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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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God's Good Plans in Motion



As Lutheran Women in Mission, we trust that God's plans are always good—even when they unfold in ways we did not expect. Recent updates to our 2024–2026 Mission Grant Goal have given us another opportunity to witness His perfect provision and the flexibility He builds into our shared ministry.

Grant #13, Wright Path Housing for the Homeless determined that they no longer needed the \$10,000 originally requested. While unexpected, this change became a blessing in disguise to other organizations. God had already prepared the way for these funds to support other ministries still in need.

Grant #14 – Large Print Bibles for the Sight Impaired will receive the full \$15,000 asked for in the grant. Based on the mission grant amount of \$120,000 set at convention we had committed to fund \$9,000 of the requested amount.

After contacting Grant #15, Main Street Living – Eau Claire, confirming that their need remains great—and their gratitude even greater. Because of God's timing and the generosity of LWML supporters, this ministry will now receive the following:

- Grant #15 – Main Street Living, Eau Claire: Fully funded at \$5,000.

This moment reflects the heart of LWML: flexible, faithful, and ready to respond wherever God opens a door. Even when plans shift, His mission continues—and He blesses us by carrying it forward.

As we celebrate the completion of this biennium's grants, preparations are already underway for the 2026–2028 Proposed LWML Mission Grants, which will be presented at our 2026 convention in June. We move ahead with confidence, knowing that the same God who guided us through this cycle will continue to bless the work of our hands and the ministries we support.

To God be the glory for His provision, His timing, and the joy of serving Him together.

In His Service,

Debby Suchyta
Mission Grants Director



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2024-2026 Mission Grants
 LWML – NWD Goal \$120,000
 God’s Abundance \$151,000 Grants Funded



1. NWD Professional Church workers Student Grants \$30,000* **PAID**



2. The Hannah Center, Inc. \$10,000 **PAID**

3. Trinity House Maternity Home \$10,000 **PAID**



4. God's Word for Teenagers Around the World \$8,000 **PAID**



5. In Every Tongue: Translators for MOST Ministries Teams \$8,000 **PAID**



6. Bringing Hope & Encouragement to Cancer Patients \$10,000 **PAID**



7. Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy \$10,000 **PAID**

8. Funding for Lutheran Counseling & Family Services Virtual Telehealth Counseling \$10,000 **PAID**



9. Personal Development Center, Inc. "Orenda Center" \$10,000 **PAID**



10. Walking Together in the Mission Field-Alliance Missionaries \$5,000 **PAID**



11. LCMS NWD Pastors Wives Retreat Support \$5,000* **PAID**

12. Multiply Alaska Gospel Proclamation \$5,000 **PAID**



14. Large Print Bibles for the Sight Impaired \$15,000 **PAID**



15. Main Street Living, Eau Claire \$5,000 **PAID**

16. Life Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities \$10,000 **PAID**



Please keep the 2024-2026 Mission Grants in your prayers

Praise Like Miriam

We are coming up to our 2026 convention in Michigan! I know many of you are making plans or trying to figure out if you can make whether financially or timewise. I encourage many of you to consider making it a priority. Ask your church to sponsor you with any dollar amount. Any time or money invested in studying God's Word, praising him, voting on missions and being with other sisters and brothers in Christ is never wasted.

The theme this year is, "Joy in Jesus, Our Rock," which made me think of the very first woman recorded in the Bible as praising God. Miriam!

Imagine your heart pounding, racing through the dry bed of the Red Sea, being awed of how God parted the waters and now YOU'RE in the middle of it all being pursued by Pharaoh's army that wants to end your life and those you love.

Imagine finally getting to the other side, turning around, and watching the waters wash the soldiers away and knowing you're safe!

Now imagined the elation! God is an AWESOME GOD! She didn't hesitate, she got up on that "rock" and started singing praises with JOY! This was not the norm for any woman to do in her society. Only men could praise God in public. But she could not contain her JOY and many joined in. *Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing* (Exodus 15:20 NIV).

