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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:4–6).

I have to be honest — this position has caused me some anxiety. Just when I think I have all my ducks in a row, another one comes quacking at me from left field! This article is one example. I have known about the deadline for months and have come up with (and rejected) several topics. I finally reread my first article to see exactly where I had ended. In it I asked you to pray for the new Executive Committee so that we could *move forward* together in service to God and to you. Then I googled the top 100 Bible verses on *moving forward* and Philippians 4:6 appeared on that list. And then, like every good Lutheran catechism student, I looked it up in the Bible so I could read what came before and after to be sure that I didn't take it out of context. The last half of verse 5 jumped out at me, *The Lord is at hand*; and verse 7, *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*. It was like a light bulb for me! Yes there are things I forget to do (thank goodness I am surrounded by an excellent team that reminds me gently!), and yes there are deadlines that I miss (so that I can extend grace to others for doing the same thing!), but we are still *moving forward* because the Lord **IS** at hand and **His** peace is ours through Christ Jesus.

God's hand is in all that has been accomplished so far. The District Board of Directors selected a Day of Prayer offering recipient for 2025–2026 (*read more about it on page 3*). They approved a theme, verse, and goal statement (*see page 2*) for the 2026 LWML Kansas District Convention, as well as convention chairmen: Gayle Grimm, Manhattan Zone, Chairman; Darla Abbott, Hutchinson Zone, Co-chairman; Mary Bowen, Northwest Zone, Co-chairman; and Marcia Ricke, Southwest Zone, Co-chairman. They approved the design, to the right, for the logo that will appear on t-shirts and convention paperwork, either in black and white, as it is here, or possibly in color (still in development stages). I will call for an actual banner design for the District Convention in Spring 2025 so be thinking about what you would like to submit!



A banner design for the 2025 LWML Convention has been approved and is now under construction. Watch for a picture and description of the concept in the winter issue of the *Sunshine*.

We have a District Travel Chairman! Donna Smith is very busy getting everything together for the trip to Omaha! Hopefully, by the time you read this, many of you have signed up at zone events to ride the bus, but it is not too late to submit your reservations! Forms are available in this issue of the *Sunshine* and on the district website.

The following pages are full of God's presence in the plans being made by the LWML Kansas District. Thanks for moving forward with us and please don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions/corrections/gentle reminders!

Elaine Engelman
District President



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Rev. Kenton Abbott | Pastoral Counselor

The season of fall is upon us. With it comes cooler temperatures, smells of apple cider and pumpkin coffees, well pumpkin anything, these days, and the changing leaves on the trees. A year ago, my wife and I took a bucket list vacation and visited the New England states in October to explore and witness the fall colors. It was a great getaway, even though all the local people kept telling us that the colors were not as vibrant as they normally are, and that they weren't much to see. For us Kansas people, they were quite amazing, and it was a wonderful relaxing time. While here in Kansas we may not experience New England color change, we do get amazing glimpses of God's creation and the changing of the season. It seems that there is always something changing or going in and out of season. God tells Noah in Genesis 8:22, "*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.*" So, we can expect there to be a changing of seasons, and the earth will continue its cycling that God has established and that He is LORD over, until His right time to change them and make it new.

As we think upon God's forbearance over the earth and all things, changing of time and seasons do not just happen to the earth. We, too, go through seasons and changes in our lives. They may be wonderful, vibrant seasons of life that it seem as if nothing could be any better; and then there are the seasons of pain, loss, and trials. These come with age, or from situations and choices of life, and some come with just living under God's provision. For God does tell us in Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NIV), *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot.* Our lives change as we have kids, jobs, volunteer activities, and different involvements in the church. Sometimes it is a great joy, and sometimes it is hard, but God is there with us through it all. This is a comfort to us, knowing that God is with us, because through the times of change and transition there can be a lot of unknowns, some of sadness and of worry. God wants us to rest in His grace, mercy, and love for, *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your (His) faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through Christ Jesus our LORD, God's love for us is steadfast and unchanging. By His grace, mercy, and love, we have been brought into God's family as heirs to His eternal kingdom by the waters of Holy Baptism and the gift of faith in Christ Jesus. God anchors us into Christ Jesus so that we are firm in our trust, belief, and understanding that the eternal promises of God are for you. God's "steadfast" love reveals that His character is immovable, firmly fixed, and will not change in and out of seasons.

