

Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the North Wisconsin District - LCMS

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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Seeking Mission Grant Proposals

As I write this, I have just returned from a glorious time celebrating our Lord of the Nations in Milwaukee with so many of my sisters and brothers in Christ. I felt very blessed to meet many of you



MISSION GRANTS DIRECTOR
DEBORAH YOUNG
GREEN BAY, WI

from our district who I have not encountered before.
Opportunities like this are what makes serving as your Mission Grants Director such a blessing.

Your board has purchased a presentation check which has also given me other opportunities to meet those in our district. As you know, the board voted to pay mission grant #4 to the Hannah Center and I was able to travel to Marshfield in late March and personally deliver this check. What a blessing that this mission was located so close to home and allowed me the opportunity to see how our mites would be used in action.



Hannah
Center:
Mallory
LesPerance,
Program
Assistant &
Kim Bousum,
Program
Coordinator,
both of The
Hannah Center,

Inc., Deborah Young, Mission Grants Director, and Connie Teska, Mission Grant submitter.

In May, your board also voted to pay grant #7 to Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School and the second half of grant #8, Labor of Love.

For those of you who were able to attend our National Convention or watch it via live stream, did you take note of the Mission Grant proposals that delegates had to consider? This was no easy task and we are grateful for all of you that served in this capacity.

Now it is your turn to let me know what mission grants you would like to see on our ballot for the district convention in Appleton in June 2024.

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2022 - 2024 Mission Grants **LWML-NWD Goal: \$115,000**



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

\$25,000







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



4. The Hannah Center, Inc.

\$10,000 PAID



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

PAID

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





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

8. Labor of Love* \$20,000



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



*Indicates partial request for funds each year



LWML Convention Highlights



LWML NWD PRESIDENT JOAN BERQUIST HAYWARD, WI

The recent LWML convention in Milwaukee was no disappointment. It was awesome and inspiring! The men and women of the North Wisconsin District, the South Wisconsin District and the Northern Illinois District were excellent hosts to the convention. Wherever you looked you would see a smiling face and willing hands to direct

or help as needed.

At the convention, new officers were elected including NWD members Karol Selle as the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Deaconess Betty Knapp as Nomination Committee member. Please keep Karol and Betty in your prayers as they serve in their new positions.

The 2023-2025 Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 and Mission Grants to be funded were announced. Bylaws were reviewed and approved and hugs abounded! The Mission Walk donations were more than \$100,000 and the Golf Outing raised \$35,000 and the first offering total was more than \$55,000. These funds are designated for the new LWML Mission Goal. The offering received

on Saturday morning of convention in the amount of \$18,360 is designated for the Wolf River Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund in Shawano.

I had the privilege of sitting with the LWML NWD delegation and our Young Women Representatives—Amy Gawry, Holly Schmitt and Andi Anderson—during convention sessions. Although we were sort of squished into our seating area, we made it work and enjoyed being the representative voters for our district.

Another highlight for me was rooming with my sister, Martha Milas from the Gulf States District, as she experienced her first LWML convention. It was a delight to watch her enthusiasm unfold as she went from session to exhibit hall to meals. Martha made many new friends as well as greeting old ones. She even attended three caucuses — because she could!

Let's keep that LWML enthusiasm going as we prepare for our LWML NWD Fall Retreat at Camp Luther and our zone rallies. Let's continue to celebrate Jesus!

Serving the Lord with you,

Joan Berquist
LWML NWD President

(Convention continued on pages 8-11)

Seeking Mission Grant Proposals (continued from page 1)

What mission close to your heart would you like to see our mites help support? Mission Grant proposals are being accepted until September 1. I am anxious to receive these proposals and know what is near and dear to the hearts of the mission-minded women in my district.

If you have any questions on submitting a proposal, contact me or one of your other

board members. We are here to serve you. As you prayerfully consider submitting a proposal, I will continue to praise God for each and every one of you.

In His service, **Deborah Young**Mission Grants Director

Train Up a Child



NWD CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE
SUE NEIDER, SHARON MAKELA—CHAIRMAN,
DEACONESS FRANCES SZETO

As I am writing this, I am eagerly anticipating celebrating the high school graduation of our third grandson. Each time one reaches this milestone and we send them out into the world, it reminds me just how important it is to heed the advice of Proverbs 22:6:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

That is the prayer of every parent and grandparent, that our children will not depart from the Biblical truths they were taught as a child. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7 we are instructed:

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.

