



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent begins the journey to the Cross. As we travel through Lent, let us examine and consider God's Word, allowing it to change us and align us with His purposes in preparation for the empty tomb on Easter morning. May your Lenten Journey bring you blessings!



In January 2025, I traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, to attend the Presidents Assembly with the other 39 LWML district presidents. We spent a lot of time discussing the 2025 Convention and also toured the world class CHI Convention Center in downtown Omaha.

The 41st Biennial LWML Convention will be held in Omaha, NE, June 26-29. We are pleased to have ten delegates, two YWR's (Megan Migyako and Alexa Wolf), our junior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Michael Dobler, and myself representing the LWML Eastern District at the convention. Are you planning on being there? Registration is open now! Don't delay.

Sharon McGuan, our LWML Eastern District Leader Development Chair, is a candidate for a position on the National Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Sharon for making the national election ballot, it is an honor!



Plans are being made for the 2026 LWML Eastern District Convention, hosted by the Philadelphia and Anthracite Zones! We will be going to Lancaster, PA! Sharla Fritz will be our Keynote Speaker.

NOTE: The 2025 LWML Retreat that was scheduled to be at Pioneer on the Lake, has been relocated. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Board of Directors voted to have the retreat on September 19-21 at Lutherlyn Camp in Butler, PA.

Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
81 Years

May the joy of Easter fill your heart with renewed faith and hope!

Blessings,

Dee E. Grzyb

LWML Eastern District President lwmled8_cm@aol.com, 716-901-4167 mobile or 716-393-3670.



And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.' – (Mark 16:15)



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Grace and peace to you from God, our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20.

This year our elders and adult education have been focused on discipleship. Truthfully discipleship is looking for opportunities to share the Word in deeds so that people are

open to hear the good news of the Gospel.

Thinking back over the last three years, not only does the LWML follow that directive, but truly exhibits it. I can give you two examples where God has actually shared opportunities for our congregation to reach out and share our love of Christ.

A few weeks ago our youth sponsored a spaghetti dinner and talent show to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering. As it turned out we were blessed with visitors attending to observe not only because they had children involved, but because they were looking for fellowship as well. Our hope is that the opportunity to meet them will encourage them and open dialog to share the Gospel. Internally it sparked discussion about inviting the talented young people to perform during services. An example of God using an event in unexpected ways to open channels for discipling to others.

The most exciting news to share is in missions. Christ Memorial has poured substantial support into the building of a school in the Lower Margibi region of Liberia. Olivia S. Washington Schools of Liberia, that you may know better as BEE Liberia, was established to enrich the lives and education of hundreds of underprivileged Liberian children. The civil war has left the country with pour educational and medical infrastructure.

In a God moment it was clear to me that we need to take the next step. We helped build the school now let us work toward providing the type of support that Joel and Scarlet Holcombe have provided to Point of Grace Academy in Kenya.

God put an interesting opportunity before us. Scarlet and Joel don't have the bandwidth to add another mission project, however they offered to assist starting a similar effort for BEE Liberia. The hope is that in October, Scarlet can accompany me to Liberia on a vision trip to set up the organization for future trips to Liberia. Scarlet is also coming to Christ Memorial to present background information about starting up mission trips to Liberia. As you are well aware an endeavor of this scale requires prayers and support. Please pray for a successful launch and, if moved, providing support for this project.

We never know how God will use us in his plans. It may begin with a chance meeting at a church event or observing the magnificent work of ladies doing work to His glory.

I encourage you to continue in your fellowship with each other and being His hands and feet.

Blessings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Carl Emberger, Senior Pastoral Counselor



News from Christian Life Chairman—Susan Beltran

The Eastern District Board of Directors met March 7-8 and I was pleased to be able to provide a Friday evening devotion. I'd like to share the opening prayer I chose which is found in the great resource, the Lutheran Book of Prayer. I hope it guides you as we Serve the Lord with Gladness.

