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.... looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 NRSV

Look. Are you looking to Jesus? **Focus.** Are you focused on Him? **Be still.** I mean – really STILL.

His Word tells us that He surrounds us and encompasses our lives with His love and grace. Have you thanked Him lately for the riches you have? Have you listened to Him to know His plans for you?

A year ago, being your president was not in my plans. In fact, the first few times I was asked to consider the position my answer was a firm, quick “NO”! But I also knew I had to really think about it. And pray about it. And talk to God about it. But most importantly, I had to LISTEN. I had to *be still* so I could look to Jesus and focus on Him to understand HIS plan. Not mine.

How can you “*Be still*”? My being still is finding 10-15 minutes of quiet time and focusing on Jesus. Will you try it with me? Here are the steps: Close your eyes and listen. What do you hear? Trees rustling, an appliance running, a TV blaring (TURN IT OFF!), or just complete silence? I focus on the white noise. Next, I envision standing in front of Jesus and having his undivided attention. I praise Him for all He has done for me and the love He has shown me. And then I let Him talk. He already knows my questions and what I have to say, so I just LISTEN! In other words, I’m looking to Jesus to guide me in all things and focusing on Him to “Be Thou My Vision”.

It takes a lot of “looking to Jesus” in our current times, especially when it doesn’t seem like much is going according to OUR plans. Many things are changing in our congregations and our LWML groups. Some Zone Fall Events are still being held while others have been canceled. It’s more important now than ever to look to Jesus for His guidance and comfort in our lives. With His assurance, we can find positive, creative ways to adapt, knowing that it is in His hands.

On the district level, we are looking ahead to the LWML 2021 Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, and making plans for YWRs, our delegates, the bus travel, etc. We’ll focus and look and plan and listen and most importantly, let Jesus be in control!

Kim Burdett
District President



Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District will nurture, motivate, and prepare Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod women to serve the Lord with gladness.



**Counselor's
Corner**

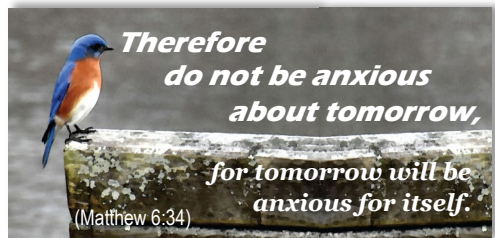
One thing that our family likes to do after dinner is to play games. One of the games that we like to play is Uno Flip. The way that this game is played is just like original Uno but instead of one sided cards, the cards are double sided. In the deck are cards that flip—the cards on one side are normal Uno numbers and on the other side are different Uno numbers. The game becomes frustrating when you yell “Uno” with your last card being a wild card (a winning hand) and the next player plays a flip card, the deck flips, the whole game changes, and you lose.

That is how life seems to be going for everyone, we go to work, manage our businesses, prepare for our classes, plan for this school years’ church activities and we fight off sickness. Knowing all the while, at any second, someone can play the flip card and everything can change again. As I sit through planning meetings at the church, I see how this is wearing on everyone no matter your vocation in life. People are just frustrated, and it shows on everyone’s face between all the stress, tension, fear, disappointment, and sometimes anger.

In a world continually changing there is something that does not change. In the Book of Hebrews, the author states that, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8). Our focus can become disheartened when we set our gaze on the world and the flux that we are all in. We allow the situation that we all find ourselves in to consume us; but when we focus upon what is the same yesterday, today, and always, we realize how fortunate we really are, because the Lord of all things loves us enough to redeem us and to give to us the gift of His salvation.

No matter what happens in this life, we know that the salvation that Jesus provides for us through His sacrificial atonement will never be stolen away from us by the ways of Satan. Through the love of Jesus, we know that this is not our home, heaven is our home. So, instead of focusing on the situation going on around us, the author of Hebrews encourages us, *since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted* (Hebrews 12:1-3).

My friends, do not grow weary or fainthearted in your faith, instead hold to Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith. Although the world seems to be in utter turmoil, we hope that it will get better, knowing that it might get worse, or that this might be the new normal. No matter what comes, I would like to encourage you with Jesus’ words for such a time as this, *“do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”* (Matthew 6:34).



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COMMUNICATION

Kris Osler, VP of Communication



It is my privilege to serve as the Vice President of Communication for the LWML Kansas District. This is my second time to serve within this committee. Several years ago, I served on the Communication Committee with then-Vice President Karen Morrison. My position was “Sonshine Distributor.” My job was to print, fold, and mail over 200 *Sonshine* newsletters each time an issue was published. Between issues, I worked to gather email addresses and promote electronic mailings. By the time I left that position, we had decreased the number of mailed newsletters to about 70 and I emailed files containing the issue to the rest of the ladies. Isn’t it amazing that today our webmaster emails a link and the *Sonshine* is opened and read online by ladies on their computer anytime? Many read it wherever they happen to be on their phone!

Who would have imagined the other changes yet to come? Social Media. Mission Project videos from around the world. And most recently, the major task of a virtual district convention. Though it was not what anyone wanted, those in charge put together a sensational event for women all over the state to view and kept everyone informed about it through social media and our website. Once completed, the videos could all be viewed on the website by anyone unable to “attend” in person on the official day.

Since the convention, our committee has stayed very busy updating information on the website to reflect decisions and elections that occurred during the convention. Please feel free to email me at communication@kansaslwml.org with any comments, concerns, and especially compliments you may have about the website.

