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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).*

## New Year — New **Focus** — *NO* Squirrel Moments

It's that time of year when we become **focused** on making (and breaking) New Year's Resolutions. If you're like me, the "diet resolution" has already been broken. Why can't I just resolve to eat all the chocolate and drink all the soda that I want? AND be happy about it. But then my doctor will scold me, and my clothes won't fit, and my health will be in danger, and I'll be depressed ... welcome to one of "Kim's Squirrel Moments." The thoughts just keep scurrying around like the squirrels in the backyard; or maybe I just let myself get distracted like the dog in the movie, "Up". (I do have chocolate sitting on my desk right now!)

**FOCUS** — back to resolutions and the New Year. What does 2023 look like for you? In June, we will be traveling to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the LWML Convention. Make plans now to attend. Plan to ride the bus! I know you will have lots of fun. Did I hear there may be a pastor or two riding the bus?

In July, we will host our annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL). This leadership training event will **focus** on equipping our leaders and will include district and zone personnel. Group presidents will also be invited! The date is tentatively set for July 14–15, 2023, in Wichita.

November 10–11, 2023, is the date set for the Christian Life Retreat in Wichita. This is another event you should **focus** on attending. The guest speaker will be awesome!

As we **focus** on some of the events for 2023, we are fulfilling our 2022–2024 Primary **FOCUS** areas of Proclaiming Christ, Supporting Missions, Equipping Women, and Serving Others. I hope we are helping you to **focus** on those areas in your personal spiritual journey also.

As for the "Squirrel Moments," I just have to learn to love them. It is who I am. We know my brain runs in many different directions all the time in an attempt to make LWML a great experience for all. Embrace the squirrels, oil the squeaky wheel (see the Fall 2022 edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*), and **FOCUS** on the **SON**.



Kim Burdett  
District President



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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. Michael Schmidt | Pastoral Counselor

Yesterday was a good day for the Manhattan High School (MHS) football team. (I'm writing this article on November 27, 2022). They won the state championship in the 6A Division in double overtime. What a game! The two teams couldn't have been more evenly matched. At the end of regulation, the score was tied, 14-14.

In overtime, each team is given the opportunity to score. The ball is placed ten yards away from the goal line. Each team has four downs to score a touchdown with extra point(s), or kick a field goal; the defense cannot score.

In the first overtime, Gardner Edgerton High School (GEHS) went for the touchdown four times. They didn't make it. When it was MHS's turn, they didn't make it into the endzone on three tries, and then missed a field goal. At the end of the first overtime, the score was still tied, 14-14.

In the second overtime, MHS had first chance. They made it into the end zone on their fourth down; then kicked a PAT. The score was now 21-14 (MHS ahead). It was now GEHS's turn. They scored a touchdown on the third try, making the score 21-20. On what ended up being the final play of the game, GEHS decided to go big or go home. Instead of kicking a PAT to tie the score and send it into triple overtime, they decided to try for two points. They didn't make it. MHS won, 21-20.

MHS became the Kansas State 2022 6A Football Champions. I'm still basking in the glow of the game. I have two boys who play football for MHS.

You'll most likely be reading this article in January of 2023. It will be the Epiphany season. Epiphany is all about basking in the glow of Christmas. In the Epiphany Season, we remember that Jesus

- was worshipped by foreigners (Magi) who brought him expensive gifts;
- was baptized, not because he needed baptism, but because baptism needed him;
- did incredible miracles, like changing water into wine, and healing the blind, lame, and leprous; and
- was transformed and conversed with Moses and Elijah.

At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God became flesh. Our God, the creator of the universe, became part of His creation to save it. We know the rest of the story as well, which is why we celebrate Christmas. Jesus suffered the penalty of the world's sins on the cross, and there He died. And then He rose from the dead three days later.

Epiphany is all about basking in the glow of Christmas. When you're excited about something, you can't help but tell people about it.



