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*Affirming each
woman in her
relationship with
the Lord and
enabling her to be in
ministry to the people
of the world.*

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Looking to Future Generations



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR
DEBORAH YOUNG
GREEN BAY, WI

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

When I first learned of Esther Karolus, I discovered she had been a pediatric nurse, that she loved children, loved the LWML and attending conventions, but most of all she loved the Lord. She had been a humble woman who praised Christ and what He had done for her and allowed Him to use her as an instrument to share that love with others. Esther passed away 20 years ago, but the love for the Lord that she passed down through the generations lives on today. At the time of her husband's death, Esther sat down with a gift planning counselor and an attorney. She wanted to be a wise steward of her resources and discovered that

a charitable remainder unitrust could allow her children to receive income over a 20 year period and at the end of that time several charities could receive a sizable gift. The Esther Karolus Charitable Remainder Unitrust matured this year and our district was blessed to be a recipient. I am in awe of God's timing once again. With mite donations down approximately 45% due to the pandemic and its domino effect, there is concern the financial needs of our grant recipients will be in jeopardy. But let's not forget who is in charge. Reverend David Karolus, Peace Lutheran, Antigo, was influenced

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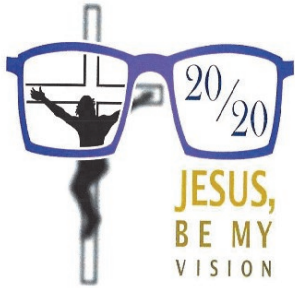


Lynn and Esther Karolus at the 1985 21st Biennial LWML Convention. The theme was "Give God Glory - Praise His Name!" Her daughter-in-law commented, "The theme certainly fits

this gift from mom, she truly would be so grateful that the money was given for such wonderful ministries to grow and strengthen God's Kingdom."

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North Wisconsin District LWML

Mission Grants 2020-2022

\$110,000 Goal

North Wisconsin District Professional Church Workers	
Student Grants	1/2 PAID \$25,000
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Bank	\$10,000
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for Future Generations - Camp Luther	PAID \$20,000
Introducing Muslims to the Savior – Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$7,500
Support for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, International Graduate School Students	\$10,000
Sharing the Joy of Jesus in Prague, Brno and the Czech Republic through Mobile app	\$12,000
Lutheran Bible Translators-Derricks Translation and Office Building Support	\$5,000
MOST Ministries Eyeglass & Evangelism Ministries	\$10,000
Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, Mosinee, Tuition Assistance	\$5,000
Victory Lutheran Mission of Hope, Gwinn, MI,	Partial \$4,782.61
Life Recovery Bibles Marathon County Jail Ministry	Partial \$717.39

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON EACH PROJECT, VISIT NWDLWML.ORG



Looking to Future Generations (continued)

by his mother's love for the Lord. "My mother was very active in our home congregation, Grace Lutheran in Augusta. She made sure each day began with devotions and she was always collecting mites in her mite box." His mission, ***Let the Little Children Come to Me***, is growing, having more than doubled in size in the last six years. The Lutheran school started a childcare ministry as a way to reach out to the young families in the community who often are unaffiliated with a church. Now both childcare and school are out of room. A building expansion would provide rooms for infant care up to five-year-old kindergarten, before and after school care, a secure entrance, and a new administrative hub for the church, school, and childcare. Groundbreaking is set for Sunday, September 27. The Executive Board voted to



provide them with \$10,000 to help with this expansion project. "We are so thankful for the support of the LWML! My mother would be so pleased to see her gift being used to help children," commented Pastor Karolus.

Shelly Karolus, Director of Donor Relations for Camp Luther and the wife of Pastor Karolus, also fell under the influence of Esther. "Esther became one of my dearest friends and her love for Jesus showed in her daily life. Our conversations usually were about her grandchildren,



what was happening at our churches, what the LWML ladies were doing in the different zones, along with many words of encouragement to a tired mom with four busy children. She was definitely a bold speaker of God's

salvation for everyone." Her mission, ***Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for Future Generations***, impacts more than 6,000 visitors to Camp Luther annually. The ministry has shared the gospel of Christ for over 73 years in a facility that was over 100 years old. As it could not meet the growing needs of the ministry, a new community center was built this past year to serve and uplift others through prayer,



fellowship, and equipping them to share the love of Christ through the generations. The Executive Board voted to pay this grant of \$20,000, selected by our delegates at convention, with \$10,000 coming from the unitrust and \$10,000 from our mite offerings.

Shelly shared one of her favorite memories. When Esther would greet her grandchildren with a hug, she'd say, "I love you so much but Jesus loves you even more!" Shelly comments, "What better legacy to leave behind, the knowledge of the love He has for you and the eternal life one receives from Jesus Christ as their Savior."

As I write this, tears of joy threaten to fall. I think of this humble woman and the lives she continues to impact. And I think of the Esthers in my life, the quiet women who live—or lived—a life devoted to God and shared that love with me. Who are the Esthers in your life?

In His service,
Deborah Young
Mission Grants Director

Staying on Course



NWI DISTRICT PRESIDENT
BECKY HALTAUFDERHEID
ALGOMA, WI

Are you tired of COVID-19? Are you ready for everything to be back to normal? What will normal look like? How can we stay focused and fired up when most of our LWML functions have been canceled this past year?

"Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the

LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!" Psalm 119:1-3.

Let me help you stay focused on the work of the LWML. First and foremost, we start out by being focused on God's Word every day and encourage each other to do the same. Perhaps you call LWML sisters and check in on them, have a devotion together, pray together or conduct a Bible study by FaceTime. With the use of technology, nothing can stop us from sharing God's Word and the love of Jesus with each other. Even though this pandemic is separating us from each other, it will never separate us from the love of Jesus, nor will it stop us from sharing the love of Jesus with others through our mite offerings. Every time you put a coin or dollar bill in your mite box, you are doing the mission work of the LWML. God is in control and He will guide us through this pandemic and beyond. You will be able to stay on course!

This fall, some of you are holding fall rallies and some have been canceled. Your zone president will need to conduct business that normally occurs at fall rallies. Each zone will be asked to select a delegate and two alternates to represent our district at the convention in Lexington. The delegate expenses are paid for by the district. Transportation reimbursement is \$300 based on the cost of the 6-day bus transportation. All delegate convention registration and meals are reimbursed. Housing in Lexington is reimbursed based on two

persons per room. The delegate and alternate information will need to be submitted to me by December 31.

Are you creative? Would you be willing to submit a banner design to represent North Wisconsin District in Lexington? The Executive Board will be choosing the banner design at the February board meeting. You do not need to make the banner, just simply submit a design based on the theme of this convention, "Running the Race, Looking to Jesus." This banner design should be submitted by December 31 to be considered at the February board meeting.



Are you considering attending the convention in Lexington? Check out the bus information submitted by Sue Neider, Meeting Manager. If you have never attended a national convention, this is your opportunity to ride the bus to the convention. You will have so much fun on the bus ride to the convention and back. There are daily devotions, stories, new reports of activities on the bus, etc. You will never be bored riding a bus with LWMLers!

Lexington is the horse capital of the world! The convention will be held at the Rupp Arena and Convention Center located in downtown Lexington. I have heard Dina Vendetti will return as the music leader and Jan Struck will be returning as the humorist interrupter. These two together will be a class act of their own. You won't want to miss their interactions! More information on the convention will be released on the LWML website (www.lwml.org) in the near future.

October is LWML month and we remember LWML by celebrating with a special Sunday service. Normally it is the first Sunday in October, but you can celebrate LWML on any Sunday. This year's theme is "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit" written by Rev. Larry Krueger. Visit the



Staying on Course (continued)

LWML website under the news link and you will be able to find most of the information you will need for your celebration service.

Please continue to send in your mite offerings. National Mite offerings are down 45% due to this pandemic and cancellations of many LWML conventions and events across the US in which mite offerings would have been gathered. However, I am pleased to announce that their September to Remember campaign brought in \$90,726.48, which is the highest ever raised on a Giving Tuesday. Praise God for our faithful donors. Our district mite offerings are going strong despite the cancellation of LWML rallies, two retreats, and our district convention. Thank you for being so faithful. With your generosity, we were able to pay half of the **NWD Professional Church Workers Grant** for \$12,500 and we paid \$10,000 to Camp Luther for the **Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for Future Generations**.

This July, NWD LWML received a gift from the trust account of Esther Karolus. She was a mission-minded, faithful LWML member from Eau Claire. Through her gift-planning with the



LCMS Foundation, her unitrust time had expired and the remainder was distributed to her charities. At the September board meeting, it was approved to send \$10,000 to national mite offerings, \$10,000 to Peace

Lutheran Church in Antigo for their building expansion, where her son, Rev. Dave Karolus is Senior Pastor. Another \$10,000 was sent to Camp Luther to fulfill the remainder of the **Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for Future Generations**. This grant was submitted by Shelly Karolus, Esther's daughter-in-law. I'm sure Esther would be happy to know her gift was used for missions here and abroad. The remainder of her gift was placed in Gifts and Bequests to be used at a later date.

I am praying with you that COVID-19 is beginning to be controlled and we as a nation can get back to some sort of normalcy. I pray along with you for peace for this nation during this time of great racial unrest. May God move the hearts of many to see the love that Jesus offers, so that healing amongst people can begin and we see our fellow neighbors as children of our heavenly Father. May God continue to bless the work of the LWML in our district and beyond so that others may hear and know of the love of Jesus for them.

Serving the Lord with gladness despite this pandemic.

Becky Haltaufderheid
NWD President



I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, cards, email messages, texts and many prayers as I journey through pancreatic cancer. I am humbled by the outpouring of support since my diagnosis the end of July. The color of pancreatic cancer is purple. As you wear your LWML attire, I have another reason and thank you for your purple attire!

I started chemotherapy that will continue for about 4-6 months. I will be facing a Whipple surgery in which part of the pancreas and other organs are partially removed and reconstructed. I appreciate your continued prayers for Todd and me as we continue on this journey to healing. We know God is in control and we simply trust Him and follow His plans for our future.

You are a blessing to many. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

With Sisterly love,
Becky Haltaufderheid

“...marvelous in our eyes”



PASTORAL COUNSELOR
REV. LARRY YAW
PULASKI, WI

“Jesus said, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’”
(Matthew 21:42).

Have you ever attempted to build anything? Maybe a birdhouse with your child or grandchild? How about a gingerbread house around Christmas time? Maybe you’ve played the game Jenga, where you have to pull one block of wood and restack it on top, hoping that things don’t topple over. I have to admit, I’m not very handy at building things. I like to try at building things, but most of my efforts fall short and usually do not look at all like they should. And it by no means looks marvelous. Sadly, the same can be said about our faith as well, it does not always look like it should.

LWML Sunday is scheduled to take place in October at many churches, under the theme of, *“Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit.”* But how often has our faith produced fruit? St. Paul tells us, that the fruit of the Spirit is, *“love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”* (Galatians 5:22-23). However, the problem is when we examine our hearts and lives we find that we are more often than not producing rotting fruit, fruit that is spoiled by sin. Love is replaced by anger, joy is given over to bitterness, and peace replaced with malice. Don’t just take my word for it, just review your own life in light of the feelings and things you have said or done over the last 6+ months with COVID and the response of those who wear or don’t wear a mask. How have your thoughts and words betrayed the fruits you should be bearing when you said or thought things against those running for political office, or the social unrest we see in cities throughout the USA. Yes, our hearts and lives do not show enough that we are Kingdom people, bearing Kingdom fruit. Far too often, we are earthly people bearing fruits of self-righteousness. And the reason for

this is because we have been building on the wrong foundation. You & I have been trying to build upon our own good works, our own thoughts, and our own desires.

But your Lord Jesus has come to give you a new foundation, but first has to destroy your foundation. So He gives us His law that destroys any hint of thinking we can build on our own. God’s law shows that our works-the fruit of our own doing-is rotting and worthless, which leads us to repentance – to seek a better way. And through Christ Jesus’ words of forgiveness, He cultivates our hearts and minds. Preparing to give us a firm and solid foundation, built on the cornerstone of His life, death, and resurrection.

With the Gospel of Christ firmly planted in our hearts and minds, our lives begin to produce the fruits of faith. A faith that looks and acts differently than the world, because it is Kingdom fruit. Its fruit that shows love to those whom the world hates, joy to those who are in despair, and peace in the midst of such unrest. Its fruit that is borne first and foremost from the Cross of Christ. For there in the cross we see what true love is, and we learn of the joy we have in knowing that all our rotting sins have been forgiven, and we learn of the eternal peace we have with God. And all that is done in faith, done with Christ at the center, will accomplish what God desires, for He declares *“my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it”* (Isaiah 55:11). What a blessing it is to know that it does not depend upon our skills or talents to build the Kingdom of God.

So, don’t worry if you aren’t great at building things, or if you struggle to produce fruit, instead trust in the Lord, knowing that He can use your poor building skills to accomplish His saving will, and it will be ***“marvelous in our eyes!”***

Jr. Pastoral Counselor
Pastor Larry R. Yaw
St. John Lutheran Church

Christian Life Activities

June 27 - Attended the NWD LWML Mini Convention at Peace Lutheran in Eau Claire.

****Presented our Christian Life Devotion "Is God in Your Vision?" - handed out prism glasses to all who attended.**

****Presented the 2021 National Convention skit.**

July 23 - Sue, Sharon and I met up at Faith Lutheran in Spooner.

****We divided up all the remaining prism glasses to be mailed out to all of the zone presidents to hand out at their next rally.**

****Discussed workshop agenda - meal planning and Christian growth ideas.**

July 28 - Contacted Rib Mountain Church in Wausau - (location of our workshop). As of right now, they are not allowing anyone to use their facilities due to Covid and want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

With a majority of the Fall rallies canceled, we recommend that zone presidents send the Jonah Bible study to all societies in their respective zones. The Bible study is available through the zone Christian Life leader or by contacting me.

The spring 2021 rallies will be doing the "For All the Faithful Women" Bible study written by Pastor Greg Becker. Pastor Reinders has

agreed to write a Bible study for 2021 fall rallies.

The Christian Life team has agreed to cancel the Christian Life Workshop this year.

We plan on hosting a half-workshop mid-May 2021.

This half workshop will cover Pastor Reinder's Bible study that he is currently preparing.

I will contact Rib Mountain Lutheran Church to discuss our options for this fall and next year.

At the May 2021 Board meeting the Christian Life team will meet with both counselors to discuss the topics for the Bible studies for the 2022 rallies. These Bible studies will be presented at the 2021 Christian Life workshop held in November.

Blessings,

NWDLWML Christian Life Team

Dawn Via

Sharon Makela

Sue Pfeil



CHRISTIAN LIFE
DAWN VIA
CLAYTON, WI



**National LWML Mission Goal
2019–2021 Biennium
\$2,100,000.00**

**Amount Received: \$ 1,418,968.37
Total Mites Still Needed: \$ 681,031.63**

As of August 31, 2020





Leadership Development

A leader? Me? No thanks! I'm really more of a follower than a leader. We often have doubts and fears about being in a leadership position. We either think we can't handle the responsibility or feel that we are not equipped for the task at hand. Isn't it great to know that we don't have to hold this responsibility all on our own? Our Savior, Jesus, will be there with us every step of the way.

What is a leader? Think of a leader as someone who leads another person. You might be leading your LWML society as its president or you might be leading your congregation on Sunday morning in worship as song leader. God calls each of us to serve Him, but also to lead others to Christ.

Do I have to be a leader? The simple answer is, "Yes," you need to lead. Even if you aren't the president of your society or the leader of the worship music team, you are still leading someone else. Maybe you don't even realize it. Are your children watching you? Then you are leading them. As Jesus says *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 19:14. Do you pick up your elderly neighbor for worship on Sunday? Then you are

leading them. 1 Timothy 5:16 says *"If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them."* In our care for others, we are leading them to Christ.

We pledged to "Serve the Lord with Gladness," but also "bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him." Let's think of it as "leading" the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Makes being a leader a lot less scary, doesn't it?

This biennium our committee will be looking at ways to help you "lead" those around you. You are a leader, even if you don't want to be. And remember, whether you have much responsibility as the leader of a large number of people or if you are in charge of just a few children, God has called you to this place to do His work.

God will bless you.

Leader Development
Lisa Glessing
Deb Grothman
Mary Scharenbrock

Donations to Date: \$ 90,726.48
Matching Gift: \$ 10,000.00
Grand Total: \$100,726.48



We've Rescheduled!

2021
Short-Term Mission Trip
August 2 - 5

To **Mission Central** – *Mapleton, Iowa*

Be inspired by Missionaries Gary Thies & Brent Smith as they share stories about how God uses our LCMS missionaries to proclaim the Good News that brings unbelievers to Christ.

To **Orphan Grain Train** - *Norfolk, Nebraska*

Orphan Grain Train 

Join hands in a servant event that will bring blessings and the love of Jesus to hurting people. Learn about the far-reaching ministry of **Orphan Grain Train** that spans continents as it channels volunteer projects like quilt making to people who need them.

To **Browns Dinner Theater**- *La Mars, Iowa*

The night before we return home, enjoy fellowship, fine food, and a musical show by The Browns.

Let's fill a bus! Save the dates and indicate your interest by contacting

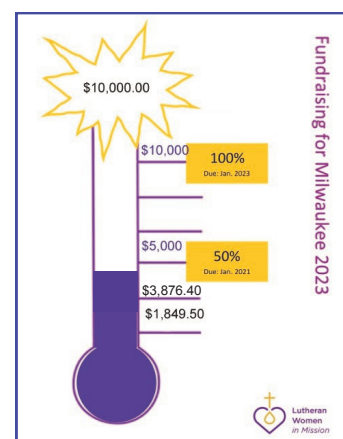
Lynne Johnson: 715-366-4642 or

Penny Selle: 920-987-5454

**2023 National Convention Funds
Raised as of
September 28, 2020**

\$3,876.40

Continue your fundraising efforts once



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
invites you to the
39th Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 24–Sunday, June 27, 2021
Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center • Lexington, Kentucky



Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Convention Goal

Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.

Convention Logo Explanation



The convention logo incorporates the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, and makes reference to the passage from Scripture, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate, as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture.



Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In our logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ.



The banner was a method of announcing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

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The wheels on the LWML bus go round and round . . . all the way to Lexington, Kentucky!

Tuesday, JUNE 22, or Wednesday, JUNE 23—MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021



The LWML North Wisconsin District bus will depart for the 2021 LWML Convention on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, from Wausau and other pick up points spending Wednesday at the Creation Museum and Ark . If there is enough interest we can have another bus leave Wednesday, June 23, for those who would like a shorter trip.

We will leave convention when it adjourns about Sunday noon and return on Monday, June 28, with both buses with a stop in Louisville on the way north and an overnight in Indianapolis. Cost is expected to be approximately \$395 per person, depending on number of passengers (\$300 for the 6 days).

For questions, contact District LWML Meeting Manager,
Sue Neider at hsneider1971@gmail.com or 715-889-6992.

Please fill out the registration form from this newsletter on page 12 or from the NWD LWML web site. A \$100 deposit will be needed by January 5, 2021.



Join us for fun and fellowship as we travel by bus to the LWML 37th Convention-June 22-28,2021

We will leave aboard the Lamers Bus Lines motor coach from points in our North Wisconsin District on Tuesday, June 22 (June 23 for those who want to go directly to the convention) and return Monday, June 28. The Tuesday departure allows us to stop at the Creation Museum and Ark and a possible riverboat cruise on the Ohio River Wednesday night. All this on top of the fun we have just riding the bus. LWMLers are fun traveling companions. And you don't have to be a woman to come with us. Men are welcome. Ask the six men that came with us two years ago!

We are charging \$395 for the 7-day bus trip to and from Lexington, 2 nights in motels (with breakfast?), and the shuttle bus to and from the convention each day, based on 35 people per bus. If we have more people registered, we can maybe have money for meals also. The 6-day bus trip to Lexington on Wednesday would be \$300 that includes the bus and one night in a motel. Registration for the Ark and Creation Museum, registration for the convention, lodging and meals, and motels at Lexington are separate costs. At this time, we are planning for two buses. Depending on the number of people who sign up. We are planning on placing two people in a motel room because of COVID-19.

The national convention committee is requesting approximate numbers traveling by bus for motel assignments by March 1st so **Please register by January 5, 2021, with a \$100 deposit made out to: NWD LWML (if you are a delegate you do not need to send any money but you do need to sign up for the bus or other transportation) with:**

**Sue Neider, Meeting Manager (715-889-6992), Email: hsneider1971@gmail.com,
Mailing address: 2687 Trump Lake Road, Wabeno, Wisconsin 54566**

I am interested in riding the Lamers Motor coach to the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky,
I prefer: _____ \$395 7-day tour with stops on the way to Lexington, OR
_____ \$300 6-day tour with one stop only on the way home

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # Both please cell _____ home _____

Email _____

How many in a room: (2) _____ (Let me know if you want more in a room)

Names of roommates: _____

Pick up points and additional stops will be made available as determined by location of participants. Deposits are transferable but not refundable but if we do not have enough people to charter a bus, all checks will be returned. Looking forward to being with you!



Carol von Soosten
LWML Gift Planning Counselor
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Gifts of Love Ministry

LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten serves in partnership with the LCMS Foundation.

Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. Let Carol help you put your wishes on paper to care for your family and impact ministry. LWML provides free, professional assistance you can trust. You will have joy and peace of mind knowing your instructions will be carried out.



Carol helps individuals and couples plan and direct their commitment to giving to family and all ministries of the church. In addition to working one-on-one with individuals and couples, Carol speaks at events, conventions, and retreats to help people discover how they can share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry through charitable planning.

Carol has 25 years of joyful service in various positions in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League including national Strategic Plan Facilitator, Public Relations Director, and Rocky Mountain District President. Carol went home hooked on LWML after her first convention as a Young Woman Representative. She was so uplifted and energized, she told complete strangers about her mountaintop experience.

Prior to coming to the LCMS Foundation to serve LWML last year, Carol previously served in several development positions in academic and non-profit settings including Washburn University and a Lutheran school foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and All Faiths Receiving Home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carol and her husband, Mark, live in southern Illinois where they worship at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Belleville, Illinois.

Carol's previous experience in leadership and development blends with her enthusiasm for all Lutheran Women in Mission. She eagerly looks forward to hearing from and serving Lutheran women and their families and welcomes the opportunity to talk with you individually, at a local group meeting, zone event, or district convention or retreat. Consider inviting her to be a workshop presenter, Bible study leader, or interest session speaker. You will have the confidence in knowing that you are working with an LCMS professional who serves our LWML with joy and a servant heart. (And she'll have an LWML hug ready and waiting.)

Gifts of Love is an official ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League providing free gift planning services to LWML women and their families.



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Ideas for Collecting Mites

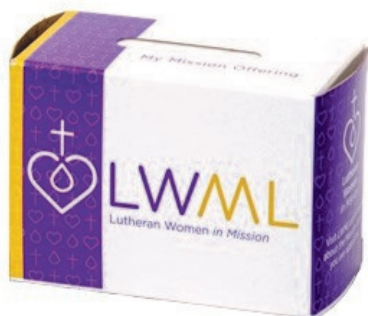
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- ✚ Put an explanation of the Mite Box, a list of the mission grants with explanations and prayers, and a Mite Box in the mailboxes of each church member a month before LWML Sunday.
- ✚ Once a month have the Pastor or LWML member provide the information about one of the LWML Mission Grants. Use the videos or pass out posters about the LWML Mission Grants.
- ✚ Provide an attractive display of the LWML Mission Grants and information about mites.
- ✚ Once a month, have the Pastor do a childrens message on one of the LWML mission grants. Give each child a copy of the grant with a picture to take home and pray for it. Provide children with their own Mite boxes.
- ✚ Have a once a month offering during the church service:

The women bring their mite offerings to deposit in a big Mite box in front of the altar, after the regular offering is taken.

Have a “Noisy Sunday” in which metal buckets are used to collect the mites. After the regular offering, this may be gathered by Lutheran Women in Mission, youth, or children in the church.

Run a contest between the men and women in the church to see who can collect more mites.



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Mission Tidings

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Mission Tidings

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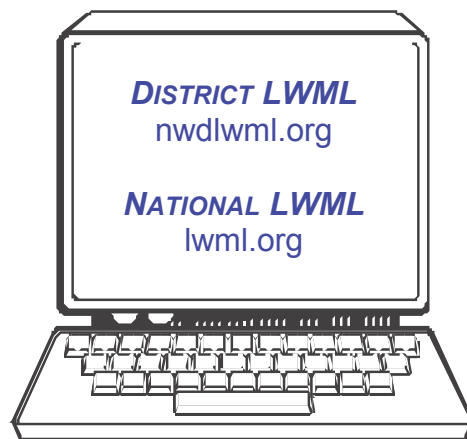
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