In addition to everything web-related, the Communication Committee is also moving forward in other areas. The LWML store accepted credit cards for the first time at our Interdepartmental meeting in Salina. It was a hit! Many thanks to Treasurer Carolyn Fishburn and Store Manager Jill Kruse for working to make this happen.

A true blessing to the Kansas District, and especially to me as a Vice President, is the giving heart of two wonderful ladies who finished their terms on the Executive Committee just this past convention and immediately volunteered to once again be committee members, helping to keep everything running smoothly in the Kansas District. Past VP of Communication **Shelly Keller** continues to serve as Social Media Manager for us and immediate Past-President **Brenda Piester** is serving as the KS District Directory Manager. The rest of the Communication Committee is as follows: **Marj Aufdemberg**, Distribution Manager, who has placed an informative note for all in this issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*; **Sherri Rose**, *Sonshine* Editor, who is responsible for this great publication; **Lisa Gruhn**, Technology Manager, who will see to it that all of our technological needs are met at future district events; and **Jill Kruse**, Store Manager, who has assumed the great responsibility of stocking, storing, and transporting all of the LWML Store items in order to make them available for us at future events.

I look forward to serving with these faithful and talented volunteers as we work to keep you, the LWML Kansas District, informed and inspired by the work the Lord is doing through LWML! God’s Blessings! Kris

The LWML Kansas District maintains an internal directory with the name and all contact information of the President and Treasurer for each local group/society. Information is also maintained for the Zone officers and committee chairmen. This information is only shared with the Executive Committee, the departments under the district Vice Presidents, and Zone Presidents. If your group/society has officer elections and changes in your contact information, please send your updates to your Zone President and to Brenda Piester, Directory Manager, directory@kansaslwml.org. Thank you for helping us maintain efficient communications!

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Elaine Engelman,
VP of Organizational Resources



Greetings from the newly formed 2020-2022 Organizational Resources Committee! Kirsten Hastings and Christy McCombs are the returning members of the committee and Kirsten will be the committee chairman for the next two years. We would like to say thank you and Godspeed to Karen Morrison and JoAnn Meyer who are leaving our committee but continue to serve the Lord with gladness in others ways. We are very glad to welcome Karen Rinne of the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone to our crew and we will soon have notes out to zones on the rotation schedule about bylaw reviews and/or ratification.

I recently received an email with Leadership Tips from the LWML Leadership Development Committee regarding etiquette for electronic meetings; some of you may have also received it. I thought it might be helpful to reprint their list, especially for those who did not have access to it previously, because many of us are not meeting face to face but using some electronic means of communication (platforms like Zoom, Facebook Live, Google Hangouts, etc.). Here are some basic guidelines:

- Check out the free tutorials offered by your platform to learn how to use the various features before you are in a meeting.
- Check your audio and microphone before the meeting.
- Dress appropriately.
- Ask family members to avoid interrupting or moving around within camera view, and move pets to another room.
- Turn off all other internet-using devices on the same router. This is often the cause of crackling audio.
- Establish lighting to be in front of you so other viewers can see your face.
- Consider what is in the background (behind you in the room).
- Turn off your microphone when you aren't the speaker to avoid background noises.
- Look at the camera when speaking so there is a greater probability that you will appear to have eye contact with other meeting participants.
- Don't eat in front of the camera or cause others to be distracted by watching what your are doing. Focus your attention on accomplishing the purpose of the meeting.
- Don't cause the meeting to go longer than it needs to. Stay on task and keep unnecessary conversations to a minimum.
- If you are the meeting host, consider having the meeting recorded. A recording of the meeting can sometimes be just as valuable as attending. It can then be shared with those who would benefit, but aren't required to attend. If you do have it recorded, announce it to everyone on the meeting before you start recording.
- Keep private meetings private. Only share passwords with people you want to be included.

Enjoy the blessing of technology, but respect others by using it wisely!

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2020 ELECTIONS!!

Most groups (local and zone) did not have Spring events in 2020 due to COVID-19 and that is the meeting when elections normally happen. If your group bylaws say "**shall** elect in even numbered years" rather than "**may** elect . . .", your group should have some form of an election before December 31, 2020 for whichever offices should have been elected. Check your bylaws to see if there is a protocol in place for your local group or zone. Please feel free to contact a member of the Organizational Resources Committee if you have a question or need help. We are here to keep groups functioning smoothly as we all *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER
Marj Aufdemberge



**Payment due by March 15, 2021 for
Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee**

Why make a *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ)* payment?

The *LWQ* is sent out four times a year to each group (society) that elects to receive them. They are sent by the LWML office in St. Louis. LWML sets the rates for each subscription a group receives. The current rates are \$6.00 each for 10 or more subscriptions and \$7.50 each for 9 or fewer subscriptions. LWML Kansas District is billed by LWML for the total amount of all the *LWQ*'s the district receives. **If an LWML group doesn't pay for the subscriptions it receives, the money to pay for the *LWQ* comes out of mites.**

Why make the *LWQ* payment at this time?

The LWML office allows a group (society) to increase the number of subscriptions it wants to receive at any time during the year. However, decreases in the number of *LWQ* subscriptions a group wants are allowed only one time per year – in the Spring. That is why there is a due date listed on the *LWQ* remittance form each group is asked to send with their payment. Payment by the requested date allows the LWML Kansas District to send the changes to the LWML office in St. Louis by their deadline date. **Payment is due by March 15, 2021.**

Why make a Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The web maintenance fee is a one-time yearly payment of \$10.00. **Every LWML group (society) in the Kansas District is asked to pay this fee**, even if the group doesn't receive any *LWQ* subscriptions. This fee helps pay the website hosting fee, website domain registration, and the website administrator's fee. The website has an abundance of useful information that each group, zone, and district leader can use and share with others to keep everyone informed. Check it out at www.kansaslwml.org.

