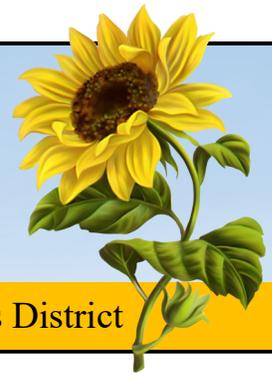


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2022 Convention

LWML Kansas District

PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

39th Biennial Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Overland Park, Kansas

April 22-24, 2022

*Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.*
(Psalm 25:5)



CONVENTION GOAL STATEMENT

With His cross as our compass, we will:

- ◆ be guided by His Word
- ◆ navigate a path of service for His Kingdom, and
- ◆ point others to Jesus, our salvation.

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 2022-2024 terms of office.

Attendees will learn about the mission of the LWML Kansas District, mission grant projects to be funded by mite offerings, and be guided by God's Word to tell others about His salvation.

*I'm very excited to see you in Overland Park for the 39th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention!
Many have been working hard to make our first in-person convention, since 2018,
a faith-building, uplifting experience for all attendees.
May Jesus guide us in all things as we look to Him through His cross and learn from His Word.
LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett*

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39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District
April 22-24, 2022 – Overland Park, Kansas
"His Cross Is Our Compass" – Psalm 25:5

Last Name _____



Please Print Clearly:

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Cong. City/State: _____

LWML Zone: _____

Emergency Contact: Name/Relationship/Phone _____

Emergency Contact at Convention: Name/Phone _____

Please Check Only One:

- _____ LWML Member
- _____ EC or BOD Member
- _____ District Committee Member
- _____ Convention Committee
- _____ Past President
- _____ Clergy
- _____ Presenter/Speaker
- _____ Teen; Age _____
- _____ Other Guest _____

First Time to Convention? YES NO

DETAILS in *The Kansas Sonshine* Convention Issue: www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention.html

Registration Fees: *Each registration includes ONE (1) Saturday Banquet Ticket unless noted*

_____ <u>Early Discounted Registration</u>	\$ 115	\$ _____
_____ <u>Registration</u> (postmarked after March 17)	\$ 125	\$ _____
_____ <u>Spouse Registration: Name</u> _____	\$ 95	\$ _____
_____ <u>Saturday Only Registration</u> (WITH Banquet ticket and entertainment)	\$ 95	\$ _____
_____ <u>Exhibitor Registration: no meals included (select meals below)</u>	\$ 50	\$ _____
_____ <u>Clergy Registration: no meals included (select meals below)</u>	\$ 15	\$ _____

Registrations received after April 15 will not include meals but will include Sat. entertainment.

Optional Meals: See complete meal menus* in *The Kansas Sonshine* Convention Issue, page 8.

Price of meals includes beverage, hotel service charge, and gratuity.

_____ Friday Dinner Buffet (Country Buffet*)	\$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Saturday Lunch Buffet (Build your own salad*)	\$ 25 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Saturday Men's Luncheon (Plated Deli*)	\$ 27 = \$ _____
_____ Sunday Christian Life Breakfast (All American*) Speaker: Kristi Roegner	\$ 25 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Additional Saturday Banquet Ticket(s) <i>If one is not included with registration</i>	\$ 45 x _____ = \$ _____
_____ Meal (Best of KC BBQ Buffet*) plus Inspirational Entertainment: Devin Henderson	

TOTAL PAYMENT:\$ _____

Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast can be purchased in hotel restaurant at a 20% discount.

Name: _____

1. Make your check or money order payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention

2. Mail registration form and payment to:

LWML Convention Registrar: Kim Kristalyn, c/o Grace Lutheran, 117 E. Miller Rd, Iola, KS 66749
ksdistrictlwmlconvention@gmail.com
Kim Kristalyn (620) 228-1346

Confirmation will be mailed or emailed to those who register before April 1, 2022.
A \$5 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations. **No refunds after March 17, 2022.**

3. Convention Hotel Information:

Phone: (855) 610-TREE

DoubleTree Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210

Rate: \$109 plus applicable taxes (double queen or a king) Ask for the "LWML" discount rate.

Online registration: **LWML Rate at Overland Park DoubleTree Hotel**

You are responsible for making your own reservations by March 17 for the "LWML" block of rooms.

4. Special Needs:

_____ None
_____ Large print schedule and Bible Study
_____ Special Diet, be specific: _____
_____ Bringing own wheelchair/walker (circle)
_____ ASL Signer

5. Friday Afternoon Bible Study Samplers: – CHECK one or two sessions, if attending:

_____ *"Love Rules—A Study of the 10 Commandments"* Kathryn Richard, 1st session only
by Christina Hergenrader
_____ *"Take Heart" by Lindsay Hausch* Kris Osler, 2nd session only
_____ *LifeLight Series by Concordia Publishing House* Betty Amey (both sessions)
_____ *"God's Relentless Love" by Sharla Fritz* Elaine Engelman (both sessions)

6. Friday Afternoon Leader Development Sessions: CHECK one session, if attending:

_____ *Treasurer Seminar for Groups and Zones* Carolyn Fishburn and Kathryn Richard
_____ *Mailbox Member Program* Brenda Piester and Linda Kootz
_____ *Preserving Your LWML History* Amanda Engelman and Marie Roth
_____ *A Tour of LWML* Jill Lowe and Special Focus Ministries Committee
_____ *How to Plan a Christian Life Retreat* Allison Lehmann and Kris Osler

7. Friday Afternoon Prayer Walk: CHECK if participating: _____

8. Saturday Afternoon Interest Sessions: CHECK one from each session, if attending:

First Session

_____ Building Faith through Family Devotions – Rev. Dr. Rocco and Janine Mallardi
_____ AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) – Rebecca Williams
_____ Apple of His Eye Mission Society – Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner
_____ LWML Gifts of Love Ministry – Carol von Soosten

Second Session

_____ Heart to Heart (H2H) – Sherri Rose
_____ Orphan Grain Train – Rev. Jeff Crane
_____ Apple of His Eye Mission Society – Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner
_____ LWML Gifts of Love Ministry – Carol von Soosten

The LWML Kansas District Participant Information and Release Form is required to be completed before the Convention Registration is final.

LWML Kansas District 2022-2024 Biennium



NAME _____
(Please Print) **FIRST** **LAST**

**LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM**

The purpose of this Participant Information and Release Form is to identify each person (“Participant”) who wishes to volunteer with the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Kansas District (“LWML Kansas District”) or to participate in LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities. As a condition to becoming a Participant, LWML Kansas District requires you to provide the following information and to release LWML Kansas District from any liability for your safety and wellbeing when volunteering for LWML Kansas District and while participating in any LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities, including optional activities scheduled in conjunction with conventions or any meetings. LWML Kansas District may copy this form for use at optional activities. Please return the form as requested. The forms will be securely stored for use in this biennium by Kansas District Meeting Manager, meetingmanager@kansaslwml.org.

Name/Address: _____

(*the following four questions are optional as your event may require)

*Allergies and Other Known Health Risks/Problems: _____

*Special Diet Restrictions (not preferences): _____

*Reaction to Diet Restriction/Medication Needed: _____

*Person to Contact in the Event of an Emergency (Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), Relationship): _____

GENERAL RELEASE

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees as follows: LWML Kansas District assumes no, and disclaims all, liability for my safety and well-being while I am a Participant. In consideration of LWML Kansas District permitting me to be a Participant, I (a) acknowledge and agree that LWML Kansas District cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being; and (b) waive all claims arising from my volunteering for LWML Kansas District and participation in LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities. Knowing and understanding the risks relating to my being a Participant, I release and discharge LWML Kansas District, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action that I may have, now or in the future, relating to or resulting from any illness or injuries (including death), loss or damage suffered by me while I am a Participant.

COVID-19 RELEASE

Without limiting the generality of the General Release above, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees as follows: LWML Kansas District has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, LWML Kansas District cannot guarantee that any Participant will not become infected with COVID-19. Therefore, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, I understand, acknowledge and agree as follows:

- (a) COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization; and COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact;
- (b) Federal, state and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people, among other preventative measures;
- (c) Participating in LWML Kansas District-sponsored activities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19 for me and those I come in close contact with;
- (d) I voluntarily and knowingly assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by volunteering for LWML Kansas District or participating in LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death;
- (e) I am voluntarily participating in LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities and/or volunteering for LWML Kansas District for my personal benefit and the value of such benefit is sufficient consideration for my voluntary execution of, and compliance with, this Participant Information, Acknowledgment, Assumption of Risk and Release;
- (f) LWML Kansas District cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am volunteering for LWML Kansas District or engaged in any LWML Kansas District event or activity;
- (g) I voluntarily acknowledge and agree to assume all risks related to COVID-19 and I accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my volunteering for LWML Kansas District and/or participation in LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District related activities ("Claims"); I release, covenant not to sue, discharge and agree to hold harmless LWML Kansas District, its employees, agents, and representatives, from and against the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto; and
- (h) The foregoing release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions or negligence of LWML Kansas District, its employees, agents and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after my volunteering for LWML Kansas District and/or my participation in any LWML Kansas District-sponsored or LWML Kansas District-related activities.

