



## LWML KANSAS DISTRICT 40th Biennial Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

April 12-14, 2024



2024-2028  
LWML Kansas District  
President  
Elaine Engelman



*We have this as a sure and  
steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope  
that enters into the inner place  
behind the curtain, where Jesus has  
gone as a forerunner on our behalf  
(Hebrews 6:19-20a).*

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## ***Newly Elected Officers***

### **LWML Kansas District President**

*Elaine Engelman, Southeast Zone, Zion, Chanute*

### **Vice President of Caring Service**

*Linda Stanton, Hutchinson Zone, Our Redeemer, Hutchinson*

### **Vice President of Communication**

*Allison Lehmann, Topeka Zone, St. John's, Topeka*

### **Recording Secretary**

*Kathryn Richard, Southeast Zone, Zion, Pittsburg*

### **Financial Secretary**

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

### **Pastoral Counselor**

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

## ***2024-2026 LWML Kansas District Executive Committee***



Front Row (L to R): Allison Lehmann, Pastor Kenton Abbott, Elaine Engelman, Pastor John Werner, Kathryn Richard, Christine McCombs

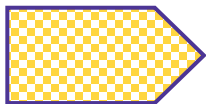
Back Row (L to R): Carolyn Fishburn, Sarah Kleopfer, Relda Galli, Cathi Temple, Julie Hatesohl, Linda Stanton, Joyce Hagemann



**2024–2026 Mission Grants**

1. Light of the World Church and Early Learning Center, De Soto, Kansas	\$8,000
2. Concordia Theological Seminary (Food Co-op), Fort Wayne, Indiana	\$5,000
3. Kansas University Campus Ministry, Lawrence, Kansas	\$5,000
4. Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat, Wickenburg, Arizona	\$5,000
5. K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Ellsworth, Kansas	\$7,000
6. Northeast Kansas Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), Gardner, Kansas	\$4,000
7. Lutheran Special School, Kisumu, Kenya	\$5,000
8. Concordia Academy, Wichita, Kansas	\$6,000
9. Linn Lutheran School Orchestra, Linn, Kansas	\$7,500
10. Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California	\$ 600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,100</b>

**ADDITIONAL MISSION GRANT FUNDING** was made available from the Endowment Fund, disbursing an additional \$5,100 to our Mission Grants Goal for the 2024–2026 biennium. The Mission Goal approved by both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors is in the amount of \$48,000, giving a total Mission Goal of \$53,100 for the 2024–2026 biennium.



*Details of Mission Grants and God’s Gracious Gift Fund grants are listed in the Pre-Convention issue of The Kansas Sonshine which may be found at [kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention](https://kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention).*

**2024–2026 God’s Gracious Gift Fund Grants**

*Available funding is in the amount of \$7,464.33, and will be paid as soon as possible following the convention.*

1. SONshine Preschool and Childcare Center, Chanute, Kansas	\$1,000.00
2. St. Paul’s Redeemer Lutheran Churches, Alta Vista, Junction City, Eskridge, Kansas	\$3,000.00
3. Y4Life, Lutherans for Life	\$3,464.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,464.33</b>

**Convention Offerings**

Friday Night Service	\$4,004.32
<i>2024–2026 LWML Kansas District Mission Grants</i>	
Sunday Morning Service	\$3,123.83
<i>Artesian Ministries, Scripture from Scratch</i>	
Prayer Walk	\$ 821.00
<i>Lutheran Church Charities, K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Kansas</i>	
Totals do not include online donations.	

