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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

President's Official Call to VIRTUAL Convention

38th Biennial Convention
of the
Lutheran Women's
Missionary League
Kansas District

"VIRTUAL CONVENTION"

Saturday, June 27, 2020

- Time to be announced -

BE THOU MY VISION



"LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS..." HEBREWS 12:2

Theme Verse:

*...looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2 NRSV).*

Convention Goal Statement:

As we focus on Jesus with 2020 vision, we will:

- *see the Author of our faith more clearly,*
- *Open our eyes to the joy of enduring crosses daily, and*
- *Share with other the vision of the glory of God.*

The voting body of the convention will vote on Mission Grant proposals, God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals, Bylaws revisions, and elect new officers for the 2020-2024 terms of office via mailed, paper ballots. Information about the mission of the LWML Kansas District and the Gospel-sharing and service projects that the mission grants are funding will be online.

Although I deeply regret that we will be unable to meet in person, we look forward to bringing a virtual convention to you as we thank God for another biennium of blessings upon the LWML Kansas District!
See you online! — President Brenda Piester | president@kansaslwml.org

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2020 Virtual Convention Schedule

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Pre-Convention Music and Singing

VP of Communication Shelly Keller

VP of Organizational Resources Elaine Engelman

Call to order, Convention candle lighting and Convention Goals;

Overview of what is available on the website to follow along:

Convention Manual, Music, Worship, Bible study, Offering Information

President Brenda Piester

Meeting Manager Gloria Raab

Convention Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

Banner Procession and Past Presidents

Greetings from the LCMS Kansas District

Opening Worship

Pastor Robert Grimm and Pastor Rocco Mallardi

Message from LWML

Ingathering Thank You

Prayer Walk and Mission Walk

LCMS Thank You

Message from LWML

Announcement of God's Gracious Gifts Fund

Grants and Video

Announcement of 2020-2022 Mission Goal

Announcement of Mission Grants and Video

Kansas Mission Flag presentation

President Debbie Larson

VP of Caring Service Laura Hunter

VP of Christian Life Allison Lehmann

VP of Gospel Outreach Eden Keefe

VP of Gospel Outreach Janice Cundiff

Treasurer Carolyn Fishburn

Financial Secretary Ella Schempp

VP of Gospel Outreach Janice Cundiff

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National LWML Representative

Young Woman Representatives

Announcement of Bylaws Results

Announcement of 2021-2022 Day of Prayer

VP of Organizational Resources Marie Chow

VP of Special Focus Ministries Jill Lowe

Recording Secretary Kathryn Richard

Recording Secretary Kathryn Richard

Music and Singing

Bible Study "Be Thou My Vision"

Pastor Jay Hobson

Message from LWML

Message from LWML Gift Planning Counselor

Announcement of new Kansas Endowment

Heart to Heart Sisters

Invitation to KC for 2022

Outgoing officer skit

President's remarks

Announcement of New Officers

Pinning of new president

Installation of Officers

New President remarks

Extinguish the convention candle and Adjourn

Post-Convention Music

VP of Christian Life Susan Brunkow

Carol von Soosten

Eden Keefe/Kim Burdett

District Leader Sherri Rose

Convention Co-Chairmen

Executive Committee

President Brenda Piester

President Brenda Piester

President Brenda Piester

Pastor Rocco Mallardi

New President

New President

CONVENTION “VIRTUAL” INGATHERING

YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Since we will be unable to bring food items for the Topeka Rescue Mission, we encourage you to take food items to YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK!

Please feel free to do this ANY TIME between now and the convention. Email me at caraingservice@kansaslwml.org with how many items or pounds you took. You may also post pictures on the LWML Kansas District Facebook page. Let's set a goal of 5,000#!



Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries is an organization networking people from all over the globe who feel called by God to continue the healing work of Jesus Christ. They believe God is calling us to ensure that Lutheran healing ministries are sustained in countries deeply challenged by poverty. Global Health Ministries hospice kits provide comfort and needed supplies for someone who is suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer, or other devastating illness. Kits are distributed by palliative care providers through Lutheran hospice programs that reach into villages in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Cameroon.



- regular-size bath towels (not longer than 52")
 - toothbrushes (in original, individual packaging)
 - nail clippers
 - bath-size bars of soap (wrapped, unscented, such as Dove Unscented for Sensitive Skin)
 - jars or tubes of petroleum jelly (approximately 4 ounces or larger, lid taped)
 - pairs of heavy-duty household gloves (kitchen type, size medium)
 - wash cloths
 - “pick” style combs
- Instructions for the kits may be found at: <https://www.ghm.org/hands-on-projects>
- Mail your finished kits to:
GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES 7831 HICKORY STREET NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55432
- Email me at caraingservice@kansaslwml.org with how kits you mailed. You may also post pictures on the LWML Kansas District Facebook page.



Trimmed stamps for the Texas District Stamporee project – Continue to save these and take them to Zone events this fall!

**“Thank you!” for your work to make the
“Virtual” convention ingathering
a blessing to these organizations!
– Laura Hunter, Vice President of Caring Service**

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Offering 1—Friday Evening Communion Worship Service:

2020—2022 LWML Kansas District Mission Goal

Offering 2—Sunday Morning Worship Service:

Orphan Grain Train—Russian Orphanages

Orphan Grain Train's "Adopt an Orphanage" program currently has 90 orphanages under full sponsorship in Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Hundreds more are awaiting help. Many of these orphanages are in remote rural areas where poverty is the norm and adult unemployment is as high as 80%. Combined with chronic alcoholism, these conditions have a tremendous impact on families.



Conditions in the orphanages are often extremely harsh. The temperature was -20° F. when this photo of a Severskya, Russia orphanage was taken. Many children have only one or two sets of clothing. Medicine and other necessities are often in short supply or unavailable.

With the "Adopt an Orphanage" program, Orphan Grain Train provides support for each sponsored orphanage at a cost of \$280 a month. Funds are wired to Orphan Grain Train partners on location who purchase and deliver medicine, medical supplies, hygienic supplies, vitamins and clothing directly to the orphanages. No funds are given directly to the institutions, only supplies. This ensures that the help actually reaches those who need it.



HOW TO MAKE A CONVENTION OFFERING:

Make checks payable to the LWML Kansas District.

Please note the Offering # on the "For" line of the check.

Mail to:

LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention, 2232 E Elk Drive, Lincoln, KS 67455

**Online giving will be available at <https://www.kansaslwml.org/>
Keep checking the website – it should be active soon! Thank you!**

2020 LWML Kansas District Convention

Prayer Walk / Mission Walk

The Christian Life Committee is offering a prayer meditation which will take about 30 minutes to complete. Meditation on the Small Catechism will be the **FOCUS** for the Prayer Walk which you may do with your local group or on your own. A proper understanding of the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine can help us **SEE** Jesus more clearly as you travel through each of the stations.



LOOK for more information on the website at <https://www.kansaslwml.org/>.
We encourage you to complete the walk as we “fix our eyes on Jesus!”

