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*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12 NIV).*

**Beautiful.** It was a beautiful biennium.

It might not have been a "swaying palm trees set with a background of turquoise, wave-kissed ocean water with an arching rainbow" type of beautiful, but it was beautiful because it was all done to the Glory of God.

Perfection is not always synonymous with beauty. There were good things and bad things, but we all were on the learning curve. And we're all human and make mistakes. The beauty of it is that we did it. We made it through and we reached our goal. And we pray that many people and missions benefited from it.

I thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your support, and your perseverance during the last biennium. We focused on Proclaiming Christ, Supporting Missions, Equipping Women, and Serving Others. Our Mission Statement for the Kansas District is, **Led by the Holy Spirit, the LWML Kansas District will equip women to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve the Lord with gladness.** I think we did just that, especially WITH GLADNESS!!

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your District President. It was a beautiful experience, as it was all in God's hands.

May God bless you all, and for one last time, **follow the SUN!**

In His Grace and Service,  
President Kim

Kim Burdett  
District President



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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Werner | Pastoral Counselor

### Jesus Drains the Cup So We May Drink

After a baby is weaned, she's taught to hold a bottle or a cup. She must learn how to hold it, as it is as important as learning how to feed herself. Once she's mastered holding the cup, she must be taught that some things are good to drink and other things are harmful. It is the same when we are given the cup at the Lord's Supper.

When we proclaim Jesus' death we are, at the same time, preaching that this cup from which we drink is the cup of salvation for all who believe and receive it.

At our Savior's table, we drink from the cup of salvation. We also learn about God's wrath at the same time. The cup we drink gives us forgiveness, new life, and eternal salvation. This is possible because Jesus drained the cup of God's wrath. Jesus received the cup of God's wrath with the words, ... *"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done"* (Luke 22:42). Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath so we can drink from God's cup of salvation.

When we receive the cup of salvation we are assured, promised by God's own words, that under the wine Jesus' blood is present for our salvation. If we reject Christ, we choose to drink from the cup of God's wrath. That's why the psalmist writes, *but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs* (Psalm 75:7-8).

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed that the cup be taken from Him. He knew what it meant to accept the cup of God's wrath. It would harm Him in ways we can't fathom. But, if He didn't drain the cup, we would be doomed. Jesus received the cup of God's wrath for us — the cross, payment for our sin, God-forsaken, damned to hell — so that we can tip the cup to our lips and drink eternal life.

We drink from the cup of salvation at the Lord's Supper because we believe what Jesus says, that, "This cup that is poured out for you is the New Testament in my blood." Also, when we drink, we proclaim to a world choking on God's wrath, that Jesus ... *took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes* (1 Corinthians 11:25–26).

Paul summarizes the meaning of this great event, *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath for us so that He could extend the cup of God's fellowship to us. It might include suffering, but not wrath. We never get wrath anymore — now we get God. We get the sweet, satisfying reality of His eternal fellowship in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath for us on the cross so that each day of our life we may proclaim His death and resurrection, as we take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.



Christ's Peace,  
Pastor John Werner

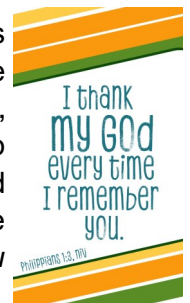
## CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey | VP of Caring Service

Spring brings many blessings and opportunities. We celebrate Easter with the joy of knowing our risen Savior. Our LWML Kansas District Convention energizes us for work in His kingdom as we celebrated with our LWML sisters.

Many of you have joined together to make quilts and have brought them to the Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Warehouse. Discovering that there was a great need for blankets, OGT Wichita distributed over 1,000 quilts in the greater Wichita area with the information that they were prepared because of Christ's love by our Lutheran Women in Mission across Kansas. The OGT warehouse has received a number of thank you notes thanking the LWML. One thousand quilts, as well as school kits, hygiene kits, and layettes were loaded on a truck in March for distribution by a Lutheran church in Lithuania. Thank you for your caring service.

My terms as Vice President of Caring Service will be coming to an end. What a blessing this opportunity has been for me as I have gotten to know many of my LWML sisters across the state. Special thanks go to our hard-working Caring Service Committee: Linda Stanton, chairman, Cindy Mead, Beth Ringwald, and Jolene Stackhouse. I encourage all who are able, to complete the Committee Appointment Personnel Profile (CAPP) Form found on our website, and make yourself available to work on a committee. Borrowing the words from Paul to the Philippians, *I thank my God every time I remember you...that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 1:3-6 NIV).



