

*"Serve the LORD with gladness!" Psalm 100:2*

***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*** Romans 12:2



### NATIONAL NEWS

The LWML Convention Planners chose the theme "Transformed in Christ" and Roman 12:2 as the verse for the 2027 National Convention in Oklahoma City. There are still a few positions on the planning committee open and a general volunteer application will soon be available. Please consider how you can help. The applications will be available at a convention booth during the District Convention, along with the opportunity to purchase national t-shirts. Be sure and pick up information about the 2027 convention to share with your groups at home also. It takes many people to make a convention of any size to run smoothly.

Those of you who receive the Gracious Giver publication from national may have already seen that Mission Grant #23 *Sharing Faith and Food with Single Mothers* sent in by Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita has received their first payment of \$7,000. What you may not know is that President Elaine and Financial Secretary Carolyn Fishburn had the great privilege of presenting the check to them! It was an inspiring day—listening to stories of service to the low income families in the neighborhood of Risen Savior and of blessings received by volunteers from their neighbors at the apartments. The Holy Spirit is definitely at work in that place!



The LWML Prayer Service for 2026 is based on an acronym of the word prayer - **P**raise, **R**emember, **A**sk, **Y**ield, **E**xcitement, **R**ejoice. Please plan to share this service in your groups, congregations, zones, wherever works best for you. Go to the national website – [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) for more information.

### DISTRICT NEWS

The 2026 LWML Kansas District Convention is just around the corner - April 17-19, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan Kansas. I hope your banner has been designed and the finishing touches applied. Please prepare a 5" x 7" note card that includes the designer and creators of your banner as well as a description of the design and interesting facts about the banner. Send the card with your banner to the District Convention.

Be sure and assist your group delegates by watching the video of the Mission Grant and God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals posted on the District Website under convention 2026 and letting them know which proposals you would like to support. They would probably also appreciate your input on how to vote for officer candidates as well.

We have nine (9) Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) from five zones attending the convention this spring. You will recognize them by the special lanyards they will be wearing. Please make them feel welcome, and answer their questions with gladness!



There is still time to get your convention registration in! You have until March 28 to be guaranteed to have the meals you want with your registration. Make sure and sign up for the Christian Life Breakfast on Sunday morning. Chaplain Craig Muehler, the director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces will be the guest speaker. Check the registration and pre-convention issues of *The Kansas Sonshine* for more information!

Please encourage your zone counselors and local pastors to come to convention—at least for worship Friday evening and the men’s luncheon on Saturday at noon. They have the opportunity to participate in the worship service Friday evening if they would like; they should contact Senior Counselor Pastor John Werner for more details. There is also a men’s luncheon on Saturday at noon that is included in the clergy registration being hosted by the two District counselors and our guest Bible study leader for the weekend Reverend Mitchel Schuessler

Do you have questions you want answered about LWML? How the organization works? Who does what? Come to the Friday afternoon leadership session entitled “Everything YOU always wanted to know about LWML” It will be a panel discussion with LWML Kansas District and national leaders. Bring your questions with you and join in the discussion—it should be very informative! You may even decide you would like to be more involved at a different level of LWML than you are now!

The Executive Committee has approved payment of the last mission grant for the 2024-2026 biennium. It was to Lutheran Braille Workers for \$6,000.00. We give praise and thanks to God for blessing the efforts of the Kansas District Lutheran Women in Mission.

**FYI:** There will not be a spring issue of *The Kansas Sonshine* coming out in April because the editor has been very busy with convention issues of the Sonshine and the convention manual. If you need information about a specific topic do not hesitate to contact the District through the Kansas District website.

**DON’T FORGET!!** 2028 Convention theme and verse ideas are due to President Elaine by March 15, 2026!!



### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

#### **2026**

- March 7—April 25: Spring Zone events throughout the Kansas District
- March 15—due date for 2028 convention theme and verse to President Elaine
- March 28--last day for convention registrations with meals included
- APRIL 1--Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly/Website Management Form and fees due!
- April 4—Zoom meeting for 2027 Host Committee (President Elaine attending)
- APRIL 5—HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**
- 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
- May 1-2—first meeting of the new Executive Committee in Emporia
- May 16—Zoom meeting for 2027 Host Committee (President Elaine attending)

### **LWML KANSAS DISTRICT 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.*

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*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*