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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Welcome to 2022! In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, local group, zone or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. One idea may be a local group bringing 80 cans of food to a food pantry or, for a district, \$80 or \$800 given in extra mite donations. Get creative and have fun! Be sure to take a photo of your activities. LWML is planning to show a montage of your "80 something" ideas and gifts at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



The LWML has a new Mission Statement: **As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.** Assisting the women of the LWML to put the new Mission Statement into practice, the committee also provided 5 LWML Core Values:

- Christian Women** – We live as redeemed children of the Triune God.
- In God's Word** – We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures.
- Mission-Focused** – We answer God's call to share His Gospel at home & abroad.
- Embrace Diversity** – We are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other.
- Service Leaders** – We are called and equipped by God to serve others.

Our LWML Eastern District Convention is coming up, June 10-12, 2022 in East Syracuse, NY under the theme "We are More than Conquerors Through Him" based on Romans 8: 35-37. The host zones are Genesee and Central New York North. Rev. Mitchel Schuessler will be our Keynote Speaker. President Wicher will be our Proclaimer on Friday night. The entertainment will be Harmonic Collective Barbershop Chorus from Liverpool, NY. Please plan to attend! You won't wait to miss it!

Please put Sept. 23-25, 2022 on your calendar. That will be our Eastern District Retreat at Lutherlyn Camp in the Pittsburgh area. The Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zone and the Anthracite Zone are hosting under the theme, "Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You" from Isaiah 43:1. Hopefully, we can be back at Pioneer on the Lake in 2023!

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

God bless,
Susan Bell

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)



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But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:20b-24 ESV)

The Parable of the Prodigal Son can also be called the Parable of the Forgiving Father. In **Malachi 3:7**, we also hear: *"Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts."* This is the Gospel Call for all who believe in Jesus to come home, to return to the Lord, and the

Lord will return to them. This is great comfort.

This is part of our mission as fellow believers in Jesus. Yes, we are called to share the Gospel onward, yet we also have the duty to share it with our own network of friends and family. It's not easy, it's not always comfortable. I've dealt pastorally with calling inactives to repentance, to not continue despising hearing God's Word read and preached, who make shipwreck of their faith by not feasting on the Sacrament, where God feeds us the very body and blood of Jesus for what? The forgiveness of our sins.

Dear sisters in Christ, continue sharing the Gospel on to those near to you. We don't have to go out of country for mission work. Many of our areas in this geographical district are quite secular, that is non-Christian. I stand alongside of you as you continue to share the Gospel. More importantly, our gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus, stands alongside of you and sends you The Helper, God the Holy Spirit to assist you in your local mission work.

Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. John Zimmerman



Blessings and Purpose

As the holidays arrive we're often reminded to count our blessings. Good advice. But what is our conception of "blessing"? What is the purpose of giving a blessing or receiving a blessing? We know receiving a blessing means something good for us, and if we just dig slightly deeper, we realize that it is something good from God. But is that all?

The biblical conception of blessing begins as a gift from God. From the very beginning of creation God blesses Adam and Eve and all living creatures (**Genesis 1:22 and 1:28**) and He gives them a mission and a purpose – *"be fruitful and multiply..."* (Perhaps it's worth noting that God didn't "bless" the sun, moon, stars and plants in the same way.) So when we say every child who is conceived is a blessing from God, we're reflecting a truth that goes back a very long way.

Again, after the worldwide flood, *"God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth....'"* (**Genesis 9:1**) Along with that blessing (and purpose), God promised every living creature that *"never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."* (**Genesis 9:11**)

And God developed His plan of salvation further through His great blessing of Abram: *"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* (**Genesis 12:1-3**) The Lord's blessing was part of God's call to Abram – away from worshipping idols and to God-given mercy, grace and purpose. Here, God promises a childless man that, from him will come not only the people of Israel (and Ishmael), but that his descendants would fill the earth and all nations would be blessed through him – eventually also the great assembly of all believers in the promised Messiah – the worldwide church of the Christ – ultimately fulfilled through the incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the Messiah.

In Hebrew, the same word is used for our blessing (praising) God and His blessing us by giving us His good gifts. Paul opens his letter to the Ephesians with a prayer based on the Hebrew *"Berakah"*: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight, making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth."* (**Ephesians 1:3-10 ESV**)

Through Holy Baptism we are united to Christ. In Him we are blessed, just as Jesus declared in the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5**). I encourage you to read those blessings and see in them the purposes Jesus has for you in this life – to "bless" God by your faith, and to "bless" someone in your life with the love of Jesus.

Our Triune God blesses us by giving us good things (like life and the things we need to sustain life). He blesses us further with His promise of even better things (even more abundant life as we live in relationship to Him). He blesses us by inviting us to trust His promises as part of our relationship with Him. He blesses us by giving us purpose and direction in this life and hope for the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Let us reflect on that, and reflect it, these holidays!

God bless you in Jesus' name! Rev. Jeff Nickel, Junior Pastoral Counselor

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan



Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

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 2020 – 2022 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan;
Mission Grants Chair – Julie Tapp; **Mission Grants Co-Chair** – Susan Morris;
Leader Development Chair – Allison Young; **Leader Development Co-Chair** – Katie Wacker;
Structure Chair – Robin Swanson; **Structure Co-Chair** – Dori Juskalian;
Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan; **Nominating Committee Chair** – Sharon McGuan
 (Contact information is on page 13 of this LINK)



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following offices of the Eastern District LWML for vote at the June 10 -12, 2022 convention in East Syracuse, NY:

District President
Vice President Christian Life/Special Resources
Vice President Gospel Outreach/ Organizational Resources
District Treasurer
District Pastoral Counselor

All offices serve a four year term. Any LWML member may nominate a candidate for office. For **Nominating Forms** please email Sharon McGuan at stmcguan@gmail.com. You are encouraged to contact your nominee before you send us a Nominating Form, however the Nominating Committee is also ready to serve by making the initial contact. Please note: By our Bylaws, candidates for President should have served as a zone president or a member of the District LWML Executive Committee. Nominees for the other offices, except the Pastoral Counselor, should be members of the LWML and have served on an LWML Board of Directors (this includes district committees and zone presidents).

NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The structure committee is currently preparing our board report showing the proposed District bylaws changes. Our report will be presented at the board meeting in February.

We also have received proposed bylaws revisions from the Buffalo Zone. The revisions are currently under review. Thank you Buffalo Zone! A reminder to all zones to take a look at your bylaws if it has been a while. If you feel corrections or revisions are necessary, please send a copy to Robin Swanson so Dori Juskalian and I can review them for you.

Updated District Bylaws are on our website.



LEADER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

If your zone has not selected your **Young Women Representative** for the June 10- 12, 2022 LWML Eastern District Convention in East Syracuse, NY, please do so as soon as possible. The Leader Development Committee realizes how uncertain things are at this time with the Covid virus, but we still encourage each zone to invite a YWR to represent their zone. It is the ministry of the Leader Development Committee to reach out to and connect the young women of our Eastern District. We have sought ways to keep our YWRs connected even as we celebrated the 2020 convention virtually. Zone Presidents, if you have any questions regarding the YWR program, or if you need a YWR application, please contact Allison Young, Leader Development Chair or Katie Wacker, Co-Chair. Our contact information is on page 13 of this LINK.



MISSION GRANTS NEWS

NATIONAL LWML MISSION GRANT UPDATE

As of October 1, 2021, the total amount received toward the LWML Mission Goal of \$2,150,000 was \$724,437 with \$1,425,563 needed to reach our biennial goal. To learn more about the LWML National Mission Grants and get more up to date information, please go to the national website at www.lwml.org. **Heavenly Father, move us by Your Spirit to share what we have. As we reach out in Jesus' Name, may others see Your loving care for them and come to know YOU and Your salvation. Amen.**

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS UPDATE

We have paid **Grant #4**, \$5,000 to the **Barnabas Project** sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo, NY. This ministry reaches out with the love of Jesus as they provide mattresses, box springs, bed frames, pillows, mattress pads, sheets, blankets, and bedspreads for children in need. We thank God that together we have reached this Mite Milestone.

Please keep current **Grant #5**, \$4,000 for **Christ Memorial Lutheran School** in Malvern, PA in your prayers. Christ Memorial is building and installing a handicapped accessible vinyl playground for the use of children in their preschool and the community. This project is being funded by resources from Christ Memorial and the LWML Eastern District.

The LWML Eastern District has until March 31, 2022 to fund our last two grants and reach our district biennial goal:

Grant #6, \$5,000 to fund the resource and devotional materials to further the ministry of **Celebrate Recovery** a ministry of Hope Lutheran Church, Levittown, PA.

Grant #7, \$1,500 to support housing needs for **Missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia**. This grant is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, NY.

Prayer: Heavenly Father we commit the ministries of Christ Memorial Lutheran School, Malvern, PA, Celebrate Recovery in Levittown, PA and Missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia into Your care. We thank You that the LWML Eastern District has been brought alongside these ministries to partner with them as the share the Good News of the Gospel. Help us be faithful supporters as we raise the Mites to fulfil our promise of support to them. Bless our efforts and may our gifts be used to Your glory. Amen.

EASTERN DISTRICT: THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!

Julie Tapp, Chair and Susan Morris, Co-Chair of the **Mission Grants Committee**, thank everyone who sent in a **2022-2024 Mission Grant Application**. The committee received 17 grant applications. The Mission Grant Review Committee is currently reviewing each application for viability as an Eastern District grant. All grants must meet the criteria for an LWML Eastern District, as per our bylaws. Viable grants will be approved by the LWML Eastern District Board of Directors at the February meeting. Approved grants will be presented to the 2022 convention delegates for their prayerful consideration and vote at the June convention

Serve the Lord With Gladness

LWML Eastern District Convention, June 10-12, 2022, East Syracuse, NY



Start making your plans to attend the 2022 LWML ED Convention, June 10-12, 2022, at the Doubletree by Hilton, East Syracuse, NY!

The theme is “We are more than conquerors through Him” based on: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:35–37).*

The Committee met 4 times virtually and once in person.



Pastor Burch and Rebecca Bessell Committee Members at Calvary Lutheran Church

Convention Chair	Rebecca Bessell	Housing/Meals	Krystal Harmon-Burton
Convention Co- Chair	Judy Morrison	Mite Walk	Kelly Gilbert
Secretary	Sharla Swann	Music	Allison Young
Treasurer	Charlene Young	Photography	Wally Grzyb
District Liaison	Barbara Williams	Properties	Rebecca Bessell
Pastoral Counselor	Rev. Jim Burch	Publicity	Kathy Ippolito
Banner/Logo/Exhibitors	Carolyn Krause	Registration/Servant Event	Judy Morrison
Entertainment/Favors/Decorating	Linda Bahr	Tote Bags	Cheri Romano
Gifts From the Heart	Judy Morrison	Tours/Transportation	Teri Devan
Hospitality	Calvary Ladies	Ushers	Sharon Fuerch

Speakers/Worship/Interest Sessions



Rev. Chris Wicher, of Buffalo NY, and President of the LCMS Eastern District will be the Friday Service Proclaimer.



Rev Mitchel Schuessler, Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Clarinda, IA is the Keynote Speaker and will lead the Pastors Only Event.



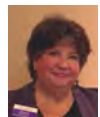
Donna Snow lives in Texas and is a Bible Teacher, worship leader and the author of more than 20 Bible Studies and her blog *Hydrated Living*, for women of all ages. She is the Bible Study Leader.



Michelle Jenks is the LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator and National Representative Speaker.



Beth Quinn is the LWML Heart to Heart Sister Trainer. She is President of the Philadelphia Zone, an Assembly of Leaders Trainer, District Special Focus co-chair and past Eastern District VP of Communication.



Martha McGlynn is the Humorous Interrupter. She lives in the Chesapeake District and served as VP of Mission Outreach and Grants. She lived in the Eastern District for 28 years. She will share her fun wit and her faith with us throughout the convention.

Gifts From the Heart



Our Ingathering for the 2022 LWML Eastern District Convention will be for Vera House. Vera House joined with the Rape Crisis Center in 2005 to become one agency because they had similar missions. They now provide a wide range of domestic violence services to prevent, respond to and partner to end domestic and sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

We will be collecting full size personal care items:



Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash/ Shower Gel
Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap
Ethnic Hair care Products
(olive oil products, cocoa butter lotion, Palmer's lotion)



Vera House will take small denomination gift cards from Target or Walmart, or you can write a check to LWML Eastern District Convention, writing 2022 Ingathering on the memo line.

Servant Event



Our Servant Event will be making crosses for Prison Ministry, using the fronts of used greeting cards. Cards will be provided. Please bring scissors and pens to make crosses. These crosses will be forwarded to Mr. Don Sundene of the LCMS Prison Ministry to be given to those in need in prisons, to share God's grace, love and acceptance and comfort those affected by incarceration.

Entertainment



Harmonic Collective will be the Saturday Evening Entertainment! They are from the Seneca Land District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Harmonic Collective is a chorus home for men in the Central New York area and beyond to sing, learn, and fellowship at the highest level.

Mite Walk

The Mite Walk will be held Saturday afternoon. You can sign up for the Mite Walk on the Registration Form on the next pages right here in the LINK. (See Registration section below)

Self - Guided Tours and Attractions

Think about coming early or staying late to see some of the sights in the Syracuse area! You along with other sisters and brothers in Christ could tour museums, a Zoo, downtown shops and restaurants, the Destiny USA Mall, and one of the Finger Lakes wineries.



Registration

The Registration Form is on the next 2 pages. **Registrations are due no later than April 20, 2022.**

Convention packets will be mailed to Zone Presidents in January/February 2022 to share with local LWML groups in each Zone: registration forms, Mite Walk information and sign-up forms, Gifts From the Heart publicity flyer, hotel, and meals information, and on your own leisure activities and tours.

