

LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS

2023 Convention



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).

**The 40th Biennial Lutheran Women's
Missionary League (LWML) Convention
was held June 22-25, 2023
in Milwaukee WI.**



Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!



**Above & to the left:
IED Women at the
Convention**



**Below and to the right:
Left Side: IED YWRs
Right Side: All YWRs**





In April, Jennifer Determann and I (Hannah Raebel) began asking for help to support college students who wanted to attend the 2023 Convention. In just a few months, we had over \$1,200 in donations to cover young women’s registration costs and many notes about how much the convention means to you. We are truly overwhelmed by the support and pleased to announce that we will be continuing this initiative with activities throughout the year to help more young women have the convention experience we all cherish. Thank you all!



Picture to the left (L to R):
Jennifer Determan, Sara Sperr, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Hannah Raebel, and Delaney Rall

**Even the Children
enjoy fun at the 2023
Convention through
Camp Celebrate!**



Various Pictures of Zones and Societies



(Above) Waterloo Zone ladies at 2023 Convention: Judith Fink, Jennifer Determan, Laura Woebbeking, Jan Miller, Celia Simmer, Lyndsey Eldridge, Duane Woebbeking, Laverne Kelderman, Karen Cheeseman, Walt Cheeseman, and Ginny Poppen

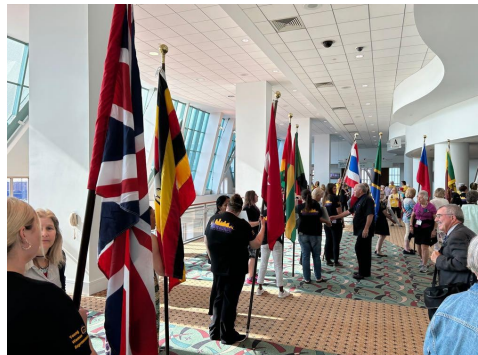
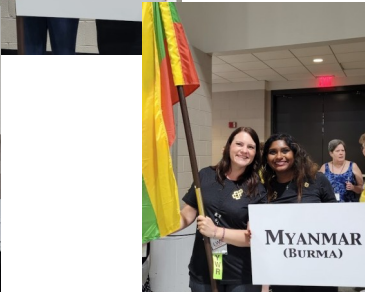
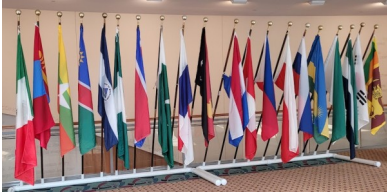


(Story below goes with picture at left.)



This is quite a special story that only God could have orchestrated: Last October, Pastor Omolo from Kenya, Africa, spoke at our church about his school, Hope for the Destitute, for orphans and underprivileged children. There is a great need to build an actual brick and mortar school there and our church knew it was a mission we wanted to support. So, in May we had several fundraisers to raise funds for this school. Then on Saturday at the Convention when we broke for lunch, our group was standing on the sidewalk discussing where we should eat. A young LWML gal heard us and asked for lunch suggestions so we invited her to join us. She happily accepted and as we were talking, it turns out she is Pastor Omolo's daughter, Monica! When I told her that our church just finished raising \$8,000+ for Hope for the Destitute, she was shocked and elated! We laughed, we hugged, and we praised God for this amazing blessing. Pictured are Jennifer Determan, Monica Ochola, Laverne Kelderman, Lyndsey Eldridge, and Celia Simmer.

Procession of Flags Representing Mission Grants



There are plenty of SERVANT EVENTS to get involved with at every Convention. Below and on the next page are pictures from 2023 Convention.



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Millers from East and West

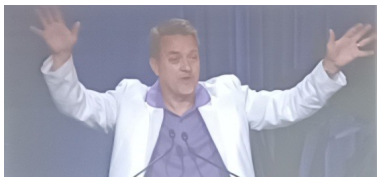


Serve the Lord with gladness!





PRAISE THE LORD!!!



MEMORIES MADE AT THE CONVENTION!



Above: Jan Miller, Judith Fink, Ginny Poppen



Below: Becky Ernst with 1st Cousin, Wilma Licht

Above: Mother Daughter Duo





Interesting Facts from Convention:

- 1,200 Servant Event Participants
- 125 Golfers (31 Women) – Raised \$35,000 for LWML Mission Goal
- 79 Units of Blood Donated to American Red Cross
- 566 Backpack School Kits Assembled for Orphan Grain Train
- 162 Fleece Blankets made for Phil's Friends and A Place of Refuge
- 1,167 Braille Books & Calendars Assembled for Lutheran Braille Workers
- 50,000+ Meals Packed for Orphan Grain Train
- 4,751 Witness Bracelets made for MOST Ministries
- 1,154 Cards - Refuge for Women, mission workers, military, Phil's Friends
- 4,000 Worship Attendees
- 309 Singers in the Choir
- 775 People Attended Morning Bible Studies
- 3 Women Ride Bicycles to Convention to raise more than \$7,000 for mites
- 49 States or Districts Attended the Convention
- 1,400+ Hotel Rooms were Booked

Eden Keefe is elected LWML President

Convention Offerings: #1 = \$54,922 for 2023-2025 Mission Goal;

#2 = \$31,037 for We Are Called to Care, Plano, IL;

#3 = \$18,360 for Wolf River Lutheran High School, Shawano, WI;

#4 = 2,872 for Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers-Concordia

Gospel Outreach; Grand Total of all four offerings = \$107,191.

2023-2025 LWML Mission Goal is \$2,350,000

80-year national mission grant impact totals \$28.9 million

The 41st Biennial LWML Convention will be held in Omaha, NE, on

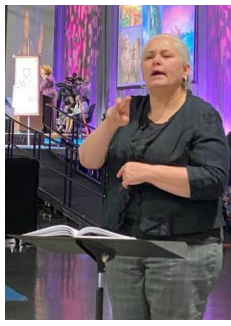
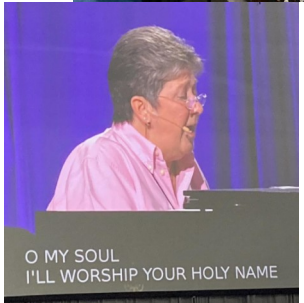
June 26-30, 2025. Pray for LWML Nebraska North and LWML Nebraska South as they prepare to host the next wonderful convention!

2023 Convention Mission River Walk in Milwaukee WI



To the left:

Norma Swift, Darlene Wood, and Denise Scott, of King of Kings, Cedar Rapids, participated in the Mission River-walk at the Convention.



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