

2024 LWML

Iowa East District Convention

June 21-22, 2024



*Sing praise to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known to all the earth (Isaiah 12:5).*



MOTTO:

Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).

LWML PLEDGE:

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior, our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

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LWML MISSION STATEMENT:

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



2024 Convention Committee WELCOMES YOU !!!



Convention Co-Chairs: Carol Meyer of Williamsburg Zone and Nancy Maurer of Westgate Zone, IED President Martha Hartwig, Williamsburg Zone President Jo Johnson, Westgate Zone President Deaconess Faith Swenson

LWML Iowa East District President, Martha Hartwig, along with Westgate and Williamsburg Zone Presidents and Convention Co-Chairs, welcome you to the 42nd Biennial LWML Iowa East District Convention. We want to “Shout It Out” and “Praise the Lord” because we have an awesome God who showers us with blessings every single day! As we gather together for this convention, we pray that you will be blessed by God’s Word and feel the love and support of your LWML sisters. We want everyone to be so excited for the new mission opportunities in the US and around the world. It is our goal to “Sing praise to the Lord, for He has done gloriously!” AND “Let this be made known to all the earth!”

Radisson Hotel, Cedar Rapids, IA June 21-22, 2024

2024 LWML IED CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

- That women may grow in their faith and be ready to “Shout it Out,” sharing with others the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ
- That through the Holy Spirit, we would be ready to “Praise the Lord” by accepting new mission opportunities
- That we would feel God’s loving arms around us, giving us courage to support the mission of the LWML

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Banquet Speaker **Erin Alter**
9:00 - 10:00 PM Exhibits Open

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

7:00-8:00 AM Registration for non-delegates
 Gifts From the Heart Open
 Exhibits Open

7:45 AM Group Singing..... Karen Boehme, Song Leader & Jean Hilbert, Pianist

8:00 AM - Session II

Opening Devotions Member Development and YWR Committee,
 Karen Boehme, Misty Lutz, and Hilary Weiss
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Introduction of Convention Speaker Tammi Christiansen, Marshalltown Zone President

Convention Speaker **Karen Morrison, LWML's VP of Gospel Outreach**

Announcements Carol Meyer & Nancy Maurer, Convention Co-M's


Prayer for Lunch Rev. Jon Ellingworth, Jr Pastoral Counselor

12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch

12:45 PM Karen Boehme, Song Leader & Jean Hilbert, Pianist
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 Angie Banko, VP of Human Care
 Carolyn Zimmerman, VP of Organizational Resources
 Becky Gluesing, Treasurer
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 Adjournment Martha Hartwig, LWML IED President
 Closing Rev. Tanner Post, Westgate Zone Pastoral Counselor



GO NOW AND
 SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS
 AS YOU
 "SHOUT IT OUT AND PRAISE THE
 LORD!!!"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the LWML Board of Directors — Lutheran Women *in Mission*! As our 40 districts meet in convention, may God be praised as you gather to worship, serve, learn, and give in response to His great love to us through Christ.

Your Iowa East District, under the leadership of President Martha Hartwig, has supported the plans and programs of the LWML. I thank your district for sending delegates to the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last summer, where 31 national mission grants were chosen. Please keep those grants and the grants that will be chosen at your district convention in your prayers. We hold fast to the commitment of our mite offerings to meet our mission goal, remembering that we have pledged to our Lord “our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom.”

In the next few days, you will meet under the theme “Shout it Out, Praise the Lord.” My prayer for you is that you will find joy in time spent with old and new friends and that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you as you complete His business for your district. May love and laughter fill each of your hearts as you learn from His Word and grow in His grace.

The Lord has blessed the LWML for 82 years and counting! Since 1942, Lutheran women have reached out in love and funded thousands of mission grants, prayed for our missionaries, served our churches and communities, and encouraged one another. Thank you for continuing this legacy. Moving forward we continue to trust in the Lord’s promises and focus on sharing the Good News of Christ with others.

I look forward to welcoming you, and thousands of Lutheran Women (and men) in Mission, to Omaha, Nebraska, for the LWML 41st Biennial Convention, June 26–29, 2025. Our theme, “Growing in God’s Grace” will focus on 2 Peter 3:18, *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This is our privilege — this is our mission!

I thank God for each of you as you serve Him faithfully and joyfully. Christ’s grace and peace be with you always.



Eden M. Keefe
President,
Lutheran Women *in Mission*



January 30, 2024

Dear Sisters of IED LWML. Blessed greetings to you during this convention.

Your theme from Isaiah 12 is a great gift to the liturgy of the Church. In the Service of Prayer and Preaching this hymn accompanies the worshipper from Old Testament promise to New Testament fulfillment. It is in this most wonderful fulfillment that we as Church sing for joy.

Luther comments that Isaiah 12 is taken from Exodus 15 when all of Israel sings for joy having been rescued from the Pharaoh and his army. The enemy has been drowned in the Sea and God's People are safe. That is worth singing about. God has acted in a royal manner overcoming an enemy darker than Egypt. He has overcome death, Satan, and sin. And all this is for us. This is what shall be proclaimed not only in Judea but in all the earth.

When verse 6 says "shout" it is actually telling the Church to make the sound of the stallion upon which rides the warrior heading into battle. The battle is daily, but the victory has already been won. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a Sunday and walked out of Jerusalem on a Friday. He ended the week with a battle. The battle cost Him His life and yet death could not hold Him because He is God in the flesh. He rose from the dead and earned salvation for us all.

When God redeems His people, He has the salvation of all the nations in view. It is the knowledge of the Holy One of Israel, made known through the word of proclamation, that brings salvation to them all. How well may the church on Zion rejoice, to have such a God dwelling in the midst of it! He is great as the giver of promises, and great in fulfilling them; Great in grace, and great in judgment, great in all His saving acts which spread from Israel to all mankind.

God be with you and grant you wisdom as you make decisions for mission work here and around the world. It is to His glory that you meet, and it is to His glory that we "Let this be made known to all the earth."

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, President
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**LWML Iowa East District
President,
Martha Hartwig**



Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Lord!

As the 2022-2024 IED LWML biennium ends, we thank God for blessings He has given us.

Through Him, mission grants have been funded here in Iowa and around the world. Christian education was a big focus this biennium. Support was given to Iowa East Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, LCMS schools, college campuses, seminaries, and more. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) programs and community outreach efforts in the United States and abroad have been funded. Iowa East mites have reached many places by providing supplies and funding for events which show God's love and His gospel message. We are blessed to share.

Fulltime church workers are critical to the workings of our churches and schools. Our love for members of the family of Christ helps students at our LCMS colleges and seminaries through their on-campus food pantry and with financial support. Iowa East students studying at LCMS colleges and seminaries received scholarships. We are blessed to encourage.

Mission minded women from Iowa met together. At zone events we learned, served, and worshiped. At district retreats we prayed, studied the Bible, laughed, sang, and snacked. We gathered for prayer services, workshops, and servant events. We are blessed by fellowship.

The 2023 LWML convention in Milwaukee gave us the opportunity to select even more mission grants. We also were led in worship and Bible study, inspired by speakers and song, and strengthened through devotions and prayer. Sessions were both in person and online so people who were unable to attend the convention were able to participate from home. We were able to get to know Iowa East Women in Mission better, and meet new friends. We are blessed to be encouraged.

Program materials like devotions, Bible studies, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, and daily devotions are available at the Lutheran Women in Mission website: LWML.org. Podcasts and online Bible studies are also found at the website. Many of the materials found on the website are available to download free of charge. We are blessed to be enabled.

As we begin the 2024-2026 IED biennium, let us all joyfully proclaim Christ as our Savior. Let us support missions through prayer, mites, and service. Let us equip ourselves and others by being in God's word and sharing His plan for salvation. As children of God, we have so much to praise Him for. Shout it out! We are blessed!

Martha Hartwig,
Iowa East District LWML President

Convention Rules

LWML IED Bylaws Article VI - Conventions and Representation

Section 3 Convention shall be a delegate body organized as outlined below:

- A. Each unit (as defined by LWML bylaws in Article III Section 5) shall be entitled to two (2) delegates;
- B. Delegates of member units and elected members of the BOD shall be entitled to vote;
- C. Past IED Presidents who are current members of IED LWML shall be entitled to vote;
- D. Names of the accredited delegates and their alternates shall be in the hands of the Recording Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the IED Convention. In case a delegate or her alternate cannot be present, another member of that unit may serve in this capacity with approval of her Zone President and the Recording Secretary on the date of the convention;
- E. Members holding individual memberships are not entitled to vote;
- F. Proxy votes are prohibited.

Section 4 Representation from at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the zones within the IED shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to transact business at the IED Convention.

1. Credentials

- A. The District Recording Secretary will give a credentials report at the opening of the business session and thereafter when directed to do so.
- B. The convention voting body consists of “delegates of member units and elected members of the Board of Directors.” The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers of the LWML Iowa East District and the Zone Presidents.
- C. A member registered as an alternate delegate may be transferred from alternate status to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings by presenting the request to the Recording Secretary. Upon clearance, the newly certified delegate shall retain the position through the remainder of the convention.

2. Seating

- A. Delegates must wear the delegate’s identification badge and sit in the section reserved for the voting members in order to exercise voting rights.
- B. Delegates are requested to be in their seats five minutes before the time set for the opening of meetings.

3. Conduct of Business

- A. The Convention Parliamentarian interprets the rules and advises on parliamentary procedure when asked to do so.
- B. *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered by the Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League Iowa East District Bylaws.
- C. Only the convention voting body may introduce business, debate, and vote, but any LWML member is entitled to a voice.
- D. A motion offered from the floor must be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing and signed by the maker.
- E. Speakers from the floor must use the microphone, address the presiding officer, and give her name, name of her town, and zone in order to be recognized.
- F. Discussion is limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on a subject unless consent is granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the convention voting body.
- G. All reports are to be in writing and a copy handed to the Recording Secretary at the time the report is given.
- H. No motion will be necessary to accept reports of officers or committee chairmen.
- I. Any candidate placed in nomination shall have given written consent prior to her name being placed in nomination for that office and is to have a pastoral letter of recommendation and a resume.
- J. Voting by electronic ballot is authorized.

4. Communications

- A. All cell phones are to be turned off or turned to vibrate.