*The LWML Kansas District Executive Committee is excited to announce a brand new mission statement for our district. The previous version was adopted in 2012.*

### **\*\*NEW\*\* LWML KANSAS DISTRICT 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.

## CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

Now that we are in the cold days of winter, I have found some warm-hearted ideas on the LWML website that I would like to share with you. You can find many ideas by choosing “service” on the top bar of the home page at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). I encourage you to spend some time being inspired.

In January, you might ask a person talented in crafting cards to lead your group in making Valentines for the church workers at your church, for some of our mission grant recipients, for the shut-ins of your congregation, for anyone in a care facility, or for first responders.

Shut-ins and the elderly often get fruit baskets at Christmas, but how about remembering them with a basket of fruit or cookies in January, February, or March? One of the new LWML cookie cutters would add a nice LWML touch, or include a Mustard Seed devotion.

My favorite activity idea is *Loving Through Laundry*, linked on the [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) [Mission Service Activities page](#). Read how a group of Lutheran teens in Las Vegas went to a laundry mat, donated coins and soap for the machines, and helped carry laundry to customers’ cars.

Please continue to share your group or zone activities, showing the love of Jesus, in *The Kansas Sonshine*. Your activity story may inspire another group to serve others!



## CHRISTIAN LIFE

Heather Rolf | Christian Life Committee Member



The Christian Life Committee has been planning the district’s Christian Life Retreat for 2023. In our first planning session, our committee agreed that we could use more **JOY** in our lives! We are looking forward to meeting with you all November 10–11 in Wichita at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Sharla Fritz will be our speaker; she is known for making Bible study fun and uplifting. Along with her presentation, Sharla is planning visual faith activities and discussion to make our retreat interactive! In today’s world, who couldn’t use more fun and **JOY**? Please plan to join us for the upcoming retreat, with the theme, “Continuous Joy,” **JOY** that we know can only be found in Christ. Be on the lookout for the retreat registration form in an upcoming *Sonshine* newsletter.

***Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*** (Psalm 100:1–2). The Christian Life Committee looks forward to making a joyful noise and singing with our sisters in Christ next fall and, as always, *serve the Lord with gladness!*

***Congratulations to Eden Keefe, our District Planner, who has been nominated, and is on the slate, for the office of LWML President!***

To view the slate of candidates for all offices to be elected at the 2023 LWML Convention, visit [lwml.org/nominations](http://lwml.org/nominations). Thank you to all who are serving the Lord through LWML.

Please keep the list of candidates, as well as the convention itself, in your prayers.



## COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler | VP of Communication

The work of LWML is so exciting and it's been going on for 80 years now! But is the LWML the best kept secret in your congregation? For those of us who are involved, the relationship of mites and missions, participation in Bible study and retreats, as well as the many servant events in which our members participate are common knowledge. But don't assume that is so for everyone. Have you told someone in your church about LWML lately? Does your congregation know about the missions your mites support? Have you invited anyone to attend a group event *with you*?

If you are wondering how to share what LWML is all about, the Committee on Young Women has created a video as a great place to start. Find it [here](#), or visit [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and search "Introduction to LWML video."

For more in depth reminders about our mission, sign up to receive Mites & Missions Monday, every other Monday, on the LWML Kansas District Communication page at [kansaslwml.org](http://kansaslwml.org), or click [here](#). You will also receive other email blasts periodically containing timely news and information.



The mission is too important to keep it a secret! Stay informed and tell others what the Lord is doing through LWML!



Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ) and website maintenance fees are due March 15, 2023. The form may be found on the [Organizational Resources page](#) of the LWML Kansas District website (or click [here](#)), or in *The Kansas Sonshine* Fall 2022 edition. Frequently Asked Questions sheet may be found [here](#).

**DO YOU receive an email informing you that the latest *Sonshine* newsletter edition is available?**

**DO YOU receive email blasts announcing important news from LWML Kansas District?**

IF NOT, you may sign up for **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**! It's easy to do! Just visit the Communication page of [kansaslwml.org](http://kansaslwml.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the envelope, "Sign up or update your preferences," complete the form, then click "subscribe." The next time an email blast goes out, it will be in your email inbox.

## ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Carol Olson | Committee Chairman

The Organizational Resources Committee is getting in the groove on the process of reviewing, reviewing again, and approving. So far, the timeliness of sending emails back and forth with zone contacts has gone smoothly. I know trying to decipher our suggestions is not always easy to see on a screen; so, if needed, I am happy to print, highlight, and send back to you. We greatly appreciate bylaws sent to us for review to be submitted in a WORD document; this makes our process much easier. Sample bylaws for zones may be found at [kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources](http://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources), under the *Zone Resources* tab. Sample bylaws for groups may be found under the *Group Resources* tab. The LWML Style Guide may be found at [lwml.org/logos-style-sheet](http://lwml.org/logos-style-sheet). These are great resources to use when it's your zone's turn for review. Heads up to the KC Crossroads Zone — you're next! Topeka Zone coming up in March. Organizational Resources is more than just bylaw reviews! Check out all the resources on the Organizational Resources page at [kansaslwml.org](http://kansaslwml.org).



## DISTRICT ARCHIVISTS

Marie Roth | Co-Archivist/Historian

Following WWII, in March 1947, Kansas Lutheran Women in Mission united to adopt 40 orphans at the Evangelical Lutheran Children's Home in Heidelberg-Rohrbach, Germany. LWML groups initially provided clothing and shoes to each child. In May 1947, Kansas LWML committed \$2,880 over the next year to ship monthly food supplies to the orphanage. In addition, groups across the state continued to send monthly packages to each child with clothing, linens, sewing and knitting materials, first aid supplies, and toiletries. During the post-WWII years, Kansas LWML dedicated \$6,360 to the food shipments and sent countless care packages.



These two pictures were included in a thank you note from the home's director, Dr. Lutzmann, to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wichita.



**LBW**  
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

### Lutheran Braille Workers Offers FREE Resources

Lutheran Braille Workers offers the *Quarterly* for those who are sight-impaired FREE OF CHARGE! It is available in braille, large print, or on cassette tapes FREE from Lutheran Braille Workers, P.O. Box 5000, Yucaipa, CA 92399, 800-925-6092. (Even the shipping is free.) You can [order online or download](#) and print a copy to print and mail. Lutheran Braille Workers offers a variety of Lutheran publications and resources, including the *Lutheran Witness*, *Portals of Prayer*, *Mustard Seed* devotions, etc.

## SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Sarah Kloepfer | VP of Special Focus Ministries

Many resources for young women can be found on the LWML website. Use this link/address to find devotions, ways to get involved, and more: [lwml.org/young-women](http://lwml.org/young-women).

Another way for young women to be involved in LWML, and to find out more about LWML, is to attend a national or district convention as a Young Women Representative (YWR). The Special Focus Ministries Committee is looking forward to choosing the Kansas District YWRs for the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. We're excited about the applications we have received. We will introduce these young women in the Spring edition of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

*Young Women*  
**IN MISSION**

## CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | Church Workers in Mission Coordinator



*A warm LWML welcome to these "new to Kansas" pastors!*

Rev. Aaron Filipek  
Trinity and Grace, Wichita

Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Trinity, Holton

Rev. Boyd "Andrew" Wright  
St. Johns, Topeka

Rev. Nathan Dudley  
St. Paul, Haven

## DISTRICT PLANNER

Eden Keefe

*Following are some great definitions and tips from our District Planner.*

### **Meeting Summary vs. Meeting Minutes**

This summer at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders/Interdepartmental event, the district committees were asked to provide a **Meeting Summary** after each formal meeting (via Zoom or in person) to committee members, their Vice President and pastoral counselor, President Kim, and the District Planner. This summary reports who attended, who could not, the purpose of the meeting, and action items naming who is responsible and deadlines. If the committee takes minutes, those can be sent out to the people named above *in place of* a summary. While a meeting summary can be used by planning committees and groups for concise follow up to members, **Meeting Minutes** are used to record business items, motions, etc., and to keep for your archives. Groups may need official meeting minutes to change signatories on bank accounts, for example. The purpose of both is to record pertinent information and actions and keep the line of communication open in the district. If you have any questions about what to use, please contact President Kim at [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org).

