

President's Message

Dear LWML Sisters in Christ,

Each January the district LWML presidents from all 40 LWML districts gather for the President's Assembly. In even-numbered years this meeting is held in St. Louis and in odd-numbered years it is held at the location of the coming LWML convention. In preparation for the meeting, district presidents fill out a report that is sent to the national corresponding secretary. She compiles all of the reports and sends them back to the district presidents and to the board of directors.

The report due January 8 had a number of questions to be answered including:

In your opinion, what are the greatest accomplishments in your district?

This question posed a number of challenges for me. First of all, 'in my opinion.' Since I don't always trust my opinion, I surveyed the SWD Executive Committee to see if we were of the same opinion. I am happy to report that we are. Secondly, 'greatest accomplishments in your district.' In my opinion this is very subjective — which goes back to the opinion thing. There are many great accomplishments within our district which are not always recorded, things like the number of women invited to attend a group meeting for the first time, or the number of quilts donated to the Orphan Grain Train, or the number of prayers said as coins (and dollars) are placed into a Mite Box. These are all significant accomplishments!

Looking at the 'greatest accomplishment' question at the district level, this is what stood out:

1. 100% of our district mites support mission grants (75% district, 25% LWML)! This is possible because... Offerings from our SWD 21 Zone Rallies held two times a year support our district administrative fund. The offerings pay for 21 zone presidents, two YWRs, H2H Sister, Jr. Pastoral Counselor, and District President to attend biennial LWML conventions and mileage reimbursement to district meetings, website costs, printing costs, district insurance, etc.

2. Each year two retreats and an H2H Sisters event give opportunities for district women to be in the Word, share fellowship, be encouraged, and support missions through servant events and offerings, as well as biennial Leadership Workshops.

3. The shift to 'Zoom' type meetings for district committees, saving time and money.

None of these accomplishments are possible without the support of everyone in our district. Opinion or not, the Lord has and continues to richly bless our district Lutheran Women in Mission.

Your Sister in Christ,
Cinda Poppe
LWML SWD President

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (Colossians 3:12).

From our Senior Pastoral Counselor

From Ashes to Alleluia: A Season of Steady Hope

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we move from February's frost into the promise of April's thaw, the Church walks a sacred path — from Epiphany light into the ashes of Lent, through repentance and reflection, and finally into the bright morning of Easter joy. The quarter we now enter is one of movement, not just on the calendar, but in the heart.

In February, the glow of Christmas may still linger faintly, but we begin to turn our eyes to the cross. We recall the Transfiguration of our Lord — a radiant vision of glory that comes just before the Lenten descent into the shadows. This tension between light and darkness, glory and humility, sets the tone for these months ahead.

Lent, beginning in February, is not a season of gloom, but of clarity. We mark our foreheads with ashes, not to wallow in despair, but to confess: We are dust — and yet, loved. In our LWML gatherings, Bible studies, and acts of mercy, this confession becomes embodied. Whether you're stitching quilts, sending mites, or simply showing up faithfully week by week, you are declaring: Christ is our hope — and He is worth following all the way to the cross.

By April, that hope begins to bloom. Holy Week approaches. The tomb will soon be empty. What began in ashes ends in alleluias.

Sometimes the time between February and April can feel long. The world is still gray. The work is still hard. Budgets tighten, volunteers

God has promised to bless even the smallest act done in His name. The card you write. The prayer you whisper. The mite you drop in the box. All of it is caught up into something bigger: God's mission of mercy. Even in Lent, we serve with Easter eyes.

To "hold fast the confession of our hope" means to keep proclaiming Christ even when we don't see the immediate fruit. Hebrews reminds us: *He who promised is faithful*. That's the heart of every LWML mission. Not flashy success — but faithful service.

As the church bells toll on Good Friday and ring out on Easter morning, remember this: You are part of God's unfolding story. You are not forgotten. Your work in this league, your love for your congregation, your perseverance in prayer — all of it matters.

So press on, dear sisters. The alleluias are coming. And the Lord, who is faithful, goes before you.

Always, in Christ,

Pastor Lewis Polzin
LWML SWD Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as we walk from ashes to alleluia in these months ahead, keep us rooted in Your promises. When our work feels small or slow, remind us that You are faithful and always at work. Strengthen the hands and hearts of every woman serving in the LWML, and let all we do be a reflection of Your steady hope and redeeming love. Amen.



