lwmlgiftplan.org.



PLANNING TIPS

Eden Keefe | District Planner

Evaluations are often an overlooked step in our planning for meetings, activities, and events. However, they can really benefit both the planning stage, and planning for the **next** one!

I found two suggestions regarding evaluation in the LWML resource, [*"Meetings with Meaning."*](#)

"Planning — What do you want to accomplish in Jesus' name? Evaluate your agenda, asking if each item has meaning."

After the meeting, activity, event: "Evaluate — Were all participants enriched? Was this gathering worth everyone's time and energy?"

This is an example of a self-evaluation by the leader(s). You can also survey the participants by preparing a print copy to be filled out before they leave, or in a follow up email. Evaluations do not need to be long and complicated. Here are a couple of tips:

- avoid Yes/No answers; and
- keep it simple and relevant.

The first tip will give you answers with more substance. The second should elicit more responses.

The evaluation crafted by Vice President of Communication Kris Osler for the 2022 Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL)/Interdepartmental is a good example of both tips. Here are the three survey points.

- Describe one positive idea or suggestion from KAOL that you will use in your position or share with another.
- If there was something you hoped to learn and didn't at KAOL, please describe it.
- Please give any suggestions for something you'd like to see (or see more of) at future KAOL events.

Try incorporating evaluation in your planning and post-event wrap-up, and see how it benefits your programs!

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Sarah Kleopfer | VP of Special Focus Ministries

Young women of the LCMS are encouraged to apply to be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Being a YWR is a great way to learn more about LWML and to be involved. I was a YWR many years ago and it was one of the best experiences I've ever had! You will meet great people, make some life-long friends, and grow your faith. If you think this might be for you, mail your completed YWR application (page 10 of this newsletter) to Pam Popp, Special Focus Ministries (SFM) Chairman, 745 N Spruce St., Gardner, KS 66030, or send by email to ywrapplication@kansaslwml.org.

I encourage all LWML members to reach out to young women in your congregation and encourage them to apply. You can also be a reference for them!

Young Women
IN MISSION

Young Woman Representative Application

National Convention

Date: _____

Convention Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed. Return your application to Pam Popp, Special Focus Ministries Chair. **Deadline is December 10, 2022.**

- 1) The LWML motto is *Serve the LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Please ask someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, to answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good LWML Young Woman Representative?”

Ask this person to answer on a separate sheet of paper and include their name and relationship to you. Attach their sheet to your application form.

Return your application to Pam Popp, Special Focus Ministries Chair:

Pam Popp

745 N Spruce St.

Gardner, KS 66030

ywrapplication@kansaslwml.org

Deadline is December 10, 2022.



COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler | VP of Communication

Crisp Autumn air. Colorful trees. Football games. Sweatshirts. And pumpkin everything! These are the things we think of in October. Hopefully, you also think of LWML Sunday!

Your group may already have celebrated LWML Sunday by the time you read this, or you may still be planning it for a Sunday in the weeks ahead. Whether your group's celebration has taken place or is in the future, take a look at what is available on the LWML Kansas District website. You'll find all kinds of resources and inspiration for sharing the mission of the LWML with your congregation, with prospective members, and even with current members. You might be surprised to find some of your members don't have the full picture of the LWML and the scope of our work.

On the *Gospel Outreach* page, kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach, you'll find:

1. A newly published bookmark containing all of the 2022–2024 Mission Grants to print and distribute;
2. A Mission Grant poster to post;
3. A Mission Grant video to show during church service and/or at group events; and
4. Thank you notes from God's Gracious Gift Fund and Mission Grant recipients to share with all.

On the *Organizational Resources* page, kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources, under the General section, you'll find an **updated Kansas District Brochure** to print and distribute.

A big thank you to our newest Communication Committee member, Website Administrator Elise Kammeyer, for posting these resources and keeping our webpage and email blasts going!

The work of the LWML is too important to limit to one Sunday a year! Please take advantage of the resources available to spread the word about your group. Pair these resources with a personal invitation and a smile to inform and encourage all the women of your congregation to get involved in LWML!

*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).*



FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Kathryn Richard | Financial Secretary

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN THRIVENT CHOICE® PROGRAM

Are you a Thrivent® member? If so, we invite you to consider directing your Choice Dollars® to the LWML Kansas District. Grant funding received through Thrivent Choice® will be directed to the LWML Kansas District to benefit the God's Gracious Gift Fund.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. LWML Kansas District is listed in the program's searchable online catalog.