PHOTO RELEASE

I grant to LWML Kansas District and its assigns the right and permission to take photographs and audio and video recordings during my participation, and to retain, publish and distribute, without charge or fee, such photographs and audio and video recordings. Without limiting the foregoing, I agree that these images and recordings may be used in publications, including electronic publications and websites, and in audio-visual presentations, promotional literature, advertising, and in other similar ways.

SIGNATURE: _____
 PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if under 18): _____
 PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

LWML Kansas District 2022 Convention Schedule April 22-24, Overland Park

Thursday, April 21, 2022

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
5:00-9:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

(Pre-Convention Activities)

Executive Committee Meeting
Exhibits and Committee Displays Setup
Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church

Friday, April 22, 2022

7:30 a.m.
8:00-10:00 a.m.
8:30-9:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
11:15 a.m.
1:00-2:30 p.m.
2:45-3:30 p.m.
3:30-5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

(Pre-Convention Activities)

Executive Committee Prayer Breakfast
Exhibits and Committee Displays Setup
YWRs meet with SFM committee
Registration open; Ingathering
Processional and Banner Practice (EC, Zone Pres., YWRs)
Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open
YWR/Mentor Lunch (by invitation only)
Bible Study Samplers
Leadership Seminars
Prayer Walk
Dinner
Pastors meet with YWRs at church site
Pre-worship music at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Official Opening of Convention
Worship with Holy Communion
YWR Friday Night Party

Saturday, April 23, 2022

6:30-8:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
12:45 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
2:45-6:00 p.m.
3:00-4:30 p.m.
3:45-5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

CONVENTION SESSION 1

Registration (delegate registration closes at 8:00 a.m.)
Breakfast available for purchase in the restaurant
Singing
Bible Study and Business Meeting with Voting
Buffet Lunch and Men's Luncheon
Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open

CONVENTION SESSION 2

Singing
Mission Speakers
Exhibits Open; LWML Store Open
Interest Sessions
Servant Events

CONVENTION SESSION 3

Banquet and Inspirational Entertainment by Devin Henderson
YWR Party with LWML President, Debbie Larson

Sunday, April 24, 2022

7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Noon
12:30-1:00 p.m.

CONVENTION SESSION 4 AND CLOSING WORSHIP

Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker
Singing
Final Business Meeting and Bible Study
Closing Worship Service with Installation of Officers
Convention Adjournment
Executive Committee Meeting with New Officers

(schedule subject to change)

CONVENTION MEALS

LWML Kansas District Convention Meals

**Prices of meals include the hotel service charge, applicable taxes, and gratuity.
If you have dietary restrictions, please note that on your Convention Registration form.**

Friday, April 22

Dinner Buffet: Country Buffet \$30
Mixed green salad, Southern Fried Chicken, Home Style Meatloaf, Garlic Mashed potatoes with gravy and Chef's selection of seasonal vegetables. Chef's Choice of two desserts. *Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, iced tea, iced water*

Saturday, April 23

Breakfast: You are on your own for breakfast.
The hotel is giving LWML a 20% discount in the hotel restaurant with your registration badge.

Lunch Buffet: Build your own Salad \$25
Variety of mixed greens, turkey, dressing, and choice of toppings.
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, iced tea, iced water

Saturday Men's Luncheon: Plated Deli \$27
Smoked Turkey and Provolone on Wheatberry bread, market salad and chips.
Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, iced tea, iced water

Saturday Banquet with Inspirational Entertainment: Devin Henderson
Best of KC BBQ Buffet: Mixed greens salad, BBQ chicken, BBQ beef, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, fruit cobbler, Chocolate mousse cake, New York Cheesecake. *Regular/Decaffeinated coffee, Iced tea, and iced water*
(One banquet ticket included with registration) Additional banquet tickets \$45

Sunday, April 24

Christian Life Breakfast with Speaker: Kristi Roegner
All American \$25
Scrambled eggs, Farmland bacon, potatoes O'Brien. *Starbucks coffee, variety of hot teas, and orange juice.*

WELCOME!

The Host Zones (Kansas City CrossRoads and Southeast) look forward to welcoming you to convention! We've been preparing with the hotel and our committees to provide a wonderful convention experience – uplifting, transformative, and inspirational as we focus on Christ, work and worship together, laugh, learn, and leave with a renewed reason to serve the Lord with gladness! The Tourism/Local Connections Committee is putting together some fun door prize baskets with local products, so be sure to stop by their booth. We hope you can take time pre- or post-convention to do a little shopping, dine out, or visit an entertainment venue.

CONVENTION INGATHERING

Joy Meadows

Joy Meadows' mission is to provide foster families with support and resources so they can provide healing and transformation for the children. To see a video of their mission, visit *Joy Meadows* on YouTube ([here](#)).



- ITEMS TO COLLECT:**
- ◇ boys and girls socks: infant through teen sizes
 - ◇ boys and girls underwear: 2T through men's and women's sizes
 - ◇ baby wipes
 - ◇ diapers: sizes infant through size 6
 - ◇ \$25 Gift cards: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Old Navy



MOST Ministries Eyeglasses

MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in developing nations around the world. MOST Ministries often provides the only pair of eyeglasses a person will ever own.

- ITEMS TO COLLECT:**
- ◇ adult-sized prescription glasses
 - ◇ child-sized prescription glasses
 - ◇ non-prescription sunglasses

AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) Group Homes, Kansas City Area

AbleLight provides services and support to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In Kansas, group homes are located in Gardner and Olathe. The Options Day Program is located in Lenexa.



- ITEMS TO COLLECT:**
- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| ◇ paper towels | ◇ pasta sauce | ◇ granola bars |
| ◇ paper napkins | ◇ pasta | ◇ fig newtons |
| ◇ paper plates | ◇ pretzels | ◇ canned soups |
| ◇ disposable cups | ◇ fruit snacks | ◇ canned vegetables |
| | | ◇ canned fruit cocktail |



LWML Texas District Stamporee Program

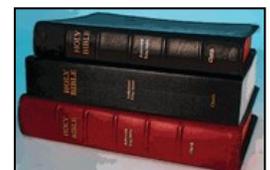
The money raised from the sale of stamps supports shipping costs to Lutheran World Relief.

- ITEMS TO COLLECT:** ◇ trimmed, cancelled postage stamps

Veterans Administration, Wichita

The Chaplain at the VA has had specific requests for the **King James Version** of the Bible.

Bibles need to be in **excellent condition**.



CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

The following servant events will be available for participation on Saturday afternoon.

PACKAGING DRIED BEANS/RICE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT MISSION SOUTHSIDE, OLATHE

Mission Southside has a neighbor's heart ... a heart that loves Jesus Christ and one that genuinely cares about the needs of others. Mission Southside is not a church, but partners with churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals to bring hope to Johnson County, Kansas, through the meeting of both physical and spiritual needs. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, our prayer is that God will be glorified, and our heart is for those in need.



TYING AND PACKING QUILTS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone.

TYING FLEECE BLANKETS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES (RMHC)

RMHC believe that “home” is more than four walls and a roof over your head. That's why every Ronald McDonald House is a safe haven that provides all the comforts of home, plus the compassion and hospitality of staff, volunteers, and other families – all just steps away from the hospital.



CARDS OF HOPE FOR PHIL'S FRIENDS

Phil's Friends Ministry provides ongoing support by way of encouraging cards, testimonies, and devotional letters that are mailed to our friends with cancer. The purpose of the ministry is to bring consistent hope and support. Materials and instruction for making cards of encouragement will be provided. These cards are then sent to Phil's Friends Ministry and mailed to children with cancer on a regular basis.

COLORING POSTCARDS

Postcards will be colored to give to someone you know to provide encouragement. This could be a shut-in, teacher, caregiver, pastor, police officer, hospital worker, etc.



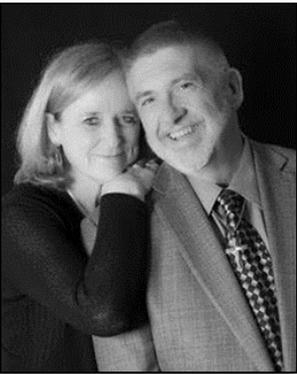
CONVENTION SPEAKERS



**Rev. Robert Grimm, St. John Lutheran Church, Alma, Kansas
Bible Study Leader**

Rev. Robert Grimm serves St. John Lutheran Church and School in Alma, Kansas, where he has been called since 1997. Rev. Grimm grew up on a dairy farm in Young America, Minnesota, and appreciates rural life, while sharing Christian hope for the challenges to faith it presents. He is grateful for the blessings of God in day to day life. He and his wife, Gayle, have three adult children. Erik (Eve) lives in St. George, Kansas; Elisabeth (Brandon) Heath lives in El Cajon, California; and Aaron (Kayla) and their children, Andrea and Ethan, live in Overland Park, Kansas.

He served as counselor for the LWML Kansas District in 2016-2020 and is currently serving a second term on the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors.



**Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner
Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Tel Aviv, Israel
Keynote Speakers and Interest Session Speakers**

Bob and Kristi Roegner serve the Lord with the Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE), a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as Bible teachers in Israel. They are the first AOHE team to serve in the Holy Land sharing Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah to Jewish people! As part of AOHE’s strategic plan in Israel, Bob and Kristi are also involved in the planting of an indigenous Messianic Lutheran congregation in cooperation with Immanuel Church Lutheran. This Lutheran church plant includes new Jewish people who believe in Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah. Bob and Kristi are responsible for raising up new leaders, leadership training, and catechetical teaching. Both Bob and Kristi assist in active outreach to Jewish people who come to Immanuel Church Lutheran for organ and other music concerts and for Immanuel’s “Open Church.” Immanuel’s “Open Church” is an evangelistic opportunity to open the church doors to ALL interested people, believers, non-believers, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian alike to share the beautiful interior of Immanuel Church Lutheran including the stained-glass windows and the organ with 1,200 pipes and 18 stops built by Paul Ott, from Gottingen, Germany.

The Roegners have served the LCMS for over 38 years in various mission endeavors—starting in 1981 as missionaries to Liberia, West Africa, serving as church planters and leadership trainers to the Kisi people. Other roles for Bob have included serving as Area Secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Middle East for LCMS World Mission; Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators; Executive Director of LCMS World Mission; and church planter for the English District of the LCMS. Other roles for Kristi have included Mission Information Coordinator at LCMS World Mission; Small Group Missionary at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri; and Administrative Assistant and Outreach Chair at Peace Lutheran Church in O’Fallon, Missouri. Both Bob and Kristi have served the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) as leaders at various levels. Most recently, Bob served as the National Pastoral Counselor from 2013-2017, and Kristi as Chair for Church Workers in Mission Task Force from 2015-2017.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Debbie Larson, President

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML President Debbie Larson says she has the best job in the world. “Representing the women of the LWML is a privilege beyond measure,” she says, “and I am honored to serve beside these women and call myself their sister in Christ.”



Debbie enjoys LWML events because it's like coming home. She feels welcomed, and like at any family gathering, she can just pitch in! Her sisters and brothers in Christ give her advice, encouragement, support, and love. With a smile on her face she says, “I feel like I'm the one who benefits. I get much more out of it than I put into it.”

Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman is **Held** by His Word, **Inspired** to share Christ with others, and knows she is **Surrounded** by His grace. We are **HIS** and Debbie prays each woman recognizes and takes each opportunity God gives to serve others and share **HIS** love.

Many people have mentored Debbie through the LWML: former LWML and district presidents, pastors, LWML sisters nation-wide, and those in her own church family. In fact, as Debbie introduced her daughter-in-law to LWML sisters at a fall retreat, she realized she said each woman was her favorite person — and they were, all of them!

Debbie has held most offices on the local level of LWML. On the district level, she has served as the LWML North Dakota President, Convention Co-chairman, Vice President of Mission Grants, News Editor, and Recording Secretary. Nationally, she served on the Christian Life Committee and the Ablaze Task Force, as well as Director of Marketing, Public Relations Director, and Vice President of Organizational Resources. As she continues to serve God through the LWML, she is most excited when encouraging LCMS women to become involved in this incredible organization so they, too, can know the joy of *serving the Lord with gladness!*

Married 44+ years, Debbie and Scott have two children and three very active grandsons who have grown up way too fast. Moving from North Dakota to Colorado in 2017 they find they never lose past friends — their circle of friends just keeps growing. In North Dakota, she played in the bell choir, was chairman of the board of education, director of the annual Living Last Supper drama, coordinator for the annual chili cook-off, a member of the funeral committee, and served on the Lutheran school board. She continues to serve and thanks her new LWML family for filling in as she attends LWML events around the country.

In her spare time, Debbie loves to cook, watercolor, read, play Sudoku, and hike.

Many Bible verses come to mind for Debbie, but she refers often to Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

We belong to CHRIST.

We are HIS.

Held by His Word, Inspired to share Jesus, Surrounded by His grace.



CONVENTION SPEAKERS



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

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

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



Carol helps individuals and couples develop gifts plans which provide for family and ministries of the church. In addition to working one-on-one with individuals and couples, Carol speaks at group events to help people discover how they can share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry through charitable planning.

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

Prior to coming to the LCMS Foundation to serve LWML in 2019, Carol previously served in several development positions in academic and non-profit settings including Washburn University and Topeka Lutheran School Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and All Faiths Receiving Home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carol and her husband Mark, a retired Lutheran school principal, live in southern Illinois where they worship at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Belleville, Illinois.

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



Returning God's Blessings

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

Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor
carol.vonsoosten@lwnd.org
Office/Cell: 505-730-2064 Toll Free: 800-741-4138
lwmlgiftplan.org

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Kristi Roegner
Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Tel Aviv, Israel
Christian Life Breakfast Speaker

Kristi Roegner (nee Sandmann) was born into a loving pastor's family on December 25, 1955, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her family also lived in the Philadelphia area and the Cleveland/Akron area while she was growing up. Kristi met and fell in love with Bob Roegner, at Concordia Jr. College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The two married in 1975 and settled in Ft.

Wayne, Indiana, where Bob attended Concordia Sr. College and Concordia Theological Seminary. Their marriage has been blessed with four children, two in-law children, and six grandchildren.

Kristi has had opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness through LWML with the Heart to Heart Sisters' Committee and with the Church Workers in Mission Task Force. Other opportunities she's had in the area of outreach are teaching English as a Second Language to refugee women; serving as Small Group Missionary at a congregation in St. Louis; and assisting in a variety of other short-term outreach avenues. The move overseas is allowing Bob and Kristi to experience and enjoy all Israel has to offer, interact with its people, visit its historical and archaeological sites, savor its foods, learn its culture, and share the Gospel message as the Holy Spirit provides opportunities. What a humbling privilege it is to serve the Lord with gladness in Israel!



Devin Henderson
Banquet Speaker/Entertainer

Devin Henderson is a multi-talented powerhouse: an author, experienced presenter, and seasoned performer, having logged thousands of performances as an award-winning comedian and magician and an in-demand keynote speaker. His unique combination of skills and storytelling and his hilarious and engaging interaction are what make him an audience favorite. His clients have included Pepsi, Hallmark, Cerner, and hundreds more. His performances have been called, "unreal," "unexpected," and "unforgettable."

Join seasoned speaker and performer Devin Henderson for an unforgettable experience of entertainment meets inspiration.

Your ticket to the Saturday night banquet and entertainment is included in your registration fee. Additional tickets are available for purchase for those not registering for the entire convention.

FIRST TIME AT A DISTRICT CONVENTION?

The Special Focus Ministries (SFM) Committee looks forward to welcoming all **first time convention attendees**, along with our **2022 Young Women Representatives (YWRs)**! Check out our display table to see how we serve, give opportunity to serve, and mentor those new to LWML! Be sure to pick up your special gift at or near registration. Also, plan to join *A Tour of LWML* on Friday afternoon. If you are a former YWR, stop by for a chance to win a prize! Be on the lookout for YWRs looking for directions and following our example of praise, service, and leadership.

INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS *(choose one from each session on registration form)*

Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Interest Sessions 1 and 2 Rev. Robert and Kristi Roegner, Tel Aviv, Israel



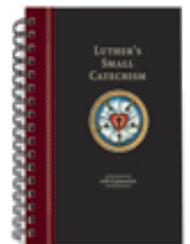
Bob and Kristi Roegner serve the Lord with the Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE), a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as Bible teachers in Israel. They are the first AOHE team to serve in the Holy Land sharing Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah to Jewish people! As part of AOHE’s strategic plan in Israel, Bob and Kristi are also involved in the planting of an indigenous Messianic Lutheran congregation in cooperation with Immanuel Church Lutheran. This Lutheran church plant includes new Jewish people who believe in Jesus (Y’shua) as the Messiah. Bob and Kristi are responsible for raising up new leaders, leadership training, and catechetical teaching. Come learn more about this ministry from these church leaders.

LWML Gifts of Love, Interest Sessions 1 and 2 Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor



LWML Gifts of Love is for YOU! Most Christians don’t have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. Let Carol von Soosten, our LWML Gift Planning Counselor, inspire you to share your faith, bless your family, and make a lasting impact on ministry. Come and hear how planning for yourself, your family, and growing God’s kingdom can *Returning God’s Blessings* be done to give you joy and peace of mind as part of “His Cross is Our Compass.” Take legacy planning off your to-do list! LWML offers this free, professional assistance you can trust and provides additional resources at no cost to you.

Building Faith through Family Devotions, Interest Session 1 Rev. Dr. Rocco and Janine Mallardi, Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas



Pastor Rocco and Janine Mallardi will lead you in a way to conduct the family altar. The home is the training ground for the next generation of faithful adults. The book of Proverbs teaches us to *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6). Luther also writes in the Small Catechism, “As the head of the family should teach in a simple way to his household.” The Mallardi’s will lead you through Pastor Rocco’s Doctor of Ministry dissertation written on *Using Luther’s Small Catechism as a Family Devotional*, teaching you the way that they have been teaching the faith in their home with their four children for the last twelve years. The goal of this session is to equip you with the skills to practice and teach the faith in your home with your spouse, children, or grandchildren.