While we go through the changing of seasons here on the earth, give witness to the gloriousness of the changes, let them remind you of God's presence with you. For He has firmly fixed us into His loving care and protection, so that no matter what we are facing or going through, we can be at peace knowing He is with us.



Enjoy the smells and colors of fall, but more importantly rejoice in the LORD our God, in and out of all seasons of life. The peace of Christ Jesus be with you.

Pastor Kenton Abbott

2026 LWML Kansas District Convention Theme: *Bear Fruit that will Last*

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you (John 15:16).

Convention Goal Statement:

As people chosen by God, we will bear fruit by:

- *Abiding in His Word;*
- *Living our life in Christ; and*
- *Working in His service.*

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Julie Hatesohl | VP of Gospel Outreach

It is such a great feeling to see the generosity of the LWML Kansas District through the collection of mite offerings and to be a part of distributing funds to students and organizations. In June, I had the pleasure of presenting a check to one of the God's Gracious Gift Fund recipients, St. Paul's Redeemer Lutheran Churches. Not only did I have the privilege of representing the LWML Kansas District once, but I actually traveled to all three churches of this joint parish and presented the God's Gracious Gift Fund check at each service. The surprise and delight from each congregation filled my heart and will be an experience I will never forget.

Since April, the LWML Kansas District Executive Board has approved funding the first two mission grants for this biennium — Light of the World Church and Early Learning Center, De Soto, Kansas, and Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. That is much to the thanks of your generous and giving hearts. Standing and boldly singing the Doxology with our LWML sisters upon the approval of funding for these grants is a very sweet reward and demonstrates God's gracious heart.

The Gospel Outreach Committee is currently seeking another committee member to join us. According to 1 Peter 4:10, *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace;*, we prayerfully ask everyone to consider serving on our committee. If you are interested, please complete a Committee Appointment — Personal Profile (CAPP) form and submit it to President Elaine Engelman. See [pages 4–6](#) for the CAPP form.

LWML Kansas District Past President Kim Burdett and VP of Organizational Resources Christine McCombs presented Light of the World Lutheran Church their mission grant, Sunday, June 23. What a blessing to worship and fellowship with the congregation! The congregation sends their thanks for the LWML's prayers and support.



The Day of Prayer Offering through March 31, 2025, is designated for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) National Offering. The LCMS has established a goal of making meaningful Lutheran resources available in languages other than English, so that everyone may hear the Good News of Christ crucified for all people.



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.

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,

Elaine Engelman

LWML Kansas District President (2024–2028)

***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: _____

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

Other information: _____

There's more, please complete the back of this page.



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

<u>Spiritual Gifts:</u>	<u>Special Skills:</u>	<u>Technology Skills:</u>	<u>Committees/Positions:</u>
<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 (X)	<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Chairman - (LWML Conventions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian
<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 Elaine 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: _____

CARING SERVICE

Linda Stanton | VP of Caring Service

Caring Service is such a broad category! We can all think of many service projects, gifts, and servant events that have been done in our own groups and churches. Many of us have regular projects and events that benefit our congregations and communities. One such event held by our group, is blessing the teachers at a local school in Hutchinson. This school is located close to our church, and happens to be in a low income, high need area. We provide lunch for the teachers on the day of their parent/teacher conferences. This allows them to focus on the task at hand and grab a quick and tasty lunch. We also support this school by donating school supplies, coats, hats, gloves, and bookbags. This is just one example of so many possibilities. If you wish to share some good ideas from your group, please feel free to email me caringservice@kansaslwml.org.

Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) was a great time of planning and getting acquainted with the new Executive Committee and President Elaine. We were happy to collect Gifts from the Heart for two great ministries in Salina, Salina Shares and Homestead Ministries. The following items were collected and divided between the two organizations: 56 packages of healthy snacks, 51 bottles of shampoo and conditioner, 29 containers of laundry pods, three one-gallon sized bags of travel sized toiletries, and a \$20 cash donation. It truly is such a blessing to gift these items and help ministries provide for those in need.



