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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).



Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

The 2023 LWML Convention will soon be here!

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

The Objectives: Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament;
- Honor God by serving our neighbors; and
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

Celebrate our Lord through worship. What a joy to see, and hear, so many pastors in one setting!

Celebrate and honor God with opportunities to participate in many servant events. Packing food; assembling school backpacks; making fleece blankets, cards of hope, witness bracelets, and puppets; and assembling braille books. These are just a few ways to serve our neighbors.

Celebrate and proclaim His message during the LWML Mission Pledge Walk in the downtown Milwaukee Riverwalk while wearing bright, teal-colored t-shirts.

Celebrate in Bible study with Kaye Wolff; in humor with Jan Struck and Abby Goehring; and in singing praises with Dr. Dina Vendetti.

Celebrate with the many, many Mission Impact speakers. LWML has helped spread the Gospel over the past 80 years as we support missions all over the world. Hearing our speakers proclaim how wonderfully blessed they are from our support makes it even easier to *Serve the Lord with gladness*.

I hope to see you in Milwaukee, June 22-25, as we *Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!*

Kim Burdett
District President



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Werner | Pastoral Counselor

As of this writing, daylight saving time is one week away. How many of you enjoy getting up an extra hour earlier because of daylight saving time? I think it's safe to say that many people don't mind daylight saving time, in general, but I think it's even more safe to say that many — maybe most — people don't like the day they go to daylight saving time, because it kind of messes up their world for a day or two. One doctor I heard on a radio show this weekend basically gave the very astute diagnosis that on the day that daylight saving time begins, many people are ... grumpy.

Today's Gospel lesson (in the three-year lectionary) tells us that God so loved the world, but it also tells us something else about the world in verse 19: *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil* (John 3:19). Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. Our time that we live in this world truly is our Daylight Saving Time: the time to come to faith in God's one and only Son. But many people don't want Jesus to mess up their world. Many people want to stay living in the Darkness Damning Time, because they like what they are doing. They don't believe that God has a better way — a life-saving way — a daylight saving time way — that makes all the difference in the world that is eternity.

Now, we need to be gentle, and patient, and kind when we interact with people who live in the darkness and make us want to feel like we are the ones living in darkness. But we also need to help each other when we ourselves are tempted to look at things that way. Just as looking at a snake on a pole saved people at that time from the snake's poison, so looking at the Son of Man lifted up on the cross saves all people from sin's poison — though so many people, sadly, only want to look down at what is right in front of them on earth rather to look up at what is waiting for them in eternity.

You and I, too, must confess that every single time we speak disrespectfully to a parent or a boss, every single time we speak unlovingly about our child's teacher or a neighbor, every single time we try to make ourselves look better at the expense of others, every single time we don't make listening to God and praying to God a priority, we are loving darkness. And the frustrating, but true, thing is that this desire for darkness is something that won't stop tormenting us with temptation after temptation until we finally get to live in the light of heaven.

And that is why we thank God that we do know his Daylight Saving Time. Even though we know that God has every right to condemn everything in our personal world, verse 17 tells us: *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him* (John 3:17). The God who should condemn everything about us instead sent his Son to go up on a pole so that by believing in what he did in pouring out his blood as the price to pay the debt our sin had accumulated before God, we never have to be afraid that we will be condemned by God or forgotten by God. In fact, just the opposite — we are totally loved by God, because Jesus took our place.

The Lamb of God went to that place of hopelessness. The Lamb of God was nailed to the cross so that you and I wouldn't need to be. The Lamb was condemned so that you and I wouldn't be. Jesus died so that we could live. And all that is because *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16).