INTEREST SESSION SPEAKERS (choose one from each session on registration form)

AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) Group Homes, Interest Session 1 **Rebecca Williams, Bethesda Lutheran Communities**



AbleLight, formerly known as Bethesda Lutheran Communities, operates in ten states across the nation with the goal of enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In Kansas, AbleLight operates two group homes in Gardner and one group home in Olathe. They also offer a Shared Living program, which allows for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live with a provider family that is approved by the state to provide supports within the provider's home. Lastly, they operate the Options Day Program, located in Lenexa. This program supports people who reside in their group homes and Shared Living homes, as well as people who reside in the community with family and other residential providers. AbleLight's mission is based on their Christian foundation that has been building for over 100 years.

Rebecca Williams, Area Director, West Central Region, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, will present more information about the organization.

Orphan Grain Train, Interest Session 2 **Rev. Jeff Crane**

Orphan Grain Train +

The Orphan Grain Train (OGT), Wichita Branch, was established in 2017 and included the initial purchase of an 8,000 square-foot warehouse at 911 W. Maple. After some renovations and dedication on June 25, 2017, we officially began receiving donations on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Lord has blessed this ministry of responding to those in need with physical items and the message of the Gospel. We have made six overseas shipments to Eastern Europe and five to state-side locations. We also respond to the needs of local organizations. We accept financial contributions, as each OGT warehouse is financially independent, plus good, used clothing for children and adults, blankets, quilts, medical, and sports equipment. LWML in Kansas and Oklahoma have been our most faithful and enthusiastic supporters. Jeff Crane, former Campus Pastor at WSU and senior pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, serves as our branch manager. He loves to be invited to speak to groups about our ministry. If you or a group from your congregation would like to volunteer, please contact Betty Amey, our volunteer coordinator at 316-737-2973.

Heart to Heart—Sisters of All Nations, Interest Session 2 **Sherri Rose, LWML Kansas District Heart to Heart District Leader**



The Heart to Heart Sisters Program is an intentional effort to ensure that multicultural women participate in the fellowship and work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The program has recently taken a name change, now known as Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations, in an effort to better describe its purpose. Heart to Heart is meant to bring all women together to serve our Lord with gladness, by serving our neighbors, sisters, and brothers, with His love.

What does it mean to be a *Heart to Heart Sister*? And how do I become one? The LWML Heart to Heart Sisters program began with a discussion between a few LWML women and has evolved into a program for all LWML *Women in Mission*. The Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations program strives to motivate, equip, and provide opportunities for ALL women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). In this session, Sherri Rose, LWML Kansas District Heart to Heart District Leader, will lead a discussion of how and why we should work to include all women in our local LWML groups, zones, and in our LWML district. Come, join the discussion!

BIBLE STUDY SAMPLERS *(choose one or two sessions on registration form)*

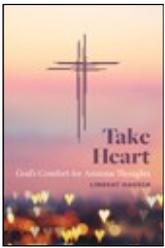


Love Rules—A Study of the Ten Commandments, by Christina Hergenrader

published by Concordia Publishing House

presented by Kathryn Richard, session 1

Christina states: “What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? The miracle of the Commandments is that even after thousands of years, they still hold everything we need to live in relationship with God and with one another.” This Bible study addresses one commandment each week, then follows up with four devotions that approach the topic from different angles. The readings take a “what does this mean” approach by asking open-ended questions and providing related Bible readings. For individual and group study, each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and discussion.

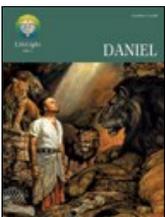


Take Heart, God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts, by Lindsay Hausch

published by Concordia Publishing House

presented by Kris Osler, session 2

Lindsay Hausch, author of *Take Heart*, says, “Throughout this book, we will explore how God’s love can transform how we see ourselves through a rhythm of rest in relationship with God, in relationship with others, and as God equips us to share our gifts and experiences with the people He puts before us. I will share with you the ways I have learned to live well in spite of my anxiety and to trust that God’s grace is sufficient. More than that, I have learned that God’s power shines through my scattered heart to reflect a pattern of beauty into the world that speaks of His redeeming love.”



LifeLight Series

published by Concordia Publishing House

presented by Betty Amey, sessions 1 and 2

Development of the LifeLight Bible study series began with a Special LWML Grant in 1987 of \$100,000. Concordia Publishing House now publishes over fifty studies of books of the Bible and twenty topical studies. Samples of these studies will be available and participants will use part of one lesson for study.



God's Relentless Love, A Study of Hosea, by Sharla Fritz

published by Concordia Publishing House

presented by Elaine Engelman, sessions 1 and 2

Who doesn't enjoy a good love story? *God's Relentless Love: a Study of Hosea* by Sharla Fritz leads us through a most unusual love story. In eight chapters, the author leads us through plot twists of betrayal, failure, and unending love. She points out the parallels between Hosea and Gomer's love story and God's love for us, His fallen people. Come, get a sneak peek at this epic love story.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS *(choose one session on registration form)*

Treasurer Seminar for LWML Groups and Zones

presented by District Financial Secretary, Kathryn Richard and District Treasurer, Carolyn Fishburn

Ever wonder about the importance of mite offerings and what they are used for? We'll discuss where mite offerings and other donations go, how the funds are used, and the most effective way to get donations to the proper destination, including remittance vouchers and online giving. Questions such as the following will be addressed: What funds and accounts do we handle? What do GGGF and SFA mean? Do all mite offerings go to mission grants? Is a remittance voucher needed to submit mite offerings and other donations? What is online giving and how do we set it up? Can online giving be used for donations other than mite offerings? There will be time for a question and answer session for attendees. Supplies will be available.



Mailbox Member Program—

Creative Approaches to Connecting with More Lutheran Women in Mission

presented by Brenda Piester, LWML Recording Secretary and Linda Kootz, Trinity LWML, Salina

Linda Kootz, Trinity Lutheran LWML, had a vision of connecting more women to all that 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 be available for your review. Brenda Piester will share information about the LWML Mailbox Member Program. This program provides unique and creative ways for groups to include women in time in the Word and in other activities if they are unable to attend the regular LWML meetings. Completely updated in 2021, a multitude of resources are available! Come learn of the flexible options to implement this locally to reach and include more *Women In Mission* in your congregation.



Preserving and Sharing Your LWML History

presented by District Co-Archivists, 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 want to make sure those pictures are safely preserved for future generations. Come explore ways to share and safely preserve our hidden history.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS *(choose one session on registration form)*

How to Plan a Christian Life Retreat

presented by District VP of Christian Life Allison Lehmann, and District VP of Communication Kris Osler

LWML events are designed to grow your faith. Have you attended a Christian Life Retreat or a Women's Retreat and thought about creating one for your own church or zone? Planning a retreat may seem daunting and challenging, but it can be a wonderful way to provide refreshment, renewal, and rejuvenation. Or, if not a retreat, maybe you'd like to try something new at your next zone event. Consider creating a prayer walk that compliments your theme to include as part of your activities. After attending this session, you'll have many ideas for how to plan a memorable retreat or prayer walk.



A Tour of LWML

presented by District VP of Special Focus Ministries Jill Lowe and the Special Focus Ministries Committee

Take a tour around LWML to find out how LWML works. This presentation gives a broad overview of LWML using a bus trip as an analogy. First-timers, and anyone new to LWML, will learn about district committees and their responsibilities. Participants will take a "ride" with LWML and see opportunities and possibilities available to Lutheran Women on a Mission!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee Report for 2022 Convention

With thankful hearts and anticipation toward the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention in Overland Park, Kansas, the Nominating Committee announces the slate of officers to be considered for election to the Executive Committee for the 2022-2026 term.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Sharon Daugherty and Cathi Temple

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Julie Hatesohl and Jill Lowe

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Christy McCombs

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES: Sarah Kleopfer

TREASURER: Relda Galli and Heather Van Slyke

PASTORAL COUNSELOR: Rev. John Werner (Marion/Hillsboro) and Rev. Marty Reed (Atchison)

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!

Tammy Taylor, Nominating Committee Chairman

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidates for Vice President of Christian Life

Sharon Daugherty – Southeast Zone St. Peter's, Humboldt

Local LWML: President

Zone LWML: President, Vice President, Secretary, Christian Life Chair

District LWML: Rocky Mountain District: Vice President of Human Care, Christian Life Committee, Human Care Committee

Kansas District: Caring Service Committee

Other Church Related Experiences: Council Secretary, Church Secretary, Altar Guild chair, Sunday School teacher, VBS director, Director of *The Living Last Supper*, Bible study leader, Pastor's wife

Work Experience: Judicial Specialist, Legal Secretary, Clerk (Corps of Engineers), Clerk (IVT Oil & Gas Association), Pantry Manager (K-Mart), Secretary (Texas Highway Patrol)

General: Sharon likes to read, crochet, and she enjoys music. She played the french horn in the Hobbs Community Symphony for three years and has served as an organist. Sharon is married to Pastor Ervin Daugherty, Jr. Between the two of them, they have six children and 23 grandchildren (24 in July!).



Cathi Temple—Topeka Zone St. John, Aliceville

Local LWML: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Life

Zone LWML: President, Christian Life, Historian

District LWML: Christian Life Committee, Caring Service Committee

Other Church Related Experiences: Sunday School teacher, Midweek School teacher, VBS co-coordinator

Work Experience: Special Education Paraeducator, High School class sponsor, Cheer coach

General: Cathi likes to read. She has three children – Michael Temple, Melissa Chavez, and Maria Temple.