Where is the form to send with the *LWQ* and/or Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The form may be found on the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org, on the Organizational Resources page under "Forms." The form is also on the next page of this publication.

Where is the payment sent?

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee (2021) payments should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager. The Distribution Manager keeps track of how many *LWQ* subscriptions each LWML group has requested and of the *LWQ* and web maintenance fee payments made by each group.

The current LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager is:

Marj Aufdemberge
2232 E. Elk Dr.
Lincoln, KS 67455

Email: distribution@kansaslwml.org

All other payments such as mites, Day of Prayer, or donations should be sent to the LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary.

Thank you for making your 2021 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and web maintenance fee payment on time. Remember – nonpayment by your LWML group (society) reduces our mites for missions.

*The *LWQ* and Web Maintenance Fee payment form is on the next page for your printing convenience.*

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2021)

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by **March 15, 2021.**

GROUP (SOCIETY) INFORMATION:

Group (Society) Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Group (Society) Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's phone _____ Treasurer's email _____

REMITTANCE INFORMATION:

Number of *Quarterly* subscriptions requested # _____

Multiply by rate (1-9 copies, \$7.50 each; 10 or more copies, \$6.00 each) x _____

SUBTOTAL = \$ _____

Add Yearly Website Maintenance Fee (***see explanation below*) + \$ 10.00

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **LWML Kansas District**

Mail **only** this form and the payment to: **(DO NOT)** send a district remittance voucher)

Marj Aufdemberge
LWML Kansas District Distribution Manager
2232 E. Elk Drive
Lincoln, Kansas 67455

Contact information: (email) distribution@kansaslwml.org - OR - (phone) 785-524-3981

*****Website Maintenance Fee explanation: This \$10.00 fee helps pay the website web hosting fee (paid yearly), the website domain registration (paid yearly), and the website administrator's fee (paid every six months). It takes all of these things to make the website work for our district, our zones, our groups (societies), and all of our members and congregations and guests who use the LWML Kansas District website. The website has an abundance of information that group (society), zone, and district leaders use and share with others to keep everyone informed. It is requested for ALL groups (societies) in the LWML Kansas District to pay this minimal annual fee, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support of the LWML Kansas District website.***

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Allison Lehmann, VP of Christian Life



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you (1Thessalonians 5:16-18). When we think of pandemics, cancelled conventions, strong winds, riots, fear, hurricanes, beginning school and sports, and finding a new sense of normal—how can our perceptions change if we remember these commands and promises from God?

If you have not yet had a chance, you are encouraged to look at both the convention prayer walk and the prayer walk from the recent Interdepartmental meeting. These can be found on the [Christian Life](#) page of the LWML Kansas District website. Take time to set your eyes on Jesus as you walk through the catechism and through daily challenges.

A HUGE thank you to Tiffany Harkins and Judy Kolterman for your faithful service on the Christian Life Committee over the last several years, God's continued blessings to you both in your service to Him! Meet the 2020-2022 Christian Life Committee: Nancy Taylor (Chairman, Topeka Zone), Sarah Deepe (Wichita Zone), Cathi Temple (Topeka Zone), Sara Kuske (KC Crossroads), Allison Lehmann (VP Christian Life Committee, Topeka Zone), and Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Rocco Mallardi. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with questions or suggestions!

The Christian Life Committee has already been busy and hard at work with initial planning for the Christian Life Retreat to be held November, 2021. The date and location will hopefully be finalized soon. The speaker is one you WILL NOT want to miss, she's been in the national spotlight in recent years. Stay tuned for upcoming information in *The Kansas Sonshine*. Your zone Christian Life chairman will also receive information as it becomes available.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

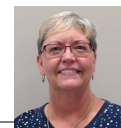
Shelly Keller



Have you visited the LWML Kansas District's Facebook page yet? Go to www.facebook.com/KS.LWML and take a look. "Like" our page and the posts will show up in your own news feed. Watch each month for the Zone Feature of the Month! The Topeka Zone was featured on September 1. Other posts include Bible verses and prayers, news from LWML, giving opportunities and more. To share an announcement for posting on Facebook, please email Shelly Keller at facebook@kansaslwml.org. Become part of the LWML Kansas District Facebook family!

Timely Tips for Communicating

DISTRICT PLANNER
Eden Keefe



On August 1 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Salina, 42 *Women in Mission* met for an Interdepartmental Meeting. District Planner, Eden Keefe shared some **Suggested Communication Norms** with the district leaders and zone presidents. They may come in handy as you communicate with one another about LWML business.

- When sending an email regarding LWML, put LWML in the Subject line with the topic. This helps the recipient identify LWML messages in their Inbox - or search for them.
- When you receive an email or a phone message, please respond within two days. This courtesy is greatly appreciated, especially when the subject is time sensitive.
- After a meeting, send out a Meeting Summary. It should include the group, date, who attended, the purpose of the meeting, agenda and/or action items including the people responsible and deadlines. This keeps everyone on track and is a good way to communicate with those unable to attend.

CARING SERVICE

Betty Amey, VP of Caring Service



I want to thank Laura Hunter, our previous VP of Caring Services, for mentoring me during the past four years. I pray that I can be of service to our LWML Kansas District in my new role as VP. We are blessed to have willing ladies to serve on our Caring Service Committee. Thank you, Kathy Heiniger from the Northeast Zone, for being willing to serve as our new Caring Services Committee Chairman. Also serving on our committee are Sharon Daugherty from the Southeast Zone, Sherry Fick from the Southwest Zone, and Linda Stanton from the Hutchinson Zone.