Passageways, Wichita, Kansas, is the 2020 recipient of the Prayer Walk / Mission Walk Pledges.



MISSION:

To assist every veteran that walks through our doors to achieve their individual goals and provide essential tools and resources for housing stability, independence and self-sustainability.

Passageways was formed in the hearts of Jennifer and Susan, two members of Ascension Lutheran—Wichita, in 2014. They had a vision to impact the population of homeless veterans living on the streets in the greater Wichita area. Passageways is a faith-based organization providing solution-based ministry services to the homeless and veteran population. Services to the Heroes are at no cost to them.

- *Make Prayer Walk/Mission Walk checks payable to the LWML Kansas District.*
- *Please note “Prayer Walk” on the “For” line of the check.*
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CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Bible Study Leader – Pastor Jay Hobson



Jay is the pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Skiatook, OK. He earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was ordained into the holy ministry in 2011. The desire to tell others about the love of God in Christ Jesus was what drove Jay to become a pastor, which he still loves doing to this day. He spent the first eight years of his ministry at two wonderful congregations in Hepler and Erie, Kansas, and served four years as pastoral counselor for the LWML Kansas District from 2014-2018.

When he is not “wearing the clerical,” Jay loves spending time with his wife Angelyn and wrestling with his three kiddos, Julius (5), Amelia (2), and Ezra (9 months!). He is also a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. So, Boomer Sooner!

NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE

***Marie Chow –
Vice President of Organizational Resources
2019-2023***



***The LWML Kansas District is blessed that
two of the five LWML Vice Presidents
are active Lutheran Women in Mission in Kansas.
Both will bring greetings to the virtual convention.***



Susan Brunkow
Vice President of
Christian Life
depcl@lwml.org

Manhattan, Kansas



Eden Keefe
Vice President of
Gospel Outreach
depgo@lwml.org

Overland Park, Kansas

CONVENTION MISSION-IN-ACTION and INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS

*Thank you to these men and women who were planning to present at our convention.
You may read more about them in the original Kansas Sonshine – Convention Issue.
You may find out more about their missions and ministries at the links provided.
We keep them in our prayers for God's guidance and protection on their service.*



Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner
Apple of His Eye Mission Society
Tel Aviv, Israel

Also: Pastors' and Men's Luncheon
Christian Life Breakfast
<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/>



Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana
Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) USA (Ret.)
BCC, D.A.A.E.T.S
Assistant Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces,
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

<https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces>



Carol von Soosten
LWML Gift Planning Counselor

<http://www.lwmlgiftplan.org/>



BANQUET INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
Devin Henderson – Entertainer/Comedian
LOOK FOR DEVIN IN OVERLAND PARK IN 2022!

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqY6sWTR5w4&feature=youtu.be>

INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS

Thank you to these men and women who were planning to present interest sessions at our convention. You may read more about them in the original Kansas Sonshine- Convention Issue. You may find out more about their missions and ministries at the links provided. We keep them in our prayers for God's guidance and protection on their service.

"Coffee Conversations: Relational Evangelism"

at Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS

Paige Edgington, DCE, Director of Outreach and Coffeehouse Manager, and Jenn Eickman, Director of Development

<https://www.fairmountministries.org/>



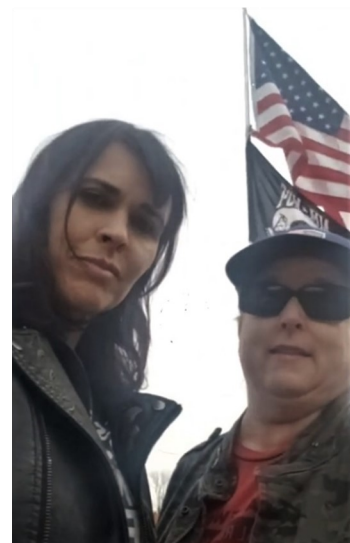
**Lights for Christ, Zacapa, Guatemala—
National LWML Mission Grant # 8, \$95,000**

Linda Tape, Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita

<https://holycrosslutheran.net/guatemala-partnership/>

**Passageways, Ltd.—Jennifer Garrison,
Ascension Lutheran-Wichita**

<https://www.passagewaysltd.org/>



"Building Faith through Family Prayers"—

**Rev. Dr. Rocco and Janine Mallardi;
Messiah Lutheran — Hays**

<http://www.messiahlutheranhays.com/>

INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS – (continued)



***"Preventing Death by Suicide"—
Rev. Dr. Richard "Rick" Marrs
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis***

<https://www.csl.edu/directory/richard-marrs/>



***International Friendship Center—
Lynette Bosch, IFC Coordinator
Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita***

<https://holycrosslutheran.net/>



LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2020 Convention

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention, the Nominating Committee announces the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee for the 2020-2024 term.

PRESIDENT: Kim Burdett and Sherri Rose

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Dohl

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Kathryn Richard

VICE PRESIDENT OF CARING SERVICE: Betty Amey

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION: Kris Osler

PASTORAL COUNSELOR: Rev. Dr. John Tape (Wichita) and Rev. Michael J. Schmidt (Manhattan)

Please keep these faithful LWML sisters and brothers in prayer,
as they wait to see how the Lord will use them to serve the LWML Kansas District with gladness!

Beverly Wiese, Nominating Committee Chairman

Candidate for President

Kim Burdett – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Christ Lutheran, Overland Park

Local LWML: Kim is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Overland Park, but remains a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church LWML; President, Vice President; Member Development Chairman

Zone LWML: Zone Treasurer (currently); Young Woman Representative to the Kansas District Convention in Hays (1996); Convention Budget Planning Committee; Member Development Committee

District LWML: Co-Chairman of the Endowment Committee (currently); Treasurer (2014-2018); Vice President of Gospel Outreach (2012-2014); Financial Secretary (2008-2012); Committee on Young Women, Member and Chairman; Member Development Committee, Member

National LWML: Attended three national conventions; LWML Finance Committee (2015-2017)

Other Church Related Experiences: Member of the handbell choir; Sunday School Superintendent and teacher; Vacation Bible School Superintendent and staff; Youth Group: Adult Counselor and Financial Secretary; Midweek Teacher; Adult Bible Study Leader; Retreat Chairman, and Event Planner

Work Experience: Employed part-time at Christ Lutheran Church and Education Center as an accounting assistant; Received Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance from Kansas State University

General: Kim has been married to Chuck for 36 years, and they have three grown children: Alyssa, Christian, and Michaela (Brady), and three grandchildren. Kim's favorite pastime is loving on their grandchildren and spending time with their family, traveling, and baking goodies—especially unusual flavors of cheesecake and decorated cupcakes.

Kim states: "LWML has become a priceless treasure for me in my faith walk with Jesus Christ. Being a part of LWML's mission is truly a blessing and serving alongside all of my LWML peers has been a tremendous inspiration. You are all mentors to me as I strive to be a strong mentor to all of my you, my LWML family."