Grant #5 Now Funded!

I had the honor and joy of presenting the SWD Mission Grant check for \$50,000 to Jenny Stollenwerk on January 7 during the chapel service at Journeys Lutheran School. Jenny, who is the principal, did a great job leading the chapel service with enthusiastic student participation.

As a reminder, Journeys Lutheran School teaches children (grades 3–12) with special needs in a Christian environment. In addition to the academic classes, they are surrounded by the Holy Spirit through devotions, prayer, religion classes, Christian counseling, and personal witness.

This grant money will be used to help pay for two passenger vans to transport small groups of students to take part in life skill learning opportunities and other classes that are outside of the school building.

Following the chapel service and check presentation, our LWML group was taken on a complete tour of the building, including every classroom. The tour was led by a junior intern (who did a great job) and Jenny Stollenwerk. Since they are used to visitors in their classroom, we were able to observe the classes in action.



Keep filling those Mite Boxes because we have three more mission grants to fund before our next district convention in June! The next three mission grants are: #6 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Milwaukee Restoration (\$25,000), #7 Financial Assistance for CTS, Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op (\$15,000) and #8 Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarship (partially funded for \$548.28).

Every penny counts!

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Grant #6 - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Milwaukee



In 2018, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee was extensively damaged by a fire. Insurance covered 67% of the reconstruction costs. Further funds are needed to re-furnish the sanctuary so Trinity's presence stays strong in the downtown area. Trinity plays a large part in sharing the Gospel message with diverse ethnic groups, college students, and the unchurched. Trinity holds a special place in history, being on both the State Historic Landmark and the National Register of Historic Places. This is a testament to its enduring legacy and the responsibility we all share in preserving it for future generations.

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Thoughts from Christian Life

I love being part of the LWML, first and foremost, because of the wonderful women I meet who love the Lord and love to serve him. Who are these women?

They are young mothers who, with their spouses, bring their little ones to church. They teach Sunday School and make sure the children know their Bible history.

They are the women of older children who make the love of our Savior important to their families, the women who have young men and women learning to walk with God in this sinful world, and the women who help with funerals and serve in many other ways.

These women step forward to lead us, even when they are called to care for parents, adult children, and grandchildren. And they do all this while praying for their sisters and brothers, their pastors, and their friends.

At various times in my life, I appreciated different stories from the Bible. Mary's story moved me as a young woman. Lydia's story did it when I was a working woman, Dorcas when I was a woman activist, and Anna when I now try to be a patient woman, knowing God would answer her prayer.

Each of these women was a faithful servant of God. They did not falter in their faith but served the Lord as they were called to do. Mary did not know exactly what was coming, but she rejoiced that the Lord chose her. Lydia and her house worshipped, and when Paul came, they listened to him and grasped fully what Christ had done for them. Dorcas saw the need to clothe people, and she did so, so much so that when she died, God heard the people's cry and raised her from the dead through Peter. Anna, who came to the temple and prayed, embraces me even more as I get older. Each one of these women served.

Sometimes we think that we are the only ones doing this or that. But that is not true; we all work and serve during different times in our lives. God shows us how and gives us the opportunity to serve him.

That is why Lutheran Women in Mission is so wonderful, why every woman is wonderful, and why each of us is important to the mission to serve the Lord.

Kathleen Sumrall
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The 2026 LWML Prayer Service, based on the acronym P.R.A.Y.E.R. — Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice — is a classic, yet updated, service from over a decade ago.

Rev. Henke wrote that the service “prompts the participants to remember that God does not speak to His children in prayer. Rather, His children speak to Him, assured that He readily speaks to them in His Word and in the Sacraments, as the Holy Spirit gives His divine counsel through very clear direction or, sometimes, His ‘nudging.’”

Please see the LWML website for materials to download for use in your congregations.

Have you sent in your *Quarterly* Order Yet?

Are you or your LWML sisters at your congregation looking for a new Bible study? Would you like to read about other strong Lutheran women who have servant hearts? Do you like updates about our SWD Mission Grant money hard at work in the mission field? How about getting ideas for your group's activities by reading about what groups in other districts are doing? You can find ALL of this in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*! In today's world, where so much print media is going away and we are dependent on the computer for our information, it is refreshing to get an actual magazine with so much valuable information included. Renew your subscription TODAY!

