

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

For the Office of President



Martha Hartwig, Cedar Rapids Zone

Martha has served in multiple positions at the local level, the most recent being President and Christian Life at Zion, Hiawatha. She has served on the zone level as President, Vice President and Secretary. Her service at the district level includes serving on the Member Development Committee, the Properties Co-Chair for the Des Moines Convention and on the Christian Life Committee. The national level has found Martha serving as the Gospel Outreach Committee Chair, a member of the Gospel Outreach Committee, a member of the Mission Grants Committee, and Features Editor of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Within her church, Martha is a current Sunday School teacher, a VBS Committee and Bible Challenge leader, and a member of the Board of Education. She previously served on the Kitchen Committee.

Martha's community has found her involved as a Library Storytime presenter and a Little League officer. She received an A.S. from Blackhawk Jr. College in Math/Physics and a B.A. in Math/Physics from Eastern Illinois University.

God has gifted Martha with the gift of service, and supporting and encouraging others; the gift of leadership to be comfortable in front of people and to enable others to serve; the gift of teaching to provide training in presentation and communication; and the gift of hospitality to make others feel welcome and comfortable.

Cheryl Killham, Cedar Rapids Zone



Cheryl serves her local LWML as a member of the Altar Guild, having also served as the Chair (St. Paul's Lutheran in Marion) in the past. At the zone level she has served 3 terms as President and as ex-officio member of the Structure Committee. Cheryl has been active at the district level as the Convention Manager, the Vice President of Communication and a Ready-Set-Recycle Facilitator. The national level has seen Cheryl serve on the Leadership Development Committee, the Mission Service Committee, and the Des Moines Convention Host Committee. In her congregation, Cheryl serves on the Board of Youth and is a High School Youth Co-leader (CREW), and has served as a VBS Co-song Leader and VBS Co-worship Leader and Photographer.

Cheryl's community involvement includes Dogs4Dystonia Event Committee, the Marion Community Band, the Collins Aerospace Concert Band, and as a Big Brothers/Big Sisters Lunch Buddy. She received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Iowa State University and a Master of Business Administration from St. Ambrose University.

God has gifted Cheryl with the gifts of organization, mentorship and leadership which she uses in leading the ladies of the district and mentoring upcoming leaders.

For the Office of Vice President Christian Life

Janet Brown, Cedar Rapids Zone



Local LWML has found Janet serving as Christian Life Chair, Secretary, and as a member of the Christian Life Committee. She has also served on the Christian Life Committee at the zone and district levels. Within her church (St. Paul's Lutheran in Marion), Janet has served on Community Concerns as a Council Board Member, as a Stephen Minister, and currently teaches Sunday School for grades 3-8.

The community has found Janet serving as a Cub Scout (Den) Leader and as record keeper for the Lutheran High School Visionary Board. She has earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Kirkwood Community College, as well as a Microsoft Certificate of the Microsoft Office Suite.

The Stephen Ministry training opened Janet's eyes and heart to be a more thoughtful caregiver, as so many of us need someone who will really listen and be empathetic. Her heart yearns to help others in need. She enjoys sharing God's messages through devotions and skits.

Elizabeth (Liz) Roberts, Williamsburg Zone



Liz has served the LWML as society President, Vice President and Secretary, and at the zone level she has served as President, Vice President and Treasurer. The district LWML has found Liz serving on the Christian Life Committee, the Speaker's Bureau and the New Church Worker Welcome Committee. Within her church (St. John's in Victor), Liz has served at the Wednesday School (preschool), Church Redecorating, the Live Drive Thru Nativity Committee, and the Board of Education.

Liz has been involved within her community as a Jr. Legion Auxiliary Co-Leader, the Legion Auxiliary, and Community Center Secretary/Calendar Holder. Home life finds Liz married to husband Mike for 43 years. She and Mike have been blessed with 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

God has blessed Liz with the gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and creative abilities. She would like to use these gifts to encourage all women to develop their relationship with each other and our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Office of Vice President Gospel Outreach

Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone



The LWML offices of President and Treasurer have been held by Betty at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riceville, Iowa. She has also held the offices of President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary at the zone level and Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary at the district level. Within her church she has been an Offering counter, a member of the choir, and treasurer.

Betty has served her community through the Kiwanis Club, and as Community Club Treasurer. A BA degree from Wartburg College has been earned by Betty, and she has been a convenience store manager.