Candidate for President

Sherri Rose – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Hope Lutheran, Shawnee

Local LWML: Hope – Shawnee LWML (2019-Present); Redeemer – Topeka LWML (1989-2019), President (several terms), Vice President; Grace – Kansas City LWML (1985-1989)

Zone LWML: President; Vice President; Christian Life Committee Chairman; Care and Needs Committee Chairman

District LWML: Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (2014-2018); Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader (2017 to present); Communication Committee, Member

National LWML: Attended LWML conventions in Peoria (2011), Des Moines (2015), Albuquerque (2017), and Mobile (2019); Participated in Heart to Heart Sisters Leader Training in Albuquerque (2017) and Mobile (2019)

Other Church Related Experiences: Co-Teacher Preschool Sunday School class; Board of Evangelism member; Church Secretary; Vacation Bible School teacher and song leader; Choir member; Children's Christmas Service Director; Attend weekly Bible study; New member of the bell choir

Work Experience: Church Secretary at Redeemer Lutheran Church (11 years); Volunteer at the LMH Health (Lawrence Memorial Hospital), Lawrence; LMH Health Volunteers Board Secretary and Governance Committee Chairman

General: Sherri has been married to Larry for 41 years this February, and they have two daughters: Kindle and Caitlin (Gary) and one grandson. She enjoys knitting, sewing, reading, browsing cookbooks, playing several musical instruments, and spending time with their young grandson.

Sherri states: "In March of 2019, my husband and I sold our house, moved to a temporary house, then moved into our current house in Shawnee. (My husband moved us in while I was attending the Mobile Convention!) We just transferred membership from Redeemer—Lawrence, and I am looking forward to seeing God's blessings and His plans unfold in our new location. There are so many things to learn and so many ways to serve others through this congregation. I'm also looking forward to meeting more LWML sisters, getting back into an LWML 'routine,' and becoming part of a different LWML Zone."



Candidates for Vice President of Caring Service

Betty Amey – Wichita Zone Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita

Local LWML: President (4 terms); Women's Bible Study leader, LWML Committee Chairman, Funeral dinner chairman

Zone LWML: President (2 terms); Christian Growth Chairman

District LWML: Caring Service Committee Chairman; Attended several Kansas Assembly of Leaders meetings and several District conventions

National LWML: Attended four national conventions and was a delegate to the Des Moines Convention (2015)

Other Church Related Experiences: Sunday School teacher, Youth Ministry Leader, and Choir member; St. John's College Alumni Association Board Member; Orphan Grain Train (Wichita Warehouse) Board Member and volunteer; Bethesda resale shop (Wichita) weekly volunteer; Member of the LCMS Kansas District ad hoc Committee on Aging

Work Experience: Graduated from Concordia Teachers College and taught four years at Holy Cross Lutheran School; Earned a Masters in Science Education and worked two years in a Title Math/Science program at Wichita State University; and Filled in as teacher and principal several times while their children were young; Ended her career with 17 years as Math/Science teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School.

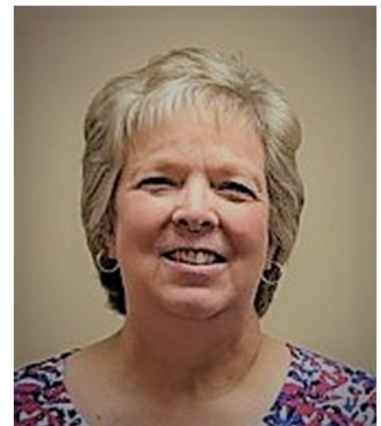
General: Betty is married to Leon "Butch", and they have three adult children Rebecca (Mark), Ben (Colette), and Brian (Pam). She enjoys teaching, reading, home projects, traveling, playing bridge, and their grandchildren.



~~Linda Stanton – Hutchinson Zone Our Redeemer Lutheran, Hutchinson~~

Due to a change in Linda's career/retirement plans, she has requested to have her name removed from the ballot.

We thank Linda for her willingness to serve her Lord in her church, in her LWML group, zone and district, and throughout her community. We pray for God's continued blessings on Linda and her family.



Candidate for Vice President of Communication

Kris Osler – Wichita Zone

Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita

Local LWML: LWML Women's Retreat Chairman 2013-Present; Society President, Advent by Candlelight Chairman (St. Paul's—Cheney)

District LWML: Special Focus Ministries Committee (2018); Christian Life Committee Chairman (2010-2014); Publications Committee Member and Circulation Chairman (2008-2010)

National LWML: Attended the LWML convention in Des Moines (2015)

Work Experience: Upper Grades Teacher, St. Paul's Lutheran—Cheney (2000-2003); Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School, Wichita (2011-Present)

Other Church Related Experiences: Women's Bible Study Leader (2015-Present); Holy Cross Fellowship Commissioner (2016-2019); Youth Group Fireworks Stand Manager (2017-2019)

General: Kris has been married to Tom for 32 years. They have three children: Erin, Sean (Miranda), and Trent. Kris enjoys quilting, writing Bible studies and devotions, and hiking.



Candidate for Recording Secretary

Mary Dohl – Wichita Zone

Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita

Local LWML: Member (1993-Present); Vice President (1999-2000); President (2000-2001); Secretary, Treasurer, Special Focus Ministries, Christian Life Chairman (Present); Holy Cross Women's Retreat Committee (several retreats)

Zone LWML: President (2017-Present); Christian Growth Chairman, York Zone-NE (late 1980s); Zone Delegate for Nebraska South District to the LWML Convention in Fort Worth, TX (1987)

District LWML: Attended many District Conventions, often as a delegate

National LWML: Attended many LWML Conventions, Delegate (1987)

Work Experience: Substitute Teacher for USD 259-Wichita (2015-Present); Elementary and Middle Public School Teacher (31 years, retired in 2015); Customer Service Representative at Southwestern Bell Telephone (9 years)

Other Church Related Experiences: Stewardship Committee (Late 1990s to early 2000s); Singles Coordinator (1995-Present), Plan activities and create newsletter bi-monthly for Singles Ministry, Host and lead Singles Bible Studies, Team Captain for Special Events Committee; Church Choir (1992-Present); Sewing Sisters (making dresses and shorts that are distributed to children by missionaries)

General: Mary enjoys traveling, attending weekly programs at Wichita Museums, reading, participating in a Book Club, sewing, and is active in the Volkssport Walking Club.