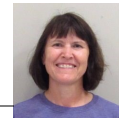
One of our projects for the convention was the collection of eyeglasses for MOST Ministries. If you have collected glasses, you can keep them until our 2022 Convention, pass them on to a committee member, or send them to MOST Ministries, 655 Phoenix Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. They accept adult's and children's glasses as well as non-prescription sunglasses. To reduce shipping costs, they do not accept bulky or hard eyeglass cases. To find out more about this ministry, go to www.mostministries.org.

Stamps for missions can also be saved or given to a committee member. Instructions for collecting stamps can be found on www.kansaslwml.org. If you collected other items for the convention, please distribute them in the name of Jesus to local charities.

Visit lwml.org/mission-service-activities
for the mission service activity
of the month!
You can also find two downloadable
fabric face mask patterns on this page.



CARING SERVICE
Kathy Heiniger, Chair



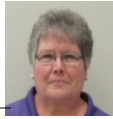
Through this time of limited social interaction there are still many ways that we can Serve the Lord with Gladness. The LWML Kansas District Caring Service Committee met at the Interdepartmental meeting in Salina on August 1 and came up with a list of service ideas that could be done individually or in your LWML group:

- Make bags for the homeless with snack and hygiene items.
- Make fabric face masks.
- Make goodie bags for police/first responders.
- Make phone calls to church members who are home-bound to encourage them and to check on their welfare.
- Send cards to shut-ins and elderly members.
- Shop for elderly who are home-bound.
- Volunteer with Meals on Wheels or other delivery services.
- Contact local schools to see if they need assistance with school supplies. Hats and gloves may be needed as we move into winter.
- Plug into local charities and community needs.
- Explore other creative ways you can serve your unique community and church.

Please share what your group has done or ideas you have in the next *The Kansas Sonshine* or email them to caringservice@kansaslwml.org. Don't forget to send pictures!

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach



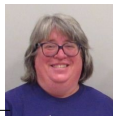
As we begin the new biennium, God has given us a lot to be thankful for and a lot of work to do. We are thankful for the change of seasons—fall crops to harvest, watching leaves turn colors in the trees, cooler weather, and hopefully a decline in the COVID-19 cases. We have work to do increasing mite donations to fund the eight mission grant projects that delegates voted on for our virtual convention. Mites can and do make a difference in many lives! Remember, you can [donate online](#) at the LWML Kansas District website or you can mail your mites to Kathryn Richard, LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary (contact info is on page 13).

I am happy to announce the members of the Gospel Outreach Committee. Jolene Stackhouse (Manhattan Zone) is the Committee Chairperson and head of Mission Grants. Julie Hatesohl (Manhattan Zone) will also be working on Mission Grants. Pam Popp (KC Crossroads Zone) will be head of Student Financial Aid and Sandra Childs (Wichita Zone) will also be working on Student Financial Aid. Pastor Michael Schmidt (Manhattan Zone) is our counselor.

Please check the Gospel Outreach page on the LWML Kansas District website for the [Mission Grants Poster](#), listing all the grants for this biennium and Student Financial Aid amounts. More information on individual mission grants is available on each grant's individual poster, also on the [Gospel Outreach](#) page.

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Pam Popp, Student Financial Aid



2020-2021 Student Financial Aid Recipients LWML Kansas District

Twenty-three students from the Kansas district are receiving financial aid from LWML Kansas District. A total of \$20,650 will be disbursed for the school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education Field</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Grace Miller	Parish Music	Marysville
Maddison Chiappetta	Teacher	Lenexa
Jennifer Home	Parish Music	Canton
Naomi Postier	Deaconess	Newton
Jesse Schultz	Teacher	Overland Park
Hannah Elsey	DCE	Topeka
Olivia Johnson	DCE	Kansas City
Mikayla Lowe	Teacher	Atchison
Broderick Schofield	Teacher	Sylvan Grove
Makayla Kosberg	Teacher	Spring Hill
Natasha Bonine	Teacher	Haven
Jordan Mahnkan	Teacher	Olathe
Matthew Goti	Pastor	Wichita
Nathan Harkins	Pastor	Olathe
Jonah Schultz	Pastor	Kansas City, MO
Josiah Schultz	Pastor	Overland Park
Caleb Wehling	Pastor	Lincoln, NE
Joshua Brandmahl	Pastor	Fort Wayne, IN
Jaron Melin	Pastor	Derby
Brendon Moore	Pastor	Winter Haven, FL
Jake Rhodes	Pastor	Lenexa
Christian Schultz	Pastor	Fort Wayne, IN
Nicholas Cordt	Pastor	Goddard



**2020-2022
Mission Grants
Poster**
is available on the
Gospel Outreach
page of the LWML
Kansas District
website.



Young women of the LCMS are encouraged to apply to be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. If you are a young woman and have a heart for service or would like to know more about LWML, send your completed YWR application to Elise Cleary, Special Focus Ministries (SFM) Chair. If, as an LWML member, you know of a young woman that might benefit from this experience, please share the application with her and be a reference as well!

The YWR application is on pages 11-12 of this publication and will soon be available on the LWML Kansas District website. Deadline for YWR applications to be received by the SFM Chair is December 9.