5. Photographs

- A. It is requested that no photos be taken during worship services and other devotional periods.
- B. Since the LWML IED will be taking pictures during proceedings and activities, your registration for this event gives the LWML IED permission to use your image and comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

LWML ~ IOWA EAST DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICERS

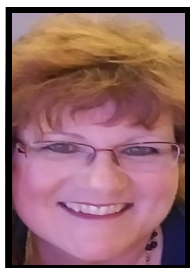
President - Martha Hartwig
VP of Christian Life - Elizabeth Roberts
VP of Communication - Helen Huedepohl
VP of Gospel Outreach - Jeanette Kreutner
VP of Human Care - Angie Banko
VP of Organizational Resources - Carolyn Zimmerman
Recording Secretary - Sheryl Zinda
Treasurer - Becky Gluesing
Financial Secretary - Jennifer Determan
Pastoral Counselor (Sr.) - Rev. Christopher Roepke
Pastoral Counselor (Jr.) - Rev. Jon Ellingworth

LWML ~ IOWA EAST DISTRICT APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Archivist/Historian - Diane Paulson
Christian Life Committee - Liz Roberts, Kay Berry, Jan Brown, Karen Kuesel
Communication Team - Helen Huedepohl
 Annette Raebel - Newsletter Editor
 Loretta Wuerdeman - Assistant Newsletter Editor
 Hannah Raebel - G Suite Administrator
 Jeanette Kreutner - Webmaster
District Registrar - Margaret Kistler
Endowment Fund Committee - Jeanette Kreutner, Deaconess Faith Swenson,
 Patti Christiansen, Becky Gluesing, Jo Ann Johnson
Heart to Heart Coordinator - Vacant
Human Care Committee - Angie Banko, Becky Ernst
IED Convention Co-Chairs (2024) - Carol Meyer, Nancy Maurer
IED Convention Manager - Cheryl Killham
IED Convention Bus Coordinator - Karen Boehme
IED Retreat Co-Chairs (2024) - Eldora Zone - Lora Duncan and Carole Spiehs
Meeting Manager - Bonnie Thompson
Member Development Committee - Carolyn Zimmerman, Karen Boehme,
 Misty Lutz, Hilary Weiss
Mission Grants Committee - Jeanette Kreutner, Vicki Gardemann, Lois Kundel
New Church Worker Welcoming Committee - Liz Roberts,
 Tammi Christensen, Darlene Bodermann
Parliamentarian - Judy Westergren
Short-Term Mission Coordinator - Gretchen Rasmussen
Speakers Bureau Coordinator - Linda Allen
Structure Committee - Rev. Roepke, Rev. Ellingworth, Carolyn Zimmerman,
 Margaret Kistler, Ginny Boyer
Student Aid Committee - Jeanette Kreutner, Deaconess Faith Swenson,
 Patti Christiansen
World Relief Coordinator - Dori Stanek
Young Women's Representatives (2023) - Rachel Courtney, Naomi McCloud,
 Clarissa Spiehs, and Lindsey Wyckoff

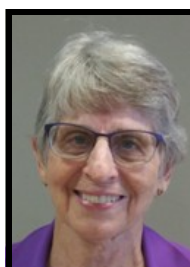
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VP of Christian Life--Elizabeth (Liz) Roberts



During the 2021-2023 biennium, together with the Christian Life Committee, we have made awareness of the resources available to individuals and large or small groups through the LWML website lwml.org. This includes Bible Studies, devotions, skits, coloring pages/cards and other resources. It is our prayer that our sisters and brothers in Christ have all the tools they need to help grow their spiritual life. We maintain an inventory of items to buy through the LWML store. We have done skits or devotions at our LWML Iowa East Board meetings to encourage being in God's word and supporting one another. As VP, I have been in contact with various members for prayer support and worked with the Member Development Committee to figure out ways to stay in contact with the YWR's, past and present. The description of the committee for welcoming New Church Worker's was composed and submitted. I also have attended zone events and shared President Martha's Report. I've worked with the co-chairs of the 2024 IED Convention in writing skits for the convention. Two devotions for the ALIVE were written and submitted. To God be the glory.

VP of Communications--Helen Huedepohl



Methods of communication rapidly change in our world today. The LWML IED newsletter, ALIVE, has joined the move to electronic publishing in this biennium. Editor Annette Raebel, with the help of her proofreading team, coordinates, collates, designs, and emails an electronic copy of the Alive every three months to group and individual contacts. Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner then posts it on lwml-ied.org and VP of Communications Helen Huedepohl posts it on facebook. Our hope is that each member of our Iowa East congregations has access to the Alive online or through a faithful contact who will print it for those who prefer it in that format. Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner is working to update our website to make it more user friendly. Look for that in the next biennium. Please take advantage of the Google Workplace emails of each officer. For example, vpcommunications@lwml-ied.org or president@lwml-ied.org will put you in contact with the current officer if you have a question or comment. It has been a privilege to serve you in this position. I am always amazed and encouraged to work with so many creative, energetic, enthusiastic women and two pastors on the Board of Directors who love the Lord and gladly serve Him through the LWML.

VP of Gospel Outreach--Jeanette Kreutner



Our Mission Goal for this biennium was \$111,096 which included \$11,596 that was carried over from the 2020-2022 biennium. One of the changes that was voted on at the 2022 Convention was to take the scholarships out of the mission grant voting and approve that amount as a part of the budget. This was to make sure that we made the scholarships a priority. I am pleased to report that this has been done and the scholarships were all paid in a timely manner. We met all of our commitments of **\$105,096** by the end of the biennium. It was truly a miracle! During this biennium we have been able to add Mission Bytes so that information about each Mission Grant can be shared in your newsletter and bulletins. We are also now in regular communication with our scholarship recipients which has been a huge blessing. This was something that had been overlooked. Your mites are producing wonderful blessings locally, nationally and internationally. What a privilege to serve as your VP of Gospel Outreach.

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VP of Human Care--Angie Banko



This biennium started with the Human Care committee collecting the Gifts from the Heart that were brought to the last convention and given to a variety of agencies in the Waterloo Zone. It is great fun to collect these items that are brought to the convention with such joy. Throughout these past two years, we have also had “Gifts from the Heart” collections at each Board of Directors meeting. Board members along with others who sent gifts with board members have provided items for pregnancy centers in the Waterloo and St. Ansgar zones, Lutheran schools in the Williamsburg and Westgate zones, socks for veterans in the Marshalltown zone, and gift cards to our scholarship recipients that are studying so hard to become full time church workers. Human care is God in action through you. As I hear of all the wonderful activities that are happening throughout the district, I am filled with joy knowing that God is working through you. As my term comes to an end at this convention, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in this way.

Treasurer--Becky Gluesing



The purpose of this office is to pay the bills and record all disbursements that are approved by the President and/or Board of Directors. She works closely with the Vice President of Gospel Outreach to coordinate payment of District Mission Grants and forwards contributions to the LCMS Foundation for investment in the LWML IED Student Aid Endowment fund. The Financial Secretary sends a record of all deposits to the Treasurer, including details of mites, publication fees, memorial contributions and endowment fund amounts. On a quarterly basis the Treasurer provides financial reports to all District Board Members. The Treasurer is a member of the Endowment Committee and is responsible for having the records reviewed at the end of each biennium. The Treasurer is also responsible for preparing a proposed budget, with input from various District Board Members, to be voted on at the District Convention.

Financial Secretary--Jennifer Determann



The purpose of this office is to receive, record, and deposit all monies received by the LWML IED. A copy of each deposit is documented on a spreadsheet and sent to the LWML IED Treasurer. The Financial Secretary maintains records of all funds received by documenting the source and its intended purpose. For the fall and spring newsletters, she prepares a semiannual report of memorials and honorariums. For the summer and winter newsletters, she prepares a semiannual report of the total receipts from the societies, zones, and miscellaneous donors. Either electronic or US mail correspondence acknowledges memorials and honorariums. At your request, the Financial Secretary will send mite boxes and pads of remittance slips, but you may also order mite boxes from Concordia Publishing House and print remittance blanks from the LWML IED web site. The books are financially reviewed by competent person(s) prior to the LWML IED convention. It has been a pleasure to serve as Financial Secretary this past year. I have met so many wonderful Christ centered women by attending BOD meetings, conventions, retreats and rallies. Thank you for allowing me to do this.

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Sr Pastoral Counselor--Pastor Christopher Roepke



I have been a counselor for Iowa East District LWML for six years. A question I have as I look back at these six years is, “What have I seen and experienced?” The answer: I saw and experienced faithful women serving their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ serving in many capacities. It reminds me of 1 Corinthians 12:1-27. These verses are about the body of Christ, the Church, and its members working together to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Serving by being faithful to His teaching and desiring to grow in the knowledge of God and by telling others of Jesus. I saw this in all the women of the LWML, serving our Lord faithfully. My prayer for the

LWML as the years trudge by, as we await our Lord’s return, is that the women of the LWML remain faithful and not be discouraged in a world that is increasingly hostile to Jesus and the Christian Church and that you hold firm and serve and proclaim Jesus in all His Glory. I have greatly enjoyed serving among such faithful women.

Jr Pastoral Counselor--Pastor Jon Ellingworth



What a blessing it has been to serve as Jr. Pastoral Counselor for LWML Iowa East District this past biennium! I have to confess that I didn’t know entirely what to expect, but my experience has positively exceeded anything I might have imagined! My first major experience was the Assembly of Leaders (AOL) training in St. Louis. AOL is essentially boot camp for newly elected LWML leaders. I attended with our newly elected IED President Martha Hartwig, Jeanette Kreutner, Jennifer Determan, and Hannah Raebel. It was a great bonding experience for us as we participated in beneficial workshops and processed what we learned by pooling our knowledge in group projects, developed a strategic plan to implement it in useful

and beneficial ways back home.

I’ve attended meetings with the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, zone rallies, and of my own parish’s society. I have come to know many of the wonderful, faithful, devoted, and gifted women of the IED. I am consistently impressed with, and incredibly thankful for, the care taken to make certain that everything LWML IED does and publishes is in full accord with Scripture and our Lutheran confession to proclaim the Gospel in its truth and purity. Unsurprisingly, the highlight of the biennium was the LWML Convention in Milwaukee. WOW! What an amazing and inspiring experience that was! I traveled on the LWML bus, which was an absolute blast! I’d tell you more, but the dictum is, “What happens on the bus stays on the bus!” LOL! Truly, this was yet another great opportunity to get to know the women of the IED better, to learn better how to serve them, and to serve with them. I am extremely grateful to God and to you for the opportunity to serve as Jr. Pastoral Counselor this past biennium and look forward to this next biennium with optimism, enthusiasm, and joyful expectation. God bless you and continue to make you a blessing!

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

BENTON ZONE ~ President Vicki Gardemann



So then, as we have opportunity (Galatians 6:10a). Every day provides opportunity to be about our Lord's business. When gathering with LWML women (and some men) in mission, whether serving food to the homeless, making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, or women gathering at the house of the Lord to decide and vote upon how they can reach out to their community in need, truly our Lord gives us opportunity. Attending spring and fall events at the various churches in the Benton zone gives us opportunity, as we listen to our guest speakers, missionaries home on furlough, missionary families sharing their experiences abroad, or Rev. Dr. James Lamb telling of one of his trips abroad as he follows the steps of the apostle Paul. Rev. Dr. Lamb is presently working with Lutheran Family Service. The LWML Benton zone presented Rev. Dr. Lamb with \$520 gas gift cards to "Guide us to bring hope" (Lutheran Study Bible Proverbs 31:1-9) for others. Women of His Word, we are that...every gathering we are blessed, we are strengthened in God's Word in Bible Study.

CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE ~ President Ginny Boyer



The Cedar Rapids Zone met at Zion Lutheran Church Saturday, October 8th, 2022 with representatives from Orphan Grain Train sharing their ministry with us. An ingathering of non-perishable foods for Mission of Hope was held. Saturday, April 1st, was the spring event with Our Redeemer, Iowa City and St. Paul's Chapel, Iowa City serving as hostesses. The servant event included writing cards and putting together kits for new mothers to be distributed by Bridgehaven. Judy Westergren served as the Cedar Rapids Zone delegate to the Milwaukee Convention. Hannah Raebel also organized a group of young women to attend the convention. For the fall event held at St. Paul's, Marion, Anna Noble presented Project Guatemala from her recent mission trip. The spring event at Bethany, Cedar Rapids on April 13th welcomed Cindy Gert and Bethany's service dog named Joy.

CLINTON ZONE ~ President Patti Christiansen



The Clinton Zone met in the spring of 2022 at Trinity, Lowden when Pastor Redhage led us in a Bible study based on Mark 16: The Resurrection. We met again in the fall at Immanuel, Charlotte. Pastor Dodgers led us in a Bible study of Acts 16: 9-15 and 17:16-24: Baptized in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. The study was supplemented with pictures from Pastor Dodgers and his wife's trip to Greece. Then, in the spring of 2023, we met at St. John, Clinton and Pastor Pool led us in a Bible study on Reading as a Christian Discipline: Finding the Good in Life Through Reading Well. We met again in the fall at Trinity, Clinton. Pastor Willi led us in a Bible study. We assembled 83 Health Kits to send to the Orphan Grain Train.