Candidate for Financial Secretary

Kathryn Richard – Southeast Zone Zion Lutheran, Pittsburg

Local LWML: Secretary and Reporter (current); President, Caring Service Chairman

Zone LWML: Southeast Zone: Secretary (2014-2017); Vice President (2012-2014); President (2007-2011); Care and Needs Chairman (2005-2007); Bylaws Review Committee; Financial Review Committee

District LWML: Recording Secretary (2016-Present); Structure Committee (2005-2016) and Chairman (2012-2016); Nominating Committee two times, including Chairman; 2014 District Convention at Wichita: Co-Chairman and Planning Committee Secretary; Kansas Assembly of Leaders: Executive Committee presentations, Structure Committee displays and skits; Attended several Women's Retreats and District Christian Life Retreats

National LWML: Attended five national conventions

Work Experience: Kathryn retired in 2014 after 43 years at Pittsburg State University, 27 of which were as Director of the regional Small Business Development Center. She managed a budget of over \$275,000 and a staff of three in providing assistance to small businesses in 15 southeast Kansas counties. Assistance included cash flow and budget projections, marketing, business planning, etc. Other positions held include administrative assistant (7 years), research analyst (9 years), adjunct business faculty (9 years). Received Bachelor's degree in Business Education and MBA from Pittsburg State University

Other Church Related Experiences: Council Treasurer (2005-Present); Council Secretary (2000-2005); Stewardship Chairman (1989-1999); Altar Guild, many years including Chairman (2012-Present); Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher; various congregational committees; Thrivent congregational representative, fundraising events and service projects; organize quilting, school kit, and baby kit assembly projects for Lutheran World Relief

General: Kathryn has been married to Larry for 49 years. They have three children: Amy, Julie, Dan, and three grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, quilting, and volunteering as 4-H Community Leader and clothing project leader (1981-present). Kathryn is also active in the community and volunteers with the Arma Homecoming Association, Secretary (2005-2010), Vice Chairman (2015-2017), and Chairman (2011-2015 and 2017-Present); and the Southeast Kansas Regional Prosperity Foundation, Board Member, Secretary (2005-Present). In the past, she has volunteered as a facilitator with the Crawford County Sixth Grade Youth Leadership (2005-2017) and with SEK, Inc. (regional economic development organization), Board Member and Recording Secretary (2010-2016). She also enjoys spending time caring for her mother and being with their grandchildren.



Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Michael Schmidt – Manhattan Zone

St. Luke's Lutheran – Manhattan, KS

Education:

- 2011 Master of Science – Family Life, Concordia University, Nebraska
- 1996 Master of Sacred Theology (STM), Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1995 Master of Divinity (MDiv), Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, Pomona, CA



Work Experience:

- 2011-present Pastor – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS
- 2000-2011 Pastor – Desert Foothills Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1996-2000 Associate Pastor – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, CA
- 1989-1991 Industrial Engineering Intern, United Parcel Service, Anaheim and Laguna Hills, CA
- 1991 Manufacturing Engineering Intern at McDonald Douglas in Monrovia, CA
- 1987-1989 Campus Life Director at Arcadia High School, Arcadia, CA
- 1987 Youth Director at Our Savior Lutheran Church
- 1985 & 1986 (Summer) Camp Counselor at Arrowhead Lutheran Camp, Arrowhead, CA

Congregation: During Pastor Schmidt's time at St. Luke's (2011-present), the congregation has become a Cancer Companions Congregation, started Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls Troop KS-0057, and started a LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Team. The Preschool has also transitioned into an Early Learning Center. At his previous parish (2000-2011), the congregation started Stephen Ministry. He attends a ministerial group in Manhattan. St. Luke's is also in the process of relocating the church and expects to be at their new location in 2020.

Circuit: Pastor Schmidt has been active at Circuit Meetings and made a presentation for the Circuit Forum on Luther's 95 Theses in 2017. He has been supportive of his circuit (Circuit 8) starting Flint Hills Lutherans for Life. He served as the Circuit Counselor (2004-2011) when he was at his previous parish.

District: Pastor Schmidt served as a LERT theological trainer at a LERT Training event in April of 2019. At his previous District (Pacific Southwest District) he served on the Pastor's Conference Leadership Team in 2009.

Synod: He attended the Synodical Convention as a voting delegate in 2007, 2010, and 2013.

Other Church Related Experiences: Pastor Schmidt became a Stephen Ministry Trainer in 2002. His vicarage was in Gainesville, FL, where he was responsible for the Campus Ministry at the church.

General: Rev. Schmidt is married to Kristina, and they have three sons and one daughter who are ages 11 through 17. He enjoys watching sporting events and runs a fantasy football and baseball league at the church. He currently coaches a 5th- 6th grade baseball team.

Candidate for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Dr. John Tape – Wichita Zone

Intentional Interim Pastor,

Lord of Life Lutheran – Leawood, KS



Education:

- 1993 Doctor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO
- 1984 Master of Theology, Lutheran School of Theology – Chicago, IL
- 1980 Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne, IN
- 1976 Bachelor of Arts, Concordia Senior College (LCMS) – Fort Wayne, IN
- 1974 Associate of Arts, Concordia College/University (LCMS) – Austin, TX

Work Experience: Rev. Dr. John W. Tape has served as a parish pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He has served as the Executive Director of two recognized service organizations of the LCMS.

Congregation: He is a member of the Guatemala Mission team with Holy Cross Lutheran-Wichita.

District LCMS: Dr. Tape has served as a guest preacher, and he is a trained Reconciler for the LCMS Kansas District.

Synod: Pastor Tape also works part-time as a frequent guest instructor for Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO, teaching online theology courses. He has served as a Hearing Facilitator.

Other Church Related Experiences: Dr. Tape has served as the Pastoral Advisor for Fairmount Ministries (formerly known as the Lutheran Student Center) which provides service and Christian outreach to the campus of Wichita State University and the surrounding community.

General: John is married to Linda, who is an attorney with Koch and specializes in environmental law. John and Linda are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS. They are blessed with three adult children and three grandchildren. In his free time, Dr. Tape enjoys reading and cooking.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) Mission Grants

- 1. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN**
Food & Clothing Co-op \$ 5,000
This request will be used to purchase perishable food items each month to be given directly to the students and their families. The co-op plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during the seminary years. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family volunteering time each month.
(Submitted by Katherine Rittner, Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City, IN)
- 2. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI**
Fund translation and publishing of books \$5,000
This submission is for funding translation and publishing of books for a Lutheran library for Central and South America, giving LCMS missionaries and other churches in 20 countries the tools they need to evangelize and teach in the language of the people.
(Submitted by Ruth Scott, St. John's Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS)
- 3. Martin Luther Primary and Devotional Secondary School, Sierra Leone**
Development of school buildings and grounds \$ 6,000
This request will assist in the development of the school buildings/grounds as LeadaChild works with church and school leadership in Sierra Leone to develop an educational hub to advance the Gospel and quality learning opportunities in the region.
(Submitted by LeadaChild, Olathe, KS)
- 4. Rural Churches = Garden City, Lakin, and Ulysses, KS**
Ministry Partnership\$ 4,500
This request will be used for materials, supplies, and training specific to replanting the church. Three rural churches will create a new ministry partnership to focus on revitalizing and replanting with a mission-minded pastor. These rural areas, mostly Hispanic, will be able to receive the Word and Sacrament.
(Submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS)
- 5. Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, KS**
Updating the school library \$5,000
This submission would be used for purchasing new and up-to-date nonfiction and fiction selections, as well as new alternative seating in the library. The school has students from a variety of church and non-church backgrounds. Part of updating will be adding more Christian selections.
(Submitted by Emma Taylor, Topeka Lutheran School, Topeka, KS)
- 6. KansaSEED, LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry**
Leadership training \$ 5,000
This request is for leadership and outreach training for deaf leaders from churches who support deaf ministry. Reports indicate there are 9,100 profoundly deaf people in Kansas with the majority unchurched. This would provide training to interpreters to share their faith and extend the love of Jesus in the deaf community.
(Submitted by Sara Hale, KansaSEED)
- 7. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT, Lawrence, KS**
Provide meals, crafts, and other activities in the dorm \$5,000
This submission will enable Deon Prue of the ministry staff to meet and build relationships with the freshman women by providing meals, crafts, and other activities in the dorm. Deon is trained to help individuals walk through the healing journey with Jesus at their side. This core group of women can then become leaders at Haskell LIGHT.
(Submitted by Tiffany Harkins, Beautiful Savior, Olathe, KS)
- 8. Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, MO**
Translating Scripture for the Komba people of Ghana \$5,000
This request would allow pastors, leaders, men, women, and children to share and know Jesus by being able to read, hear, and speak about Him in their own language. In 2014 the Komba New Testament was published and sold out. This would make the entire Bible available to the Komba people of Ghana for the first time ever.
(Submitted by Lisa Brack, Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, KS)