Go to <http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/Events.html> for Convention updates!

We hope you will join us for a June weekend of renewal, inspiration, faith, fellowship, and worship, to be strengthened by His word and use our gifts to support missions and serve others!



REGISTRATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District

39th Biennial Convention--June 10 - 12, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton

6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057

NOTE: Some GPS's require 6301 Carrier Parkway, East Syracuse, NY

Phone (315) 432-0200 Fax (315) 433-1210

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Romans 8:35-37

Name:	LWML Zone:
Address:	Home Church:
City: State: Zip:	Church City & Zip:
E-mail:	Phone: ()

I will be serving as a: *(please circle all that apply)* _____ Check if First Timer

Delegate Alternate Delegate Clergy Exhibitor Choir Guest
 Speaker/Special Guest Young Woman Representative Conv. Committee Board of Directors

REGISTRATION (Deadline: APRIL 20, 2022)

\$ 40.00 Registration Fee <i>(required for all registrations)</i>	\$
\$ 50.00 Late Fee <i>(additional fee for all registrations received after April 20, 2)</i>	\$
Total Due for Registration:	\$

LODGING

Room Rates (includes taxes & fees):	I will be staying:
1 person per room \$115.00 per person per night	____ Thursday Night
2 people per room \$ 57.50 per person per night	____ Friday Night
3 people per room \$ 38.34 per person per night	____ Saturday Night
4 people per room \$ 28.75 per person per night	____ Sunday Night
Spouse attending: No __ Yes __	
Spouse's name: _____	

Roommates: _____

Note: Roommates will be assigned if none specified; 2 or more people per room are requested.

Total Due for Lodging: \$

MEALS & HOSPITALITY Please note Special Dietary Requests on page 2

Meal Prices (includes gratuity)

____ Friday Dinner Buffet	\$32	\$
____ Saturday Breakfast	\$17	\$
____ Saturday Lunch	\$24	\$
____ Saturday Banquet&Entertainment	\$39	\$
____ Sunday Breakfast	\$24	\$

Total Due for Meals:	\$
Total Due for Registration, Meals & Lodging:	\$
amount paid by District (for YWR/Speaker/Board only):	\$

GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$

Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District Convention

***MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM and FULL PAYMENT to:**

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Drive, Hilton, NY 14468 (585) 392-5090

WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICE: EMAIL OR MAIL (please circle one)

IF BY MAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

Registration Chairman only: Received on: _____ Check(s): _____ Amount: _____



REGISTRATION FORM--Page 2

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ON YOUR OWN LEISURE	Hotel Pool; Fitness Room MOST (Museum of Science and Technology), Erie Canal Museum, Salt Museum Destiny, USA (Shopping, Dining and Entertainment - 8 miles)		
MITE WALK	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. <i>(Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.)</i>		
SERVANT EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Servant Event - Making Prison Ministry Crosses		
SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS <i>(subject to change)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1: National Representative Strategic Plan Facilitator - Michelle		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: Bible Study Leader / Writer - Donna Snow		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 3: Heart to Heart Trainer - Beth Quinn		
PASTOR'S EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Event (Rev. Mitchel Schuessler)		
CHOIR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: <input type="checkbox"/> SOPRANO <input type="checkbox"/> ALTO		
SPECIAL NEEDS	We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate		
	Medical Condition(s) convention committee should be aware of:		
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.). Specify:		
	Handicapped Accessible Room		
	Hearing Impaired?	Interpreter needed?	
	OTHER:		
TRANSPORTATION	If you require transportation between an airport, train, or bus station and the convention, please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.		
AIRLINE INFORMATION:		BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:	
Airport:		Station:	
Airline:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:	
Arrival Date:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:
PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:			
Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date	

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



Here I sit in the “glow” of our Christmas tree, looking at my beautiful “willow tree” nativity, remembering the gift that we look forward to this time of year...and also the gift that is yet to come. It is a gift that was paid for by Christ ...and our gift of salvation and eternity in heaven is priceless. Can we buy that gift? NO, it is a free gift, we only need to receive it and walk in newness of life, asking forgiveness along the way, living in total trust and bask in the “glow” of Jesus light as we walk with Him, doing His will.



- ◆ 2022 brings to mind our District Convention...plan to attend! It is sure to be an uplifting experience!
- ◆ Keep informed by visiting our website.
- ◆ Find those devotions and other services on the national website.
- ◆ Connect with other groups and activities in your zones! Build those lasting relationships.
- ◆ Plan on coming to retreat!!! God calls us to spend time with others, what better way!!!!

Please feel free to send me any changes or corrections for the Directory.

I pray that your Christmas holidays and the New Year ahead are full to overflowing with God's riches and blessings. **Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication**

**News from
the Special
Focus
Committee**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2022 brings a new year of opportunity, fellowship and worship of our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for sending me to the Heart-to-Heart Sisters district leader training at the national convention in Lexington, KY this past June. I met many diverse women from across the country. We continue to meet via zoom sharing ideas and our plans for our district conventions.

So, what is Heart-to-Heart Sisters? The Heart-to-Heart Sisters (H2H) District Program is an intentional effort to welcome and encourage multicultural women to participate in the life and work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Within the Eastern District, we have many multicultural congregations and individual members in our churches.



What are some ways you have reach out to our multicultural sisters? Perhaps sharing different foods for the church 'potluck', inviting women to bible study or small group activities, spending one-one time getting to know them and their culture.

At our 2022 District Convention in Syracuse, NY, June 10-12 stop by the Special Focus display table and plan to attend the Heart-to-Heart Sister's interest session to learn more how to reach out to our multicultural sisters and share your ideas.

**Beth Quinn,
Co-Chair, Special Focus Committee**



Do you like to build puzzles? Some have thousands of pieces. As the pieces come together, so does the picture the pieces form.



Your life is a puzzle. It has many beautiful pieces, all constructed by our Lord. As we move through life, more and more pieces get put in place, reflecting God's marvelous plan.

But sometimes, we need someone to come along to figure out how to put a piece in place. This can be true about getting your estate plan in place, along with gifts to family and ministry.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can be the encourager and organizer to keep you on track. We are happy to help you.

We are fortunate to have LWML Gift Planning Counselor **Linda Gage** serving us to assist you in your charitable planning. LWML offers this free, professional assistance that you can trust. Contact her at Linda.Gage@lwnd.org, or 800-741-4138. Additional information can be found at: lwmlgiftplan.org.

You can also contact **Rebecca Bessell**, rib45@rochester.rr.com, your District Gift Planning Advocate and LWML Eastern District Legacy of Love Endowment Chairman.



LWML ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES TO ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP YOU!



At the National Level....

- **Living With Pain: Strength and Survival**, an eight week Bible study by Roxanne Smith, complete with downloadable study edition and leader's guide is available from the LWML web site. (This study was used as a Zoom Bible Class by members of the Philadelphia Zone with great success. The study is very timely)
- Need a gift for a teen? **Text Messages from God, Vol 2**, a collection of 30 short devotions designed to look like a text conversation between the reader and God, may be ordered for \$10.00 at www.lwml.org, click on **LWML ShopHome** and look at what is available!

At the District Level....

- Beth Quinn, Special Focus Co Chair, and friends are writing stories and litanies for each of the Eastern District LWML's 2020 -2022 Mission Grants. Newly available are the **Story and Litany for Grant 4: The Barnabas Project and Grant 5: Christ Memorial School**. These short Mission Grant descriptions and litanies are perfect for your societies' opening devotions and informing your society about the grants. If you would like a copy please email Beth Quinn at bethquinn@gmail.com. Beth hopes to soon have all District Mission Grant Stories and Litanies on the Eastern District LWML website for you to download

At the Society and Individual Level.....

- To keep up to date on National Convention News, Mission Grants, Quarterly Bible studies, daily devotions, podcasts or new LWML Resources **download the free LWML app**. Just go to the app store on your phone and type in LWML and your Apple password. Enjoy!
- If you have any new resource ideas or events to share, please email me and we will feature them in the next edition of the **LINK**. Sharon McGuan at stmcguan@gmail.com



CLIMBING FOR CHRIST—GRANT 3 UPDATE



It has been a busy fall for Climbing for Christ. We were able to return to Asia to complete Mission:Nepal during three weeks in October. Our Malawi-based Kingdom worker, Damson, was busy as well with his many projects and programs. As a result, he conducted a combined Sept/Oct distribution of face masks to 1,000 widows in the villages using LWML grant money. He reported, "It was much appreciated, as I learned that if you are found with no mask you have to pay 10,000 kwacha [\$12.39 USD]. Even in hospitals you cannot enter without a mask."



Elaine Fallesen, Women's and Family Ministry/Communications Director, Climbing For Christ

SOWERS MINISTRY GRANT—GRANT 7 FROM 2018-2020 Biennium



Please continue to pray for my Nepal trip for a month. Many new churches have been started, 600 new baptisms in the last few weeks, Tibetan believers are receiving the Bibles, More feeding to families, orphans and needy.



THANK YOU very much for your love, concern and impact. I truly appreciate and I will bring good reports. Please remember the GOSPEL workers and church planters. We need your prayers and support to help them.

Neil Anderson, Sower's Ministry

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

On October 30 we had our Fall Event at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, New York. We began with prayer led by Pastor Jeff Nickel from Holy Cross. Jackie Blank, Christian Life Chair, led us in a devotion and Bible study entitled **ACT – Compassionately**.



The guest speaker was **Skylar Schur**, Pastor at the Curbside Church and program manager for **Hearts for the Homeless**. He shared with us how for the last 29 years, Hearts for the Homeless has been working in the community to feed the poor and homeless on the street. They have an array of outreach programs for those in need – bus soup kitchen, food pantry, can recycling program, or their thrift store where you can donate items or use their red bins located across Western New York. The Zone collected items to donate to the program.

We had a business meeting with election of officers. Those elected were Lisa Hoover Beller as Vice-President and Sharon Wolff as Secretary. In 2020 due to COVID – 19 no elections were held. Dee Grzyb was asked to stay on as President for 2021. Dee asked Bonnie Sugrue to fill the remaining one-year term for President. Bev Wicher will continue as Treasurer, Sharon McGuan as Public Relations and Gretchen Putzman as Archivist/Historian.

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Winter Event – Saturday, February 5, 2022, at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, 9:00 AM - Noon. The theme is **“Using our Unique Gifts to Bless Others”** will feature Pastor Jason Christ from First Trinity Lutheran Church and Marcey Bryant from the Family Justice Center.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Buffalo Zone for the past 5 years. Thank you for your support and kindness.

Blessings, Dee E. Grzyb

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH, KENMORE, NEW YORK



The women’s group, the Esther Circle, assembled and delivered these totes with devotionals and baked goods to the shut ins in the church. A “Thinking of You” gesture at Christmas time.

The church donated can goods, warm socks and gloves to “The Hearts for The Homeless”, a Christian agency doing outreach to the homeless in Buffalo, New York.



Cattaraugus/Allegheny Zone



The Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zone welcomes Rev. Travis Schmidt as our new pastoral counselor. Rev. Schmidt is the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Erie. We are truly blessed by his willingness to serve as our LWML Pastoral Counselor.

The ladies of the zone thank Rev. David Kuchta for his faithful service as our counselor over the past several years. His encouragement and kindness have meant so much to us all.

Robin Swanson, Zone President

GENESEE ZONE



The Genesee Zone **Spring Event** will be on **March 19, 2022**, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hilton, NY. We will gather together from 9 am until ~ 2 pm with the theme Go and Share from **Isaiah 52:7** *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news.*

We will have Bible study with our Zone Pastoral Counselor, Robert Weidmayer, Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington, NY.

Elaine Fallesen, from the 2020-2022 Eastern District Mission Grant #3, Climbing for Christ, will share how the grant provides food, clothing, and hygiene products for more than four hundred widows in eleven remote villages in Malawi, southern Africa along with what else they are involved in.

Beth Reed is the speaker from the 2020-2022 Eastern District Mission Grant # 4, The Barnabas Project, at Calvary Lutheran Church, which provides children's beds and materials in the Waterloo, NY area.

Ingathering items for the Barnabas Project will be twin bed sheets, standard size pillows and pillowcases, and blankets. For the Ingathering for Climbing for Christ, everything must be carried in backpacks, so monetary donations (cash or checks) would be appreciated to allow them to purchase items wherever they travel.

We will have time for fellowship, the ladies at St. Paul will provide lunch, and entertainment will be The Oasis Tappers.

RSVP by March 4, 2022 to Rebecca Bessel: Phone: 585-415-6368 or Email: RLB54@rochester.rr.com. \$5 fee collected at the door. Please indicate if childcare or interpreter for the deaf are needed. We hope you can attend!

Rebecca Bessel, Genesee Zone President



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- iPads & Tablets
- Smart Watches
- Metals: Gold, Silver, Platinum Jewelry



Contact: Alice Pfonner 716-873-9377

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18-19, 2022	EC and BOD meeting East Syracuse, NY
June 10-12, 2022	LWML Eastern District Convention East Syracuse, NY
Sept. 23, 2022	EC Meeting Lutherlyn Camp
Sept. 23-25, 2022	Fall Retreat Lutherlyn Camp
June 22-25, 2023	National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mission Grant Stories

Thank you to Linda Bahr, Anita Getty, Sharon McGuan, and Beth Quinn for creating the Mission Grant Story and Devotions for our 2020-2022 Mission Grants. A special thank you for Pastor Nickel for his doctrinal review. These devotions can be used in your churches and zones. They are available on the LWML District website under the Mission Grants tab. Continue to pray for our grant recipients.


We hope to continue this project for our 2022-2024 grants. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sharon McGuan, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources.