One final and important thought. Our acts of caring service are done out of love for our Savior and our blood-bought gift of redemption. Our primary objective is to keep focused on Jesus! Our greatest act of service is to share the love of Christ and the Gospel with those who don't know Jesus and encourage our sisters and brothers in Christ who are going through tough times. May God bless each of us as we witness and share the love of Jesus in this lost and hurting world.

COMMUNICATION

Allison Lehmann | VP of Communication

It's finally FALL! Cooler temperatures (hopefully), autumn colors, and FOOTBALL! There are also zone events, LWML Sunday, and church bazaars. So many things to look forward to and plan. Make sure you take a look at lwml.org for fall ideas! Did you know that LWML Sunday can happen anytime, not just on the first Sunday in October? This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. You can find a variety of materials at lwml.org/lwml-sunday, such as bulletins, service builder, banner ideas, and songs; many are free and available to download! Under "The Word" tab you can find Coloring Scripture including Thanksgiving cards and bookmarks, as well as many fall resources.



Our LWML Kansas District website, kansaslmwl.org, also has quite a bit of useful information available for your use and to share. Many of the forms you see in this issue of the *Sonshine* will soon be found on the website. If you have any changes in your zone or group leadership, don't forget to send updated information to directory@kansaslwml.org. Please take advantage of the many resources available to spread information to your group!

And, don't forget to invite a young woman to apply to attend the 2025 LWML Convention as a Young Woman Representative (YWR)! The YWR application is found on [page 17](#) of this newsletter.

Please take advantage of the many resources available to spread information to your group!

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee FAQ's **payment due by April 1, 2025**

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

The *LWQ* is sent out four times a year to each LWML local group 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 nine or fewer subscriptions. The 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 mite donations.**

Why make the *LWQ* payment at this time?

The LWML office allows an LWML group 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 is allowed only one time a 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.

Why make a Web Maintenance Fee payment?

The web maintenance fee is a one-time yearly payment of \$10.00. **Every LWML group in the Kansas District is asked to pay this fee.** This fee helps pay the LWML Kansas District 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 Organizational Resources page of the LWML Kansas District website, www.kansaslwml.org. The form is listed under the heading of "Forms". The form is also on the following page of this issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

Where is the payment sent?

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Web Maintenance Fee (2025) 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, distribution@kansaslwml.org.

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

Thank you for making your 2025 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and web maintenance fee payment on time. Remember – nonpayment by your LWML local group reduces our mite donations for missions.

***Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Website Maintenance Fee Remittance Form (2025)**

Complete this form and mail it with your payment by April 1, 2025.

LWML GROUP INFORMATION:

Group Name _____ Church/City _____

Address *Quarterly* is to be mailed to _____

Attention _____

Group Treasurer's name _____ LWML Zone _____

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
(phone) 785-531-1768

*****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, and all of our members, congregations, and guests who use the LWML Kansas District website. The website has an abundance of information that group, zone, and district leaders use and share with others to keep everyone informed. It is requested that ALL groups in the LWML Kansas District please pay this minimal annual fee, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support of the LWML Kansas District website.*

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Heather Rolf | Christian Life Committee Member

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken (Psalm 62:2).

*Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress (Psalm 71:3).*

*I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God,
my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold (Psalm 18:1-2).*

Disease, loneliness, financial hardships, family strife, sin, and death; does that cover everything? Sometimes it can feel like we are being attacked from all sides and it can feel like our world is crumbling around us. What do we do in those times? We can draw on our faith and turn to the One that is always steadfast and is our ROCK. We can read in the Word about saints before us who relied on God to see them through. We can attend Divine Service, receive His sacraments, and attend Bible class and retreats that renew our spirits.



The Christian Life Committee invites you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2025 Fall Retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn, Salina. Donna Snow will lead us through studies to show us just how unshakeable our God is. Watch for further details in the winter issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Carolyn Fishburn

I would like to remind Group and Zone Treasurers to send mite offerings and other monies to me if you are not already doing so. Be sure to include a remittance voucher and make checks payable to LWML Kansas District.

Group and Zone Treasurers, as well as individuals, are encouraged to submit mite offerings, memorial gifts, or other contributions online at kansaslwml.org at the *Giving* tab. Another option is to use the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Click on the *Giving* tab on the website for instructions on installing the mobile app. NO remittance voucher is needed with an online or mobile app donation.