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9. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Help fund the education costs of international students.....\$5,000

This request will help fund the educational costs of international students enrolled in Concordia Seminary's Graduate School. When these global students earn their advanced-level theological degrees and return to their home countries, they will become seminary professors and church leaders and spread God's word through many nations.

(Submitted by Tom Evans, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)

10. Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Brentwood, TN

Identify and train Israeli Jewish believers\$5,000

This submission will help train Jewish Messianic believers in Israel. It will also help develop systems and strategies for outreach and planting house fellowships, as in the days of the early church. The Apple of His Eye will be sharing the Gospel message of Jesus as their Savior with the Jewish people in Israel.

(Submitted by Debra Wilson, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)

11. Kansas District LCMS Retreat Center, Herington, KS

Purchase of Stair Lift.....\$8,550

This request is to purchase a commercial stair lift which will improve accessibility, mobility, and safety in floor-to-floor travel. The retreat center is a relaxing and peaceful atmosphere in which church workers and members from across Kansas can reconnect with God and their families.

(Submitted by Tabitha Society, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Herington)

12. Ministry in Mission, Jacmel, Haiti

Monthly operating costs of the Jacmel Lutheran Home \$5,000

This submission will help to provide for the staffing and daily operations of the Jacmel Lutheran Home which provides eldercare. Without family and government safety nets, the elderly are among the most vulnerable people in Haiti. Residents of Jacmel Lutheran Home are carefully screened to verify their needs.

(Submitted by Susan M. Matzke, St. Mark Lutheran, Chesterland, OH)

13. Orphan Grain Train, St. Petersburg, Russia

Health care needs of children in the orphanages \$5,000

This request is for basic daily needs such as diapers, wipes, and medical needs such as band-aids. There are 60 plus Russian Orphanages that OGT assists. The Russian Government allocates money, but the local budget only allows for approximately one diaper a day for each orphan. Money is disbursed through OGT to appointed Russian workers that run the orphanages.

(Submitted by First Lutheran Guild-LWML, Phillipsburg, KS)

14. Bethesda Lutheran Communities, KS

Implement a Faith Resource Fund for Kansas \$4,000

This request would provide resources for 150+ people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kansas. The mission of Bethesda is to enhance the lives of those with disabilities with services that share the good news of Jesus Christ. The resources would include Bibles, prayer books, confirmation materials and faith assessment tools.

(Submitted by LWML/Ladies Aid, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka, KS)

15. Trinity HOPE, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hermitage, TN

Feed Christian school children in Haiti \$4,500

This submission is to assist Lutheran churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to hungry children who attend their Christian schools. By providing daily nutritious noon meals, their physical needs are more adequately met. Food can be a powerful witness of Christ's love.

(Submitted by Denise Gudlin, Mid-South LWML District)

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16. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND

Electronics for worship services \$3,000

This submission will partially help fund a \$15,000 chapel renovation to the Spiritual Life Center. The funds requested will purchase a new audio board, mixer, cables, wiring, speakers and microphones for worship services. The mission of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

(Submitted by Rebecca Gutierrez, Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS)

17. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS

Outreach Efforts \$6,000

This request is for curriculum including Bibles, catechisms, and Christian literature as well as funding fellowship, outreach, and community gatherings. Fairmount Coffee Company is an outreach ministry of Fairmount Ministries. Guests come in possibly seeking a hot cup of coffee and receive so much more.

(Submitted by Jennifer Eickman, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS)

18. CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita, KS

Social Enrichment Activities \$4,000

This request is to be used for activities for individuals who are homeless or living at or below the poverty line and are in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addictions. These activities will be interwoven with Biblical truths and opportunities for Risen Savior members to extend faith, hope, and mercy to the clients, tying faith and recovery together.

(Submitted by Mary Lou Rusco, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)

19. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO

Scholarship Fund and Overhead Expenses \$2,000

This submission is for the scholarship fund for Kansas residents, so that money is never a reason a person cannot attend camp, and for overhead expenses. The camp atmosphere and activities allow for the opportunity to share God's grace and glory in His creation including riding and caring for horses.

(Submitted by Katy Pauley, Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS)

Mission Grants are funded from Mite Box and other designated offerings. The grants are selected by the delegates at the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka.

The Mission Grants are awarded throughout the 2020-2022 biennium as donations allow and in the order of the number of the votes received.