You who have gone to conventions know exactly how Miriam felt. Attending a convention is so uplifting to the soul that many head home ready to be the "hands and feet" and get to work just like Miriam! But real life hits us in the face and it can be a struggle to hold onto all that JOY.

Bible studies for the 2026 spring and fall rallies have been sent out across the district and I encourage all of you to invite friends to attend the rallies so they too can be uplifted and inspired. And then take back to your churches and share the Bible studies with those who can only serve from the pew in their season of life. The spring study is called, "Trees from the Bible," written by Pastor Pfaffe and the fall study is called "To Hear or Not to Hear," written by Debbi Young. Both are wonderfully written!

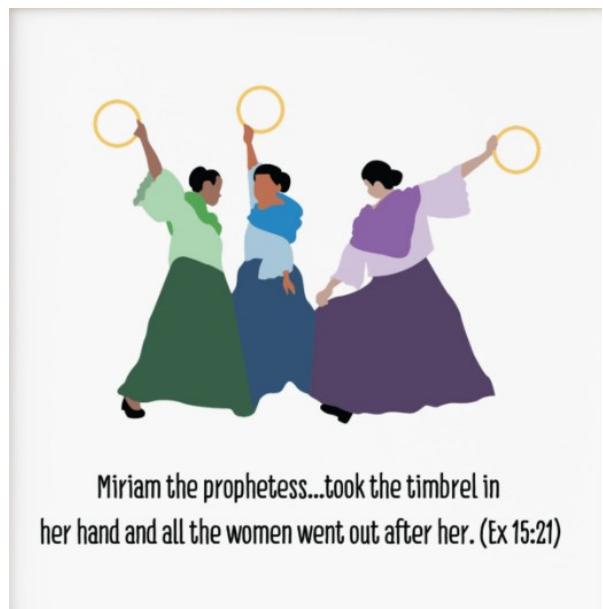
We are also working on a great devotion for the convention that will "Rock" you. Hope to see you there!

Let us all be like Miraim!

Blessings on you and your families,



Laura Andersen
Christian Life Chair



A Building Stone

Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large (Mark 16:2–4).



A stone that is able to be moved is not the type of rock you want to build upon. It could be a part of the whole but not the cornerstone or part of the foundation. The stone the women were focused on was the wrong stone in the story. How often are there

stones that seem to demand your attention, but are really a stumbling stone ready to trip you up and cause you to lose focus on what is greater? There are times when you can get so focused on your part of the story that you might overlook or miss God working.

It was not the stone that closed the mouth of the tomb that the women should have focused on. Their focus deserved to fall on Jesus, the one that had been placed in the tomb. Jesus is not a stone that can be moved, he is the cornerstone we build upon.

The large stone that had been rolled back no longer hinders the women. God has removed the obstacle in their path, in similar manner God is able to remove the obstacles that would keep you from reaching the

cornerstone of your faith. When life has you asking, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" Go to your heavenly Father in prayer and trust in His guiding.

There is no stone in life too great for God to move. The Holy Spirit works to bring faith into the life of unbelief. God works to bring restoration to the unforgiving. Good News is proclaimed to the downtrodden. Those plagued with sickness and disease have been healed. Addictions have ceased. Impossible doors have been opened to great opportunities.

If you ask in the church for examples of God moving stones that were large, you will likely find many stories ready to be shared. God continues to be the unmovable rock, towering over all of life. As the stones are rolled away in your life, may you be filled with "Joy in Jesus, our Rock!"

Pastor Samuel Morsching
Junior Pastoral Counselor



Sixty beautiful quilts were on display at Faith Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls on LWML Sunday. These were made by the Women of Faith Society and donated to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. (Submitted by Pam Pfankuch, Zone 9)

President's Message



Our district convention on June 18-20 will be held at the Northern Events Center on the Northern Michigan University campus in Marquette opening with a worship service. The members of Zones 1, 2, 5 and 7 are hosting us so that we can gather to accomplish the business of

the district and gather in fellowship with one another. What a great opportunity to visit with your sisters in Christ. Get ready for those purple hugs!