Sarah Winkler attended the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, AL and is now a member of the LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee. She'd like to pass this message along to you:

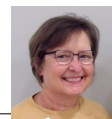
If you are on the fence about applying to become a Young Women's Representative, I encourage you to try it. During my time as a YWR in 2019, I learned a great deal about LWML while having fun!

First off, expect to be busy! To make the most of your experience you will attend luncheons and dinners with LWML leaders, participate in servant events, and observe the LWML business meeting on a national level. A highlight during these meetings was hearing firsthand from the organizations whose missions LWML supports. It's exciting to see how God is using our mites to help the world!

An added bonus is hanging out with young women from the Kansas district and meeting many others from across the country. Coming from a church where there are only a handful of younger adults, I never realized the number of young women working towards God's mission! If you have the ability to attend as a YWR, don't hesitate to apply. It's a ton of fun and you'll learn a lot!

Visit the Young Women in Mission page on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/young-women. You'll find resources to get involved, a link to the Young Women Facebook page, and more!

HEART TO HEART SISTERS
Sherri Rose, District Leader



The Heart to Heart Sisters Committee needs YOUR help! We would like to reach out to our multicultural sisters in Kansas congregations! We are unable to do this alone – we need YOU to form relationships with women in your congregation, tell them about the LWML and all the wonderful resources available, encourage them in their walk with Jesus, and join us in the mission of LWML—to reach the world with the Good News of our Lord and Savior!

We are currently looking for committee members to help us brainstorm ideas for the future of Heart to Heart Sisters in Kansas. We are also looking for women to join us in an intentional “in-reach” to women in our congregations. YOU can be a H2H Contact Woman in Mission – someone who is willing to help us reach women in your congregation. Please contact Sherri Rose, h2hsister@kansaslwml.org, or Bernie Reetz if you would like to join us.

The Vision Statement of the LWML is as follows: *The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.* Help us fulfill this statement by welcoming others into LWML!



YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE (YWR) APPLICATION

LWML Convention, Lexington, KY

June 24-27, 2021

Today's Date: _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

1) The LWML motto is "Serve the LORD with gladness" (*Psalm 100:2*). How do you do this in your life?

2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

YWR application—page 1

7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?”

Ask this person to answer on a separate sheet of paper and include their name and relationship to you. Attach their sheet to your application form.

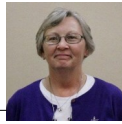
Return your application to the LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Chairman:

**Elise Lorenz Cleary
2363 W 343rd St West
Cheney, KS 67025
e_shesmiles@live.com**



YWR application—page 2

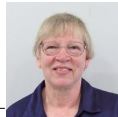
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Kathryn Richard



I'm taking this opportunity to introduce myself as the 'new' Financial Secretary for the LWML Kansas District. We thank Ella Schempp for her faithful service in this position during the past biennium. Some groups are still sending mites to her, and she is forwarding them to me. However, you are encouraged to begin sending your mite offerings and memorial monies to me if you are not already doing so. My address is listed in the box to the right. Be sure to include the remittance voucher found on the LWML Kansas District website on the [Organizational Resources page—Expense and Remittance Vouchers](#). If you have questions about sending in your group's mite offerings or other contributions, please do not hesitate to contact me at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org.

Send mite offerings and memorial monies to:
Kathryn Richard
Financial Secretary
PO Box 314
Arma, KS 66712

TREASURER
Carolyn Fishburn



Think outside the "Mite" Box!

The option to give to LWML Kansas District online is now available! This online option will make it easy for anyone to donate at any time and also to set up a recurring donation. If you are unable to attend your group/society meetings regularly, or if your group/society is not holding regular in-person meetings yet, this can be a convenient way to continue giving mite offerings or other donations to the district. Online giving is also an excellent opportunity for women who do not carry cash or a checkbook to their meetings. Our mite offerings are significantly behind where they normally are at this point in the biennium since so many regular meetings throughout the district were cancelled. Online giving can be a way to help meet our mission goal.

How to get started with online giving:

- ❖ To use a computer or tablet, click on the "Giving" tab on our website: www.kansaslwml.org; use the "Give Now" form.
- ❖ To use your smartphone, you must use the mobile app GivePlus. (Search for GivePlus in the App Store or Google Play and install the app. Search for LWML Kansas District as the church name.)

Tips for both the online screen and the mobile app:

- Donations can be made from bank accounts or credit or debit cards.
 - Anyone can give a one-time donation, either as a guest or by signing in.
 - If you sign up to create an account, you will be able to save your payment methods, set up recurring (weekly, biweekly, or monthly) donations, and view your giving history.
 - If you sign up with the mobile app, you are also signed up for online, and vice versa.
- ❖ If you do not have a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or just don't like trying something new, there is another option that is very easy to use. Joyful Response® is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) program that provides LWML members and supporters an electronic, automated method to make recurring mite offerings and other contributions from their bank checking or savings account. For those unable to attend meetings regularly or at all, Joyful Response® provides a means of regular, consistent support. More information and an enrollment form can be found on our website: www.kansaslwml.org, or you may obtain an enrollment form by contacting Financial Secretary Kathryn Richard by email at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org or by mail (address listed above). Please contact me at treasurer@kansaslwml.org if you have any questions.

BE THOU MY VISION



CONVENTION OFFERING UPDATE

Offering 1 (2020-2022 LWML Kansas District Mission Grants) \$5,534.08
Offering 2 (Orphan Grain Train - Russian Orphanages) \$2,264.01
Prayer Walk / Mission Walk (Passageways, Wichita, KS) \$953.90



The LWML Kansas District Archivists/Historians would like to share part of their 2020 convention presentation. Please enjoy this history of LWML Kansas District Conventions held in Topeka!