Haven't ordered before? No problem! March 15 is the deadline for your 2026 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* order form! What a bargain! If you order 10 or more, they are only \$6.50 each. To order, fill out a 2026 Quarterly order form and LWML SWD Receipt voucher along with your check made payable to LWML SWD. Mail them all to LWML SWD Financial Secretary Wendie Staus (address on Receipt voucher). You can find both forms on the LWML SWD webpage under Resources/Society. The sooner you get them in, the better. We don't want to miss your subscription!

Questions? Please contact Paula Keefer, LWML SWD LWQ Manager by email at the below address. The 2026 Quarterly subscription orders begin with the 2026 Summer issue through the 2027 Spring issue.

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 **Lutheran Women**
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1946-2026

Matthew 5:16

The SWD Convention is Approaching Fast

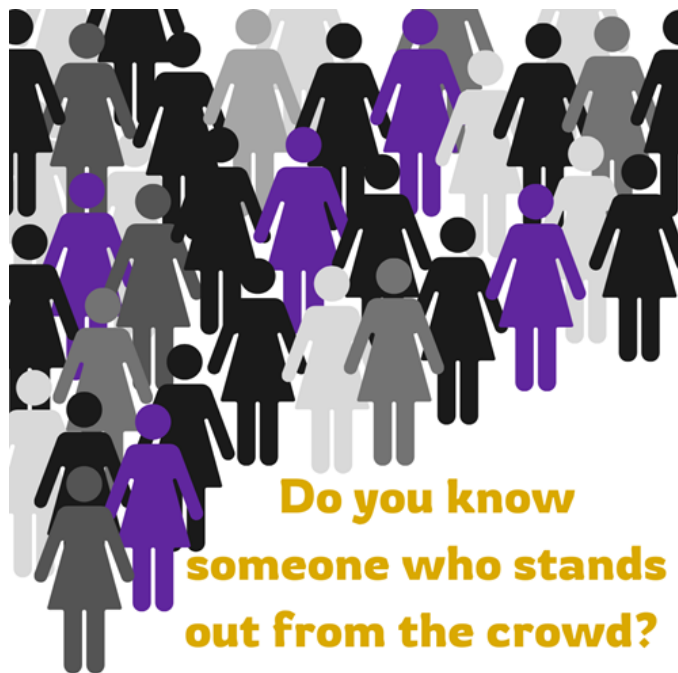
The convention is June 19-20, 2026, to be held at the Sheraton Brookfield Hotel, 375 S. Moorland Road. The theme is "**Radiating Christ's Love**" with the supporting verse, *Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).

The planning committee has been working diligently under the leadership of Michelle Prince, Chairman, and Rev. Lewis Polzin, Pastoral Advisor, with the support of President Cinda Poppe to prepare for the celebration of our 80th year. The speaker is Deb Burma who has presented at National and District conventions and has published Bible studies through Concordia Publishing House. Each zone has been asked to consider creating a baby quilt/banner, and guidelines are available on the district website. Information regarding Gifts from the Heart, servant events, and an order form for convention T-shirts is available on the website. Registration will be available on the website on March 1. Mark your calendars now. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chris Miller
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You can also see the poster on page 12 of this issue for more information.

Serve the LORD with gladness!



How do you think the disciples felt when they were told by Jesus to step forward to be a leader? Scared? Humbled? Inspired? Did we mention scared?

Leading the LWML South Wisconsin District is not on the same level as being one of the twelve, however you may be having the same feelings because you received nomination papers to consider or you are considering submitting your name for a position. Take heart not only do you have a whole district of women supporting you, praying for you and encouraging you, the Lord will walk beside you every step of the way. What could be better than that? So go ahead, say YES to serving the Lord with gladness!

The nominating committee asks you to PRAYERFULLY consider nominating that friend or yourself to be on the 2026 convention ballot.

Nominations are being accepted for the following:

District President

Vice President of Gospel Outreach & Christian Life

Vice President of Organizational Resources

Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary

Jr. Pastoral Counselor

The nomination form is available at www.lwml-swd.org/helps#district

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Nominations Committee at nominations@lwml-swd.org



Save the Date

The Heart to Heart Committee is hard at work making plans for this year's special event! Please save Saturday May 30 and keep watching the website for more details as they become available. It will be held at Trinity Freistadt in Mequon.