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidates for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Julie Hatesohl – Manhattan Zone St. Luke's, Manhattan

Local LWML: President, Secretary

Zone LWML: President, Secretary, Special Focus Ministries Chair

District LWML: Gospel Outreach Committee

National LWML: Written and published Bible study for LWML Resources, *Fools of the Bible*.

Other Church Related Experiences: Church Council Secretary, Stewardship Chair, Fellowship Chair, Altar Committee

Work Experience: Served on the Geary County United Way Board as President, Vice President, and Secretary, and as a board member. Served as the President, Secretary, and on various committees of the Kansas Health Information Management Association (KHIMA). Served as Director for the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) as well as on the membership committee.

General: Julie loves to travel, and enjoys scrapbooking and journaling. She feels that she learns and grows by volunteering for organizations. She cherishes the friendships made through her volunteer experiences. Julie is married to David.



Jill Lowe—Northeast Zone Trinity, Atchison

Local LWML: President, Secretary

Zone LWML: Vice President of Member Development, Vice President of Christian Life

District LWML: Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and committee member, Co-chair of 2018 LWML Kansas District Convention, Member Development Committee Chair and member, Communications Committee as LWML Store Coordinator

National LWML: Attended 15 national conventions!

Other Church Related Experiences: Parish Education Committee, Sunday School teacher, VBS coordinator, VBS crafts leader, Easter Egg Hunt coordinator, Fall/Reformation Party coordinator, Children's Sermon leader; Youth Committee, Youth Lock-In leader; Theodora Circle

Work Experience: Teacher (3-yr olds, 2nd grade, 5th/6th grade, 4th/5th grade) at Trinity Lutheran School for the past 24 years

General: Jill likes to bake, watch movies with her family, read mysteries, and do crafts. She says she has a heart for children and loves planning events where children can learn more about Jesus and grow in their faith. She loves seeing their joy in the Lord!! Jill has been married to Mike for 30 years. They have two daughters, Jayme and Mikayla, who both attended Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, for teaching.



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidate for Vice President of Organizational Resources

***Christy McCombs – Kansas City CrossRoads Zone
Beautiful Savior, Olathe***

Local LWML: Co-President

Zone LWML: Secretary, Vice President of Christian Life

District LWML: Organizational Resources Committee Member and Chair, Kansas District Convention Secretary

National LWML: Attended her first national convention in Lexington!

Other Church Related Experiences: Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher and director, Board of Assimilation member, Board of Fellowship member, and Nominating Committee member, hand bell choir

Work Experience: Website Production and Promotions Specialist at Johns Hopkins University Division of Infectious Diseases, Office Assistant at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Preschool and Mother's Day Out, Secretarial Assistant at Madison Place Elementary, Patient Access Representative at Olathe Heath Family Medicine

General: Christy likes to read, do paper crafts, and visual faith practices. She is currently pursuing her Paralegal Certificate and will complete the program in the fall of 2022. She has two sons Jude (20) and Paul (17) Staph.



Candidate for Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

***Sarah Kloepfer—Northeast Zone
St. Paul, Fairview***

Local LWML: Secretary

Zone LWML: Vice President of Caring Services

District LWML: Committee on Young Women, Member Development Committee member

Other Church Related Experiences: Youth Group leader, Sunday School teacher, choir director, organist

Work Experience: Music teacher, Administrator for the Hiawatha Chamber and Visitors Bureau

General: Sarah loves to read, watch movies, play the piano, and sing. Sarah is married to Doug, and they have two grown daughters Hannah (Tom) and Emma (Nate).



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidates for Treasurer

Relda Galli – Northwest Zone Trinity, Colby

Local LWML: President, Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman

Zone LWML: Treasurer

District LWML: 2018 Convention Co-Chair, enjoys attending district conventions, Christian Life Retreats, and Kansas Assembly of Leaders

National LWML: Attended three LWML conventions, served as delegate at the Peoria Convention

Work Experience: Currently Executive Assistant, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, previously in Accounting Department for 11 years, First National Bank in Colby as teller, loan support, and branch manager, Colby High School as secretary, NW Kansas Educational Service Center as secretary and administrative assistant

Other Church Related Experiences: Altar Guild chair, Lector, Women’s Sunday Bible study; Public Relations Board, editor of the church newsletter, Sunday School teacher

General: Relda is married to Tracey. They operate a small farm together and have a small catering business. Her hobbies include reading, rubber stamping, motorcycle riding, and attending car shows.



Heather Van Slyke—Wichita Zone St. Paul, Natrona/Preston

Local LWML: President, Treasurer of Bethany Guild, participates in numerous women’s Bible studies

Zone LWML: Attends zone meetings regularly

National LWML: Attended many LWML conventions

Work Experience: Accounts payable with Stanion Wholesale Electric (15 years), Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Pratt USD 382 (six years)

Other Church Related Experiences: Sunday School superintendent and teacher, Thrivent Zone Treasurer (three years)

General: Heather loves all things Disney. She is actively involved in Pratt County 4-H and the Pratt County Fair. She is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Heather is married to Lee, and they have two children, Cassondra and Stephen.



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidates for Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John Werner

Our Savior, Marion, and Zion, Hillsboro

Education: John Werner graduated in 2000 from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, with a degree in Elementary Education. He earned his Master of Divinity in 2016 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

LCMS Involvement: Pastor Werner attends and hosts regular meetings and worship services for the circuit. He has participated in the PALS program for the Kansas District and served briefly on the District's Church Planting Committee. He also participated in the May 2021 DOXOLOGY conference in Wichita.

LWML Experience: Pastor Werner is serving as the Herington Zone Counselor, and has since 2016. He leads prayer services, devotions, and Bible studies.

Work Experience: He has served as a third grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Amarillo, Texas; a fourth, seventh/eighth grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Arlington, Texas; a sixth grade teacher at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in Richfield, Minnesota. He currently is serving as the Sole Pastor of Our Savior, Marion and Zion, Hillsboro dual parish.

General: Pastor Werner is married to Sarah. They have five children – Ben (13), Sam (11), Kate (9), James (7), and Luke (5). He likes to read, listen to theological and scientific podcasts, and attend his childrens' concerts and sporting events.



Rev. Marty Reed

Trinity, Atchison

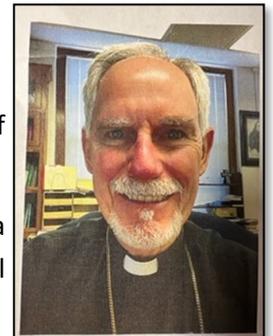
Education: Marty Reed graduated from Concordia University, Irvine, California, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

LCMS Involvement: Pastor Reed has served as a circuit counselor for the Kansas District, and a counselor for Lutherans for Life. He has also served as pastoral delegate to a synodical convention.

LWML Experience: Pastor Reed is currently serving as LWML Zone Counselor for the Northeast Zone. He previously served as a counselor for LWML in the Wyoming District.

Work Experience: Pastor Reed's first career was a telephone technician, working in large companies in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. He is a Navy veteran and a former chaplain for the Missouri Highway Patrol. He is currently serving as Associate Pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison.

General: Pastor Reed is married to Laurie. They have one daughter, Abigail. He likes to do woodworking.



2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS PROPOSALS

Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants

1. Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, Ottawa, Kansas

Sensory Inclusive Certification\$6,000

These funds would help Faith Lutheran to partner with KultureCity to become a “Sensory Inclusive” certified organization, provide tools, and develop space for persons with sensory processing needs. Members will learn how the church can give greater honor to those with greater needs and share the love of Christ.

(Submitted by Board of Christian Education, Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, Ottawa, Kansas)

2. Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California

Production of Braille Bibles in Kansas\$6,000

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to share the Good News found in Jesus to people who are blind or visually impaired, free of charge. This money would provide special paper, book bindings, ink, etc., to ministry production centers within the LWML Kansas District.

(Submitted by Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, California)

3. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan

Provide Spanish-Language Theology Books\$5,000

This project furthers the education of Spanish-speaking pastors and seminarians, equipping them to be better shepherds of their people. This grant would provide Spanish-language theology books for pastors and seminarians in countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Mexico.

(Submitted by Brenda Meyer, Zion Lutheran Church, Powhattan, Kansas)

4. Herington, Kansas

Joint Parish Agreement\$4,000

Two rural congregations, Immanuel and St. John Parish, formed a Joint Parish Agreement with Our Redeemer, Herington to bring the lost and erring to know the Gospel of a Risen Savior. This grant will support evangelism, witness training, and community outreach for congregants through the purchase of religious educational materials.

(Submitted by Our Redeemer, Herington, Kansas)

5. Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

New Programs in Kansas\$5,000

Due to the changing educational environment, Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen an increased need for special education services as a result of student learning loss. These grant funds would purchase new materials for classrooms, perform testing, and purchase software licenses for student/teacher use, allowing children who have learning needs to come to and remain at their Lutheran schools in Kansas.

(Submitted by Linda Fritsch, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, Michigan)

6. Trinity HOPE, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Haitian Feeding Program\$5,000

The money will provide essential nutrition to children in Lutheran schools in Haiti, thereby breaking the barrier of hunger to bring the Gospel to the children. They are fed physically and spiritually every day that they are in school, and are becoming little missionaries, bringing their families out of the darkness of Voodoo and into the light of Christ.