***Six conventions have been held in Topeka:
1943, 1956, 1970, 1990, 2008 and 2020 (scheduled but held virtually).***

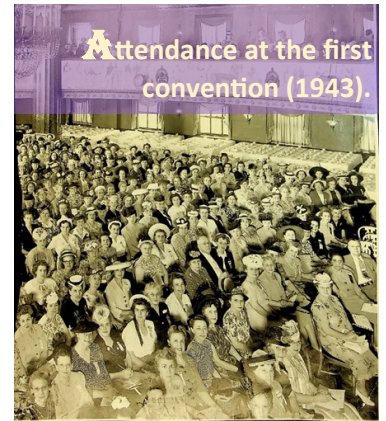
1943 and 1956 conventions did not have a theme
1970 theme: Jesus Christ is Lord

1990 theme: Bring Forth Fruits of Love
2008 theme: Joy in the Journey
2020 theme: Be Thou My Vision



First executive board officers...

at the first executive committee meeting on May 31, 1943. Listed in no order: Mrs. C.A. Hass, Mrs. N.F. Homan, Mrs. P.G. Kannenberg, Mrs. William Heine, Mrs. Rude Eberth, Mrs. Fred Kramer, Mrs. F.A. Eggert, Mrs. Walter Wulf, Rev. Arnold F. Meyer, Rev. E.H. Wilms, and Rev. Geo Hoyer.



Attendance at the first convention (1943).



1956 Executive Committee members at the sixth Biennial Kansas District Convention.

(left to right) Board Member Mrs. William Noller, Board Member Mrs. Alfred Tonn, Treasurer Mrs. Letholt, Secretary Mrs. Elmer Rodehorst, President Mrs. F.A. Eggert, Vice President Mrs. Martin Lobitz, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Niel Schrum, Financial Secretary Mrs. Paul Schroedel, and Historian Mrs. Louis Lambring.



Cookie kitchen at the 1990 convention was used to present a report of "who does what" on the district level to show how each society member benefits from the work.



1970 Executive Committee and board members.

(left to right) Mrs. Ray Waters, Mrs. Art Liggett, Rev. Lester Dumar, Mrs. E.L. Kleeman, Mrs. Claud Gulley, Mrs. Johanna Lobitz, Mrs. Harold Turner, Mrs. Donald Neff, Mrs. Richard Traskowsky, Mrs. A.F. Ungar, Rev. D. Sprick, and Rev. D. Huwe.

More Topeka History.....

Pictures from the 2008 district convention were unavailable for this article.

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For highlights from the 2020 Virtual Convention, see the post-convention The Kansas Sonshine issue found on the LWML Kansas District website.

Rich Sugar Cookies *Recipe from 1990 District Convention*

Cream together until very light and fluffy:	Sift together and add:
1 cup white sugar	1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 cup powdered sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup margarine	5 ¼ cups flour
Add a little at a time, continuing to cream:	½ cup finely chopped nuts
1 cup oil	Refrigerate until soft. Roll in balls smaller than a walnut. Dip in extra sugar; coat well. Place on cookie sheet and flatten with a spoon.
Beat in:	Bake at 350 degrees for nine minutes.
2 well-beaten eggs	Makes 8 dozen
¼ tsp. butter flavor	
2 tsp. vanilla	

Grants Approved at Topeka Conventions	Biennium	1943-1945	1956-1957	1970-1971	1990-1992	2008-2010	2020-2022
	Mission Grants	\$3,960	\$9,100	\$6,000	\$27,000	\$40,000	\$43,000
	God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF)	---	---	---	---	\$45,680	\$13,363
	Total	\$3,960	\$9,100	\$6,000	\$27,000	\$85,680	\$56,363

1943 – 1945 Funded Mission Grants, Total: \$3,960

- * Expenses of Missionaries to District Conference, Winfield, \$100
- * Pews for Pilgrim Chapel for the Deaf in Kansas City, MO, \$260
- * Pipe Organ Fund for Immanuel Lutheran in Lawrence, \$900
- * Church Furnishings for Messiah Lutheran in Emporia, \$900
- * Church Furnishings for Grace Lutheran in Liberal, \$900
- * Church Furnishings for Grace Lutheran in McPherson, \$900

1956 – 1957 Funded Mission Grants, Total: \$9,100

- * Pews for Grace Lutheran in Iola, \$900
- * Church furnishings for Calvary Lutheran in Wellington, \$900
- * Organ fund for Zion Lutheran in Wichita, \$900
- * Church furnishings for Faith Lutheran in Kansas City, \$900
- * Partial payment on organ for Hope Lutheran in Shawnee, \$900
- * Church furnishings for Peace Lutheran in Greensburg, \$900
- * Pews for Grace Lutheran in Atwood, \$900
- * Church furnishings for Bethel Lutheran in Bethel, \$900
- * Organ, Pews for Grace Lutheran in Wichita, \$900
- * Building Fund for Grace Lutheran in Liberal, \$1,000

1970 – 1971 Funded Mission Grants, Total: \$6,000

- * Mission Church expenses for Emmaus Lutheran in Bonner Springs, \$1,000
- * Mission Church expenses for Calvary Lutheran in Topeka, \$1,000
- * Scholarship Fund for Alabama Lutheran Academy & College in Selma, AL, \$1,000
- * Minority Group Scholarship for Concordia Seminary in Springfield, IL, \$500
- * Purchase Christian Literature for Kristen Press in New Guinea, \$1,000
- * Concordia School in Valparaiso, Chili, \$1,000
- * Emporia Lutheran Student Center at Emporia State University, \$500