If you have questions about sending in your contributions by mail or making donations online or in the mobile app, please contact me at financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org.

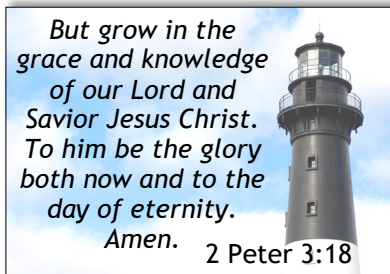


The LWML Kansas District has an immediate opening for a **WEBMASTER**. This contracted position will maintain and update the LWML Kansas District website as directed by the District President and the Vice President of Communication. If you or someone you know are interested, have the appropriate technology skills, or would like more information, contact Allison, VP of Communication, at communication@kansaslwml.org.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Marcia Ricke | Gospel Outreach Committee Member

Greetings from the Gospel Outreach Committee. As we look forward to cooler temperatures and the leaves begin to fall it is time for students to return to school. Thanks to generous gifts from LWML members throughout the Kansas District, we are happy to announce the following recipients of this year's student financial aid assistance. Nineteen students from the Kansas District attending five different universities will be receiving financial assistance for the 2024–2025 school year. Please keep these students in your prayers as they endeavor to continue their education.



Daniel Christensen, Pastor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Morgan Davis, Pastor, Concordia, Nebraska
Trevor Flanik, Pastor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne
Nathan Harkins, Pastor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Caylen McCoy, Pastor, Concordia, Nebraska
Jeremiah Schultz, Pastor, Concordia, Chicago
Peggy Gott, Deaconess, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Nola Gray, Deaconess, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Lorelei Humphrey, Deaconess, Concordia, Nebraska
Luke Lowrenz, DCE, Concordia, Nebraska
Danielle Turner, DCE, Concordia, Nebraska
Rachel Ada, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
Lydia Fink, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
Taresa Hackett, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
Kayla Johnson, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
Grace Miller, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
Samuel Olson, Teacher, Concordia, Nebraska
James Schultz, Teacher, Concordia, Wisconsin
Olivia Craig, Music, Concordia, Nebraska

Due to increased giving we were able to increase scholarship amounts this year for a total of \$20,300. Students are incredibly grateful and often express their appreciation in notes of thanks. Please continue to pray for more church workers and encourage young people in your congregations to consider church work. Let them know that scholarships for church workers are available through the LWML Kansas District *Lutheran Women in Mission*.



June 26–29, 2025
Omaha, Nebraska

Planning to attend the 2025 LWML Convention?

Consider riding the Kansas bus!

Bus info is on the following pages.

LUTHERAN WOMEN *in Mission*
LWML Kansas District
Donna Smith, Travel Chairman
buschair@kansaslwml.org
Serve the Lord with Gladness! (Psalm 100:2)



It is with great joy that we invite you to ride the LWML Kansas District's charter bus to the 2025 Omaha Convention. We look forward to sharing this experience and time with you! The bus is scheduled to depart from Wichita on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. and will return to Kansas on Sunday, June 29, 2025. Stops in Salina and Topeka are included in the route.

To reserve a place on the bus, please complete the reservation form and the participation release form. Mail these two forms along with a \$100 deposit to secure your seat on the bus. These are due to Travel Chairman Donna Smith by March 1, 2025. The deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE unless the bus is canceled. The remainder of the cost is due May 1, 2025.

The estimated price for the trip is \$648 for 2/room, \$528 for 3/room, or \$468 for 4/room, based on having 25 passengers. The price includes the bus cost, four (4) nights lodging, and gratuities for the bus driver and travel chairman. We don't anticipate the price being higher than these estimates, but it could be lower if we get more than 25 people. An itemized expense sheet will be provided with exact amounts as soon as possible after the hotel is booked.

For your convenience the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee has included a gratuity for the bus driver and the travel chairman in the price of the trip. If you feel you would like to tip an additional amount at the end of the trip, there will be an opportunity to do so.

All meals and convention registration fees are your responsibility. When you register for the convention, you will be given the opportunity to book your hotel. **DO NOT** book a hotel through the convention registration. The Travel Chairman will book your hotel for you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to traveling to Omaha with you!