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

DAVENPORT ZONE ~ President Lois Kundel



In September 2023, I had the pleasure of becoming president of Davenport Zone and am pleased to report our zone and churches have been active. Our zone hosted the 2022 Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and held four zone rallies, two each year. In June 2023, Immanuel Lutheran hosted Aletha Voges, a pastor's wife and Christian author. Risen Christ Lutheran hosted the fall rally, tying blankets and coloring cards for Phil's Friends. During 2023, the zone churches, in addition to collecting mites and serving their respective congregations by providing Advent and Lenten meals, supporting the youth, serving refreshments and funeral luncheons, to name just a few, have served our Lord in their communities and beyond. Highlighting a few endeavors, Park View provided 286 quilts to confirmands and HS seniors and outside organizations. Trinity provided 4 trunk loads of baby items to Pregnancy Resources. Park View and Holy Cross both filled boxes for Operation Christmas. Holy Cross provided cookies for shut-ins and a birthday party with gifts at Davenport Lutheran Home. Trinity, Risen Christ, and Immanuel sent quilts as well as school, infant, and/or health kits to LWR or OGT. I thank God for this opportunity and look forward to serving Him through LWML.

DUBUQUE ZONE ~ President Margaret Kistler



The Dubuque Zone is utilizing skills we acquired during the pandemic by building on the lessons we had learned using the virtual meeting format. Our planning for the 2023 Fall District Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in September was done virtually. We were able to gather more often and more easily, knowing that we did not need to factor in travel time and worry as much about work schedules. What a blessing! The theme "Christ above all" focused on Colossians 1:15-17. Bible studies were led by Rev. Caleb Schewe, our Zone Counselor. We heard from a number of Mission minded speakers: Cynthia Khan of POBLO, Rev. Harrison Goodman and Crysten Sanchez from Higher Things, Helene Kuempel regarding her mission work in Kenya, and "live" from Tanzania (via a virtual meeting), Missionary Jerry May. God has blessed us through the years and we thank Him for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

ELDORA ZONE ~ President Joy Reinert



My first year as president of the Eldora Zone was 2023. During the year the zone continued to do activities for the LWML's 80th Anniversary. One of those activities was collecting 80 pairs of socks and delivering them to the Orphan Grain Train. Another was making and selling 80 muffins for mites. The zone made or collected items such as fleece blankets, cards, journals, soap, washcloths, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and gift cards. These were for Phil's Friends and they were delivered to them on the way to the Milwaukee Convention. On July 12 the zone held an event for the Orphan Grain Train by collecting items for feminine hygiene kits. The ladies brought girl's underwear, travel size soap, and washcloths. Then, at the event, they were taught how to correctly roll the underwear to fit in the kits. A spring and a fall rally were held. The ingathering at the fall rally was items and an offering for the Orphan Grain Train hygiene kits. Offerings were also taken for Lutheran Family Services and for mites.

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

MARSHALLTOWN ZONE ~ President Tammi Christensen



The Marshalltown Zone met at Immanuel, Grinnell, for a Spring Rally and heard Rev. Daniel Johnson speak about Lutheranism under Putin. We met at St. John, Oskaloosa, in the fall where Rev. Beltz spoke to us about “The Lingering Effects of Covid.” Some of our society activities included supporting local Christmas charity drives; donating items to benefit low income seniors; holding an annual rummage sale; and making quilts, school kits, and health kits to donate to LWR and OGT. One group also applied for Thrivent Action Team grant money to supplement the collection of children’s games for the needy. Another group hosted community blood drives and blessed the staff and donors with a meal. Many groups raised money for shipping costs to send quilts and kits to LWR or OGT locations all over the world. Our ladies collected food and cash donations for local food pantries and donated quilts to local schools and nursing homes. One group gave quilts to a drug recovery program, while another group held a “Diaper Downpour” to bless a family in the congregation with all the diapers their baby needs for the first year. Our LWML women love to serve the Lord with gladness, attend Bible study, learn about mission grants and collect mites.

MT PLEASANT ZONE ~ President Becky Ernst



During the last two years I have had the pleasure to lead the Mount Pleasant Zone as their zone president. Since I have never had this office before, I have learned a lot from those that were in this position before me. The fall rally in October 2022 was held at Zion Lutheran in Wilton. May of 2023, we were at Concordia, Burlington, for the spring rally and then, in October of 2023, we were hosted by Immanuel Lutheran in Fairfield. Faith Lutheran in Mt Pleasant will be our site for the spring 2024 rally. I am amazed at the different themes, games, activities, food, and speakers. We have a great group of women in southeast Iowa who are very active in LWML. Many donate their time and talents making quilts and putting together school kits, hygiene kits, or layettes. This past summer 5 ladies from Mt. Pleasant Zone went to the LWML Convention. It was a great convention and I felt blessed to be part of it.

ST ANSGAR ZONE ~ President Betty Borchardt



During 2022-2023 the St. Ansgar Zone held four rallies. We learned about a LCMS ministry in Africa and the work of the Lutheran Family Service from the two speakers invited to our rallies. At the other two rallies we did servant projects. We assembled 97 school kits at one rally and 126 hygiene kits at another rally. These were sent to the collection center for Orphan Grain Train in Clemons, IA. During this two-year period the six active societies in the zone assembled and packed 1645 quilts, 199 teacher kits, 59 hygiene kits, 277 school kits, 1252 pillowcase dresses, 196 mercy kits, 125 baby quilts/blankets, 162 school backpacks (empty), 60 comforters/blankets and 170 boxes of clothing with other miscellaneous items. These were also sent to OGT in Clemons. At each rally, there were opening devotions, Bible Study, singing, skits by the Christian Life Committee and fellowship. Total attendance over the period was 115 members, 7 pastors and 2 guests. Zone members attended the fall retreat, the IED Convention and the LWML Convention. We were blessed to be able to send an YWR to the 2022 District Convention. In the future, we plan to continue to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2).

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

WATERLOO ZONE – Nancy McHone and Kolleen Hosford



Waterloo Zone elected new officers at the 2023 Fall Rally at College Hill in Cedar Falls. Secretary and Treasurer are, respectively, Celia Simmer from Immanuel Lutheran and Gail Noltensmeier from Faith Lutheran. Our new Pastoral Counselor is Pastor Kevin Richter from St. John Lutheran, Reinbeck. This year began our pilot program of using the Prayer Service as our Spring Rally and still having the Fall Rally as scheduled. The Prayer Service was held the Saturday after Ash Wednesday. This year the Prayer Service was February 17th, hosted by Our Redeemer Lutheran, Cedar Falls and Peace Lutheran, Shellrock.

WESTGATE ZONE ~ President Deaconess Faith Swenson



Westgate Zone has been “Shouting It Out” and “Praising The Lord” these past two years within our zone. We started off the biennium at our 2022 fall zone rally with a hymn sing celebrating 80 for 80 years of LWML. We did so by *almost* singing 80 stanzas. In the spring of 2023, we hosted Rev. Kopenka of Valley Lutheran School. He shared the mission of the school and we were blessed to be able to support them with school supplies and money. Fall 2023 Rally we heard from the two campus ministries in our circuit: Pastor Ellingworth working with Wartburg students and Pastor Peck working with Upper Iowa, Fayette students. Ingathering was for those two campus ministries. Spring 2024 was a fellowship event and the speakers were the grief support group that was formed in our zone in the summer of 2023.

Throughout these last two years, we were also able to have a couple events. In August of 2023, we teamed with Immanuel Klinger by sewing pillowcases for the U of I Hospital. We also hosted an event with speaker Pastor Kincaid in April 2024, organized by our newly formed grief support committee for anyone in the zone that was interested.

WILLIAMSBURG ZONE ~ President Jo Johnson



The Williamsburg Zone has been busy the last couple of years “Shouting it Out” and “Praising the Lord” as we made plans to host the 2024 Iowa East District Convention held at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids, June 21-22, 2024. Carol and Nancy, our M&M Co-Chairs, have been keeping us on track with things that need to be done as we prepare for this convention. We had our spring and fall rallies with speakers Rev. Gary Sears of Conroy who spoke of his mission trip to Liberia and several ladies from St. James who took us on a virtual tour as they spoke about their trip to The Ark and the Creation Museum. We also had a servant event tying quilts for the Orphan Grain Train. Mites were collected and ingathering items were

collected for Camp I-O-Dis-E-Ca, Interparish Lutheran School in Williamsburg, and HLV Food Bank. We had several ladies from our zone attend the LWML Convention in Milwaukee. Those that rode the bus were blessed with a visit to Phil’s Friends, worked on several items, and packed boxes to be sent to cancer victims. It was great seeing how things work and how such small gestures can brighten one’s day. As you get to know the other ladies that ride the bus, you learn what others are doing in their groups and more ways to serve the Lord. YWR, Lindsey Wyckoff, joined her mother, Liz Roberts on the bus trip to convention which was also a special treat for both of them. We are blessed to have several from our zone that have sent us their YWR applications for this year. We look forward to hearing from them on their experiences as a YWR at Iowa East District Convention.



Karen Morrison, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Karen lived in Wichita, Kansas her whole life and now in retirement calls Apache Junction, Arizona home. During the hot summer months, she and her husband, John, love to see new places and visit family in their Class C Motorhome. Karen currently serves as president of the Mountain View Lutheran Church LWML group in the Pacific Southwest District.

Karen's life verse *Fear not, only believe*, (Mark 5:36b) comes from the story of Jairus and his daughter. She wrote an I Love to Tell the Story article about how she received this life verse when she was 19 years old. In whatever situation she finds herself, Karen tries to be a reflection of God's love, hope, and promise.

Karen was not born in the Lutheran church, but joined the LCMS when she was 13 years old, with her family, and through confirmation. She has been an active member in every church she has attended, youth group student volunteer, youth group adult volunteer, Sunday school teacher, board, and council member. Karen attended two national Youth Gatherings: San Antonio with her son, and New Orleans with her daughter. When she joined LWML in 2000, she jumped in with both feet. Karen has served as Zone Secretary, Zone Bylaws Committee, Zone Vice President of Christian Life, District Public Relations Committee, District Vice President of Communication, District Bylaws Committee, and Kansas District President from 2012-2016. Nationally, Karen has served on the HOPE Committee (current Group Development Committee), the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Mobile Convention, the Gospel Outreach Committee, and now in her second two years as Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

Karen and John have been married for 28 years. Between them, they have four grown children, two daughters-in-law, and one son-in-law. They have been blessed with eleven grandchildren, ranging in age from high school to a one-year-old. She loves being 'MeMa' and watching as each one grows into the person God intends them to be.

Purple has been a part of Karen's life since she was young, in fact it was the color of the walls in her high school bedroom. God prepared her heart to be a part of his LWML purple mission army long before she placed her first mite in a Mite box. Karen thinks of herself as a mite. On her own, she is like a single coin, but when joined together with all the other ladies in her group, the zone, district, and nation, she has the mission opportunity to reach the entire world. How awesome it is that because of Lutheran Women in Mission, one woman can have an impact on lives on the other side of the globe.

Karen chose verses from 1 Peter to guide her as she serves as Vice President of Gospel Outreach. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, ... whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (1Peter 4:10-11).*

~~ LWML IED Convention Banquet Speaker ~~

Erin Alter

**Director of the Short-Term
Mission Project for LCMS
International Mission**



Erin Alter is the director of the short-term mission program for LCMS International Mission. In 2000, Erin began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan as part of the VYM program (Volunteer Youth Ministry) of LCMS World Mission.

In 2004, she returned to the United States and started working in the LCMS international mission department, recruiting long-term missionaries. She has been connecting people to international service opportunities ever since. Currently her focus is on connecting individuals and congregations to ways that they can serve and tell people about Jesus on short-term mission trips.

Erin attends Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis and lives in a flat-roof brick house in the city. She loves sewing and knitting and cocktails. She is also one of the co-hosts of The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge podcast produced by KFYO Radio.