### **LWML Style Guide Tips**

**Gifts from the Heart** — The name for ingatherings at LWML-related events.

**Capitalize divine pronouns** (You, Your, He, His Him). However, if these pronouns are part of a phrase, such as "Your holy name" or "Your Holy Church," only capitalize the proper nouns.

Don't capitalize words that describe Jesus, such as "Jesus is our friend" or "Jesus is the light of the world." However, capitalize if the descriptive word is used in place of "Jesus" or "God," such as "The Giver provides our daily bread" (vs. "God, the giver, provides our daily bread"). Some words are always capitalized, such as "Light of light," Kings of kings" or "Prince of Peace."

Note: There isn't a definitive answer in regard to whether "holy" should be capitalized. The key is to be consistent. Using [The LCMS Stylebook](#) (find under the "About" tab at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)) as a guide, capitalize "holy" when used as a proper noun. Example: Holy Trinity, Holy Land, Holy Spirit, Holy Baptism, Holy Bible, etc. When used in context of a prayer, do not capitalize. Example: In Jesus' holy name.



## GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

It is my pleasure to announce that the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee has approved payment of Mission Grant #3, Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California — \$6,000, and Mission Grant #4, CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita, Kansas — \$4,500. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

As mite offerings continue to come in for the 2022–2024 mission grants, it is not too early to start looking for opportunities to submit applications for God's Gracious Gift Fund (GGGF) proposals and mission grant proposals for the upcoming 2024–2026 biennium. Applications can be found on the LWML Kansas District website on the [Gospel Outreach page](#), using the Mission Grant Application button (PDF or online). The application is available to submit online, or the form may be printed and mailed using the PDF application.. The deadline for both God's Gracious Gift Fund and mission grant applications is September 1, 2023.

Student Financial Aid (SFA) applications are due June 1, 2023, for the 2023–2024 school year. Financial aid may be given to students who are entering into church work, attending one of the Concordia universities or an LCMS Seminary. Applications can be found on the LWML Kansas District website on the [Gospel Outreach page](#), using the SFA button (PDF or online). The application is available to submit online, or the form may be printed and mailed using the PDF application.

### MISSION GRANT #3, LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS: PAID



### MISSION GRANT #4, CROSSOVER RECOVERY CENTER: PAID





## GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND UPDATE

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*The driveway at St. John Lutheran School is completed!!*

*Thank you Kansas District LWML for the grant to help complete this project! The kids are so excited to have a smooth place to play on!*



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

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

Trevor Flanick, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
Fort Wayne  
Matthew Goltl, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Nathan Harkins, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
William Lane, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Jaron Melin, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Jonah Schultz, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Josiah Schultz, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Caleb Wehling, Pastor, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis

Naomi Postier, Deaf Ministry, Concordia, Seward  
Madison Chiappetta, Internship DCE, Concordia,  
Wisconsin  
Hannah Elsey, Internship DCE, Concordia, Irvine  
Peggy Gott, Internship Deaconess, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Nola Gray, Internship Deaconess, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Ashley Wangerin, Deaconess, Concordia Seminary,  
St. Louis  
Rachel Ada, Teacher, Concordia, Seward  
Kayla Johnson, Teacher, Concordia, Seward  
Grace Miller, Teacher, Concordia, Seward  
Jesse Schultz, Teacher, Concordia, Chicago

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Kathryn Richard

**MITE GOAL 2022-2024 Biennium: \$145,000**

(\$6,041 is needed each month to meet our goal)

**MITES RECEIVED through 11/30/22: \$49,392**

\$48,333 was needed through November to be "on track" to reach the biennium's mite goal. Thanks to all of you for being such faithful givers. As of November 30, our giving has exceeded our goal! *Praise be to God!!* Keep up the good work; we have many more mission projects to pay!