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Mission Trip Opportunity - Petal Pushers, Float Decorating, and Rose Parade

Are you ready to work on the 2027 Lutheran Hour Ministries Rose Parade float? Let's get started by letting me know if you want to join the district group heading to California in December 2026 to decorate a float and watch the 2027 Rose Parade in Pasadena. We need at least 25 to 50 interested women, men, and teenagers for LutherTours to put a package together for our group. If you are interested, contact Marilyn Belter at missiontripcoordinator@lwml-swd.org. Once I have 25 persons or more signed up who are interested in going, I can work with LutherTours to develop a tour package just for us. My thought would be to do two days of decorating and two days of sightseeing and a day for the Rose Parade and the Festival of Floats, where the floats are parked by the Pasadena High School, and you can spend the afternoon viewing the floats up close.

I had the opportunity to take the LutherTours 2026 Rose Parade, Float Decorating, and Southern California Sightseeing Tour. I flew to Ontario International Airport on December 28 out of Milwaukee. On the 29th I helped decorate the Lutheran Hour Ministries float. I did stay off the scaffolding. I glued silver leaves, flowers, and added picks to carnations. We toured the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood on day two, along with Mission San Juan Capistrano. LutherTours provided a festive New Year's Eve dinner celebration. On New Year's Day we were bused to an area about four blocks from our viewing stand and walked to the stands. We watched the parade in the rain, (last time it rained on the parade was 20 years ago) but it still was spectacular. After the parade we had lunch and then to the Float Festival! Seeing the floats up close was amazing. On January 2 many flew home, but I stayed a couple of extra days and was able to visit and stay with my cousin. See the next page for some photos from the trip.

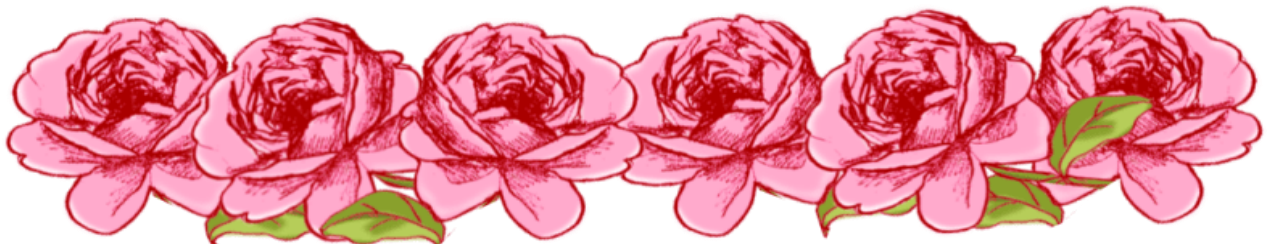
I look forward to having many of my fellow LWML SWD sisters and brothers sign up for a fun trip! Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Mission Statement is: "To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media." Questions? Just contact me.

Marilyn Belter - LWML SWD Mission Trip Coordinator
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ROSE PARADE 2026



Amazing Resources we have available with no fees:

Mission Moments <https://swd.lcms.org/mission/index.html>

Have you subscribed to the SWD LCMS **Mission Moments**? If not, please consider doing so! The Mission Moments come in your email (or you can find them on the swd.lcms.org website under Offices/Mission & Mercy) The Mission Moments comes out monthly and highlights all of the Mission Partners in South Wisconsin District including LWML SWD! You can keep up monthly with the LWML happenings and resource links, the church plants, and other district ministries. All of these ministries need your prayer support! Consider signing up and talking about this wonderful district resource at your group and church meetings!



Worship Anew <https://worshipanew.org/>

Worship Anew is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Their mission is to equip aging adults to go deeper with daily devotionals, Lutheran worship programs, daily devotions, and printed materials, geared for those unable to get out to weekly worship services. The resources are worthwhile for all believers. Consider finding out more about Worship Anew for yourself, a friend, or for use in your congregation by clicking the link above.