Her favorite Bible verse is from Romans. *Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin* (Romans 7: 24-25).



LWML District Convention Bible Study #1 - by Rev. Jon Ellingworth

Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world!
(Isaiah 12:5)

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ² "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

v. 1: "in that day" – What "day" does "in that day" refer to?

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." _____

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." _____

Isaiah 11:1 "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit." _____

v. 1: "I will give thanks to You, O Lord..."

What temporal things are we thankful for? _____

What spiritual things are we thankful for? _____

v. 1: "You were angry with me" Why is God rightly angry with us?

Romans 1:18 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." _____

Ephesians 2:1-3 "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." _____

v. 1: "Your anger turned away, that you might comfort me."

John 1:29 "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" How does the preaching of John the Baptist about Jesus help us understand this verse in Isaiah? _____

Romans 5:1–2 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this

grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Through whom do we have peace with God? _____

v. 2: “God is my salvation.”

Matthew 1:21 “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” _____

Romans 4:5 “And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.” _____

v. 2: “I will trust”

Romans 3:28 “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” How are we justified? _____

v. 2: “strength... song... salvation”

Exodus 15:2 “The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.” _____

Psalms 118:14 “The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” _____

Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” _____

v. 3: “the well of salvation”

John 7:38 “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” How does this verse help us understand Isaiah 12:3? _____

v. 4: “from that day”

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” When is “that day?” _____

v. 4: “call upon His name” This is a common phrase in the Scriptures. See Acts 2:21 (which quotes Joel 2:32). What is the result of calling on the Lord's name? _____

Consider Romans 10:12–14 “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’. What does Paul teach us about calling on the Lord's name? _____

v. 5–6: “Cry out” When the Lord acts kindly and graciously to us, we sing!

Psalms 9:11 “Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!” _____

Psalms 96:1 “Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!” _____

Sing: Old Testament Canticle from “Service of Prayer and Preaching” pp 261-262

LWML District Convention Bible Study #2 - by Rev. Christopher Roepke

Reading: Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”^(ESV)

How do we Praise and Shout to The Lord
A Life of Vocation

We are Called to Believe.

The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

Romans 10:17 ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ^(ESV)

We are Called to Worship.

Hebrews 10:24–25 ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.^(ESV)

Colossians 2:16–17 ¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.^(ESV)

We are Called to Be Faithful.

Hebrews 10:19–23 ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.^(ESV)

We are Called to Endure.

Matthew 24:9–13 ⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Revelation 2:9–11 ⁹“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

We are Called to Enjoy Life.

Ecclesiastes 2:24–26 ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.
(ESV)

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

We are Called to Honor God.

1 Peter 2:11–12 ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Timothy 1:17 ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther’s Small Catechism (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017) p.17

Luther’s Small Catechism (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017) p.21

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF:

--VP of Communications--

Rebecca Gluesing of Clinton Zone



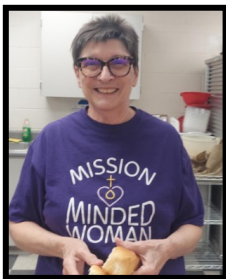
Rebecca is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton where she has served as a Sunday School teacher and currently serves as a choir member and Chairman of the Board of Friendship. At her church she has been involved in LWML the past 25 years in numerous positions – President, Vice President, Secretary and currently Treasurer. She presently serves on the IED LWML board as Treasurer with that term ending June 2024.

She received a Bachelor's degree in nursing and Master's degree in Healthcare Administration. Becky worked over 40 years in nursing and healthcare. Rebecca volunteered five years for Relay for Life as the Chair of Luminary committee. She has been married for 50 years to her husband Wayne, with three children and seven grandchildren.

When asked what spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit granted her, Rebecca replied, “I have been gifted with an open mind. I'm able to look at all sides of an issue before deciding on a course of action. I have good organizational skills which have helped me to prioritize tasks and to keep things moving forward.” These gifts will help me in carrying out the mission of the LWML.

--VP of Human Care--

Kay Berry of Davenport Zone



Kay lives in Davenport and is a member of Trinity Church School in Davenport. She currently is a Mission Board Chairperson. She was a Mission Trip Coordinator and served on that mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2023. She assists with Kids Mission Club, Advent and Lenten meals and is a bulletin stuffer. She's a mom, grandma, and retired!

She graduated from Concordia University Chicago in Education and Western University. Kay served as a dedicated elementary parochial school teacher in Merrill, WI (3 yrs), Rock Island, IL (4 yrs) and Davenport, IA (37 yrs).

In LWML, she has served as society president, zone president, vice president and secretary. Within the district Kay has served on the Christian Life Committee and has co-chaired two fall retreats. Nationally, she has attended conventions. She enjoys gardening, working in her yard, reading, watching television, helping at church and school, and being with her family.

Kay states these are a few of the gifts granted to her by the Holy Spirit - “Creative, consistent, organized, gung ho and dependable. Jesus is always with me and He gives me strength.”

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF:

--VP of Organizational Resources--

Margaret Kistler of Dubuque Zone



Margaret is a member of St John's in Monticello where she is an organist and the bell choir director. She also serves on the Board of Education and the Day Care Board of Directors at St. John's. God graciously gave her a love of music and a talent which she has shared with congregations in Iowa East for over 50 years in all aspects of church music. But her love for art extends beyond music and also includes church decorations.

In the past she has served in a number of LWML positions: LWML secretary at St Paul's Church in Marion, Cedar Rapids Zone President and President of Iowa East District 2018-2022. Currently she is the Dubuque Zone President and the contact person for her local society at St John's in Monticello, Women of St John's. Her work experiences have found her as a daycare provider, Customer Care Specialist, Area Sales Manager in a department store and a music teacher. Currently Margaret and her husband Roger own and maintain 8 rental units in Jones County.

Margaret states, "I believe the Holy Spirit has given me numerous gifts that help me look at opportunities in different ways to find new and meaningful paths to work through and solve problems and to promote and facilitate new ideas."

--Treasurer--

Marna Mohr of Williamsburg Zone



Marna Mohr is a member of St John's Lutheran Church in Victor, where she has been a Sunday School teacher since 1975, organist since 1984, and Wednesday School helper since 2010. She is currently employed and has worked as a part time employee as a retail store sales associate, in many capacities, for over 20 years. Marna volunteers 1-2 days a week serving lunch at Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg. She also is a 4-H volunteer.

With LWML she has served as society president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for numerous years. Within the zone, she has had the position of secretary (2001-2004) (2023- now) and treasurer (2014-2017). Marna has also served as the IED Financial Secretary. Marna was responsible for all financial statements while serving as treasurer and financial secretary.

When asked what spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has granted her, Marna answered "helpfulness, kindness and faith." She also replied, "I enjoy helping and working with people. I am thankful for my faith to willingly serve the Lord." Thanks to these gifts it will help her carry out the mission of the LWML.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

--Junior Pastoral Counselor--



Rev. Matthew W Vesey of Dubuque Zone

Rev. Matthew Vesey lives in Delaware, Iowa where he has served as pastor of St Paul's Lutheran Church since November 2022. Before coming to Delaware, he served LCMS parishes in Lexington, KY (4 yrs) and Cudahy, WI (9yrs). In the community, Pastor Vesey has served on the Board Of Directors of the Delaware County Food Bank since November 2023.

He earned his education degrees from Linn Mar High School (1982), Coe College (1986), and Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne (1993).

Rev. Vesey states these gifts from the Holy Spirit will assist him in carrying out of the mission of the LWML if he is elected: "Spiritual insight, discernment, and teaching ability with dedication to the Lutheran doctrine."

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THE
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MINUTES OF THE IOWA EAST DISTRICT ~ LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION ~ June 10-11, 2022 ~ "Anchored In Christ" based on Hebrews 6:19
 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Banner Processional and Opening Worship – Liturgists were Rev. Michael Knox and Rev. Kevin Richter. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders gave the sermon on anchors in the Bible, anchors in our life. The offering was for the Iowa East District 2022-2024 Mite Goal.

Session 1 Friday Afternoon

President Margaret Kistler called the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District (IED) to order at 2:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Cross were recited by all. The Waterloo Zone Convention Co-captains gave a welcome with the Williamsburg and Westgate Zone responding. Greetings from the LCMS Iowa District East President and Lutheran Church Extension Fund were received. President Kistler gave acknowledgements and introduced special guests. The LWML Pledge was led by the past LWML IED presidents. Lora Duncan gave the credentials report. As of 1:00 pm on June 10, 2022, a quorum was present with all 12 zones of the Iowa East District represented. Out of a possible 180 delegates there were 67 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 91 eligible to vote. There were 13 non-voting board members and 73 other registrants for a total attendance of 177. Lora Duncan moved that the roll given be the official roll of the voting assembly of the convention. Motion seconded and carried. Carolyn Zimmerman moved to adopt the convention agenda as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried. Cheryl Killham moved to adopt the convention rules as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried. President Kistler gave the appointment of convention tellers. Marna Mohr presented the 2020-2022 Financial Secretary's Report as printed in the convention manual. Becky Gluesing presented the 2020-2022 Treasurer's Report and review as printed in the convention manual. Becky moved to accept the review as printed. Seconded and carried. Becky presented the 2022-2024 Mite Budget as printed in the convention manual and approved by the Board of Directors. Total of \$152,400 with \$138,500 for outreach, including \$30,000 for scholarships and \$70,000 for mission grants and \$13,900 for inreach. Becky gave a reminder that part of the 2022-2024 mission grant budget would need to be used to finish paying for the 2020-2022 mission grants as there was a shortfall in the mites received for 2020-2022. Jeanette Kreutner moved to increase the mission grant budget to \$80,000. Seconded and carried. The amended budget motion was then seconded and carried. Jeanette Kreutner gave the 2022-2024 Proposed Mission Grants Presentation. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on mission grants. Dennis Pieper from Voices of Care gave a Mites in Action report. Judy Westergren gave the nominating committee report and introduced the candidates. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on election of officers. President Kistler declared Session I closed.

Dr. Cari Chittick was the speaker at the evening banquet.

Session II Saturday morning

The Young Women Representative presented the opening devotions. Offering was collected for LCMS Disaster Relief. Lora Duncan gave the report that there was an error in the credentials given in Session I. The corrected credentials were 70 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 94 eligible to vote. There were 12 non-voting board members and 66 other registrants for a total registration of 172. Lora moved to accept the corrected credential reports. Seconded and carried. The LWML Mission Statement was read. Carol von Soosten gave a report from Gifts of Love. Rev. Chris Roepke led the first Bible study. The results of the Mission Grant voting were given.

No	Title of Grant	\$ Requested	Votes	Rank #
1	Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project	\$ 5000	42	5
2	Matongo Seminary Chapel	\$ 5000	33	9
3	Indonesian Hymnal Project	\$ 5000	22	14
4	Hope for the Hopeless	\$ 5000	45	4
5	IDE Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training	\$ 5000	31	11
6	Comprehensive Efforts to Address the LCMS Pastor Shortage	\$ 5500	48	3
7	"Feed My Lambs" Library Program, Community Lutheran School, Readlyn	\$ 3000	31	11
8	Wartburg Walther League LCMS-U	\$ 2500	36	7
9	Let us sing unto the Lord: Enriching Camp Worship with Beautiful Music	\$ 8000	64	1
10	LERT Team, Immanuel Lutheran, Cedar Falls	\$ 8000	36	7
11	Financial Aid for Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op	\$10000	54	2
12	Different Languages, Same Savior: Lutheran Books for Missionaries	\$ 5000	29	13
13	Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America	\$10000	19	15
14	Internet Infrastructure Improvement – Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls	\$10000	40	6
15	East Side Mission – Faith Based Programs	\$ 2500	32	10

Jeanette Kreutner reported that Mission Grants with priority rank of 1 through 10 would be fully funded and the grants tied at 11 would be partially funded at \$4316 for Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training and \$2590 for "Feed My Lambs" Library Program. Carolyn Zimmerman moved to increase the approved mission grant budget by \$1,094 to fully fund the last two mission grants. Seconded and carried. Cheryl Killham moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded and carried. Susan Brunkow, National LWML Vice President of Christian Life, gave a report from the National LWML. Judith Fink gave a presentation on the 80th anniversary of the LWML. The exhibitors were introduced and gave greetings. President Kistler declared Session II closed.