If you are an eligible Thrivent member, please consider the LWML Kansas District when directing Choice Dollars. This is a wonderful way to contribute to the God's Gracious Gift Fund (GGGF) and support the GGGF grants.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call Thrivent at 800–847–4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee FAQ's **payment due by March 15, 2023**

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

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

Why make the *LWQ* payment at this time?

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

Why make a Web Maintenance Fee payment?

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

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

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

Where is the payment sent?

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee (2023) payments should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager. The Distribution Manager keeps track of how many *LWQ* subscriptions each LWML group has requested and of the *LWQ* and web maintenance fee payments made by each group.

The current LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager is:

Marj Aufdemberge, 2232 E. Elk Dr., Lincoln, KS, 67455, distribution@kansaslwml.org.

All other payments such as mite offerings, Day of Prayer offerings, or donations should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary.

Thank you for making your 2023 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and web maintenance fee payment on time. Remember – nonpayment by your LWML local group reduces our mite donations for missions.

***Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2023)**

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by March 15, 2023.

LWML GROUP INFORMATION:

Group Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Group Treasurer's name _____

Treasurer's phone _____ Treasurer's email _____

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Number of *Quarterly* subscriptions requested # _____

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

SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

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

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE = \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

Southeast Zone Fall Event will be held Saturday, October 29, at Zion, Chanute, from 9 a.m. to noon. Our Zone Counselor, Pastor Matt Jennings, will lead a Bible study on the fruit of the Spirit. An ingathering will be given to the Food Pantry in Chanute. We are excitedly making plans for a large group from Southeast Zone to attend the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee.



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“His Grace Falls on Us” will be the theme for the **Topeka Zone** Fall Event to be held at Messiah, Emporia, on Saturday, October 15.

On Friday, October 14, **Christ Lutheran Church, Topeka**, will host an Orphan Grain Train pick up. Please pack quilts in plastic sacks that do not exceed the weight of allowing one person to carry. If you have a significant amount of items (i.e. 100+ quilts), please consider taking them to Wichita. Contact LaJean Rinker or Allison Lehmann with any questions.

Orphan Grain Train

will be in Topeka for a pick up at Christ Lutheran

Friday October 14 from 9 a.m. to noon

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) takes new and gently used clothing (underwear has to be new) as well as quilts and all the kits. See their website (www.ogt.org/special-projects/) for what is included in the many kits they request.

Take a look at their wish list for ideas — www.ogt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/OGT-Wish-List-2022.pdf

A couple things to keep in mind:

- Clothing and quilts need to be packed in large bags that are not too heavy to lift (if you can't lift it, someone else may struggle, too!)
- Quilts of ALL sizes are encouraged, including those made from LWR specifications, fleece quilts, etc
- Monetary donations are also accepted to help with the cost of shipping
- If your group has a large number of quilts (some groups have had over 200 in the past), it would be best to arrange another way to get those to either Wichita or Herington
- OGT will have a truck and the OGT trailer to pick up items. If you are needing a truck and trailer to bring your items to Christ, please consider taking them directly to Wichita.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Allison Lehmann, lehmann726@msn.com or LaJean Rinker, lajeane.rinker@sbcglobal.net.