Grant #7 CTSFW Food Co-op \$15,000



The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, works to encourage and financially support students through its programs. The Food Co-op is open 50 weeks per year for weekly shopping by our LCMS pastoral and deaconess students. These students, driven by their faith and dedication, are preparing to serve their communities full-time. This grant would be used specifically for the purchase of perishable food items for the 2024-2026 biennium, ensuring these selfless individuals and their families are nourished as they prepare for their important roles in full-time church work.

Grant #8 Camp LuWiSoMo partial funding \$548.28



Camp LuWiSoMo, now over 60 years old, is an LCMS RSO located near Wild Rose, WI. They are "dedicated to providing faith-growing opportunities for people of all ages in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting and seeking to provide these opportunities to all, regardless of financial situation." Over the 2024-2026 biennium this grant money will make it possible to assist campers to receive partial assistance to attend camp.

Serve the LORD with gladness!

LWML 2025-2027 Biennium Mission Grants (\$2,622,270 Mission Grant Goal)

1. Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers, LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. \$81,500
2. Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons, Orphan Grain Train, Europe \$100,000
3. Portable Laundry Trailer, Forged by Fire Services, U.S. \$100,700
4. The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. \$100,000
5. Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers, U.S. \$100,000
6. Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients, Phil's Friends, U.S. \$100,000
7. Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers, A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin \$75,000
8. Building a Place of Care, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$60,000
9. Introducing Muslims to the Savior, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global \$100,000
10. Healing Your Heart — Faith-based Child Counseling, Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S. \$100,000
11. NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis, Lutheran Family Service, Iowa \$92,500
12. Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field, Lutheran Hour Ministries, U.S. \$100,000
13. Reaching God's Children in Haiti, Trinity HOPE, Haiti \$61,782
14. Reaching Jewish People with the Gospel in Israel, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Asia \$100,000
15. Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA, Concordia Publishing House — Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. \$125,000
16. The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa — Sierra Leone and Liberia, Project: Pastoral Education West Africa \$86,000
17. Mobilizing After School Care for Teens, Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska \$69,500
18. Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses — Tanzania, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Africa \$100,000
19. Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber, LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America \$10,000
20. Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry, LCMS Office of National Mission, U.S. \$84,500
21. Shining a Bright Gospel Light, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Mobile, Alabama \$78,675
22. Redeeming Life New Moms and Babies Transition Home, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Illinois \$100,000
23. Sharing Faith and Food with Single Mothers, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas \$38,800
24. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Arizona, U.S. \$100,000
25. Pastoral Wellness: Pastor Family Week, Camp Linn Haven, North Carolina \$15,000
26. Developing Capable Christian High School Leaders, Sioux Falls Lutheran School, South Dakota \$100,000
27. Teaching Christ to the Physically Handicapped, Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana \$12,000
28. Mission Opportunities for a New Generation, MOST Ministries, Global \$50,000
29. Sharing God's Love and Changing Lives of Families, Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan \$81,313
30. Increasing Access to Lutheran Counseling Services, Concordia Counseling: A Lutheran Outreach Ministry, Inc., Indiana \$100,000
31. Speaking Truth Around the Table, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, U.S. \$75,000
32. Proclaiming Christ in Honduras, Mision Evangelica Luterana Confesional en Honduras, Central America \$25,000
33. Reaching Out with God's Love in a Safe Place, Forward, a Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska \$100,000



SAVE THE DATES!

The 2026 LWML Wisconsin District Convention

June 19 - 20, 2026

Sheraton

Brookfield, WI

Theme – Radiating Christ’s Light

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

This will be our 80th Year Celebration

which will include a mission walk, exhibits, Gifts from the Heart, servant event opportunities, and convention speakers. Hope you will plan to attend!

Information for Convention T Shirt Order Forms & Gifts from the Heart can be found on the website now - lwml-swd.org/events - keep watching for more information!

General Registration will be available on March 1st.

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Bring a YWR to Convention

Do you know a young woman who is an LCMS member and has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ? Please consider bringing her with you to the 2026 SWD Convention this summer. We are planning a separate servant event just for the young women as well as a lunch on Saturday with the YWRs, first timers and the LWML representative. See the website for registration information:

www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention

Thank you,
Carmen Schallock
LWML SWD YWR Committee Chairman
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We LOVE Missions!