LUTHER'S PRAYER BASED ON "CAST ALL YOUR CARES UPON GOD FOR HE CARES FOR YOU" (1 Peter 5:7)

Heavenly Father, You are indeed my Lord and God who has created me when I was but nothing. In addition, You have saved me through your son. Now You have appointed me to this official responsibility and set this work before me. It does not proceed according to my will, and it is so great that it would otherwise weigh heavily on me and cause me great fear, that I of my own ability could find neither counsel nor help. Therefore, let everything be commenced unto You, give me counsel and help, and remain faithful in everything, as You have promised. Amen.

Sue Beltran, Christian Life Chair

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News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Susan Bell



The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department is to engage, encourage and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior with people of their communities and the world.

THE 2024-2026 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell
Mission Grants Chair – Margaret Klees
Leader Development Chair – Sharon McGuan

Leader Development Chair – Sharon McGuan Leader Development Co-Chair – Megan Migyanko Structure Chair – Rebecca Bessell Structure Co-Chair – Alice Pfonner

Stamp Coordinator - Karen Blackmon, Nominating Committee Chair - Susan Bell

Right after the LWML National Convention in June 2025, I will be forming the Nominating Committee for 2026. We will be looking to fill the positions of: President, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Treasurer, and Pastoral Counselor. If you would be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please let me know at: 610-937-1483 or sbell 7239@comcast.net.

Susan Bell, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

MISSION GRANT NEWS

GRANT 2 PAID

We are on a roll! Grant 2 has been paid! This grant was given to Lutheran Braille Workers in the amount of \$5,000 to help pay for specialized paper and bindings for the books being produced. It will also help with any shipping-related costs as well as equipment costs. These books will be either large print or braille Bibles and other Christian related materials. On February 9th, LWML Eastern District President Dee Grzyb presented Rachel Potts, LBW Director of Ministry Relations with a giant check. It was presented at a celebration service at St. Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY, where a new production center has been opened. It is so great to see our tiny mites doing such big things around us. Thank you for all the mites given and keep them coming.





GRANT REQUESTS FOR 2026- The grant packets have been sent to the Zone Presidents to be distributed as needed. Prayerfully consider projects that are on your heart or those that you heard may need help. Guidelines are included in the packets if there are questions as to what type of grant is allowable. **Grant deadline is October 15, 2025.** If you have any questions or would like the packet sent to you please contact me, Margaret Klees. My email is margaretklees@gmail.com and my cell is 570-877-2168.

May God bless this grant cycle mightily!

NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- · Zones, please review your bylaws periodically.
- Send changes to Structure Committee for Review at rlb54@roadrunner.rr.com
- · Our contact information is listed below:

Rebecca Bessell – Chair 585-415-6368

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Alice Pfonner – Co-Chair

716-873-9377

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Updated District Bylaws are on our website. They can be found at the following link: www.east-dist-lwml.org and clicking on 2022 LWML Eastern District Bylaws



NEWS FROM THE LEADER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Sharon McGuan – Chair Megan Migyanko – Co Chair

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Thank you to the zones and young women who submitted Young Women Representative applications for the 2025 National Convention in Omaha. The district is pleased to introduce the two women representing the Eastern District as YWRs to National Convention.



Megan Migyanko—Pittsburgh Zone, is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Eastern District Leader Development Committee and has served as a YWR to the 2024 LWML Eastern District Convention. Megan is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville, PA. She is a social worker at a rehabilitation facility where she finds purpose assisting families in difficult circumstances. Megan is a wife and mother. She enjoys playing in her church's bell choir and teaching Sunday school. Megan is looking forward to attending the National Convention in Omaha and getting to meet new friends "serving the Lord with gladness."



Alexa Wolff - Genesee Zone, is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Eastern District Special Focus Committee and has served as a YWR to the 2024 LWML Eastern District Convention. Alexa is a Called Teacher at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hilton, NY where she loves to share Jesus and her love of learning with her students. Alexa also enjoys directing her congregation's VBS, where over two hundred children learn how much Jesus loves each one of them. She plays flute, rings in the handbell choir, and currently seeks to participate in a Comfort Dog program. Alexa desires to serve as a National YWR and learn more about the mission work of the LWML.