Remember who God loves — God so loved the world. And if he loves the world, he loves you, because he is the one who brought you into the world — and he is the one who wants you to live with him in the world that is to come. That is why, even on our grumpiest of days, we can always remember that God's Daylight Saving Time is the greatest thing in all the world.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor John Werner



CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

Are you ready to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” at the national LWML Convention in Milwaukee? If so, you will want to check out the items for Gifts from the Heart in the winter *Quarterly* or on the LWML website, lwml.org/2023-convention. A printable page outlines the gifts you might want to bring for Phil’s Friends, A Place of Refuge, MOST Ministries, and Orphan Grain Train (OGT). Our Kansas bus will be an excellent way to transport the bulky items. I will be riding the bus and can assist in delivering the items to their proper place.

For the convention, Orphan Grain Train is asking specifically for quilts and **completed** hygiene kits. The Caring Service page on our web site, kansaslwml.org/caring-service, has a link for OGT kits. Click on the bold letters of the kit’s name and you will see exactly what is needed and how to wrap the OGT hygiene kits. It is important that you include **only** the items listed. The toothbrush and soap should be in their original packages to show that they are new. Also, please include the appropriate quantity of a requested item (i.e. only one, if that is what is requested). Some countries restrict plastic, so do **not** place items in plastic bags. Please note that the convention is requesting **completed** hygiene kits, not individual items. Quilts may be any size.

The Wichita OGT volunteers greatly appreciate all of the wonderful quilts and kits they have received. They also wish to thank the groups and individuals who have delivered these gifts and those who have stayed to work a couple of hours. The volunteers have asked that kits brought to the Wichita warehouse consist of the **exact** items requested.

May God bless you as you begin to plan for the coming year. Many willing servants put in unseen hours of work and it is always good to thank them. Consider what your group might do for your church staff and volunteer leaders. You are probably one of those volunteer leaders. May God bless you for the work you do.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16).



Gifts from the Heart is a way of sharing our blessings with others in need. Recipients of the **2023 LWML Convention Gifts from the Heart** will be four agencies who care for people with special needs.

Phil’s Friends: puzzle books, journals, playing cards (regular), fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, or baseball), Walmart gift cards (any denomination, **please write the amount on the card**).

A Place of Refuge: Walmart, Target, or Kohl’s gift cards (any denomination, **please write the amount on the card**).

Orphan Grain Train: quilts, blankets, or comforters (all sizes), hygiene kits (please donate **complete** kits only).

MOST Ministries: recycled new and like-new eyeglasses.

Please check the LWML website, lwml.org/2023-convention for more information about these gifts.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Fonda Lawrence | Committee Member

“Choosing Wisdom”

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Psalm 90:12 KJV). With the New Year comes New Year’s resolutions. Did you consider a resolution to *apply your hearts unto wisdom*? Every day is a special trust from God to be used to the greatest advantage for His glory. Spend each day wisely. Our days are numbered to us by the Lord, and we are to make them count. As we approach the challenges that 2023 brings to LWML, help us to remember this quote: “Only one life, ‘twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.”¹ Our challenge for the new year is to reach out to bring in new sisters in Christ; thereby ensuring that they, too, may enjoy the benefits of LWML. Let’s keep our organization viable into the twenty-second century by continuing to do God’s work. We are in partnership with Him — let us strive to take time for Him in our busy schedules.

As a committee member, I am looking forward to the Christian Life Retreat to be held on November 10–11, 2023, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport. Watch the LWML Kansas District website for up-to-date information and the summer edition of the *Sonshine* for the brochure and registration info. Yes, I am bringing a friend, how about you? See you there.

¹Quote taken from the poem, “Only One Life, ‘Twill Soon be Past,” written by C. T. Studd



LWML Kansas District Christian Life Retreat
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel — Wichita Airport
November 10–11, 2023

Theme: ***Continuous Joy***

Theme Verse: ***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).

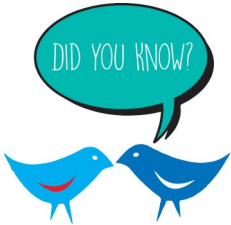
Speaker/Leader: **Sharla Fritz**

Brochure and registration information will be found in the summer edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

This retreat is hosted by the LWML Kansas District Christian Life Committee.

COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler | VP of Communication



Did you know that the LWML Kansas District recently paid our sixth Mission Grant for the 2022–2024 biennium?

Did you know that the Christian Life Committee is planning a retreat in November and Sharla Fritz, nationally known Bible study author and speaker, will be presenting *Continuous Joy*?

Did you know that the LWML paid all the 2021–2023 biennium Mission Grants by January 31 — a few months early! How great is that?!

Did you know there are ladies in your congregation that have no idea about any of these things? Try as we might through email blasts, Facebook posts, *The Kansas Sonshine*, the President's Report at zone meetings, and working to keep the website always up-to-date, we aren't reaching as many Lutheran women as we would like!

Is this something you could help improve? The Kansas District LWML is considering adding the new position of Public Relations (PR) Director to our existing committee positions. If you're enthusiastic about LWML, if you like to share all the great things our organization is doing, in person or on social media, to advance the Gospel, and if you would like to be involved with others who share your enthusiasm, please email VP of Communication Kris Osler at communication@kansaslwml.org for more information.

We would like to hear from all of you with thoughts of how we can better communicate with all women of the LCMS Kansas District! How do the young women of *your congregation* receive most of their information? How do the busy moms with teenagers receive theirs? What about the empty-nesting ladies and the retired women? Let us know what has worked for your LWML group or any other organization you've seen have success in the area of publicity. Share your thoughts with Kris and the Communication Committee by emailing communication@kansaslwml.org.

In the meantime, you're the best PR we can ask for! Spread the word about what the LWML Kansas District is doing!

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).

GIFTS OF LOVE

Eden Keefe | Gifts of Love Advocate

There Is More than the "The Dash"

There is a story going around the web called "The Dash," which suggests that what is most important is what we do with "the dash" between our day of birth and the day we die. While we certainly have a calling to make use of the time we are given here on earth, our impact does not need to stop when we die. Through Gifts of Love, you can direct the blessings you have been given in this life to bless both family and ministry. If you are interested in learning more about setting up a charitable gift plan, please contact LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten whose services are free of charge. Carol.vonsoosten@lfn.org, 800-741-4138. For general information, visit the [Gifts of Love website](https://www.giftsoflove.org) and sign up for their weekly E-newsletter!



DISTRICT PLANNER

Eden Keefe | District Planner

In the past, I have spent time sharing LWML Style Guide details. While that information is helpful in writing reports and articles, we don't want to lose sight of providing relevant, persuasive content!

The next time you write a bulletin announcement or a newsletter article — or even a verbal announcement — take time to craft it beyond the details of who, what, when, where, and be purposeful about the *why*!

Instead of:

LWML — Join us Monday, March 27, at church for our monthly meeting and Bible study starting at 6:30 p.m.

Try:

Are you looking for a small women's group for fellowship and Bible study? Our Lutheran Women in Mission group will provide that — along with information about upcoming events and mission opportunities — on Monday, March 27. We meet in the conference room at church, with refreshments and fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m. and our Bible study at 7 p.m. If you have questions, please ask _____. We look forward to this time together. It encourages us in our daily faith walk!

By asking a question about a possible need, and then answering it with information about how the LWML event will fill that need, you draw in the reader. By giving room location and a brief schedule (the details without using acronyms), along with contact information, you don't assume they know where to go and who to ask. By ending with a personal benefit, you begin and end on a positive, inviting note.

P.S. Also, be purposeful about welcoming new attendees, sitting with them, and being aware that you may need to explain how things work in the group! LWML groups have their own unique “culture” and that can be off-putting for someone new.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Carol Olson | Committee Chairman

What is the most important organizational resource? It's the people!