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

Memorials and Honorariums Given:
(September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021)

<p><u>In Memory of:</u> Lorraine Giebel Donna Coleman Marian Coleman</p>	<p><u>Given by:</u> Susan Bell Susan Bell, Beth Quinn, St. Paul Adella, Genesee Zone St. Paul Adella</p>
<p><u>In Honor of:</u> Christ Memorial 2021 Beth Quinn Confirmation Class and Women of Philadelphia Zone</p>	
<p><u>Legacy of Love:</u> In Memory of Donna Coleman Carolyn Krause</p>	

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



Thank you to all my Eastern LWML sisters for the cards, well wishes and especially the prayers during my illness and treatment.

I recently received a care package from an organization Phil's Friends. Anyone battling cancer can receive a care package at no cost. If you know of anyone battling cancer, a care package can be requested by contacting philfriends.org. Care packages may include a Bible, inspirational material, journal, soft blanket, hat/cap, soft socks, deck of cards, lip balm, lotions, and/or a puzzle book. All items are new as recipients may have comprised immune systems. Phil's Friends is an official RSO of LCMS.

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April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1



Fall Retreat
September 23-25, 2022
Lutherlyn Camp, Butler PA

Hosted by the Cattaraugus-
 Allegheny Zone and
 The Antracite Zone

Theme: "Fear Not, For I Have
 Redeemed You"
 Isaiah 43:1



The 2022 Prayer Service, based on Luke 11:1, "Lord, Teach us to Pray," looks at various forms of prayer used frequently by believers as we seek to honor Christ, the Lord of the Church, with our prayers. LWML thanks Rev. Robert Grimm for authoring the 2022 LWML Prayer Service. Check out the LWML Website for downloads and more information lwml.org.

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

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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Let me start this letter by saying what a privilege it has been to serve as your President for the last 4 years. I truly appreciate the board I have worked with that leads this Eastern District, with the help of God. I also want to thank the people in the pew who donate mites, do service projects, make quilts and cook for all kinds of events. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! God has been so good!

The other thing I want to shout about is that **we have fulfilled the mite goal for this biennium and paid all 7 mission grants for the years 2020-2022!** Thank you, thank you, thank you! In spite of the pandemic, you made this happen!

Our LWML Eastern District Convention is coming up, June 10-12, 2022 in East Syracuse, NY under the theme "We are More than Conquerors Through Him" based on Romans 8:35-37. The host zones are Genesee and Central New York North. Rev. Mitchel Schuessler will be our Keynote Speaker. President Wicher will be our Proclaimer on Friday night. Donna Snow will be our Bible Study Leader! The entertainment will be Harmonic Collective Barbershop Chorus from Liverpool, NY. Please plan to attend! You won't want to miss it!

Please put Sept. 23-25, 2022 on your calendar. That will be our Eastern District Retreat at Lutherlyn in the Pittsburgh area. The Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zone and the Anthracite Zone are hosting under the theme, "Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You" from Isaiah 43:1. Hopefully, we can be back at Pioneer on the Lake in 2023! The registration form is in this newsletter. Registration opens May 1st! Please make plans to come. Our guest speaker will be: Christina Hergenrader. She will speak on "Living in Faith instead of Fear." She is from Texas, has a husband and 4 children and has authored 11 books with Concordia Publishing House!

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: sbell_7238@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

God bless,
Susan Bell
LWML Eastern District President



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)



COUNSELOR'S

"Peace to you"



In His resurrection appearances to His disciples which we will read on the second Sunday of Easter (**John 20:19-31**), Jesus says, "*Peace be with you*" as soon as He appears to them. In His resurrection He brings peace to the Apostles. Through the work of the Apostles, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, who He also sends, He brings peace to others, including ourselves. And through the mission work of the LWML and those you support, He brings His message of peace to others in the world... peace to the nations.... Ultimately,



His atonement brings peace to all.

Yes, there are barriers to the Gospel. We might ask ourselves (and those we're trying to reach with the Good News of Jesus Christ, what are those barriers that we put up?

Our first, natural (fallen) response is that "I don't need it." No one likes being called to account. No one likes being told that they're a sinner. So no one naturally wants a Savior from their own sin. But God comes back to us time after time, event after event, in His holy Word to call us to repentance and faith.

Sometimes a barrier to the Gospel is fear – fear of the world and what it says about God and Christ and Christians – or fear of being wrong (pride).

Sometimes the barrier is almost the opposite problem – that we feel so accused of sin that we can't seem to believe that God's grace is meant for me... that God's gift can't be free, and that it can't be mine. It seems so good to be true, so we don't trust that it is ours. (That's where the Sacraments come in to assure us that God is, indeed, delivering His grace directly to us.)

Yet Jesus overcomes all these barriers. He comes to His disciples through locked doors to bring them peace in the news of His bodily resurrection! After all, since He has overcome sin, death and the devil, do you think our fears and doubts cannot be overcome by Him? Previously, Jesus had told His disciples, "*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*" **John 14:17 (ESV)**

To a world drenched in war, division and strife, our Lord brings peace. Not merely in the worldly way of a "cease-fire" between enemies, not merely the absence of open war that is maintained by the strength of force of arms (or subjugation through force of arms), but through actual reconciliation – reconciliation with God, accomplished through Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. And this brings a peace that passes human understanding because it replaces hatred with love, enmity with kindness, fear with hope, threat with promise, and most importantly it replaces death with life – life beyond the absence of death – life as it was designed and intended by God to be – with Him. Through the cross and empty tomb of Jesus Christ, God overcomes the barriers to save us and bring us peace.

Rev. Jeff Nickel

LWML Eastern District Junior Pastoral Counselor

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



Well it is a nice winter day here in Western New York, and the sun has been shining through the barren trees and on the crisp white snow. But...spring is coming! The new growth has already begun its slow ascent up through my beds that will eventually bloom into those beautiful spring colors. I love this time of year, the new growth after the dead of winter, the promise of new life. That is what Jesus did for us. He gave us the gift of new life and not just for a day but for eternity. While the solemn season of Lent is near, the celebration of that Easter morning is coming too, when we can sing and shout those Alleluias!!!!



REMINDER:

- Please get your reports to me for the Convention manual by **April 1, 2022.**
- Your Quarterly orders were due to me by March 15th. You can decrease your quarterly orders only at this time. You can increase them at any time.
- I encourage you to attend our District Convention. Be a delegate! See you there!

Sharon Wolff



**39th Biennial Convention
Doubletree by Hilton
East Syracuse, NY 13057
June 10-12, 2022**

Hosted by the Central NY North and Genesee Zones

Don't miss this opportunity to hear His Word using the theme
"We are more than conquerors through Him."

Join us for the weekend as we meditate on the Bible verse *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."* (Romans 8:35-37).

We are so excited about the June Convention with inspiring speakers, worshipping together, Bible study, Servant Event, Displays, Mite Walk, Gifts from the Heart, Voting for Mission Grants, Voting for New Officers, and fellowship with sisters and brothers in Christ!

The Registration Deadline is April 20, 2022 — Don't Wait - Register Today!



Vera House was founded in 1977 by a group of concerned individuals led by Sister Mary Vera, CSJ who recognized the need for emergency sheltering services for women in crisis. This original mission blossomed into a wide range of domestic violence services including outreach and advocacy, domestic violence education programming, children's counseling, the Syracuse Area Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition and a domestic violence education and accountability program for perpetrators of violence. On January 1, 2005, two agencies with

similar missions, the Rape Crisis Center & Vera House became one merging their programs and staff in order to provide the same quality services. . . "together for hope and healing" providing comprehensive and compassionate care to those suffering from domestic violence, sexual abuse, and elder abuse. Their core services - counseling, advocacy, emergency shelter and prevention education, touch thousands of individuals each year.

Their mission statement reflects the history of both merged agencies: Vera House, Inc. prevents, responds to and partners to end domestic and sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

Their Vision: A world free of violence and abuse.

Their Values: They advocate for the right of all persons to live without abuse, oppression, violence, or fear in their relationships.

Wish List of	Items Needed
<p>NEW TOILETRIES / PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (Please make them FULL SIZE containers NOT travel size)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditioner * • Shampoo * • Body wash/shower gel * • Liquid hand soap • Hand/body lotion • Deodorant • Ethnic hair care products (olive oil products, cocoa butter lotion, palmers lotion) <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">*Items in most need</p>	<p>Monetary Donation by Check Make payable to: <u>LWML Eastern District Convention</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memo Line: <u>2022 Ingathering</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Look for the "Gifts of the Heart" table display. A place will be provided to receive your monetary donations. Gift cards to Target or Walmart in small denominations are also welcome!</p>



Our **Servant Event** will be making crosses for Prison Ministry, using the fronts of used Christmas/Greeting cards. At the National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL, a connection was made with Don Sundene of the LCMS Prison Ministry. These crosses will be forwarded to Mr. Sundene to be given to those in need in prisons. We hope to share God's grace, love, acceptance, and comfort to those affected by incarceration. Cards will be provided. Please bring scissors and pens to make crosses.



Entertainment

Harmonic Collective will be the Saturday Evening Entertainment!



Harmonic Collective is a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society from the Seneca Land District. They began as a Youth Competition Chorus in 2015 and chartered a full chapter in 2017. The chorus is now open to men of all ages and professions with a focus on barbershop harmony and other forms of a Capella singing. They have participated in competitions in Reno, NV, Orlando, FL, and Salt Lake City, UT. **Their Mission:** to bring people together, using passion and song to inspire positive change. They partnered with Vera House (our 2022 Gifts from the Heart Recipient) in 2019-2020 “to provide financial support, raise awareness for their cause and put our human commitment to work in any way we can to create a better world.” In performance, they “strive to create a dynamic and inspiring environment.”



The **Mite Walk** to raise **MITES** to fund **MISSION GRANTS** which are local, regional, national and international will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 11, 2022, at the Doubletree hotel. The LWML Eastern District grants are proposed, submitted, and voted on by delegates at this Convention. The approved grants will be funded in the 2022-2024 biennium. You can sign up for the Mite Walk on the Registration Form, included in the LINK on pages 10 and 11.

More details will be included with your return registration Confirmation.
Checks can be made payable to: LWML Eastern District Memo Line: 2022 Mite Walk

LWML Convention Offerings



At this convention, the offerings will be for:

1. LWML ED Treasury
2. Young Woman Representative Fund (YWR)
3. To support Ministry to the Armed Forces LCMS Office of International Mission – to make attendance affordable for Chaplain Wives to attend Worker Wellness Retreat.

If writing a check, make it out to **LWML Eastern District**.

Each offering will be carefully given to the correct chosen recipient. No need to put anything in the memo line unless you wish to.



News From the Structure Committee

The structure committee has completed work on proposed revisions to our District bylaws. The proposed amendments were presented to the Board of Directors at the board meeting in Syracuse in February, and have been sent to the National Structure Chairman for review and approval before being voted upon at the district convention in June.

Proposed revisions include an update to Article XVII: Emergency Action, as well as an update to the name of the Heart to Heart program, which appears in Article XII. The proposed amendments will be included in the delegate packet and will be voted upon at the convention in June.

Robin Swanson, Structure Chairman
Dori Juskalian, Co Chairman

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



The Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher is the **Friday Service Proclaimer**. He serves as President of the Eastern District, Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod since 2009. He earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and a Doctorate of Ministry from Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL. He has served parishes in Goderich, Ontario, Newfane NY and Cheektowaga NY before becoming District President. Rev. Wicher is married to Bev for 44 years. They met while attending Concordia College in Bronxville, NY and they reside in Cheektowaga, NY. They have been blessed with 3 sons Tim, Ben and Greg (Becca) and two grandsons Austyn and Gavyn. Chris and Bev love to camp with their sons and grandsons and have had to opportunity to visit many amazing parts of our country. Rev. Wicher will retire in September 2022 and he and Bev have plans for travel to many places in years to come.



The Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler is our **Keynote Speaker** and will lead the Pastors Only Event. Rev. Dr. Schuessler is pastor at St. John, Clarinda, IA. Previously, he was the pastor at churches in Illinois and Wisconsin including Bethlehem in Ferrin, IL, where he served 9 years in prison ministry, serving at Centralia Correctional Center and Big Muddy Correctional Center. During that time, he also served as supervisor for vicars. Pastor Schuessler has Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. He has been active with LWML as National Pastoral Counselor (2017–2021); District Counselor, Southern Illinois District (8 years); Zone Counselor for 12 years in the Southern Illinois District in 3 different zones. Rev. Dr. Schuessler's Synod/District LCMS Activities have been as Lutheran Youth Gathering Family Leader at 2 gatherings; Community Life Builder at 8 gatherings; Delegate to LCMS Convention (1998 and 2001); Nominations Committee-Chairman Southern Illinois District (2 conventions); Youth Board Chairman, Southern Illinois District (4 years), Southern Illinois Board of Directors (4 years); Southern Illinois District Circuit Counselor (10 years); Southern Illinois District Ministerial Health (4 years). Pastor Schuessler was born in Decatur, IL and raised in Decatur by his maternal grandparents. He married Penny Rex in 1984. They have been blessed with two children, Rachael (Brandon) Beckemeyer and Matthew (Chelsey) Schuessler. Pastor Schuessler is an avid rail fan and model railroader. He enjoys photography and has an extensive collection of photos. He also greatly enjoys reading. Pastor Schuessler is a dedicated husband and father and enjoys spending time with his family.