God's Gracious Gift Fund Applications

\$13,363 available funding

Delegates vote for a total of FIVE (5) GGGF Grants

- 1. Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, Offerle, KS: Quilt Ministry \$500**
This request is for purchasing sewing materials for quilts and for sewing machine purchase and repair. This quilt ministry shares the Gospel when the recipients see that these quilts are given freely from those who love Jesus.
(Submitted by Ladies Aid, Zion Lutheran Church, Offerle, KS)
- 2. Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS: Portable Microphones \$4,000**
This submission is for the purchase of wireless, portable microphones for the church sound system. These will be used to enhance the outreach to the community onsite as well as offsite.
(Submitted by Trinity Lutheran LWML, Garden City, KS)
- 3. Mwadui Lutheran School, Mwadui, Shinyanga, Tanzania: Completion of the school clinic \$5,300**
This request is to finish construction of a medical clinic at the school (where conditions such as malaria are treated) which prepares pastors, teachers and others with Christ centered Lutheran education.
(Submitted by Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer, Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)
- 4. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Humboldt, KS: Purchase Supplies for Sensory Saturday Events \$750**
This request is to purchase supplies for the Sensory Saturday events. These events connect children and their families in the community with Jesus in ways that involve play. For children with sensory issues, there will be a quiet area with Bible story books if they become over-stimulated.
(Submitted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church LWML, Humboldt, KS)
- 5. Immanuel Lutheran, Ellsworth, KS: Comfort Dog Ministry \$750**
This submission is to purchase 90 "plush puppies" with the comfort dog's name on the bandana. These puppies will be distributed when visiting nursing homes, schools, first responders, and those affected by disaster. This project will share the love of Jesus through personal visits and shared conversations of comfort.
(Submitted by Carol Kratzer, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, KS)
- 6. Christ Lutheran Church, Elkhart, KS: Bathroom Remodel \$4,000**
This request is to purchase materials to convert two small bathrooms into one handicap bathroom. This would help to meet the physical needs of the aging population.
(Submitted by Linda Harlow, Christ Lutheran Church, Elkhart, KS)
- 7. The Legacy of Herington, Herington, KS: Purchase Lutheran Service Books \$1,300**
This submission is for the purchase of 50 LSB Pew Edition to be used at a satellite worship site. The Legacy is an assisted living and nursing facility. Services are held weekly for gathering in Word and Sacrament.
(Submitted by Tabitha Society, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Herington, KS)
- 8. Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center, Junction City, KS: Playground Improvement \$5,000**
This request is to make improvements in the playground to solve the current drainage problems. New programs such as "Play and Pray" are in the making to bring families together for a brief devotional and play time.
(Submitted by Amber Crocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Junction City, KS)
- 9. Flint Hills Lutherans for Life, Manhattan, KS: Outreach Material \$1,000**
This request is to fund informational and outreach materials and speaker fees to educate the public on issues that affirm life according to God's Word.
(Submitted by Mt. Calvary LWML, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego, KS)
- 10. International Friendship Center, Wichita, KS: Sewing Machines \$1,500**
This submission is for the purchase of sewing machines and storage for a sewing class. Church volunteers help individuals new to the USA build skills which enable them to support themselves and their families.
(Submitted by Lynette Bosch, International Friendship Center, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)
- 11. God's Little Saints Preschool, Atwood, KS: Scholarships \$1,000**
This submission is for scholarships for children who might need financial help to be able to attend the preschool to learn about Jesus.
(Submitted by LWML Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Atwood, KS)

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- 12. Women of the Pearl, Uganda, Africa: Hygiene Kits and Education \$3,000**
 This request is to provide Sanitary Pad Kits to the women of Uganda. Volunteers deliver the kits and teach the women how to make the pads as well as provide hygiene, AIDS, and STD education.
(Submitted by Karen Morrison, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS)
- 13. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS: Spring Break Mission Trip \$2,000**
 This submission is to partially fund student missionaries and other travel expenses to build homes for local families in Puerto Penasco, Mexico.
(Submitted by Jennifer Eickman, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, KS)
- 14. Orphan Grain Train Relief Center, rural Herington, KS: Transportation of Shipping Container \$2,000**
 This request is to assist in covering the expense of transporting a container to the warehouse at St. John Lutheran Church. With a container on site, boxes can be stored without need for extra transfers. Once the container is full, OGT will pick up the container and transport it to the Norfolk warehouse.
(Submitted by Ladies Society, St. John's Lutheran Church, Herington, KS)
- 15. Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Kansas City, KS: Food \$1,600**
 This submission is to purchase one month of food from Harvesters Food Bank for Immanuel's food pantry. The food pantry is an outreach to the inner city with a high concentration of Hispanic families.
(Submitted by Laura Hunter and Susan Parrish of Hope Lutheran, Shawnee and Bethany Lutheran, Overland Park, KS)
- 16. Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, CO: Dishwasher \$3,500**
 This request is for the final amount needed to purchase a new commercial dishwasher. The staff at LVR are always eager to share the Gospel with the campers.
(Submitted by Katy Pauley, Trinity, Garden City, KS)
- 17. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ascension Lutheran, Pratt, KS: Prayer Shawl Supplies \$500**
 This request is for purchasing yarn, needles, etc. to knit or crochet prayer shawls. These shawls are given to church or Pratt community members in time of illness, stress, or grief.
(Submitted by WinGS LWML, Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt, KS)



God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF) is supported by the 2018 Day of Prayer Offerings, from Thrivent Choice dollars, and from memorials, honorariums, and other donations. The recipients are selected by the delegates at the 2020 LWML Kansas District Convention in Topeka.

The GGGF Grants are disbursed immediately following the 2020 Topeka Convention.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT BYLAWS

To be presented April 22, 2020 Kansas District Convention, Topeka, Kansas

If proposed amendments are adopted, the Organizational Resources Committee requests permission to renumber and re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions, and to make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.

1. ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION, section 3-NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Proposed amendment

Strike Letter E and move to duties of Parliamentarian

If adopted will read

~~E. prepare printed ballots with the names listed in alphabetical order for the District convention~~

Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format

2. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section D.—Gospel Outreach Department, 1.b.2.

Proposed Amendment

Strike “prepare ballots of” and insert “Give information regarding”; add “to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots” following “application date,

If adopted will read:

~~Prepare ballots of~~ Give information regarding the proposed mission grants for the District Convention, listing them according to their application date, to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots

Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format

3. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section D.—Gospel Outreach Department, 1.c.2.

Proposed Amendment

Strike “prepare ballots of” and insert “Give information regarding”; add “to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots” following “application date,

If adopted shall read:

~~Prepare ballots of~~ Give information regarding the proposed GGGF grants for the District Convention, listing them according to their application date, to the Parliamentarian for the preparation of ballots;

Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format

4. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.C. (Parliamentarian)

Proposed Amendment

Add a semi-colon and the word “and” to 2.; Add 3.

If adopted shall read:

2. be an ex officio member of the Organizational Resources committee (see Article XI, Section 3.E.1);
and
3. prepare convention ballots for Mission Grant proposals, GGGF proposals, and election of officers and pastoral advisor.

Rationale: to aid in counting ease through consistency in ballot format

5. Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 6.G.Proposed Amendment

Insert “District Bylaws and” before “Leadership Guidelines”

If adopted shall read:

G. oversee the on-going review of the District Bylaws and Leadership Guidelines;

Rationale: to conform to current practice

6. Article XII-FINANCES, section 4.A. HeadingProposed Amendment

Insert “(SFA)” before “Fund”

If adopted will read:

A. Student Financial Aid (SFA) Fund

Rationale: for conformity within the document and clarity within section 4

7. Article XII-FINANCES, section 4.A.1.Proposed Amendment

Strike “the” before “Student Financial Aid”, strike “(SFA) fund”, use lower case for “Student Financial Aid”

If adopted will read:

1. Monies designated for student financial aid shall be invested in an account in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) with a minimum of \$10,000 remaining invested. Interest and principal above the minimum balance will be disbursed by semester as financial aid to students preparing for full-time church work, in accordance with the procedures put forth in the *Leadership Guidelines*.

Rationale: for clarity within the document

8. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 3.B. (Christian Life) 1.b.Proposed Amendment

Strike section 3.B.1.b. completely

~~b. be responsible for promoting the distribution of prayer and praise requests among interested District members via prayer email;~~

Rationale: to conform to current practice. This is no longer the responsibility of this committee; it is the responsibility of special appointed personnel—Prayer mail coordinator. (see Article XI, section 6.G.)

9. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.E.3. (Short Term Mission Coordinator)Proposed Amendment

Insert “provides” before “reports”, strike comma and insert “and” after “Committee” and strike “and the District Convention”.