We are very fortunate to have several speakers for this convention. They are: Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Rachel Potts, Lutheran Braille Workers; Deaconess Dr. Christina Gillet, Lutherans for Life, Word of Hope; Becky Wehrspann, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Features Editor and keynote speaker; and Deaconess Betty Knapp, Bible Study Leader. Our representative from LWML is Linda Guterres, Vice President of Communication, she will present President Eden Keefe's message.

The ballot for the election of officers still has a few positions open. The proposed mission grants submitted have been reviewed by the committee and those selected are on the ballot

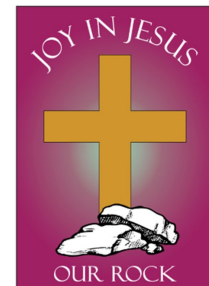
to be voted on at convention. There are no bylaw changes currently on the schedule. Something different this year, we will need volunteer tellers, one from each zone, to help count the ballots. Instructions will be shared ahead of time.

As we enter the 2026-2028 biennium, our district is making plans for the future. New this year is The LWML North Wisconsin Endowment Fund. Visit the district display for more information while you are cruising through the exhibit area at convention.

Zone rallies in March and April, district convention in June, a short-term mission trip in August, fall retreat in September, fall rallies and group meetings and down the road a bit the 2027 LWML convention in Oklahoma City! As we participate in these events and gather mite offerings, we are supporting the mission of telling others about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come celebrate "Joy in Jesus, Our Rock" with the sisterhood of the LWML and join in the fun!

Serving Jesus with you,

Joan Berquist
LWML NWD President



Celebrate Joy in Jesus, our Rock at the 41st LWML NWD convention at the Northern University Events Center in Marquette on June 18-20! We have planned Servant Events on Thursday afternoon, opening Worship on Thursday evening followed by a reception. Friday we will have Mites in Action speakers and voting for Mission Grants and election of officers and Bible study led by Deaconess Betty Knapp. Friday afternoon you can participate in the Mission Walk, then enjoy the Friday evening banquet with the Garms Family Singers as entertainment. Saturday we will finish our weekend by revealing the 2026-2028 Mission Grants, Bible study, speakers and install new officers.

Information on lodging is on the bottom of the registration form, the form was printed in the winter issue of Mission Tidings. You may stay in the dorm by signing up on the registration form, or call the Holiday Inn direct.

LWML NWD 2026 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Noon-6:45 pm	Registration, Gifts of the Heart
1-4 pm	Servant Events
1-6:45 pm	Exhibits open
3:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
3:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting
5:00 pm	Board Dinner
7:00 pm	Opening Session – Divine Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 pm	President and Candidate Reception



Friday, June 19, 2026

7:00 am	YWR Breakfast
7:30 am	Registration continues, Gifts of the Heart, Displays
7:45 am	Delegate Orientation
8:15 am	Singing
8:30 am	Banner Procession, first meeting
Noon	Special Interest Luncheons, Displays Open
1:15 pm	Singing
1:30 pm	Second Meeting
4:45 pm	Mission Walk, Displays Open
7:00 pm	Banquet and Entertainment

Exhibits/Displays & LWML Store Hours

Thursday

1 - 6:45 p.m.

Friday

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 20, 2026

7:30-8:30 am	Displays Open
8:15 am	Singing
8:30 am	Third Meeting
Noon	Adjourn

SEND IN DISTRICT DELEGATE CREDENTIALS FORMS BY MAY 1ST

In accordance with our District bylaws:

Your society has the option to elect two (2) delegates from each congregation having one or more LWML active societies. If you have more than one LWML society in your congregation you will need to decide how you will fill the (2) delegate and (2) alternate positions, so all our LWML societies have an equal voice at the convention.

Each active society may elect their (2) delegates and (2) alternates at any society meeting prior to the district convention. As soon as they are elected, please send in their delegate form/s. Please send in your form/s even if you have no alternate/s.