Session III Saturday Afternoon

The session opened with prayer. Hilary Brech, YWR to the 2021 National LWML Convention, gave a report on the convention. Results of the Election of Officers were given:

President:	Martha Hartwig 65	Cheryl Killham 27	Illegal Votes 0
Vice President of Christian Life:	Janet Brown 28	Elizabeth Roberts 64	Illegal Votes 0
Vice President of Gospel Outreach	Betty Borchardt 37	Jeanette Kreutner 55	Illegal Votes 0
Recording Secretary	Sheryl Zinda 92		Illegal Votes 0
Financial Secretary	Jennifer Determan 51	Tamara McKay 41	Illegal Votes 0
Junior Pastoral Counselor	Rev. Jon M Ellingworth 91		Illegal Votes 0

President Kistler declared these officers duly elected: President – Martha Hartwig; Vice President of Christian Life – Elizabeth Roberts; Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Jeanette Kreutner; Recording Secretary – Sheryl Zinda; Financial Secretary – Jennifer Determan; Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Jon M Ellingworth. Becky Gluesing moved to have the ballots destroyed. Seconded and carried. Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the second Bible study. Christian Life committee present a skit for the 2023 National LWML Convention. Angie Banko gave the Gifts from the Heart ingathering report. Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the dedication of the Gifts from the Heart. President Kistler acknowledged the members of the Waterloo Zone that helped with the 2022 convention. Liz Roberts and Faith Swenson invited all to the 2024 LWML IED Convention. Becky Gluesing gave the offering reports. Offering #1 was \$3123.06 for the 2022-2024 Mission Grant Goal. Offering #2 was \$2350.10 for LCMS Disaster Relief Fund Laura Woebeking and Jan Miller reported on other mites gathered before and during the convention. LWML 80th anniversary mite challenges collected \$7471.63 with Waterloo Zone collecting the most. Fishing for Missions: Penny Wars collected \$1085.33 with Davenport Zone collecting the most. The Anchored Memorials collected about \$1200. President Kistler appointed Hannah Raebel and Judy Westergren to review the minutes. Cheryl Killham and Darlene Bodermann gave the closing resolutions. Retiring LWML Officers gave reflections on their service. Rev. Chris Roepke installed the newly elected officers. President Martha Hartwig declared the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Iowa East District adjourned. Rev. Kevin Richter led the closing devotion.

Lora Duncan
LWML IED Recording Secretary

LWML Iowa East District April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024	
<u>SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$1,423.61
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$2,241.42
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION	\$1,258.76
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$284.58
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$4,388.34
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$394.13
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD	\$487.29
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD	\$494.16
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY	\$2,292.08
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD	\$550.00

CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD	\$2,504.19
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML	\$2,964.13
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY	\$3,857.78
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML	\$422.96
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION	\$122.51
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES	\$1,478.22
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY	\$1,159.17
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD	\$1,482.94
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN	\$756.64
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD	\$688.50
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB	\$1,987.13
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION	\$2,123.27
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML	\$3,337.28
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$1,114.00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML	\$1,539.83
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD	\$85.00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD	\$1,372.53
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$2,682.08
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$2,372.46
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT	\$327.08
ELMA, ST PETER LWML	\$1,850.56
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE	\$619.79
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE	\$1,538.60
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$1,849.76
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$1,480.80
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$264.00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY	\$2,024.85
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES)	\$3,171.43
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$1,427.14
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE	\$2,892.84
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML	\$450.97
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD	\$2,768.40
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$998.65
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID	\$1,827.12
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD	\$635.96
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML	\$4,406.75

LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$889.02
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$2,126.88
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$492.47
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML	\$665.90
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR	\$3,439.76
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$736.26
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$3,870.45
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML	\$1,739.94
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML	\$2,785.65
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$40.50
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML	\$674.75
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	\$1,557.02
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML	\$2,864.13
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD	\$943.96
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$1,509.72
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY	\$2,506.13
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY	\$1,260.37
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE	\$1,523.63
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML	\$1,547.07
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD	\$1,918.01
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML	\$957.62
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML	\$1,041.72
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$1,088.38
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS	\$1,052.65
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML	\$2,180.63
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML	\$1,483.42
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID	\$7.50
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD	\$45.50
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE	\$189.50
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$630.81
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$898.96
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY	\$1,373.36
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS	\$1,298.66
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES	\$2,488.44
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$3,800.78
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH	\$1,152.50

WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY	\$2,025.63
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY	\$2,579.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML	\$530.50
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML	\$653.52
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN	\$413.00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD / BIBLE CLASS	\$2,943.81
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY	\$2,245.72
Total of Society Contributions April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024	\$138,572.92
<u>ZONE RECEIPTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BENTON	\$1,090.18
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$133.28
CLINTON	\$424.00
DAVENPORT	\$908.65
DUBUQUE	\$232.00
ELDORA	\$1,161.62
MARSHALLTOWN	\$808.97
MT PLEASANT	\$344.00
ST ANSGAR	\$0.00
WATERLOO	\$278.00
WESTGATE	\$609.40
WILLIAMSBURG	\$1,777.51
Total of Zone Contributions April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024	\$7,767.61
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS	\$869.00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)	\$4,829.90
CHRISTIAN LIFE STORE	\$1,112.20
Sub-Total Receipts April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024	\$153,151.63
LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	\$10,149.25
Total Receipts Plus Endowment Interest April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024	\$163,300.88

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT 2022-2024 BIENNIUM TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials as of March 31, 2024

	2022 - 2024 BUDGET	APR 1, '22 - JUN 30, '22	JUL 1, '22 - SEP 30, '22	OCT 1, '22 - DEC 31, '22	JAN 1, '23 - MAR 31, '23	APR 1, '23 - JUN 30, '23	JUL 1, '23 - SEP 30, '23	OCT 1, '23 - DEC 31, '23	JAN 1, '24 - MAR 31, '24	Total Bi- ennium	% OF BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$9,003.25	\$6,973.06	\$2,540.72	\$7,627.40	\$10,555.31	\$5,284.80	\$1,845.65	\$13,368.44		
MITE RECEIPTS											
Mites (Incl. Memorial/Honorariums)	\$122,500.00	\$10,914.54	\$8,828.79	\$20,957.02	\$14,045.82	\$10,322.10	\$9,749.94	\$23,938.67	\$18,456.26	\$117,213.14	95.68%
Mites Designated IED Only	\$ 31,596.00	\$10,237.16	\$400.03	\$2,096.65	\$1,817.74	\$882.52	\$618.12	\$3,771.04	\$4,352.00	\$24,175.26	76.51%
Endowment Donations	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Endowment Fund 5% Distribution	\$ 7,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,007.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,142.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,149.25	144.99%
Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,900.00	\$106.00	\$47.00	\$51.00	\$418.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$307.00	\$994.00	52.32%
MITE RECEIPTS TOTAL	\$163,496.00	\$21,257.70	\$14,282.90	\$23,104.67	\$16,281.56	\$11,254.62	\$15,510.23	\$27,724.71	\$23,115.26	\$152,531.65	93.29%
REIMBURSED EXPENSES RECEIPTS											
<i>Quarterly & Alive</i>	\$ 31,500.00	\$1,661.50	\$1,592.00	\$93.00	\$4,192.00	\$511.50	\$2,213.50	\$880.50	\$884.50	\$12,028.50	38.19%
Rallies & District Convention	\$ 11,000.00	\$512.32	\$2,462.07	\$5,811.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$8,985.45	81.69%
National Convention Bus	\$ 7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$3,075.00	\$3,715.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,525.00	113.67%
National Convention Other	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,382.25	\$52.50	\$393.45	\$183.00	\$0.00	\$156.25	\$399.00	\$67.00	\$2,633.45	131.67%
Misc Income	\$ -	\$2,673.10	\$76.13	\$936.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$3,785.63	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 52,500.00	\$6,229.17	\$4,182.70	\$8,058.91	\$7,450.00	\$4,226.50	\$3,279.75	\$1,379.50	\$1,151.50	\$35,958.03	68.49%
TOTAL INCOME	\$215,996.00	\$27,486.87	\$18,465.60	\$31,163.58	\$23,731.56	\$15,481.12	\$18,789.98	\$29,104.21	\$24,266.76	\$188,489.68	87.27%
Total Unrealized Income (Donated Exp)			\$5.29	\$188.15	\$55.20	\$295.96	\$128.73	\$415.40		\$1,088.73	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$36,490.12	\$25,438.66	\$33,704.30	\$31,358.96	\$26,036.43	\$24,074.78	\$30,949.86	\$37,635.20		
MITE EXPENSES											
OUTREACH											
Mites to National	\$ 30,750.00	\$4,341.89	\$2,225.85	\$3,775.03	\$4,140.87	\$3,835.59	\$2,402.17	\$4,786.64	\$3,861.03	\$29,369.07	95.51%
Scholarships	\$ 30,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,300.00	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%
Grants	\$ 81,096.00	\$11,596.00	\$0.00	\$13,200.00	\$12,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$772.63	\$3,000.00	\$26,527.37	\$72,596.00	89.52%
Endowment Donations	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$622.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$622.00	124.40%
Endowment Distribution	\$ 7,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,142.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,142.18	144.89%
TOTAL OUTREACH EXPENSES	\$149,346.00	\$15,937.89	\$19,525.85	\$19,675.03	\$16,640.87	\$9,457.59	\$15,816.98	\$15,286.64	\$30,388.40	\$142,729.25	95.57%

INREACH											
BOD Mileage	\$ 7,500.00	\$750.03	\$466.17	\$185.95	\$174.84	\$102.33	\$105.48	\$0.00	\$30.48	\$1,815.28	24.20%
Postage & Supplies	\$ 1,100.00	\$96.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$55.16	\$0.00	\$107.00	\$386.47	\$668.15	60.74%
Insurance Premium	\$ 600.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$379.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$689.00	114.83%
YWR National Convention	\$ 2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,264.00	\$1,648.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,912.32	132.38%
Pres/Counselor National Conv	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$316.00	\$325.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$936.31	46.82%
Quarterly & Alive (Non-Reimbursed)	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Assembly Of Leaders	\$ 250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc Expenses	\$2,350.10	\$2,350.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.10	
TOTAL INREACH EXPENSES	\$ 14,150.00	\$3,506.65	\$466.17	\$185.95	\$492.84	\$2,116.49	\$2,079.11	\$107.00	\$416.95	\$9,371.16	66.23%
TOTAL MITE EXPENSES	\$163,496.00	\$19,444.54	\$19,992.02	\$19,860.98	\$17,133.71	\$11,574.08	\$17,896.09	\$15,393.64	\$30,805.35	\$152,100.41	93.03%
REIMBURSED EXPENSES											
Quarterly & Alive	\$ 31,500.00	\$3,298.31	\$1,293.39	\$5,538.42	\$3,444.94	\$500.00	\$3,969.00	\$1,986.96	\$1,985.79	\$21,516.81	68.31%
Rallies & District Convention	\$ 11,000.00	\$6,674.21	\$866.56	\$677.50	\$225.00	\$7,989.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,040.77	73.10%
National Convention Bus	\$ 7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$688.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,891.65	118.56%
National Convention Other	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$688.40	137.68%
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	\$ 2,000.00	\$100.00	\$745.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.04	\$200.82	\$0.00	\$1,410.83	70.54%
Misc Expenses										\$0.00	
TOTAL REIMBURSED EXPENSES	\$ 52,500.00	\$10,072.52	\$2,905.92	\$6,215.92	\$3,669.94	\$9,177.55	\$4,333.04	\$2,187.78	\$1,985.79	\$40,548.46	77.24%
Total Unrealized Expenses (Donated Expenses)			\$5.29	\$188.15	\$55.20	\$295.96	\$128.73	\$415.40		\$1,088.73	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$215,996.00	\$29,517.06	\$22,897.94	\$26,076.90	\$20,803.65	\$20,751.63	\$22,229.13	\$17,581.42	\$32,791.14	\$192,648.87	
ENDING BALANCE		\$6,973.06	\$2,540.72	\$7,627.40	\$10,555.31	\$5,284.80	\$1,845.65	\$13,368.44	\$4,844.06		

Respectfully submitted,

BECKY GLUESING
LWML - IED TREASURER



Financial Review Statement:

I have reviewed the financial documents for the Iowa East District LWML and find them in good order. April 5, 2024

Marna Mohr



LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT BIENNIUM FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET PROPOSAL

INREACH funds are spent on fundraising & administrative expenses.