If adopted will read:

3. provides reports for Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Rationale: clarification of duties and removing unnecessary words. (Report for the District Convention is covered under general duties of all special appointed personnel.)

10. Article XVII—AMENDMENTS, section 1.B.

Proposed Amendment

Strike “ have been” and insert “be”; Strike “approved by the national Structure Committee” and insert “approved by the LWML Structure Committee” following “Board of Directors”.

If adopted shall read:

B. The proposed amendments shall be presented for approval to the District Board of Directors, approved by the LWML Structure Committee, and published in the District newsletter two (2) months prior to the District Convention.

Rationale: to conform with procedural steps in Article XI, section 3.E. and national practice

11. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 6.H.

Proposed Amendment

Strike 6.H. completely and move to Special Focus Ministries (Article XI, section F)

Currently reads:

The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training received from LWML.

Rationale: to conform to current national practice

12. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section F- SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Proposed Amendment

Insert “and the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and committee” after “Ministries Committee”

If adopted will read:

The Special Focus Ministries Department shall include the Special Focus Ministries Committee and the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and committee. The Vice President of Special Focus Ministries shall be coordinator of the Special Focus Ministries Department.

Rationale: to conform to current national practice

13. Article XI- DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section F.2.

Proposed Amendment:

add “2. The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and Committee shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training and guidelines received from LWML and/or direction from the District Executive Committee” under section F.

If adopted will read:

2. The Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and Committee shall develop and facilitate the District Heart to Heart Sisters program as per training and guidelines received from LWML and/or direction from the District Executive Committee.

Rationale: to conform to current national practice and to cover the time lapse between national training and District appointment

14. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.A.

Proposed Amendment
Strike “Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader”

If adopted will read:
A. The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist/Historian, Parliamentarian, District Convention Chairman, Short-term Mission Coordinator, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, and Prayer Mail Coordinator. Special Appointed Personnel shall:

Rationale: this position is now part of the Special Focus Ministries Department

15. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, Section 6-SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Proposed Amendment
Add H. The Travel Chairman shall explore options for transportation to the national convention.

If adopted will read:
H. The Travel Chairman shall explore options for transportation to the national convention.

Rationale: To have a person in the Kansas District responsible for exploring travel options to national conventions and to conform to current practice.

16. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6-SPECIAL APPOINTED PERSONNEL, A.

Proposed Amendment
Strike “and” before “Prayer Mail Coordinator”; Insert “and Travel Chairman.” following “Prayer Mail Coordinator”.

If adopted shall read:
A. The Special Appointed Personnel shall be Archivist/Historian, Parliamentarian, District Convention Chairman, Short-term Mission Coordinator, Lutheran World Relief Coordinator, ~~and~~ Prayer Mail Coordinator, and Travel Chairman. Special Appointed Personnel shall:

Rationale: To have a position available in the Kansas District that is responsible for exploring travel options to national conventions and to conform to current practice.

17. Article IV—ORGANIZATION, section 3

Proposed Amendment
Strike “national” from the last line

If adopted shall read:
The District is composed of societies and individual members within congregations of the LCMS, on campuses, in resident homes, and those organized in settings other than these. Societies are united to form zones, zones are united to form districts; and districts are united to form the ~~national~~ LWML.

Rationale: to remove unnecessary words from bylaws

Conforming Amendments: Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 1.J.; Article VII-Pastoral Counselors, section 3.B.; Article IX—REPRESENTATION, Section 5, first line (the word “national” that appears in the heading and in B. will become “LWML”); Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 2.C.7.; Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 6.I.; Article XII-FINANCES, section 1.C.;

18. Article III-MEMBERS, section 1-SOCIETY

Proposed Amendment

Strike “society” and insert “group”

If adopted shall read:

Section 1 – ~~SOCIETY~~-GROUP

Rationale: To recognize flexibility in the names of local organizations and to conform to national practice

Conforming amendments: If the amendment is adopted, the same change will be made wherever the word society -(ies) appears. Article III-MEMBERS, sections 1 and 2; Article IV-ORGANIZATION, sections 1, 2, & 3; Article V-OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION, section 3; Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 8.D., section 9.E.,; Article IX-REPRESENTATION, Section 1.A., Section 2.A., B., & C., ; Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 1.C.4.; Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 3.A.1.b., section 3.B.1.d.,; and Article XVII-AMENDMENTS, section 1.C.

19. Article XI-DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Proposed Amendment

Strike “special” in all references to special appointed personnel

If adopted shall read:

ARTICLE XI – DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Rationale: to remove unnecessary words from bylaws and conform to national practice

Conforming Amendments: Article X-ADMINISTRATION, section 1.A.1., section 2.C.3., section 6 (heading), section 6.A.

20. Article VI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 1.J.

Proposed Amendment

Strike “national LWML Board of Directors” and insert “LWML Presidents Assembly”

If adopted shall read:

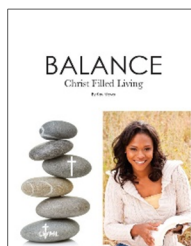
J. serve, by virtue of the office, as a member of the LWML Presidents Assembly; and

Rationale: to conform to national practice

Conforming Amendments: Article IV, Section 4

Bible Study Samplers

Bible studies are available through LWML or CPH. Leaders will preview the study and go in-depth in a section of it. Watch for additional information at <https://www.kansaslwml.org/>.



Leader: Allison Lehmann

Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Living*

Author: Kay Meyer

Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Family Living*

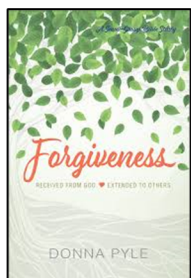
Author: Coreen Jander

Title: *Balance—Christ Filled Family Living with Adolescence*

Author: Dr. Mary Ann Waldon

Publisher: LWML

Do you ever feel like your life is out of balance? Maybe you have experienced changes or challenges in your life, you have a growing family, or are facing the struggles of adolescent children. These three stand-alone, six-lesson Bible Studies can be used in a group setting, with a partner, or individually. *Christ Filled Living* explores how knowing Jesus, prayer, encouragement, and service can give our lives balance, and how we can find balance when life becomes overwhelming. *Christ Filled Family Living* causes us to realize our lives are constantly shifting within our community, identity, special needs and in marriage. *Christ Filled Family Living with Adolescence* examines the struggles young adults and parents face such as peer pressure, technology influences, emotional influences, disabilities, and becoming adults. We'll explore a short session of each study and share ideas on how we can find balance in our daily walks.



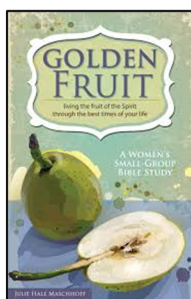
Leader: Ella Schempp

Title: *Forgiveness – Received from God ♥ Extended to Others*

Author: Donna Snow Pyle

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

Donna states, "Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. When someone has offended us, the temptation to not forgive is great. But the roots of unforgiveness and bitterness can grow deep in the human soul. Left alone, unforgiveness produces bitter fruit that shows itself in angry thoughts, words, and deeds. Eventually, it will destroy us from the inside out."