Donna Snow is the Convention Bible Study Leader and is no stranger to LWML! A member since 1997, Donna has held many Local, Zone, and Texas District LWML offices. She led us through two online Bible studies during the pandemic which enabled us to stay connected to each other and connected in the Word. In June 2021, Donna accepted early retirement after 30 years in corporate America's legal field. She now devotes full time to her writing, teaching, and speaking ministry through Artesian Ministries. Her latest Bible study from CPH, **Chosen: A Study of Esther**, has been well received and is now on its fourth printing. She is writing a new CPH Bible study on the life of Joseph from Genesis. In April 2022, she finished filming our next LWML video-based Bible study: **"Unshakable: Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard."** This brand-new Bible study will release at the 2023 LWML convention in Milwaukee. During COVID, Donna worked with the Lutheran Church in Eurasia to translate eight of her LWML Bible studies into Russian and Ukrainian. They are now available as free downloads on the LWML website to share with our missionary friends! A German translation is now underway. Donna is a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, a Board member of the Lutheran Outdoors Ministries of Texas, and a member of the LCMS Texas District Nominating Committee. She is a life-long Texan, adventurous traveler, and dabbling gardener, but home is always her favorite place to be.



Michelle Jenks, LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator, is the National LWML Representative. Active in the LWML since 1990, she served on Zone Christian growth committees in Nebraska South, North Dakota, and Pacific Southwest Districts. At the district level, she has served as Meeting Manager and chairman of the North Dakota District Committee for Young Women. She loves to serve the Lord and others. Her vision for the LWML is to reach out to each woman in every congregation around the world to let them know of God's love and care. Her favorite Bible verse is *I can do all things through him who strengthens me* (Philippians 4:13). She believes in being in the Word, reaching out and caring for others through mission service, mission grants, and Gospel outreach. She teaches English as a Second Language at a local congregation, participates in many mission activities in the United States with the goal of bringing God's Word to the world. She finds that the LWML is the perfect place for these activities and working with the young women in the North Dakota district, watching them grow as leaders, as women, and as Christians. Her church interests are serving as a Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher, attending Bible study groups, and participating in LWML, choir, bell choir, and as a youth group leader. Michelle is married to Pastor Tim Jenks. They live in Canoga Park, California. She considers herself very blessed with amazing two sons, Andrew and Adam, her daughter-in-law, Casie, a grandson, and her church family. She loves to hike, read, swim, and spend time with family. Michelle volunteers at the library, belongs to a homeless coalition, teaches Adult Basic Education classes. She's also served as a member of the board of a local university, a Lutheran school association, and a non-profit agency.



Martha McGlynn is the **Humorous Interrupter**. Martha has been active in LWML, first in the Eastern District and then in the Chesapeake District for the last 20 years, first serving as Structure Chairman and then VP of Communication and VP of Servant Resources. She reactivated a Society at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie where she and her husband, Brian attend. She is now serving as VP Mission Outreach and Grants in the Chesapeake District. Martha has two grown children and a granddaughter, Emily who is 14 years old. She is active in St. Paul's prayer shawl group and loves to garden.



Beth Quinn is **LWML Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations Leader**. Beth Quinn currently serves LWML as Philadelphia Zone President, District Special Focus Co-chairman and her local group's treasurer. She was the past VP of Communication.

She thanks the district for sending her to the LWML National Convention, Lexington, KY to be trained as a leader in the program. Beth will partner with district congregations to strengthen how each of us can reach out to our sisters in the faith.

Beth is married with two young adult children, Maureen in Phoenixville and Victor in West Chester about 20 minutes from Beth and her husband Randy in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Beth volunteers at Valley Forge National Historical Park at the Visitor's Center and the gardening group, Voila. She also is an adjunct professor at a local university and teaches the Mental Health First Aid program. This program helps people learn the signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression, psychosis, and substance use and how to respond in a caring manner.



Susan Bell is graciously serving as the **LWML Eastern District President** from 2018-2022. In November of 2018 she, along with Sharon McGuan, Beth Quinn and Becca Fuddy, attended the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, Missouri and shared these materials with our Board of Directors and in person with each Zone, May 2019 to April 2021.

Susan is married to Jim Bell, 45 years in July. They have 2 sons, Brian (wife Monika and children Jacob, Lucas and Kayla) who reside in Bromberg, Austria. Son, Brett lives in West Chester, PA not far from Susan & Jim.

Susan is the Music Director at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. She attends meetings of the Women's Guild and the Philadelphia Zone. She is also the Secretary of the Newcomers Club of Central Chester County and volunteers with the Mid-Atlantic #12 unit of Orphan Grain Train.



Candidate information, proposed mission grants, by-law information and YWR information can be found on pages 4, and 6 to 9 of this LINK.
The Registration Form is available on pages 11-12.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 20, 2022



We are pleased to announce the Young Women Representatives for the 2022 District Convention:

Buffalo Zone: Abby Knowles, St John Lutheran Church, Angola, NY

Genesee Zone: Helen Draper, St. Paul Hilton

Philadelphia Zone: Sarala Vunnam, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA

Reach out to these young ladies, who are representing their Zones, encourage them and show them what LWML is all about.

If you still have a name for YWR, please contact **Allison Young** immediately for more information at youngac191@gmail.com as the deadline is passed.

2022 DISTRICT CONVENTION CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

The LWML Eastern District Nominating Committee rejoices to present the following Nominees as Candidates for Office at the 2022 LWML Eastern District Convention. We are thankful to the Lord of the Church for these individuals who have accepted nominations and are willing to lead our district and “serve the Lord with gladness.”

The Nominating Committee:

Sharon McGuan, Chair, Dee Grzyb, Chris Gasslein, Diane Olmstead and Bev Wicher

President:

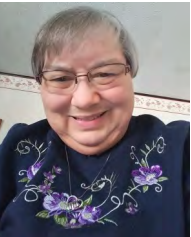


Dee Grzyb, Buffalo Zone—Dee is a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cheektowaga, NY. She and her husband, Walter, live in Lancaster, NY. They have one daughter, Sue Maue and one grandson, Chris Maue. Dee earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Daeman College in Amherst, NY. She is a retired Cost Accountant and Quality Systems Analyst. Dee chaired the Board of Resource Development and served as Treasurer at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Her service to Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center includes chairing the Pioneer Association of Volunteers and serving on the Board of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.

Dee's service to the LWML includes: Buffalo Zone Treasurer, Zone President and Chairman of the 2021 District Retreat Host Committee; Eastern District Treasurer and District Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources. She is the current District Recording Secretary.

Dee enjoys travelling, reading, volunteering and golfing.

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus:



Linda Bahr, Central New York – North Zone

Linda lives in Rome, NY and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Canastota. She and her husband, Glen, have three adult sons, Benjamin, Mark and Aaron and five grandchildren. Linda has an AA Degree from Concordia College, Bronxville and a Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree from Concordia, River Forest, Illinois. She is a retired music and elementary school teacher. Congregational service includes chairing the Grace Lutheran Board of Education and serving as president of the St. John Lutheran Pre-school Committee.

Linda's LWML service includes serving as Society Secretary and Vice President; Zone Secretary, Zone Vice President and current Zone President of the Central New York – North Zone. At the District level, Linda has served as District Archivist/Historian and Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources.

Linda's interests include choral singing, coloring, teaching, computer gaming, public reading and time spent with her grandchildren.



Teri Devan, Central New York – North Zone

Teri lives in Clinton, NY with husband, Steven. They have two children, Christopher and Jacob and three grandchildren. Teri is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Canastota, NY. Teri retired from teaching in the area of special education and working as a teacher assistant. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and holds a Master's Degree in Special Education. Service to her congregation includes serving six years on the Grace Lutheran Evangelism Committee and as Sunday School Superintendent.

Teri has served as Society Christian Growth Chairman, Vice President and President; Zone offices include Zone Secretary, Zone Vice President and serving on the Host Convention Planning Committee. District service includes serving as former Co-Chair and Chair of the Christian Life Committee, also two terms as former Co-Chair and former and current Chair of the Special Focus Committee.

Teri enjoys singing, cooking, crafts, embroidery and fitness.

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources:



Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone

Susan lives in Downingtown, PA and is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA. She and her husband, Jim, have two grown sons, Brian and Bret and three grandchildren. Susan earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Kansas State University and a Masters of Music from VanderCook College in Chicago. In 2003, Susan attended Polley Real Estate School and is currently employed as a real estate agent. She serves as the Music Director for Christ Memorial Lutheran Church and on the LCMS Eastern District Board of Directors.

Susan's LWML service includes: Society Secretary and President; Zone Vice President and Zone President. District service includes former Co-Chair and Chair of the Structure Committee, District Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary. She currently serves as the Eastern District President.

Susan enjoys music, reading, puzzles and bowling.

District Treasurer:**Judy Morison, Genesee Zone**

Judy lives in Hilton, NY and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hilton. She and her husband, Clyde, have one daughter, Kelly. Judy attended Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY and received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies. She is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant at MVP Health Care, a health insurance company. Judy has enjoyed serving her congregation as Chair of St. Paul's Board of Youth and two terms as Congregational Secretary. She has also enjoyed teaching Sunday school, playing in the Bell Choir and being an Usher Captain.

LWML offices include: Serving in various offices over 30 years with the Adella/LWML at St. Paul. Judy is the current Society President. She was the Genesee Zone Delegate to the National LWML 2015 Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Judy is currently serving as the Eastern District Financial Secretary. Special Interests are quilting, reading, traveling and bell ringing.

District Pastoral Counselor:**Reverend Carl Emberger, Philadelphia Zone**

Reverend Carl Emberger serves as Assistant Pastor at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. He and his wife, Linda, live in Downingtown, PA. They have four children, Carl, Christian, Linda and Gloria and seven grandchildren.

Pastor Emberger serves as both Assistant Pastor at Christ Memorial and as a Healthcare IT Consultant. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science and his ministry training through the LCMS Mission Training Center and Leadership Advancement Program – Portland. He has served his congregation as an elder, Youth Counselor, and Sunday school teacher.

Pastor Emberger looks forward to "serving the Lord with gladness" as he works with the women of the Eastern District LWML.

Pastor is an Aviation Buff and loves to attend airshows.

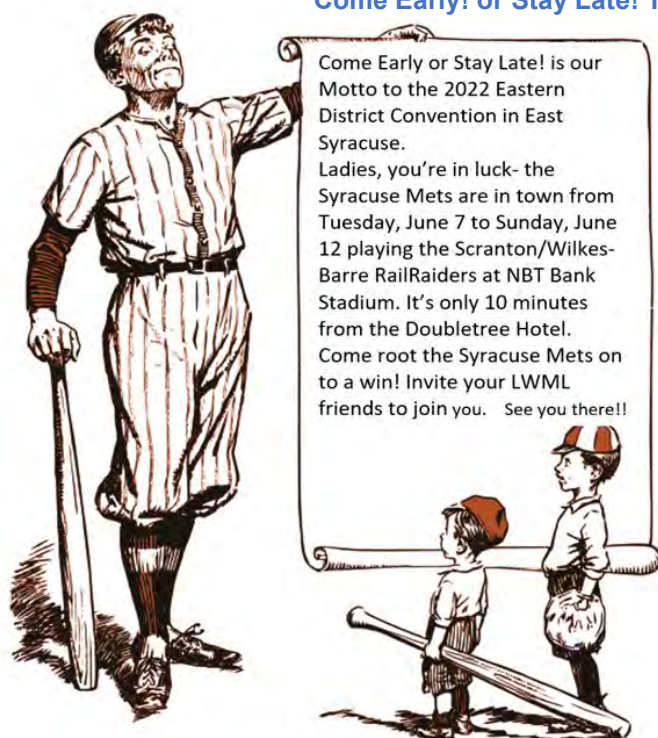
2022 MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON

The following grants have been received by October 15, 2021 by the Grant Committee and have been reviewed according to the Bylaws and Guidelines and approved by the LWML Eastern District Board of Directors to appear on the 2022 LWML Eastern District ballot. More detailed grant information will be included in the delegate packets.

- GRANT A The Heart of Tioga**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Anita Getty, Central New York South Zone
 Funds are requested to purchase medical supplies for ultrasounds and pregnancy testing, Bright Course educational video streaming, client instructional literature, Client Boutique supplies, bus tokens and other miscellaneous needs for The Hearts of Tioga.
- GRANT B Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA**
\$5,000 requested by Member Roselyn Kamara, Philadelphia Zone
 Request to purchase and install an Acorn Stair lift to assist disabled and elderly to the 2nd floor for worship and fellowship at Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.
- GRANT C Center 4 Hope Food Pantry**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Sharon Fuerch Genesee Zone
 Request by Center 4 Hope Food Pantry to purchase hygiene products for guests who cannot access these using their SNAP benefits at the food pantry.
- GRANT D "Lunch n Learn" Program**
\$3,250 requested by LWML Member Nancy Herdic, Buffalo Zone
 Request for support of the "Lunch n Learn" program of fellowship and engagement for senior citizens at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Clarence, NY.
- GRANT E Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center in Niagara Falls, NY**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Sharon Wolff, Buffalo Zone
 Request to purchase food items for the Rose Cafe and the weekly outreach food pantry truck to the needy, through Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center in Niagara Falls, NY.
- GRANT F Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries**
\$3,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone
 Request to support the Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries Campus ministry outreach project through purchase of books, social media, advertising, meals, and coffee/lunch.

- GRANT G** **Friends of Pioneer/Pioneer on the Lake**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone.
 Request by Friends of Pioneer/Pioneer on the Lake to purchase furnishings for campers.
- GRANT H** **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**
\$1,200 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone
 Request funds from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to help support the international students' education, costs for books and supplies.
- GRANT I** **Lutheran Braille Workers**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Shellie Knupp, Niagara Zone
 Request to fund the production of 1,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for distribution to Bible Societies in South & Central America over the next 2 years through Lutheran Braille Workers.
- GRANT J** **Mid Atlantic Branch Orphan Grain Train**
\$5,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone
 Request by the Mid Atlantic Branch Orphan Grain Train to fund shipment of a 40-foot container overseas.
- GRANT K** **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**
\$3,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone
 Request to purchase special lighting to transform the Chapel to create a more trauma-sensitive, child-friendly environment that engages at-risk children at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.
- GRANT L** **POBLO International**
\$4,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone
 Request by POBLO International for cost of survey and demographic study, in-person and virtual training of Eastern District Churches, training material to offer a cross cultural ministry, and outreach training for leadership and congregations to engage the non-Christian and the un-churched of the international community.
- GRANT M** **Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti**
\$4,500 requested by LWML Member Bonnie Sugrue, Buffalo Zone
 Request to rebuild and then install the windows and doors to Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, that were destroyed by earthquake in 2021.