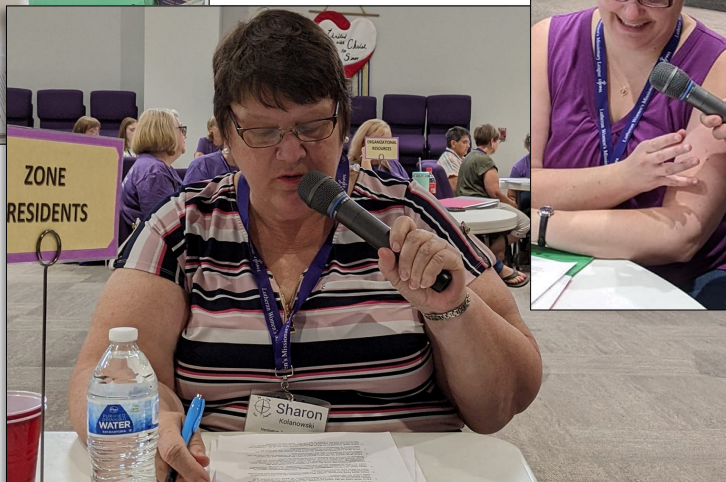
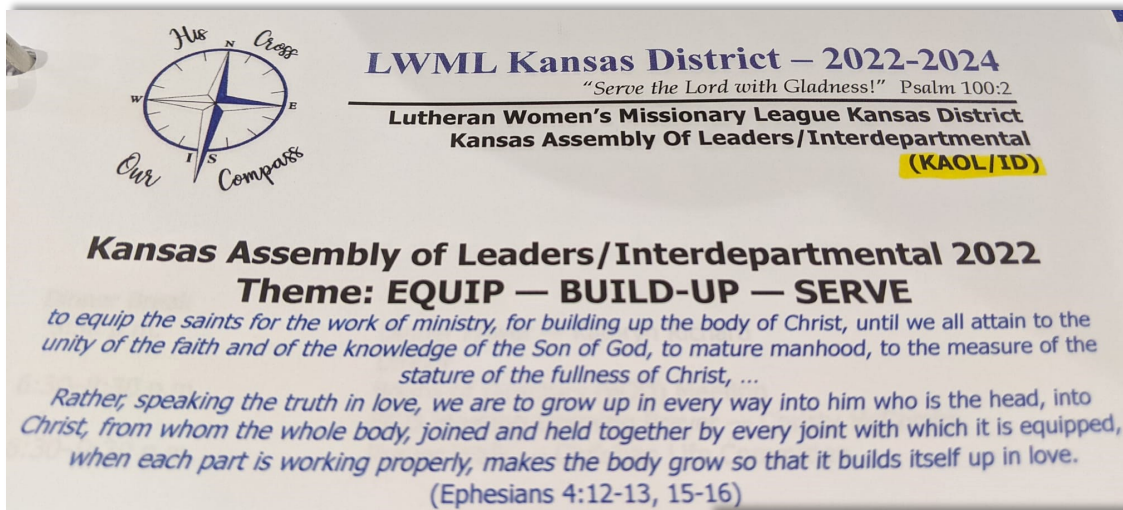
First Lutheran, Paola, just completed their “80” celebration and collected well over 80 pairs of underwear for the homeless.

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves ... I am among you as one who serves (Luke 22:27 NIV).

KANSAS ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING

LWML Kansas District officers, committee members, appointed personnel, and zone presidents met in June to plan for the new biennium, review our mission statement and primary focus goals, and grow together in seeking the Lord's will for each department. YOU can view the documents that your leaders worked from on the LWML Kansas District website, kansaslwml.org/2022-kansas-assembly-of-leaders. They are on the website for use by LWML local groups and zones. Below are a few pictures from the Interdepartmental meeting.

Thank you to St. Luke's, Manhattan, for serving as host church for this event.



DATES TO REMEMBER

2022

October 19-22 — LWML Assembly Of Leaders (AOL), St. Louis
November 4-5 — EC Meeting, Herington
December 1 — Zone Delegates names due to President Kim
December 10 — Young Woman Representative application
due to Special Focus Ministries Chairman

2023

January — President Kim attends LWML Presidents' Assembly
February (TBA) — EC Meeting
February 1 — Nominating Committee member names due to President Kim
March 15 — *Quarterly* and Web Maintenance Fee due
June 22-25 — LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Summer (TBA) — KAOL
November 10-11 — District Christian Life Retreat

Convention Central

Visit the Convention Central page on the LWML website, lwml.org/2023-convention, for all the current info on the upcoming 2023 LWML Convention. Order your convention shirt, find a promotional sketch to present to your zone or local group, and find a flyer to promote the convention in your congregation.

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Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fees are due **March 15, 2023**. The form is found on [page 14](#) of this publication.

District Prayer Mail

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.

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

UPCOMING LWML GROUP EVENTS

Don't forget to contact Sherri at sonshine@kansaslwml.org if your LWML group is planning an event and would like to inform all LWML Kansas District groups.

Drumroll, please ...

Here's your sneak peek at the logo for the

2024 LWML Kansas District Convention,

April 12-14, 2024, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport.

Theme is based on Hebrews 6:19-20a.



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.