I hope you're all starting 2026 feeling grateful with our recent celebration of Jesus' birth. Our mites help reach those who don't yet know this joy that we have.

Each coin makes a difference as we get closer to meeting our mite goal. I pray each of you continue your generosity in putting coins in your mite boxes. Be sure to send them in regularly so we can pay the remaining grant recipients.

Living gratefully,

Ellen Peck
LWML SWD Mission Grants Committee Chair
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The Love of Christ Fund

Just a quick reminder! The scholarship application for financial assistance to attend the LWML SWD Convention in June 2026 is available on the website. Applications are due on May 1. The deaconess graduate application is also on the website with the same due date of May 1, 2026. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kristen Kolell
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LWML Gifts of Love Ministry

We live in an "I can do it myself" culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, "Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?" This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. To begin with, a good estate plan will include a good attorney, who can take your goals and put them down into carefully crafted, precise documents. Without an attorney, you risk allowing your will to be contested, or making mistakes that could leave something out you wished to do. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you in getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. Contact Carol von Soosten at Carol.vonSoosten@lfn.org.

Article written by Carol von Soosten
Submitted by
Pat Menden - Special Funds Coordinator

Partnering in Missions!

Sisters in Christ, we are well on our way to reaching our 2024-2026 biennial goal of \$220,000!

Even though there are only two months left to accomplish this task, we are up to the challenge! As of January 30, we are close to funding grant #6, the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church Milwaukee Restoration Grant, with approximately \$2,800 needed to deliver the \$25,000 check! Now that is progress! The final two grants are:

Grant #7: Financial Assistance to CTS, Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op, \$15,000.

Grant #8: Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships (partially funded), \$548.28.

Again, the deadline for this biennium's contributions is March 31. Let's make this happen! Please remind your local groups of our progress and monetary needs as we 'march' toward March 31!

Thank you for your support, as always!

Wendie Staus
LWML SWD Financial Secretary
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2024-2026 Mission Grants

These are the 2024-2026 Mission Grants:

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch | | |
| | Paid in FULL! | \$15,000 |
| 2. Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion - Mental Health Coverage | Paid in FULL! | \$25,000 |
| 3. SWD Church Worker Grants | | \$30,000 |
| | Paid in FULL! | |
| 4. LCC Comfort Dogs of WI | Paid in FULL! | \$21,000 |
| 5. Teaching God's Children with Special Needs - Journey School | Paid in FULL! | \$50,000 |
| 6. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church MKE - Restoration | | \$25,000 |
| 7. Financial Assistance for CTS, Fort Wayne Food & Clothing Co-op | | \$15,000 |
| 8. Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships | Partially funded | \$548.28 |

Total: \$181,548.28

The mission grant amount voted on at convention was \$220,000 with \$165,000 for SWD grants and \$55,000 for LWML grants. The excess from the 2022-2024 biennium of \$16,548.28 was added to the SWD amount per the majority vote of the delegates for a final total for SWD mission grants of \$181,548.28. After delegate voting, the first 7 grants above will be fully funded and the 8th one will be partially funded, as noted.

LWML SWD HELP WANTED

Looking for LWML sisters who might enjoy:

- * compiling lists of Mission Service Projects, or
- * encouraging groups, or
- * planning a retreat, or
- * working with Special Funds planning.

If you are interested, contact President Cinda at president@lwml-swd.org

Please see the website lwml-swd.org for Mission Grant information. Look under Resources then District Helps and each grant is listed. Posters and bulletin inserts with pictures and full project descriptions are available for you to use in your groups and congregations!





2026 Events to Remember

- Feb 7 9 - 4 EC mtg - Bethlehem LC - Sun Prairie
- Feb 7 BOD reports due to Corr Sec
- Feb 21 9 -3 BOD mtg - Peace LC - Beaver Dam
- Feb 28 Snow date - same info as above
- April 15 May *Mission Lamp* articles due
- April 30 Female Church Work Scholarship applications due to committee
- May 1 TLC Scholarship applications due for LWML SWD Convention
- June 19-20 LWML SWD 80th year Celebration Convention - Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel See more details on page 12 of this issue or the web site.



South Wisconsin
District

2024-2026 Theme, Goal, & Bible Verse

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

we are motivated to love, serve, gather,
and encourage

Bible Verse: *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).*

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