

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Adopted LWML Executive Committee
October 1988

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

LWML Objects: Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service

Motto: 'Serve the Lord with gladness'

Psalm 100:2

Colors: Purple and gold



Seal:

Designed by Mrs. Quin Dennis of Huron, South Dakota, the emblem was selected at the 1947 Chicago convention.

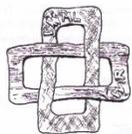


Logo: Adopted at the 1991 convention in Cleveland, OH



Logo: Adopted at the 2017 convention in Albuquerque, NM. A **heart** to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a **drop** to symbolize the blood of Christ and tear of compassion;

and a **cross** above all else to proudly show purpose behind the efforts of the LWML.



Young Women Representative Pin

The double links represent LWML women of all ages who are joyfully united in spirit and purpose. While each member is different, in Christ all are linked together, complementing one another's gifts, talents, and strengths.

Adopted June 1997



Heart 2 Heart Sisters

"Oneness in Christ is strengthened through

intentionally teaming with our LCMS sisters of varied ethnic, cultural, generational and organization backgrounds. (*Assembly of Leaders, 2008*)



Official Membership Pin

The LWML official membership pin is composed of interlocking elements representing the past, present, and future. The

different textures on each of the interlocking elements symbolize the diverse cultures of the women of LWML. The triangle, representing the Triune God above, connects with the circles which stand for the world and eternity. The point where all intersect is marked with the cross, Christ, as the center of our lives.

Adopted July 2001

THE LEAGUE 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 the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Rev Harry Fricke

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.

Music: Public Domain Tune: **LSB 892**
 Elmer A Kettner

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.

Refrain:

*Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
 'Serve the Lord with gladness!' Glorify His name!*

'Serve the Lord with gladness!'
 us He gave 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. *Refrain*

'Serve the Lord with Gladness!'
 Is there greater joy
 Than to serve the Master,
 deigning to employ
 Us to build His kingdom?
 Angels, too, rejoice
 over every sinner
 brought to heed His voice. *Refrain*

Music: Public Domain Tune LSB 662
Prof Ernest Lewerenz

"Praise, Love, Serve" (Based on LWML Pledge)

Our God and Father, made the earth,
 And when we went astray,
 Our God, the Son, descended here
 To take our sins away.
 With His own blood He bought us. He
 broke the bonds of sin.
 Then God the Spirit came into Our
 hearts to dwell within.

In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To
 Him with all we have.
 Our hands will work; our voices sing;
 Our lips proclaim His love.
 His errands we'll do gladly;
 His Gospel we'll defend;
 Our silver and our gold we'll use —
 His Kingdom to extend.

Wherever He has need of us,
 We will His call obey.
 Whenever He calls out to us,
 We'll answer right away.
 His will is ours that lost souls
 Will turn away from sin
 And come to have eternal life
 Through fellowship with Him.

Pledge: Rev. Harry Fricke, 1955
 Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem,
 (Lutheran Service Book 361)

The MITE BOX



Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the mite box is intended for regular contributions of 'mites' – offerings above and beyond the support given to congregation and the LCMS. Mite box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML programs.

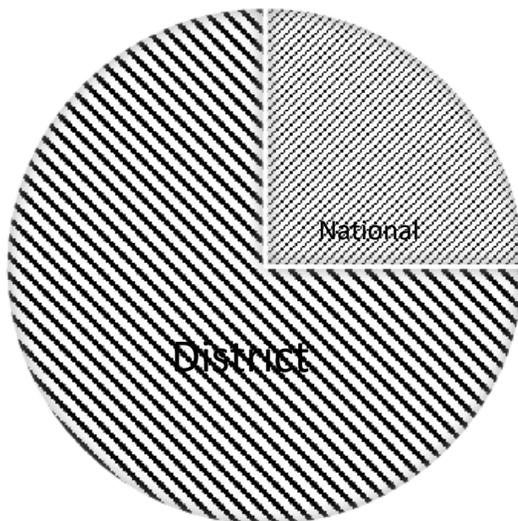
Mite boxes are available from the district, zone or LWML office for distribution to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation.

Women should be encouraged to keep mite boxes in a prominent place and contribute to them regularly.

Mite box offerings are gathered at meetings, preferable with prayer or devotions, such as those found on following pages.

Local groups submit mite box offerings to the **district financial secretary** along with the mite remittance form.

MITE DISTRIBUTION



25% - National Grants & Administration

75% - District Grants, administration & *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions

Little Gifts of Love

Leader: Dear Sisters in Christ,

Love is quite a special word in a Christian's life. Not only can we define it as a feeling – but also as giving and actions towards one another. This giving is not based on “have to” but rather on “want to”.

When we look at our God we see Him as a kind, merciful, ever-giving God. A God full of love for us as His children. Even though we don't deserve it, He has richly blessed us and keeps on showing His love to us in many ways.

Tonight (today) as we gather our mites we have an opportunity to share some of God's love and blessings that He has given us, so that His love may shine on someone else and they too will come to know God and His love.