Leader: Kathryn Richard

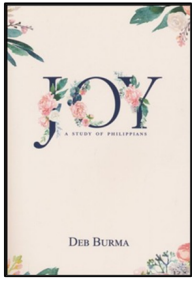
Title: *Golden Fruit: Nine Lessons about the Fruit of the Spirit*

Author: Julie Hale Maschhoff

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

We all have various roles to fill—daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend, volunteer, employee, leader, etc. This nine-session Bible study helps the Christian woman put these roles, characteristics and emotions into perspective. Each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and considers how the lives and stories of nine biblical women (Esther, Dorcas, Ruth, Elizabeth and others) convey that characteristic. You'll see how God is at work in your life too and how His promise of salvation and peace through Jesus are fully yours all the time. Each "lesson" ends with a "challenge of the week" and personal journal page.

Bible Study Samplers (continued)



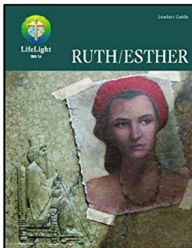
Leader: Janice Cundiff

Title: *Joy—A Study of Philippians*

Author: Deb Burma

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

This eight-week Bible study is divided into five study sessions, forty sessions total. This study reviews the book of Philippians verse by verse. Each session features a Joy theme “Joy in ...” and how you possess this joy, verses from Philippians, examining a portion of Paul’s letter with other verses in scripture, four daily questions with answers in the back of the book, and a daily challenge to apply to your life. Deb Burma is also the author of “Stepping Out”, “Living a Chocolate Life” and “Beautiful Feet.”



Leader: Rev. Robert Grimm

Title: *LifeLight: Ruth/Esther*

Author: Gary Dunker

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

Two books of the Bible have been named after women. Both Ruth and Esther are persons of faith who are highlighted in these Old Testament books. The LifeLight (C) series from CPH does a marvelous job helping participants to think through issues of faith and duty, which have great implications for us today. The nine-session course encourages private study of the Bible text, group discussion, and offers leadership for in-depth thoughts of these Scriptures.



Leader: Elaine Engelman

Title: *Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust*

Author: Sharla Fritz

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

I HATE TO WAIT, and that is what intrigued me about the title of this Bible Study. Author Sharla Fritz walks with us through the lives of eight Biblical women who give us examples of waiting—some good and some not so good—but all with life lessons that can help us grow in patience, hope and trust.



Leaders: Jill Lowe and Special Focus Ministries Committee

Title: *Taking It to the Streets*

Author: LWML – 2017-2019 Gospel Outreach Committee

Publisher: 2018 Assembly of Leaders <http://www.lwml.org/aol>

Watch for this presentation in the Fall of 2020 at Zone events!

First-timers, YWRs, and anyone wanting to learn more about LWML, join us for a trip down the “streets” of LWML. We will show you how Women in Mission travel through Bible Study, servant events, and mission projects. We will stop by the “Mite Museum” to find out more about mites. We’ll journey through many products offered by LWML seeing sites that will Engage, Encourage, Equip, and bring Enjoyment. Reserve your space on the “Taking it to the Streets” adventure today!



LEADER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Watch <https://www.kansaslwml.org/>
for more information!

Basic Protocol and Structure: Business + Bylaws = Efficiency

Vice President of Organizational Resources Elaine Engelman and Committee members

LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Marie Chow

Most groups prefer shorter meetings—bylaws can help you achieve that goal. Come and visit with us during the leadership development session “Basic Protocol and Structure”. We will discuss how this could be done and you will get to visit with our special guest, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Marie Chow. Please bring any questions you might have to aid our discussion.

Email Groups and Creative Approaches to Connecting with Lutheran Women in Mission

Linda Kootz, Esther Circle—Trinity Lutheran LWML, Salina, KS

Linda Kootz, Trinity Lutheran LWML, had a vision of connecting more women to all the LWML is—service projects, Bible study, fellowship, gathering Mite Offerings, and being connected as Lutheran Women in Mission. She started the online Esther Circle for women who are unable to attend LWML meetings. She’s been met with great enthusiasm and participation! Come hear how this works in their group and discuss with others how this may work in your own group. National Mailbox Member materials will also be available for your review.

Heart-to-Heart Sisters

Heart-to-Heart Sisters District Leader, Sherri Rose; and Committee member Bernie Reetz

Are you curious who Heart-to-Heart Sisters are or what they do in Kansas? Plan to attend this very informative session designed to educate our LWML sisters why the H2H program exists and how to execute it in their local groups/societies. We will discuss about how to talk with people from different ethnicities. The H2H goal is to have a program in place for the 2022 convention, similar to the current Young Woman Representatives program. Come learn how you can develop and encourage Heart-to-Heart Sisters in your own location.

Preserving Your LWML History

LWML Kansas District Archivist-Historians: Esther Ideker, Amanda Engelman, and Marie Roth

It’s time to rediscover your LWML history! Maybe you have made a scrapbook of your favorite LWML events, but where is that scrapbook now? History in a box under your bed isn’t ideal. Sharing our past is key to sparking new interest in LWML and our mission. We live in an era set up for sharing, specifically images. We also want to make sure those pictures are safely preserved for future generations. Come explore ways to share and safely preserve our hidden history.

Purple Feud

Vice President of Christian Life Allison Lehmann and Committee members

Based on the popular TV game show ‘Family Feud,’ Purple Feud is a fun way to test your LWML meeting knowledge. Come join the Kansas District Christian Life Committee for friendly head to head competition as you learn about meeting planning and creating an agenda, electronic etiquette, and decision making. Whether you are new to LWML planning or would like a great review, Purple Feud will increase your confidence from the beginning to the end. Join the fun to start your day!

LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention Shirt Order Form



For the 2020 convention, we are offering two styles of shirts. One is a ladies gray $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve raglan t-shirt with pink sleeves. The other is a unisex gray V-neck t-shirt. Both are a soft Tri-Blend that is 50% polyester, 25% cotton, and 25% rayon. Both shirts also have the LWML Kansas District logo on the back.

Ladies $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve raglan t-shirt:



Unisex V-neck t-shirt:



Shirts must be pre-ordered and picked up at convention.

Name: _____	Size:	Ladies $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve	Unisex T-shirt
Address: _____	S	_____	_____
Phone: _____	M	_____	_____
Email: _____	L	_____	_____
	XL	_____	_____
Quantity: Shirt ____ x \$15 each =	2XL	_____	_____
Total Due _____	3XL	_____	_____

Please mail payment with order form to: Jill Kruse, 2095 Rainbow Rd., Galva, KS 67443

All convention shirt orders must be received by February 28, 2020

Make checks payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention 2020

LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention Tote Bag

Convention tote bags will be available for purchase at the convention! Please note: supplies will be limited, so get yours early! We will **NOT** be taking pre-orders for tote bags. Bags will be \$5.00 each. Below is an example of the bags:



BE THOU MY VISION



"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." - Hebrews 12:2