The volunteers/employees of any organization are the driving force behind its success. They design, promote, and support the goals of the organization; without people there is no organization. Organizing is the process of assembling the people and resources, and distributing the planned work necessary to carry out the plan. Organizing is driven by goals identified in the planning process. In our bylaw review process we help each zone review and maintain the integrity of their bylaws and make sure they remain in line with the goal/plan of the district bylaws. But there are so many other resources available to help you support and promote LWML. Check out all the amazing and fun resources available at lwml.org. You can get lost in all the information under “The Word” tab — devotions, spiritual growth resources, coloring Scripture, and so much more. Check it out! You'll be glad you did.



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The LWML Kansas District maintains an internal directory with the name and all contact information of the president and treasurer for each local LWML group. Information is also maintained for zone officers and committee chairmen. This information is only shared with the executive committee, the departments under the district vice presidents, and zone presidents. If your LWML group has changes in your contact information, please send your updates to your zone president and to Brenda Piester, Directory Manager, at directory@kansaslwml.org. Thank you for helping us maintain efficient communications!

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS (KAOL)



This year's Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL), will be held Saturday, July 15, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. Under the theme, **Adventures in Equipping Leaders, Ready – Set – Grow**, it will be a collaborative effort to present practical leadership ideas, inspiration, and hands-on activities which will help zone and group leaders to communicate with women and church workers in their zones and congregations and share the enthusiasm they have for the valuable work of the LWML. We have an abundance of material to share with *anyone* interested in being a leader for LWML. The material will not be committee specific, but may be used for any, and in all, areas of LWML. Those who participate must commit to take the information and enthusiasm shared at KAOL back to their zones and groups to provide training at those levels of LWML. Invitations, with all information included, have been sent. We're looking forward to meeting with zone and local group representatives!



Passageways, Wichita, helping military veterans in need, will be the recipient of KAOL Gifts from the Heart. We'll have a kitchen shower! Any items suitable for a new, empty kitchen will be welcomed, such as kitchen linens, utensils, silverware, baking pans, etc. (think bridal shower!). They also accept coffee, teas, and non-alcoholic drink mixes, as well as gift cards from Walmart or Dillons in the amount of \$10 to \$25.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathryn Richard | Financial Secretary



UPDATES FOR THIS BIENNIUM (2022–24)

MITE OFFERINGS RECEIVED as of 2/28/23: \$72,457.39

OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED

District Mission Grants: \$3,756.27

God's Gracious Gift Fund: \$1,891.47

Thrivent Choice®: \$1,069.00

Praise God!!! Our mite giving is substantially ahead of our goal for this point in the biennium. The \$72,457.39 represents 50% of our \$145,000 mite goal for the biennium. We are 46% of the way through the biennium based on the number of reporting periods to date, which would equal \$66,458. Although we are ahead of our goal, please continue to be faithful in feeding your Mite Box. (NOTE: If you need more Mite Boxes for your group, please send me an email and let me know how many you need.)

Please also note the amount of Thrivent Choice® dollars we have received. Thanks to those members who have designated their Choice Dollars® to LWML Kansas District. If you are a Thrivent member and have not designated your Choice Dollars, please consider designating them to support LWML. Thrivent Choice Dollars support God's Gracious Gift Fund in the Kansas District.

If you have questions about sending in your group's mite offerings or other contributions, or need help setting up your Thrivent Choice designation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is best at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org.

*Offerings may be mailed to Kathryn Richard, Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 314, Arma, KS 66712
OR donate online at kansaslwml.org/giving.*

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

LWML Kansas District is nearing the half-way point to the 2022–2024 biennium and completing all eleven mission grants selected. The Gospel Outreach Committee is already busy looking forward to the next biennium.

Student Financial Aid applications are due June 1, 2023, for the upcoming school year. Student Financial Aid applies to students who are going into church work at one of the Concordia Universities or at an LCMS Seminary. Applications can be found on the [Gospel Outreach](https://kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach) page of the district website, kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.