(Submitted by Denise Gudlin, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hermitage, Tennessee)

2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS PROPOSALS

Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants

7. Orphan Grain Train, Kansas Division

Shipping Costs\$5,000

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer, worldwide relief network bringing Christ’s name and character to needy people far and near. These funds will be used to ship items that are donated, cleaned, boxed, and labeled at one of the Kansas warehouses to Grand Island, Nebraska. From there, the items are sent to people in need of spiritual, emotional, and humanitarian aid.

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

8. Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Translator Funding\$6,000

As MOST Ministry team members offer their hearts and hands, they rely on the native translators to offer their voices. The grant monies will facilitate partnerships in which translators, who may not be Christian, or who may need strengthening in their faith, receive exposure to the Word they are repeating in their local language.

(Submitted by Ella Schempp, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS)

9. POBLO International, Troy, Michigan

International Friendship Center\$10,000

The grant money will support the International Friendship Centers operating in Kansas. Classes for the community are provided such as English as a second language, citizenship classes, and Bible studies. All programs are geared toward sharing the Word of God and making disciples of all nations.

(Submitted by Cynthia Khan, POBLO International)

10. Ministry in Mission, Chesterland, Ohio

Rebuilding Haiti/Restoring Haitians Spiritually\$5,000

Ministry in Mission will partner with the Haitian Lutheran Church to provide physical and spiritual care to the Haitian people suffering from the pandemic, political unrest, inflation, and a devastating earthquake. Funds are needed to purchase supplies locally and to pay for shipping containers filled with relief supplies. Trinity Lutheran in Garden City, Kansas conducts ongoing projects in Haiti.

(Submitted by Shanna Hageman, Trinity Lutheran, Garden City, Kansas)

11. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Logos Bible Software\$5,000

The grant funds will help cover seminarians’ cost to purchase the required software for building and ensuring their competency in Biblical languages for the proclamation of faith. The package contains resources that augment advanced study of Lutheran theology toward developing and improving pastoral skills.

(Submitted by Tom Evans, Grant Writer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri)

12. Mission Education in the Dominican Republic, Latin America, and the Caribbean

Scholarships for Mission Teams\$5,000

The monies will be used for scholarships for teams of eight participants going on mission trips to Latin American countries. This experience offers first-hand cross-cultural enrichment to members of the Concordia University System, St. Louis, Missouri. Participants share the Gospel in their interactions with missionaries, local leaders, merchants, and surrounding communities.

(Submitted by Trinity LWML, Atchison, Kansas)

2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS PROPOSALS

Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants

13. Matongo Seminary, Kenya

Seminary Chapel\$6,000

Matongo Seminary is an established seminary, training pastors, deaconesses, and evangelists to spread the Gospel and serve the people of Kenya and beyond. This request is to help build a dedicated place of worship for daily chapel services for students, and to serve as a model as they serve beyond the campus.

(Submitted by Trinity LWML, Atchison, Kansas)

14. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cheney, Kansas

St. Paul's Music Ministry\$4,500

This grant proposal is for support of technology/sound system upgrades for online presence and future outreach programs to share the love of Christ through music and worship. Music is central to Lutheran worship services and St. Paul's desire is to share the worship services/programs online with the best production sound and technology.

(Submitted by Elise Lorenz-Cleary, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cheney, Kansas)

15. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota

Chapel Upgrade\$3,000

Funding will be used to transform the ranch's Kruse Memorial Chapel through specialized lighting, general remodeling, and the addition of engaging learning accessories. This will create a trauma-sensitive, child-friendly, welcoming environment that will engage at-risk children, facilitating growth in the Gospel and Christ-centered healing.

(Submitted by Elaine Eggold, Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas)

16. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, Kansas

Outreach and Evangelism\$5,000

These funds will be used to purchase curriculum and resources for Bible studies and programs, promotional/marketing items, food, and supplies for outreach and fellowship. University students and community members have the opportunity to hear and learn the truth of the Gospel when coming into the Fairmount Campus Ministry and Fairmount Coffee Co.

(Submitted by Paige Edgington, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, Kansas)

17. WORDRus Mission Society, St. Louis, Missouri

Translation of Donna Snow Bible Studies; Latvian\$3,500

These funds will be used to translate the Donna Snow Bible studies into Latvian. Very few solid, biblical materials are available for lay Bible study, especially among women. WORDRus' main goal is reaching the unchurched and partners with local congregations to disseminate these resources.

(Submitted by Rev. Andrew Bartelt, WORDRus Mission Society)

18. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Food Co-op\$5,000

One of the ways that the seminary seeks to reduce the financial burden on students is by providing access to a Food and Clothing Co-op. The co-op currently spends approximately \$7,500 per month on grocery and paper products to fill the shelves. This money will be used to purchase only perishable food items each month which are then given directly to the students and their families.

(Submitted by Deaconess Katherine E. Rittner, Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City, Indiana)

2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS PROPOSALS

Delegates will vote for up to five (5) mission grants

19. Immanuel Community Outreach Association, Kansas City, Kansas

Diaper Service\$1,500

Immanuel Community Outreach Association (ICOA) works to support and better the Kansas City, Kansas community, specifically among its Hispanic population. Currently the ICOA offers a food pantry, ESL, and citizenship classes. This money would help add a monthly diaper service to families with young children as they network with Happy Bottoms. This gives ICOA the opportunity to serve and love the families in the name of, and for the sake of, Jesus, sharing faith and hope in Him.

(Submitted by Deb Hartje, Our Saviour, Kansas City, Kansas)

20. CrossOver Recovery Center, Wichita, Kansas

Self-care, Mental Health, Social Enrichment\$4,500

CrossOver Recovery is a non-profit agency providing peer mentoring and counseling to those who have made a commitment to sobriety. Through this grant, Risen Savior Lutheran Church will participate in a ministry entitled "Feeding Your Faith," providing nourishment, both physically and spiritually. They will prepare quality activities focusing on relationship development, life skills, and stress management. Risen Savior members will extend faith, hope, and mercy to the clients.

(Submitted by Kristine Alvarez, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas)

Mission grants are funded from Mite Box offerings and other designated offerings. Grants are selected by delegates at the 2022 LWML Kansas District convention in Overland Park. Mission grants are awarded throughout the 2022-2024 biennium as donations allow and in the order of number of votes received.



God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF) is supported by memorials, honorariums, Thrivent Choice dollars, and other designated donations. The recipients are selected by delegates at the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention in Overland Park. GGGF grants are disbursed immediately following the 2022 convention.

BE SURE TO VISIT THE GOSPEL OUTREACH DISPLAY IN THE EXHIBIT AREA, WHERE YOU WILL SEE A PRESENTATION OF MITES IN ACTION VIDEOS FROM RECIPIENTS OF MISSION GRANTS AND GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUNDS GRANTS FROM THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM!

2022-2024 GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFTS FUND PROPOSALS

(\$22,034 available funding) Delegates will vote for up to four (4) GGGF Grants

1. Bethlehem Lutheran, Greenleaf, Kansas

Swaddling Clothes \$500

These funds will be used to purchase basic needs for babies: formula, food, diapers, thermometers, booster chairs, etc. This mission, sharing the love and mercy of Christ, serves five (5) counties of families struggling to care for their children. They include Christian books for the children during distribution.

(Submitted by Bethlehem Lutheran LWML, Greenleaf, Kansas)

2. St. Luke's Lutheran, Manhattan, Kansas

Outreach to Hearing Impaired\$5,000

This submission is for technical equipment that adapts to personal hearing devices and recording equipment to reach the hearing impaired, homebound, and those listening over the internet. St. Luke's serves God's children from around the world as they attend Kansas State University as well as the military serving at Ft. Riley and their families.

(Submitted by St. Luke's Lutheran LWML, Manhattan, Kansas)

3. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hepler, Kansas

Shower Facilities\$5,000

This submission is to add shower facilities to existing bathrooms for cyclists who stop at the church yearly during the TransAmerican Bike Trail Ride. God's love is shared by providing a safe place for cyclists to stop and rest while offering an opportunity to worship on Sunday, and speak with members during the week.

(Submitted by Immanuel LWML WinGS, Hepler, Kansas)

4. MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Visual Tools \$800

In many countries and cultural settings, language barriers and low levels of literacy necessitate the use of visual tools by MOST ministry team members. These funds would be used for EvangeCubes, showing seven pictures which portray the Gospel message, and EvangeBalls, soccer balls with colorful patches telling the story of our redemption.

(Submitted by Ella Schempp, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, Kansas)

5. St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas

Driveway/Playground Repair\$5,000

For nearly 150 years St. John has provided Christ-centered education for Alma and surrounding communities. The money will be used to resurface the driveway/playground which is used during the school day for play time for the children, as well as a drop off location before and after school.

(Submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church LWML, McFarland, Kansas)

6. St. Luke's Lutheran Early Learning Center, Manhattan, Kansas

Teacher Training\$3,000

The staff of the Early Learning Center primarily consists of college aged students from KSU who often do not have a church home away from home. The money would be used to send teachers for faith based development of the Kansas district and to update religious curriculums.