Please pray for these young women that the Lord would bless their time at convention, and they may grow in faith and love for the Lord and His people.

Sharon McGuan, Leader Development Chair

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SUSAN MORRIS



QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS: Thanks to all who sent in their Quarterly subscription updates, and as noted in my email to the Zone Treasurers and Presidents, the single copy as well as 2-9 copies would be \$8.00 and \$6.50 for 10 or more subscriptions. Most subscriptions remained the same as 2024 with offsetting additions and deletions.



LINK NEWSLETTER: The Executive Committee and Board of Directors voted to discontinue mailing copies of the Eastern District's LINK newsletter due to budget constraints. As with the cost most everything else today, the cost of mailing out copies of the LINK has become cost prohibitive resulting in this change.



DISTRICT DIRECTORY: Please keep sending in any directory changes to me at ED_VPComm@gmail.com, whether its Zone or Society, elected or appointed. It's important this is kept as up to date as possible.

Sue Morris VP Communication

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL FOCUS COMMITTEE

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

How can your LWML Society or Zone serve others and reach out to those in need and show the love of Jesus to all? Alexa Wolf, Special Focus, co-chair shares one way her church, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Hilton, NY, did just that. Maybe this will encourage your LWML to reach out and serve as well.



Throughout the month of October, students and congregation members at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Hilton, NY partnered with a 5th grade school family (the Liotta family, originally from Asheville, NC) in a food drive as communities in NC lost a great deal as a result of hurricane Helene. Along with other organizations assisting, this food was directly brought to Asheville by the Liotta Family after it was collected in the areas of and around Hilton. It was then distributed to those helping the community recover. Families who experienced hurricane Helene in Asheville, NC were also provided with food from the food drive. An entire trailer was filled with food to be given to those who were hurting and in need.

During the month of November, St. Paul partnered with the Liotta family in a Christmas toy drive for families in need, who were unable to provide gifts for their children (many of these families lost their homes too). Students also created Christmas cards for the families. Julia Liotta coordinated the toy drive in this area for us with an organization in North Carolina (ABBCM) that was assisting the community and providing a large storage area for toys to be delivered to. Here, the toys were organized by age and type. Parents were then able to pick out the toys for their children and wrap them there.



This was an amazing blessing for them, as there still were many destroyed roads and stores. Also, people could not order online if they wanted to because they did not have a home with an address sadly. It started off with just a few places who were holding the toy drive. But as more people heard about the toy drive, more boxes were being filled. Surrounding businesses in the area as well as other churches, including another LCMS church, took large card-board boxes to fill with toys until the Liotta family left for North Carolina to deliver the toys. Food and donations were also collected for those in need too. The estimated number in need was 3,500. By the end of the toy drive, there were more than enough toys for the community! On the Liotta's way to Asheville, they stopped in another part of North Carolina to deliver extra toys they had from their truck so others in need in that part could also receive toys to give to their children. They were met by those on ATVs and other off roading vehicles due to roads being washed out. All the families were able to receive Christmas gifts by Christmas Day too!

It was an amazing experience and blessing for all who participated in this to see the Lord working through the generosity and care for His people. He was able to use those who took part in the toy drive to help provide for those who were hurting and in need. This was a great reminder that the Lord continues to bless His children and how all can serve in any capacity through actively taking part in the task, praying, or listening to those in need first hand.



JOIN US AT THE LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION CONVENTION

Date: June 26–29, 2025
* Location: Omaha, Nebraska



Remember you can find the most current information for the convention at LWML.org/News & Events/Convention Central.