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Eden Keefe | Committee Member

The LWML Kansas District received notification that it was named in Harland Riekenberg's estate. We will receive more details as the estate is closed, but are thankful for this thoughtful gift. If you would like to know more about charitable gift planning, your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Carol von Soosten at [Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org](mailto:Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org), phone: 800-741-4138, [lwmlgiftplan.org](http://lwmlgiftplan.org).





## 2023 LWML CONVENTION

### Plan Now to Come to Milwaukee in June

Lutheran Women in Mission of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts invite you to the 40th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023.



*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).*

Opportunities at the LWML Convention abound, under the theme of “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” to worship, serve God’s people, learn of mission opportunities, and fellowship with old and new friends. All are invited to bring families and friends to enjoy a city of diverse culture. Milwaukee is called the City of Steeples. Attractions include the Discovery World Science Museum, Harley Davidson Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum right on the lake, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the Historic Third Ward.

### FOR ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR 2023 LWML CONVENTION QUESTIONS

VISIT [LWML.ORG, NEWS & EVENTS, CONVENTION CENTRAL \(CLICK HERE\)](https://lwml.org/news-events/convention-central)

OR VIEW [THIS FAQS DOCUMENT \(CLICK HERE\)](#)

### FIND ANSWERS TO MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THESE

(the answers given here are shortened from the FAQs page):

**Where can I obtain information about the convention?** Winter 2022 issue of *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* (LWQ) and at [lwml.org/2023-convention](https://lwml.org/2023-convention).

**Where will the convention be held?** Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

**How can I register for convention?** Convention registration will be **completely online**. Information and guidance is given in the Winter 2022 issue of LWQ.

**When does convention registration open?** Early registration opens January 9, 2023.

**When do hotel reservations open?** Hotel reservations may **ONLY** be made through the **online convention registration form**.

**MORE INFORMATION FOR THESE QUESTIONS AND MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ANSWERS MAY BE FOUND ON THE [FAQS DOCUMENT, HERE](#).**

## RIDE THE CONVENTION BUS WITH US!

Travel Chairman, Judy Ruckman, is busy making plans for a terrific trip to Milwaukee! The Kansas bus will leave Wichita on June 20, stop in Salina and in Lawrence or the Kansas City area, and our LWML Kansas women will be headed to the LWML Convention. Preliminary details are posted on the website, [kansaslwml.org/2023-lwml-convention](https://kansaslwml.org/2023-lwml-convention). Read the Bus Information Details, print and complete the Bus Registration Form, AND the Participant Information and Release Form (specific to this bus trip). Mail the forms and your \$100 deposit by March 1 to Judy (contact info is on the registration form). Convention registration and convention meals are YOUR responsibility, but Judy will make all the other arrangements for you!

Check it out today—you don’t want to miss the bus!



## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE NEWS

**HUTCHINSON ZONE LWML** held their Fall Meeting on October 15, 2022, at Grace Lutheran in Lyons, with 35 in attendance. Ingathering items of boxed meals, canned goods, cereal, and more were collected for the Northern Rice County Food Bank. Pastor Kenton Abbott led the opening devotions and the Bible study, *Christ, Our Compass*, written by Pastor Robert Grimm from our convention in April. Mary Dohl, District Recording Secretary, presented the district president's report. We enjoyed a team-building activity of building "cereal houses" led by District Planner Eden Keefe. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Grace Lutheran, followed by our business meeting. Erikka Geuy, Our Redeemer, Hutchinson, gave her YWR report from the April convention. Closing devotions were led by Mary Schmidt, Christian Life Chairman.



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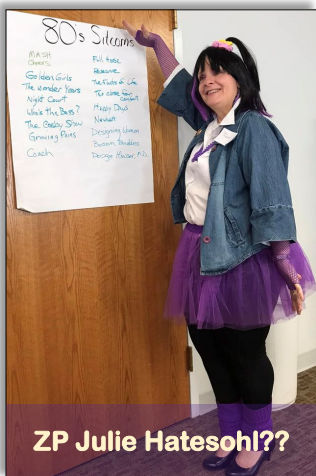
**KC CROSSROADS ZONE** met October 22, at Bethany, Overland Park, for an 80th Birthday Fall Event celebrating 80 years of God's Grace. With a goal of 80, an amazing number of 107 birthday cake kits were assembled to be given to local food pantries. The kits included a cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, and a can of soda, all placed in an aluminum cake pan. The event also included singing, a convention skit, mite donation game, LWML remembrances shared by attendees, and an LWML trivia game.