Board of Directors	31
Past Presidents	2
Delegates	124
Total Voting	157
Appointed Personnel and Committee Members	24
General Registrants	100
Pastors and other Registrants	38
Non-voting	162
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>319</b>

**Convention Song, written and composed by Shelly Keller**

*Jesus Is My Anchor*

REFRAIN:

Jesus is my anchor.  
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1. This hope you set before me,  
Is sure and steadfast, all from You.  
His loving hand will lead me  
And He'll carry me through.  
REFRAIN

2. The Lord is my deliverer,  
The Word of the Lord is always true.  
He is my rock forever,  
My anchor, my rescue.  
REFRAIN

3. Be grounded in His Word,  
His love and faithfulness I observe.  
My hope in Christ is heard,  
His kingdom I will serve.  
REFRAIN

4. Proclaim His wondrous glory,  
Go and tell of His grace and love.  
He gives me what I need  
To serve my Lord above.  
REFRAIN

5. All glory to the Father,  
Son and Spirit, Three in One.  
All praise and thanks I gather;  
In Him the victory's won.  
REFRAIN

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**Songleader, Wendysue Fluegge, with  
Songwriter, Shelly Keller**

Many thanks to everyone who brought so many wonderful items for the three convention host zones' Gifts from the Heart recipients:

Linn Zone — Swaddling Clothes, Greenleaf;  
 Northeast Zone — Helping Hands with Joyful Hearts, Nortonville;  
 Trinity Center, Hiawatha;  
 Kaden's Kloset, Troy; and  
 Wichita Zone — Orphan Grain Train.

<b>BABY ITEMS</b>		<b>GIFT CARDS</b>	\$440
Boxes of Diapers	46	<b>CASH</b>	\$60
Packages of Wipes	56		
Baby Wash/Soap	25	<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>	
Baby Shoes (pairs)	11	Hygiene and School Kits	55
Baby Socks	92	Blankets and Lap Covers	
Miscellaneous	30		2 large bags
		<b>EYEGLASSES FOR MOST MINISTRIES</b>	
<b>PERSONAL ITEMS</b>			
Toothbrushes	500		676
Toothpaste	104		
Miscellaneous	7	<b>BIBLES</b>	12
		<b>NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS</b>	
		(Packages)	
	Women's Underwear		28
	Women's Socks		45
	Men's Underwear		18
	Men's Socks		49
	Girl's Underwear		21
	Girl's Socks		79
	Boy's Underwear		27
	Boy's Socks		26

*The convention Servant Events were well attended!  
 Thank you for serving in these ways:*

<b>BANDAGES ROLLED</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>BRAILLE PAGES CREATED</b>	<b>1,672</b>
<b>BRAILLE BOOK OF JOHN IN SPANISH</b>	<b>22 books</b>



## Servant Events



Rolling Bandages



Coloring Greeting Cards to Share



Producing Braille Books



Sorting Clothing at Orphan Grain Train Warehouse

*Thank you*  
**LWML Kansas District!**

*Young Women*  
**IN MISSION**



# Convention Highlights



**2020-2024 President  
Kim Burdett**



**Opening Worship**



**Convention Banner  
carried by Karen Ard,  
followed by Michelle  
Voelker and Cindy Manche**



**Wendysue Fluegge,  
Songleader and  
Banquet Entertainment**



**Banquet Fun with the  
Executive Committee**



**President Kim?  
Nope — that's not a  
squirrel ...**



**Donna Snow, Bible Study Leader**



**Rehema Kavugha, Christian  
Life Breakfast Speaker and  
Interest Session Speaker**



**Voting**



**LWML Teen,  
Brynn Kruse**



**Rev. Dr. Paul Krueger,  
Keynote Mission Speaker  
and Interest Session  
Speaker**



**Karen Morrison, LWML VP of Gospel  
Outreach and President Kim**



**Men of LWML enjoying a special lunch!**



## More Convention Highlights



Closing Worship,  
Pastor John Werner



First Purple Advice



President Elect Elaine Engelman



Installation of Officers



Our New Executive Committee???



Ten Amazing Young Woman Representatives!!

Look for more convention information, including all the zone banners and their descriptions, on the website, [kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention](https://kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention).



41<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

April 17–19, 2026, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan, Kansas

Hosted by the Hutchinson, Manhattan, Northwest, and Southwest Zones

Theme — Bear Fruit that will Last

Theme Verse — John 15:16



### Mission Statement

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