What an awesome responsibility we have to teach children God's Word. We also have the responsibility to lead them back to God when they stray. That is when we become a prayer warrior. I have been told by one mother that she prayed for her child for eight years before they finally came back to the biblical truths they were taught as a child.

Our prayer is that our children follow what is suggested in 2 Timothy 3:14-16:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

It is a great blessing to me that my grandchildren are being trained in God's Word. The two grandsons, Breken and Camdon, who have previously graduated from high school are doing well having been brought up "in the way they should go." Our grandson, Noah, who is graduating soon will be attending Valparaiso as an engineering student on an academic scholarship with an offer to play football. His "go-to" Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11:

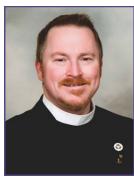
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)

I believe this could be a "go-to" Bible verse for all of us, not just our children. God has a great plan for each of us. As we strive to continue to lead our children and grandchildren "in the way they should go," what is our reward? Listen to 3 John 1:4:

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Joyfully Yours, **Sharon Makela**Christian Life

Psalm 33 – Lord of the Nations



REV. LARRY YAW PULASKI, WI

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 (Ps. 33:12-13).

Blessed! Psalm 33 begins, by calling those whose God is the Lord God, the maker of heaven and earth. The Lord PASTORAL COUNSELOR who created man, the Lord who is mindful of man and cares for him. This same Lord calls you blessed!

Blessed is a term people like to throw around a lot. In the south they like to say, "Bless your heart." Sometimes we say, "Bless you" after someone sneezes. But have you ever thought about why we use the word "bless" in such different ways and what the word truly means? It is a word that appears over 400 times in Scripture in some form. "Bless, Blessed, Blessing" - has become a part of our everyday casual conversation, and may have lost some of its meaning.

In Hebrew the word, "blessed" comes from eh'-sher which means happy; that is to increase in joy and peacefulness. And when we are blessed by God, it means that His presence increases among us. The Greek definition of the word "blessed" comes from makários. This describes a believer as being in an enviable position for receiving God's provisions (favor) - as being an extension of His grace.

So, to truly be "BLESSED" is to be in the presence of God and His grace. Any nation that is in the presence of God, that honors Him with their prayers, praises, and seeks to walk in His ways will definitely find themselves "blessed."

June 2023 was the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee. I hope you were in attendance like I was because then you know that this convention was one that was "Blessed" by God. His favor was definitely upon us and all in attendance. We heard stories from many different people about how the gifts of mites have enabled countless missionaries to "bless" others with God's favor, sharing His love and forgiveness with people all around the world.

The theme verse reminds us that any nation that seeks after God will be blessed. Sadly, not

many nations seek after God. Our own country has abandoned God and His Word time and time again.

Yet, we are reminded that the Lord looks down from heaven, and He sees all the children of man. Children for whom His Son, Jesus lived, died, and rose. Children whom the Spirit has called through the Waters of Holy Baptism, uniting them to the one nation, the one kingdom, God's kingdom. And in this Kingdom, there is no USA, or China, or any other nation. There is only the one Christian faith - made up of those on whom God's favor rests and His presence draws near; those who are truly "blessed."

This is the message we heard, that God's favor draws near to the nations. His presence increases with every mite, every coin, every prayer, every act of kindness that seeks to bless others with His grace.

Blessed! That's what you are – whether you attended the convention or not. You are blessed because God has drawn near to you in His Son. Jesus; God has placed His favor upon you in Holy Baptism; every time you repent you receive God's forgiveness; and every time Christ feeds you His own body and blood you are renewed and refreshed. All of this is so that His grace and favor not only rest in you and upon you – but through you. So that you, who are blessed, may be a blessing to others.

That is why we end each service with a blessing from God, asking and seeking His presence and favor to be with us as we leave worship and go into the nations outside our church doors.

"The Lord bless you and keep you, (may His presence always be with you, and you find happiness, favor)

the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you,

(may God look upon you with love, forgiveness, and grace)

the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."