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Donna Smith
LWML Kansas District Travel Chairman

The Mission Statement of LWML Kansas District

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



2025 CONVENTION BUS RESERVATION FORM
 LWML Convention, Omaha, Nebraska
 June 26-29, 2025



Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Congregation/City/State: _____

Emergency Contact at Convention: Name/Phone: _____

PREFERENCES

Number of People in Your Room: _____

Names of Roommates (if known):

The bus trip will start in Wichita on June 25, 2025, with stops in Salina and Topeka. The bus will leave Omaha at the close of convention on June 29, returning to Kansas that day.

A \$100 deposit will hold your seat on the bus and is due March 1, 2025. The deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE, unless the bus is canceled. RESERVATION FORM, PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM, AND DEPOSIT MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER. Remainder of cost is due May 1, 2025.

ALL FORMS AND ALL PAYMENTS should be mailed to:
 Donna Smith, P.O. Box 194, Council Grove, KS 66846

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

Estimated pricing for the bus alone is \$283. This price is based on 25 people. If we have more, the price will go down. I will make room reservations for you, once we have been assigned a hotel for our bus by the National Travel Chair. **You will be responsible for paying for your room cost when we check out of the hotel.**

ALL meals AND convention registration/fees/meals are YOUR responsibility. Visit www.lwml.org for registration information.

Riding the bus is a great way to make new friends and rekindle old friendships. Onward to Omaha!

God's blessings,
 Donna Smith, Travel Chairman



NAME (please print) _____
FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

**LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT
TRAVEL PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT,
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM
(Charter Bus Passenger June 2025)**

The purpose of this Travel Participant Information, Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk and Release Form is to identify each person (“Participant”) who wishes to participate in LWML Kansas District-sponsored travel and LWML Kansas District activities related to that travel. As a condition to becoming a Participant, LWML Kansas District requires you to provide the following information and to release LWML Kansas District from any liability for your safety and wellbeing while participating in any LWML Kansas District travel-related activities, including optional activities scheduled in conjunction with conventions or any meetings. LWML Kansas District may copy this form for use at optional activities. Please return the form as requested. The forms will be securely stored for use during the travel dates specified by the Kansas District Travel Chairman, buschair@kansaslwml.org.

Name/Address: _____

(*the following four questions are optional as your event may require)

*Allergies and Other Known Health Risks/Problems: _____

*Special Diet Restrictions (not preferences): _____

*Reaction to Diet Restriction/Medication Needed: _____

*Person to Contact in the Event of an Emergency (Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), Relationship): _____

GENERAL RELEASE

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees as follows: LWML Kansas District assumes no, and disclaims all, liability for my safety and well-being while I am a Participant. In consideration of LWML Kansas District permitting me to be a Participant, I (a) acknowledge and agree that LWML Kansas District cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being; and (b) waive all claims arising from my participation in LWML Kansas District sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities. Knowing and understanding the risks relating to my being a Participant, I release and discharge LWML Kansas District, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries (including death), loss or damage suffered by me while I am a Participant.

PHOTO RELEASE

I grant to LWML Kansas District and its assigns the right and permission to take photographs and audio and video recordings during my participation, and to retain, publish and distribute, without charge or fee, such photographs and audio and video recordings. Without limiting the foregoing, I agree that these images and recordings may be used in publications, including electronic publications and websites, and in audio-visual presentations, promotional literature, advertising, and in other similar ways.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

PARENT’S SIGNATURE (if under 18): _____

DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

Christine McCombs | VP of Organizational Resources

LWML Protocol Basics

Protocols are basic ground rules that help guide what is expected of a group during a meeting in order to help the meeting run effectively. Even within LWML it is important to remember that our meetings should be conducted with order. The way we conduct business through email should follow protocols for effective communication to best use our time and that of our fellow LWML sisters. Let's review some LWML protocols with a simple fill in the blanks quiz! Many of these protocols can also be applied at your Zone and Group levels as well.

Answers can be found below this article.

Meeting Protocols

1. When meetings are "called" by President Elaine via email, please _____ that you have received the Call to Meeting. This does not have to be done as a Reply All.
2. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please let the meeting organizer know _____.
3. Be sure to look at the agenda for the meeting for any _____ you may have, so you are prepared.
4. Bring _____ copies or have _____ copies available during meetings as requested.
5. During the meeting, wait to be _____ by the President or meeting leader before _____.