Deadline for both God's Gracious Gift Funds and district mission grants applications is September 1, 2023. There are many organizations who need funding for their mission projects. They need help from individuals and groups in submitting applications. Need ideas? Here are some resources to help search for such worthy organizations:

- The national LWML website provides a mission grant bank of viable grants, lwml.org/grants-bank;
- Consider the needs of your local church; or
- The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) website has a list of Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) that are all eligible for grants, lcms.org.

Applications for both God's Gracious Gift Funds and district mission grants are available on the Gospel Outreach page of the LWML Kansas District website at kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach. The Gospel Outreach Committee has set a goal to have at least one (1) God's Gracious Gift Fund or Mission Grant application from each LWML Kansas District local group.

Grants will be selected at the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention. Submit your applications early. In the event of a tie in voting, the grant will be awarded to the application submitted on the earliest date.

For an updated Mission Grants Poster to use in your LWML group or in your congregation, visit kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.

The poster shows a current list of district mission grants and grants paid.

Please continue to pray for all mission grant recipients.

The **Day of Prayer** offering recipient for April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, is the Herington Joint Parish Agreement. Two rural congregations, Immanuel and St. John Parish, formed a Joint Parish Agreement with Our Redeemer, Herington, to bring the lost and erring to know the Gospel of a Risen Savior. Offerings given will support evangelism, witness training, and community outreach for congregants through the purchase of religious educational materials.

For information on this year's Day of Prayer service, visit the LWML website at lwml.org/prayer-service. The service, *My Soul Rejoices: A Service of Song and Prayer* was written by former LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler of Clarinda, Iowa.



DISTRICT ARCHIVISTS

Marie Roth | Co-Archivist/Historian



As several of our Kansas ladies prepare to ride the bus to the LWML convention in Wisconsin, we'd like you to know about one of the first bus rides to convention. In 1967, the bus spent thirteen days traveling to and from Washington, D.C. for an extended tour. Some sights included the Ohio statehouse, Indianapolis Speedway, Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol, the National Mall, the Liberty Bell, New York City, Niagara Falls, and Chicago. The tour cost \$150 a person, but did not include the hotel cost in Washington, D.C., during convention.

2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

Dear Fellow LWML Sisters,

What a blessing it is that we have our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our anchor, through our journey here on earth and in heaven. This blessed anchor, Jesus, gives us steadfast hope of our kingdom to come.

On behalf of the LWML Kansas District, we would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention, which will be held in Wichita, Kansas, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport, April 12–14, 2024.

We hope you will join us,

Convention Chairman Karen Ard, Co-chairmen Cindy Manche and Michele Voelker

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 12–14, 2024



*We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,
where Jesus has gone as forerunner on our behalf*

(Hebrews 6:19-20a).

Through fellowship, praise, and study, these are our goals for this convention:

With Jesus as the steadfast anchor of our souls, we will

- *Be grounded in His Word;*
- *Celebrate and share our hope in Christ; and*
- *Cling to him as we serve in His Kingdom.*

Come and be "anchored," with Jesus as your captain.

2024 KANSAS DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION



Jesus is my Anchor

Yes, he is! And what sure and steadfast hope that is. We have invited you to join us next April in Wichita. So who are we? We are the convention chairman and co-chairmen.

Chairman of the convention is Karen Ard. Karen lives in a rural home between Augusta and El Dorado, Kansas. She is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in El Dorado, where she serves as Grace's LWML president. She currently works in bookkeeping for a trust. Hobbies and interests are photography and crafting. She has two children and one grandson. A favorite Bible verse is: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight* (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV).

Co-chairman Cindy Manche is from our Northeast Zone. She lives in a rural home north of Hiawatha, Kansas. She is married, has two children, and three grandchildren. Cindy is retired from a career in education as a teacher. She has served as the secretary of Northeast Zone and St. Paul, Dorcas Society. A favorite Bible verse is: *For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you* (Isaiah 41:13 NIV).