Please send in a separate NWD delegate form for your first delegate and alternate and an additional form for your second delegate and alternate. If your societies have not sent in your delegate forms already, please send them to the LWML NWD Corresponding Secretary by **MAY 1, 2026**.

Please notify the corresponding secretary if any alternate is taking your delegate's place as soon as you are informed of the situation, so credentials can be reissued.

Sending in your district delegate forms creates your convention voting credentials only. Your delegate/s and alternate/s must also send in the convention registration form to convention registration and properly complete the form by choosing delegate or alternate. The convention registration form can be found in *Mission Tidings* or on the website.

Rachel Potts, Lutheran Braille Workers Convention Luncheon B Speaker



Rachel Potts serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Ministry Relations with Lutheran Braille Workers. She lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband and their three children. Rachel and her husband met during their undergraduate years and later continued their graduate studies together, trusting God's provision through each season of life.

Originally from northern Michigan, Rachel and her husband began their married life in Tucson, Arizona. During that time she worked for five years as a speech-language pathologist in a public school district, serving children from preschool through high school. After relocating to Ann Arbor, she became the Director of Enrollment at St. Paul Lutheran School, where she served for 11 years before being called to join the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers.

Rachel now serves as part of the leadership team at Lutheran Braille Workers, working alongside organizational leadership to guide and strengthen the ministry. She considers it a profound blessing to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Outside of her professional work, Rachel enjoys a full and active family life. She has a deep love for music and plays the violin in worship settings when possible. Her interests also include gardening, coaching youth robotics, leading Girl Scouts, graphic design, reading, knitting, and traveling with her family. She is grateful for the opportunity to use her gifts in service to Christ and His people.

Bylaw Amendments

There will be three (3) bylaw amendments for the voting assembly to be considered at convention. All three (3) pertain to current banking practices used by the financial secretary and the treasurer and updating the LWML NWD bylaws to reflect those practices.

The first amendment proposes that the financial secretary shall receive and deposit all monies into the LWML NWD checking account and file receipts thereof, at minimum monthly;

Article VIII Section 5 B

The second amendment proposes that the financial secretary shall deposit all monies received into the LWML NWD account at least monthly, filing the receipt thereof;

Article VIII Section 5 D

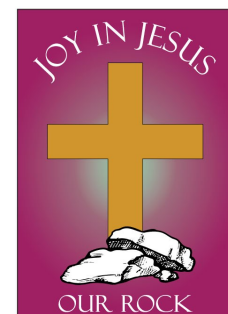
The third amendment speaks to removal of this Article and Section to reflect current banking practices.