Betty feels God has blessed her with a gift of leadership, especially working with numbers and finance. She attributes her faith for a giving heart and willingness to serve her Lord.

Jeanette Kreutner, Dubuque Zone



Local LWML offices held by Jeanette include President and member of St. Paul, Delaware. Zone offices held include President and Secretary. Jeanette currently serves the district as webmaster. Activities within her church have included the Endowment Committee, the Education Committee, VBS, and the Stewardship Committee.

Community activities have included the Delaware County Historical Society, Birthright counselor (Right to Life), and the local 4-H club. Jeanette received a BA in Journalism from Drake University. She has worked as a Director, Streaming, Implementation and QA Manager, a Sr. Engineering Project Specialist and QA Manager. Her professional career included more software positions like QA and Business Analyst. She has also worked in issuance agencies and companies and owned a resort.

Jeanette feels God has blessed her with the gift of encouragement, which helps her to help people understand how Mission Grants affect the Gospel message.

For the Office of Financial Secretary

Jennifer Determan, Waterloo Zone



Jennifer is currently serving as President of her society (Immanuel Dorcas) in Cedar Falls. She is also currently serving as a Mission Committee member, a LERT Volunteer/Member, and an Audio/Video Tech. Presentation Assistant. Past experiences include Confirmation class mentor, Sunday School Teacher, and VBS Teacher/Assistant.

The Cedar Falls community has found her volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and the New Aldaya Retirement center. Jennifer graduated with a Legal Office Technology Associate's Degree and she is currently a legal assistant.

God has gifted Jennifer with communication, computer, and secretarial skills. She has the gift of hospitality and loves to bake.

Tamara (Tammy) McKay, Davenport Zone



The local LWML at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport has seen Tammy serve as Treasurer. She has also served as President and Treasurer at the zone level and as part of the Member Development Committee at the district level. Within her church, Tammy has been a choir member.

Tammy earned a BS degree from Augustana College and has worked at Kauffman Engineering as a Receiving Clerk and also at Hy-Vee.

Attention to detail is a gift God has given her which has helped her in the positions she has held.

For the Office Recording Secretary

Sheryl Zinda, Clinton Zone



LWML offices held by Sheryl at the local level (Immanuel Lutheran in Grand Mound) include President and Secretary. She has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer at the zone Level. Within her church, Sheryl as served as VBS Director/Teacher/Music Director, Women's Bible Study Leader, Choir Director, Sunday School Teacher, and 150th Anniversary Committee Member.

The community has found Sheryl serving as a Mobile Meals Volunteer, a Vaccine Clinic Volunteer, a Thrivent Community Volunteer, a Lincoln Way Community Foundation Board Member, and Central DeWitt PTO/Music Boosters Board. Sheryl graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Dubuque. She has served as an Office Assistant – Thrivent Financial, an ICU nurse, and Medical Floor RN. Her husband, Dan, is a pilot for United. She also has a daughter, a son, and two grandsons.

The Holy Spirit has called Sheryl to fill a need when she sees one. She feels blessed.

Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Jon M. Ellingworth

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Waverly, IA



I have been blessed to serve as a pastor to the Church of Jesus Christ for 20 years – 15 in New York, and now five in northeast Iowa. I have witnessed and experienced the width and breadth of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and its diversity of gifts, culture, and perspective, and the strength of our common confession which keeps us walking together on the same Way, Truth, and Life, Jesus Christ.

I have served on the boards of a variety of organizations of various sizes and purposes, including 15 years on the board of a non-profit social services organization in New York, five of which I served as chairman. I was instrumental in the creation and administration of a grassroots organization whose mission was to encourage young people to make good choices and to avoid falling into the traps of promiscuity and drug and alcohol use. I have served on the Board of Regents for Concordia College New York for six years during an extremely challenging time and have learned much from that experience. In all duties I strive to maintain Scriptural, Confessional, and doctrinal faithfulness and integrity and to make decisions in alignment with these confessional standards.

I have been married to my wife Lisa for 31 years and we have three beautiful and talented daughters: Ada – Senior, Iowa State University (Meteorology); Cora – Freshman, Luther College (Vocal Music Education); Meredith – Sophomore, Waverly-Shell Rock High School (who loves– art, music, animals, and young children).