Come Early! or Stay Late! Tour East Syracuse and the Finger Lakes area!



What are you doing when the convention has closed??
 Wouldn't a nice local meal before the ride home create a wonderful memory???

Check out the Facebook group- **Where Syracuse Eats** for some new restaurant suggestions. I just learned about this and had to share it!

Enjoy looking into your last event of the Eastern District Convention. Tell your friends to help fill a table up for food and fellowship!



The Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Team

Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan,
Mission Grants Chair – Julie Tapp; Mission Grants Co-Chair – Susan Morris
Leader Development Chair – Allison Young

Leader Development Co-Chair – Thank you and blessings as you move to Katie!

Structure Chair – Robin Swanson; Structure Co-Chair – Dori Juskalian

Nominating Committee: Sharon McGuan, Chair; Chris Gasslein, Dee Grzyb, Diane Olmstead, Bev Wicher
To contact us, please see page 17 of the LINK.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Members of the Gospel Outreach, Organizational Resources Department are looking forward to seeing you at convention this June! In this LINK, Mission Grant Chair, Julie Tapp presents the proposed 2022 -2024 Mission Grants and The Nominating Committee introduces the Candidates for district office. Allison Young, Leader Development Chair, will share our lovely Young Women Representatives to convention and we thank Katie Wacker, Leader Development Co-Chair, for her service as she moves to a new district. Robin Swanson, Structure Chair, has Bylaws News to share. And please see the stamp ministry suggestions if you are collecting and cutting stamps for the Canadian Bible Society Prison Ministry.

The National LWML Mission Grant report as of January 27, 2022 – Give all Thanks and Praise to God! \$699,430 of the \$2,150,000 2021-2023 Mission Goal has been distributed. Eight of the grants have been paid in full and another three grants have been partially paid. To see all of the National Mission Grant Distributions, log on the LWML website!

With grateful hearts, we report that our district is ready to pay Grant 6 for \$5,000 to *Celebrate Recovery* at Hope Lutheran, Levittown, PA! Please keep the Mites coming, so we can finish our task by the March 31st deadline and pay Grant 7: \$1,500 to complete the 2nd apartment at the *Guest House for Missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia* through Reverend Peter Saie, Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, NY. Surely the Lord is teaching us “We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him.” To Him be all the glory forever!

Sharon McGuan



How to Prepare Stamps for the Canadian Bible Society Prison Ministry

HERE IS HOW THE USED STAMP PROGRAM WORKS:

- Stamps collected are combined to create “charity boxes” and are sold to stamp collectors and vendors
- The revenue generated allows the CBS to purchase Bibles for Canadian prisons.
- 1 pounds of stamps = 6 Bibles for distribution

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING:

- KEEP THE STAMP ON THE ENVELOPE
- CUT OUT THE STAMP LEAVING ¼ INCH BORDER AROUND THE ENTIRE STAMP, CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE PERFORATIONS (If they look a little more than ¼ inch, please do not throw them out. They steam off the stamps.)
- **STAMPS MAY NOW BE ON WHITE, LIGHT AND COLORED ENVELOPES. THE CBS IS NOW SELLING THE STAMPS TO CRAFTERS WHO LIKE THE STAMPS ON COLORED ENVELOPES**
- ASK YOUR CHURCH, OR SOCIETY TO COLLECT THE STAMPS
- IF YOUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING, PLEASE PUT A STAMP COLLECTION BOX IN YOUR CHURCH NARTHEX, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACE
- ASSIGN A PERSON TO GATHER THE STAMPS AND TURN THEM IN AT ANY ZONE OR EASTERN DISTRICT LWML EVENT. IF YOU BRING THE STAMPS TO A ZONE EVENT, YOUR ZONE PRESIDENT WILL GET THEM TO SHARON MCGUAN (MY CONTACT INFO IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE LINK).

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

In His Service, Sharon McGuan, Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources



REGISTRATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District

39th Biennial Convention--June 10 - 12, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton

6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057

NOTE: Some GPS's require 6301 Carrier Parkway, East Syracuse, NY

Phone (315) 432-0200 Fax (315) 433-1210

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Conquerors
through Him*

Romans 8:35-37

Name:	LWML Zone:
Address:	Home Church:
City: State: Zip:	Church City & Zip:
E-mail:	Phone: ()

I will be serving as a: *(please circle all that apply)* _____ Check if First Timer

Delegate	Alternate Delegate	Clergy	Exhibitor	Choir	Guest
Speaker/Special Guest	Young Woman Representative	Conv. Committee	Board of Directors		

REGISTRATION (Deadline: APRIL 20, 2022)

\$ 40.00 Registration Fee <i>(required for all registrations)</i>	\$
\$ 50.00 Late Fee <i>(additional fee for all registrations received after April 20, 2022)</i>	\$
Total Due for Registration:	\$

LODGING

Room Rates (includes taxes & fees):	I will be staying:
1 person per room \$115.00 per person per night	___ Thursday Night
2 people per room \$ 57.50 per person per night	___ Friday Night
3 people per room \$ 38.34 per person per night	___ Saturday Night
4 people per room \$ 28.75 per person per night	___ Sunday Night
Spouse attending: No ___ Yes ___	
Spouse's name: _____	

Roommates: _____

Note: Roommates will be assigned if none specified; 2 or more people per room are requested.

Total Due for Lodging: \$

MEALS & HOSPITALITY Please note Special Dietary Requests on page 2

Meal Prices (includes gratuity)	
___ Friday Dinner Buffet \$32	\$
___ Saturday Breakfast \$17	\$
___ Saturday Lunch \$24	\$
___ Saturday Banquet&Entertainment \$39	\$
___ Sunday Breakfast \$24	\$

Total Due for Meals:	\$
Total Due for Registration, Meals & Lodging:	\$
amount paid by District (for YWR/Speaker/Board only):	\$

GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$

Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District Convention

***MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM and FULL PAYMENT to:**

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Drive, Hilton, NY 14468 (585) 392-5090

WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICE: EMAIL OR MAIL (please circle one)

IF BY MAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

Registration Chairman only: Received on: _____ Check(s): _____ Amount: _____



REGISTRATION FORM--Page 2

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

39th Biennial Convention--June 10 - 12, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton - East Syracuse

6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057

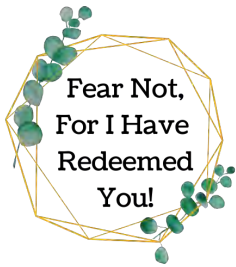
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ON YOUR OWN LEISURE	Hotel Pool; Fitness Room MOST (Museum of Science and Technology), Erie Canal Museum, Salt Museum Destiny, USA (Shopping, Dining and Entertainment - 8 miles)		
MITE WALK	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. (Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.)		
SERVANT EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Servant Event - Making Prison Ministry Crosses		
SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS <i>(subject to change)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1: National Representative Strategic Plan Facilitator - Michelle		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: Bible Study Leader / Writer - Donna Snow		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 3: Heart to Heart Trainer - Beth Quinn		
PASTOR'S EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Event (Rev. Mitchel Schuessler)		
CHOIR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: <input type="checkbox"/> SOPRANO <input type="checkbox"/> ALTO		
SPECIAL NEEDS	We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate		
	Medical Condition(s) convention committee should be aware of:		
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.). Specify:		
	Handicapped Accessible Room		
	Hearing Impaired? Interpreter needed?		
	OTHER:		
TRANSPORTATION	If you require transportation between an airport, train, or bus station and the convention, please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.		
AIRLINE INFORMATION:			
BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:			
Airport:	Station:		
Airline:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:	
Arrival Date:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:
PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:			
<p>Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.</p>			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date	



September 23-25, 2022
Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA
Lutherlyn.com
Hosted by the Cattaraugus-Allegheny and Anthracite Zones



Theme: ***"Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You"***
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."
Isaiah 43:1



Our speaker will be Christina Hergenrader, who will be speaking on "Living in Faith instead of Fear". Christina Hergenrader is busy doing what she loves.

Christina earned a master's degree in Creative Writing. She also began writing and sharing devotions with her school classes. Encouraged by their feedback, Christina submitted a manuscript to Concordia Publishing House. Since then, she has written several books, Bible studies and articles that have been published by CPH.

As a wife, mother, Christian teacher, and writer, she finds that life continues to keep her on her toes. Christina lives in Texas with her husband and four children, teaching, speaking to women's groups, traveling, doing photography and spending time in prayer. You can see her complete bio at <https://www.cph.org/m-54-christina-hergenrader.aspx>



THINGS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE

*No linens are provided, you will need to bring bedding, towels, pillows, and toiletries; beds are standard twins;

*No smoking, except in designated areas; *No pets, except service animals; *No refrigerators in rooms, there will be one in the medical building for medicines, etc.; *no wi-fi is available in the cabins, is strongest in the dining hall; *roads are gravel; we will rent golf carts to

help transport those with mobility issues

Each cabin has 8 lower bunks and 4 upper bunks. 2 full bathrooms with shower in each. Cabins are sleeping only and have only beds, no chairs. Cabins can be separated in half. There are enough beds to use only bottom bunks. There are several buildings available for your fellowship and gathering time.

LWML RETREAT CAMBERSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2022retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 E-mail _____
 Zone _____

LWML Member? _____ Yes _____ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat. Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2022** to:

Mrs. Susan Bell
 814 Dover Court
 Downingtown, PA 19335

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

Fear Not, I Have Redeemed You. Isaiah 43:1

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2022
Lutherlyn Camp
500 Lutherlyn Lane, Cabot PA

September 23-25, 2022
www.lutherlyn.com

Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You
Guest Speaker: Christina Hergenrader
Hosted By: Anthracite and Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zones

Name:		LWML Zone:	
Address:		Home Church:	
City:		Church City & Zip:	
State:	Zip:	Phone: ()	Email:

If this is your **FIRST TIME** attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: **YES! I'm Very Excited!**

FULL TIME

> **Registration Per Person Includes:** Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals \$160.00

> **Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022** \$25.00

NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit required with Full Time Registration

Payment Enclosed

Balance Due

PART- TIME

Registration Fee (Per Person)

\$30.00

NO LODGING

> Saturday Only-- Saturday lunch & dinner & all Saturday programming

\$38.00

WITH LODGING

Friday-Saturday

> Friday lodging, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and all programming

\$90.00

Saturday-Sunday

> Sat. lodging, Sat. lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast and programming

\$90.00

> **Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022**

\$25.00

Payment Enclosed

Balance Due

Note: A \$25.00 minimum deposit required with Part-Time Registration

CABINS

All cabins have 8 lower bunks, 4 upper bunks and 2 bathrooms with showers.

Cabins can be separated into two rooms.

If your group needs more than one cabin, we will make sure the cabins are adjacent.

NO LINENS WILL BE PROVIDED NO PETS ALLOWED SMOKING ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS

IF YOU WANT TO BE HOUSED TOGETHER, PLEASE LIST GROUP

Roommate(s):

Church/Group:

Will Need Golf Cart For Transportation:

Upper Bunk:

Lower Bunk:

Other:

Hearing impaired:

Dietary Needs:

ACTIVITIES: Check if interested and we will contact you about payment details

Zipline and High Ropes are accessible by climbing wall or net. All activities are based on availability at time of retreat.

_____ **Zipline:** \$20 _____ **High Ropes:** \$20

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2022 (postmarked by September 1) Registration not accepted before May 1st

Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by September 1st or a late fee will be applied (\$25)

Cancellations: \$50 Full Time/ \$25 Part-Time deposits are non-refundable.

Cancellations for **MEDICAL REASONS** will be reviewed based upon letter of notification to Eastern District President.

Non-Sufficient Fund Fee: Charge of \$25 will be assessed on checks returned by bank.

****Make Checks Payable to LWML Eastern District****

Mail completed form, payment, and self-addressed stamped envelope (for return confirmation) to:

Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Rd Hop Bottom, PA 18824, margaretklees@gmail.com 570-877-2168

Registrations without stamped envelopes will receive email confirmation.

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo Zone held their winter event on February 5 at First Trinity with 29 attending from 8 different churches. Pastor Jason Christ led us in Bible

Study based on Roman 12. We heard about Lutherans for Life and The Family Justice Center. Following the speakers the ladies spent time at 4 stations making crosses and encouragement cards for the nursing home and blankets and care kits to go to the Family Justice Center.



We are presently in the process of planning our Spring Event.
Bonnie Sugrue, Zone President



Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Kenmore is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year! The Esther Circle women's group donated this banner in praise and thanksgiving!
Carol Obot

CATTARAUGUS-ALLEGHENY ZONE



In February Mrs. Trudy Sallach was called home to be with our Lord in heaven. Trudy served as zone president several times over her years with us and was currently our vice president. Trudy was a friend to all who knew her; her incredible smile and constant encouragement blessed us all. Although we will miss her beautiful singing voice leading us in, "Serve the Lord with Gladness", and her joyful laugh that made us laugh too, we rejoice in knowing she is with the Lord. May He comfort our hearts with His peace.