OUTREACH funds are those which provide programs and services to LWML Iowa East District and those in need.

	2022-2024 ACTUAL TOTAL	%	2024-2026 PROPOSED TOTAL	%
<u>MITE BUDGET</u>				
<u>MITE BUDGET INCOME</u>			<u>MITE BUDGET INCOME</u>	
MITES & MEMORIALS	\$ 117,213.00	76.84%	\$ 120,000.00	76.75%
MITES IED ONLY	\$ 24,175.00	15.85%	\$ 24,000.00	15.35%
ENDOWMENT DONATIONS	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 500.00	0.32%
ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION	\$ 10,150.00	6.65%	\$ 11,000.00	7.04%
THRIVENT CHOICE	\$ 994.00	0.65%	\$ 850.00	0.54%
TOTAL MITE INCOME	\$ 152,532.00	100.00%	\$ 156,350.00	100.00%
<u>MITE BUDGET EXPENSES</u>			<u>MITE BUDGET EXPENSES</u>	
<u>OUTREACH</u>			<u>OUTREACH</u>	
MITES TO NATIONAL	\$ 29,369.00	19.61%	\$ 30,000.00	19.19%
GRANTS	\$ 72,596.00	48.48%	\$ 73,250.00	46.85%
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 30,000.00	20.03%	\$ 30,000.00	19.19%
ENDOWMENT				
DONATIONS	\$ 622.00	0.42%	\$ 850.00	0.54%
ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION	\$ 10,142.00	6.77%	\$ 11,000.00	7.04%
OUTREACH TOTAL	\$ 142,729.00	95.31%	\$ 145,100.00	92.80%
<u>INREACH</u>			<u>INREACH</u>	
BOD MILEAGE	\$ 1,815.00	1.21%	\$ 4,000.00	2.56%
POSTAGE & SUPPLES	\$ 668.00	0.45%	\$ 550.00	0.35%
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 689.00	0.46%	\$ 750.00	0.48%
YWR NATIONAL CONVENTION	\$ 2,912.00	1.94%	\$ 3,200.00	2.05%
PRESIDENT/COUNSELOR NATIONAL CONVENTION	\$ 936.00	0.63%	\$ 2,000.00	1.28%
QUARTERLY NON-REIMBURSED	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 500.00	0.32%
ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 250.00	0.16%
INREACH TOTAL	\$ 7,020.00	4.69%	\$ 11,250.00	7.20%
MITE BUDGET TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 149,749.00	100.00%	\$ 156,350.00	100.00%

REIMBURSED EXPENSES BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>				
QUARTERLIES	\$ 12,029.00	\$ 12,029.00	37.39%	
RALLIES & DISTRICT CONVENTION	\$ 8,986.00	\$ 8,986.00	27.93%	
NATIONAL CONVENTION BUS	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00	26.50%	
NATIONAL CONVENT OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	
CHRISTIAN GROWTH (LWML STORE)	\$ 2,633.00	\$ 2,633.00	8.18%	
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 32,173.00	\$ 32,173.00	100.00%	

REIMBURSED EXPENSES BUDGET

QUARTERLIES	\$ 16,000.00	41.94%
RALLIES & DISTRICT CONV	\$ 8,900.00	23.33%
NAT'L CONVENTION BUS	\$ 9,500.00	24.90%
NAT'L CONVENTION OTHER	\$ 750.00	1.97%
CHRISTIAN GROWTH (STORE)	\$ 3,000.00	7.86%
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 38,150.00	100.00%

<u>EXPENSE</u>				
QUARTERLIES	\$ 21,517.00	\$ 21,517.00	53.06%	
RALLIES & DISTRICT CONVENTION	\$ 8,041.00	\$ 8,041.00	19.83%	
NATIONAL CONVENTION BUS	\$ 8,892.00	\$ 8,892.00	21.93%	
NATIONAL CONVENTION OTHER	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00	1.70%	
CHRISTIAN GROWTH (LWML STORE)	\$ 1,411.00	\$ 1,411.00	3.48%	
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 40,549.00	\$ 40,549.00	100.00%	

<u>EXPENSES</u>				
QUARTERLIES	\$ 16,000.00	41.94%		
RALLIES & DISTRICT CONV	\$ 8,900.00	23.33%		
NAT'L CONVENTION BUS	\$ 9,500.00	24.90%		
NAT'L CONVENTION OTHER	\$ 750.00	1.97%		
CHRISTIAN GROWTH (STORE)	\$ 3,000.00	7.86%		
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 38,150.00	100.00%		

TOTAL BUDGET ACTUAL INCOME \$ 184,705.00

TOTAL BUDGET ACTUAL EXPENSE \$ 190,298.00

**Total Proposed 2024-2026 Biennium
Mission Grant/Scholarship Amount: \$103,250**

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT FUND - LCMS FOUNDATION

APR 1, 2022 - JULY 1, 2022 - OCT 1, 2022 - JAN 1, 2023 - APR 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2023	\$ 92,237.00	\$ 95,828.00	\$ 101,227.00	\$ 97,959.00	\$ 95,223.00	\$ 102,860.00	\$ 104,171.00
JUNE 30, 2022 - SEPT 30, 2022 - DEC 31, 2022 - MAR 31, 2023							
QUARTER END BALANCE							

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT STEWARD ACCOUNT (JOYFUL RESPONSE) -

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

APR 1, 2022 - JULY 1, 2022 - OCT 1, 2022 - JAN 1, 2023 - APR 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2023	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 1,449.00	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 2,636.00	\$ 2,989.00	\$ 3,519.00	\$ 4,070.00
JUNE 30, 2022 - SEPT 30, 2022 - DEC 31, 2022 - MAR 31, 2023							
QUARTER END BALANCE							

<u>MITE BUDGET</u>	2022-2024 Budget	2022-2024 Projected	2022-2024 Actual	2024-2026 Proposed
Income				
Mites & Memorials	122,500	112,865	117,213	120,000
Mites IED Only	31,596	22,655	24,175	24,000
Endowment Donations	500	0	0	500
Endowment Distribution	7,000	10,150	10,150	11,000
Thrivent Choice	1,900	785	994	850
Total Mite Income	163,496	146,455	152,532	156,350
Expenses				
Outreach				
Mites to National	30,750	29,152	29,369	30,000
Grants	81,096	66,068	72,596	73,250
Scholarships	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Endowment Donations	500	722	622	850
Endowment Distribution	7,000	10,142	10,142	11,000
Outreach Total Expenses	149,346	136,084	142,729	145,100
Inreach				
BOD Mileage	7,500	2,040	1815	4,000
Postage & Supplies	1,100	322	668	550
Insurance Premium	600	689	689	750
YWR Nat Convention	2,200	2,912	2912	3,200
Pres/Couns Nat Convention	2,000	936	936	2,000
Quarterly Non-reimbursed	500	0	0	500
Assembly of Leaders	250	0	0	250
Inreach Total Expenses	14,150	6,899	7020	11,250
Mite Budget Total Expenses	163,496	142,983	149,749	156,350

NON MITE BUDGET

Income				
Quarterly & Alive	31,500	12,736	12,029	16,000
Rallies & District Convention	11,000	8,785	8,986	8,900
National Convention Bus	7,500	8,525	8,525	9,500
National Convention Other	500	0	0	750
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	2,000	2,933	2,633	3,000
Total Non Mite Income	52,500	32,979	32,173	38,150
Expenses				
Quarterly & Alive	31,500	21,518	21,517	16,000
Rallies & District Convention	11,000	8,041	8,041	8,900
National Convention Bus	7,500	8,892	8,892	9,500
National Convention Other	500	688	688	750
Christian Growth (LWML Store)	2,000	1,410	1,411	3,000
Total Non Mite Expenses	52,500	40,549	40,549	38,150
OVERALL BUDGET TOTAL INCOME	215,996	179,434	184,705	194,500
OVERALL BUDGET TOTAL EXPENSES	215,996	183,532	190,298	194,500

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1. Lutheran Family Service--Preventing Burnout in Lutheran School Teachers with Christ-Centered Counseling Resources--\$7,500

Where it will be used: Lutheran Schools Across Iowa District East

Why needed: As Synodical resolutions at multiple conventions over the past decade have recognized, our Lutheran Schools struggle to find roster teachers to serve in the classroom. Per Concordia University System Board for University Education Statistics, the number of new commissioned teachers has steadily declined from 63% in 2010 to 25% in 2022. While new candidates are in short supply, our existing Lutheran School teachers are increasingly taxed. Teachers are frequently doing double duty with bare-bones staff by taking on needed tasks that aren't in their job descriptions for the sake of the students.

What it will provide: Lutheran Family Service Church Worker Wellness counseling team will provide proactive resources as well as crisis response assistance for our teachers and other workers serving in Iowa Lutheran Schools.

2. College Hill Conservatory--Raising Up Future Church Musicians--\$2,000

Where it will be used: College Hill Conservatory and surrounding LCMS churches

Why needed: There is a dire need in the LCMS for more church musicians.

What it will provide: This grant will provide Lutheran liturgy and hymn resources to help support the development of our future and current church musicians. These resources will help get them involved in the musical life of the congregation sooner.

3. LCMS Office of Pastoral Education--Set Apart to Serve (SAS): Second-Career Phase--\$5,000

Where it will be used: SAS has the blessing and support of the executive leadership in the LCMS International Center, our two seminaries, our Concordia University System leadership, and district presidents. All who have contributed to this initiative have been supportive of the project's impact and confirmed the need for its necessity with both youth and second-career church worker candidates.

Why needed: The need for more pastors, and church workers is urgent. Without immediate attention, studies show the number of ordained pastors will decline from 6,000 to 3,000 over the next 15 years. The same studies show a 50-70% decrease in commissioned workers. An emphasis on second-career pastor and teacher candidates would help us fill a current need in the short term.

What it will provide: The SAS Second-Career phase focuses on the formation of adults in established secular career fields who could be candidates for professional church vocations. The primary outcome will be noticeable and sustainable growth of degreed professionals, well-prepared to serve and to lead through their vocations within church, school and parachurch settings. Most importantly, we expect this phase to have a more immediate impact on interest and enrollment in LCMS church worker degree programs over the next five years.

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4. LCMS Office of National Mission--Proclaim the Gospel – Serve in Mercy– \$5,000

Where it will be used: Where needed most by LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organizations) with special requests

Why needed: To extend its mission outreach, education and social ministry, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod supports and works with independent RSOs. Frequently an RSO will request consideration for resources such as Bibles, children's story books, and women's devotional studies in many languages. Others request guidance and resources for the leadership staff within the RSO organization. Also, requests are received for financial support for special Mercy projects.