(Submitted by St. Luke's Lutheran Early Learning Center, Manhattan, Kansas)

2022-2024 GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFTS FUND PROPOSALS

(\$22,034 available funding) Delegates will vote for up to four (4) GGGF Grants

7. Kansas District LCMS Older Adults

Older Adult Newsletter\$1,100

The funds will be used to continue the Older Adult newsletter started in 2021. The newsletter is a way of communicating with congregations for older adult ministry. It encourages older adults to be active in their congregations and the congregation to create an enhanced older adult program.

(Submitted by Kansas District LCMS Older Adult Committee)

8. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton, Kansas

Video Equipment\$1,000

With the challenges of not being able to hold in-person service during the pandemic, there is a need to reach out through social media to congregational members, the community, and beyond. The request is for funding video equipment to livestream worship services.

(Submitted by Church Council, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton, Kansas)

9. Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, Kansas

Campus Ministry Retreat\$1,000

Fairmount Ministries is a campus ministry and community outreach. The funds will be used to help offset the cost of a retreat. Time together would be centered around the Gospel with multiple opportunities to share the Gospel through a weekend of Bible study. Students will be nourished to face the temptations and stressors of college.

(Submitted by Paige Edgington, Fairmount Ministries, Wichita, Kansas)

10. LCMS Office of International Mission - Asia Region

Publish a Lutheran Hymnal\$5,000

This submission is to fund the publishing and printing of a Lutheran hymnal/service book in the official language of Indonesia. Although there are Christian song books in Indonesia, this hymnal will include services, Psalms, prayers, and hymns. It will also strengthen their proclamation of the Gospel in their communities.

(Submitted by Dodie Copley, St. Peter's/Humboldt and Grace/Iola, Kansas)

11. St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas

Retaining Wall/Marquee Upgrade\$4,500

The retaining wall at St. John Lutheran School is leaning and falling, and the marquee is decades old. Funds will be used for replacement of the wall and upgrade of the marquee. This will improve the image of St. John Lutheran School in the community and long term health of the campus. St. John serves the children of the Alma community and beyond with the Gospel.

(Submitted by Harmon Butler, Principal, St. John Lutheran School, Alma, Kansas)

12. Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, Missouri

Military Chaplaincy Seminars\$3,000

These funds will help cover the travel cost and per diem for spouses to attend the chaplaincy seminars. These seminars offer ways for spouses to care for themselves, their families, and the families the chaplains serve. The events provide rich opportunities for Lutheran worship, fellowship, and study.

(Submitted by LCMS Mission Advancement, LCMS Office of International Mission, St. Louis, Missouri)

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML KANSAS DISTRICT BYLAWS

To be presented to the LWML Kansas District Convention, Overland Park, Kansas
April 23, 2022

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

1. Article XII—FINANCES, section 4.—Special Accounts:

Proposed Amendment

Insert new letter C. Leader Development Fund—The purpose of the Leader Development Fund is to develop LWML women as leaders in the Kansas District. Sources of funding will include overages from LWML Kansas District conventions and Kansas District Christian Life Retreats. The fund will be administered by the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee as detailed in the Leadership Guidelines.

Insert new letter D. LWML-Kansas District (KSD) Endowment Fund—The purpose of the KSD Endowment Fund is to hold and distribute planned giving estate gifts. The fund will be administered by the LWML Kansas District Endowment Committee as detailed in the Leadership Guidelines.

If adopted will read:

C. Leader Development Fund

The purpose of the Leader Development Fund is to develop LWML women as leaders in the Kansas District. Sources of funding will include overages from LWML Kansas District conventions and Kansas District Christian Life Retreats. The fund will be administered by the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee as detailed in the Leadership Guidelines.

D. LWML-Kansas District (KSD) Endowment Fund

The purpose of the KSD Endowment Fund is to hold and distribute planned giving estate gifts. The fund will be administered by the LWML Kansas District Endowment Committee as detailed in the Leadership Guidelines.

Rationale: to add two new funds approved by the Kansas District to the list of special accounts held by the Kansas District.

2. ARTICLE VI –DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 9-

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Proposed amendments

Insert new Letter G. Receive Leader Development Fund funds to be held as directed by the Executive Committee;

Insert new Letter H. Serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee;

Insert new Letter I. Receive funds for the Endowment Fund following the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund found in the Leadership Guidelines appendix;”

If adopted will read :

G. Receive Leader Development Fund funds to be held as directed by the Executive Committee;

H. Serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee; and

I. Receive funds for the Endowment Fund following the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund found in the Leadership Guidelines appendix;”

Rationale: to add duties for the financial secretary in regard to two new funds approved by the Kansas District and to conform to the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund adopted by the BOD at the June 3, 2020, Zoom meeting.

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS

3. ARTICLE VI –DUTIES OF OFFICERS, section 10-TREASURER

Proposed amendments

Insert new Letter G. Retain Leader Development Fund funds to be disbursed at the direction of the Executive Committee;

Insert new letter H. Serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee; and

Insert new letter I. Retain Endowment Fund funds to be disbursed at the direction of the Endowment Fund Committee and the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund found in the Leadership Guidelines appendix;

If adopted will read :

G. Retain Leader Development Fund funds to be disbursed at the direction of the Executive Committee;

H. Serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee; and

I. Retain Endowment Fund funds to be disbursed at the direction of the Endowment Fund Committee and the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund found in the Leadership Guidelines appendix;”

Rationale: to add duties in regard to the treasurer’s oversight of two new funds approved by the Kansas District and to conform to the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund adopted by the BOD at the June 3, 2020, Zoom meeting.

4. ARTICLE XI –DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND APPOINTMENTS, section 6-APPOINTED PERSONNEL,

F. Lutheran World Relief Coordinator

Proposed Amendment

Delete section F.

~~F. The Lutheran World Relief Coordinator shall serve as area contact for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).~~

If adopted will read:

E. The Short-Term Mission Coordinator shall:

1. publicize opportunities for short-term mission trips;
2. assist the mission teams with pre-trip planning; And
3. provide reports to the EC and BOD.

~~F. The Lutheran World Relief Coordinator shall serve as area contact for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).~~

Rationale: The mission statement of the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Organization includes “we do not evangelize”, so this organization no longer aligns with the LWML tenet to spread the Gospel to all. LWR is not a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) nor is it a Recognized Service Partner of the LC-MS. A coordinator for this organization will no longer be necessary in the LWML Kansas District. *(Reference to this position is also found in ARTICLE XI, section 6.A.)*

5. ARTICLE XI –DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND APPOINTMENTS, section 6-APPOINTED PERSONNEL,

I. Endowment Fund Coordinator

Proposed amendment

Insert new letter H. The Endowment Fund Coordinator shall:

1. be the primary promoter of the fund;
2. call meetings of the committee;
3. be responsible for maintaining accurate records;
4. be in charge of communication with all necessary parties, both within the Kansas District and externally.

If adopted will read :

H. The Endowment Fund Coordinator shall:

1. be the primary promoter of the fund;
2. call meetings of the committee;
3. be responsible for maintaining accurate records;
4. be in charge of communication with all necessary parties, both within the Kansas District and externally.

Rationale: to outline the duties of the Endowment Fund Coordinator as presented in the Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund adopted by the BOD at the June 3, 2020, Zoom Meeting.

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS

6. ARTICLE XI –DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND APPOINTMENTS, section 6-APPOINTED PERSONNEL, A.

Proposed amendment

Delete “Lutheran World Relief Coordinator”;
Delete “and” before “Travel Chairman”;
insert “and Endowment Fund Coordinator” after “Travel Chairman”.

If adopted will read :

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

Rationale: The Guidelines for LWML-Kansas District Endowment Fund adopted by the BOD at the June 3, 2020, Zoom Meeting state that the Coordinator for the Endowment Fund be an appointed position.

7. Article XI—DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, section 3— DEPARTMENT F. SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES, opening paragraph, first sentence:

Proposed Amendment

Delete “and” between “. . . Ministries Committee, and the Heart . . .”and add “and the Church Workers in Mission (CWM) Coordinator” at the end of the sentence.

If adopted shall read:

The Special Focus Ministries Department shall include the Special Focus Ministries committee, ~~and~~ the Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader and committee, and the Church Workers in Mission (CWM) Coordinator. The Vice President of Special Focus Ministries shall be coordinator of the Special Focus Ministries Department.

Rationale: The purpose of the Church Workers in Mission (CWM) program is to welcome pastors and other church workers who are **new to the Kansas District** by sharing information about LWML in Kansas, showing our support and appreciation for their church work and ministry, and forming a relationship with them that will help fulfill the goal to spread the Good News of Jesus. This program fits well with the other programs of inclusion and encouragement of new LWML members that are fostered by the Special Focus Ministries department.