Come now, sisters in Christ, bring your mites forward, praising God for His many blessings.

(All come forward, place their mites in the offering plate, and return to their seats.)

Group: Heavenly Father, we come now bringing our mites and thanking you for the many blessings we have received though not deserved. Please bless these little gifts of our love and send them on their way to those people and places that are hungry for your love and salvation. Keep us ever mindful of the love you have for us and for all whom you have created.

Leader: For our failure to show love to our fellowman, let us pray:

Group: Dear Lord, we come asking your forgiveness when we fail to love each other. For the times we hold grudges, gossip, or ignore our brothers and sisters, we ask to be forgiven. Please send your Holy Spirit to give us the power to withstand the temptations of this world. Bring us ever closer to you and your will for our lives.

Leader: Let us pray for the continuation of service by us and our mites.

Group: Jesus, we come asking you to bless our efforts as we continue to gather our mites so that they may work where and when we ourselves cannot. Be with us and guide us through our lives, keeping us in your care. Grant us a strong desire to work for you and your kingdom, so that “Serve the Lord with Gladness” truly becomes our everyday motto. In Your name we pray. Amen

(Note: This dedication would work well in both a chapel/church or home setting. For a home, place the offering plate/basket in the middle of the group, form a circle, and one by one offer mites while praying. For a church, bring mites together to the altar while continuing with the petitions.)

Overflowing Love, A Mite Box Devotional Resource

LWML 1995

GOD'S FISHERMEN

Speaker 1: Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold.

Tell me, why should we be involved in giving mites?

Speaker 2: The Bible answers us in the words of a fisherman:

“But because you say so, I will let down the nets. When they had done so they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.” (Luke 5:5b-6 NIV)

Speaker 3: The LWML organization is a network of women working together. Saving souls is God's miracle but we are all tugging together at that net to bring in the lost. With each individual gathering mites and working through the National, District, Zone and Society levels of the LWML we become part of that network to bring other to the Savior.

Sing: (Tune: *I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus*, LSB 729)

**Peter and his brother Andrew fishing in the lake
Heard the voice of Jesus calling, loud He spake.**

**“Come with Me and be together, come and I will teach.
How to bring the ones that touch you to My reach.”**

**Think of how our mites are helping all who must be caught
This will be the chance to practice what He taught.**

Speaker 2: Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of working together to bring others to You through our mites. Bless our giving. In Jesus' name. Amen

Overflowing Love

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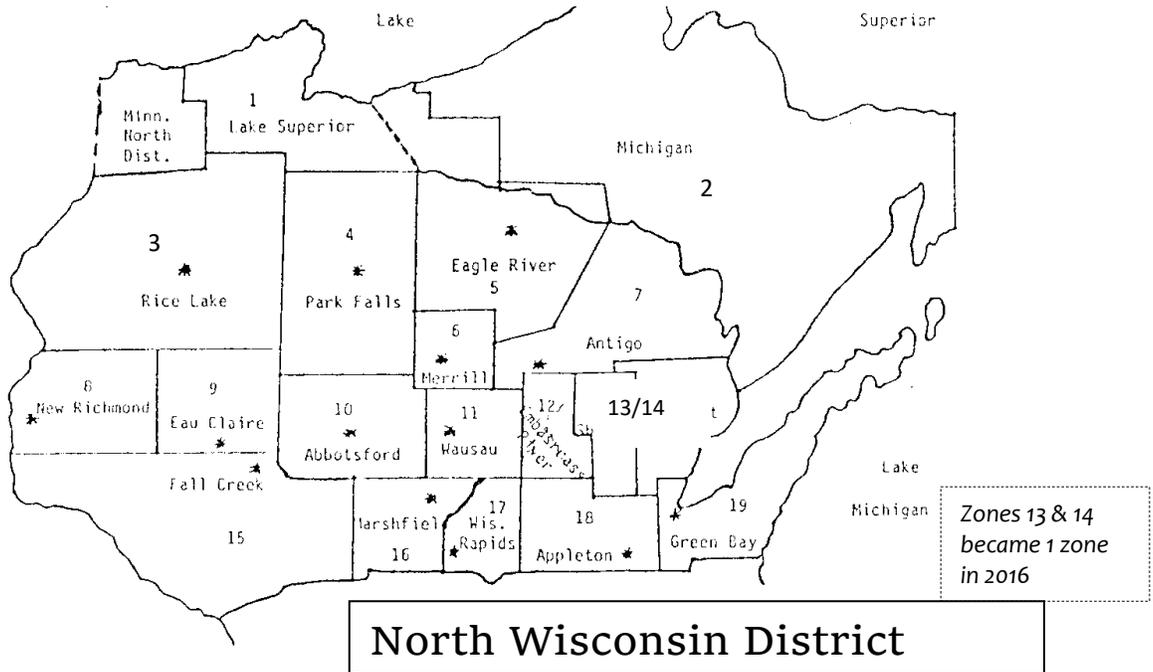
MAP OF LWML DISTRICTS



English & SELC are non-geographic districts. The districts where congregations are located offer fellowship and support:

English	SELC
Calif/Nev/Hawaii	Missouri
Pacific SW	Northern Illinois
Missouri	South Wisconsin
Florida	Indiana
Indiana	Ohio
Ohio	Pennsylvania
Michigan	New Jersey
Eastern	Virginia
New Jersey	Florida
South Wisconsin	Maine (New England)
Northern Illinois	Connecticut (New England)
Minnesota North	

National convention sites are rotated on a regional basis among the western, southern, eastern, and northern sections of the country.