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On Sunday, October 9, 2022, thirty-eight members and guests of the **LINN ZONE LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)** met for the Fall Event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, Kansas. Pastor Richard Rikli led opening devotions and the Bible Study on Joshua 2 about Rahab. We gathered donations of baby diapers, children's Christian story books, and Bibles for the Swaddling Clothes Ministry located in Greenleaf, Kansas. For our service activity, we assembled college care packages for the zone college students. Betty Amey, representing the LWML Kansas District, gave the president's report and reminders of coming events, especially the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Linn Zone is one of the host zones for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita. The Bethlehem ladies group served an anniversary cake celebrating 80 years of LWML, followed by a time of fellowship.



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**MANHATTAN ZONE** celebrated LWML's 80 years this fall with a totally radical 80's themed Fall Event at Mt. Calvary in Wamego. The event collected 80 items (per group) to donate to the Community Care Ministry. The Mite challenge was to donate 80 coins/bills. The event included trivia of songs, movies, and TV sitcoms from the 80's. Despite questioning what Pinterest and Amazon believe people wore back in the 1980's, Zone President Julie Hatesohl played the part and dressed up "80's style" for the event.





## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE NEWS

The **NORTHEAST ZONE** held their Fall Event on October 8, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. We had a great turn out of 26 ladies and two pastors for the beautiful day. Sarah Kleopfer, VP of Special Focus Ministries, was our Kansas District LWML representative for the day. Sadie Meyer, our YWR from the past Kansas District Convention, shared her experience. Pastor Richard Lally, our Zone Counselor, led us in a Bible Study entitled *Equip-Build Up-Serve*. We had a lovely salad luncheon together provided by the ladies of Zion Lutheran Church.



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Mite Challenge  
True or False



Servant Events



YWRs Bethany Stover and  
Tia Barriger

The **SOUTHEAST KANSAS ZONE** Fall Event was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Chanute, on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with 24 in attendance, including two pastors. The theme was “A Servant’s Heart — Fruit of the Spirit,” based on Galatians 5:22–23. The morning began with registration, fruit cups and quick bread, fellowship, and servant events, including coloring bookmarks and decorating lunch bags. We moved to the sanctuary to sing hymns, followed by a Bible study led by Pastor Matt Jennings. The mite challenge involved six true or false questions, testing our knowledge of LWML Kansas District finances. We put our mite offerings in “true” or “false” labeled containers. Our meeting included a report from our 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention Zone YWRs, Tia Barriger and Bethany Stoever, while we ate our lunch of sandwiches, chips, and cookies. We concluded our event with Pastor Presley dedicating our ingathering items of non-perishable fruit for Christian Church Food Pantry of Chanute and a closing devotion.



Pastor Jennings and Pastor Presley

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Ingathering for  
ABC Pregnancy Center

On October 8, Trinity LWML, Garden City, hosted a Fall Women’s Event for women of the **SOUTHWEST ZONE**. Ladies from Dodge City, Ulysses, and Garden City enjoyed the day’s events, including a Bible study by guest Pastor Tim Appel, Smithville, Texas, followed by an encouraging message from our LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett. All enjoyed singing, a luncheon, and the day concluded with a tour in the afternoon of ABC Pregnancy Center in Garden City. Ingathering items of diapers, clothing, and baby items brought by the ladies, were given to the center for clients contemplating an unplanned pregnancy. The weekend concluded in Sunday’s worship service celebrating LWML Sunday. Several members were involved with ushering, etc., and, most importantly, collecting Mite Box offerings.