8. Article IX-REPRESENTATION, section 1-VOTING ASSEMBLY FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION, A.

Proposed Amendment

Delete the word “elected” and replace with “selected”

If adopted shall read:

1. two (2) delegates who will represent each unit in the District. When the membership in the Groups within a unit totals more than twenty (20) members, one (1) additional delegate may be ~~elected~~ selected for each additional twenty (20) members or a major fraction thereof;

Rationale: to conform to current practice

CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM *(deadline to order is FEBRUARY 28)*

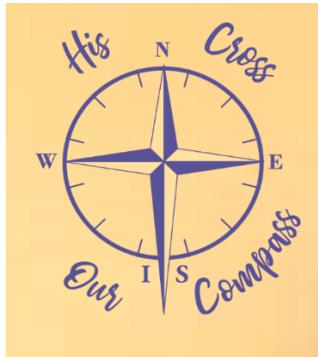
LWML Kansas District 2022 Convention Shirt Order Form

For the 2022 convention, we are offering a V-neck unisex style shirt in butter cream with the convention logo in dark purple, 60% cotton/40% polyester; 3XL shirts are 100% cotton.

**Due to supply chain issues the crewneck version of this shirt may be substituted.
SHIRT ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28**



V-neck, sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL



Crew neck, size 3XL

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

Shirts may also be pre-ordered online at www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Size

S __

Phone: _____

M __

Email: _____

L __

XL __

Quantity: Shirts ____ x \$15 each =

2XL __ \$17 each

Shirts ____ x \$17 each =

3XL __ \$18 each

Shirts ____ x \$18 each =

Total Due \$ _____

Please mail payment with order form to: Elise Cleary, 2363 S 343rd St W, Cheney, KS 67025

****All convention shirt orders must be received by February 28, 2022****

***** Make checks payable to: LWML Kansas District Convention 2022*****

ORDER ONLINE AT www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention (HERE)

HOTEL INFORMATION AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Driving Directions to the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Overland Park

The convention hotel address is 10100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210, located at Hwy 69 and College Boulevard.

Google map directions can be followed using [this link](#). Click on “directions” under the photo and address of the hotel. Then, type in the address you are starting from and it will give you a route (and possibly an alternate route).

From the south, US Hwy 69 is the most direct route. Take the College Boulevard Exit and keep right at the fork, then merge over into the left lane to turn left onto Mastin Street. The entrance to the hotel parking lot will be your first left.

From Hwy 10, as you enter the metro area, keep left and follow signs for 1-435 E. Take exit 81 for US-69 N. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for College Boulevard/US-69 S. Keep left, follow signs for College Blvd. Use the left lane to turn left onto College Boulevard. Use the left lane to turn left onto Mastin Street. The entrance to the hotel parking lot will be your first left.

From I-35, take Exit 222A for I-435 E. Take Exit 81 for US-69 N. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for College Boulevard/US-69 S. Keep left, follow signs for College Blvd. Use the left lane to turn left onto College Boulevard. Use the left lane to turn left onto Mastin Street. The entrance to the hotel parking lot will be your first left.

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Convention Hotel Information

The LWML Kansas District Convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66201. To look at their website, click this link [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Overland Park](#). Here's what you need to know:

- The LWML room rate will be honored through March 17, 2022.
- You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.
- You have a choice – either a room with double queen beds or a king bed at a rate of \$109 night, plus applicable taxes.
- Call the hotel at 855-610-8733 to make your reservation. Identify yourself as part of the “LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League” to get the group rate.

There is also a “Quick Book” online registration that will give you the group rate. This is the link: [LWML Rate at Overland Park DoubleTree Hotel](#).

There is a Starbucks® coffee shop and a restaurant in the hotel. Convention attendees will be able to purchase Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast in the hotel restaurant for a 20% discount. The other meals are available as part of the convention meal package ([page 8](#)). There are also a number of restaurants and drive-thru fast food places within a two mile radius of the hotel.



Be sure to shop for all things LWML at the convention LWML Store!

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Recipients of the Convention Offerings are as follows:

- 2022 Convention Offering #1, Friday Evening Worship Service
2022-2024 LWML Kansas District Mission Grants
- 2022 Convention Offering #2, Sunday Morning Worship Service



Soldiers of the Cross: Since 2004, Soldiers of the Cross has provided emergency financial support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers who are experiencing a financial crisis, unrelated to COVID-19. Today, the program stands ready to assist church workers who need short-term support and care.

- Prayer Walk Offerings

AbleLight (formerly Bethesda): AbleLight, formerly known as Bethesda Lutheran Communities, operates several locations in Kansas. They first opened their doors in 1904, serving just five people. Today, they operate in states from coast to coast. Services in Kansas include shared living homes, independent living intermittent supports, group homes, day programs, a thrift store, and financial services. Their services are designed to support the whole person, regardless of their needs and disability, and through every age and stage (www.ablelight.org/locations/kansas).

Convention Offerings may be given online through the website, www.kansaslwml.org ([here](#)),

OR on the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App from your phone.

Information for using the Vanco App is also available on the [Giving page](#) of the website.

PRAYER WALK

LWML convention attendees will find the outdoor prayer walk a time of personal reflection in the Holy Spirit, a place for growth in prayer, and an opportunity for devotion to serve the Lord through LWML. During the hike, you will encounter a variety of stations, meditate on the verse *Lead me in your truth and teach me* (Psalm 25:5a), and find ways to use His Cross as a compass through our daily walk. If you're not up for walking outside, there will be an indoor option.



CONVENTION BANNERS AND MISSION FLAGS

Each zone is asked to provide a banner made with the convention theme "His Cross Is Our Compass" and bring it to convention. The zone president will carry her zone's banner in the Saturday morning procession. Zone Young Women Representatives will carry mission flags. Both the banner and the flags will be displayed in the ballroom during convention. Photos of the banners will be posted on the [LWML Kansas District website](#) following convention. Please be sure to admire the wonderful handiwork of the dedicated, talented women who designed and made the banners!

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP

The **Friday Evening Worship Service**, the Divine Service with Holy Communion, will be hosted and held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 13145 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe. LWML convention attendees and guests are welcome to attend. It is approximately a fifteen minute non-highway drive. As we will not be able to provide transportation for all attendees, please feel free to “create your own carpool” by finding a ride with a friend or two, or introduce yourself to someone new and share a ride. We hope you’ll find these driving directions helpful.

Directions from the hotel parking lot: turn right/south on Mastin St. Use the right 2 lanes to turn right onto College Boulevard. In about a mile, use the left 2 lanes to turn left/south onto Quivera Rd. Drive 3 miles and turn right/west onto 135th Street. In 2 miles, turn right/north on Black Bob Road. The church will be .5 mile on your right. Because the church is on a hill, there is not a cut through the median at the driveway. If you come from the north, you will need to go past the church and make the first available U turn to approach from the south. The church address is Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 13145 S. Black Bob Rd Olathe, KS 66062.

To **return to the hotel**, you can turn right out of the driveway and drive north 1.5 miles to 119th Street. Turn right/east on 119th Street and drive two miles to Quivira Rd. Turn left/north onto Quivira Rd. In 2 miles, turn right onto College Boulevard. In about a mile, use the far left lane to turn left onto Mastin Street and then turn left into the hotel driveway.

MORE CONVENTION INFO

CHOIR INFORMATION

We regret that we will not have a convention choir at the Friday Evening Opening Worship this year. We look forward to hearing your voices during congregational singing and at song breaks during the general convention sessions!



We’ve planned a special time for men attending the convention to get together! Come have lunch with our LWML Kansas District Pastoral Counselors, Pastor Rocco Mallardi and Pastor Michael Schmidt, along with Chuck Burdett, husband of LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett. Don’t forget that your registration to the convention is at a discounted fee—just register with your spouse! Register for the Saturday Men’s Luncheon on the “Optional Meals” section of the registration form.



RIDE THE BUS!! We’re making plans to charter a bus to the convention from Wichita to Salina to Overland Park, arriving by 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 21. Return trip will be on Sunday, April 24, following the end of convention. Final cost will be between \$100-\$200, determined by number of passengers. PLEASE let President Kim know if **YOU**’d like a ride by emailing her at president@kansaslwml.org. Send your \$50 deposit to Financial Secretary Kathryn Richard at P.O. Box 314, Arma, KS 66712. Deadline for reservations is March 1. Trip details will be given to passengers by March 17.

CONVENTION DATES AND DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

February 28	Convention Shirt Order Form DUE
March 1	Bus Registration DEADLINE
March 1	Zone Banner pictures DUE to President Kim
March 1	Convention Manual Documents DEADLINE
March 17	Early Registration DEADLINE
April 1.....	RSVP for BOD Meeting DUE
April 21.....	BOD Meeting and Dinner
April 22-24.....	LWML Kansas District Convention

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The DoubleTree Hilton Hotel is following local COVID-19 guidelines. The staff is wearing masks and has in place "upon request housekeeping." More information about the cleaning system and recommendations to make your travel and hotel stay safe and comfortable can be found here, [Hilton Travel Guidelines](#).

At Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, there is no mask policy outside of Preschool hours. Hand sanitizer is available, and the facility is cleaned nightly. Allow for physical distancing and wear a mask as you desire to feel safe and comfortable.

Quick Links to Convention Information

Hotel Information: [DoubleTree Hotel](#) OR [LWML Rate at Overland Park DoubleTree Hotel](#)

LWML Kansas District Convention webpage: www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention

Convention Registrar: ksdistrictlwmlconvention@gmail.com

Convention Shirt Order: www.kansaslwml.org/2022-district-convention



*Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.*

(Psalm 25:5)