Email Protocols

6. Read and reply to emails in _____. Leave an "out of the office" email reply if you will be unable to answer for three or more days, and let your leader know as a courtesy.
7. When requested in the email to Reply All, _____. If personal information is being requested (what meal choice you want for example), reply **only** to the person who sent the email.
8. If you receive an email, please only reply on the _____ of the email. If you have **another** topic or question on another subject, please **compose a new email with the new topic in the Subject line**. This allows us to _____ in our emails much more effectively!
9. General rule of thumb when you are communicating via email with a District Vice President's (VP) committee chairman or member(s) on a district LWML action item, please give the VP a courtesy Cc. (_____).
10. When you are communicating via email with another VP on district or national LWML action items, please copy _____ as a courtesy.



How well did you do?

ANSWERS: 1. reply 2. promptly 3. responsibilities 4. print, digital 5. acknowledged, speaking 6. 24-48 hours 7. reply all 8. subject, search 9. courtesy copy 10. President Elaine

CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION

Joyce Duitsman | CWIM Coordinator



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

PASTORS

Rev. Jacob Mueller, Hope, Shawnee
Rev. Anthony Masinelli, St. Paul, Cheney
Rev. Matthew Goltl, Risen Savior, Wichita
Rev. Christopher Warneke, Redeemer, Arkansas City and Trinity, Winfield
Rev. Nathan Nelson, Trinity, Leavenworth
Rev. Frank Johnson, Zion, Hillsboro
Rev. Joseph Goodroad, Grace, Iola
Rev. John Kastner, Beautiful Savior, Olathe
Rev. Brendon Moore, Ascension, Wichita
Rev. Sherman Stenson, Zion, Downs
Rev. Jeff Lane, Faith, Topeka
Rev. Joel Cundiff, St. Paul, Leavenworth

CHURCH WORKERS

Deaconess, Claire Gerrard, Trinity, Garden City
Deaconess, Ashley Nelson, St. Paul, Leavenworth Church and School
Principal, David Birnbaum, Trinity, Atchison
Teacher, Amy Goltl, Holy Cross, Wichita
Teacher, Sarah Warneke, Trinity, Winfield
Teacher, Anna Johnson, Bethany, Overland Park

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them (Romans 12:6a).

SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

Rachel DeBusk | Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman

Greetings Young Lutheran Women in Mission! The Special Focus Ministries Committee would like to invite you to apply to be a Young Women's Representative (YWR) to the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. I had the pleasure of attending the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, as an YWR and, wow, talk about a mountain-top experience! From the speakers during convention sessions, to walking the streets of downtown Lexington with 3,000 other Lutheran women singing *Jesus Loves Me*, to fun evenings with fellow YWR's, you will spend three days immersed in the love of Jesus learning all about being a Lutheran Woman in Mission. As I mentioned, convention is a true mountain-top experience, but one of my biggest take aways was learning of the work we still have to do here at home in the valley. Learning how my monthly mite offerings are helping people, not only in our country, but all across the world, and learning ways to make a difference in my own church and local community have helped me in my own walk with the Lord. We look forward to receiving your application and hope to see you all in Omaha, *Growing in God's Grace!*

The application can be found on [page 17](#) of this issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*, or on the LWML website, lwml.org. Watch for the application to be available on the LWML Kansas District website.

Young Women
IN MISSION

Young Woman Representative Application



National Convention _____

Date: _____

Convention Location: Omaha, Nebraska (June 26–29)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed. Return your application to Sarah Kleopfer, VP Special Focus Ministries.

Due Date: December 15, 2024

- 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?

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 ask someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, to answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good LWML 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.

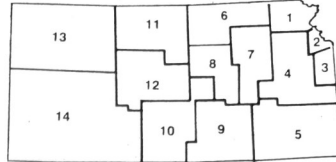
Return your application to Sarah Kleopfer, VP Special Focus Ministries.

Sarah Kleopfer
2526 Coyote Rd
Morrill, KS 66515
ministries@kansaslwml.org

Have you ever heard your zone referred to with a number? In 1988, there were 14 zones in the LWML Kansas District. Zone lines and labels have changed over time. In this map for the 1988 spring rally, Jennifer Hanson, the mission speaker, visited each zone over a two-week period. She worked as a volunteer at Concordia Middle School in ChaiYi, Taiwan, which was established by LCMS missionaries in 1967. Concordia Middle School still operates today and LCMS missionaries still serve as English and Bible teachers for the school.