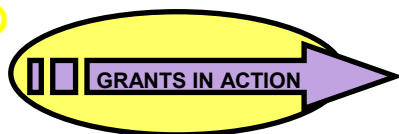
Robin Swanson, Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

Our Spring Rally will take place on April 30th at Christ Assembly under the theme *Go and Make Disciples*, Matthew 28:19-20. We'll have an orientation to Mission Grants and speakers from recent grant recipients. The ingathering is cash donations for Ukraine and Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We will be assembling the kits after lunch.

Other news Celebrate Recovery, Hope Levittown will be receiving their grant check soon. We rejoice that the proposed grant for Acorn Stairs for Christ Assembly will be on the convention ballot in June 2022. Also, Pastor Carl Emberger is on the ballot for pastoral counselor. God be the glory!

Beth Quinn, Zone President



FROM THE PHILADELPHIA ZONE

We thank God for His gracious provision and the women and men of the LWML District for funding this grant for an inclusive playground for all mobilities at Christ Memorial Lutheran School (CMLS), Malvern, PA. CMLS offers education opportunities for children 2 years through kindergarten with an enrollment of 146. The check presented to Jodie Merow, School Director by LWML District President, Susan Bell, was graciously accepted during Lutheran Schools Week. Also in attendance were Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone President, Sarah Heilman, School Board Chairman, Carol Sonnenberg, School Board member, LWML members Dorothy Koschmann and Sarala



Vunnam and children of the school. (Photo left to right: Sarala, Dorothy, Beth, Susan, Jodie, Sarah and Carol)

Help for the People of Ukraine



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) prays for those affected by the invasion of Ukraine and offers help and provisions through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and its church partners. The LWML is an official auxiliary of the LCMS and in an article published

March 1, 2022, Kevin Armbrust, Director of Editorial for LCMS Communications, lists ways for all those that want to support the people of Ukraine and provides contact information for those organizations. Read "The List Changes Daily: Help for Ukraine" article [here](#).

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those affected by this invasion. We pray that the people of Ukraine find hope and strength through Your Word and remain strong in their faith. Grant us peace. In Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.



The Lutheran Women in Mission of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts Invite you to the **LWML 40th Biennial Convention** in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin **June 22–25, 2023**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).

Opportunities abound as we:

- ◆ Worship together with our sisters and brothers in Christ!
- ◆ Share the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path.
- ◆ Fellowship with good friends while meeting new ones.
- ◆ Enjoy accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!
- ◆ Bring our family and friends to enjoy a city of many cultures.

Milwaukee, called the City of Steeples, is home to the Discovery World Science, Harley Davidson, and Milwaukee Art Museums; the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Historic Third Ward, and much more.

Come enjoy the cool breezes off Lake Michigan, June 22–25, 2023!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10, 2022	EC/BOD Meeting East Syracuse, NY
June 10-12, 2022	LWML Eastern District Convention East Syracuse, NY
Sept. 23, 2022	EC Meeting Lutherlyn Camp
Sept. 23-25, 2022	Fall Retreat Lutherlyn Camp
June 22–25, 2023	National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

December 1, 2021 – February 28, 2021
Mites: \$17,208.49

Memorials and Honorariums Given:
(December 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022)

In Memory of:

Lorraine Ophardt
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Dorothy Koschmann's
90th Birthday

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Beth Quinn

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



Thank you to all of you in ED LWML for all of the prayers, cards and well wishes during my illness and treatment these last few months! I am so thankful for the power of prayer and for all of you!

Kathy Ippolito

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The Link is published four times each year.

April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

There are many ways to help support our LWML Eastern District. Did you know one of those ways is to donate to our Legacy of Love Endowment Fund. As this endowment fund grows we will be able to support Scholarships, Leadership Training, and other District Ministries. You can make a donation through a legacy gift or charitable estate, but you can also make a direct contribution through the Financial Secretary. Just one option when you are considering how to support our LWML Eastern District

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



**Legacy
of Love**

WHAT IS IT?

An **Endowment** to make a lasting impact on the **Ministry of the LWML Eastern District**

WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

Gifts will benefit **Scholarships, Leadership Training** and **District Ministries.**

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

Via the **District Financial Secretary** or a **Legacy Gift** through your **Charitable Estate Plan.**

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Dear Eastern District LWML Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As your new President, I am humbled, thankful, and honored for the opportunity to serve the LWML Eastern District .

Thank you, Susan Bell for your leadership, patience, kindness and thoughtfulness the last four years.

I would like to thank Rebecca Bessell, Barb Williams, and all of the Genesee and Central New York North Zones for hosting the awesome 39TH Biennial Convention of the LWML Eastern District. Under the theme “**We are more than Conquerors through Him,**” we established a Mission Mite Goal of \$30,500 for the 2022-2024 biennium. Elections for President, VP Christian Life, Treasurer and Counselor were held. Our theme echoed throughout our convention from speakers, Bible study and worship.

I am looking forward to our LWML Eastern District Retreat, which will be held on September 23-25 at Lutherlyn Camp in Butler, PA. There is still time to register! The registration form can be found on page 9 of this LINK. The Anthracite and Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zones are hosting. Our guest speaker will be Christina Hergenrader, Christina is an author known for her books, Bible Studies and devotions about trying to follow Jesus. The theme is “*Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You,*” taken from **Isaiah 43:1**.

There are Committee openings as this next biennium begins. If you have an interest or talent which I may be unaware of (some of you have already completed a time and talent survey or spoken with me), please share it and let’s see what best fits you. Also, if you have any concerns or questions, please let me know. Contact me a 716-393-3670 (716-901-4167 cell) or dee_gryzb@msn.com.

I look forward to serving with you!

**Blessings,
Dee E. Grzyb
LWML Eastern District President**



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COUNSELOR'S

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing



Dear sisters in Christ:

As my four-year term as a District-Level Pastoral Counselor for LWML Eastern District ends, I thank you for your partnership in the Gospel work that we are called to endeavor in while we sojourn towards our heavenly inheritance, washed in the blood of Jesus. So, as I leave this formal volunteer post with the women's auxiliary of the LCMS, let me encourage you with this pastoral directive going forward: "Keep the main thing; the main thing."

In St. Paul's final letter to Pastor Timothy, he gave this instruction to Timothy and future pastors: *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.* (2 Timothy 4:1-5 ESV)

The Church is called to remain true to the Word of God, to share it onward. Keep on supporting the pastors called to serve you in your corner of the garden. Keep on encouraging men to enter the seminary to share God's Word onward.

As you continue in mission activities, check and see if it furthers the Gospel mission or is it just a "nice thing to do?" There are many "nice groups" to be a part of, (e.g., Rotary and other community service clubs). The LWML and Lutheran Hour Ministries (formerly Lutheran Layman's League) are a bit different. The LWML and LHM are auxiliaries of the Church, given the Gospel mission to share Christ in concert with the wider Church. A better question to ask is: "How does this further the cause of the Gospel?" If you don't know that answer, feel free to run it by your pastoral counselors. They're there to help out.

So, as you keep on in this mission, "keep the main thing; the main thing." By doing so, your compass will remain fixed to Christ, who will gather His flock into their eternal reward, washed and covered by His holy, precious, innocent blood. What joy it is to know that all who call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved! What a privilege it is for you to share that glorious Good News!

In Christ,
Rev. John Zimmerman
 Pastoral Counselor – LWML Eastern District (2018-2022)

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



As I anticipate writing my article for the LINK, I am sitting here looking at the lush green grass, the pretty flowers that are in bloom, the gentle breeze that is helping my United States flag, unfurl and gently wave, representing the freedoms that we have here in our country. It brings to mind the struggles that it represents, the people that fought, and the families that have loved and lost. It brings to mind these words: **"One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."** God's plan. God's creation. By the reading of this issue, Convention will be a "memory" of joy, laughter, worship, singing, new relationships, a closer walk with God, and perhaps even a new position!!! With grateful hearts, we say thank you to all who serve, who have served and who will serve at our local, zone, district and national levels of LWML. We are the hands, feet, and words of God, spreading the Gospel in all that we do! Have a fun summer!



If you have changes for the Directory or the quarterly, please contact me at swolff3@rochester.rr.com. Increases can be made, but not decreases.

Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication
Rejoice in the Lord always; and again, I say, Rejoice! Philippians 4:4

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



On Friday, June 10, 2022, President Susan Bell opened the 39th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Eastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). One hundred twenty eight (128) delegates and guests participated in the convention June 10-12, 2022 held at the East Syracuse, New York DoubleTree by Hilton. The theme for this convention was "We are more than Conquerors through Him" based on the Bible verse, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us* (Romans 8:35-37).



Delegates elected the following officers to four-year terms:

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE 2022 LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

President: Dee Grzyb, Buffalo Zone

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus: Linda Bahr, Central New York –North Zone

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources: Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone

Treasurer: Judy Morrison, Genesee Zone

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Carl Emberger, Philadelphia Zone

The newly elected officers will serve with previously elected officers of the Executive Committee: Vice President of Communication Sharon Wolff and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Jeffrey Nickel.

We wish to thank outgoing officers Susan Bell, President, Linda Bahr, Vice President Christian Life/Special Focus, Sharon McGuan, Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Beth Scholl, Treasurer and Pastoral Counselor Rev John Zimmerman for the time they have given in service to the Lord through LWML



Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler delivered the keynote address emphasizing *We are more than conquerors through him who loved us* (Roman 8:37) intertwining hymns throughout his talk.

LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator Michelle Jenks brought greetings from the LWML Board of Directors and presented the LWML report to the districts

Donna Snow was our inspirational Bible Study leader for the convention leading us in two Bible Studies on Romans 8 based on our theme.

We enjoyed listening to many "Mission Moment" speakers sharing their ministries and showing how our Mite money goes to work. Many also participated in the servant event, making crosses for prison ministry, the Mite Walk to collect funds to start our mite goal, and our ingathering for Vera House. The Saturday night banquet and entertainment by Harmonic Collective, a barbershop singing group, is always a highlight of the convention weekend.

Serve the Lord With Gladness

MISSION GRANTS

Delegates voted to approve a 2022-2024 Mission Goal of \$132,100, a Mite Goal of \$61,000, and a Grant Goal of \$30,500. Seven (7) projects for a total of \$ 30,500 will be funded over the next two years. The projects to be funded include:

- 1. GRANT A
\$5,000 Funds are requested to purchase medical supplies for ultrasounds and pregnancy testing, Bright Course educational video streaming, client instructional literature, Client Boutique supplies, bus tokens and other miscellaneous needs for The Heart of Tioga. Requested by LWML Member Anita Getty, Central New York South Zone
- 2. GRANT G
\$5,000 Request by Friends of Pioneer/Pioneer on the Lake to purchase furnishings. Requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone.
- 3. GRANT B*
\$5,000 Request to purchase/install Acorn Stair lift to assist disabled/ elderly to the 2nd floor for worship and fellowship at Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Requested by Member Roselyn Kamara, Philadelphia Zone.
- 4. GRANT E*
\$5,000 Request to purchase food items for the Rose Cafe and the weekly outreach food pantry truck to the needy, through Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center in Niagara Falls, NY. Requested by LWML Member Sharon Wolff, Buffalo Zone.
- 5. GRANT H
\$5,000 Request by the Mid Atlantic Branch Orphan Grain Train to fund shipment of a 40 foot container overseas. Requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone.
- 6. GRANT M
\$4,500 Request to rebuild windows and doors then install to Good Shephard Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti that was destroyed by earthquake in 2021. Requested by LWML Member Bonnie Sugrue, Buffalo Zone
- 7. GRANT C
\$1,000 Request by Center 4 Hope Food Pantry to purchase hygiene products for guests who cannot access these using their SNAP benefits at the food pantry. Requested by LWML Member Sharon Fuerch Genesee Zone.

*Grant #3 and #4 will be funded at the same time due to a tie in the voting.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MITES SO THAT ALL MISSION GRANTS CAN BE FUNDED

NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE



At the District convention held in Syracuse, NY on June 10-12, two amendments to our District bylaws were approved by the voting assembly:

The first is an update to the name of the Heart to Heart Program (Article XII.3.B.2), and the second, under advisement from National LWML, is an update to our emergency action protocol (Article XVII).

The updated bylaws will be available soon on our District web page www.east-dist-lwml.org.

Robin Swanson
Structure Committee

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Donna Snow



Pinning Susan and Dee



Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler



SERVANT EVENT



Installation



MITE WALK



Dee, Donna, Susan



39th LWML Eastern District Convention



Closing Convention
Dee Grzyb

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

WE HAVE MANY GREAT EVENTS GOING ON AROUND OUR ZONE:

HOLY CROSS, CLARENCE, NY



The Holy Cross Women in Mission held it's 1st annual Mini Mite Walk Sunday June 5 following church. We offered a hot dog lunch (hot dog, chips and a beverage) for \$3 followed by a Mite Walk 4 times around the church parking lot for each letter in LWML (or whatever you were able). Young and old were invited to participate. Participants collected donations in advance. We were able to collect over \$1,000 to support the new Mite goal voted on at the LWML Eastern District Convention.



PILGRIM, KENMORE, NY



The ladies group, The Esther Circle, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church made these "Princess Cards" of Inspiration & Prayers. These cards were given to the Women & Children Lighthouse Ministry in Niagara Falls. Volunteers give these cards out to the women in the neighborhood to uplift them.

NIAGARA ZONE

Exciting news from the Niagara Zone:



St Mark North Tonawanda will be hosting a Summer Garden Party for the Niagara Zone on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. lo-

cation will be Raymond Klimek Veteran's Park- Shelter 2. We are asking everyone that attends to bring a plant to exchange. At the Garden Party there will be a quest speaker from Pioneer On The Lake, a presentation of a fall Bible study and choosing a charity that the Niagara Zone will sponsor for the year. This event is open to all who wish to attend, there will be snacks and beverage provided.