Article VIII Section 6 B



2026-2028 Mission Grant Proposals

1. **\$10,00 Trinity HOPE - Nourishing the Bodies and Souls of Children in Haiti:** This grant supports Trinity HOPE in providing daily meals to students in Haitian Lutheran schools, meeting urgent physical needs, and creating opportunities for Gospel outreach.
2. **\$10,500 Comfort Dog Samaria & Comfort Dog Hagar in Action - A Bridge for the Brokenhearted:** This grant funds one full year of ministry for LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Samaria and Hagar, covering dog care, training, travel, and outreach equipment.
3. **\$30,000 NWD Professional Church Work Student Grant:** This grant helps reduce financial barriers for students preparing to serve as pastors, teachers, and professional church workers.
4. **\$12,000 Mighty Fortress - Spiritual and Physical Food for the Children of Peru, Castillo Fuerte:** This grant helps provide daily meals, Christian care, and a safe place for children in a vulnerable Lima neighborhood.
5. **\$10,00 Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin Mental Health Counseling for Children, Adults, Pastors, and Called Workers in Northern Wisconsin:** This grant removes financial and access barriers so children, adults, pastors, and families can receive Christ-centered mental health counseling.
6. **\$5,000 Lutheran Bible Translators - Changed Lives, Shared Word Restoring the Bible Printing Fund:** This grant strengthens LCFS's ability to offer compassionate, Christ-centered counseling to individuals and families facing trauma, anxiety, depression, and behavioral challenges.
7. **\$15,000 Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch Funds for Shipping of Relief Supplies and Food:** This grant helps cover rising shipping costs so food, clothing, medical supplies, and other relief items can continue reaching people in need across the U.S. and worldwide.
8. **\$8,000 Worship Anew - Expansion of the Gospel to Aging Adults in the NWD:** This grant equips congregations to spiritually care for aging and homebound adults throughout the North Wisconsin District.
9. **\$10,000 MOST Ministries - Reaching Distant Nations: Open Doors for Gospel Proclamation:** This grant reduces travel costs so more volunteers can join mission teams serving alongside LCMS missionaries around the world.
10. **\$12,000 Phil's Friends - Care Packages: Whole Person Care:** This grant provides Care Packages and ongoing Cards of Hope to ninety-six patients for one year.
11. **\$8,700 Lutheran Heritage Foundation - New Shepherds for South Sudan:** This grant supports two seminarians preparing for ministry in South Sudan by covering tuition, housing, meals, and study materials.
12. **\$25,000 Central WI Lutheran High School Student Assistance Fund:** This grant supports the new Student Assistance Fund to ensure tuition needs do not prevent students from receiving Christ-centered education.
13. **\$10,000 Camp Luther - Resting Well to Serve Well:** This grant replaces worn mattresses, encasements, and box springs in the Retreat Center to ensure guests receive safe, comfortable rest.
14. **\$5,000 Concordia Center for the Family - Facilitating Lifelong Christian Family Disciples:** This grant supports training and equipping Family Discipleship Facilitators who help congregations strengthen faith formation in homes.
15. **\$15,000 Shepard's Canyon - Ministry Scholarships:** This grant sustains week-long, Christ-centered counseling retreats for pastors, ministry workers, and spouses experiencing burnout or stress.
16. **\$7,5000 CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students:** This grant supports the seminary's Food Co-op, which provides most of students' monthly groceries at no cost.
17. **\$25,000 CTSFW New Co-op Building to Purchase Freezers to Store Food for Seminary Students:** This grant helps construct and equip a new Food and Clothing Co-op with improved storage and freezer capacity.
18. **\$4,000 Bethesda Lutheran Disability Ministries - Reaching Forward: Sharing Christ's Love with All Abilities:** This grant strengthens disability ministry across the district by supporting training, resources, and volunteer development.
19. **\$15,000 Christ Community Lutheran School (Almena, WI):** This grant provides tuition assistance so more families can access classical, Scripture-centered Lutheran education.
20. **\$12,500 Lutherans for Life - Redeeming Grace Abortion Retreat:** This grant supports a Scripture-based abortion recovery retreat that brings Christ's forgiveness, healing, and restoration to women carrying deep spiritual wounds.
21. **\$15,000 Camp Restore, Detroit - Stewards of God's Gifts: Using Tools to Beautify Creation:** This grant provides essential tools for volunteers serving alongside community leaders to restore Detroit neighborhoods.



Candidates for LWML NWD - President



Laura Anderson
Silver Creek Lutheran Church
Clayton, WI, Zone 3

Zone: Zone President 2010-2015,
Vice President 2008-2010

District: Delegate for District Convention LWML and LCMS, YWR 1988 & YWR 2004, led women's Bible study spring & fall 2011-present, Structure Committee, Mission Grants Committee, 2016 Eau Claire Convention Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Christian Life Chair, led painting workshop at women's retreat, designed/created district and national banners

Congregation: Sunday School Superintendent/Teacher, VBS Coordinator, Christmas Program Director, Church Secretary/Bulletin Builder and Historian, Cemetery Sexton, Altar Guild/Banner Design/Creator, Church Pictorial Directory

Other: Concordia Secretary, AOL-St. Louis, PTO Secretary, Master Gardener, Fundraiser Coordinator for Clear Lake Historical Museum, Secretary of Clear Lake Area Community Center, Clear Lake School Bus Driver, Clear Lake Chronicle Editor/Manager/Publisher