Kansas District
NEWSLETTER



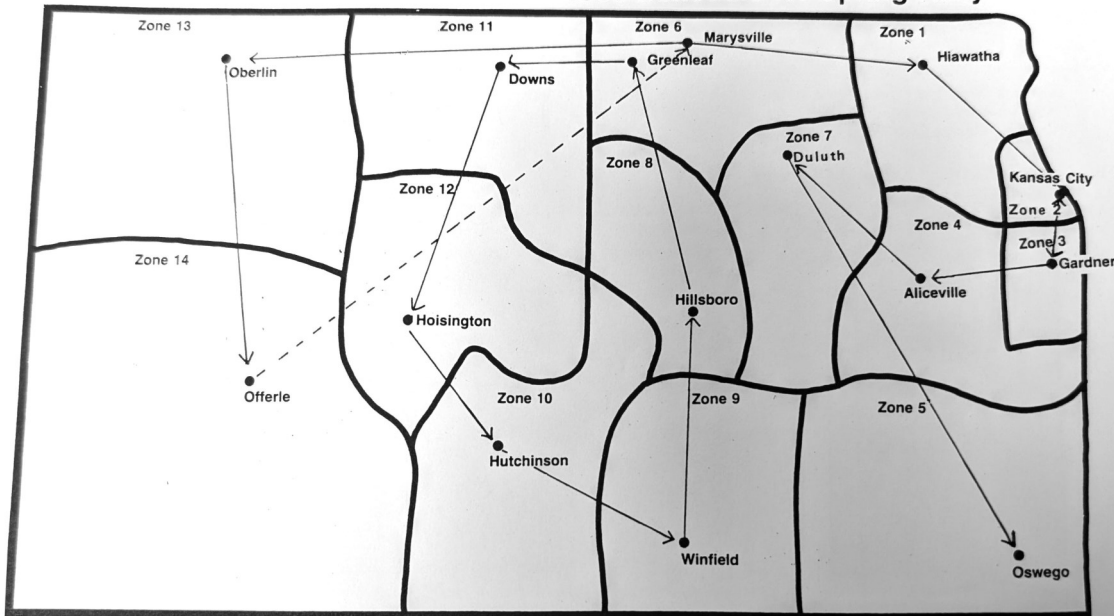
Serve the Lord
 With Gladness
 Psalm 100:2

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1988 Schedule for Spring Rally



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Sat. April 9	Zone 6	Bethlehem, Greenleaf	Mon. April 18	Zone 14	Zion, Offerle
Sun. April 10	Zone 11	Zion, Downs	Tues. April 19	Zone 1	Zion, Hiawatha
Mon. April 11	Zone 12	Concordia, Hoisington	Wed. April 20	Zone 2	Our Savior's, Kansas City
Tues. April 12	Zone 10	Christ, Hutchinson	Thur. April 21	Zone 3	King of Kings, Gardner
Wed. April 13	Zone 9	Trinity, Winfield	Fri. April 22	Zone 4	St. John's, Aliceville
Thur. April 14	Zone 8	Zion, Hillsboro	Sat. April 23	Zone 7	St. Paul's, Duluth
Sun. April 17	Zone 13	St. John's, Oberlin	Sun. April 24	Zone 5	St. Paul's, Oswego

Jennifer Hanson, a full-time volunteer who worked at Concordia Middle School in Chaiyi, Taiwan, will be the speaker at these rallies. She will try to encourage each listener to make the most of the mission where God has placed them.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

HOLY CROSS LWML, WICHITA, enjoyed many delicious salads at their Salad Supper on September 3. They also packed 98 backpacks, sewn by the ladies of Ascension Lutheran Church, with supplies for School Kits for Orphan Grain Train. A second service project was filling 63 gift bags with goodies for the Holy Cross Church and School staff to show our appreciation to our church workers. Susan Willey, with 40 Days for Life, was our guest speaker. She spoke about how we can help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in our community.