## CHRISTIAN LIFE

Cathi Temple | VP of Christian Life

This biennium has moved so rapidly for the Christian Life Committee that it is difficult to believe that it has been almost two years since we met together for the first time. In the span of these years we have been busy organizing Prayer Walks, carrying out the Christian Life Retreat, and planning the Christian Life Breakfast for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention. As LWML Kansas District Vice President of Christian Life, I have enjoyed working together with the Christian Life Committee members, Sharon Daugherty (Chairman), Sara Deepe, Heather Rolf, and Fonda Lawrence to carry out the tasks involved in serving the Lord in this capacity.

One activity which is especially meaningful to me is planning and carrying out a Prayer Walk. In this biennium, the Christian Life Committee has constructed several Prayer Walks for the 2022 and 2023 KAOL meetings, as well as for the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention. Help with planning a Prayer Walk for your zone or group use can be found on the LWML website. In addition to the Prayer Walks, those attending the Christian Life Retreat in November 2023, were blessed to have Sharla Fritz lead us in learning about *Continuous Joy*.

We look forward to sharing the 2024 Convention Prayer Walk, *Our Anchor*, with convention attendees. The Christian Life Prayer Breakfast also promises to be a blessing to all who attend as Rehema Kavugha shares her insight into the LWML's future outreach to young women within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

If you, or someone you know, would enjoy serving on the Christian Life Committee, please fill out a Committee Appointment Personnel Profile (CAPP) form, found on the website, under the forms bar at [kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources](https://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources) or on page six of this newsletter.

# GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

WE DID IT! All of the 2022–2024 mission grants have been PAID! Any additional mite offerings received at this time will go toward the 2024–2026 mission grants that are selected by the delegates at the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention.

Now our attention turns to the 2024–2026 biennium and the soon-to-be selected mission grants. There are eighteen mission grant proposals, all of which are very much in need of funding and our support. There is no time to rest and we now turn our Mite offerings to the future.

Scholarship applications are now available through the LWML Kansas District website, at [kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach](https://kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach). **The deadline for applications is June 1, 2024.** If you know of any students who will be attending an LCMS synodical school to prepare for church work, please be sure to let them know the LWML Kansas District has scholarship money available and encourage them to submit their application. Applications can be completed online.

## KANSAS DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MISSION GRANTS & STUDENT FINANCIAL AID 2022–2024

**Fall 2022 Student Financial Aid: \$10,000 — Completed**

**Spring 2023 Student Financial Aid: \$10,000 — Completed**

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**Spring 2024 Student Financial Aid: \$10,000 — Completed**

- COMPLETED** 1. Orphan Grain Train, KS Division (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 2. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne IN (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 3. Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa CA (\$6,000)
- COMPLETED** 4. CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita KS (\$4,500)
- COMPLETED** 5. Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Minot ND (\$3,000)
- COMPLETED** 6. Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Ann Arbor MI (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 7. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita KS (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 8. Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool, Ottawa KS (\$6,000)
- COMPLETED** 9. Matongo Seminary, Kenya (\$6,000)
- COMPLETED** 10. Immanuel Community Outreach Assoc., KC, KS (\$1,500)
- COMPLETED** 11. Trinity HOPE, Mt. Juliet, TN (\$1,200)

Heavenly Father, bless these mission organizations  
and provide for them the means necessary to carry  
out your work in helping those in need.

In Jesus' name. Amen



## ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Carol Olson | Organizational Resources Committee Chairman

Did I know for sure what I was getting into when I agreed to be on the Organizational Resources Committee? NO, I did not. But I can read and am usually pretty good at spotting spelling errors and other minor things, so I thought, why not. Did I learn a lot? YES, and still have more to learn. Did I do this on my own? NO! The support system out there is amazing and is not limited to just your committee. Would I do this again? YES! Sign me up for the next 2 years! I encourage you to prayerfully consider taking a step outside your comfort zone and giving one of the LWML committees a try. It is a very rewarding experience with opportunities to share your talents, learn new ones, and make new friends.

Our committee has made great progress and is staying on track. We didn't have any actual district bylaw changes that we had to watch for, so we spent our time getting bylaws cleaned up and with uniform layouts. I really appreciate everyone working through those ugly **red marks** — **em dash, ¶, do this, change that, reference?**. But be prepared, there will be some bylaws changes on your next go round.



Next up for review will be Wichita Zone followed by Southeast Zone. Blessings to you all.

## SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Sarah Kleopfer | VP of Special Focus Ministries

The Special Focus Ministries Committee is looking forward to the convention! We have been working to plan a great convention experience for the 2024 Young Woman Representatives (YWR). We have a great Mentor Lunch planned and some fun get-togethers on Friday and Saturday night, as well as all the general sessions and break-out sessions. YWRs will find out about all the missions that LWML supports, have a great Bible study with Donna Snow, and many other great experiences. If you're a former YWR (district or national) please join us for a party on Friday night!

All LWML ladies — please watch for our YWRs and welcome them to the convention. For most of them, this will be their first experience at a convention. These young ladies are the future of LWML!



## CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | CWIM Coordinator



A warm LWML welcome to these pastors and church workers new to Kansas!

Rev. Ryan Ankersen, Holy Cross, Wichita

Rev. Jaron Melin, Herington Partnership (Our Redeemer, Immanuel, St. John)

Rev. James Kirschenmann, Zion, Vassar

DCE William Prann, St. Luke's, Manhattan

DCE Andrea Roettger, Bethany, Overland Park



# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT — PERSONNEL PROFILE FORM



The CAPP form may be found at  
[kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources](https://kansaslwml.org/organizational-resources)  
under the Forms tab.

LUTHERAN WOMEN in Mission  
Office of the President  
[president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org)

2024–2026 Biennium

Dear 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. The 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.

This letter suggests the possibility of such an appointment for you. It should not be considered as a commitment on your part, or as an actual appointment. However, your response will enable your new District President and the Executive Committee to fulfill their responsibilities in a timely manner. Indicate your interests on the attached form. If you have questions, call or email me, using the contact information above; I will forward all forms to the new Executive Committee. 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*; it will be of great value during the appointment process.

- ❖ The appointment is for two years, ending at the completion of the District Convention. Committee members are eligible for one consecutive reappointment to the same committee.
- ❖ 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. A full schedule of responsibilities keeps committee personnel very busy before and during the convention.
- ❖ Standing Committee Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and attend BOD meetings once or twice a year (just prior to the convention and at the KAOL).
- ❖ The LWML Kansas District is responsible for expenses incurred for the ongoing work of the committee.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Talk this over with your family. Be in prayer. Discuss with a trusted friend or a District Officer.
- ❖ Return the form to the District President at [president@kansaslwml.org](mailto:president@kansaslwml.org).

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.

May God guide and bless your service decisions,

**Kim Burdett**

LWML Kansas District President (2020–2024)

***Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord  
(1 Corinthians 12:3–5).***



## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT — PERSONNEL PROFILE (CAPP)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Kansas District Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

LWML (Group/Society, Zone, District): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have been involved with other goal setting or leadership training: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW TO INDICATE GIFTS, TALENTS, SPECIAL SKILLS AND INTEREST IN POTENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Spiritual Gifts:</b>	<b>Special Skills:</b>	<b>Technology Skills:</b>	<b>Committees/Positions:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Artist	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Caring Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Banners/Worship Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor/Manuscripts	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Publications/Media)
<input type="checkbox"/> Generosity	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor/Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Gospel Outreach (Mission Grants/GGGF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Goal Setting/Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Gospel Outreach (Student Financial Aid)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mercy	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Resources (Bylaws)
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Focus Ministries (Heart 2 Heart Sisters)
<input type="checkbox"/> Service/Helping	<input type="checkbox"/> LWML Store	<input type="checkbox"/> Videography	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Focus Ministries (Young Women)
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Musician	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Archivist-Historian
<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Writer/Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Writer/Devotions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Trips Chairman
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Director

Check all you have direct access to: \_\_\_ Desktop Computer \_\_\_ Laptop Computer \_\_\_ Smartphone  
 \_\_\_ Copier \_\_\_ Printer \_\_\_ Scanner

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**POTENTIAL APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL PERSONNEL**

*Please check one box and return this Committee Appointment – Personnel Profile to President Kim at the address above.*

- Yes, I would consider an appointment to serve on an LWML Kansas District Committee at this time.
- I am unable to serve at this time. Please keep my name on file for future consideration for LWML Kansas District Committee/Appointed Personnel service.

***I understand that this is for information and planning purposes and does not obligate me to serve.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

**OUR SAVIOUR, KANSAS CITY**, hosted a quilt-tying day for the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone in February. The day brought 22 servants from five churches to tie and bind 19 quilts that were donated to Immanuel Community Outreach Association in Kansas City (a recipient of a 2022–2024 LWML Kansas District mission grant) and Orphan Grain Train in Wichita. Mite donations of \$64.08 were collected. Thrivent Action Team grants were used to purchase batting, supplies, and food (breakfast and lunch were served). “Outfitted for Service” devotion was shared in the morning. It was a great chance for fellowship and service. A Blessing of the Quilts was part of the church’s worship service the next day and the quilts were displayed in the sanctuary.



The **HUTCHINSON ZONE** held their Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Christ the King, Salina. Our guest speaker for the day was Susan Rathgeber, from Lutheran Braille Workers. *More info to come!*



**CHRIST THE KING LWML, SALINA**, coordinated their annual Chicken Noodle Dinner on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 4–7 p.m. A homemade chicken and noodle dinner, complete with dessert, was served. Dine in, carry-out, or delivery service was available. They served about 300 meals and made about \$3,000! One half of this will stay with LWML for kitchen appliance upkeep and the other half will go to The Homestead Ministries, Inc. which is a safe residential, transitional, holistic care program for women 18 years and older who are survivors of the sex trafficking industry.



## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

On a bitter cold, snowy January 13, Trinity, Salina held it's annual January assembly meeting. Those who attended participated in the "stone soup" luncheon after which we were privileged to hear about Trinity's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Linda Ireton, who heads the program along with Mary Chegwiddden and Sonja Welch, was our speaker. Students Emi Honda, Joseph Nguyen, and Juan Ramirez were a big part of the ESL presentation. They shared some of the English lessons they are studying in the morning and evening classes. They also shared about the areas of their native countries of Japan, Vietnam, and Mexico, their reason for relocating to the United States, and the blessings that they have received in this country. As one of the students said, "just like in the Bible, America is also a land of milk and honey. You just have to work hard." It was a wonderful, informative program for the members and guests who braved the weather to attend.



Emi Honda and Joseph Nguyen



Trinity, Salina, January attendees

## NEWS FROM LWML



### NEWS from LWML . . .

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can sign up to receive email information from LWML? Sign up for eNews, Tips for Leading with Confidence, and Lucy Leader.

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can receive a Mustard Seed Devotion in your inbox every day? A 2-Minute Tuesday LWML article every Tuesday.

**DO YOU ENJOY SHOPPING ONLINE??** Sign up for ShopLWML Specials and shop for new LWML products.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE** of these resources and keep up-to-date with LWML!

Visit [lwml.org/stayintouch](http://lwml.org/stayintouch), complete the form, and be "in-the-know" about all things LWML!

God Bless YOU as you Serve Him with gladness!

## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>April 11</b>	Board of Directors Meeting, Wichita
<b>April 12–14</b>	2024 LWML Kansas District Convention, Wichita
<b>May 2–3</b>	Executive Committee meeting, Herington
<b>June 1</b>	Convention Transition Meeting, Wichita
<b>July 11</b>	Executive Committee meeting, Salina
<b>July 12</b>	Board of Directors Meeting, Salina
<b>July 12–13</b>	KAOL/Interdepartmental Meeting, Salina

*The Kansas Sonshine deadlines are listed on the LWML Kansas District website, [kansaslwml.org/sonshine-schedule](https://kansaslwml.org/sonshine-schedule).*

**Group and Zone leadership information changes** should be emailed to Brenda Piester at [directory@kansaslwml.org](mailto:directory@kansaslwml.org). Spring is usually the time for leadership changes. Please remember to email those changes to Brenda. Many thanks to Brenda for keeping the district directory up to date!

**Prayer Requests, thanksgivings, and joys** may be shared with your LWML Kansas District sisters through the District Prayer Mail (P-mail). To be included on the P-mail group listing, please send your name and current email address to Velma Bass at [pmail@kansaslwml.org](mailto:pmail@kansaslwml.org). Emails are distributed in “blind copy” manner so that your email address is not shared. Thank you, Velma, for continuing to remind us to be diligent in prayer for each other!

**HELP WANTED!!** The LWML Kansas District Communication Department is looking for an LWML Store Manager! If you are interested, or have questions, email [communication@kansaslwml.org](mailto:communication@kansaslwml.org).

**LWML has a new Mite Box**, featuring the Widow’s Mite. Order Mite Boxes at [lwml.cph.org/mite-box-pack-of-25](https://lwml.cph.org/mite-box-pack-of-25).

**A new devotion book is available at the LWML Store, [lwml.cph.org](https://lwml.cph.org).** *Oh Lord, I’m Puzzled* is a collection of 21 devotions, by Terri Bentley, that show how God can take our puzzled lives and put us together to shine to His glory.

**Share mission grants** information with your congregation. Visit [lwml.org/mission-grants](https://lwml.org/mission-grants) for a bulletin byte, mission grant story, devotion, and prayer guide.

**[LWML.org](https://lwml.org)** contains a wealth of information—visit it soon!



### Mission Statement

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