Niagara Zone will host an October retreat day location and time to be announced



Weekly Bible Studies, the Niagara Zone will continue the weekly Bible studies that are currently being held on Monday Night at 7:00 pm through Zoom. Information for each Bible study is sent via email to the Eastern District and all Niagara Zone Society contacts and posted on the LWML

Niagara Zone's Facebook page. If you would like to be added to the email please provide either Shellie Knupp or Alice Pfonner with your contact information. If you want to join LWML Niagara Zone Facebook page please send a request.

My prayer is that God's grace works in all our hearts to unite us in His word to make us stronger in our faith. Amen

Shellie Knupp Niagara Zone President

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

We had a spirit filled mission focus zone rally on April 30 at our sister congregation Christ Assembly in Philadelphia. Under the theme *Go and Make Disciples, Matthew 28:19-20*. Susan Morris co-chairman, Mission Grants explained the process of submitting a grant proposal and what happens after the committee receives it. Grants are reviewed to determine if they have met the criteria and then go to the LWML Eastern District Board of Directors for approval to be on the convention ballot. Two grant recipients provided an update – Christ Memorial Lutheran School, Malvern, PA Playground and Hope Lutheran, Levittown, PA Celebrate Recovery. We praise God for His graciousness leading the voting assembly to approve the mission grant for Christ Assembly's Acorn Stairs.



Additionally, attendees for the upcoming convention were sent out by pastoral counselor, Rev. Boymah.

In the afternoon we assembled 55 personal care kits for Luther-

an World Relief. All to His Glory.

Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone President



Susan Bell, LWML Eastern District President, presented the LWML Mission Grants check to **Celebrate Recovery, Hope Levittown, PA**. This was grant number 6 from the 2018-2022 Biennium. Receiving the check are Lori Doberenz and Carol Frehaefer, Hope Lutheran Celebrate Recovery coordinators. Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone president is also pictured. The Celebrate Recovery program is healing from hurts, habits and hang ups. It is a 12 step Christian based program. Lori and Carol have seen growth personally and in participants in the program. Praise be to God!

For more information check this link -

<https://www.celebraterecovery.com/>



YWR NEWS



We were blessed to have 4 young women agree to be Young Women Representatives (YWRs) for the 39th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Eastern District held in East Syracuse, June 10-12, 2022 ; they were

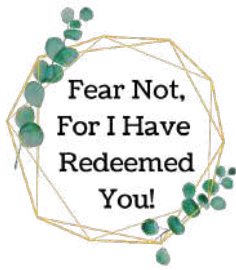
- Anthracite Zone: Samantha Keiper,**
Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Mt. Pocono, PA
- Buffalo Zone: Abby Knowles,**
St John Lutheran Church, Angola, NY
- Genesee Zone: Helen Draper,**
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hilton, NY
- Philadelphia Zone: Sarala Vunnam,**
Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA



What a blessed convention weekend I had with our Young Women Representatives! We keep Samantha Keiper and Sarala Vunnam in our prayers as they were unfortunately unable to attend. Abby Knowles and Helen Draper helped start the convention by carrying their zone's banner during the opening procession Friday night. During the sessions they sat next to their zone presidents to learn how decisions are made in the LWML, with a highlight being voting on the new mission grants. On Saturday they and Tomaline Harmon, the YWR to the national convention, had a special luncheon with the guest speakers, District President, and Leader Development Chair. During the final session the YWRs were formally introduced to those attending the convention and Tomaline gave her presentation, thanking the district for sending her to the 2021 National Convention. Our YWRs also greeted everyone as they entered for the Saturday dinner and attended Sunday's Bible study and worship service. Some of my favorite experiences from this convention were our late night fireside chats, where we quickly became friends that I look forward to seeing them again soon!

Thank you ladies for serving the Lord with gladness!
Allison Young—Leader Development Chair





September 23-25, 2022
Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA
Lutherlyn.com
Hosted by the Cattaraugus-Allegheny and Anthracite Zones



Theme: **“Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You “**
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”
Isaiah 43:1



Our speaker will be Christina Hergenrader, who will be speaking on “Living in Faith instead of Fear”. Christina Hergenrader is busy doing what she loves.

Christina earned a master’s degree in Creative Writing. She also began writing and sharing devotions with her school classes. Encouraged by their feedback, Christina submitted a manuscript to Concordia Publishing House. Since then, she has written several books, Bible studies and articles that have been published by CPH.

As a wife, mother, Christian teacher, and writer, she finds that life continues to keep her on her toes. Christina lives in Texas with her husband and four children, teaching, speaking to women’s groups, traveling, doing photography and spending time in prayer. You can see her complete bio at <https://www.cph.org/m-54-christina-hergenrader.aspx>



THINGS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE

*No linens are provided, you will need to bring bedding, towels, pillows, and toiletries; beds are standard twins;

*No smoking, except in designated areas; *No pets, except service animals; *No refrigerators in rooms, there will be one in the medical building for medicines, etc.; *no wi-fi is available in the cabins, is strongest in the dining hall; *roads are gravel; we will rent golf carts to help transport those with mobility

issues

Each cabin has 8 lower bunks and 4 upper bunks. 2 full bathrooms with shower in each. Cabins are sleeping only and have only beds, no chairs. Cabins can be separated in half. There are enough beds to use only bottom bunks. There are several buildings available for your fellowship and gathering time.



INGATHERING

Our ingathering will be for Camp Lutherlyn. They are asking for gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, and Lowes. We will also be collecting plastic bins with lids of all sizes to be used for storage.

LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2022 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 E-mail _____
 Zone _____

LWML Member? _____ Yes _____ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat.

Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2022** to:

Mrs. Dee Grzyb
 56 Hanover St.
 Lancaster, NY 14086

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

Fear Not, I Have Redeemed You. Isaiah 43:1

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2022
Lutherlyn Camp
500 Lutherlyn Lane, Cabot PA

September 23-25, 2022
www.lutherlyn.com

Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You
Guest Speaker: Christina Hergenrader
Hosted By: Anthracite and Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zones

Name:		LWML Zone:	
Address:		Home Church:	
City:		Church City & Zip:	
State:	Zip:	Phone: ()	Email:

If this is your **FIRST TIME** attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: **YES! I'm Very Excited!**

FULL TIME

> **Registration Per Person Includes:** Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals \$160.00 \$

> **Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022** \$25.00 \$

NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit required with Full Time Registration \$

Payment Enclosed
Balance Due

PART- TIME

Registration Fee (Per Person)

NO LODGING

> Saturday Only-- Saturday lunch & dinner & all Saturday programming

WITH LODGING

Friday-Saturday

> Friday lodging, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and all programming

Saturday-Sunday

> Sat. lodging, Sat. lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast and programming

> **Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022**

\$30.00 \$
\$38.00 \$
\$90.00 \$
\$90.00 \$
\$25.00 \$

Payment Enclosed
Balance Due

Note: A \$25.00 minimum deposit required with Part-Time Registration

CABINS

All cabins have 8 lower bunks, 4 upper bunks and 2 bathrooms with showers.
Cabins can be separated into two rooms.

If your group needs more than one cabin, we will make sure the cabins are adjacent.

NO LINENS WILL BE PROVIDED NO PETS ALLOWED SMOKING ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS
IF YOU WANT TO BE HOUSED TOGETHER, PLEASE LIST GROUP

Roommate(s):		Church/Group:	
Will Need Golf Cart For Transportation:	Upper Bunk:	Lower Bunk:	Other:
Hearing impaired:		Dietary Needs:	

ACTIVITIES: Check if interested and we will contact you about payment details

Zipline and High Ropes are accessible by climbing wall or net. All activities are based on availability at time of retreat.
_____ **Zipline:** \$20 _____ **High Ropes:** \$20

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2022 (postmarked by September 1) Registration not accepted before May 1st

Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by September 1st or a late fee will be applied (\$25)

Cancellations: \$50 Full Time/ \$25 Part-Time deposits are non-refundable.

Cancellations for **MEDICAL REASONS** will be reviewed based upon letter of notification to Eastern District President.

Non-Sufficient Fund Fee: Charge of \$25 will be assessed on checks returned by bank.

****Make Checks Payable to LWML Eastern District****

Mail completed form, payment, and self-addressed stamped envelope (for return confirmation) to:
Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Rd Hop Bottom, PA 18824, margaretklees@gmail.com 570-877-2168

Registrations without stamped envelopes will receive email confirmation.

There are many ways to help support our LWML Eastern District. Did you know one of those ways is to donate to our Legacy of Love Endowment Fund. As this endowment fund grows we will be able to support Scholarships, Leadership Training, and other District Ministries. You can make a donation through a legacy gift or charitable estate, but you can also make a direct contribution through the Financial Secretary. Just one option when you are considering how to support our LWML Eastern District



WHAT IS IT?

An **Endowment** to make a lasting impact on the **Ministry of the LWML Eastern District**

WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

Gifts will benefit **Scholarships, Leadership Training** and **District Ministries.**

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

Via the **District Financial Secretary** or a **Legacy Gift** through your **Charitable Estate Plan.**

CONTACT INFO:

Rebecca Bessell, Coordinator
585-415-6368 or
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LWML Eastern District Convention Offerings



Offering 1— \$1,744
LWML Eastern District Treasury

Offering 2—\$1,269
The LWML Eastern District Memorial Fund that provides support for the Young Women Representatives

Offering 3—\$1,392
Ministry to the Armed Forces to help Chaplain Wives attend Worker Wellness Retreat.

Mite Walk—\$4,227.04

Thank you for your generosity

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 23, 2022	EC Meeting Lutherlyn Camp
Sept. 23-25, 2022	Fall Retreat Lutherlyn Camp
Feb-March, 2023	EC/BOD TBD
June 22–25, 2023	National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 2024	LWML ED Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

March 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022
Mites: \$7,240.60

Memorials and Honorariums Given:
 (March 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022)

In Memory of:
 Jane Storace
 Barbara Brinck
 Trudy Sallach
 Alice Stofan

Given by:
 Kathy Pavelock
 Kathy Pavelock
 Catt – Allegheny Zone
 Waneta Lingenfelter

In Honor of:
 YWRs

Susan Bell

Legacy of Love:

Susan Bell

Choice Dollars:

Tim and Sharon McGuan
 Linda and Donald Gage
 Mary Lehocky
 Ruth Wurster

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



2023 Convention

Date: June 22–25, 2023
Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).*

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The next deadline is September 1, 2022

The Link is published four times each year.

April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1



For Us and With Us

Romans 8:31-39

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

“For Us and With Us,” is the theme for **LWML Sunday 2022** and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (**Romans 8:31–39**). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

2022 LWML Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, are now available on the LWML website at <https://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday>

In addition to LWML Sunday materials you can also find the following resources and more on the LWML website:

- 2022 LWML Prayer Service
- Grant application for 2023 National Convention, due Sept. 30
- Updates on Mission Grants
- 2023 National Convention Information
- Check it out <https://www.lwml.org/home>

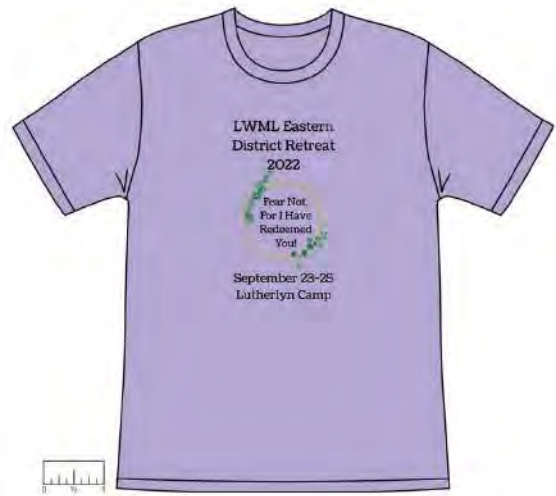
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2022 LWML RETREAT T-SHIRT

The 2022 Retreat Committee is offering T-Shirts for the up-coming Fall Retreat. Shirts are \$15 and are lavender

Available in sizes

S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL 5XL



If you are interested in ordering a T-Shirt, please contact Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 570-877-2168 margaretklees@gmail.com
Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Women’s Guild
Deadline to order is August 29



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*Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
78 Years*



Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ;

I recently returned from our LWML Eastern District Retreat held at Camp Lutherlyn in Butler, PA. I want to express my gratitude to the Anthracite and Cataraugus/Allegany Zones, co-chairs Margaret Klees, Robin Swanson, and the retreat committee for all their hard work in organizing this lovely weekend for us. What an excellent job they did! Christina Hergenrader who has written books, Bible Studies and articles published by Concordia Publishing

House was our special Guest Speaker. Based on the theme "Fear not, for I have redeemed you, Isaiah 43:1, Christina discussed "Living in Faith instead of Fear".

Looking ahead, the Assembly of Leaders will be in St. Louis, Oct. 19-22 under the theme Adventures in Equipping Leaders. I will be attending along with our newly elected Pastoral Counselor Rev. Carl Emberger, Margaret Klees and Kathy Ippolito. We are looking forward to this event that will help district leaders to communicate with women and church workers in their zones and congregations and share the enthusiasm they have for the valuable work of the LWML.

We will be looking for young women to apply to be a Young Woman Representative to our LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, June 22-25. Susan Bell, newly elected VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources will be sending information to the Zone Presidents soon.

Autumn - When you feel that first crisp breeze, you know that summer is gone, and fall is in the air. The leaves begin to fall and turn beautiful colors. You see the power of God and his creation in this time of change. "The heavens declare the Glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
Psalm 19:1 (NIV)



If anyone has any comments or suggestions, contact me at d_e_grzyb@msn.com 716-393-3670 (home) or 716-901-4167 (cell).

