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

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# Mission Tidings

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## Do You Hear What I Hear?

*Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening" 1 Samuel 3:10.*

Those of you who attended the Fall Retreat at Camp Luther projected your voices beautifully while singing the doxology. Did those of you who weren't there hear us? We sang because God has provided us with funds to pay two and a half mission grants.



Orphan Grain Train-Wisconsin Branch was granted \$15,000 to help with shipping costs and to furnish needed supplies that were not donated. Concordia Theological Seminary Food

and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was granted \$10,000 to help provide goods for users to "purchase." And Labor of Love was granted \$10,000 to help defray the cost of education for theological students living in our district.



LWML NWD  
MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR  
DEBORAH YOUNG  
GREEN BAY, WI

As God's blessings abound, each of these missions will share the love of Jesus. Is it any wonder that we felt moved to sing the doxology? I thank the Lord that when He called out to our faithful mite givers, they responded, "Speak for your servant is listening."

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,*

**Deborah Young**  
Mission Grants Director

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## 2022 – 2024 Mission Grants

### LWML-NWD Goal: \$115,000



1. Orphan Grain Train - WI Branch  
\$15,000 **PAID**



2. NWD Professional Church  
Workers Student Grants\*  
\$25,000 1/2 **PAID**



3. Concordia Theological  
Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op,  
Fort Wayne, IN \$10,000 **PAID**



4. The Hannah Center, Inc.  
\$10,000



5. Developing Servant Leaders for Future  
Generations - Camp Luther  
\$20,000

6. "God Speaks in Our Language!" Lutheran  
Books for NWD Immigrants & Campus  
Ministries \$8,500



7. WI Valley Lutheran High School, Mosinee,  
Tuition Assistance \$5,000

8. Labor of Love\* \$20,000

1/2 **PAID**

9. Worker Wellness for Chaplain  
Families \$1,500



\*Indicates partial request for funds each year



# “I was glad when they said to me...”



LWML NWD  
PASTORAL COUNSELOR  
REV. BRIAN LIERMANN  
MINOCQUA, WI

**G**reetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord”*  
Psalm 122:1.

This is a line from Scripture that should be familiar to us all; it comes up from time to time in worship. As familiar as

this line is I ask the question, what does it mean to you? How glad are you to come to the house of the Lord?

When we think of being glad and going somewhere, what comes to mind? Perhaps it is going to visit family that makes you glad.

Perhaps it is going out to eat. Perhaps it is going on a trip and seeing new things. Those feelings of gladness are the same feelings we should be having when we come to the house of the Lord.

Perhaps you might think it is hard to be glad to come to church every week. After all, going to church so often can make us think it is just a routine thing that we have to get out of the way each week. If you are just going

through the motions of church, I admit, that feeling is natural. It is why you are invited and encouraged, not to just go through the routine of church, saying words without thinking, but actively engage in worship.

There is so much to be glad over in worship. When we take stock of who we are, sinful people with nothing to offer the Lord, we can see that we don't deserve to come into the Lord's presence. Yet God, through grace, invites us into His presence through His Son. God invites us in not to condemn us, but to wash away our sins and lift us up off our knees. We are bathed in the waters of Holy Baptism, we are clothed in Christ's righteousness with robes washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are then fed at the table laid out before us.

Where else can we find such love and care for the undeserving? No where else other than in church. It is why we are glad to come to the house of the Lord. It is why we should look forward to worship. It is why we should sing with glad hearts, receive His mercies gladly, and gladly go out and tell others and invite them into church.

In Christ,  
***Pastor Liermann***  
Junior Pastoral Counselor

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## National LWML Mission Goal Report



**2021–2023 Biennium**  
**\$2,150,000**

**Amount Received**  
**as of August 31, 2022**  
**\$1,740,500.24**

**Still Needed by March 31, 2023**  
**\$409,499.76**



# “I Just Wanna Be A Sheep”



LWML NWD  
CHRISTIAN LIFE CHAIR  
SHARON MAKELA  
TREGO, WI

As I was contemplating writing this article about “The Good Shepherd,” the song, “I Just Wanna be a Sheep” came to mind. So, I asked my daughter, Maria, why did we sing “I Just Wanna be a Sheep,” as this song was sung a lot when she was in Sunday school, youth group and at Camp Luther. We couldn’t remember all the lyrics,

but concluded that we wanted to be sheep in order to be taken care of by “The Good Shepherd.”