1990 – 1992 Funded Mission Grants, Total: \$27,000

- * Mission congregation, Hope Lutheran in Salt Lake City, UT, \$3,000
- * Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church Hospital in Wandoor, India, \$4,700
- * Dig one drinking water well, Mission Well Project in Liberia, \$2,000
- * Bible studies for the deaf, Ministry for the Deaf in Kansas, \$5,000
- * Development of a new seasonal sing-a-long program for Heartwarmers, \$6,000
- * Van for Lutheran High School in Kansas City, MO, \$5,000
- * Equipment for Lutheran School in Zacapa, Guatemala (Children's Christian Concern Society), \$1,300

2008 – 2010 Funded Mission Grants, Total: \$40,000

- * Orphan Grain Train in Phillipsburg, \$5,000
- * Guinea Lutheran Mission in Guinea, West Africa, \$5,500
- * Bethesda Lutheran Home and Services in Watertown, WI, \$5,000
- * Christian literature in China, \$4,500
- * Scholarships for God's Little Saints Preschool in Atwood, \$1,000
- * Team China in Macau, China, \$5,000
- * University Lutheran Center in Wichita, \$5,000
- * English as a second language in Garden City, \$4,650
- * Faith Lutheran School in Derby, \$2,970
- * Hispanic Ministry at Redeemer Lutheran in Olathe, \$1,380



More Topeka History.....

2008 Funded God's Gracious Gifts Fund Grants, Total: \$45,680

- * St. Paul Lutheran in Ellsworth, \$12,000
- * Mission Bus for Trinity Lutheran in Garden City, \$5,000
- * Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center in Junction City, \$2,300
- * Toilet Module for Gualan, Guatemala, \$7,300
- * Classroom Materials for God's Little Saints Preschool in Atwood, \$1,000
- * Computer & Satellite Modem for Guinea Lutheran Church in Guinea, West Africa, \$5,000
- * Blind Mission Outreach at Immanuel Lutheran in Lawrence, \$3,700
- * Food Bank & Personal Care Items at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, \$7,000
- * Computer and Printer for Redeemer of the World Lutheran School in Santiago Zamora, Guatemala, \$1,000
- * St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool in Cheney, \$1,380



2020-2022 Approved Mission Grants, Total: \$43,000

- * Orphan Grain Train, St. Petersburg, Russia \$ 5,000
- * Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT, Lawrence, KS \$ 5,000
- * Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN \$ 5,000
- * Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, MO \$ 5,000
- * TIG Ministries Partnership, Garden City, Lakin & Ulysses, KS \$ 4,500
- * KansaSEED LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry, Topeka, KS \$ 5,000
- * Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, KS \$ 5,000
- * KS District LCMS Retreat Center, Herington, KS \$ 8,500

2020 Funded God's Gracious Gifts Fund Grants, Total: \$13,363

- * Orphan Grain Train, Herington, KS \$2,000
- * Women of the Pearl, Uganda, Africa \$3,000
- * Mwadui Lutheran School, Tanzania, Africa \$5,300
- * Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kansas City, KS \$1,600
- * Immanuel Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry, Ellsworth, KS \$750
- * International Friendship Center, Wichita, KS

CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

The LWML strives to develop a mission consciousness in the church and continues to support our pastors and church workers through prayer, service and Bible study. We want our pastors and church workers and their families to feel welcome and informed of the mission of the LWML.

LWML Kansas District would like to welcome the following pastors to the Kansas District:

WICHITA ZONE

Rev. Aaron Hannemann – Ascension, Wichita
Rev. Craig Boehlke – St. Andrews, Wichita
Rev. Aaron Schnelle – Bethany, Wichita
Rev. Matthew Bohlmann – Holy Cross, Wichita

TOPEKA ZONE

Rev. Benjamin Micheel – Christ, Topeka

HUTCHINSON ZONE

Rev. Chet Scherbarth – St. Paul, Cheney

NORTHEAST ZONE

Rev. Marty Reed – Trinity, Atchison

LINCOLN ZONE

Rev. Keith Emshoff – St. Paul, Ellsworth

SOUTHWEST ZONE

Rev. Karl Yahr – Christ, Elkhart



Rev. Matthew Bohlmann
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Wichita



*And I will give you shepherds
after my own heart,
who will feed you with
knowledge and understanding.*

(Jeremiah 3:15)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Hebrews 12:1-2

39th Biennial Convention

Lexington, Kentucky

June 24-27, 2021



Convention Shirt order form
is available at lwml.org

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
invites you to the

39th Biennial Convention

Thursday, June 24-Sunday, June 27, 2021

Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center • Lexington, Kentucky



Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Convention Goal

Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.

Convention Logo Explanation

The convention logo incorporates the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, and makes reference to the passage from Scripture, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate, as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture.

Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In our logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ.



The banner was a method of announcing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

www.lwml.org



Are you interested
in riding a Kansas bus to the
2021 LWML Convention in Lexington?

Contact Donna Burton, Bus Chairman,
to add your name to the "interested" list.

More information coming soon!

Racing to
Lexington!



ATTENTION "CRAFTY-ARTISTIC" DESIGNERS!!!

Designs for the LWML Kansas District banner for the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington are accepted through October 15!! If YOU have an awesome design, please submit it to President Kim Burdett as soon as possible! The Kansas banner will be on display at the convention and will be carried in the banner processional. Your design should be based on the convention theme
Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus Hebrews 12:1-2.