Susan Willey



Holy Cross LWML Members



Thank You Bags for Church Workers



Deb Klutz,
The Homestead



Donations for The Homestead
and Mite Box Offerings

CHRIST THE KING, SALINA, LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION, had their annual Salad Supper on Monday night, August 26. They invited Trinity Lutheran Church women to join them. The speaker for the evening was Deb Klutz from The Homestead. The Homestead is a safe, residential transitional care program for women 18 years and older who are survivors of the sex trafficking industry and have been through a measure of their healing and recovery. Their mission is reaching and teaching adult female survivors to become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The Homestead has houses in both Salina and Manhattan, Kansas. Everyone enjoyed delicious salads and desserts.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND LOCAL GROUP NEWS

HERINGTON ZONE LWML met at Our Savior, Marion, for their Spring Event, with Pastor Werner leading the group in the LWML Prayer Service, *Grace, Mercy and Peace*. A special offering was collected for the Herington Tri-Parish. Cathy Henderson, from the Marion County Food Bank, thanked the ladies for their generous donations of kid-friendly food items that will help fill the needs of the area families during the summer months. Kim Burdett, LWML Kansas District President, was in attendance to give her report and to encourage the ladies to attend the upcoming district convention to be held in Wichita. After a short business meeting with election of officers, a delicious lunch was served by ladies from Our Savior LWML. The ladies of Zion, Hillsboro, also held a Cookie Brigade as their spring project and baked 36 dozen cookies to be given to the Hillsboro Summer Lunch program.



UPCOMING ZONE EVENTS

The **HUTCHINSON ZONE** will have their Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran, Salina.

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NORTHEAST ZONE will have their Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison. Pastor Richard Lally, Pastoral Counselor for the Northeast Zone will lead a Bible study. There will be an ingathering for Orphan Grain Train collecting school supplies. We look forward to having Sarah Kleopfer as our district representative.

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TOPEKA ZONE is looking forward to our third annual Orphan Grain Train pick up at Christ Lutheran, Topeka, on October 11. We hope to ‘fill the trailer’ with many handmade quilts and kits. *Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy to the body* (Proverbs 16:24) is the theme verse for the Topeka Zone Event that will take place at Redeemer Lutheran, Lawrence. Gifts from the Heart will benefit the Willow Domestic Violence Center.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024

- November 1–2** EC Meeting, St. Luke's, Manhattan
November 1 Site visits for 2028 convention
December 1 Zone Delegates to 2025 LWML Convention names DUE to President Elaine
December 15 YWR Applications for LWML Convention DUE

2025

- March 1** Convention Bus Forms and Deposit DUE (see [page 10](#))
April 1 LWQ and Web Maintenance Fee Form and payment DUE
June 26–29 LWML Convention, Omaha, Nebraska
November 7–8 LWML Kansas District Christian Life Retreat, Hilton Garden Inn, Salina

The Kansas Sonshine deadlines are listed on the LWML Kansas District website, kansaslwml.org/sonshine-schedule.

Looking for LWML resources? Visit lwml.org

- Need help finding devotions and Bible studies? Visit the [Program Resources page](#).
- Want to stay up-to-date on mission grants? Visit the [Mission Grants page](#).
- Need information about the upcoming 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha? Visit the [Convention Central page](#).

Browse the LWML website for everything you need to know about LWML!

LWML Kansas District Zone Events

- September 21 — Manhattan Zone, Northeast Zone
September 28 — Southeast Zone, Wichita Zone
October 5 — Topeka Zone
October 12 — Lincoln Zone, Northwest Zone
October 19 — Hutchinson Zone, KC CrossRoads Zone
October 20 — Linn Zone
October 26 — Herrington Zone



October is typically the month we celebrate and show our appreciation to our pastors and other church workers and staff. Resources to celebrate those workers in your congregation may be found on the LWML website. For ideas for care packages to show your appreciation, visit lwml.org/posts/free-resources/we-care-packages. Printable cards may be found at lwml.org/posts/free-resources/cards-of-encouragement.

Check out these notecards and bookmarks that you can print and color for Thanksgiving—lwml.org/posts/free-resources/thanksgiving-bookmarks-and-notecards-to-color.

Have you heard about the November Eucharisteo Project? Visit lwml.org/posts/free-resources/november-eucharisteo-project. The project lists scripture verses to read and write, beginning November 1, to give thanks to God.



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.