Helpful Suggestions:

- Gather money for the Mission Walk over the BI-State Bridge the one mile mission walk will do
 what no LWML mission walk has done before when we walk in not one, but TWO different
 states!
- Pack comfortable layers (sometimes hot outside versus cool inside).
- Pack comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring funds for special offerings or shopping (check or cash).
- The Convention Center is cashless so bring a credit card or debit card with or you can bring
 cash and use the Cash-2-Card machines, which function as reverse ATMs, allowing you to convert cash into a prepaid debit card.



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR OUR MISSION GRANTS AS OF APRIL 1, 2024 – JANUARY 31, 2025



We are excited to announce that we have paid our first two Mission Grants. Thank you for your Mite contributions!!

Below is the list of grants that were vote on ind June 2024

GRANT 1 – OLIVIA WASHINGTON SCHOOL – 5,000 PAID

GRANT 2 – LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS – 5,000 PAID

GRANT 3 - BLESSING BAGS - 2,000

GRANT 4 – LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION – 2,000

GRANT 5 – DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH – 3,000

GRANT 6 – PINNACLE LUTHERAN CHURCH – 4,900

GRANT 7 – LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM – 3,550

GRANT 8 – GLORIFY PERFORMING ARTS – 2,500



NOTE: The eight grants voted on June 2024 equal \$27,950.

After paying the first two grants which total \$10,000, we still need \$35,900 to pay our 2024-2026 Eastern District mission grants, fulfill our required payment to national, and cover our district operating expenses.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Dee Grzyb, LWML ED President

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LWML 2025 Eastern District Fall Retreat



Join us Friday to Sunday, September 19-21, 2025, at Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler PA 16001, www.lutherlyn.com, for the Eastern District Retreat, hosted by the Genesee Zone. The Theme is What a Friend We Have in Jesus based on John 15:14-15 "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends".

The Retreat Committee has planned a weekend that you will want to attend! The Speaker is Ethel Chadwick who has hosted a radio ministry called "Bagels and

Blessings" in Rochester, NY for 26 years. Some of you may remember that in 2014 Ethel was our Retreat Guest Speaker. Ethel has also written a book entitled "Mama Ethel's Guide to Love and Happy Relationships".



We will have breakout sessions, a Worship Service on Sunday, time for fellowship, being in God's Word, relaxing, and renewal. Come and enjoy being in God's outdoor creation!

Our Gifts from the Heart donations are for their children's programing at Lutherlyn Camp: embroidery floss, new washable markers, new colored pencils, paint brushes, construction paper, colored tissue paper, glue sticks, and gift cards from Amazon, Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a new directive from National LWML that everyone must sign the Transportation Release. It will be on the Registration Form.

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THEN



Memorials/Legacy of Love

Memorials/Honorariums Legacy of Love Endowment



Do you ever think about how you could honor someone while they are still with us besides when they are called home? There are two options.

Eastern District Memorial Fund Eastern District Legacy of Love Endowment

The **Memorial Fund** is currently dedicated for use in funding the District's Young Women Representative Program (YWR).

The **Legacy of Love Endowment** makes a lasting impact on the ministry of the LWML Eastern District. Your gifts of love are building a fund for the future which will provide for scholarships, leadership training, and District ministries.



Questions, please contact Rebecca Bessell, RLB54@roadrunner.rr.com or 585-415-6368





LWML Eastern District Retreat 2025

September 19-21, 2025

What a Friend We Have in Jesus John 15:14-15

Lutherlyn Camp 500 Lutherlyn Lane Butler, PA 16001

Hosted By: Genesee Zone www.lutherlyn.com



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News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

Our planning board continues to plan our upcoming gatherings! Our next event will be May 3, 2025, at



Trinity Silver Creek! It will be a fun event with hands on projects and an ingathering to support CASA Chautauqua County, advocates for abused and neglected children in Foster care. We are looking forward to our speaker Kathy Park who will share with us more about this ministry.

- We will be having our annual summer picnic, hosted by our sister churches in Erie PA!
- We continue to have events in different areas of our zone, to include most women and encourage them to attend at least one event in their "area".
- We are happy to announce our delegates to conventions: Isabel Dettmer and Kristin Parkhurst and a one timer Marg Albert! Our alternate delegates are Ruth Wurster and Linda Meissner.
- Our last event was in February with 25+ women and 3 Pastors attending. We collected gift cards for the VBS that will be held at Pioneer in July and for Camp Joy, hosted by Our Savior in Buffalo. We made 'witness' pens...that the women took with them to share!



- Members of the Board will continue to visit churches once the great weather is here and encourage them as well as educate them on all the wonderful opportunities that Lutheran Women in Mission can
- We continue to pray for our sisters in Christ and our churches and pastors.

God is good all the time, all the time God is good! Sharon Wolf, Buffalo Zone President

NIAGARA ZONE



We invite those who would like to order a Large Print RAILLE WORKERS Bible or Braille books from Lutheran Bible Translators to

do so by going to their website:

www.lbwloveworks.org/, choose "Order".

Donations to St. Mark production Center can be made by choosing "get involved", scroll down to production center and note our production code is #333 or send checks directly to Lutheran Braille Ministries, c/o St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1135 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, notate on the check #333. [At this writing, the lbwloveworks.org donation option is not working for our production center; we are working on

Alice Pfonner, Niagara Zone Co-President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Christ Memorial LWML Women's Guild served brunch for church preschool parents and teachers during Lutheran Schools week, March 7th and



Christ Memorial's LWML opened their February monthly meeting to the congregation and Glorified Preforming Arts gave a wonderful performance.

Glorified Performance Arts will be the entertainment at the 2026 LWML Eastern District convention in Lancaster, PA. The 2026 LWML Eastern District Convention committee, Philadelphia and Anthracite zones, is making great progress!

Susanne Ferro, Philadelphia Zone President

\$250 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

For First Time Attendee to National Convention in Omaha

June 26-29, 2025

Our District has awarded the \$250 from the Bea Daily (LWML Gulf States Past District President) scholarship to attend the Omaha Convention to Carmen Davis, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA (Philadelphia Zone). Carmen is excited to learn more about Lutheran Women in Mission and the many ways they support missions. We will be reporting the impact of this gift to Bea's son, Mark Daily, and how this gift blessed a woman from each LWML district who attended her first convention.

WE NEED YOU! BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

There are several Co-chair positions open.



Christian Life Co-chair – to work with Sue Beltran, Chair

Mission Grants Co-chair – work with Meg Klees, Chair

If interested, please contact Dee Grzyb, 716-901-4167 (cell), 716-393-3670, lwmled8 cm@aol.com for further information.



APPAREL SALE

Check out our spring apparel sale, available for pre-order until April 7. The Bib Apron is available in purple and khaki and includes a spacious pocket. Polos are available in men's

and women's sizes. The Port Authority Large Tote Cooler is back by popular demand! Ladies can keep the chill away with our Knit Cardigans or our waterand wind-resistant Hooded Jackets.

Order yours today: https://stores.inksoft.com/ lwml/shop/home



Lutheran Women in Mission
President Eden
Keefe joined
The Lutheran
Ladies' Lounge
podcast for a
lively chat

about faith, leadership, and the incredible impact of LWML! Don't miss this fun and insightful episode. You can listen on the KFUO website: https://www.kfuo.org/.../lutheran-ladies-lounge-episode.../

The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world



June 26–29, 2025 LWML National Convention

Omaha, Nebraska

Sept. 19, 2025 EC Mtg., Lutherlyn Camp

Sept. 19-21, 2025 Fall Retreat, Lutherlyn Camp

June, 2026 EC—BOD

Dates and location TBD

June 12-14, 2026 LWML ED Convention

DoubleTree Resort Lancaster, PA

Report of the Financial Secretary—Beth Scholl

Report of the Financial Secretary January 1 – March 31, 2025

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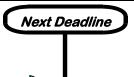
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