Blessings,
Dee





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THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER



My family and I returned from a visit to the Holy Land this summer. A highlight for me was seeing the Great Isaiah Scroll in the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem. The Dead Sea Scrolls, some of the oldest Biblical manuscripts, were discovered in the Judean desert near the Dead Sea between 1947 and 1956, many in caves near the ancient settlement of Qumran. They are about 2000 years old, dating from ~250 B.C. to ~67 A.D. Most are written on parchment (animal skin), though some are on papyrus. Most are written in Hebrew, though some are in Aramaic or Greek.

Most of the Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls found at Qumran were handwritten in the "square" Hebrew script or font, which is similar to that which I studied in seminary, and which was common in Judea during the time Jesus spent on earth with His disciples. A few scrolls, however, were written in "paleo-Hebrew" script, a very ancient script which resembles Phoenician script, which goes back at least to the time of King David (who reigned ~1010-970 B.C.) and King Solomon (who reigned ~970-930 B.C.), and perhaps even to Moses (who wrote Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy probably ~1446-1406 B.C.).

Although a few scrolls were found intact, most survived only as fragments. According to the Israel Museum, scholars have managed to reconstruct from these fragments approximately 950 different manuscripts of various lengths. About two hundred of these manuscripts are biblical texts. The rest include some apocryphal works and other non-biblical religious writings, such as materials for prayer, worship and devotions, commentaries, rules for the community, etc.

The biblical scrolls represent some of the earliest evidence for the biblical text in the world. Fragments of nearly all of the books of the Old Testament (also known as the Hebrew Bible) were found at Qumran, many with multiple copies, with the exception of the short book of Esther. (Arguably, the book of Nehemiah also was not found; the Hebrew Bible contains a book called Ezra-Nehemiah, and only one Ezra fragment survived.)

Prior to the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls, the earliest full Hebrew text of the Hebrew Bible was the Leningrad Codex dating from 1008 A.D. That text was the result of the work of the Masoretes - faithful Jewish scribes in Jerusalem and Tiberias from the 6th – 10th century A.D. who preserved the tradition of God's Word by scrupulously copying it by hand, and then counting and comparing the number of words and letters on each page to make sure of no error. Many of the Qumran texts are nearly identical to the Masoretic text, which is the basis for most modern translations.

Some of the Dead Sea scrolls resemble translations of the Hebrew Bible, such as the Greek translations known as the Septuagint (~250 B.C.), and the Samaritan versions of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

To me, the most interesting of the Dead Sea scrolls on display at the Israel Museum is the "Great Isaiah Scroll." Remarkably, this scroll of the Book of Isaiah, among the oldest found, was preserved in a clay jar in a cave in its entirety (all 66 chapters!), and it about 24 feet long. Scholars estimate that it was written around 100 years before Jesus Christ. Isaiah wrote about the coming of the Christ when he lived in the Kingdom of Judea about 740-681 BC, so this handwritten manuscript of the Book of Isaiah is four times closer in time to Isaiah's original than we are to it!

Writing in ~66 A.D., the Apostle Peter, a witness of Jesus' resurrection, quoted from the Book of Isaiah: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you." (1 Peter 1:24-25 ESV) Peter quotes Isaiah to remind us that the prophets prophesied about the grace that was to be given to human beings through the coming Messiah (Jesus), as Jesus suffered, died and rose in accordance with those prophecies, all for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life for all who repent and believe.



Indeed, the Word of the Lord endures forever!

Rev. Jeff Nickel, Senior Counselor

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



What is the work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department?

The purpose 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.

Introducing the 2022-2024 Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Team

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell

Mission Grants Chair – Susan Morris

Mission Grants Co-Chair – Margaret Klees

Structure Chair – Terry Hoffman

Leader Development Chair – Rebecca Futtly

Stamp Coordinator – Vacant



Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it. I Corinthians 12:27

Susan Morris, Philadelphia Zone, former Co-Chair of the Mission Grant Committee and former Structure Chair is looking forward to serving as the Mission Grant Committee Chair. **Margaret Klees**, Anthracite Zone, former Special Focus Chair and, also the Anthracite Zone President, is excited to join Susan as Mission Grant Co-Chair, helping to engage members, societies and zones in the Mission Grant process.

Terry Hoffman, Niagara Zone, was Treasurer of the Convention in Niagara Falls in 2018 and will now begin service as the Structure Committee Chair. We welcome Terry to the board!

Rebecca Futtly, Philadelphia Zone, has served on the Christian Life Committee and the Leader Development Committee in the past and we are thrilled to welcome her back as Leader Development Chair. Becca is committed to continuing her outreach to the young women of our district.

You can find the contact information for all of the above team members on page 9 of this [LINK](#).

Please keep the work and leaders of the **Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department** in your prayers. It is our prayer that we faithfully serve the Lord Jesus and His people through our service to the LWML Eastern District.

MISSION GRANT NEWS



We are excited to let you know that Grant No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000 has been paid. This grant will go to support Medical supplies for testing, video streaming, literature, and other miscellaneous items for The Heart of Tioga. This grant was requested by Central New York South Zone.



We are also excited to let you know that Grant No. 2 in the amount of \$5,000 is also ready to pay as soon as we get the necessary paperwork in. This grant will supply funds to purchase camp and retreat furnishings for Pioneer on the Lake, Angola, NY. This grant was requested by Susan Bell for the Philadelphia Zone.

Grants 3 and 4 were tied so will need to be paid together. When we receive the \$10,000 to pay both of these grants, they will be paid simultaneously.

Give generously to Mites so that we can pay our grants in a timely manner

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



Well here I sit, contemplating another article for the Fall LINK, wondering where the summer months went. Ah I know... **June** was a blur, with convention and all the happenings in our church and school, July was just plain HOT as was **August**. Both months are busy in our church for budget and all that stuff and of course family gatherings!

So now we are in autumn, the season of harvest. I question my growth in my faith, and have I "harvested" or planted any seeds for God's Kingdom. Of course I may not know that answer until I get to sit with Jesus some day. I love fall, the colors, the pumpkin goodies and fresh apples

and of course **RETREAT** for LWML. I look forward to serving my District as VP of Communication for the remainder of my term.



As always, any changes in your churches and zones, or quarterly subscriptions, please forward them to me at swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication ED

NEW BOARD MEMBERS SINCE THE LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 14-16, 2022

NEWLY APPOINTED:

Financial Secretary—Barb Williams
 Parliamentarian—Anita Getty
 Planner—Teri Devan
 Chair of Leader Development—Rebecca Futty
 Chair of Structure—Terry Hoffmann
 Co-Chair of Mission Grants—Margaret Klees



RE-APPOINTED:

Archivist/Historian – Chris Gasslein
 Editor – Bev Wicher
 Public Relations Director – Kathy Pavelock
 Legacy of Love Coordinator – Rebecca Bessell
 Eastern District Recycling Fundraising Chair – Alice Pfonner

CO-CHAIRS WHO HAVE MOVED UP TO CHAIRMAN POSITIONS ARE:

Christian Life – Carol Obot
 Special Focus – Beth Quinn
 Mission Grants – Susan Morris

2024 Convention Liaison – Rebecca Bessell

Thank you for your willingness to serve

We are actively seeking to fill the following Co-chair positions, Leader Development and Structure.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL FOCUS COMMITTEE



Special Focus display from 2022 Convention

We hope those of you who attended the Fall Retreat at Lutherlyn had an opportunity to check out the Special Focus display highlighting missionaries, multicultural tips and the Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations program. The Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations (H2H) program motivates, equips, and provides opportunities for multi-cultural women to serve the Church, participate in LWML, witness to the world, and grow together in relationships as sisters in Christ. Our district leader, Beth



Quinn, is available to come to your zone or congregation with resources and information how you can reach out to multicultural women in your congregation and community. Please contact Beth at bethquinn@gmail.com



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS PROGRAM COORDINATOR—We are looking for a coordinator for the Stamps for Missions program who will gather stamps and deliver them to the Canadian Bible Society. The good news is that recently all restrictions have been lifted to cross the border into Canada.

WEBMASTER—We are also looking for someone to maintain, update and manage our LWML Eastern District Website.

Anyone interested in either of these positions, please contact Dee Grzyb and she can give you more information.



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS COORDINATOR—After serving for four years, Sharon McGuan has stepped down from being the coordinator. We thank Sharon and her husband Tim for bringing the stamps to the Canadian Bible Society in Toronto, Ontario. The last time they were there they took seventeen bags weighing two hundred pounds of stamps to the Society.

WEBMASTER—Kathy Pavelock has been serving as our webmaster for our website since it was created. She created our website and has put many years and much time into this position. Due to the responsibilities of her job of Vice President of Communication for LWML National, she would like to step down from this position. We thank Kathy for her many years of service.

Serve the Lord With Gladness

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



18 ladies representing 9 congregations gathered together for our summer picnic at Lake Como Park in Lancaster NY on August 15. We enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and delicious food. We collected over 25 filled

backpacks and miscellaneous school supplies for Camp Joy, a summer program for the children of the inner city of Buffalo run by Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo NY. Barb Glover, the director of the program gave an inspiring presentation of how the program works and the way it impacts it's young participants.



GENESEE ZONE

What's Your 80?



80 Quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hilton, New York. The ladies at St. Paul started making and sending quilts to LWR back in 2005 and have made and sent quilts every year since then! St. Paul is also western New York's ingathering place for the LWR truck to stop to pick up quilts,

school kits and health kits from about 30 area churches. Quilts are also given to local folks who are sick, dying or in need of comfort.



PHILADELPHIA ZONE



The Philadelphia Zone fall event will be at Christ Memorial, Malvern, PA under the theme *You are my Sister!* As sisters in Christ, we have a unique opportunity to reach all women in our midst. Beth Quinn, district leader for the Heart to Heart — Sisters of all Nations program will be our speaker. Our ingathering is clothes for Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Mid-Atlantic branch. We will also be assembling hygiene kits for OGT. We look forward to fellowship, great eats, and shared ministry. See you there!

2023 Convention



Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).*

Goal Statement: As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

Objectives: Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament.
- Honor God by serving our neighbors.
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

**START YOUR PLANNING NOW
WATCH THE LWML WEBSITE AND THE
QUARTERLY FOR MORE DETAILS**

RETREAT AT A GLANCE



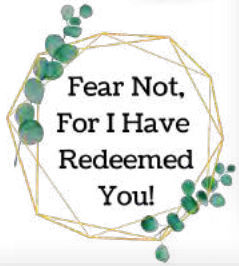
LUTHERLYN CAMP

Our speaker
Christina Hergenrader



WELCOME

A GREAT WEEKEND OF
FUN
FELLOWSHIP
and being
FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE



Fear Not,
For I Have
Redeemed
You!



- For the Retreat: Check-In...**
1. Journal: take 5 minutes to text yourself
 2. Pray: do retreat prayers feel different?
 3. Talk: connect with other women, make friends, create a group text
 4. Offer to Pray with another person



Bible Study
and Worship



God be with you
till we meet
again;





DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN.....

*Share your faith
Bless your family
Impact ministry*

There are so many ways to do this. If you would like more information or have questions please contact me the **Legacy of Love Endowment Chairman, Rebecca Bessell**, rlb54@rochester.rr.com, 585-415-6368, I would love to speak with you.



THANK YOU FROM YOUR EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE!!



A HUGE THANK YOU to all our Sisters-in-Christ who donated to the Gifts from the Heart for Vera House. We collected 328 toiletry items, \$170.00 in gift cards and \$485.00 in cash!!

Another HUGE THANK YOU to all who participated in the Prison Cross servant event whether making them on site or bringing pre-made crosses with you! We made / collected 772 prison crosses!!

LWMLers are very generous with their time and donations and you are very much appreciated!



In Memoriam



Our Sister-in-Christ, Claire Carlson was called home to her Lord September 5, 2022. Claire was president of the LWML Eastern District from 2002-2006. She also served as the public relations chairman for many years. Claire was also an active and cherished member of the Buffalo Zone and served there in many ways. More recently she served LWML in the Chesapeake District and on the National Convention Committee.

Active in her church and community Claire inspired many to get involved with the LWML. Claire is now joyfully serving the Lord with Gladness face-to-face.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-4	EC/BOD Via Zoom
June 22-25, 2023	National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sept. 22, 2023	EC Meeting Pioneer on the Lake
Sept. 22-24, 2023	Fall Retreat Pioneer on the Lake
Feb/March 2024	EC/BOD Pittsburgh PA
June 14-16 2024	LWML ED Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022
Mites: \$12,632.52

Memorials and Honorariums Given:
(June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022)

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ruth Guthman	Family Friends
Mother	Rhoda Fortune
Henry P. Rhodes, Sr.	Roselyn Kamara
Ruth Allen	St. Paul Adella
Joyce Redding	St. Paul Adella

<u>In Honor of:</u>	
Rev. Mother Etta Sherman	Rhoda Fortune

<u>Legacy of Love:</u>	
In Memory of Ruth Guthman	Rebecca Bessell
In Honor of Gretchen Putzman	Rebecca Bessell

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.

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

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL LWML



New Introduction to LWML Video Available Now! The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Committee on Young Women would like to introduce a new video. This resource is a brief synopsis of Lutheran Women in Mission and the wonderful things God does through this organization. It provides an excellent way to introduce Lutheran Women in Mission to churches and communities. Use this video on LWML Sunday, at fall zone events, and at any other event. View the video here <https://youtu.be/oFjAtnoTGWw> on the LWML website. You may also find it available for download on the LWML Sunday page and under the Who We Are tab.

MISSION GOAL UPDATE: As Lutheran Women in Mission, delegates of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) voted to support an LWML Mission Goal of \$2,150,000 for the 2021–2023 biennium. As of August 31, 2022, we have been blessed with donations of \$1,740,500 towards that goal. We thank and praise God for the faithful and generous women and men who prayerfully support the LWML with their donations.



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- H** Held by God’s Word
- I** Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- S** Surrounded by HIS Grace

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