North Wisconsin District

Installation of Officers [1]

Installing Pastor or Officer: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

You have been called into the service of our Lord through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The women of this organization have honored you by placing their trust and confidence in your abilities as Christian leaders. You in turn will honor our Lord by performing your duties to the best of your ability. In all our tasks we look to God for guidance in His Word.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others."

"May you be strengthened with all power according to His glorious might for all endurance and patience with joy."

"Put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

In the presence of God and of your fellow members do you, (name) as president, (name) as vice-president, (name) as secretary, (etc.) accept the office to which you have been elected, and will you faithfully fulfill the required duties as God give you grace, strength, and wisdom to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the LWML? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Response: Yes, with the help of God.

Installant (to membership): Dear sisters in Christ, having heard God's Word and the promise of your officers, do you intend to encourage, help, and respect your elected leaders? Do you intend to rededicate yourselves to being living members of this organization? If so, then answer, "We do."

Members: We do.

Installant: May God bless you, elected officers and members, with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful stewards of Christ our Lord.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, grant us, Your servants, every spiritual gift necessary to complete our tasks in harmony with Your plans for us and for this organization. Lead us to discover our greatest potential as well as our limitations. Help us accept the humanity of one another. Most of all, instill in all of us daily dependence on You, our loving Father. Amen.

The God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Installation of District Officers [2]

Pastor asks the newly elected officers to come forward, join hands and form a small circle. Then he calls for the outgoing and remaining officers to join hands and form a larger circle around the newly elected officers.

Pastor (speaking to the newly elected officers): Dear sisters in Christ Jesus, the Lord has called you for special service in His kingdom through your work with the _____ District LWML. By coming forward, you have demonstrated your willingness to assume the duties of your respective offices. I now ask you, are you aware of the responsibilities of your position and are you willing to pledge yourselves to perform the tasks set before you? And whatever you do for the District LWML, will you do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father? If so then answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

Newly elected officers: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Having stated your intentions to perform the tasks required of your, “...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of (you) grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.” (*Ephesians 4:1-7 NIV*)

Pastor: Now will you step back and join the circle of sisters who have served before you, some of whom will remain to share in your work for LWML and others who will leave this circle to serve the Lord in other capacities.

Pastor: Dear Sisters, you stand on holy ground before the Lord. You have been or will be serving Him in the _____ District LWML. We thank those of you who will be leaving this special circle for all that you have done to further God’s kingdom within the District. Our prayers will continue to go with you in whatever direction the Lord leads you.

Pastor: (As he calls each of the outgoing officers by name, she steps back and the gap in the circle is closed. When the outgoing officers stand outside the circle, the Pastor continues with a blessing for them.) Our love and thanks to all of you in Christ Jesus. Go in peace to serve the Lord. Amen. (*After the blessing, the outgoing officers return to their seats.*)

Pastor: Now we have a different circle of friends and co-workers for God’s kingdom in the _____ District LWML. The circle has not been broken, but strengthened by our common love for Jesus and desire to share His story and His love. We do this in

service for Him and it becomes our unity of purpose. Remembering that He is always with us to guide us, our circle will become stronger knowing that Christ is its center.

Pastor (speaking to the convention body): Dear sisters in Christ, having heard the promises of your duly elected officers to serve with the help of God, do you intend to hold them in high regard and encourage them in their service? Will you lift up your officers in prayer, offering them your love, cooperation and assistance? Will you let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace to serve the Lord? If so, then answer, "We will."

Convention Delegates and Guests: We will.

Pastor (speaking to the assembly): Having given your pledge to love, respect, and pray for your leaders, now please join hands for prayer.

Pastor: Holy Father, you have given different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; different kinds of service, but the same Lord. We thank you for calling each of us to be a vital part of the body of Christ. Help us to work together in love and eagerly search out ways to share Your love with a world that is lost. Now in fervent gratitude for Your dying love and blood-bought gift of redemption, we renew our dedication to You, by pledging;

Our willing service wherever and whenever You have need of us.

Our hands to work for Your kingdom;

Our feet to go on Your errands,

Our voices to sing Your praises,

Our lips to proclaim Your redeeming love,

Our mites to extend Your kingdom,

Our will to do Your will,

Our service to bring the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with you.

Pastor (speaking to the newly elected officers): May the grace of God be with you as you serve the Lord with gladness. Amen. Amen.