(may God look upon us His people with delight, favor, and act in goodness, and may He grant us peace - that is, make us whole - or in other words, bless us)

Blessed! Indeed, you are blessed and a blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Senior Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Larry R. Yaw

2023 LWML NWD FALL RETREAT at CAMP LUTHER September 7 - 8 - 9, 2023



2ND VICE-PRESIDENT DAWN VIA CLAYTON, WI

I pray all of you will be making plans to attend our annual LWML NWD Fall Retreat at Camp Luther September 7 through 9.

This year, I am pleased to announce that Rev. Jeff Kazmierski will be leading us in a Bible study focusing on Jesus and Joseph with the overall theme being adoption. By

the close of this retreat, you will all have a better understanding and comfort in knowing that we have all been adopted into God's family through Christ's atoning work that has been delivered to us through Baptism.

Our servant event will be creating fleece tie blankets in three sizes for the Lutheran Counseling & Family Services adoption program as well as for children who attend the counseling programs. The sizes of the blankets are: Cuddle 14 x 17; Crib 45 x 60; and Twin 66 x 90. Please mark on the registration form which size and how many you plan on donating. Carol Flanary, Chief Executive Officer of LCFS, will be speaking with us about their adoption program and how these fleece blankets will be used.

Our craft this year will be string art, so if you enjoy using a hammer to pound nails in the shape of a heart and cross, and weaving yarn around these nails, then this craft is for you. Please mark on the registration if you would like to make one. Do not worry, if you do not want to nail in the pattern, send me a note with your registration and I will have the base ready for you and all you have to do is the yarn pattern.

Gifts of the Heart this year will be collected for Camp Luther. The items needed are as

follows: Duct tape, embroidery floss, shaving cream, sidewalk chalk, decks of cards, and Uno style card games. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

We will be offering early morning devotions on both Friday and Saturday morning for those who are morning people. There will be a mite walk again this year; as well as a Cornhole tournament and other group games.

We cannot have a successful retreat without the Grazing Table, right?!? Please look at this list of suggestions based on the first letter of your last name. Individually wrapped portions work great. You do not have to follow this list of suggested items if you already know what you are bringing.

- A J: Snack mixes, Popcorn, Pretzels, Nuts, Candy
- K O: Cookies, Baked goods, Bars, Chocolate
- **P Z**: Apples, Veggies, Bananas, Grapes, Watermelon

Please remember to bring a sleeping bag or a twin fitted sheet and blankets, a pillow, towels if you are taking a shower or jumping in the lake, bring your toiletries that you need for your stay. We ask that you bring your own water bottle and or/coffee mug as this will cut down on waste and overall cost.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at the fall retreat, and I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice President.

Your sister in Christ,

Dawn Via
LWML-NWD 2nd Vice President

2023 LWML NWD FALL RETREAT at CAMP LUTHER

September 7 - 8 - 9, 2023

THURSDAY: Registration begin	s 4 p.m., Sup	per 5:30 p.m., Opening Devotions 7 p.m.						
FRIDAY: Registration 8:30 a	.m., Opening	Devotions 9 a.m.						
SATURDAY: Opening Devotions	s 9 a.m. Retre	at concludes around Noon						
	each night	ging and meals desired) B. Dining Hall Meals \$8 each Thursday Supper Friday Breakfast						
1 person in room = \$90 per n	ight	Friday Lunch Friday Supper						
Able to do steps to use lower-level rooms?Ye	sNo	Saturday Breakfast Saturday Lunch						
*Please remember to bring your Bedding, towels, & toiletries	our	Please call Camp Luther 715-546-3647 with special dietary needs						
C. Cottage Lodging (2 night min Contact Camp Luther for available	,	D. REGISTRATION with overnight stay: \$25.00One Day REGISTRATION Friday only: \$37.00						
Due by August 25 ***/If received	ed after this dat	te please include additional \$10.00 (not refundable)						
Lodging Total + Meal Total	al + Re	egistration Fee = Total Enclosed \$						
Please make ch	ecks payable	to: LWML NWD ck#						
		a, 641 4th Street, Clayton, WI 54004						
Any questions please call I	Dawn Via 715	5-641-2072 or Linda Tryczak 715-212-7515						
(Please check with your roommates ahead & send registrations together if possible)								
ROOMATES: 1.		2						
Name:								
Address:								
Phone:	E-Mail	Zone:						
Please make a copy for your records Initial in box to indicate yo	ou give permis	ssion to use your photo on social media t Event Information						
Heart & Cross Yarn Art (pay Dawn \$5 at camp for supplies) Fleece material donations (each donation should be two pieces of fleece to make one blanket)								
•		45x60 Crib Blanket Fleece donation						
		bw Blanket Fleece donation						





LWML Milwaukee convention 2023 is now a memory, but look at the smiles that were captured!