Mary Scharenbrock
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sheldon, WI, Zone 15

Society: President, Chair and
Funeral Meals

Zone: Zone President, Zone Bible Study Leader

District: Leader Development, Human care,
Nominating Committee/Chairman of Nominating
Committee, Second Vice President

National: LWML Gospel Outreach, Author for
Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Handouts Director for
2023 National Convention, Kios Booth Director for
2023 National Convention

Congregation: Church Secretary, Altar Guild, Call
Committee, VBS/Sunday School Teacher, Recording
Secretary, Quilting for Lutheran World Relief, 100th
Church Anniversary Committee, Chair Banner
Making, President of the Wisconsin Federation of
Lutheran Altar Guilds NWD & SWD, Delegate at NWD
LCMS Conventions, Delegate at LCMS Synodical
Convention

Community: Cancer Benefits, Habitat for Humanity,
LWML Blood Drives, Servant Center for Life, Care Net
Pregnancy Resource Center, Flambeau School,
Disability Benefit

Other: Worked for Ladysmith School District and St.
John's Christian Preschool, Current Church Secretary
at Trinity Lutheran Church, Employed by Crossmark
in Marketing/Merchandiser



Candidate for LWML NWD - Second Vice President



Diane Simon
Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran
Church
Appleton, WI, Zone 18

Society: President, Christian
Growth

Zone: President

District: First Vice President, Treasurer

Congregation: VBS/Sunday school teacher, Small

Group Leader Bible Class, Church Council Secretary,
Board of Evangelism/Outreach

Other: Treasure Hunt coordinator, Trivia Night
helper, Recording Secretary Bethesda LDM,
Underwriting Assistant Pilot-Kelly Services for
Thrivent Financial, Senior and Home-bound Care,
Tax Preparation at Jason Hewitt Tax Service,
Customer Service Rep-R. Sabee Company, LLC,
Contract Work for various agencies, CRS-Norandex
Distribution



Candidate for LWML NWD - Treasurer



Pam Pfankuch
Faith Lutheran Church
Chippewa Falls, WI, Zone 9

Society: Treasurer, President, Vice President, Secretary

Zone: President, Vice President

District: Financial Secretary, Chair of Endowment Fund Task Force Committee

Congregation: Sunday school & VBS teacher, ladies Bible study leader, Secretary, Vice President of Congregation

Community: Chippewa Valley Community Chorus, treasurer, 2023 Milwaukee LWML National Convention treasurer

Other: Financial Service Representative at Royal Credit Union for 35 years; helped with many activities at Camp Luther



Candidate for LWML NWD - Recording Secretary



Lynnette Roshell
St. John's Lutheran Church
Cadott, WI, Zone 9

Society: Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church Society President of Minnesota North District; St. John's Lutheran Church, Cadott, Society treasurer of North Wisconsin District

Zone: Northwest Suburban Zone President of Minnesota South District, Rum River Zone treasurer of Minnesota North District, Zone 9 President of NWD

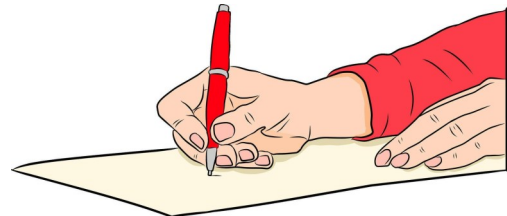
District: YWR to 1997 Charlotte NC Convention, Recording Secretary Minnesota North District, Delegate to numerous district conventions for Minnesota North, Delegate to NWD conventions

National: Delegate to Portland OR 2009 LWML Convention, Delegate to Omaha NE 2025 LWML Convention

Congregation: Youth Group Fundraiser assistance, Bethlehem Inn Kitchen staff, Quilt Ministry, Funeral Meal helper

Community: Mathematics curriculum review Brooklyn Center MN, Cub Scout Pack 142 newsletter author and camp coordinator, Boy Scout Troop 142 treasurer and committee member; chaperone to 2005 Forest Lake MN Euroband Tour, chaperone to 2008 Canadian Scout Jamboree