Co-chairman Michele Voelker is from our Linn Zone. Michele lives in the country near Greenleaf, Kansas. She is married to Tim. They have two children and six grandchildren with another expected early June. Michele is a family practice nurse practitioner, and works in Marysville, Kansas and Wymore, Nebraska. She serves as the Bethlehem Lutheran Church LWML president and has been a Linn Zone officer. Michele enjoys gardening and has planted many trees, shrubs, herbs, and vegetables on their farm. A favorite verse is: *"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).

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Sarah Kleopfer | VP of Special Focus Ministries

The Special Focus Ministries Committee is excited to introduce our two Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) for the LWML Convention in Milwaukee!

Mary Jensen is a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee. Mary is very involved in her church. She is a member of both the bell choir and the vocal choir. She serves on the Board of Congregational Care and helps teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She also uses her talent to accompany Sunday School programs. Mary is married and works as a speech-language pathologist.

Mary's letter of recommendation states: "Mary is a sweet, responsible young woman. She always has a smile and is willing to lend a helping hand when needed."

Morgan Dunst is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. Morgan is very musically inclined and uses her talents for worship. She sings in the choir, plays violin for services, and directs the children's choir. Morgan also takes part in the young adult Bible study group at her church. She also belongs to an LWML group at Holy Cross. Morgan is a Lutheran music educator.

Morgan's letter of recommendation states: "Morgan is a willing and cheerful participant. Her love for Jesus, and of service to our church and school is obvious on a daily basis."

If you see these young women, be sure to welcome them, and please pray for their experience at the convention!

Young Women
IN MISSION

Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations

Sherri Rose | District Leader



Our LWML mission statement is as follows: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. That is a good, clear statement of what LWML is all about. It's a statement that welcomes others to our LWML group. Do you know someone who has never been to an LWML meeting or event? Consider inviting her to your next one. But, be prepared! We have many LWML terms that may not be familiar to someone who has not been involved in LWML. What's a zone? What is a Mite Box, mite offerings, and what are they used

for? What do we do at our meetings? She may know what missions are, but what is a mission grant? The answers to these questions may seem very easy to someone who has been involved with LWML, but to someone who doesn't know anything about LWML, it may all sound confusing. A few explanations may be what brings her back! Share the mission statement and welcome women to LWML.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

LINCOLN ZONE met for the Fall Workshop at Trinity, Hunter, on September 18, 2022, with 23 in attendance. Bible study was led by Zone Counselor, Pastor Chris Craig, studying the hymn, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling." The ingathering benefited the Mitchell County Food Pantry, and was incorporated with the LWML campaign for "What's Your 80?" Beverly Wiese was presented a plant and gift certificate for her many years of service as Lincoln Zone president. A gift certificate was also presented to Pastor Matt Schneider for his many years of service as the zone counselor. Attendees also participated in a prayer walk, and a mite offering was collected. Lincoln Zone bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the LWML Kansas District Organizational Resources Committee. Everyone was encouraged to attend the LWML convention in June, and to ride the bus with Judy Ruckman, the new Bus Chairman from our Lincoln Zone. The Trinity, Hunter, ladies displayed numerous sizes and colors of crocheted pumpkins as the table décor for the salad supper; each attendee received a pumpkin of their choice. Lincoln Zone ladies stay busy quilting, sewing, folding and cutting plastic bags, making plarn, crocheting/looming plastic sleep mats, trimming stamps, and making kits for Orphan Grain Train. Upcoming events for 2023 are the Spring Rally, hosted by Concordia, Hoisington, featuring an Orphan Grain Train speaker. The 2023 Fall Workshop will be a joint meeting with the Northwest Zone, held in Hays, with speaker Carol von Soosten.



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HOLY CROSS LWML, WICHITA, Sarah Circle ladies prepared a meal for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Wichita. The Ronald McDonald House provides vital resources and compassionate care to children and their families being served by community health care providers. Following the preparation of the meal, we were given a tour of the facility.