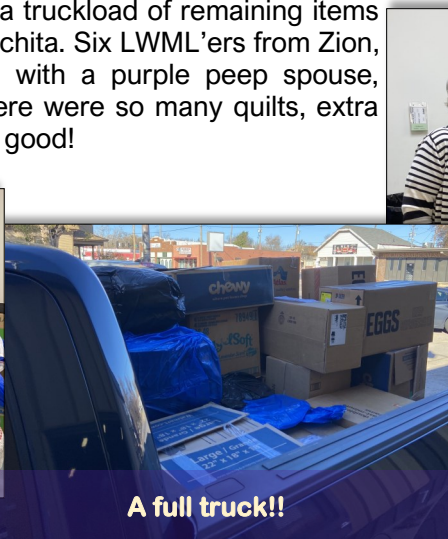


## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE NEWS

The **TOPEKA ZONE** Fall Event was held at Messiah, Emporia, on October 15. We had a wonderful devotion from Pastor Hosch on "God's Amazing Grace," based on Romans 3:23–34, asking the question, "What can I do by God's grace to show God's love?" It was touching to hear Pastor's account of being on the receiving end of a shipment of OGT quilts and kits. An ingathering of baby items benefited The Baby Closet and servant events included packing school kits and cutting fabric for quilts. Forty-eight women from eight churches enjoyed the beautiful smells, decorations, food, and fellowship. The Topeka Zone is very pleased to welcome Pastor Andy Wright, St John's, Topeka (formerly LWML Iowa East District), as our new pastoral counselor.

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**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU** to the many groups who brought countless quilts and kits to the first annual Orphan Grain Train (OGT) pick up at Christ Lutheran in Topeka on Oct 14. There were so many items brought that the truck and trailer were filled and headed back to Wichita 30 minutes after it arrived! Because of the outpouring of love, several groups were asked to find other arrangements for transportation of items to OGT, and items were dropped off so quickly that we were unable to get a list of who came or how many items were donated. On Nov 19, a truckload of remaining items (the first of two) was taken to OGT in Wichita. Six LWML'ers from Zion, Vassar, and St John's, Topeka, along with a purple peep spouse, packed up over 300 quilts that day; there were so many quilts, extra boxes needed to be assembled! God is good!



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The **WICHITA ZONE** Fall Event was held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on October 22. Thirty-three women attended, including two guests. Rev. Seth Meyer, our new Pastoral Counselor, taught a Bible study on rainbows as a comforting and hopeful theme throughout Scripture. Eden Keefe, LWML Presidential Nominee and LWML Kansas District representative, presented a brief quiz differentiating the roles of the district treasurer and financial secretary. Our fun activity was a Mite Boutique. We brought new or almost new items, baked goods, or crafts to be sold at the event, with all income going to the Mite Offering. We were able to give over \$800! Enid Albrecht, our able hostess, requested favorite recipes from all our LWML groups, which she compiled into a small colorful booklet that all attendees received. Our Gifts of the Heart, (formerly called ingathering), were school supplies and new children's clothing for needy students at the local Cloud Elementary School. The business meeting was short and we adjourned a little early on a beautiful autumn afternoon.

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Rev. Scott Snow receives a gift of gratitude for serving as Pastoral Counselor to the **WICHITA ZONE** LWML for nine consecutive years. The Flint Hills Sunset photo was chosen because Pastor Snow has often shared his appreciation for Kansas sunsets, even mentioning them in his sermons. Standing at left is Chris Brandorff, Wichita Zone President, center is Pastor Snow and at right is Karen Wilgers, who took the sunset photo and is LWML Group President. All are members at Holy Cross, Wichita.



## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT LOCAL GROUP NEWS

**BETHANY, WICHITA, LWML** held a fundraiser on Sunday, December 5, following the worship service with all the freewill proceeds going to Mites for Missions. Our fundraiser was “Treasures and Tummy Teasers.” We sold baked goods and household items, and raised between \$650.00 and \$700.00 for mite offerings.

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

**OUR REDEEMER, HERINGTON** (Herington Zone), responded to the “What’s Your 80?” Challenge with a donation of 82 cans of jellied cranberry sauce, given to the local charity, Family Resource Exchange. These cans were included in the Thanksgiving turkey meal boxes distributed to families in the local area.