Other: 34 years with the Minnesota Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineer, retired as Special Programs Engineer for the State Aid for Local Transportation Group



Candidates for LWML NWD - Pastoral Counselor



Rev. James Krueger

Ministry: Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool, Marinette, WI, 2023-present; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, 2009-2022; St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston, MI, 2003-2008

Education: Concordia University, Seward, NE, 1985-1989 BS ED; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1999-2003 Master of Divinity

Positions Held: In Michigan - Saginaw Valley Zone Pastoral Counselor, MI District LWML Counselor

Role of LWML/Women in Mission: The mission of the LWML is to equip Christian women to live each day as the hands, feet, and voice of our Savior Jesus so that the Kingdom of Believers on earth may continue to grow until Jesus returns to gather his flock to Heaven.

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Candidates for LWML NWD - Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Dean Suehring

Ministry: St. John Lutheran Church, Tigerton, WI, 2020-present, St. John's & Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Tigerton and Marion, WI, 2016-present

Education: Specific Ministry Pastor Certification-Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, 2016; Alternate Route - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, 2026

Positions Held: Host Pastor - 2024 North Wisconsin District LWML Convention



Role of LWML/Women in Mission: Through their acts of service and their faithful witness, the women of LWML help to make known the love of Christ, wherever and whenever He has need of them. Through their generosity and the collection of mites, the women of the LWML make a difference in the lives of many through their mission grants. And through their mutual consolation and encouragement, the women of LWML help to build up each other and the women of their congregation, zone and community.

77th Annual LWML NWD Fall Retreat Camp Luther, Three Lakes, September 10 – 12, 2026

You are all invited to the 77th annual fall retreat scheduled for September 10 - 12. This year's retreat will begin Thursday evening, September 10, with registration at 4 p.m. and opening devotions at 7 p.m.

Our retreat theme is, "Jesus our Living Hope," based on *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit* (Romans 15:13 NIV).

I am excited to announce that our Bible study leader/speaker will be author, podcast host, and Christian Life Coach Michelle Diercks. Michelle's books will be available at retreat.

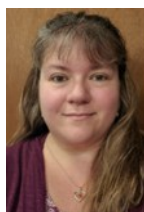
Again, there will be a craft project, as well as early morning devotions on Friday and Saturday. Gifts of the Heart collection will be needed items for two homeless/emergency shelters within our district. I am hoping for a servant event to tie into these two shelters. Look for more information in the summer *Mission Tidings*.

There are so many things to look forward to during the annual fall retreat. I pray that you all will be able to join us whether it just is for one day or for the full retreat.

The Fall Retreat Registration form and last minute details about the retreat will be in the summer *Mission Tidings*. The registration cost, retreat center rooms, camp fees, and meal costs are the same as last year. Unfortunately, the cottage costs have gone up, so please bring more ladies with you to help offset that increase.

I am so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice President since the summer of 2022. I look forward to sharing all of the knowledge I have gained about planning and carrying out retreats with our future elected 2nd VP.

Joyfully serving Him,



Dawn Via
LWML NWD 2nd Vice President



**Serve the Lord with Gladness
In Green Bay
Friday, August 7th, 2026**

Planned Itinerary:

8:45 Devotion/prayer

9:00 Servant event at Manna for Life

12:00 Picnic lunch in Debbi's gardens; wear your favorite garden hat!

1:00 Servant event at Golden House; consider bringing garden or cleaning gloves if you feel you will serve in that capacity.

5:30 Evening meal at 1951. We will dine in a private room. Venue will do separate checks.

7:00 Tenth Avenue North concert at Cup O Joy.
\$27.50 charge for reserved seats.



Manna for Life

1545 University Ave. Green Bay, WI

The mission of Manna For Life Ministries is to reflect the Love of Jesus Christ in the Green Bay community, and to help people by meeting needs and planting seeds of Love, Hope, Kindness, and Faith in them.

Consider bringing food to help fill their food pantry!

