



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT
Board of Directors Report
2022-2024 Biennium

April 11, 2024

Ascension Lutheran Church
Wichita, Kansas



2022-2024 LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PERSONNEL

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VP of Gospel Outreach	Julie Hatesohl	Pastoral Counselors	Rev. Michael Schmidt
VP of Organizational Resources and Parliamentarian	Christine McCombs		Rev. John Werner
VP of Special Focus Ministries	Sarah Kleopfer		

ZONE PRESIDENTS

Herington Zone	Sharon Kolanowski	Northeast Zone	Peggy Coder
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Linn Zone	Sheryl Kruse	Topeka Zone	Allison Lehmann
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DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Caring Service Committee

Linda Stanton, Chairman
Cindy Meade, Beth Ringwald, Jolene Stackhouse

Christian Life Committee

Sharon Daugherty, Chairman
Sara Deepe, Fonda Lawrence, Heather Rolf

Communication Committee

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Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager
Jill Kruse, LWML Store Manager
Brenda Piester, Directory Manager
Sherri Rose, Newsletter Editor
Elise Christensen, Website Manager

Endowment Committee

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Gospel Outreach Committee

Kathy Heiniger, Chairman
Sandra Childs, Mary Jensen, Heather Van Slyke

Organizational Resources Committee

Carol Olson, Chairman
Gloria Peterson

Special Focus Ministries Committee

Pam Popp, Chairman
Lisa Brack, Tiffany Harkins, Sarah Winkler
Joyce Duitsman, Church Workers in Mission
Sherri Rose, Heart to Heart — Sisters of All
Nations Chairman
Judy Kolterman

Archivist-Historian Co-Chairmen

Amanda Engelman, Marie Roth

Prayer-Mail Coordinator

Velma Bass

Travel Chairman (LWML Convention, Milwaukee)

Judy Ruckman

Nominating Committee

Jill Lowe, Chairman, Northeast Zone
Sharon Kolanowski, Herington Zone
Shelly Keller, Lincoln Zone
Marilyn Fick, Manhattan Zone
Kathryn Richard, outgoing EC Representative
Brenda Piester, Past President Advisor

2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Karen Ard, Chairman, Wichita Zone
Michele Voelker, Co-Chairman, Linn Zone
Cindy Manche, Co-Chairman, Northeast Zone

REPORT TO THE LWML CONVENTION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE 2022–2024 BIENNIUM

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DoubleTree Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

Activities of the District President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- My personal focus — ***Be prepared at all times to talk about what LWML does and its mission. Stay strong in the Word so I can proclaim Christ with confidence;***
- Delivered the Day of Prayer check and a mission grant check to Fairmount Ministries. Seeing God's miracle happen through the amount of the donations and seeing the recipient's reactions to a much larger sum than expected makes it easy to "Declare His Glory";
- Journalled and prayed over my list of blessings and prayer requests;
- Received and read the *Mustard Seed Daily Devotion* email;
- Participated in many Bible studies;
- Attended church faithfully; and
- Participated in and supported an effort to plant a new church in the De Soto area. Light of the World Lutheran Church celebrated its first worship service on October 29, 2023, in De Soto, Kansas.

Supporting Missions

- My personal focus — ***Be the best leader possible so that others will want to follow and so that others will know what and how important our mission is;***
- Donated to the Mite offering;
- Asked God for guidance and wisdom to be the best leader I can be;
- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Paul Krueger from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch as a guest speaker at Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Olathe;
- Encouraged the LWML Kansas District to be the LWML "sponsor" on two Mission Grant Proposals to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- Attended the Gospel Outreach grant proposal meetings and gave support to the committee as we discerned over the many requests; and
- Encouraged every group and zone to participate in gathering items for Gifts from the Heart (GFTH). The 2023 district, zone, and group GFTH donations as reported to me from three out of 12 zones are as follows:
 - ◇ Centre School's Blessing Box — items for a rural school's box of needs (snacks, clothing, etc.);
 - ◇ OMEGA (dysfunction, drug and alcohol addiction) Treatment Center — tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, pillows, bedding, kitchen towels, and trash bags;
 - ◇ Trinity House — personal care items and non-perishable food items;
 - ◇ Orphan Grain Train — layette kits, hygiene kits, school kits, quilts, boxes of clothing, pillowcase dresses, sleeping mats;
 - ◇ Pantry of Hope — boxes of cereal;
 - ◇ Kansas Disaster Relief Caring Ministry — supplies;
 - ◇ Valeo Shower Trailer — bath items, towels, socks, etc.;
 - ◇ Inwood Apt Easter Feast Baskets — food items;
 - ◇ Indian Trail Middle School Back Snack program — cereal, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars;
 - ◇ Light of the World Church (new congregation) — coffee, tea, cups, creamers, sugar, napkins, coffee pots;
 - ◇ Swaddling Clothes — diapers, wipes;
 - ◇ Community Care Ministry — protein filled food items;

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- ◇ Pastor Kinney’s homeless food closet — canned goods with easy open tops, cereal, etc.;
- ◇ The Celebration Cart for teachers at Eugene Ware Elementary, Ft. Scott , Kansas — snacks and drinks;
- ◇ Lutheran Braille Workers — offering;
- ◇ Hays Community Center — canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, breakfast bars, Ramen noodles, crackers, pudding, applesauce, mac and cheese;
- ◇ Gammon Elementary School — clothing and assorted boxes of drinks (Keurig coffee pods, hot tea, hot chocolate, apple cider, drink sticks);
- ◇ MOST Ministries — eyeglasses;
- ◇ Holy Cross Lutheran Church staff — gift cards, note pads, Kleenex, snack items;
- ◇ Union Rescue Mission — toilet paper, deodorant, Kleenex, razors, and chapsticks;
- ◇ Wichita Police Department — stuffed animals ;
- ◇ The Lord’s Diner — socks, hats, winter clothing;
- ◇ Trinity Center Food Bank — non-perishable items;
- ◇ YWCA battered women’s shelter — hygiene kits;
- ◇ Independence Community Food Bank — non-perishable items;
- ◇ Zion Lutheran College Students — snack items;
- ◇ Cherry Street Youth Center — Easter baskets with goodies;
- ◇ Via Medical Clinic — diapers, burp clothes, other baby items;
- ◇ Waterstreet Apts for senior citizens — food pantry items;
- ◇ Humboldt food bank — pantry items;
- ◇ Humboldt Hospital — blankets;
- ◇ Meals on Wheels — meals and delivery;
- ◇ Swaddling Clothes — diapers, wipes, baby items;
- ◇ Deployed church members — items for care packages;
- ◇ Linn Lutheran School Auction — quilts;
- ◇ Ukraine — hygiene kits;
- ◇ Concordia Food Bank — many items;
- ◇ Linn Community Nursing Home — Easter baskets, cookies, and Mother’s Day cards;
- ◇ Meals for Moms — meals;
- ◇ Washington County Food Bank — food items; and
- ◇ Foster Kid Program — summer camp supplies for campers.

Equipping Women

- My personal focus — ***To allow God to use me to “grow” strong leaders within LWML. I want to be open to new ideas so that more women, and men, can be excited about the mission of LWML, and all the missions LWML supports;***
- Planned and led the 2022 KAOL leadership training, “Equip — Build up — Serve”;
- Attended the October 2022 Assembly of Leaders leadership event in St. Louis, Missouri;
- Planned and led the 2023 KAOL, “Adventures in Equipping Leaders”;
- Visited the Manhattan and Southwest Zone events in the Fall 2022;
- Attended the Trinity Lutheran, Garden City, Centennial Celebration in October 2022;
- Visited the Northwest, Kansas City, Hutchinson, Manhattan, and Southwest Zone events in Spring 2023;
- Visited the Manhattan, Kansas City, and Linn Zone events in Fall 2023;
- Visited the Kansas City and Herington Zone events in Spring 2024;
- Encouraged many women to be involved in LWML at any level; and
- Assisted in developing a new daytime circle for the Beautiful Savior Lutheran LWML group.

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Serving Others

- My personal focus — ***I allowed God to put me in a leadership role. I want to use that gift to show others that being a leader is not as hard as they think — if we let God be in control;***
- Encouraged as many as I can to let them know that God chooses you for leadership roles. I used my theme of “follow the SON” many times;
- Communicated with many, many emails to the 2023 Convention delegates and attendees from Kansas, making sure they were well-informed;
- Performed a countless number of tasks and projects in preparation for the 2023 LWML Convention;
- Planned and attended three convention planning meetings with the Convention Committee;
- Communicated many times with Convention Chairman Karen Ard;
- Began planning and scheduling the 2024 convention and contracting with speakers and guests;
- Gave my attention to every detail of the 2024 convention, so that all attendees would know “Jesus is My Anchor”; and
- Accepted the position of Tours and Transportation Manager for the LWML Convention Management Team.

Meetings Attended

- July 2022, toured hotels in Junction City and Manhattan for 2026 District Convention;
- July 2022, Executive Committee (EC) meeting in Manhattan;
- July 2022, Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in Manhattan;
- July 2022, Kansas Assembly of Leaders/Interdepartmental (KAOL/ID) in Manhattan;
- August 2022; Zoom meeting with Special Focus Ministries (SFM) transitioning chairmen Elise Lorenz-Cleary and Pam Popp, and Vice President of SFM Sarah Kleopfer;
- October 2022, attended Trinity Lutheran’s (Garden City) Centennial Celebration and LWML Sunday, in conjunction with the Southwest Zone’s fall event;
- October 2022, attended Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis;
- November 4–5, 2022, EC meeting via Zoom;
- December 28, 2022, SFM meeting to select YWRs;
- January 31, 2023, KAOL planning meeting via Zoom;
- February 3–4, 2023, EC meeting in Herington;
- February 4, 2023, Convention Planning Meeting in Herington;
- February 6, 2023, Gospel Outreach meeting via Zoom;
- February 7, 2023, YWR introductions via Zoom;
- March 30, 2023, meeting to discuss updating the financial website pages via Zoom;
- April 28–29, 2023, EC meeting in Wichita;
- April 28, 2023, met with Convention Chairman Karen Ard to discuss convention plans;
- June 20–21, 2023, President’s Assembly meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- June 21–25, 2023, 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
 - ◊ Represented the Kansas District at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee;
 - ◊ Carried the Kansas District banner designed by Sharon Daugherty; and
 - ◊ Led the Kansas District caucus attended by 110+ convention attendees;
- June 2023, presided at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL);
- July 13, 2023, EC meeting in Wichita;
- July 14, 2023, BOD meeting in Wichita;
- July 14–15, 2023, led Kansas Assembly of Leaders;
- August 2023, met with Carolyn Fishburn to discuss the 2024 convention budget;

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- August 12, 2023, attended 2024 District Convention Planning meeting;
- Sept 2023, met with Editor Sherri Rose to discuss upcoming quarterly and pre-convention issues of *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Sept 10, 2023, Gospel Outreach meeting in Manhattan;
- Sept 24, 2023, Gospel Outreach Zoom meeting;
- Sept 29, 2023, met with convention hotel manager;
- October 5, 2023, Gospel Outreach Zoom meeting;
- October 6–7, 2023, EC meeting, Herington;
- October and November 2023, began gathering information for 2024 pre-convention *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- October and November 2023, contacted many of our speakers to plan for the 2024 District Convention;
- December 2023, BOD Zoom meeting;
- January 16, 2024, Special Focus Ministries Zoom meeting;
- January 25–27, 2024, President’s Assembly in St. Louis;
- February 2–3, 2024, EC meeting;
- February 4, 2024, Convention Planning Meeting; and
- February 10, 2024, BOD e-vote meeting called to approve the 2024 Bylaw Amendments.

Personal Note: It’s been an honor to serve as your District President! My hope is that my encouragement was able to deepen your knowledge and passion for LWML and the LWML Kansas District. My priority was to be a good mentor, as my own mentors have been to me, and to inspire everyone to realize that you can be a leader. Of course, we all should know by now that if you “follow the SON”, then leading is easy when we put it all into God’s hands. May God bless you all and may His grace ever shine on you!

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:34 NIV).

Personal Bible Verse

***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).***

We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

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Activities of the Vice President of Caring Service to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Affirmed the love of Christ with each project and ingathering; and
- Shared a prayer of encouragement and thanksgiving with each recipient or group.

Supporting Missions

- Provided Gifts from the Heart for Passageways at KAOL 2023;
- Collected stamps for Texas Stamporee project;
- Collected eyeglasses for MOST ministries; and
- Planned servant events for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Equipping Women

- Provided information and encouragement in *The Kansas Sonshine* for servant events; and
- Continued to point ladies to the resources available at lwml.org.

Serving Others

- Provided Gifts from the Heart for the Fort Riley USO and Flint Hills Bread Basket at KAOL 2022; and
- Selected Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf, clothing banks in the Northeast Zone, and Orphan Grain Train as recipient for Gifts from the Heart for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Meetings Attended

- KAOL 2022, Manhattan, July 7–8, 2022;
- AOL, St. Louis, October 19–22, 2022;
- EC and Convention planning at Herington Retreat Center, February 3–4, 2023;
- EC, May 6;
- LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023;
- EC meeting in Wichita, July 13–14;
- KAOL in Wichita, July 15, 2023;
- Convention planning meeting, August 12, in Manhattan;
- Represented President Kim and the LWML Kansas District at the LLL convention in Wichita, November 5, 2023;
- Attended the BOD meeting via ZOOM, December 5, 2023; and
- Attended the EC meeting, February 2–3 in Wichita.

Personal Bible Verse
In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16 NIV).

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Activities of the Vice President of Christian Life to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Planned, with Christian Life Committee, Christian Life Prayer Breakfast featuring Speaker Rehema Kavugha; and
- Authored a devotion to be considered for the 2025–2027 Monthly *Resource Planner*.

Supporting Missions

- Organized and helped serve a baked potato bar with my local LWML group to raise funds for mission projects;
- Remembered missionaries and families in prayer; and
- Donated regularly to mite offerings.

Equipping Women

- Hosted, along with the Christian Life Committee, the fall Christian Life Retreat in Wichita; and
- Planned the Prayer Walk for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Serving Others

- Helped construct the district banner for the 2024 Convention;
- Assembled school kits with supplies provided by my local LWML group to be given to Orphan Grain Train; and
- Produced the weekly bulletin for my local congregation.

Meetings Attended

- Met with Christian Life Committee via text, email, and in person numerous times;
- Attended BOD Zoom meeting on December 5; and
- Attended the Topeka Zone Fall Event.

Personal Note: Thank you for allowing me to serve the Lord, and you, in this position. I really enjoyed working with the Christian Life Committee to plan, organize, and carry out the Christian Life Retreat in Wichita. I am looking forward to begin planning the 2025 Christian Life Retreat!

Personal Bible Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:13).

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Activities of the Vice President of Communication to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- January 2024 — Led Holy Cross Group Bible Study at quarterly meeting; and
- Women’s Bible Study Leader, Holy Cross Lutheran, ongoing since 2015.

Supporting Missions

- Worked closely with the Gospel Outreach Chair and Tech Manager, Lisa Gruhn, to facilitate the making of a video to inform the 2024 delegates about the applicants for God’s Gracious Gift Fund grants and Mission Grants; and
- Facilitated communication between web manager and financial officers to update the Giving page of the website to a more user-friendly format.

Equipping Women

- Arranged for informative mission and service speakers at quarterly meetings of Holy Cross LWML Group as Co-Vice President of the group.

Serving Others

- Co-chaired women’s retreat planning committee at Holy Cross Lutheran; and
- Promoted District LWML by writing and facilitating the sending of numerous email blasts.

Meetings Attended

- All Executive Committee meetings;
- All district Board of Directors meetings;
- Convention Planning Meetings; and
- Convention Planning A/V Technology Meetings.

Personal Note: Serving alongside the other members of the Executive Committee of the LWML Kansas District for the last four years has been a joy! The LWML is a dynamic organization whose sole focus of Serving the Lord with Gladness is carried out with enthusiasm and great dedication by its many members.

Personal Bible Verse

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).***

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Activities of the Vice President of Gospel Outreach to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Sent emails to Gospel Outreach Zone Representatives to keep them updated on our progress;
- Attended Women’s Bible Study; and
- Daily devotions.

Supporting Missions

- Prepared a Mite Challenge for KAOL, 2022 and 2023;
- Presented Day of Prayer offering recipients;
- Updated the guidelines to present at least four Day of Prayer offering recipients to the KAOL, Interdepartmental Meeting (following Convention) in order to select two Day of Prayer offering recipients for the biennium; and
- Processed nineteen Student Financial Aid applications for the 2023–2024 school year.

Equipping Women

- Wrote the LWML 2-Minute Tuesday article for April 18, 2023;
- Led Bible Study at July 8–9, 2022, LWML Kansas District Executive Committee (Peter); and
- Led Bible Study at February 2–3, 2024, LWML Kansas District Executive Committee (Eve).

Serving Others

- Served as Manhattan Zone President; and
- Currently serving on national committee – Group Development.

Meetings Attended

- July 7, 2022, LWML Kansas District Executive Board meeting, Manhattan, Kansas;
- July 8–9, 2022, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors/Assembly of Leaders, Manhattan, Kansas;
- October 19–22, 2022, LWML Assembly of Leaders, St. Louis, Missouri;
- November 4–5, 2022, LWML Kansas District Executive Board Meeting, Herington, Kansas;
- February 3–4, 2023, LWML Kansas District Executive Board Meeting, Herington, Kansas;
- February 6, 2023, LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach Zoom call;
- March 25, 2023, LWML Kansas District Representative, KC Crossroads Zone Event;
- June 22–25, 2023, LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- July 14–15, 2023, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors/Assembly of Leaders, Wichita, Kansas;
- August 3, 2023, LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach Zoom call;
- August 12, 2023, LWML Kansas District Convention Planning Meeting, Overland Park, Kansas;
- September 10, 2023, LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach Meeting, Manhattan, Kansas;
- October 6–7, 2023, LWML Kansas District Executive Committee Meeting and Convention Planning, Herington, Kansas;
- December 5, 2023, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors; and
- February 2–3, 2024, LWML Kansas District Executive Committee Meeting, Wichita, Kansas.



***Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Julie Hatesohl
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Personal Note: The experiences and friendships gained in serving the Lord is so much more than the fear of volunteering. Starting out in this position, I was overwhelmed as I was still working at that time. I prayed and asked God, "What are you thinking?" In His time (January, 2023), He answered my prayers and I retired, which gave me time to spend serving Him the way He had intended. I am so thankful for those who have mentored me in this new role and supported me as I have transitioned to a new chapter in my life. I hope serving in this capacity has made me a better individual, but has also helped and encouraged others to lead.

Personal Bible Verse

***Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you (1 Samuel 12:24).***

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Activities of the Vice President of Organizational Resources/Parliamentarian to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Participated in the Bible Study, *Focus Lost — Focus Restored*, with the Executive Committee (EC);
- Attended weekly worship services and Bible study at my home church, Beautiful Savior, Olathe;
- Participated in the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone events; and
- Led the Beautiful Savior LWML Group.

Supporting Missions

- Prayed for District Mission Grant, God's Gracious Gifts, and Student Financial Aid recipients;
- Supported Gifts from the Heart at both District and Zone events;
- Supported missions through my mite offerings; and
- Supported and prayed for the social mission ministries of my home congregation.

Equipping Women

- Communicated and met regularly with members of the Organizational Resources Committee;
- Provided resources and guidance to the Organizational Resources Committee for zone and group bylaws reviews;
- Worked with Communication Committee to update the Organizational Resources section of the District website;
- Led presentations and leadership sessions at Kansas Assembly of Leaders;
- Prepared Mite & Missions Monday emails for the Communication Committee;
- Wrote articles for the *The Kansas Sonshine*; and
- Led Bible study sampler and leadership session at the 2024 Kansas District Convention.

Serving Others

- Reviewed and updated the LWML Kansas District Leadership Guidelines;
- Reviewed the Kansas District Bylaws for proposed amendments;
- Reviewed the bylaws of all zones within the Kansas District with the Organizational Resources Committee;
- Acquired Kansas District Articles of Incorporation; and
- Worked with event song leaders to secure proper copyright citations for music used.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Kansas District Executive Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings;
- 2024 Kansas District Convention Planning Meetings;
- Kansas Assembly of Leaders, 2022–2024;
- Topeka Zone Fall Event as District Representative, October 15, 2022;
- Kansas City CrossRoads Fall Event as District Representative, October 22, 2022;
- Organizational Resources Committee Zoom Meeting, December 12, 2022;
- Herington Zone Spring Event as District Representative, April 15, 2023;
- Kansas City CrossRoads Fall Event, October 21, 2023;
- Organizational Resources Committee Zoom Meeting, October 23, 2023; and
- Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Spring Event as District Representative, March 9, 2024.



***Vice President of Organizational Resources/Parliamentarian
Christine McCombs
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Personal Note: This biennium has been a time of learning and growth for me both in my faith and in my role with LWML. I am thankful for the support of the Executive Committee and the servant-hearts of the members of the Organizational Resources Committee.

***Personal Bible Verse
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15).***



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Activities of the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Attended Christian Life Retreat in Wichita, November 2023; and
- Led prayers at some of the Executive Committee meetings.

Supporting Missions

- Saved and turned in mite donations at my local group;
- Participated in the Mite Challenges at the zone events; and
- Prayed for all of our missions.

Equipping Women

- With the Special Focus Ministries (SFM) Committee, chose two YWRs to attend the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- Paired Zone YWRs with active LWML ladies as mentors; and
- Assisted the SFM Committee with planning the activities for the zone YWRs for the 2024 District Convention.

Serving Others

- Helped lead music at KAOL in July 2022.

Meetings Attended

- May 2022, EC meeting;
- July 2022, EC meeting and KAOL;
- October 2022, Northeast Zone Fall Event;
- February 2023, EC meeting;
- April 2023, EC meeting;
- July 2023, EC meeting and KAOL;
- August 2023, Convention Planning meeting;
- September 2023, SFM Committee meeting;
- October 2023, EC meeting;
- December 2023, Board of Directors Zoom meeting;
- January 2024, SFM Committee Zoom meeting; and
- February 2024, EC meeting and Convention Planning meeting.

Personal Note: Being on the District EC has been a great experience. I've learned so much about LWML and grown close to the other members and grown in faith.

Personal Bible Verse

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

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Activities of the Recording Secretary to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Shared the responsibility of leading Bible study and prayers at some LWML Kansas District Executive Committee (EC) planning meetings;
- Attended weekly worship services and Bible study;
- Led small group Bible study;
- Sent Christian encouragement cards and personal messages to an elderly woman; and
- Shared the Good News by singing with the church choir.

Supporting Missions

- Contributed mite donations to assist in reaching LWML Kansas District and LWML mission goals;
- Donated to various Gifts from the Heart collections;
- Worked with Sewing Sisters group to make items to sell for raising funds to support Lutheran education for elementary and high school youth; and
- Contributed funds to Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Bible Translators for outreach to those needing to hear the Good News of our Savior.

Equipping Women

- Presented District President Kim's report at zone events at the Hutchinson Zone, the Lincoln Zone, and the Wichita Zone; and
- Assisted in planning and hosting Women's Retreat at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Serving Others

- Served as Team Captain of a committee responsible for preparing and serving coffee between church services, and with setting up and providing food for LWML group meetings;
- Recorded and distributed the minutes of the LWML Kansas District EC and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings;
- Assisted with serving at funerals and receptions; and
- Served as coordinator of a small group ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Kansas District EC meetings, BOD meetings, and Kansas Assembly of Leaders Events;
- Spring Zone Event/Hutchinson Zone, 2023; Fall Zone Event/Lincoln Zone, 2023; Spring Zone Event/Wichita Zone, Spring 2024;
- 2023 LWML Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and
- 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention held in Wichita, Kansas.



Recording Secretary
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Personal Note: The LWML serves a vital role in service to Christ in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. To continue to do the work that God has prepared for Lutheran Women in Mission, it is necessary that women of all ages stay active in the league. It is also so important that leaders listen to the call to serve and step forward when opportunities arise. The last four years have been a great learning experience for me as I have served as Recording Secretary. I admire the dedication and sacrifice of the women I have served with on the Executive Committee. Thank you for trusting me with the position and for your prayers for the women in leadership positions. May God bless the LWML members, groups, zones, and the Kansas District.

Personal Bible Verse

***The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him (Psalm 28:7 NIV).***

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Activities of the Treasurer to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Attended weekly worship services;
- Attended organized Bible studies and had personal Bible study;
- Daily online devotions; and
- Participated in Bible Study, *Focus Lost, Focus Restored*, with EC members.

Supporting Missions

- Gave regular offerings to local, zone, district, and national LWML;
- Donated items for local, zone, district, and national gatherings and Gifts From the Heart;
- Collected *Stamps for Missions* personally, at work, and from co-workers and friends; and
- Organized annual *Meals for Missions* fundraising event at the local level.

Equipping Women

- Presented at Treasurer/Financial Secretary workshop at 2023 KAOL;
- Answered treasurer questions in person and via email;
- Attended national LWML *Financial Officers Boot Camp* webinar;
- Submitted *Sonshine* article encouraged members to utilize online giving options;
- Prayed regularly for LWML leaders and mission projects; and
- Encouraged and supported others in their faith walk.

Serving Others

- Reconciled monthly Treasurer's Report and Mission Goal Worksheet;
- Processed approved expense vouchers for payment; and
- Chaired 2023 Student Financial Aid Task Force.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Kansas District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, various dates;
- 2022 and 2023 Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) meetings;
- 2022 Northwest and Southwest Zone Fall Gatherings;
- 2023 LWML National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- 2023 Northwest and Lincoln Zone joint Fall Gathering;
- 2023 Christian Life Retreat, Wichita;
- 2024 Northwest Zone Spring Gathering; and
- Attended local group meetings regularly.

Personal Note: It has been my great honor to serve as Treasurer and a true joy to serve the Lord alongside fellow sisters and brothers in Christ in the LWML Kansas District.

Personal Bible Verse

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

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Activities of the Financial Secretary to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Daily Bible study and devotion reading;
- Led and participated in Bible studies at EC meetings; and
- Led and participated in Bible studies at my home church group meetings.

Supporting Missions

- Provided articles for *Sonshine* encouraging LWML members and groups to support our mite goal and noting progress toward that goal;
- Contributed mites on a regular basis;
- Donations to God's Gracious Gift Fund and Student Financial Aid fund;
- Collected items for Orphan Grain Train, Wichita, warehouse;
- Donated items for Gifts of Love for LWML Convention, KAOL, and Zone events;
- Participated in Mission Walk at LWML Convention.

Equipping Women

- Prepared and presented financial information for a Leadership Development breakout session at KAOL

Serving Others

- Participated in church and zone events and activities, including serving as Secretary for our church's LWML group, Treasurer, and head of Altar Guild for our church, and assisting with our church's various fundraising activities; and
- Fulfilled responsibilities of my position in a timely and accurate manner, and provided needed information to Treasurer Relda Galli so she could fulfill the responsibilities of her position.

Meetings Attended

- Monthly group meetings;
- Southeast Zone events;
- District Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, KAOL; and
- LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Personal Note: Receiving the monetary gifts for our District's mission work reveals to me the generosity of our members, zones, and others who support the work of LWML. Especially gratifying, was seeing that we exceeded our mite goal for this biennium. To God be the glory!

Personal Bible Verse

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

***District Meeting Manager
Appointed District Officer
Debbie Lehman***

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Activities of the District Meeting Manager to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Leading Bible Study with local LWML WinGS Group; and
- LWML Convention in Lexington.

Supporting Missions

- Collected mites; and
- Contributed to God’s Gracious Gift Fund.

Equipping Women

- Attended the 2022 LWML Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis; and
- Presented “Me A Leader” session at KAOL.

Serving Others

- Completed 2026 hotel contract with Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan;
- Countless emails and phone calls for meeting and convention planning;
- Hotel Liaison for 2024 Convention;
- Revised Participant Information and Release Form for 2024–2026;
- Compiled Zone Event Reports for 2020–2024; and
- Coordinated meals for all District EC Meetings and KAOL.

Meetings Attended

- Toured Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn for 2026 Convention;
- May 2022, EC Meeting in Herington;
- July 2022, KAOL/ID Manhattan;
- Nov 2022, EC Meeting in Herington;
- April 2023, EC/Convention Planning, DoubleTree in Wichita;
- July 2023, KAOL, Wichita;
- Oct 2023, EC Meeting in Herington;
- Feb 2024, EC/Convention Planning in Wichita; and
- March 2024, Meeting for Convention with DoubleTree in Wichita.

Personal Note: I have loved serving in the Meeting Manager position and am so blessed by the amazing women and men I have worked with on the Executive Committee. Praising God for the opportunity!

Personal Bible Verse

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! ... that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever (Psalm 48:11b, 13b–14).



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Activities of the Caring Service Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Gifts from the Heart, which are collected at our gatherings, are prayed over and blessed before they are distributed; and
- We make known to the recipients that our gifts are brought out of love for Jesus.

Supporting Missions

- We visit with the gift recipients/agencies, to learn about their mission goals and how the gifts that we bring support the work they are doing; and
- Our gifts and actions help to bolster their organizations with encouragement, support, and supplies.

Equipping Women

- In preparing for convention, we involved the three zone presidents, who were part of hosting this year's convention. We asked them each to provide the names of agencies their zones wished to support with gifts from the heart to be brought to convention;
- The ingathering of Gifts from the Heart, and servant events, allow our LWML sisters to give and help others in a tangible way; and
- We encourage generosity and, hopefully, provide ideas to local groups for servant events and ingathering items which can be done to help their own communities and congregations.

Serving Others

- At conventions, we provide hands-on servant events that give everyone a chance to be active in producing something that will help or encourage others. This year we will learn how we can help with the braille ministry, roll bandages, color greeting cards to cheer others, and help by being part of the Orphan Grain Train ministry in Kansas; and
- We also serve others each time we attend an LWML gathering, and an ingathering is collected to help those in need.

Meetings Attended

- Attended all local LWML Circle 3 meetings, all ORL LWML meetings (serving as treasurer), all zone board meetings and regular zone meetings, district board meetings, KAOL, and the 2022 District Convention; and
- Our committee met at KAOL and communicates primarily via email.

Committee Members: Vice President of Caring Service Betty Amey, Cindy Mead, Beth Ringwald, and Jolene Stackhouse, Rev. John Werner, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Note: Serving on this committee has been a real blessing to me. It has been a joy to get to know the ladies on the committee and work with them. It's always heartwarming to receive gifts from the heart and see the generosity of our LWML sisters who are happy to help others in need and provide for them. Finally, we get to experience the joy of giving away the items collected and blessing others. *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you*" (Luke 6:38).

Personal Bible Verse

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13 NIV).***



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Activities of the Christian Life Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Attended regular worship at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Humboldt, Kansas;
- Lead and attended various Bible studies; and
- Served as organist at various churches and at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Supporting Missions

- Facilitated planning of the 2023 Christian Life Retreat, Wichita;
- Assisted with planning of Prayer Walks with Christian Life Committee members for KAOL and BOD;
- Facilitated planning of 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention Christian Life Breakfast;
- Regular communication with and encouragement to Christian Life Committee members;
- Traveled for meetings with Christian Life Committee to central locations;
- Coordinated submission of Christian Life Committee’s articles to quarterly *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter; and
- Attended LWML Texas District Christian Life Retreat.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged the committee members of their talents and abilities to benefit their positions on Christian Life Committee;
- Led a regular Thursday Women’s Bible Class; and
- Led Bible study at an LWML Christian party for four groups in our zone, attended by 44 women.

Serving Others

- Communicated with various groups in the zone churches to encourage participation in LWML;
- Encouraged others to design and submit zone banners for convention;
- Encouraged local groups that were thinking of becoming inactive; and
- Spread the word about the Christian Life Retreat to various churches in other zones.

Meetings Attended

- Christian Life Committee planning meetings, including regular email and text correspondence, several site visits to Christian Life Retreat hotel, and several zoom type meetings;
- Attended Board of Directors meetings, various dates;
- 2023 Christian Life Retreat, Wichita;
- Attended local quarterly and zone events; and
- Attended LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Committee Members: Heather Rolf, Fonda Lawrence, Sara Deepe, Vice President of Christian Life Cathi Temple, Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Note: It has been an honor to serve in this position. Vice President of Christian Life Cathi Temple is a joy to work with. In addition to serving in this position, it has also been an honor to design and make banners for the LWML Kansas District on various levels.

Personal Bible Verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).

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Activities of the Communication Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Kept Christ at the center of all the planning, duties, and work of each committee position, and encouraged participation in Bible study and prayer.

Supporting Missions

- Encouraged Mite Box offerings to support our grants and shared the information about the recipients in our district publications and on the district website.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged, supported, and helped each committee member in their duties; and
- To be a good leader, helped and supported the committee Vice President and each committee member in their individual positions and work of keeping all the Kansas District women aware and informed of the activities within our district.

Serving Others

- Kept all Women in Mission aware of giving opportunities, ingatherings at events, and how to support LWML grants by keeping the information available in our district publications and on the district website.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Kansas District Convention in Overland Park, April 21–24, 2022;
- KAOL at St. Luke's, Manhattan, July 8–9, 2022;
- LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023;
- KAOL at Holy Cross, Wichita, July 14–15, 2023; and
- LWML Kansas District BOD Zoom Meeting, December 5, 2023.

Committee Members

Shelly Keller, Social Media Manager — created and posted highlights from LWML events, Mission Grant payments to recipients, September to Remember info, LWML E-news posts, holiday greetings, misc. posts, and Thankful Thursday prayers.

Sherri Rose, Newsletter Editor — published *The Kansas Sonshine* each quarter, including the 2024 Convention Registration and Pre-Convention issues, and created the 2024 convention manual. Zone and Group reporting for the newsletter has really increased over the last two years, indicating that we like to know what each other is doing!

Jill Kruse, Store Manager — keeps the LWML Store stocked with items for district events, and runs the LWML Store at Retreats, KAOL, and the conventions.



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**Communication Committee Chairman
Shelly Keller
continued**

Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager — worked on a video for the Mission Grants and GGGF grants to be used at the missions table at the District Convention. Zoom meetings were held to discuss needs for the convention and hotel setup, including the needs for the convention entertainment and music leader. Information was gathered to create a convention PowerPoint and worked with the presenters to discuss their technology needs.

Marj Aufdemberge, Distribution Manager — keeps track of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions and payments, as well as the Website maintenance fee; and makes sure the form for payments and subscription changes is available on the website and in *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter.

Brenda Piester, Directory Manager — keeps the District Directory up to date and sends it out to the District BOD members 2–3 times per year.

Elise Kammeyer Christensen, Website Administrator — keeps the District Website up to date, and works closely with the District President and Vice President of Communication to receive the most current information to place on the website.

Other Committee Members: Kris Osler, Vice President of Communication and Rev. John Werner, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Bible Verse
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).



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Activities of the Endowment Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Shared the mission of LWML among, not only our Lutheran brothers and sisters, but also to others, regardless of their denomination or faith.

Supporting Missions

- Ensured the funds are managed responsibly with the focus for missions within the LWML Kansas District.

Equipping Women

- Utilized the LWML Kansas District website for guidance on committee management as well as devotions, mite challenges, and convention information.

Serving Others

- Assisted in assembling 100 hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train at the Hutchinson Zone meeting in October.

Meetings Attended

- April 22–24, 2022, LWML Kansas District Convention;
- July 15–16, 2022, KAOL, Manhattan;
- June 21–25, 2023, LWML Convention;
- July 14–15, 2023, KAOL, Wichita;
- October 7, 2023, Wichita Zone Meeting at Ascension, Pratt;
- October 21, 2023, Hutchinson Zone Meeting at St. Paul, Natrona/Preston; and
- December 5, 2023, Board of Directors Zoom Meeting.

Committee Members: Brenda Piester, Kathryn Richard, Relda Galli, and Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Bible Verse

I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).



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Activities of the Gospel Outreach Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Christ is proclaimed through the work done by the groups receiving LWML grant monies and offerings.

Supporting Missions

- Worked with Gospel Outreach Committee Members to come up with a list of Day of Prayer recipients and Convention Offerings for BOD vote;
- Worked with committee members to decide which grant applications would be placed on the ballot;
- Notified grant recipients that their grant was selected;
- Asked grant recipients to send photos for convention video;
- Donated to Gifts from the Heart; and
- Donated mites.

Equipping Women

- Kept members of our local group informed of LWML events

Serving Others

- Mission Grants, God's Gracious Gift Fund, and offerings are the catalyst to serve those with needs;
- Participated in Servant Events; and
- Organized Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kit servant events.

Meetings Attended

- KAOL and BOD Meeting, July 8–9, 2022;
- Gospel Outreach Zoom Meeting, February 6, 2023;
- Gospel Outreach Zoom Meeting, July 6, 2023;
- KAOL and BOD Meeting, July 14–15, 2023;
- Gospel Outreach Committee Grant Review Meeting, September 10, 2023, in Manhattan;
- Gospel Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting, October 5, 2023, to finalize grants;
- BOD Zoom Meeting, December 5, 2023; and
- Zone Events — Fall 2022, Spring and Fall 2023.

Committee Members: Sandra Childs, Heather Van Slyke, Mary Jensen, Vice President Julie Hatesohl, Rev. John Werner, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Note: As a new member to the Gospel Outreach Committee, I learned a lot about the grant approval process. God is working through so many organizations to help people in need.

Personal Bible Verse

***And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28 NIV).***

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Activities of the Organizational Resources Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Prayed for each zone and guided them as they worked through the bylaws review process; and included a supportive Bible verse with each request.

Supporting Missions

- Made sure others know they are not alone in this process; we will work through it together so that others have a guide to follow in the future.

Equipping Women

- Prayed for and supported zones as they worked on their bylaws, ensured they had all information and resources needed to complete their task, and encouraged them to have faith that God equips them with knowledge and peace throughout the process.

Serving Others

- I use the gifts God has given me and do my best in supporting others as they complete their tasks and help them to tap into gifts they may have not yet discovered.

Meetings Attended

- April 21–24, 2022, LWML Kansas Convention in Overland Park, Kansas;
- May 19, 2022, LWML Convention Committee follow-up meeting via Zoom;
- June 11, 2022, LWML transition meeting in Olathe;
- July 8–9, 2022, Kansas Assembly of Leaders in Manhattan;
- Oct 29, 2022, Zone Event at Zion Church in Chanute;
- Dec 12, 2022, Organizational Resources Committee meeting via Zoom;
- April 23, 2023, Zone Event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Erie;
- June 22–25, 2023, LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- July 14–15, 2023, Kansas Assembly of Leaders in Wichita;
- October 23, 2023, Organizational Resources Committee meeting via Zoom;
- Nov 10–11, 2023, Christian Life Retreat in Wichita, Kansas; and
- Dec 5, 2023, LWML BOD meeting via Zoom.

Committee Members: Carol Olson, Chairman, Gloria Peterson, Vice President of Organizational Resources Christy McCombs, ex officio member as Parliamentarian, Rev. John Werner, District Jr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Bible Verse
In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God,
in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV).

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Activities of the Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Developed a newsletter article program for my group that encourages non-active members to think about their purpose as a church member, as a mission minded member, and included suggestions how they can be active in these ideas. They include local places to volunteer, church activities such as the “bridge the gap” craft days, where the older members teach our younger members to do basic tasks such as how to sew on a button, sewing and crochet/knitting projects, and suggested challenges members can make during the week to serve as a mission minded woman; and
- Completed a Young Woman Representative (YWR) follow-up program to be implemented at the end of the 2024 convention to encourage YWR members to stay active as members of LWML.

Supporting Missions

- Encouraged the National YWR's for the 2023 convention to become active in LWML as group members, as zone representatives and to attend the district convention. Mary Jensen is currently on a national committee.
- Implemented a pre-convention program to encourage the 2024 district YWR's to get to know each other and support and uplift each prior to convention.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged the 2024 YWR's to complete the CAPP forms and a feedback form at the end of the convention; and
- Created a notebook for each YWR that includes names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and important dates for each YWR.

Serving Others

- Available on the bus to the national convention for the YWR's to support and encourage them as they started and ended their adventure;
- Volunteered as a Sunday School Teacher for the 5th and 6th grades; and
- Created greeting cards to send to Phil's Friends and for local shut-ins.

Meetings Attended

- Special Focus Ministries Committee Meetings throughout 2023 in February, July, and August;
- KAOL in July 2023;
- Zone meetings in April and October 2023; and
- Group Meetings in each month of 2023.

Committee Members: Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Sarah Kleopfer, Tiffany Harkins, Lisa Brack, Sarah Winkler, and Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Note: As the Chair of the SFM Committee I have learned patience, forgiveness, love, and a greater understanding of the desperate need for our missions to flourish and grow.

Personal Bible Verse
Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10a).

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Activities of the Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations District Leader to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- No specific activities were done; however, every time encouragement in LWML is offered, Christ is proclaimed.

Supporting Missions

- Continually encouraged mite offerings and prayer support of mission projects.

Equipping Women

- Presentation at 2022 District ID meeting and 2023 KAOL meeting.
- Sent fliers to zone presidents with practical ideas for involving women in LWML;
- Kept in contact with committee member to brainstorm ideas to pass along to groups and zones; and
- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine* encouraging LWML members to include ALL women in activities and events.

Serving Others

- Encouraged the inclusion of all women in LWML.

Meetings Attended

- Several phone conversations with committee member to discuss ideas and plan for presentations;
- All called meetings of BOD; and
- 2022 ID meeting and 2023 KAOL.

Committee Members: Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Sarah Kleopfer, Judy Kolterman, Rev. Michael Schmidt, District Sr. Pastoral Counselor (advisor)

Personal Bible Verse

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress (Psalm 46:11).

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Activities of the Herington Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Offered daily prayer for leadership in Zone and Local Group; and
- Encouraged small group(s) to keep in prayer and to continue a mission focus.

Supporting Missions

- Shared informational articles on mission activities by LWML and LWML Kansas District;
- Gave monthly report of mite collections and encouraged continued support;
- Trimmed postage stamps to support the Gospel Outreach Program in Texas;
 - * Note: Program is no longer supported as of December 2023.
- Regular prayer and financial contribution to mite collections; and
- Assisted a sister congregation with quilts for Orphan Grain Train and collecting/recycling plastic grocery bags for sleeping mats.

Equipping Women

- Shared devotional materials to encourage personal reflection and growth in His Word;
- Attended the Kansas District Women's Retreat in Wichita; and
- Shared inspirational messages and LWML news on social media.

Serving Others

- Serve as a committee member of the Kansas District Older Adult Ministry;
- Served 2020–2023 on Herington Tri-Parish Call Committee; Pastor Jaron Melin was installed January 2024;
- Represented congregation in community outreach programs, which was to support hospital workers when the Herington Hospital abruptly closed;
- Represented congregation in community Pilgrimage of Lights held in December 2022 and 2023; and
- Encouraged regular collections of food and snacks for local thrift shop.

Meetings Attended

- 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park;
- Day of Prayer Service at Zion Lutheran Church, Hillsboro;
- KAOL, Holy Cross, Wichita; and
- Herington Zone 2022–23 Spring and Fall Events and Spring 2024 Planning and Executive Board meeting.

Personal Bible Verse

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9b).



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Activities of the Hutchinson Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Began and ended each Zone meeting and Group meeting with devotions;
- Promoted Bible studies in the *Quarterly* and on both the LWML and LWML Kansas District websites at the Fall and Spring Zone meetings;
- Promoted the use of the LWML app to access the Bible, devotions, Bible studies, and the LWML *On the Go* Podcast;
- Encouraged having brochures or a statement proclaiming God's salvation and blessings available at each service project or community function; and
- Encouraged the celebration of LWML Sunday in all the Hutchinson Zone congregations. Sharing with the congregations how it is that LWML shares the message of God's salvation and blessings.

Supporting Missions

- Collected items for the Rice County Food Bank at the Fall Meeting, October 12, 2022, in Lyons;
- Collected items for The Omega Project at the Spring Meeting, April 15, 2023, in McPherson;
- Donated \$100 for the Keren Comfort Dog Ministry after Keren's visit to our Spring Meeting, April 15, in McPherson;
- At our Fall Meeting on October 21, 2023, at St. Paul, Preston, we collected items and assembled 100 hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). The Hutchinson Zone also donated \$500 of our zone funds and the group collected an additional \$220 making a total of \$770 to help OGT with shipping costs;
- Collected items for Salina Shares at our Spring Meeting, March 16, 2024, at Christ the King, Salina; and
- Held "Free-will Mite Offerings" at our Fall and Spring Meetings and donated an additional \$2,000 for mite offerings in honor of LWML 80th anniversary (\$25 X 80). Over the last biennium, the Hutchinson Zone has sent over \$3,000 in mite offerings to LWML Kansas District.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged the use of LWML resources at both the Fall and the Spring Meetings by demonstrating on both the LWML Kansas District and national LWML websites how to find materials for program helps, Bible studies, and mission project ideas;
- Engaged our District Planner (Eden Keefe, now our LWML President) to lead a "hands on" Team Building Activity at our Fall Meeting, October 15, 2022, in Lyons; and
- Encouraged anyone who had an interest in expanding their knowledge and leadership of LWML to attend KAOL in Wichita on July 14–15, 2023.

Serving Others

- At all Fall and Spring Meetings, reviewed areas on the LWML websites that have ideas of how we can serve others;
- Asked for a sharing of ideas from the various groups in the Hutchinson Zone of how their group has served others;
- Encouraged the use of Thrivent[®] Action Teams/Grants to help fund the servant activities of the groups;
- Shared articles from the Hutchinson Zone with *The Kansas Sonshine* highlighting the service projects of our zone; and
- Encouraged the local groups to share articles of various service projects they have been involved in to help the needs in their communities, the Kansas District, and beyond.



Hutchinson Zone
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Lutheran Women in Mission Kansas District

**Hutchinson Zone President
Tammy Taylor
continued**

Meetings Attended

- Regularly monthly LWML meetings at Christ the King, Salina as Group Co-President;
- April 21, 2022, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors Meeting, Overland Park;
- April 22–24, 2022, LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park;
- September 24, 2022, Hutchinson Zone Board of Directors meeting at Christ the King, Salina;
- October 15, 2022, Hutchinson Zone Fall meeting, Grace Lutheran Church, Lyons;
- April 15, 2023, Hutchinson Zone Spring meeting, Grace Lutheran Church, McPherson;
- April 20, 2023, LWML Guest Night, Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina;
- June 22–25, 2023, LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- July 14–15, 2023, KAOL, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita (Becky Modellmogg, VP of Gospel Outreach attended in my place);
- September 15, 2023, Hutchinson Zone Board of Directors meeting at Christ the King, Salina;
- October 21, 2023, Hutchinson Zone, Fall Meeting, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston;
- December 5, 2023, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors, Zoom Meeting;
- January 13, 2024, LWML Soup Luncheon, Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina; and
- March 16, 2024, Hutchinson Zone Spring Meeting, Christ the King, Salina.

Personal Note: This is my second term as Hutchinson Zone President. Fortunately, that was a blessing when I got sick this past July through October. However, the biggest blessing was the support and prayers of the ladies from the Hutchinson Zone and from across the Kansas District. The ladies of the Zone stepped up to help me out with my duties and we did not miss a beat. I also want to thank the ladies of the Hutchinson Zone for being such a generous group that always shows up to support missions and Mites. I am proud to be in this Zone with all of you! To God be the glory!

Personal Bible Verse

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).

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Activities of the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Developing the increased knowledge of my 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class with deeper studies of common Bible stories; and
- Creating fun activities at the zone rally to support our mission projects.

Supporting Missions

- Participating with Zone event speakers to increase the understanding and needs of the speaker's mission projects; and
- Developing fun and rewarding mite offering challenges on the zone and group levels.

Equipping Women

- Nurturing our zone members with resources through our speakers to cultivate mission goals for their groups; and
- Providing a fun environment for the zone's group members to share in fellowship, Bible study, and information as we learn about our faith at our zone meetings

Serving Others

- Practicing our desire to help those in need and those thirsty for God's love and forgiveness at each zone meeting by donations of items designated by the host group's service projects; and
- Helping at each zone and local event with donations of our time and gifts for the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Christmas store.

Meetings Attended

- District Special Focus Ministries Committee Meetings;
- District BOD Meetings;
- Zone BOD Meetings;
- Zone Event Meetings;
- Monthly Group Meetings; and
- LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Personal Note: Taking the time out each day to just think about all of God's beautiful gifts He has given to everyone, to thank Him for those gifts and pondering about what I want to do next is the best part of my day. Because of a personal experience, I take time to thank God for giving another beautiful day to enjoy.

Personal Bible Verse
Be still, and know that I am God (Psalms 46:10a).

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Activities of the Lincoln Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Personal prayer;
- Regular worship service attendance at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove;
- Participated in Bible study at district and zone events; and
- Read the LWML daily devotions on email and followed the LWML *On the Go* Podcast when able.

Supporting Missions

- Attended the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in June 2023;
- Participated in district and zone Gifts of the Heart collections and mite offering collections; and
- Showed Christian concern with prayer for members of the LWML KS District and Lincoln Zone.

Equipping Women

- Wrote articles for *The Kansas Sonshine*;
- Encouraged zone members to use the district website for resources; and
- Emails sent to Zone BOD members as needed, including BOD meetings by email.

Serving Others

- Participated in the servant event at the Zone Fall Workshops;
- Led Zone BOD meetings and BOD email meetings; and
- Helped plan 2023 Joint Zone Fall Workshop with Northwest Zone in Hays.

Meetings Attended

- LWML Kansas District Convention in Overland Park, April 21–24, 2022;
- KAOL at St. Luke's, Manhattan, July 8–9, 2022;
- Lincoln Zone Fall BOD meeting at Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove, August 27, 2022;
- Lincoln Zone Fall Workshop at Trinity, Hunter, September 18, 2022;
- Lincoln Zone Spring BOD meeting at Concordia, Hoisington, February 25, 2023;
- Lincoln Zone Spring Rally at Concordia, Hoisington, March 25, 2023;
- LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023;
- KAOL at Holy Cross, Wichita, July 14–15, 2023;
- Lincoln Zone Fall BOD meeting by email, September 15, 2023;
- Lincoln Zone Fall Workshop, Joint with NW Zone at Messiah, Hays, October 14, 2023;
- LWML Kansas District BOD Zoom Meeting, December 5, 2023;
- Lincoln Zone Spring BOD meeting by email, February 15, 2024; and
- Lincoln Zone Spring Rally at St. Paul's, North Ellsworth, March 16, 2024.

Personal Note: I also serve as Vice President, chairman of the Annual Bazaar, and Special Focus Ministries chair of the Bethlehem LWML Group. I am the chairman of the LWML Kansas District Communication Committee and serve as the Social Media manager (i.e. Facebook). I also composed the music and lyrics for the theme song for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Personal Bible Verse

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).



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Activities of the Linn Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Led devotions at local level; and
- Taught Vacation Bible School.

Supporting Missions

- Collected mite offerings; and
- Made items for Orphan Grain Train; and
- Supported Gifts from the Heart on zone and district level.

Equipping Women

- Gave out seasonal devotion ideas to zone's local groups; and
- Sang in choir.

Serving Others

- Helped with spring and fall events; and
- Made quilts and sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train.

Meetings Attended

- LWML convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- KAOL; and
- Spring and fall Zone meetings,

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Activities of the Manhattan Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Sent regular email updates to zone leaders with reminders and encouragement; and
- Participated in bi-weekly Women's Bible Study.

Supporting Missions

- Collected mite offerings at all zone events;
- Participated in LWML's *What's Your 80?* (Even dressed the part!); and
- Collected items for local agencies at all zone events.

Equipping Women

- Welcomed the new Flint Hills LWML Group — Alta Vista, Clark's Creek, Wabaunsee, and Junction City; and
- Submitted a Bible study to national LWML for consideration.

Serving Others

- Served as a host family for a student from the Czech Republic;
- Served on Church Council and various activities at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan; and
- Was appointed to the LWML Group Resources Committee.

Meetings Attended

- April 21–23, 2022, LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park, Kansas;
- July 8–9, 2022, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors and Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Manhattan, Kansas;
- August 20, 2022, LWML Manhattan Zone Board Meeting, Wamego, Kansas;
- September 24, 2022, LWML Manhattan Zone Fall Event, Wamego, Kansas;
- February 9, 2023, LWML Flint Hills Group, Clark's Creek, Kansas;
- February 22, 2023, LWML Wheaton Group, Wheaton, Kansas;
- February 25, 2023, LWML Manhattan Zone Board Meeting, Wamego, Kansas;
- April 22, 2023, LWML Manhattan Zone Spring Event, Wheaton, Kansas (Eden Keefe, guest speaker);
- July 6, 2023, LWML McFarland Group Meeting, McFarland, Kansas;
- July 14–15, 2023, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors and Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Wichita, Kansas;
- October 12, 2023, LWML Mt. Calvary Group Meeting, Wamego, Kansas;
- December 5, 2023, LWML Kansas District Board of Directors; and
- Attended numerous LWML St. Luke's Society Meetings, Manhattan, Kansas.

Personal Note: Sometimes people are scared to volunteer for leadership positions; afraid that they might make mistakes. I can attest that I am far from perfect. In fact, perfection only comes from One, Jesus Christ. Even in my weaknesses/failures, God has provided me His grace through the support of individuals who have guided and directed me in this leadership position. For this, I am eternally grateful.

Personal Bible Verse

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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Activities of the Northeast Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Sent cards to members, shut-ins, and home bound members of church; and
- Attended worship services and Holy Communion.

Supporting Missions

- Supported our Pastor;
- Donated to mites and have a mites challenge at Spring and Fall Events;
- Supported local groups and projects and encouraged them by helping; and
- The zone supports a local mission project at our two events each year.

Equipping Women

- Kept in contact with local groups and members of congregations;
- Kept in contact with zone ladies;
- Encouraged and invited women to attend meetings and events;
- Let women know what projects we have going on and invited them to assist;
- Kept in contact with YWR's; and
- Supported our zone delegate to the national LWML Convention.

Serving Others

- Collected gifts for pantries and clothing banks in area; and
- Gave gifts and money to provide clothing, school supplies, and Christmas gifts to families.

Meetings Attended

- Attended KAOL in July;
- Held Spring and Fall Events in 2022, 2023, and 2024;
- Held board meetings before events; and
- Attended convention planning meetings in August 2023 and February 2024.

Personal Note: When I taught Sunday School, I felt like I learned more than the children I was teaching. Now, I feel like I'm blessed by everything I have learned as the Northeast Zone President; so much more than just attending the meetings.

Personal Bible Verse

***You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Psalm 16:11 NIV).***

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Activities of the Northwest Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Studied and prayed so that I am grounded in the Word;
- Planned our event agendas carefully to be sure our day does proclaim Christ and included Bible study at our events;
- Promoted the use of the LWML app to access devotions and Bible studies;
- Encouraged prayer and Bible study at zone events; and
- Led and participated in Bible studies at my home church/group meetings.

Supporting Missions

- Gave participants at our zone events the opportunity to support a mission with their Gifts from the Heart;
- Had a speaker who has participated in mission opportunities share her experiences; and
- Collected mite offerings at the fall and spring events.

Equipping Women

- Kept current on LWML and LWML Kansas District happenings and news so I am informed and can share that information;
- Supported our Zone delegate to Milwaukee as she worked through registering and preparing for her roll;
- Visited groups and group presidents when possible;
- Prepared zone records for transition to new president and visited with her to review what was given to her;
- Prepared checklist for hosting next spring and fall events and worked with host president; and
- Kept all groups aware of upcoming events of the Zone and District.

Serving Others

- Continued contact with group presidents to keep up with what their groups needed; sadly, disbanded one group but was able to keep a second one still active;
- Participated in servant events;
- Gathered Gifts from the Heart at each zone event in the spring and the fall;
- Served lunch at two Circuit Pastors meetings; and
- Planned and served funeral dinners.

Meetings Attended

- September 17, 2022, Zone Fall Event at Atwood (Bible study with Pastor Hoppe);
- March 19, 2023, Zone Spring Event at Colby (Ella Schempp shared MOST experiences on the mission field);
- June 22–25, 2023, attended LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- October 14, 2023, Joint Fall Workshop with Lincoln Zone (Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor was guest speaker);
- March 9, 2024, Spring Zone Event in Norton (Bible study with Pastor Rick);
- July 14–15, 2023, attended KAOL in Wichita; and
- April 11–14, 2024, attended Kansas District Convention in Wichita.

Personal Bible Verse

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b NIV).

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Activities of the Southeast Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Attended regular worship at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Humboldt, Kansas;
- Lead and attended various Bible studies; and
- Served as organist at various churches and at St. Peter's Lutheran.

Supporting Missions

- Recruited LWML members to sew quilts and donate to various charities;
- Chose three YWRs to attend 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention from our Zone;
- Held ingathering at the Fall Event to give snacks and drinks to teachers at the end of their day; and
- Held a presentation of Comfort Dogs for St. Peter's congregation.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged use of Daily Mustard Seeds and other devotions;
- Lead a community Ladies Bible Study every Thursday;
- Communicated with groups to encourage participation in all LWML activities; and
- Held Zone BOD meeting.

Serving Others

- Collected mite donations for distribution to the LWML;
- Attended the Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and rode on the Kansas bus; and
- Assisted with the collection of non-perishable items for the local food bank.

Meetings Attended

- Attended Christian Life Retreat;
- Attended LWML Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- Attended Zone events, both fall and spring;
- Attended KAOL; and
- Lead Zone BOD meetings.

Personal Bible Verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).

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Activities of the Southwest Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Visited with area women regarding the function and purpose of proclaiming Christ to the Nations by participating and supporting Lutheran Women in Mission;
- Participated in LWML skit on LWML Sunday encouraging women to proclaim Christ to women off every nation, especially in areas, such as ours, where the population is diverse; and
- Attended ordination for new pastor in the zone.

Supporting Missions

- Collected mites for missions;
- Handed out Mite Boxes to all congregation members in my congregation and explained mission projects;
- Encouraged other groups within the zone to do the same thing;
- Informed congregations within the zone of grant opportunities; and
- Assisted local group in organizing a diaper ingathering for a local women's shelter.

Equipping Women

- Sent various e-mails informing women of happenings of Lutheran Women in Mission
- Visited with young women in my congregation about the purpose of LWML.
- Made phone calls to zone officers seeking ideas and encouraging participation in LWML.

Serving Others

- Baked cakes, cookies, and cinnamon rolls for congregational activities and funeral services;
- Provided information and encouraged women in the zone to get involved; and
- Offered assistance to all zone pastors.

Meetings Attended

- Attended Zone Leaders conference in July, in Wichita; and
- Attended local zone monthly meetings.

Personal Note: The district leaders appointed me to this position in July and I have spent the past few months encouraging LWML participation and providing information to the groups and congregations within this zone. I am encouraging all to produce ideas for zone functions and local LWML activities. I am excited that several women are planning to attend this convention and I am hoping that the Southwest Zone will continue to grow!

Personal Bible Verse

***No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.***

***In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:15–16 NRSVA).***



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Activities of the Topeka Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Started including a short worship/Matins service at the beginning of the Zone fall and spring meetings.

Supporting Missions

- Topeka Zone, at Christ Lutheran Church, held an Orphan Grain Train (OGT) pickup, October 2022 and 2023;
- Organized a zone trip to OGT, Wichita, November 2022, to help pack quilts and kits. Participated in devotions with OGT staff;
- Took two extra loads of items to OGT in Winter 2022 and 2023 that did not fit in the first load; and
- Encouraged all zone groups to submit mission grants and God's Gracious Gift Funds applications for new biennium.

Equipping Women

- Encouraged group members to attend LWML events, including convention and retreats;
- Regularly emailed information to group leaders about LWML national, district, and zone items and activities; and
- Introduced the idea of “co-hosting” spring and fall zone events, as some groups’ active members numbers are declining making them unable to host events; our Spring 2023 event included planning by two groups.

Serving Others

- Participated in zone servant events; made quilts for OGT, local missions, and nursing homes.

Meetings Attended

- KAOL, 2022 and 2023;
- District BOD zoom meetings; and
- Zone Executive Committee planning meetings Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024.

Personal Bible Verse
the joy of the Lord is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10b).

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Activities of the Wichita Zone President to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Our Spring and Fall Events are planned to teach, pray about, sing about, and worship our Lord and Savior. Our mission grants, mite offerings, God's Gracious Gift Funds, and Student Financial Aid proclaim Christ all over the world; and
- As a church member, citizen, friend, neighbor, and YMCA member I talk freely about the joy of knowing my Savior and meeting often to honor and serve our Triune God.

Supporting Missions

- I participate fully in my Group, Zone and national LWML activities;
- I urge *focused* awareness of, and *giving to*, our chosen mission goals; and
- I joyfully give mite offerings regularly.

Equipping Women

- I attend KAOL meetings and try to incorporate all that I learn as completely as I can; and
- I try to transfer valuable Zone, District and LWML information to the appropriate women at the right time for them to engage in our work and activities.

Serving Others

- At Holy Cross, I serve on the Special Events Committee, Funeral Committee, Homebound Committee, Homeless Meal Committee, and Sarah Circle's Ronald McDonald Meal preparation; and
- I serve as Zone President, communicating between District, Zone and national LWML and completing other administrative tasks in a timely manner.

Meetings Attended

- April 21, 2022, Board of Director's meeting, Overland Park;
- April 22–24, 2022, 39th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park;
- June 11, 2022, Transition Meeting for Convention 2024, Olathe;
- July 8, 2022, Board of Directors meeting and Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Manhattan;
- September 10, 2022, presided at Zone Fall BOD at St. Andrew's, Wichita;
- October 22, 2022, presided at Zone Fall Event, St Andrew's, Wichita;
- January 28, 2023, presided at Spring Prayer Service BOD meeting, Risen Savior, Wichita;
- February 4, 2023, Convention 2024 Planning Meeting, Herington;
- March 25, 2023, presided at Spring Prayer Service, Risen Savior, Wichita;
- April 11, 2023 visited Bethany, Wichita;
- April 24, 2023 visited Ascension, Wichita;
- May 11, 2023 visited Grace, El Dorado;
- June 22–25, 2023, LWML 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- July 14–15, 2023, LWML Kansas District BOD and KAOL, Adventures in Equipping Women, Wichita;
- August 12, 2023, 2024 Convention Planning meeting, Manhattan;



**Wichita Zone President
Chris Brandorff
continued**

- August 24, 2023, presided over Fall Zone BOD, Ascension, Pratt;
- October 7, 2023, presided over the Fall Festival business meeting, Ascension, Pratt;
- November 3, 2023, visited Women's Supper Club and current LWML leadership, Immanuel, Wichita; and
- January 13, 2024, presided over Wichita Zone BOD Prayer Service planning.

Personal Bible Verse

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:20-21).



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Activities of the District Archivist-Historians to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Wrote newsletter articles for *The Kansas Sonshine* featuring how the work of the LWML Kansas District supported missions that brought Christ to the nations; and
- Planned a display highlighting the lasting impact of missions supported by the LWML Kansas District.

Supporting Missions

- Archived the records of the district; and
- Submitted required reports to LWML.

Equipping Women

- Answered research inquiries; and
- Provided resources about archival procedures.

Serving Others

- Scanned district newsletters from 1944–1974 and saved PDFs to the external hard drive; and
- Discussed ways to make the newsletters available to the Board of Directors.

Meetings Attended

- June 1, 2023, Topeka, KS, archival work, prepare for KAOL, and future planning;
- June 22, 2023, LWML Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Amanda attended Archivist-Historian training;
- July 14–15, 2023, Wichita, KS, Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL); and
- August 10, 2023, Topeka, KS, archival work and research for convention display.

Personal Bible Verse

Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9 NIV).



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Activities of the 2024 District Convention Chair to the Primary Focus Areas

Proclaiming Christ

- Attended 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park;
- Attended 2023 LWML Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- Attended 2022 KAOL, St. Luke's, Manhattan;
- Attended 2023 KAOL, Holy Cross, Wichita;
- Attended 2022 and 2023 Christian Life Retreats, Hilton Doubletree, Wichita;
- Attended 2022, 2023, and 2024 Wichita Spring and Fall Zone events;
- Led adult Bible Class Sundays;
- Attended weekly Bible studies, Wednesdays;
- Attended weekly worship services, receiving God's gifts;
- Prayed for my committee chairs, volunteers, and the convention; and
- Shared the love of Christ in word and deed when everyday opportunities arose.

Supporting Missions

- Participated in local, zone, and district service projects;
- Participated in Gifts from the Heart opportunities and mites offerings;
- Shared updates on the local, zone, district, and national mission projects with my local group and others;
- Encouraged all women met to attend the 2024 convention to grow in their spiritual walk with the Lord, confirming personally that "Jesus is My Anchor," for them to be certain of the same, and the opportunity to meet new friends among like-minded women of the LCMS; and
- Participated in and supported service projects of my local church and care committee.

Equipping Women

- Communicated with President Kim Burdett and the District Planning Committee members;
- Communicated information to and with Host Convention Chairs (Wichita, Northeast, and Linn Zones);
- Relayed information to women at zone events & local gatherings
- Encouraged ladies to volunteer as chairman or on committees to share their talents with others and use the opportunity to serve the Lord;
- Shared responsibility with Co-Chairs of the convention to maintain communication with Committee Chairs as needed to give and receive updates, referring to the guidelines often; and
- Our team provided information for *The Kansas Sonshine*, worked on material for the convention manual, and other documents as requested by President Kim Burdett to promote the convention and equip women with information.

Serving Others

- Presided over local Grace LWML gatherings and events;
- Fulfilled Treasurer duties for Grace, El Dorado; and
- Donated to and served the Butler County Homeless Initiative, Butler County Pregnancy Center, Orphan Grain Train, Salvation Army, and American Red Cross.



Meetings Attended

- June 11, 2022, 2022 to 2024 Transition Meeting, Beautiful Savior, Overland Park;
- July 8, 2022, Kansas BOD Meeting, Manhattan;
- September 10, 2022, Wichita Zone BOD, St. Andrews, Wichita;
- January 28, 2023, Wichita Zone BOD, Risen Savior, Wichita;
- February 4, 2023, Convention Planning Meeting (CPM), Kansas District Retreat Center, Herington;
- July 14, 2023, Kansas BOD Meeting, Wichita;
- July 15, 2023, Met with Cindy Manche, Co-Chair at KAOL, Holy Cross, Wichita;
- August 12, 2023, CPM, St. Luke's, Manhattan;
- August 26, 2023, Wichita Zone BOD, Ascension, Pratt;
- September 29, 2023, Met with President Kim Burdett, Meeting Manager Deb Lehman, Co-Chair Cindy Manche, and Hilton Doubletree Hotel Liaison Carolyn Burke at Hilton Doubletree, Wichita for meal selections, room uses, and contract review;
- December 5, 2023, Kansas BOD Zoom Meeting;
- February 3, 2024, CPM, Ascension, Wichita; and
- Most of our "mini meetings" addressed various concerns and were handled by phone calls, texts, and emails. Some were one-on-one with a cup of coffee or a plate of food (we are Lutheran Ladies!).

Committee Members

Committee Co-Chairs:	Cindy Manche, Northeast Zone Michele Voelker, Linn Zone
Host Zone Presidents:	Chris Brandorff, Wichita Zone Peggy Coder, Northeast Zone Sheryl Kruse, Linn Zone
Secretary:	Katie Wilson
Convention Treasurer:	Peggy Coder
Budget Analyst:	Carolyn Fishburn
Convention Registrars:	Jean Wellner, Janet Crosby
Banners Chair:	Jill Lowe
Convention Store Chair:	Julie Sherwood (with Jill Kruse, LWML Store Manager)
Decorations Chair:	Karen Wilgers
Exhibits and Displays Chair:	Maria Keil
Hospitality Chair:	Sharon Ailsieger
Music Chair:	Enid Albrecht
Prayer Room Chair:	Martha Pearson
Printing and Publicity Chair:	Sherri Rose
Properties Chair:	Carol Nix
Registration Chairs:	Cyndy Bressler, Denise Heick
Tourism Chair:	Cindy Manche
Song Leader:	Wendysue Fluegge
Photographer:	Alyssa Burdett
Technology:	Lisa Gruhn, Technology Manager

Personal Note: Serving as the chairman of this large event is certainly out of my comfort zone and nothing like anything I've ever done before. It has been by the grace of our Lord that I have been able to lead ladies with our goal in mind to provide a convention that will honor Him and will be a blessing to the participants. God worked in the hearts of many to come forth, volunteer in His service, and do the work that needed to be done. I am so thankful for all the women who are the committee chairs and volunteers (and the men supporting them), and am grateful to have met so many new friends. "Jesus is My Anchor" and may He also be yours. God's blessings to you as we study His Word, celebrate and share our hope in Christ, always clinging to Him as we serve in His kingdom.

Personal Bible Verse

**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
(1 Corinthians 12:4–7).**