What it will provide: RSOs are ministries who extend the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's work so that the love of Christ is poured out in various and creative ways. LCMS is truly blessed by these unique organizations. Through them the church can do more and the organizations themselves are strengthened through our relationship. From helping the homeless to bringing the gospel to the blind, these organizations are shining the light of God's mercy all over the world.

5. Concordia University Nebraska--Acts 1:8 Students in Mission--\$7,500

Where it will be used: Concordia University Nebraska

Why Needed: Concordia students are very mission minded with interest in how they can be involved in missions and mission opportunities here and abroad. More students would have the chance to serve and share the love of Christ and more gospel focused mission opportunities in the church and world could be possible with more funding available.

- During spring/summer 2022, 25 students requested gifts and \$13,550 was granted.
- During spring/summer 2023, 22 students requested gifts and \$11,165 was granted.
- At this point in time, we only have enough funds to support students in 2024.

What it will provide: Some students may not consider taking part in mission experiences due to financial concerns. This grant would cover some of the trip costs. Currently students can apply for up to a third of the cost of a Gospel-focused mission experience. This grant would provide funding beyond 2024.

6. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis--Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide--\$5,000

Where it will be used: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Why Needed: Concordia Seminary currently enrolls 61 international students from 20 different countries, many from developing nations. Some of these countries do not have seminaries nor sufficient funding to support these students. When these students graduate, they will return home to serve as seminary professors, theological instructors, and church leaders in their respective countries. They will help fill the void of theologically trained seminary professors to train the next generation of pastors who will share the Gospel as they serve their church bodies. They will have a considerable impact on Gospel proclamation.

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What it will provide: Thankfully, Concordia Seminary receives annual financial contributions from individuals, LCMS congregations, and other organizations such as the LWML that support this important initiative. However, these funds fall well short of covering the total cost of these students' advanced-level education. Support for international students is an important ongoing seminary funding need.

7. Word of Hope--Suicide Prevention for Post-Abortive Women--\$5,000

Where it will be used: Online usage through a learning management system and in-person with Lutheran congregations and pro-life teams who desire face-to-face training in Iowa

Why needed: Like abortion, suicide is an imminent life issue that is vital to address because the parents' lives are valuable, even after the sin of abortion. Women with a past abortion are 70% more likely to self-harm than women without a past abortion. Additionally, 65% of women with a history of abortion had suicidal thoughts and 31% attempted suicide. Suicide among men with a history of abortion has not been researched yet. However, studies have shown that after an abortion, men are more likely to experience PTSD, chronic grief, hopelessness, guilt, anger, anxiety, isolation, and helplessness, all of which are highly associated with suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

What it will provide: The grant will result in the professional development of a free, online, interactive program: HOPE for Suicide Awareness, Intervention, and Postvention training. The HOPE curriculum is the only suicide intervention program that emphasizes Christ's promises in the face of hopelessness and addresses suffering from a Lutheran perspective.

8. Eastside Mission--Van Repair--\$7,500

Where it will be used: Both vans owned by Eastside Mission are at least 20 years old and are used mainly in the Quad City area to transport adults and children to and from the mission and mission related activities.

Why needed: In January 2023, God blessed Eastside Mission with Pastor Andrew Watkins, so the mission is once again able to provide Word and Sacraments. Worship services are well attended as well as evening ladies' Bible study and confirmation classes. In March 2023, Pastor Watkins baptized 11 people, two adults and nine children, and is currently meeting with others to lead them to baptism. Having vans in good working condition is not only a safety concern, but also is key to having successful programs at the mission.

What it will provide: The grant will provide the mission with the funds to fix the vans, which will ultimately provide two working vans, or purchase a newer van to transport people safely and in comfortable conditions.

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9. LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM)--Walking Together in Mission Field-Alliance Missionaries--\$5,000

Where it will be used: Within the 4 OIM regions. Alliance missionaries do not replace LCMS missionaries; rather they work alongside and work together complementing each other on the work they do. There are currently such pastors in at least 10 countries. These native-speaking missionaries enrich the outreach, especially in Spanish-speaking countries.

Why needed: As the OIM continues its work, it continues to receive additional requests for pastors. While the LCMS is not able to immediately fulfill all the requests, often our church partners have pastors who are uniquely equipped for an open position in the mission field due to many factors. Alliance Missionaries are pastors supported by the budget of the LCMS through grants awarded to our partner churches. Most times the Alliance Missionaries' home national church body does not have a support system to teach and train them for network building.

What it will provide: It will support Alliance Missionaries working alongside and together with LCMS missionaries as they spread the Gospel and show mercy to hurting people. Alliance Missionaries may speak a different language; however, they walk together with LCMS missionaries in the mission field sharing the same confession of faith in Christ. Both have resources to carry out proclamation of the Gospel, and the unity of faith is reflected in the sharing of resources and gifts for the sake of the Gospel.

10. POBLO--Unequally Yoked Workshop Training--\$3,600

Where it will be used: Providing workshops for the leadership of congregations and young adults of Iowa District East

Why needed: The number of young American women who convert to Islam in colleges and universities has increased from 19,000 to 21,500 per year. Even though Christianity is the dominant faith, young women on college campuses in our state are being targeted by Muslims, in particular by young Muslim men, as access points to quickly increase the Islamic faith in a community. The goal of this training is to: 1) Offer a clear understanding of the falsehoods and half-truths throughout the Islamic doctrine, 2) Assist the Body of Christ, as well as the unchurched to connect with and understand their true identity in Christ, 3) Emphasize how He sees His people, and His definition of a relationship with Him and each other, and 4) Provide an aid to recognize, identify and appropriately respond to young American women being targeted by Muslim men, who manipulate and/or abuse women with the objective of locking them into a marriage.

What it will provide: The workshop and training kit provide one in-person workshop training of the circuit churches with a virtual option, and information on various topics, including how Islam views women and marriage, among other topics. The kits, to be sent to 15 of Iowa East's major churches, will remain with the district churches to facilitate their own subsequent training sessions on identifying and appropriately responding to this shrewd attack on faith, family, fellowship, and identity in Christ Jesus.

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11. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)--Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prison--\$5,000

Where it will be used: LBW Prison Large Print Ministry Production Centers to produce Prison Bibles and other Christian materials for the purpose of distribution to prison chaplains and prison inmates in Iowa and across the United States

Why needed: At the end of 2021, Iowa had the 31st highest prison incarceration rate of the 2.3 million people incarcerated in the American Criminal System. Approximately 12% of these inmates may have a visual impairment leaving them without access to the Bible, which offers the hope that comes from knowing Jesus as their Savior. LBW provides Prison Ministry materials in a large print font with a special prison-approved binding for free, so prison inmates will understand their ultimate worth is not based upon their own actions, but on Christ's salvation alone!

What it will provide: This grant will provide approximately 1,000 volumes of Large Print Prison Ministry Bibles and other Christian materials in English or Spanish to prison chaplains and prison inmates. These volumes will be vital in helping meet the spiritual needs of these prison inmates in Iowa and across the United States through the purchase of the supplies needed to produce these volumes. This project further benefits the spiritual well-being of our LBW volunteers by engaging them in this ministry to serve others in need of knowing Jesus as their Savior.

12. LCMS Office of International Mission--Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)--\$6,500

Where it will be used: The home that was started in 2011 by the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission (LCMS) to put forth a model of loving Christian care for people with IDD

Why needed: All funds for the care of the IDD residents in the group home must be raised by the mission. Conditions in government institutions are miserable and children and adults living there have no education or rehabilitation services. People with IDD are one of the most unchurched populations in the Dominican Republic and need to hear the message of forgiveness of sins and salvation in Jesus. Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor (HLBP) provides excellent care. Residents are loved and included in their community and local congregation. They are taught God's Word and are treated as people who have been created in the image of God. This model of care needs to continue to be put forth to the government to bring forth change in the country regarding the care for people with IDD.

What it will provide: The grant will help provide for on-going care of the residents in the group home which includes spiritual, educational, and rehabilitative care as well as vocational training. This grant will also help to promote awareness regarding inclusion of people with IDD in society and will support outreach to families with loved ones with disabilities.

13. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch--Nutrition Center Transformation--\$3,000

Where it will be used: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Fargo, ND

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Why needed: The kitchen facilities in the Fargo Nutrition Center need updating to serve the Ranch's children and staff more effectively by increasing the variety of items offered during meals, reinforcing good nutrition habits, teaching children how to build balanced meals, and providing the basic needs for children to begin healing.

What it will provide: Funds would purchase a standing fridge, a food slicer, and a food processor for the nutrition center on the Fargo Campus. The grant will help the Ranch meet the most basic needs of the at-risk children as they embrace the Gospel's healing care in the deepest ways possible.

14. MOST Ministries--LWML Iowa East District Short-term Mission Trip for Members of the LCMS Iowa District East--\$7,500

Where it will be used: MOST Ministries short-term eyeglass mission team in Central America

Why needed: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) Iowa District East desire to serve on short term mission teams; however, financial and logistical considerations may hinder participation. MOST Ministries frequently receives requests for eyeglass mission teams. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses. Financial aid to meet rising travel costs will increase the number of volunteers able to serve alongside LCMS missionaries and national church leaders.

What it will provide: This grant will provide financial support for a MOST Ministries short-term mission trip to Central America during the 2024-2026 Biennium, coordinated through LWML IED. The average size of a MOST Ministries eyeglass mission team is 10-15 participants, and the average cost of an eyeglass ministry mission trip to Central America is \$3,000 per participant. Grant funds will be split evenly in support of all LCMS Iowa District East mission team members.

15. Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)--Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Two by Two--\$5,000

Where it will be used: In countries throughout East Africa (e.g. Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda)

Why needed: The Holy Spirit has brought about explosive growth in countries throughout East Africa. But even as the Gospel spreads like wildfire, church leaders are left wondering how to faithfully teach new believers the Lutheran understanding of God's plan for their salvation. This is especially difficult when the number of churches far outnumber the number of workers! That's why the Lutheran Heritage Foundation created Project 72. Through Project 72, visiting professors from Europe and the U.S., as well as local pastors and professors, will travel in pairs to regions throughout East Africa, teaching seminars to area church leaders using good Lutheran books translated by LHF. Those church leaders will then go teach what they've learned!

What it will provide: The proposed grant sum will provide at least three Project 72 seminars to church leaders (covering the cost of travel and lodging for the two teachers, rental for a teaching location and teaching supplies). Each seminar will have around 15 students, which means grant monies will be bringing Lutheran teachings to at least 45 congregations in East Africa.

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16. Community Lutheran, Readlyn, IA--School Science Grant--\$6,000

Where it will be used: Community Lutheran School, Readlyn, IA Science Program Grades 1-8

Why needed: Whether in high school or beyond, students will encounter challenging questions in science about evolution, climate change, and the earth's age that may have them questioning their faith. Our goal at Community Lutheran School is to provide students with a strong science education while allowing students to engage deeply and faithfully with such questions in a safe classroom setting. Hands-on science activities will prepare students for successful careers in building, technology, engineering, teaching, computers, and many more fields. Good science programs primarily help students develop good character traits, attitudes, and communication and social skills needed for the modern workplace.

What it will provide:

- Science books, carefully approved for Christian education
- "Hands on" activity kits
- Other hands-on science materials for life and earth science

17. King of Kings, Cedar Rapids--Disaster Relief Project--\$7,500

Where it will be used: In many states throughout the U.S. where natural disasters occur

Why needed: The disaster team will go to an assigned area and remove debris and trees and restore damaged homes by cleaning up a flooded basement, putting up dry-wall, roofing, repairing fencing and flooring and painting.

