



Meet Me in Milwaukee

2023 LWML Convention Promotional Sketch



Cast: Three women: Lori, Winnie, and Linda
Props: Large letters L, W, L, M

Linda: Winnie, did you hear? The 2023 LWML Convention is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Winnie: Yes, Linda, I hear Marlene is going to have us act out a sketch about the convention for our local group meeting tomorrow. I wonder what's so interesting about Milwaukee.

Linda: I do know it can be cold there in the winter, so I'm really glad the convention is in June.

Lori: Milwaukee has so much going on in the summer. I'm so excited that one of the BIG events will be our LWML convention. In fact, we are planning to make the convention a family vacation and my daughter has already Googled ideas for fun things to do in and around Milwaukee.

Linda: The only thing I know about Milwaukee is that the TV shows "Happy Days" and "Laverne and Shirley" were set there.

Winnie: I LOVED "Laverne and Shirley." Remember how Laverne always had a big letter "L" on all of her shirts?

Lori: Hey, let's do that for the Milwaukee skit. Let's put our first initial on our shirt when we do the skit!

(Lori, Winnie, and Linda all pick up a paper with their first letters on it and place it on their shirt. They should be standing shoulder to shoulder with the W between the two L's)

Lori: We should wear these when we go on the Mission Walk. I hope it takes us down by the Milwaukee River so we can take a picture at the statue of Fonzie from "Happy Days"! *(Winnie and Linda do their best Fonzie impression – Eh!!)*

(All nod enthusiastically in agreement)

Winnie: I've heard Milwaukee is called the "City of Festivals." Throughout the year they celebrate with German Fest, Polish Fest, Irish Fest, Festa Italiana, Mexican Fiesta, Oktoberfest, and Summer Fest just to name a few.

Linda: Oh, I am getting excited! Maybe we'll have to start a "Lutheran Fest" and **Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.**

Winnie: Hey, that's the theme for the convention! It's based on Psalm 33:12–13, *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.*

Lori: Winnie, do you remember the procession of flags at the last convention? They represented the countries where the LWML has funded mission work. I got goosebumps! What a way to **Celebrate the Lord of the Nations** by rejoicing in all who have heard the Gospel.

Winnie: Linda, didn't you take a daytrip to the Ark Encounter before the Lexington convention?

Linda: Yes, it was wonderful, but what could we possibly do around Milwaukee?

Lori: My daughter has a list so long we will not be able to do everything. In and around Milwaukee there is the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Mitchell Park Domes filled with flowers. There are many museums to visit like the Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, and Discovery World. There's a Maritime Museum in Manitowoc where you can tour the USS Cobia, a real submarine, the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum is in Oshkosh and even the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay.

Linda: Oh, Milwaukee is that close to Green Bay? My husband will want to get to Lambeau Field to check on his favorite team — the Green Bay Packers! Maybe some of the players will be there training!

Winnie: That reminds me — we need to decide how to travel to Milwaukee? We could take the SS Badger Car Ferry across Lake Michigan! If we fly into General Mitchell International Airport, we'll have about a 15 minute drive to the convention center downtown. Did you know Amtrak stops right downtown and it is about a 6 minute walk from the station to the Wisconsin Center?

Lori: Wow! Planes, trains, automobiles, boats, and buses! There are so many ways we can meet in Milwaukee!

Linda: I guess there are a lot of things to do in Milwaukee, but what about during the convention? I love hearing the Mission Grant recipients sharing about their mission outreach or participating in the servant events that help the Milwaukee community. But I have to say my favorite is seeing which grants will be selected for the coming biennium.

Lori: I am looking forward to meeting up with the LWML sisters I've met at other conventions. And I LOVE the opening worship service!

Winnie: Hum ... It's going to be fun when Marlene gets us together to practice the sketch, but right now something seems to be missing. Oh, here it is ...

(Winnie and the L on her left pick up and hold a letter M between them spelling out LWML)

All: "Meet Me in Milwaukee" for the 2023 LWML Convention June 22-25.

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