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

The **HUTCHINSON ZONE** will have their Spring Meeting on April 15, 2023, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, McPherson. Our guest speaker for the day will be Keren Comfort Dog accompanied by her Top Dog, Carol Kratzer, from Ellsworth.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, IOLA, hosted their annual LWML Prayer Service, Thursday, March 2, 2023, inviting all of the Southeast Zone ladies to join them. The evening began with a meal of lasagna, garlic bread, and salad, followed by the 2023 LWML Prayer Service, "My Soul Rejoices," by Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler. An offering was gathered for Fairmont Ministries. Nancy Lassman was the leader for the service with Kim Kristalyn reading the Bible passages. Beth Ringwald played the organ for the hymns. The evening concluded with three different desserts and a drawing for four flower centerpieces. Twenty-three ladies attended from Grace, Iola, St. Peter's, Humboldt, and Zion, Chanute. It was a wonderful evening of the Word, singing, and fellowship.



Grace, Iola, Prayer Service

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Valentines and Hymnal Bookmarks, Immanuel WinGS, Hepler

The members of **IMMANUEL LWML WinGS, HEPLER**, hosted a project day in January. The ladies made 22 Valentines for residents of Westridge Assisted Living Facility, and constructed 126 ribbon bookmarks for the church hymnals. We also cut out flannel burp cloths for Vie Medical Clinic, which provides free pregnancy services to women in the community. Our next event will be a Women's Brunch in February.



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CHRIST THE KING LWML, SALINA, coordinated their annual Chicken Noodle Dinner on Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 4–7 p.m. A homemade chicken and noodle dinner, complete with dessert, was served. Dine in, carry-out, or delivery service was available. They served about 257 meals and made over \$2,000! Proceeds from this project are going to Salina Grace and the Christ the King Kitchen Appliance Replacement Fund.

Salina Grace is a one stop community resource center that aids individuals to get the help they need. They also serve a free daily meal Monday through Friday and have a day shelter for the homeless to get out of the weather.



WHAT'S YOUR 80?? CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF LWML

HOPE LWML, SHAWNEE, sewed 80+ Christmas stockings for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau, completed in a period of about two weeks!



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The ladies of **GRACE LUTHERAN LWML, IOLA**, celebrated LWML's 80th anniversary by collecting 80 items for the Pregnancy & Family Center (diapers and wipes) and MOST Ministries (eye glasses).

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TRINITY LWML, COLBY, held their third annual "Meals for Missions" fundraiser event on Sunday, February 26. Members and several friends prepared 90 chicken fried steak 'to go' dinners, complete with all the sides and dessert. Congregation members picked up meals following the worship service. A Thrivent grant covered the cost of groceries and supplies. All the dinner sales are profit that will support both local and district 2023 mission projects.



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LINCOLN ZONE members who attended the Zone Fall Workshop on September 18, 2022, brought ingathering items for the Mitchell County, Kansas, Food Pantry, in the hopes that at least 80 items could be collected for the LWML's campaign for "What's your 80?" to celebrate 80 years of LWML. The goal was far exceeded, as the ladies collected 305 items plus a monetary donation. To God be ALL Glory!

DATES TO REMEMBER

2023

May 1 — Final bus fees due

June 22–25 — LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 14 — District Interdepartmental Meeting and
District Board of Directors Meeting, Holy Cross, Wichita

July 15 — Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL), Holy Cross, Wichita

October 6–7 — EC Meeting, Herington Retreat Center

November 10–11 — LWML Kansas District Christian Life Retreat, Wichita

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April 12–14 — LWML Kansas District Convention

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, find a flyer to promote the convention in your congregation, view mission grant proposals selected for the ballot, and register for convention — it's online ONLY! Find answers to your questions on the [FAQs page](#).

Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fees were due **March 15, 2023**. The form is found on the LWML Kansas District website, kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources. If you forgot to send yours in, it's not too late!

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.

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



Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, the LWML Kansas District will equip women to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve the Lord with gladness.