Marie Martin, Deb Young, Sandy Groth, Jill Proulx, Pauline and Katie Paholke helped unload quilts from the "East" bus and Sue and Howie Neider were the angels who delivered them to the Baird Convention Center.









More than 3,500 people registered for the 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee on June 22-25. Yellow t-shirts identified more than 350 volunteers who helped with registrations, directions, worship services and a myriad of other duties. Above, following the North Wisconsin District caucus many of our delegates, volunteers and officers met for the group picture.





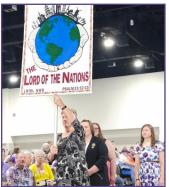
Opening worship service with communion had a great proclaimer! Thank you, President Lueck! Pastor Yaw, along with many other pastors, also participated. Awesome experience!

















- ▲ The NWD banner—carried by President Joan Berquist and accompanied by YWRs Amy Gawry, Andi Anderson and Holly Schmitt—was the first one in the district procession. Banners were then on display in the exhibit hall where many photos were taken.
- The Parade of Flags on Friday morning had 83 countries represented where LWML has supported missions. Amy Gawry carried the flag for France.
- Presidents of the host districts—South Wisconsin, North Wisconsin and Northern Illinois—welcomed everyone to the convention with local lore.



Convention Offerings:

#1 Mission Goal 2023-2025— \$54,922
#2 We are Called to Care— \$31,037
Plano, Illinois
#3 Wolf River Lutheran High School—
Shawano, WI \$18,360
#4 Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers—
Concordia Gospel Outreach \$2,872

(Watch for final numbers on LWML.org)



Young Woman Representatives—Holly Schmitt, NWD President Joan Berquist, Andi Anderson and Amy Gawry.





Karol Selle, LWML NWD, was elected as Vice President of Special Focus Ministries. Deaconess Betty Knapp finished her term as Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and was elected to the Nominating Committee. God bless you with His grace, Karol and Deaconess Betty! Other newly elected officers for the 2023-2027 term are: President: Eden Keefe, Kansas District; Vice President of Organizational Resources: Arlene Naasz, South Dakota District; Treasurer: Anita Werner, Rocky Mountain District; Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Mark Maas, Wyoming District. Nominating Committee: Olajumoke Odedele, New Jersey District; Laura Strattman, Central Illinois District; Melissa Vance, South Dakota District; Roxanne Pieper, Minnesota South District. Appointed Officers—Strategic Plan Facilitator: Cheryl Mattil, Texas District; Meeting Manager: Leslie Colligan, New England District; Public Relations Director: Debbie Yocky, Rocky Mountain District.





▲ Comic Relief Duo, "Shirley's" granddaughter, Abby Goehring, and "LaVerne," Jan Struck, provided humor and information.

2023 Milwaukee Convention

■ 2023 Milwaukee Convention Host Committee Chairman Anne Hartman.



Author Donna Snow and Pam Pfankuch. The exhibit hall displays were amazing and included a chance to meet CPH authors.

Gifts from the Heart

At each convention, Lutheran Women in Mission share the love of Christ with others through their donations to Gifts from the Heart. We give thanks to God for the generosity and support shown to these ministries. **Phil's Friends:** Puzzle books: 2,293; Journals: 1,268;

Playing Cards: 1,576; Fuzzy Socks: 1,097; Hats: 2,545; Hygiene Items: 95; Note Cards: 1,240; Items Dropped off at Phil's Friends Booth: 919; Finished Cards of Hope: 227; Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$16,296 A Place of Refuge: Cases of Hygiene and Children's Items: 90; Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$26,793

Food or Fide

Food for Kidz

MOST Ministries: Eyeglasses: 10,510; Eye Glass Cases: 7,051. Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$75. **Orphan Grain Train**: Quilts/Blankets: 1,449; Hygiene Kits: 1,317; School Kits: 24; Layette Kits: Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$25. **Orphan Grain Train (Local Site Drop-off)** Quilts/Blankets: 629; Hygiene Kits: 469; Lap Robes: 28.