What it will provide: After 6 years of use in disaster relief and for safety reasons, the trailer and equipment need repair and/or replacement. To be efficient in assistance, the team needs to be restocked with safe equipment and supplies. This mission grant will help fulfill this goal, so our team may continue to be Christ's hands and feet in these areas, and share God's love to people affected by disasters.

18. Mission Central--Serving the Lord in Latvia-Rev. Samuel Bobby--\$7,500

Where it will be used: Riga, Latvia for general support of the LCMS missionary Rev Samuel Bobby and his family

Why needed: LCMS missionaries must seek their own funding. It is a privilege for LWML Districts to help support our foreign serving missionaries and their families. Also, the need for local pastors is crucial to bringing the Word of God back to the formerly communist countries of Eastern Europe.

What it will provide: General support, such as housing, utilities, transportation and salary, for Rev. Samuel Bobby and his family while he teaches at the Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.

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19. Lutherans For Life--Volunteer Relations--\$7,500

Where it will be used: LCMS churches and their life ministry groups will use the playbooks in their equipping efforts in their churches and communities to teach what God's Word says about the sanctity of life and to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Why needed: The world promotes a culture of death that challenges God's Word regarding the sanctity of life, e.g., abortion, physician assisted suicide, human trafficking, gender ideologies, etc. Our church life ministries need information and plans on how to equip their members and their neighbors to overcome these life-threatening ideologies.

What it will provide: The grant will provide a means to equip congregants to be Gospel-motivated voices for life through the development of Frontline Playbooks. These playbooks will contain comprehensive strategies and proven resources for pastors and life ministry teams to share the sanctity of human life and how God's Word applies. This will provide needed materials in both digital and video format.

20. Wartburg Walther League--Reaching Today's College Students--\$2,500

Where it will be used: St. John Lutheran Church and Wartburg College in Waverly, IA

Why needed: Lutheran (Christian) college students need spiritual and material support during their college years to maintain, strengthen, protect, and defend their faith. College students also need a support network of peers and adults who share their Christian beliefs.

What it will provide: The grant will provide funding for a speaker to give a presentation relevant to college-aged youth, their faith and experiences. This event will be open to the entire Wartburg and Waverly community and neighboring LCMS Circuit congregations. The funding will provide honorarium, travel and lodging expenses for the speaker, food for the event, and event promotion. Remaining funds will provide food for weekly Bible study gatherings, end of year and beginning of year events, promotions and advertising, and possibly assist students to attend an LCMS-U conference.

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Mission Grant Selection Tally

Voted Grant #	# of Votes	Original Grant #	Grant Name for 2024-2026 Biennium	Amount Requested
		1.	Lutheran Family Service--Preventing Burnout in Lutheran School Teachers with Christ-centered Counseling Resources	\$7,500.00
		2.	College Hill Conservatory --Raising Up Future Church Musicians	\$2,000.00
		3.	LCMS Office of Pastoral Education--Set Apart to Serve: Second-Career Phase	\$5,000.00
		4.	LCMS Office of National Mission--Proclaim the Gospel – Serve in Mercy	\$5,000.00
		5.	Concordia University Seward--Acts 1:8 Students in Mission	\$7,500.00
		6.	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis--Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide	\$5,000.00
		7.	Word of Hope--Suicide Prevention for Post-Abortive Women	\$5,000.00
		8.	Eastside Mission – Van repair request	\$7,500.00
		9.	LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM)--Walking Together in Mission Field-Alliance Missionaries	\$5,000.00
		10.	POBLO--Unequally Yoked Workshop Training	\$3,600.00
		11.	Lutheran Braille Workers--Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prison	\$5,000.00
		12.	LCMS Office of International Mission--Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$6,500.00
		13.	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch--Nutrition Center Transformation	\$3,000.00
		14.	MOST Ministries--LWML Iowa East District Short-term Mission Trip for Members of the LCMS Iowa District East	\$7,500.00
		15.	Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)--Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Two by Two	\$5,000.00
		16.	Community Lutheran, Readlyn, IA--School Science Grant	\$6,000.00
		17.	King of Kings, Cedar Rapids--Disaster Relief Project	\$7,500.00
		18.	Mission Central--Serving the Lord in Latvia- Rev. Samuel Bobby	\$7,500.00
		19.	Lutherans For Life--Volunteer Relations	\$7,500.00
		20.	Wartburg Walther League--Reaching Today's College Students	\$2,500.00
			Grand Total of Grants for 2024-2026 Biennium	\$111,100.00



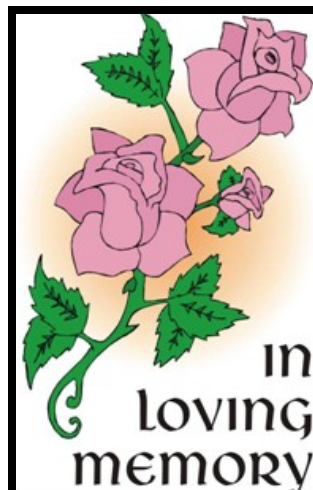
PRAISE LIGHT MEMORIALS

<u>Memorial For:</u>	<u>Honored By:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Marilyn Wichman	St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid, Homestead	\$20
Doris Kruckenberg	Trinity LWML, Tipton	\$20
Euretha Koch	Faith Lutheran Church LWML, Mt. Pleasant	\$20
Lucy Ford	Faith Lutheran Church LWML, Mt. Pleasant	\$20
Karen Spenner	Faith Lutheran Church LWML, Mt. Pleasant	\$20
Florence Wesley	Faith Lutheran Church LWML, Mt. Pleasant	\$20
Verda Fenton	Faith Lutheran Church LWML, Mt. Pleasant	\$20
Doris Noller	Our Savior LWML, Muscatine	\$20
Susan Bishop	Our Savior LWML, Muscatine	\$20
Karen Schaub	Our Savior LWML, Muscatine	\$20
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Gifts From The Heart Dedication

(based on *We Give Thee But Thine Own*)

All sing:

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be; All that
We have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O
Lord, from Thee. *LSB* 781, verse 1**

Leader:

Everything we have is from You, dear Lord. You provide for all the needs of all creation. As You have blessed us, may we be a blessing to others, especially those in need.

All sing:

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou bless-est us,
To Thee our first-fruits give! *LSB* 781, verse 2**

Leader:

We bring before You these Gifts From the Heart. Bless them and bless those who will receive them, Community Lutheran School (Klinger/Readlyn), Lutheran Interparish School (Williamsburg), and Swaddling Clothes (Marengo), that Your kingdom may come and Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All sing:

**And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee. Amen. *LSB* 781, verse 6**

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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2024 IED CONVENTION THEME SONG

Shout it Out, Praise the Lord!

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Joyfully, with confidence

Jean Hilbert

Refrain

Shout it out, praise the Lord! Shout it out, praise the Lord! Shout it

last time end

out, raise your voices to all lands, near and far!

We be - lieve that God the Fa - ther, cre - a - tor of all
 We be - lieve that that Christ Je - sus, a - tone - ment for our
 We be - lieve that we are bless - ed as who gives us un - i -

things; sent His one and on - ly Son down to earth.
 sins; hung up - on the cross on dark Cal - va - ry.
 ty; has been sent to the bring us com - fort and peace.
 God; by the gift of grace so free - ly be - stowed.

To be born of a vir - gin and walk a - mong
 Though He lived as a hu - man and suf - fered and
 He is our in - ter - cess - or in our dai - ly
 That by faith in One True God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it,

To Refrain

man, teach - ing is all of God's In - fi - nite plan.
 died; He is one with the Fa - ther, True God! Shout it
 prayer, and He are freed from the Fa - ther, and the Son.
 Son; we are freed from the bonds of death and sin.

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CONVENTION SONGS

Lutheran Women, One And All

Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.

Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.

Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

*Tune: 892 LSB, 495 LW, 574 TLH Elmer A. Kettner
Lutheran Women's Missionary League, www.lwml.org*

Serve The Lord With Gladness

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

*Tune: 662 LSB, 518 LW, 658 TLH Prof. Ernest Lewerenz
Lutheran Women's Missionary League, www.lwml.org*

All Glory Be To God On High

All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessings!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son,
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one

With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to you on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might
Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon the tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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For the Fruits of His Creation

For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

*LSB 894
Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
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From All That Dwell Below The Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn 380, LSB 816
Text: Thomas Ken (stz 3) & Isaac Watts (stz 1-2)
Tune: Old 100th; Harmonizer: Louis Bourgeois*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health
and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw
near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-
drously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sus-
taining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has
been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fear-
fully, wondrously made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heed-
lessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you.

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Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all this is in us adore
him!
All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

*LSB 790
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To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath
done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His
Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath
done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
(Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He
hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

*Text: Fanny Crosby (1875)
Christian Worship Hymnal: #627
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With Joy We Come Together

With joy we come together,
Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings
Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given
Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up
Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women,
Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service,
Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand,
We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported,
We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided,
We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You,
Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue
In reaching everyone.

Lord, with Your love and guidance,
We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us,
We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness
So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship
Together face to face.

*Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Stevensville, Montana
Tune: LSB 527, TLH 352, LW 282
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*Sing It Out
and Praise The Lord!!!*

42nd Biennial Convention of the LWML Iowa East District

THANK YOU!

- To Our Lord ~ as we Shout Out and Praise His Name!!
- Rev. Tanner Post, Westgate Zone Counselor
- Rev. James Preus, Williamsburg Zone Counselor
- Karen Boehme, Convention Song Leader
- Jean Hilbert, Convention Pianist
- Karen Morrison, Keynote Speaker
- Erin Alter, Banquet Speaker
- Members of the Williamsburg and Westgate Zones for hosting this convention and making everyone feel welcome
- Carol Meyer & Nancy Maurer for serving as Co-M's
- Jean Grewe, M & M clothing designer
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- Heather Arp, Creator of the Convention Logo Art Design
- Brianna Dellamuth, Convention Logo Graphic Design
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- Annette Raebel, Loretta Wuerdeman, & Helen Huedepohl for compiling & proofing the Convention Book
- Print Express for printing the Convention Book
- Staff of The Radisson Hotel for their hospitality
- Members of the LWML IED Board of Directors for the gift of time and service
- And a special thanks to each of you attending this convention! Your donation of time and talent has graced our time together. We sing God's praises for being able to Shout It Out and Praise the Lord!



2024 LWML IED FALL RETREAT

September 13th-14th (Friday-Saturday) at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

**Based on the theme of
*On God rests my salvation and my glory (Psalm 62:7).***

Hosted by Eldora Zone

Meals Provided: Friday's supper, Saturday's breakfast & lunch

Overnight Accommodations: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca lodging

**Ingathering: Include items for Orphan Grain Train (OGT)
and for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Friday -- 3 PM Registration, Servant Events, Prayer Walk

5:30-9 PM Devotions, Evening Activity, Bonfire

Saturday – 8 AM Registration

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Speakers, Bible Study,

Hymn Bingo, and Devotions

We hope to have VBS for children 3 years to 6th grade. [Please watch for further information, along with the registration form, that will be provided in a special *Alive* issue coming soon!]

**If you need more information before the special *Alive* issue is released,
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41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
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Lutheran Women in Mission invites you to the

41st Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 26–Sunday, June 29, 2025
in Omaha, Nebraska

Convention Theme:
Growing in God's Grace

Scripture Verse:
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18)

Convention Goal Statement:
Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.

2025 Convention Objectives:
Each convention attendee will be:

- ▶ Inspired to dig deeper in God's Word.
- ▶ Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm.
- ▶ Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy.

Convention Logo Explanation:
The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention logo features green leaves sprouting up and revealing the Lutheran Women in Mission icon to signify Growing in God's Grace. It is based on the convention verse, 2 Peter 3:18 — *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

A fresh, bright green color is used for the leaves and the word "grace" to indicate new growth and to connect it with God's grace. Including the Lutheran Women in Mission icon links the logo with our organization and the convention goal "Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory."