

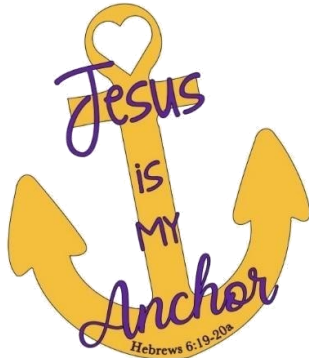


## PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

### 40th Biennial Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

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 a forerunner on our behalf (Hebrews 6:19-20a).*

### CONVENTION GOAL STATEMENT

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 His kingdom.

**The voting body of the convention will vote on 2024–2026 mission grant proposals and God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals, bylaws revisions, and elect new officers for the 2024–2028 terms of office.**

Attendees will learn about the mission of the LWML Kansas District, mission grant projects to be funded by mite offerings, and be grounded in God's Word as we serve in His kingdom.

*On behalf of the LWML Kansas District, I'm honored to invite you to Wichita for the 40th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention! We hope to experience Jesus as the anchor to our souls through His faith-building Word and through learning how we can serve in His kingdom. May the convention be an uplifting celebration because of our Hope in Him. Jesus is **MY** Anchor!*

*LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett*



WELCOME, Mission Minded Women of the Kansas District, to the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Kansas District Convention. Mark your calendars for April 12–14, 2024, and set your destination to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas. Host Zones, Wichita, Linn, and Northeast, along with our planning committees, have been making preparations for an enjoyable convention experience. ***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 a forerunner on our behalf (Hebrews 6:19-20a).*** Our desire is that you will accomplish a steadfast spiritual lifting of your soul and nourish your faith as we focus on JESUS, who is our Anchor. May we unite with friends new and treasured, laugh, learn by heart, and come home with a renewed purpose to *Serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2).*

We hope you will choose to take time pre- or post-convention to do a little shopping, take in the atmosphere, and visit the many attractions Wichita has to offer.

Karen Ard, Chair  
Cindy Manche, Michelle Voelker, Co-chairs  
2024 LWML Kansas District Convention Planning Committee

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### CONVENTION DATES, DEADLINES, AND QUICK LINKS

February 15	Zone Banner pictures DUE
February 15	Convention Manual Documents DEADLINE
March 18	Convention Shirt Order Form DUE
March 1	Early Registration DEADLINE
March 24	RSVP for Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting DUE
March 28	Registration DEADLINE (to purchase meals)
April 11	BOD Meeting and Dinner
April 12–14	LWML Kansas District Convention

Hotel Information: [hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ictardt-lml-fe51032-55eb-4da4-8e02-6f380a9c60b2/](https://hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ictardt-lml-fe51032-55eb-4da4-8e02-6f380a9c60b2/)  
 LWML Kansas District Convention webpage: [kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention](https://kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention)  
 Convention Registrar: [ksdistrictlwmlconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ksdistrictlwmlconvention@gmail.com)

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION SPEAKERS

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**Donna Snow, Artesian Ministries  
Bible Study Leader**

Donna is no stranger to LWML! An active member since 1997, Donna has held many local, zone, and LWML Texas District offices. She led us through two online Bible studies during the pandemic which enabled us to stay connected to each other in community and the Word across the nation. Donna's seventh traditionally published Bible study from Concordia Publishing House, ***Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph***, was released on April 11, 2023. Her fifth video-based Bible study, ***Unshakable: Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard***, was released through LWML on June 21, 2023. Donna will lead convention attendees in a Bible study based on the convention theme verse, Hebrews 6:19–20a.

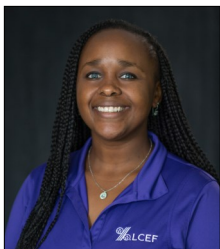
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**Rev. Dr. Paul Krueger, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch  
Keynote Speaker, Mission Speaker, Interest Session Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Krueger has served in parish ministry for 31 years, and is now serving as Senior Development Officer with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota. *Hope, Healing, and New Futures!* will be Pastor Krueger's address to convention attendees. Hear how Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a nationwide leading edge ministry for "at-risk" children, has partnered with LWML to remarkably impact the lives of traumatized children with the life-changing hope and healing of Christ. In his interest sessions, Pastor Krueger will speak about *The Ministry of Mercy and Trauma-informed Care*.

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**Rehema Kavugha, Lutheran Church Extension Fund  
Christian Life Breakfast Speaker, Interest Session Speaker**

Rehema Kavugha is serving at Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) as the Director of Synod Relations and has been serving at LCEF since May 2019. Learn from Rehema what LCEF does, and ways Lutherans can help Lutherans. Also, plan to join Rehema for the Christian Life Breakfast on Sunday morning, addressing the future of LWML in today's mobile and international society.

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**Wendysue Fluegge  
Convention Song Leader, Saturday Banquet Entertainment**

Wendysue is a Wisconsin based musician who takes her music 'on the road' each week as her full time job. She serves her community, as well as the LWML, serving as song leader at the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, and subsequently song leader and banquet entertainer at 14 district retreats and conventions. We are looking forward to Wendysue serving as our convention song leader and as our Saturday banquet entertainment.

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION SPEAKERS



**Carol von Soosten**  
**Convention Speaker, Interest Session Speaker**

LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten serves in partnership with the LCMS Foundation. Carol will address the convention body with information about Gifts of Love, an official LWML ministry that provides free gift planning services to LWML women and their families. During her interest sessions, Carol will share additional information about developing a gift plan that provides for family and ministries of the church.



**Karen Morrison, LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach**  
**LWML Representative, Interest Session Speaker**

Karen Morrison serves LWML as Vice President of Gospel Outreach, overseeing both the Mission Grants Committee and the Gospel Outreach Committee. Karen currently serves as President of her local LWML group in the Pacific Southwest District. She is Past President of the LWML Kansas District, and we are looking forward to hearing from her with news from the national LWML. In her interest session, Karen will let attendees know all about LWML Gospel Outreach.

As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, you are a gifted child of God! Enabling you to use your gifts in ministry to the people of Kansas and of the world is part of the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The LWML Kansas District Executive Committee is always looking for volunteer personnel to serve on district committees and in appointed positions; it is most helpful to have information available with the names of women willing to serve. If you are willing to serve the Lord and lead the women of the LWML Kansas District, complete and return the *Committee Appointment — Personnel Profile (CAPP) Form*, found on the website, [kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources](https://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources).

- Appointments are for two years, ending at the completion of the district convention.
- Committee members help plan and attend the annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL).
- Committee members are expected to attend the district convention in the spring of even-numbered years.
- Standing Committee Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors (BOD).

Although the responsibilities are great, so are the rewards! You will be strengthened in your spiritual walk, and you will form deep and lasting friendships as you use your God-given gifts. Many of our current officers and committee members are employed outside the home; many hold offices and are also involved in their local LWML groups and zones. If you're interested, talk it over with your family, be in prayer, and discuss it with a trusted friend or a district officer.

The LWML Kansas District values you and your gifts! You have been given much. This opportunity for service may be in God's plan for you. May you continue to be blessed by serving with gladness wherever He calls you.

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord (1 Corinthians 12:4-5).*

## 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### ***LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2024 Convention***

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita, Kansas, the Nominating Committee announces the following slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee for the 2024–2028 term.

***President:*** Elaine Engelman

***Vice President of Caring Service:*** Jill Lowe and Linda Stanton

***Vice President of Communication:*** Allison Lehmann

***Recording Secretary:*** Sharon Kolanowski and Kathryn Richard

***Financial Secretary:*** Carolyn Fishburn

***Pastoral Counselor:*** Rev. Kenton Abbott and Rev. John Fries

Please keep these faithful LWML sisters and brothers in your prayers, as they wait to see how the Lord will use them to serve the LWML Kansas District.

Jill Lowe  
2024 Nominating Committee Chair

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES

### ***Candidate for the Office of President***

***Elaine Engelman — Southeast Zone  
Zion, Chanute***



**Local LWML:** Currently serves as president of Ladies Circle and a member of M & M's Bible Study

**Zone LWML:** Current Gospel Outreach Chairman; has served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other chairman positions

**District LWML:** VP of Organizational Resources (2018–2022); VP of Christian Life (2014–2018); District Meeting Manager (2012–2014); Member Resources Committee (2008–2012); Mission Outreach Committee (2004–2008); Christian Life Committee (early 1990's)

**National LWML:** Group and Leadership Development Committee (2021–2023)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** current church treasurer, midweek school music director, and organist; has served as assistant treasurer; chairman of Stewardship Board; chairman of Evangelism Board; chairman of Youth Board; chairman of Board of Parish Life; member of bell choir; and Altar Guild

**Work Experience:** Substitute teacher for SONshine Preschool, Chanute

**General:** Elaine enjoys reading, sewing, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, playing piano, and singing. She is married to David, and they have a daughter, Amanda; son, Adam (Leslie; grandsons, Thomas and Peter); son, Andrew (Lisa; grandsons Garrett and Gabriel); and son Aaron (Hannah; grandsons, Avriel and Hiram).

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES

### *Candidates for the Office of Vice President of Caring Service*

#### **Jill Lowe — Northeast Zone**

**Trinity, Atchison**

**Zone LWML:** Vice President of Member Development, Vice President of Christian Life

**District LWML:** District Young Woman Representative; Member Development (committee member, chairman); Communication Committee (store manager); Special Focus Ministries Committee member; Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

**National LWML:** I have attended every national convention since 1993!

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Jill is a professional church worker; she has taught Preschool, 2nd grade, 5th/6th grade, 4th/5th grade, and currently teaches 4th grade at Trinity Lutheran School in Atchison. This is her 27th year teaching at Trinity.

**Work Experience:** Most of Jill's teaching experience has been at Trinity; however, she taught part-time and substituted for several years before moving to Atchison.

**General:** Jill enjoys baking (mostly cookies), watching movies with her family, reading, playing Scrabble, and crafts. She is married to Mike; they have two daughters, Jayme and Mikayla.



#### **Linda Stanton — Hutchinson Zone**

**Our Redeemer, Hutchinson**

**Local LWML:** Member of Circle 3 LWML at Our Redeemer (ORL) since 2001; has served as Secretary/Treasurer; President and Secretary of the combined ORL LWML groups; currently serves as Treasurer; joined first LWML group at Zion, Farmington, New Mexico, in 1982

**Zone LWML:** Hutchinson Zone Caring Service Chair and Zone President; currently serving as Zone Historian

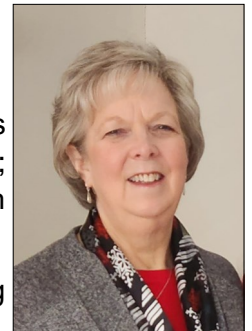
**District LWML:** Currently serving on Caring Service Committee; 2018 Convention Registrar

**National LWML:** Attended 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Other Church Related Experiences:** VBS, Sunday School, and Midweek Class teacher at various congregations; Our Redeemer Church Council as head of Parish Life Committee; in charge of volunteers at local soup kitchen on a monthly basis; assists with funeral dinners at Our Redeemer; graduated from St. John's College Parish Worker Program

**Work Experience:** Secretary to the Dean of Students at St. John's College (SJC); part time secretary for Campus Pastor and Athletic Director at SJC; Trust Department secretary at Citizens Bank, Farmington, New Mexico; Loan Secretary, Head Teller, and Assistant Cashier, First National Bank, Lawrence, Kansas; Administrative Assistant, Operations Manager, and Officer at Sunflower Bank, Salina, Kansas; Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper's Assistant at Wiens & Company Construction, Hutchinson, Kansas

**General:** Linda is married to Tom, and they have three children, Mendy (Jason), Rebecca (Jared), and Nathan (Autumn). They also have three grandchildren, Makayla, Mason, and Walker. Linda enjoys yard work, volunteer work, and reading. She also enjoys family times together, and traveling to visit her out-of-state children and grandchildren.



## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES

### *Candidate for the Office of Vice President of Communication*

**Allison Lehmann — Topeka Zone**

**St. John's, Topeka**

**Local LWML:** Member of St. John's LWML

**Zone LWML:** Topeka Zone President (2021–current), Southeast Zone Caring Service chairman (2010–2012)

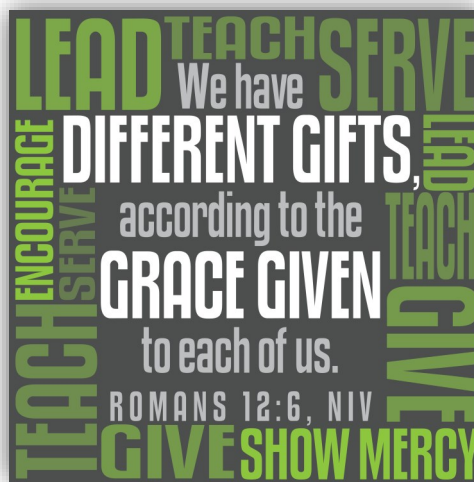
**District LWML:** VP Christian Life (2018–2022); Christian Life Committee Chairman (2014–2018); Southeast Zone YWR to LWML Kansas District Convention (2010)

**National LWML:** Attended AOL (2018); LWML Kansas District YWR to National Convention (2011, Peoria); attended LWML national conventions in Des Moines and Lexington

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Lutheran School Association of Topeka/Topeka Lutheran School Board, Vice Chairman (2020–current); Sunday School teacher (2012–2020)

**Work Experience:** Physical Therapist since 2002, current patient focus is aquatic therapy

**General:** Allison and Doug have been married for 26 years and have two sons, Alex (college sophomore) and Jacob (high school senior). Allison keeps busy, in her spare time, gardening, traveling, taking road trips, baking, making cards, reading, and helping on the family farm. She also currently volunteers as Riverside 4–H co-leader.



IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT,  
BE SURE TO COMPLETE A CAPP FORM.

DETAILS ARE ON [PAGE 4](#) OF THIS PUBLICATION OR VISIT

[KANSASLWML.ORG/ORGANIZATIONAL-RESOURCES](https://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources), UNDER THE FORMS BAR.

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES

### *Candidates for the Office of Recording Secretary*

#### ***Kathryn Richard — Southeast Zone Zion, Pittsburg***



**Local LWML:** Current Secretary and Reporter; Past President, Caring Service Chairman

**Zone LWML:** Southeast Zone Care and Needs Chair, 2005–07; President, 2007–2011; Vice President, 2012–2014, 2020–2022; Secretary, 2014–2017; Bylaws Review Committee; Financial Review Committee

**District LWML:** Financial Secretary, 2020–present; Recording Secretary, 2016–2020; Structure Committee, 2005–2016, Chair, 2012–2016; Nominating Committee, three times including chair; 2014 District Convention, co-chair and Planning Committee Secretary; Kansas Assembly of Leaders: EC presentations, Structure Committee displays and skits; district convention: Bible study sampler presentations, Leadership Development presentations; attended several district women’s retreats

**National LWML:** attended seven national conventions

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Council Treasurer, 2005–present; Council Secretary, 2000–2005; Stewardship Chair, 1998–99; Altar Guild, many years including chair, 2012–present; Sunday School/VBS teacher; various congregational committees; Thrivent congregational representative, fundraising events, service projects; organize quilting and kit preparation for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train

**Work Experience:** Current Development Coordinator (part-time) for Miners Hall Museum, Franklin, Kansas. Retired in 2014 after 43 years at Pittsburg State University, 27 as Director of the regional Small Business Development Center. Other positions held include administrative assistant, research analyst, and adjunct business faculty.

**General:** Kathryn enjoys reading, quilting, and volunteering. She currently volunteers as 4-H Community Leader and project leader, Arma V–J Homecoming Association, Miners Hall Museum Trustee and Board Secretary. Her past volunteer activities include Crawford County 6th Grade Youth Leadership, SEK, Inc., and Southeast Kansas Regional Prosperity Foundation. She received a Bachelor’s degree in Business Education and an MBA from Pittsburg State University. Kathryn and husband, Larry, have three children, Amy (Jamie), Julie (Josh), and Dan (Kaitlyn); and three grandchildren, Jacob, Josh, and Eleanora.

#### ***Sharon Kolanowski — Herington Zone Our Redeemer, Herington***



**Zone LWML:** Herington Zone President

**District LWML:** President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in Zone 14 and 29 in Pacific Southwest District circa 1987 to 2003

**National LWML:** none

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Our Redeemer Congregational Council Secretary; LCMS Kansas District Older Adult Ministry Committee member; 1976 parish-worker graduate of St. John’s College, Winfield, Kansas

**Work Experience:** 2005 Retired Civil Service

**General:** Sharon enjoys sewing, puzzles, and her beautiful daughter, Lydia Roe.



## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES

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### *Candidate for the Office of Financial Secretary*

**Carolyn Fishburn — Hutchinson Zone**  
**St. Paul's, Haven**

**Local LWML:** President; Vice President; Treasurer

**Zone LWML:** Hutchinson Zone Treasurer

**District LWML:** Treasurer; 2018 Convention Treasurer; 2022 and 2024 Convention Budget Analyst; Endowment Committee

**National LWML:** Delegate at convention in Edmonton (1993); attended conventions in Kansas City (1995), Lexington (2021), and Milwaukee (2023)

**Other Church Related Experiences:** Board of Stewardship; Children's Pew Bags; Wednesday LightNight meal helper and Bible Study; Sunday School; VBS helper

**Work Experience:** Special Education Paraeducator (13 years, retired 2023); Lutheran school cook (4 years); computer programmer (18 years)

**General:** Carolyn enjoys following K-State football and basketball, playing board games, and spending time with family. Carolyn and Phillip, her husband of 38 years, have two children, Samuel and Mary (Jensen, husband Peter). Carolyn is a graduate of St. John's College, Winfield (business), and Emporia State University (business administration).



**Online giving is available on the website, [kansaslwml.org](https://kansaslwml.org) on the [Giving page](#).  
There are several options to direct your giving, and instructions are listed.**

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATES

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**Rev. Kenton Abbott**  
**St. John, Ellinwood**

**Congregation:** Pastor Abbott is the Associate Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, a large rural congregation that also has a Daycare/Preschool Child Care. His primary role is youth ministry and school ministry to the child care facility. He also serves Grace Lutheran in Lyons as an outreach partnership.

**Education:** Kenton Abbott received his Specific Ministry Pastor Certificate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

**LCMS Involvement:** Pastor Abbott is active with the local circuit by regularly attending and hosting the Pastor's WINKEL. He has also helped with circuit youth events. In the district, he is currently filling a vacancy at Our Saviour Lutheran in Great Bend. Pastor Abbott has also served on the Kansas District Youth Gathering Planning Committee and helped at the gathering. He has been a Village Leader for High School Lutheran Valley Retreat Summer Camp.

**LWML Experience:** Pastor Abbott has attended many LWML events, both zone and district. His wife has been very active in LWML for many years so he is very familiar and supportive of LWML. He has led Bible studies and morning services for local and zone gatherings.

**General:** Pastor Abbott is married to Darla. They have three children — Michael, Luke, and Daniel. He enjoys taking walks and hikes with his wife and their dog. He also enjoys golfing and BBQing in his backyard.

**Additional Information:** Pastor Abbott says, "I would be very honored and excited to be able to serve as an LWML Pastoral Counselor. I pray that God would use me to encourage and guide the mission and ministry of our LWML in Kansas and beyond."



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*For you were called to freedom, brothers.  
Only do not use your freedom as an  
opportunity for the flesh, but  
through love serve one another*

(Galatians 5:13).

## 2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATES

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**Rev. John Fries**

**SPR Partnership — St. Paul Lutheran, Clarks Creek; St. Paul Lutheran, Alta Vista; and Redeemer Lutheran Mission, Lake Wabaunsee, Alma**

**Congregation:** Pastor Fries serves as the sole pastor of SPR Partnership since December 2022. They have an active multi-congregation LWML. Each church has an active, twice a month, Bible study. Pastor Fries says they are three very determined little churches with a heart for reaching others.

**Education:** John Fries received his Bachelor of Science in Speech and Theater Arts, at (then) Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota. He served his vicarage year with Alta Vista and Alma in 2010–2011, and received his Master of Divinity in 2012 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

**LCMS Involvement:** Pastor Fries is a former circuit visitor in the Black Hills, South Dakota, Circuit, where he also served as the circuit delegate to the synodical convention in Florida. He has served congregations in Missouri and South Dakota and was called to SPR Partnership in December 2022.

**LWML Experience:** Pastor Fries has served as the pastoral advisor to the Carrollton Zone LWML, Missouri District. He has attended two Missouri District LWML conventions and likes to attend many zone and district LWML events.

**General:** Pastor Fries is married to Jeanne. They have four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and community theater.

**Additional Information:** Pastor Fries first moved to Kansas in 1993 as an AAL District Representative. He was the assistant chairman of the 2005 88th International Lutheran Laymen's League Convention in Topeka, Kansas, in charge of Family Night. He organized *Preaching on the Prairie* with area churches, including Alma and Alta Vista, during his vicarage, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first LCMS circuit rider in Kansas. In his final year at Concordia Seminary, he was the student body president. Through the years he has served in many capacities in his home congregations in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Kansas, including president of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kansas. Pastor Fries says, "Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the office of Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Kansas District. It would be an honor to serve this incredible organization."



## 2024 BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS

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There WILL be LWML Kansas District Bylaws change proposals; however, they were not available at the publication of this newsletter. The changes are in review by the LWML Structure Committee, and have not yet been returned to our district. As soon as we have received the change proposals, they will be emailed, and they will be available on the [2024 Convention Page](#) of the website, [kansaslwml.org](http://kansaslwml.org). Watch for the email, and visit the website's 2024 Convention Page often for updates. Thank you for your patience!

## 2024–2026 MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

*Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants*

- 1. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
**Food and Clothing Co-op** **\$5,000**  
The funds being requested will be used to supply the co-op with fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products as well as paper products. Students often already have family and financial needs when they enter the seminary. Their income decreases while they study, but their needs do not. The Food Co-op can supply 80–85% of all food and household needs for a student and their family.  
(Submitted by Deaconess Katherine E Rittner, Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City, Indiana)
- 2. Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Kansas**  
**Keren Comfort Dog “Plushies”** **\$7,000**  
The funds being requested will be used to purchase 20 boxes of 30 plush puppies (plushies) for the Keren’s ministry team to distribute as they share the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those hurting and in need.  
(Submitted by LWML Kansas District Lincoln Zone, Sylvan Grove, Kansas)
- 3. Light of the World Lutheran Church and Early Learning Center, De Soto, Kansas**  
**New LCMS Congregation and Early Education Start-up Expenses** **\$8,000**  
The funds being requested will be used for expenses arising out of the start-up of a new LCMS congregation as well as a Christ-centered Lutheran preschool and daycare. Items include supplies, equipment, curriculum materials, and other needed items. The new congregation and preschool will bring Word and Sacrament ministry to a growing community where a new Panasonic plant will bring thousands of people to the area.  
(Submitted by Rev. Joel Schultz, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kansas)
- 4. Northeast Kansas Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), Gardner, Kansas**  
**Chainsaws and Chainsaw Supplies** **\$4,000**  
The NE Kansas Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) travels across the country to help clean up after storms and other natural disasters while also sharing the Gospel. The funds being requested will provide new or replacement tools (chainsaws, helmets, etc.) and gas for travel.  
(Submitted by King of Kings LWML, Gardner, Kansas)
- 5. Concordia Academy, Wichita, Kansas**  
**Orbis Concordiae Program** **\$6,000**  
Concordia Academy-Wichita (CAW) is a new Lutheran high school in Wichita, Kansas. Orbis Concordiae (The Realm of Concordia Residency Program) allows CAW to share the Lutheran Classical Education Curriculum to students outside of the Wichita area. The funds being requested will be used to offset the costs of printing marketing material for the program and help allow the headmaster to visit churches and organizations within Kansas to speak to families about the specifics of the Orbis Concordiae program.  
(Submitted by Sharon Kolanowski, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Herington, Kansas)

## 2024–2026 MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

*Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants*

### 6. Lutheran Special School, Kisumu, Kenya

#### **Computers**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be to purchase ten computers that will be used by special needs students. Their current computers are over 13 years old. The school uses this technology for not only daily lessons and communication, but also to share music, Bible stories, and the love of Jesus to children often forgotten by society.

(Submitted by Ascension LWML, Wichita, Kansas)

### 7. MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

#### **“Feet on the Ground” Project**

**\$6,000**

The funds being requested will be used to provide financial assistance to LWML members who feel the calling to join their first MOST Ministries mission team. This project creates an opportunity to experience short-term missions through MOST Ministries.

(Submitted by Kaleigh Bone, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamburg, Michigan)

### 8. Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California

#### **Supplies to Produce and Distribute Braille and Specialized Large Print Bibles**

**\$6,000**

The funds being requested will be used to purchase supplies needed to produce and distribute braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials to be given free-of-charge to people who are blind or visually impaired around the world. These supplies include specialized paper, book covers/back, bindings, shipping cartons, freight or other shipping supplies, and miscellaneous expenses used in production at LBW work centers in Kansas.

(Submitted by Holy Cross LWML, Wichita, Kansas)

### 9. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan

#### **Lutheran Confirmation Courses, Spanish Language**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be used to cover the costs of translating and printing Lutheran confirmation program materials (The Lutheran Catechesis Series) in Spanish for mission work in Central and South America. These Spanish confirmation materials would also be given free-of-charge to a half-dozen Kansas District LCMS congregations with Hispanic ministries.

(Submitted by Lisa Brack, Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, Kansas)

### 10. Concordia Theological Seminary, St Louis, Missouri

#### **International Student Support**

**\$6,000**

The Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, currently enrolls 60 international students from 20 different countries. When these students graduate, they return home to serve as seminary professors, theological instructors, and church leaders in their respective countries. Funding for international student support is an ongoing need at Concordia Seminary. The funds being requested will be used to help with the expenses to provide advanced-level education to the residential international students.

(Submitted by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri)

## 2024–2026 MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

*Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants*

### **11. Ministry in Mission, Chesterland, Ohio**

#### **Save the Lutheran Church in Haiti**

**\$8,000**

The funds being requested will be used to support four Haitian men who have been invited to attend seminary at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Santiago, Dominican Republic. The Lutheran Church in Haiti serves over 100 churches and preaching stations throughout the country. Many challenges face the people of Haiti including poverty, gangs, and a civil war; therefore, young men have not been able to attend seminary for many years. These new scholars will bring new life and enthusiasm back to their home country.

(Submitted by Ministry in Mission, Chesterland, Ohio)

### **12. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota**

#### **Refinish Chairs for Chapel on Bismarck Campus**

**\$2,000**

The funds being requested will be used to refinish chairs for the chapel on the Bismarck campus and to purchase special oversized seating to create an inviting, child-friendly environment that engages at-risk children, facilitating their growth through Christ-centered healing.

(Submitted by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church LWML, Olathe, Kansas)

### **13. Linn Lutheran School, Linn, Kansas**

#### **New Orchestra**

**\$7,500**

The funds being requested will be used for the ongoing costs to pay for music, instrument rental and maintenance for a new orchestra. The school orchestra includes students from all area congregations and seeks to recruit students from the public school. The new orchestra currently has 15 children participating.

(Submitted by Diane Hayes, Linn Lutheran School, Linn, Kansas)

### **14. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of National Mission, St. Louis, Missouri**

#### **Proclaiming the Gospel**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be used by the LCMS Office of National Mission to provide resources to Recognized Service Organization (RSO) Ministries, including Bibles, women's devotionals, Bible story books, leadership conferences, and mercy projects.

(Submitted by Mary Hamilton, Grants Manager, LCMS Mission Advancement, St. Louis, Missouri)

### **15. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Mission, St. Louis, Missouri**

#### **Walking Together in the Mission Field — Alliance Missionaries**

**\$5,000**

The LCMS Office of International Mission continues to receive requests for pastors throughout the world. While the LCMS is not able to immediately fulfill all the requests, often church partners have pastors who are uniquely equipped for an open position in the mission field due to their culture. These ordained pastors are referred to as Alliance Missionaries and are called from their church and sent internationally as a missionary or theological educator in coordination with the LCMS. The Office of International Mission has identified filling 140 partner requests for positions over the next five years. The funds being requested will be to provide financial support for the Alliance Missionaries as they spread the Gospel throughout the world.

(Submitted by Mary Hamilton, Grants Manager, LCMS Mission Advancement, St. Louis, Missouri)

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### 16. Kansas University Campus Ministry

#### **The Crimson & Blue Lutheran Crew**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be to provide food, Bibles, catechisms, and other theological resources for the students and young adults that gather weekly. Sunday evening meals bring the group together where they deepen their faith and learn more about God’s word. Results from this ministry during the last two years include two adult baptisms, six adult confirmations, and two weddings.

(Submitted by Rev. Sean Kilgo, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kansas)

### 17. Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat

#### **Called Workers and Spouse Financial Assistance**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be used for pastors, teachers, and other full-time church workers and their spouses who need extra financial assistance to attend Shephard’s Canyon Retreat. This week-long counseling retreat is for workers who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds. The counseling offers the hope and renewal found through the Holy Spirit’s work through God’s Word to those in the “front lines” of bringing hope, help, and healing to the people in the ministries and communities that they serve.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Kelly, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Hutchison, Kansas)

### 18. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Mission, St. Louis, Missouri

#### **Theological Library — Africa**

**\$5,000**

The funds being requested will be used to assist in establishing and fortifying printed and digital collections, cataloging, transport, and training for theological libraries of partner institutes and seminaries on the African continent. Over 100 years ago, missionaries in Africa established a seminary in South Africa, which later sprouted regional seminaries in Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Togo. Students training to become pastors or deaconesses need printed and digital resources in the theological libraries of these seminaries.

(Submitted by Mary Hamilton, Grants Manager, LCMS Mission Advancement, St. Louis, Missouri)

**Mission grants** are funded from Mite Box offerings and other designated offerings. Grants are selected by delegates at the 2024 LWML Kansas District convention in Wichita. Mission grants are awarded throughout the 2024–2026 biennium as donations allow and in the order of number of votes received.



**God’s Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF)** is supported by memorials, honorariums, Thrivent Choice® dollars, and other designated donations. The recipients are selected by delegates at the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita. GGGF grants are disbursed immediately following the 2024 convention.

## 2024–2026 GOD’S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND (GGGF) PROPOSALS

*(\$7,464.33 available funding) Delegates will vote for up to four (4) GGGF Grants*

### 1. Bethlehem Lutheran, Greenleaf, Kansas

#### **Swaddling Clothes**

**\$1,500**

The funds being requested will be used to purchase diapers, wipes, formula, soap, and baby food. This mission serves clients in seven (7) counties who find it difficult to provide essential supplies to their families. Workers associated with the church share the Gospel and the mercy of Christ through the needed gifts and the distribution of Christian-based books and children’s Bibles.

(Submitted by Bethlehem Lutheran LWML, Greenleaf, Kansas)

### 2. SONshine Preschool and Childcare Center, Chanute, Kansas

#### **Christian Books**

**\$1,000**

The majority of students who attend the SONshine Preschool do not have any church affiliation. The funds being requested will be used to purchase Story Bibles, Little Visits with Jesus devotionals, and assorted Arch books to distribute to all preschool families at various times throughout the school year.

(Submitted by Ladies Circle, Zion Lutheran Church, Chanute, Kansas)

### 3. Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center, Junction City, Kansas

#### **Christian Books and Bibles**

**\$1,000**

The funds being requested will be used to purchase Christian books and Bibles needed to teach the Word of God for each classroom. Currently, teachers have to share books to teach the Christian curriculum. Many of the students come to the Early Childhood Center not knowing Jesus. Christian books in each classroom will help them learn and grow with the words of our Lord.

(Submitted by Immanuel Lutheran Church Early Childhood Center, Junction City, Kansas)

### 4. Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas

#### **Coffee with the Savior**

**\$500**

The funds being requested will be used to cover childcare for young mothers while they participate in a weekly Bible study. The group gathers the women around the word of God where they can talk and pray about the joys and struggles of motherhood. Many of the women do not claim a church home and the group helps to equip these women to become stronger in their faith in Christ.

(Submitted by Rev. Michael Hageman, Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas)

### 5. Bethany Lutheran, Wichita, Kansas

#### **Community Outreach Project**

**\$1,500**

The funds being requested will be used to provide school supplies and/or adult “Welcome” bags for unchurched neighboring apartment complexes near the church. This outreach project would provide an outreach opportunity to invite these individuals to church and to hear the Word of God.

(Submitted by Bethany LWML, Bethany Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas)



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- 6. St. Paul’s Redeemer Lutheran Churches, Alta Visita/Junction City/Eskridge, Kansas**  
**Joint Parish — Projectors and Software** **\$3,000**  
The funds being requested will be used to purchase projectors and software to link three congregations and for outreach in their communities. This would allow the three churches of this joint parish to stay connected virtually for meetings and services. This may include additional laptops as well as start-up licenses as needed.  
(Submitted by Susan Brunkow, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas)
- 7. Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas**  
**Home School Ministry** **\$750**  
The funds being requested will be used to help start a new ministry to homeschool families who are desiring a Lutheran-focused education. The funds will be used to help cover start-up costs of curriculum, classroom materials (white boards, projectors, keyboards, and other supplies), and Christ-centered books.  
(Submitted by Rev. Michael Hageman, Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas)
- 8. Lutherans for Life**  
**Y4Life** **\$4,000**  
Y4Life is the youth branch of Lutherans for Life. The funds being requested will be used to create and distribute educational resources to high school and college-aged students and their teachers, in Kansas, about life issues such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, human trafficking, and mental health. Each resource will equip Kansas youth to view and respond to life issues from a Lutheran, Gospel-motivated perspective.  
(Submitted by Sherri Rose, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, Kansas)
- 9. Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries**  
**Maternity Home** **\$2,000**  
A new Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries maternity home will be opening in East Dundee, Illinois, in late 2023/early 2024. This home will offer help and hope to single women in crisis pregnancies who have chosen life for their unborn babies. The funds being requested will be used for programing costs for the residents of this new home, including a screening process and establishing a program for each woman to build her up with the skills she will need to care for the child and herself.  
(Submitted by Julia Heinz, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Sanford, Florida)

Did you know that you can follow the progress of our mission grants on the website?

Visit [kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach](https://kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach).

## CONVENTION OFFERINGS

*Recipients of the Convention Offerings are as follows:*

- **2024 Convention Offering #1, Friday Evening Worship Service**  
**2024–2026 LWML Kansas District Mission Grants**



- **2024 Convention Offering #2, Sunday Morning Worship Service**  
**Artesian Ministries, Scripture from Scratch**

*Scripture from Scratch* is a comprehensive and easily downloadable resource of all 66 books of the Bible. The resource for each book in the Bible features a basic outline, timelines, significant events, people, and places visited within that biblical book. *Scripture from Scratch* will be expanded to include short devotions, memory verses, daily journaling opportunities, key passages, and visual faith aspects so that this resource may be enjoyed by the whole family as they learn the Bible together.

- **Prayer Walk Offerings 2024–2026**

**Lutheran Church Charities, K–9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Kansas**

In 2021, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Kansas, completed placement of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) K–9 Comfort Dog, Keren, to serve as the church’s bridge to show the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need. Keren Comfort Dog’s Bible verse is Isaiah 40:8 (NIV): *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.* Funds will be used to support Keren, the K–9 Comfort Dog.

**Convention Offerings** may be given online through the website, [kansaslwml.org](https://kansaslwml.org),  
OR on the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App from your phone.

Information for using the Vanco App is also available on the [Giving page](#) of the website.

Convention offerings will be available for online giving after February 1.

## CONVENTION PRAYER WALK

The LWML Kansas District Christian Life Committee is planning a Convention Prayer Walk which will give convention attendees an opportunity to consider the presence of Christ as the anchor of their Christian lives. Using the convention theme verses, Hebrews 6:19–20a, as well as supporting verses and hymn lyrics, participants will have the chance for reflection in a quiet atmosphere away from the bustle of other convention activities.



## CARING SERVICE



Each HOST ZONE has selected items for *Gifts from the Heart* for this convention. Items requested are listed below, by zone.

### ***Linn Zone***

**Swaddling Clothes, Greenleaf:** all sizes diapers, baby wipes, baby wash/soap, baby shoes (practical) size 1 year to toddler size 4, toothpaste and toothbrushes for children and adults

### ***Northeast Zone***

**Helping Hands with Joyful Hearts, Nortonville, Kansas; Trinity Center, Hiawatha; and Kaden's Kloset, Troy:** new in package socks and underwear for boys, girls, men, and women; gift cards from Walmart (please mark the dollar amount on front of the card)

### ***Wichita Zone***

**Orphan Grain Train:** new in package underwear and socks, all sizes for boys, girls, men, and women

### ***Other Items***

**MOST Ministries:** eyeglasses; **LWML Texas District:** cancelled postage stamps; **Bibles**



- ◆ **Tours to Orphan Grain Train (OGT) facility — Friday, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.**  
(you must provide your own transportation)

The tours are facilitated by OGT staff and will provide the opportunity for volunteers to sort clothing and see the facility.

*You may choose to do any of the servant events listed below on Friday afternoon.*

- ◆ **Braille Books**

Braille book equipment will be available to create book pages.

- ◆ **Roll Bandages**

Sheets and cloth will be available to tear or cut and roll into bandages.

- ◆ **Greeting Cards**

Color greeting cards to be taken home and mailed or shared with others; OR color Christmas cards to be donated to the Union Mission in Wichita.

*Take time from your Friday to serve others; serving the Lord with gladness!*



Don't forget—if this is your first time attending an LWML Kansas District Convention, be sure to pick up a small gift from the Special Focus Ministries Committee at the registration table!

# CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM (deadline March 18)

## LWML Kansas District 2024 Convention Shirt Order Form

The 2024 Convention T-shirt is a light purple shirt with the *Lutheran Women in Mission* logo on the front and the 2024 *Jesus Is My Anchor* logo on the back.

**SHIRT ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 18**

**Please mail payment with order form to:**  
Sarah Kleopfer, 2526 Coyote Rd, Morrill, KS 66515

**Make checks payable to:**  
LWML Kansas District Convention 2024

**ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 18**

**SHIRTS MAY BE PICKED UP AT CONVENTION**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3X \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALL SHIRTS ARE \$20**

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION SHIRTS ARE PRE-ORDER ONLY AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT CONVENTION.**

**SHIRTS WILL NOT BE FOR SALE AT CONVENTION.**

## CONVENTION BANNERS AND MISSION FLAGS

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Each zone is asked to provide a banner made with the convention theme, *Jesus is My Anchor*, and bring it to convention. The Zone Presidents will carry their zone's banner in the Saturday morning procession. Zone Young Women Representatives will carry mission flags. Both the banner and the flags will be displayed during convention. Photos of the banners will be posted on the [LWML Kansas District website](#) following convention. Please be sure to admire the wonderful handiwork of the dedicated, talented women who designed and constructed the banners!

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

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### **Driving to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2098 Airport Rd, Wichita**

The following directions are for entering Wichita on I-135 N or S, exit onto US 400 West AND entering Wichita on US 400 W or E.

Take the exit toward Ridge Rd/Mid-Continent/Airport;  
Merge onto Eisenhower Airport Pkwy, (0.5 mile);  
Slight right onto S Air Cargo Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Turn left at the 1st cross street onto W Crossfield Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Turn right onto Midfield Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Doubletree is on the right.

**MEMO** *If you miss the S Air Cargo Rd Exit, continue to Long Term Parking. Take a ticket and go through the check out booths. There is no charge if entry and exit is within 10 minutes! Turn left and the Doubletree is on the right in about 500 ft.*

### **On Friday morning there will be two off-site visits to the Orphan Grain Train (OGT) facility, 911 W Maple. The following driving directions are from the hotel to the OGT facility.**

Exit the hotel lot north on Midfield Rd;  
Turn west (left) onto Crossfield Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Take ramp to merge onto Eisenhower Airport Parkway, continuing north onto Ridge Rd;  
Turn right onto Maple Street;  
Orphan Grain Train facility will be 4.1 miles on the right.

**The Friday Evening Worship Service** will be hosted and held at **Ascension Lutheran Church, 842 N Tyler Rd**. Convention attendees and guests are welcome to attend. It is approximately a ten minute non-highway drive to the church. As we will not be providing transportation, please feel free to "create your own carpool," by finding a ride with a friend or two, or introduce yourself to someone new and share a ride. The following driving directions are from the hotel to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Exit the hotel lot north on Midfield Rd;  
Turn west (left) onto Crossfield Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Take ramp to merge onto Eisenhower Airport Parkway, continuing north onto Ridge Rd, (2.7 miles);  
Turn left onto Central Avenue, (1 mile);  
Turn right onto Tyler Rd, (0.2 mile);  
Turn right onto Bekemeyer St;  
The church is on the left.

## AREA ATTRACTIONS

### **Downtown Wichita Attractions**

#### **Nifty Nut House, 527 St Francis St, Wichita**

The Nifty Nut House is a Wichita tradition that has offered tremendous value, selection, and service since 1937. Countless shelves are filled with 4,500 items featuring classic and modern candies, nuts, and snacks. See why Food Network's Alton Brown called it "a national treasure."

#### **The Spice Merchant, 1300 E Douglas Ave, Wichita**

Located in the historic Mentholatum Building, the Spice Merchant is Wichita's original gourmet coffee roastery offering espresso drinks, spices, specialty food items and a wide variety of teas, and all things for coffee and tea lovers.

#### **Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W Museum Boulevard, Wichita**

The Wichita Art Museum features examples of American Art from Colonial times to the present, including several dramatic glass installations, and outdoor sculpture collection. General admission to these main exhibits, the café, and gift shop is free. There is a \$12 admission charge to special, traveling exhibits.

#### **Greenwich Place Shopping Center, 2716 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita (just off Route 96)**

##### **Mardel Christian and Education Bookstore**

Mardel offers a wide range of books, music, cards, décor, gifts, education supplies, and homeschool supplies with a Christian focus.

##### **World Market**

World Market is a retail chain featuring an eclectic array of imported foods, housewares, furniture, and décor.

##### **REI**

REI is an outdoor co-op that is a camper's paradise. They also feature quality athletic clothes for all sports.

*Also at Greenwich Place Shopping Center are countless casual restaurants, popular outlets, and shops.*

### **Seven Must-See Museums in Wichita**

1. Exploration Place, 300 N McLean Blvd, Wichita  
Demystifying STEM for the whole family; the science behind airplanes and the human body.
2. Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House, 255 N Roosevelt St, Wichita
3. Mid-America All-Indian Museum, 650 N Seneca St, Wichita
4. Museum of World Treasures, 835 E 1st St N, Wichita  
Oddities, such as shrunken heads, and a slice of the Berlin wall.
5. Old Cowtown Museum, 1865 Museum Blvd, Wichita
6. Wichita Art Museum, 1400 Museum Blvd, Wichita  
Walk along the Little Arkansas River and see the Art Garden.
7. The Kansas African American Museum, 601 N Water St, Wichita

**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT  
2024 CONVENTION SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS  
April 12-14, 2024, Wichita**

**Thursday, April 11**

7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**(Pre-Convention Activities)**

Exhibitors and Committees Setup  
Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting – Ascension Lutheran Church

**Friday, April 12**

7:30 a.m.  
8:00–10:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
11:15 a.m.  
1:00–5:00 p.m.  
1:00–1:45 p.m.  
2:00–3:45 p.m.  
3:45–5:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
9:30 p.m.

**(Pre-Convention Activities)**

Executive Committee Prayer Breakfast  
Exhibitors and Committees Setup  
Registration opens; Gifts from the Heart ingathering  
Off-site Servant Event (Tour) at Orphan Grain Train Warehouse  
Exhibits Open — LWML Store Open  
YWR/Mentor Lunch (by invitation only)  
On-site servant events (self-guided)  
Bible Study Samplers  
Leadership Development Seminars (two sessions)  
Prayer Walk  
Choir Practice  
Dinner  
Pre-worship Music — Ascension Lutheran Church  
Official Opening of Convention and Worship with Holy Communion  
YWR Friday Night Party

**Saturday, April 13**

6:00–7:00 a.m.  
6:30–7:15 a.m.  
6:30–8:30 a.m.  
7:00–8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

**CONVENTION SESSION 1**

Grab-n-go Breakfast  
Wake up in the Word Bible Study (bring breakfast with you)  
Registration (delegate registration closes at 8:00 a.m.)  
Exhibits Open — LWML Store Open  
Banner Procession  
Bible Study; Business Meeting with Voting for Grants  
Lunch/ Men’s Luncheon  
Exhibits Open — LWML Store Open

**Saturday, April 13**

1:00 p.m.  
3:15 p.m.  
3:15–6:00 p.m.  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

**CONVENTION SESSION 2**

Mission speakers; Business Meeting with Voting for Officers  
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Exhibits Open — LWML Store Open  
Interest Sessions

**Saturday, April 13**

6:30 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

**CONVENTION SESSION 3**

Banquet and Inspirational Entertainment with Wendysue Fluegge  
YWR Party with LWML Representative

**Sunday, April 14**

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
Noon

**CONVENTION SESSION 4 AND CLOSING WORSHIP**

Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker  
Final Business Meeting and Bible Study  
Closing Worship Service with Installation of Officers  
Convention Adjournment