- ▲ At the end of the convention, all the volunteers were recognized for the many services they provided.
- Camp Celebrate was supervised by volunteers and kept all the youngsters busy with trips to the zoo and the Mitchell Park Domes.

Mite Challenges!

Tee Up 4 MitesGolf Challenge raised \$35,000.

Mission Walk:

1,200 walkers raised over \$100,000!

Miles for Mites to Milwaukee: LWML Michigan District—Carla



Hance Elenz and two friends rode the ferry across Lake Michigan and covered about 350 miles on their bicycles collecting mite pledges per mile.





On Saturday evening the Lutheran Ladies Lounge shared the humor of being a Lutheran Lady with a game of "Family Feud!" What is your favorite soup for church soup suppers?





National Committee Openings

Would you be interested in serving on a national committee?

Fill out the form available on the

LWML website: www.lwml.org/get-involved

Committees will be selected at the August meeting

of the national Board of Directors.

Don't wait! Apply today!

SAVE THE DATES

2024 SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP TO MICHIGAN AUGUST 5 - 8, 2024

We are investigating Recognized Service Organizations of LCMS

LAMP * Camp Restore * Lutheran Heritage Foundation

PABLO * Flint Mission Network * MOST Ministries

Details will be shared at the Fall Retreat. Let's get together in a busload of North Wisconsin LWML Women on a Mission!

Spring Rally

PAM PFANKUCH, PRESIDENT
WOMEN OF FAITH
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI
ZONE 9

On April 29, ladies of Zone 9 enjoyed Lynne Johnson's PowerPoint of our August 2022 mission trip to Orphan Grain Train and Mission Central. Gifts from the Heart were cash donations to these two mission organizations. Door prizes of items collected from LWML conventions and purple plants were handed out in a drawing during lunch.

Kitchen Helpers—Marcia Goettl, Pat Smith, Arlene Pederson, Linda Ahlen, Carla Kleinheinz and Lorraine Benner.









Spring Rally

Karen Banaszynski Women of Faith Faith United Lutheran Church Cecil, WI Zone 13/14



A taste of Israel was enjoyed as speaker Aaron Landgrave, St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel, guided us on a walk through the Holy Land. Mr. Landgrave and Mrs. Sharon Schrader, who has also visited the Holy Land, provided the beautiful table with the variety of foods.

What's Your 80?

PAT STREGE, VICE PRESIDENT
ST LUKE LWML
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEW RICHMOND, WI
ZONE 8

In answer to the "What's Your 80?" challenge, St. Luke's LWML of New Richmond, Wis., gathered items for Health Kits for Orphan Grain Train. In the fall of 2022 we sent out 40 health kits and this spring we sent out 48 more. We asked for items from the congregation and got a wonderful response. These are the last 48 that were sent out.





SUE LADWIG, PRESIDENT TABITHA LADIES AID/LWML CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH GILLETT, WI ZONE 13/14

Our "80" from the LWML/Ladies Aid at Christ Lutheran Church put together 84 hygiene kits to take to the Milwaukee LWML convention for the "Gifts from the Heart."

From left: Rhonda Nelson, Pam Williamson, Alice Runge, Lois Hansen, Pauline Paholke and Katie Paholke. Sitting Is Martha Fischer.

CONNIE TESKA, PRESIDENT ST. JOHN LADIES AID ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AUBURNDALE, WI ZONE 16

In December, the Ladies' Aid/LWML at St. John Lutheran, Auburndale, delivered cheese boxes to all members of the congregation who are over 80. The recipients appreciated the delicious Wisconsin cheese and the visit from a member of our society.



Serving the Lord With Gladness

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2023 Calendar Items

September 6-7 EC & BOD Meeting Camp Luther

September 7-9 Fall Retreat Camp Luther

September 15
Deadline for October
Mission Tidings

November 11 Christian Life Workshop Rib Mountain

June 13-15, 2024 LWML NWD Convention Paper Valley Hilton Appleton



Check Us Out on the Web!



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