**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT
LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION
GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND
2020 RECIPIENTS**



The following were awarded God's Gracious Gift Fund grants from the Kansas District Lutheran Women in Mission as selected by delegates of the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention.



Orphan Grain Train Relief Center
Herington, KS \$2,000



Immanuel Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry
Ellsworth, KS \$750



Women of the Pearl
Uganda, Africa \$3,000



Mwadui Lutheran School
Tanzania, Africa \$5,300



Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry
Kansas City, KS \$1,600



International Friendship Center
Wichita, KS \$715

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND PRESENTATIONS 2020



Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Relief Center, Herington, KS

The GGGF check for \$2,000 was presented on August 1 to Orphan Grain Train Relief Center. Pictured from left, are: Emilee Morgan, local OGT volunteer; Donna Ascher, Herington Zone President; Kathryn Richard, District Financial Secretary; Debbie Lehman, Meeting Manager;

Elaine Engelman, VP of Organizational Resources; Eden Keefe, District Planner, Kim Burdett, District President, and Mary Brockmeier, St. John's LWML President. The presentation was covered by the Dickinson County News-Times News of DK County – Herington Area. (photo by Susan Mueller/Staff Photo)

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Kansas City, KS

A check for \$1,600 was presented by former VP of Caring Service Laura Hunter on July 14 to DCE Deb Hartje, Immanuel's Food Pantry manager. Pictured from left: Susan Parrish, Co-Sponsor of the grant, Sherri Rose, Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader, Laura Hunter, Deb Hartje, Deacon Tom Eckard, and several caring volunteers for the food pantry.



Mwadi Lutheran School, Tanzania, Africa

LWML Kansas District Past President Brenda Piester presented the GGGF grant for \$5,300 to Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita during the Mission Moment of the July 19 service.



Immanuel Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry, Ellsworth, KS

Shelly Keller, past VP of Communication, presented the GGGF check in the amount of \$750 to Carol Kratzer of the Immanuel Comfort Dog Ministry Team on Sunday, July 19, in Ellsworth.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LWML GROUP NEWS

From the Hutchinson Zone

Miss Brynn Kruse (*mom is Jill Kruse, LWML Kansas District Store Manager*) has helped with the LWML store and attended zone events. She certainly has a heart of service. Her service of making face masks to donate was recently reported by the *McPherson News-Ledger*:

"GALVA—Eleven-year-old Brynn Kruse said she decided to make face masks because she thought it would be fun and because they were going to the nursing homes ... Brynn has been in 4H for four years, participating in arts and crafts, horticulture, photography, and showing cattle. She lives on a farm where her family raises cattle. She's only been sewing for a year, however."

See the entire *McPherson News-Ledger* report [here](#).



From the Risen Savior, Basehor LWML Group

The LWML Group from Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor, KS (Kansas City CrossRoads Zone) recently packed 50 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Chyleen Pauesick made purple masks for each of the LWML'ers, to match their purple LWML shirts. They also completed 16 quilts. Those attending were: Cookie Doeble, Kay Minda, Cathy York, Esther Kalebaugh, and Chyleen Pauesick.

From the Southeast Zone

St. Peter's LWML met in September to make plans for the Fall Southeast Zone Rally on October 3. Retired Pastor Jeff Crane from Orphan Grain Train will speak at the meeting. In-gathering is for gently used clothing to be sent with Pastor Crane. Quilts are being made and ready to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. St. Peter's, Humboldt has kept the church doors open for worship through the pandemic.

From the Southwest Zone

The Southwest Zone will not have a Fall event in 2020, but may meet by ZOOM later in the fall.

Please share what YOUR Zone or LWML Group is going to Serve the LORD with gladness!

send email (with pictures:) to: sonshine@kansaslwml.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

2020

- October 6 – 9—Lutheran World Relief pick-up at various locations (check with your Zone President for details)
- October 15—LWML Convention banner designs due to President Kim
- November 6-7—Executive Committee Meeting
- December 1—Nominating Committee member names due to President Kim
- December 1—Zone Delegate names due to Kim
- December 5—Deadline for *The Kansas Sonshine* articles (email sonshine@kansaslwml.org)
- December 9—Young Woman Representative (YWR) application due to Special Focus Ministries chairman

2021

- January/February (TBA)—Executive Committee Meeting
- June 24-27—LWML Convention, Lexington, KY
- March 15—*Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* payment and Web fees due
- June 1—Student Financial Aid applications due
- Summer (TBA)—Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL)

LWML Kansas District Primary Focus Areas 2020-2022



- ❖ Don't forget to check out all the resources available on www.kansaslwml.org and www.lwml.org!
- ❖ "Like" us on Facebook:
"Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML" and "KS LWML"
- ❖ Visit the new "LWML Online" page at www.lwml.org/online
- ❖ You can still watch the 2020 Virtual Convention and use the Bible study at www.kansaslwml.org/2020-district-convention
- ❖ To contact a vice president or committee chairman, visit [www.kansaslwml.org—contact us.](http://www.kansaslwml.org—contact.us)

Did you know???

There's a new page on the LWML website! Under the "Fellowship" tab—it's "LWML Online". Visit the page for links to LWML emails, blogs, podcasts, and videos; links to social media feeds—Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest; downloadable resources with social media guidelines, and for use online. Visit lwml.org and learn something new!



If you would like to be included on the District Prayer Mail (P-mail) group listing, please send your name and current email address to Velma Bass, pmail@kansaslwml.org. The requests/thanksgivings/joys are distributed in "blind copy" manner so that your email is not shared.

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"LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS ..."
HEBREWS 12:2