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**LWML AT GRACE, LYONS**, decided to take part in “What’s Your 80?”, in celebration of LWML’s 80 years. Since our church was also celebrating its 80 years, we asked our pastor if we could put out our large Mite Box for a special mite offerings collection. He said, instead, he would announce our offering at the 80th Celebration Service would be given to our LWML. Well, we were hoping we would get at least \$80.00. To our great surprise we received \$596.58 in our mites collection. Praise the Lord!!!! (Pictured left to right: Donetta Clifton, Adelina Miranda, Cheryl Bernhart, Patti Norman, Ardis Newman, and LelaJean Howerton.)



The women of Grace, Lyons  
receive offering

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**ZION LWML, PITTSBURG**, in observance of LWML’s 80th anniversary, and in conjunction with LWML Sunday, collected personal care items for Wesley House, which serves low-income residents of Crawford County. The goal was to collect 80 items; the actual number collected was 164!



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80 cans of food

**FIRST LUTHERAN LWML, PLAINVILLE**, gathered 80 cans of food for our local food pantry with the help of the members of our church.



## LWML ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS, ST. LOUIS



**2022 LWML ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS (AOL)** was held in St. Louis, Missouri, in October. Five LWML Kansas District women, and one pastoral counselor attended “Adventures in Equipping Leaders,” along with over 200 LWML women, Young Woman Representatives, and pastoral counselors from across the nation.

The “adventure” included sessions with topics such as “Adventures in Public Speaking,” “What’s your Why,” and “You are a Risk Taker!” teamwork building. Eight breakout sessions and sessions specifically for pastoral counselors were also highlights of the event. Attendees brought kits filled with spa items for seminarian wives and deaconess students at both seminaries, along with 300 bags filled with toiletries to be divided between the seminaries.

Guest speaker, LWML Past President Jan Wendorf presented “Ready; Set; Grow,” encouraging attendees to mentor and encourage each other; but to be first and foremost in the study of God’s Word to us.

A total of \$6,086 in offerings was given to the mite goal through a mite challenge headed up by the pastoral counselors.

Attendees from Kansas are excited to share with the district the information they learned at this AOL event!

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Hebrews 13:20-21

Find AOL  
resources at  
[lwml.org/aol](http://lwml.org/aol)



## 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9 — LWML Convention registration opens  
February 1 — Nominating Committee member names due to Kim  
February 3–4 — EC Meeting  
March 1 — Bus registration and deposit due  
March 15 — *LWQ* and website maintenance fee due  
May 1 — Final bus fees due  
June 22–25 — LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
July 14–15 — Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL), Wichita  
November 10–11 — LWML Kansas District Christian Life Retreat, Wichita

VISIT [kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach](https://kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach)  
TO VIEW THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT  
MISSION GRANTS POSTER AND  
PRINTABLE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT  
MISSION GRANTS BOOKMARKS

### UPCOMING LWML GROUP EVENTS

**March 4, 2023 — Holy Cross, Wichita LWML,** invites you to a women's retreat featuring guest speaker Christina Hergenrader, *Love Rules: A Study of the Ten Commandments*. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., retreat begins at 9:00 a.m.; ends at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Registration fee is \$25 before February 17, \$30 after February 17. For more information and to register online or print a registration form, visit <https://holycrosslutheran.net/LWMLretreat/>

If your LWML group is planning an event and would like to inform all LWML Kansas District groups, be sure to contact Sherri at [sonshine@kansaslwml.org](mailto:sonshine@kansaslwml.org) for publication in *The Kansas Sonshine*.

**Convention Central** Visit the Convention Central page on the LWML website, [lwml.org/2023-convention](https://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, register for convention — it's online ONLY! Find answers to your questions on the [FAQs page](#).

**Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fees** are due **March 15, 2023**. The form is found on the LWML Kansas District website, [kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources](https://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:directory@kansaslwml.org).  
Thank you, Brenda, for keeping our info up to date!



### 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.*