After this conversation, I decided to look up the song on the internet. I found that the words and music were written by Brian M. Howard, so thank you, Brian, for inspiration and memories as I looked back at the time I was part of the Sunday school at Christ Lutheran in Marshfield. The lyrics of the song end with “Just wanna be a child of God.” Of course, we want to be a child of God, but wanting to be a sheep is a wonderful picture of total reliance on Jesus, “The Good Shepherd.”

The 23rd Psalm sums up all that the Lord does as our Shepherd. We have all we need, we lack nothing, we are led along the right paths, in dark times of trouble we are comforted, our cup overflows with blessings, we receive God’s goodness and love all the days of our lives, and at life’s end we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

There are many references to God as a shepherd throughout scripture, like Isaiah 40:11 (NIV): *He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.* You may have seen that picture of Jesus as a

Shepherd holding a lamb in His arms. That is why “I wanna be a sheep!” I love to think of myself as a lamb being held, carried and protected by my Shepherd.

Jesus also spoke of Himself as “The Good Shepherd” in John 10:11 (NIV): *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.* That is why “I wanna be a sheep!” Jesus was willing to lay down His life for me so I could dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Jesus calls us His sheep in John 10:27-28 (NIV): *My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish, no one will snatch them out of*

*my hand.* Yes, “I wanna be a sheep!”

I thought of another song that reminded me that Jesus is my shepherd, this one from my childhood:

“I am Jesus’ little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me every day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.”

(LW 517)

That says it all; that is why “I wanna be a sheep!”

God’s blessings as you follow Jesus as one of His sheep.

**Sharon Makela**  
Christian Life Chair

# LWML NWD President's Message



LWML NWD PRESIDENT  
JOAN BERQUIST  
HAYWARD, WI

Perhaps you have already attended a fall zone rally or perhaps you are anticipating attending. Either way, going to the LWML NWD rallies is one of my favorite things to do. If you think about it, they are mini-conventions! At our rallies, we have an opening devotion, mission speaker, mite collection, Bible study,

and usually a short business meeting. We experience the strengthening of our connections with our sisters in Christ. And it's relatively close to home so it is likely easy to get there! The fellowship is priceless and treats are a bonus. I encourage you to share the experience by inviting a friend to attend with you.

At our September LWML NWD Board Meeting, we voted to begin paying our mission grants. The grant payments total \$47,500! Check the mission grants listing on page 2 to see how it was disbursed.



Have you considered helping with the LWML convention in Milwaukee next June? There are various and different ways to participate.

The opportunity to work at the convention is not just for LWML members, anyone can join in the fun. Workers who commit to 8 hours or more will receive a discounted convention registration. There are lots of ways to participate, but first complete the Call for Workers Volunteer Application and send it to Allison Hein, so that you can be scheduled ([LWML-SWD.org/events/other](https://lwml-swd.org/events/other)) or

apply online. You will have an amazing experience as you join with sisters and brothers in Christ as we gather for a national convention. There are a range of positions to serve, some can be done while sitting, others include roaming, directing, ushering and including some things that need to be done before the convention.



The golf outing will also need workers and we need to promote it to our golfer friends so they can participate!

There are opportunities to serve at the district level. There are still some committee appointments to be made. We are still looking for a newsletter editor for Mission Tidings, a YWR coordinator to work with our YWR program and a Public Relations Assistant. Don't wait to be asked to serve, volunteer! Please contact me today.

We had a great fall retreat at Camp Luther organized by Sharon Hanke. Next spring the Leadership Development Committee is planning to sponsor a retreat at Camp Luther on April 14-15. Check the Winter Mission Tidings for more information.



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

Serving Jesus with you,

**Joan Berquist**  
LWML NWD President

More convention information can be found on page 12 or at <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other>

# On the Mission Road Again!

After many months of planning and anticipation forty-six participants from the North Wisconsin District LWML started on their mission trip to Orphan Grain Train and Mission Central. The first day was spent traveling to Norfolk, Nebraska.

The next day we visited Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Headquarters. Suzie Leffers, Director of Public Relations, welcomed us as we arrived. She mentioned that OGT started in April of 1992 and their first shipment overseas was in March of 1993. This year a total of 257 large containers were shipped—99 international and 158 domestic. She also mentioned that an overseas freight container costs from \$4,000 to \$19,000 to ship (an average of \$11 for each box of relief supplies).



The rest of the day was spent doing servant events. Half of the group worked in packing boxes of summer and winter clothes to be shipped. The ladies worked for 4 hours during the day and packed 174 boxes.

The other half of the participants helped package Mercy Meals. Mercy Meals are plastic sealed bags that contain rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, chicken flavored vitamin and mineral powder. Each package when water is added serves up to six children with all the essential nutrients to reverse malnutrition. Orphan Grain Train

ships these meals to over twenty different countries and donates to locations in need in the United States to combat hunger. The volunteers packed 7,560 meals this day to be shipped.

Many ladies donated quilts, pillowcase dresses, school kits, health kits and mats that were brought from Wisconsin on the bus. Plus, a freewill offering was taken that day to help with the cost of shipping containers to Ukraine. Many ladies brought money donated from their societies and churches. The total monetary gift given to OGT was \$5,443.50. This was a great outpouring of generosity for people in need.

The next stop was to the Elkhorn Museum. We had a tour that included a section about Johnny Carson who grew up in Norfolk. On the way to supper, we drove past Johnny's home.

The third day we traveled to Mission Central located in Mapleton, Iowa. When the bus pulled in, Gary Thies, founder of Mission Central greeted us. He said you will

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truly have a full day that you will never forget here at this *MIRACLE PLACE*. We toured the entire facility, the Lord's Creation Theater, the Barn Museum, and had a special presentation after the noon meal. Gary told us about the beginnings of Mission Central and stories of different missionaries in China, Vietnam, and Papua New Guinea. He mentioned that 260 LCMS missionaries are supported through donations that are given through Mission Central. As we were leaving Gary said, "It was

truly a day that Old Missionary Gary will never forget. Every single one of the people that came truly were God's people and were totally NOT NORMAL."

What a day, but it was not over, we traveled to Le Mars, Iowa, the Ice Cream Capital of the world. That night we enjoyed fellowship, great food, and a musical show by the Brown Family. "OH, My Iowa!" a musical tribute to the amazing state of Iowa, was performed in the theater that night. The Browns closed the show with a few Gospel songs.

What a fabulous mission trip it was. We traveled back to Wisconsin the next day. We were all tired, but ready to tell of the wonderful mission opportunities we experienced.

*Lynne Johnson*, Short-Term Mission Trip Coordinator



LWML NWD COORDINATORS  
SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP  
LYNNE JOHNSON & PENNY SELLE

## Update on Joshua Jank



Joshua Jank, son of Brenda and Tim Jank, age 29, continues to pass out red diamonds as thanks for your many prayers. He has been under hospice care for more than 10 years. Brenda Jank was the Bible study leader with the theme "Run Hard, Rest Well" at the LWML NWD convention in Appleton in 2012.

Brenda, Josh and Tim Jank of Camp Lutherhaven in Indiana.

# LWML NWD 73rd Fall Retreat

## September 8-10, 2022

Our theme was “Hear My Voice” based on John 10:27: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

Thursday evening began with a devotion led by our new Junior Counselor, Rev. Brian Liermann. A Bible & LWML Trivia game followed with very close competition between tables. The winning points may have been based on how many had attended a national convention.

The weather Thursday evening was beautiful for the campfire and songs led by Camp Luther’s William Jackson “Shuphyl.”



Our before-breakfast Bible Studies were led on Friday by Deborah Young entitled, “To Hear or not to Hear,” and on Saturday by Jean Berna entitled “When God Speaks to You.” Both were great ways to start our day in the Word.



Our Praise Team provided us with beautiful harmony for favorite hymns and camp songs. Rev. Berquist again joined our team to add a little bass sound with his euphonium.

Our main Bible study, titled “Hear My Voice,” was led by Rev. Timothy Swanson from Rib Mountain Lutheran Church. He also talked about his work with the Deaf ministry that meets at the Wausau church.  
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# Camp Luther, Three Lakes, Wisconsin



Jayme Wyss spoke about letting the Lord lead in your life through uncomfortable situations. She and her husband have just added to their family with the adoption of a little boy. They are both coaching at local school districts. Her passion to follow God's call started with a mission trip.



Outdoor activities are always a must at Camp Luther. They included kayaking, pontoon rides, a wagon tour of camp, and just enjoying the beautiful outdoors.



*Gifts from the Heart:* Carol Gale, Susan Ladwig, Patricia Footit, Cindy Braatz, Jan Thurier, and Betty Daberkow.



Attendees enjoyed the beautiful weather at Camp Luther

The Gifts from the Heart this year was for FORK (Feed Our Rural Kids). They are starting a food pantry at Three Lakes Schools this year. Just look at all the donations!

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# “Hear My Voice”



Our LWML store and garage sale were manned by Sharon Niemann, our “Martha Mission,” and her husband, “Mission Melvin.” They even got the pastors to make purchases! Store sales were \$588 and the garage sale brought an additional \$101.25 for mites.

*Right:* Sue Pfeil wrote a wonderful skit entitled, “Listen!”

*Below:* The craft session was a painting class led by Carol Gavitt and her daughter. They instructed ladies in painting a cute lamb to go with our theme about sheep hearing their shepherd.



*Left:* The “Grazing Table” snacks were enjoyed at break times. Obviously, we had more than enough.

*Right:* We held a Friday evening Mite Walk this year. The rain and drizzle held off just long enough to get it in. Mite Walk donations were \$281.



*Right:* The Kitchen Band performed Friday night. It was led by Linda Pelot this year since Betty Snyder had a recent fall. Betty didn’t abandon us though, she sent all the instruments with her friend, Nancy Voeltz.

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# “To Hear or Not to Hear”



Left: Milwaukee 2023 Convention Chairman, Anne Hartman, took some time to meet with others on the national convention committee. She encouraged us all to sign up to help and be part of the national LWML convention next June.



Above: Zones 13-14 chose an outdoor setting to pause for this photo.

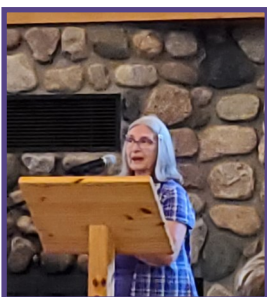


Zone 6 took this photo by the beautiful mosaic with names of donors in the entrance to the new Community dining center.



Above: A special thank you to Linda Tryczak and assistant, Cindy Braatz for great registration help.

It was another wonderful Fall Retreat with 106 attending. The regular Mite offering for the retreat was \$754.84. Adding all the mite money together, **\$1,725.09 was given to fund mission grants.** Praise the Lord!



*Sharon Hanke*  
2022 Fall Retreat Chairman



Zone 9 gathered by the Camp Luther Bell Tower.

# LWML 2023 Convention



ANNE HARTMAN  
2023 MILWAUKEE  
CONVENTION HOST  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

We are about nine months from convention as I write this article. Yikes! It is both stressful and exciting. The two most important things I would like to share with you are posted on the South Wisconsin District website. The link is at the end of this article.

First, the Call for Workers form is on this site. You can fill it out online or print it and send it in.

Honestly, it is super easy to fill out online and much easier for Allison Hein to process. We need over 500 volunteers to make this convention work - no job is too small. To receive the discounted registration of \$60 if you register in January and \$80 after that, you need to put in 8 hours of volunteer work. It will be fun!

Second, there is a wish list for supplies for the Servant Activities. Maybe you can't come to convention or you know a shut in who would love to donate something. Any member of our three districts can donate so my request is that your share this with EVERYONE, not just your LWML members - everyone in our three districts! Some people may not be attending the convention, but would love to be a part of it by donating!

Thank you all for everything you have done so far. God is good and He will bless this convention and the final preparations ahead of us.

Link for convention information:  
<https://lwml-swd.org/events/other>



The Lutheran Women in Mission of the  
North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts  
Invite you to the

## LWML 40th Biennial Convention

in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
June 22–25, 2023

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

**Opportunities** abound as we:

- ✚ **Worship** together with our sisters and brothers in Christ!
- ✚ **Share** the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path.
- ✚ **Fellowship** with good friends while meeting new ones.
- ✚ **Enjoy** accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!
- ✚ **Bring** our family and friends to enjoy a city of many cultures.

### Busing Information for LWML NWD

If interested in busing, contact Bonnie Grosskopf—[bonnielwml@gmail.com](mailto:bonnielwml@gmail.com), with your name, phone number, contact email address, and if you are a worker and wish to leave on Wednesday. Cost information is not yet available. So far we have 60 people interested, not including delegates, so two buses will be needed.

# Jesus Signs Workshop

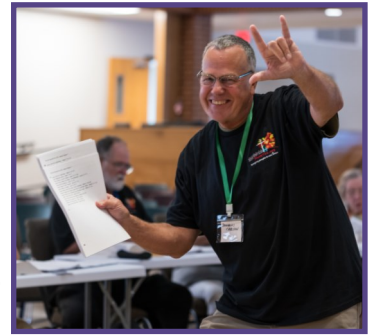
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

What a blessing it was to be at the LCMS Jesus Signs Workshop that was a weeklong immersion event from July 18-22 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri.

The Jesus Signs Workshop began each morning with a Devotion and from there we broke off into different training groups: The Deaf or Hard of Hearing Group and the Hearing Group, that was made up of beginners, intermediate, and advanced. We learned religious signing and received Deaf Outreach Training resources. We played games to help us learn through sign language. In the evening all sign language groups came together for more fun games.

The Jesus Signs Workshop helped us become better equipped to share our faith with the deaf or those hard of hearing. The

workshop will continue meeting once a year for four years so we can continue to learn more signs to equip us to share Jesus with our deaf or hard of hearing sisters and brothers in Christ.



All Glory and Praise Be to God.

**Mary Scharenbrock**

LWML NWD Deaf Ministry Liason

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## 2022 LWML Fund Raising Event for Mites

On Friday, July 29, people from Zones 4, 9, and 10 came together to have a fundraising event to help support LWML missions. Sharon Nieman, Anna Koepke, Pam Pfankuch, Kaye Schwalenberg, Pastor Schwalenberg, Dee Strack, Nancy Schwalenberg, Bonnie Weideman, and Mary Scharenbrock sold brats, hot dogs, pies, and baked goods at the Cenex Gas Station in Dorchester. Anna, Kaye, and Dee applied for Thrivent Action Team monies to help support the event. Thank you to Dee and Nancy who joined us this year to deliver food to area businesses. Many thanks to those who made beautiful pies and baked goods. As we have heard many times, "You Lutherans Really Know How to Bake!" Our event was supported by local business workers and many others. The total amount raised for our LWML NWD mites was \$2,000.50. Many thanks to Pinters Packing Plant for making our brats and to Sandy, manager at Cenex Gas Station, for allowing us to have our fund raiser there. You are all a blessing!



Serve the Lord with Gladness,

**Mary Scharenbrock**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Zone 4

# What's Your 80?

JANE MORROW, PRESIDENT  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WAUPACA, WI  
ZONE 18

The LWML Society members of Calvary Lutheran Church, Waupaca, recently held a "What's Your 80" event at the home of Jane Morrow.

The theme of the event was "Women of the Bible." The group read 80+ Bible verses about the significance women played in Biblical times.

Each member decorated a garden hat in the LWML colors. Pie and coffee was served following the readings.



## LWML—Stamps for Missions

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Thank you so much for your collection of stamps that were received. You are all a blessing!



Our stamps were sold to the gentleman in Stevens Point. The current total raised so far from the stamp sales is: \$14,388.71. *The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace Numbers 6:24-26.*

Please continue to collect your stamps within your societies and encourage others from your church to join in. Please trim the stamps leaving a **minimum** of a quarter inch around the stamp. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold.

In Christ,  
**Shirley Hein**  
**Mary Scharenbrock**

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Betsy Lane, Editor 9/7/2022

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# Lutheran Women in Mission

## 2022-23 Calendar Items

October 19-20, 2022  
AOL Training  
St. Louis, MO

November 12, 2022  
Christian Life Workshop  
Rib Mountain, Wausau

December 1, 2022 Deadline  
Winter Mission Tidings

February 20-21, 2023  
EC & BOD Meeting  
St. Mark's, Wausau

March 1, 2023 Deadline  
Spring Mission Tidings

April 14-15, 2023  
Spring Retreat  
Camp Luther

June 22-25, 2023  
LWML Convention  
Milwaukee, WI



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