

*LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION*

President’s Report

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*“Serve the LORD with gladness!”* Psalm 100:2 Elaine Engelman

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

 The LWML Convention Planners are in the process of choosing the theme and verse for the 2027 National Convention in Oklahoma City. While waiting for that information, please consider what you might volunteer to do at that convention. The Kansas District is one of the four districts co-hosting the 2027 convention and there are volunteer forms here for everyone to look over and decide where your gifts will help the most. Please be sure and share this form and information about the 2027 convention with your groups at home. It takes a lot of people to make a convention of this size to run smoothly.

2025 begins a four-year cycle of *LWML Sunday* materials focusing on the LWML Mission Statement - As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This year’s material is centered on the first point of the mission statement—joyfully proclaiming Christ. There are a full set of downloadable items found on the national website – lwml.org. The service was authored by Reverend Mark Maas, LWML senior pastoral counselor.

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Plans are moving full speed ahead for the 2026 LWML Kansas District Convention. It will be held April 17-19, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan Kansas. The Kansas District banner was chosen by the District Board of Directors this summer and it is under construction. It’s time to start thinking about zone banner designs as well - zone presidents should be receiving information about that soon, if you haven’t already. 

 It is also time to discuss who is going to serve as group delegates and begin mentoring young women to fill out applications for Young Woman Representatives (YWRs). The applications came out in early September and were sent to zone presidents and posted on the Kansas District website. They are due by January 15,2026 to **Zone Presidents**. Each zone may choose two YWRs for the District convention.

 SFM has also been busy designing convention t-shirts for the District Convention. They plan to have a prototype available at the Christian Life Retreat November 7 & 8 in Salina. The retreat will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn with Donna Snow as the Bible study leader; the topic for the retreat is *Unshaken: Standing on the Rock*.

Don’t forget to check out the fall issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*! At the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) this summer many of you asked for more information about what the district committees do and how much time it takes to volunteer for the committees. Some of those questions are answered in this edition.

**ZONE NEWS**

The presenter for KAOL, Susan Brunkow, made three videos because she could not be with us in person. The first video discussed how to plan an effective event, the second gave ideas for a fresh approach to your LWML group, and the third discussed how to show appreciation to all the volunteers that make LWML the awesome organization that it is. All three can be found soon on the Kansas District website under events–KAOL 2025, or you can contact President Elaine at ecengelmanlwml@gmail.com and she can email them to you.

President Elaine also issued a challenge to all the people present at KAOL and would 30-30-30

like to pass it along to all of you. It’s called the 30-30-30 challenge and it was minutes

originally issued by the representative from LWML Canada who brought greetings to days

the national convention in Omaha. Each person is challenged to spend **30** minutes promises

a day for **30** days studying **30** different promises of God. President Elaine is using

*Exploring God’s Promises*, by Terry Zuehsow as her guide, but you choose your own

path for the challenge.

I have a sign up sheet for updating your zone’s area of the District Directory information with me today. I would like for someone from every group represented here to check their group information and correct anything that is wrong. If you check and everything is right, please mark “okay” beside your group so that I know someone has looked at it and verified the information.

**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

2025

 September 28--Linn Fall Event

 October 4 - Southwest Fall Retreat

 October 11--Southeast and Wichita Fall Events

 October 12--Lincoln Fall Workshop

 October 18--Herington, Hutchinson, K C Crossroads, and Northwest Zone Events

 Oct 31/Nov 1—LLL Convention @ Beautiful Savior, Olathe (President Elaine attending)

 November 7/8--Christian Life Retreat @ Hilton Garden Inn, Salina

 December 5--deadline for general articles for Sonshine

 December 15--Deadline for registration articles/forms to Sonshine Editor

2026

 January 15--Deadline for YWR applications to Zone Presidents

 January 15--Deadline for **all** convention information to Sonshine Editor

 February 6/7--EC meeting #1 @ St. Luke's in Manhattan

 February 7--CPC meeting #3 @ St. Luke's in Manhattan

 April 4—Zoom meeting for 2027 Host Committee (President Elaine attending)

 April 16--EC meeting #2 @ Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

 April 16--BOD meeting @ Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

 April 17-19--LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

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