Golden House

1120 University Ave. Green Bay, WI

Golden House is a secure place where victims of domestic abuse find compassionate, knowledgeable advocates offering confidential, individualized help.

Consider bringing paper or cleaning products to help with their ministry!

Send completed registration form to Debbi Young, 515 La Plant Street, Green Bay WI 54302

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

T-shirt Size: _____

Friday Night Entertainment Yes No

If yes, please enclose a check for \$27.50 made payable to LWML-NWD by June 24th.

Comfort Inn & Suites, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay WI is nearby for those of you who plan to stay overnight. Please make your own reservations by calling 920-499-7449.

Transportation is on your own ~ consider carpooling to allow extra fellowship time!

Questions: Debbi can be reached at 920-737-2651 or debyoung90@gmail.com



Zone News - 2025 Fall Rally

DARLENE BUCHMAN, SECRETARY
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
BARRON, WI, ZONE 3

Salem Lutheran LWML in Barron hosted the fall rally for Zone 3 on Saturday, October 6. The Bible study on prayer was presented by the ladies from Christ Lutheran in Lampson and Trinity Lutheran in Hayward. Instead of a speaker, a service project was organized to provide 100 hygiene kits and 100 school kits for Orphan Grain Train.



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TRICIA MINTURN, ZONE PRESIDENT
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
DURAND, WI
ZONE 15

It was a beautiful day for our Zone 15 Fall Rally held at Zion Lutheran Church, Mondovi, WI on November 1. We were blessed to have Maarja Halverson sharing her journey from growing up in a non-religious country to finding LCMS as an immigrant to the United States. Dawn Via delivered the President's message and also shared her experience in Lima, Peru. Debby Suchyta shared a little bit about "Just Talk to Them... keeping young people safe online." Elizabeth Leasum provided us with a brochure of information of about the 500th Wedding Anniversary of Martin Luther and Katharina Von Bora. It was a nice treat to welcome a couple of guests from Chippewa Falls. Visiting other zones rallies is something I hope to do to build relationships within our district.

Zone News

This past Spring, ladies from Zone 5 delivered 56 school kits, 11 hygiene kits and 28 sleep mats to Orphan Grain Train. The ladies in Bundy have been making sleep mats since 2017 and will keep doing it as long as practical and is needed!



2025 Fall Rally

LYNNETTE ROSHELL
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CADOTT, WI
ZONE 9

The Zone 9 Fall Rally was hosted by the ladies of Zion Lutheran in Chippewa Falls. They put on a lovely program and delicious food. The featured speaker was Cari Bowe of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (<https://shpbeds.org>). This organization provides beds and bedding to any children, who for whatever reason, do not have a bed to sleep. There are no income restrictions to recipients; the organization is just filling a need. There are currently 140,000 children in the United States who do not have a bed for sleeping. Larger groups can organize bed building days with the organization and donations of cash, bedding, and quilts are encouraged. They have a local chapter in Chippewa Falls, but they have branches throughout the country. Cari had a small model bed that she showed the women who were present. The beds are plain but sturdy and can be made as single beds or bunk beds. Details on the upcoming district convention were discussed and a review from those who attended the national convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Pam Pfankuch, our former zone president and others represented the NWD in the LWML Golf Fundraising event prior to the convention.



Guest speaker, Cari Bowe pictured above.



Zone News

JANEAN MORROW, ZONE PRESIDENT
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPENCER, WI
ZONE 10



Bonnie Beyreis, the Altar Guild treasurer at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spencer is checking out the woodworking projects that were donated to the guild. The guild offered them for sale to the congregation when a talented church member wanted to reduce his inventory and help LWML with their mission work.



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2026/2027 Calendar Items

May 1
Registration fee for District
Convention increases to
\$85

May 11 & 12
EC & Board Meeting
Rock of Ages
Minocqua

June 1
Deadline for Summer
Mission Tidings

June 18-20
LWML NWD Convention
Marquette, MI

September 10-12
Fall Retreat at Camp Luther

July 8-11, 2027
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