



Cooler by the Lake!

Host
Committee
Newsletter

Host Districts: North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, South Wisconsin

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Preparation and Anticipation

We have just enjoyed the Advent and Christmas seasons. Days were filled with preparations and the anticipation of reunions, Christmas carols, worship, and celebrating with friends. I hope you have felt His peace and joy through it all.



Now, as we continue to prepare for the 2023 LWML Convention, I pray we will prepare with renewed energy in the anticipation of reunions, hymns, worship, and celebrating the Lord of the Nations in Milwaukee. All that we do in LWML, we do for the Lord – because Jesus did it all for us!

Everything that needed to be done for our salvation was accomplished almost 2,000 years ago by our Savior. So why do we continue to prepare? We have the privilege of obeying Jesus' command: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:18–20a). Through it all, He is always with us!

**Joyfully anticipating serving
with you in Milwaukee,
Debbie Larson, LWML President**

Host Committee Positions Available

The Host Committee still needs to fill a few positions to complete the leadership team for the 2023 Milwaukee Convention. Click here: <https://www.lwml-swd.org/upld/resource/759c829f-e3aa-420d-bab6-53b3128e9775.pdf> to access the current needs, along with a general description of each job. Who do you know (including yourself!) who could fill these positions?

A Few Short Months Yet!

It's hard to believe we are less than five months away from gathering in Milwaukee for the 2023 LWML Convention! The Host Committee has a meeting this month to begin finalizing plans and getting all our "ducks in a row."



Have you registered? Have you signed up to work at the convention? Going forward, you, as a person residing in one of our three host districts, will receive the discounted registration fee of \$80 if you volunteer eight hours at the convention. (You can certainly volunteer more than eight hours!)

Please remember to share this with all the people in your congregations. This is not only for LWML women. We need many volunteers, men as well as women, of all ages! If you haven't already registered, please do so and get your volunteer form in.

Our committee is so excited to welcome all to Milwaukee to "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!"

**Serving Him, Anne Hartman
2023 Milwaukee Convention
Host Committee Chairman**

Eight Hours of Work at Convention = SAVINGS!

Because you reside in one of our three host districts, you are invited to volunteer as a worker AT the convention for at least eight hours (two four-hour shifts). You'll then receive a special reduced Worker Registration Fee of only \$80, beginning February 1.

Specific worker assignments will be sent to you after you register and submit the Worker Form, found below.

<https://www.lwml-swd.org/upld/resource/d99fcbaa-e4cd-4412-9f3a-2ed6c558c4f8.pdf>

If you change your mind and decide not to work at the convention, you will receive an invoice for the balance of the registration fee.

Thank you!

“And So We Are”

Dear Sisters in Christ,

When asked if I'd write an article to encourage you, my thoughts jumped to the encouraging words of I John 3:1a: *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.* You are a child of God in all circumstances! “But what if my plans don't happen?” You are a child of God! “But what if I'm behind schedule on convention?” You are a child of God! “But what if I stumble and sin?” [If? When!] You are a child of God!

Why are we given such an encouraging title as “child of God?” John tells us. It's because of the kind of love the Father has given to us. He has given us grace in Jesus. Be encouraged in all circumstances! By baptism He calls you His child, and so we are!



In Christ,
Rev. Kris Whitby
2023 Host Committee
Pastoral Counselor

“Not to be served, but to serve...”

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the many opportunities You provide for us to serve You.



Thank You for giving us many workers to labor in Your harvest field. As Your Word tells us: “*even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*” (Matthew 20:28), may our hands and feet be ready to serve You and all those whom You bring into our path at our LWML Convention. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mary Scharenbrock,
HC Handouts Director

Thanks!



Thank you to all who made favors for our convention guests and delegates. The goal was reached in October!

Plan Ahead! Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for June 26-29, 2025, when our sisters and brothers in the LWML Nebraska North and Nebraska South Districts will be hosting the LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Special seating is being arranged for us as 2023 host districts!

WOW!



Last fall, the National Geographic released their list of what they consider to be the 25 best places to visit in the world during 2023. Milwaukee is one of those places! We are so blessed to be going there in June!

“Whenever you work at a convention, you always receive more than you give.”

Kathy, LWML Michigan District

Encourage All to Participate!

As a resident of one of our three host districts, it's important to share the joys of attending convention with those in your local area. Reach out to your congregation; share your convention enthusiasm and the registration information. Ask individuals, or small "friend" groups, to attend. Help them set up roommates and carpools. Supply them with a copy of the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* or send an email with the link to the convention insert which contains all the information:

https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/384625/2023_Convention_Insert-FINAL.pdf.

Participation Highlights from Convention Committees to Share with Your Friends

Calling all Blood Donors!

Every two seconds someone in the USA needs blood. LWML makes it easy to donate at the convention in Milwaukee on Thursday, June 22, at the Wisconsin Center. Sign up on the registration form, as walk-in appointments will not be available. See the link in the Winter *Quarterly* (above).

Servant Activities

Each of our three host districts has the opportunity to donate one-third of the materials needed for the Servant Events. You may purchase items and bring them to convention by noon on Wednesday, June 21, OR ... this year it is possible to order the items directly from Amazon, through their "Wish List" links. You choose the items and Amazon will deliver them before convention directly to the Servant Event people. Click here for details: <https://www.lwml-swd.org/upld/resource/2651aea7-98d3-450d-9231-377a222f347b.pdf>. You will find email addresses, as well as phone numbers, for questions and more information.

Tee Up 4 Mites!

Invite your golfing friends to participate in the "Tee Up 4 Mites" Charity Golf Scramble to be held on Wednesday, June 21, at the Western Lakes Golf Club in nearby Pewaukee. All proceeds are donated to LWML mites. The link to sign up is here: <https://www.lwml-swd.org/upld/resource/1177730d-8f6e-42ba-a874-6c1efee8c4a4.pdf>. Deadline for registering and sponsorships is June 10.

2023 LWML Milwaukee Convention

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.

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

Goal Statement: As His children, we 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).

Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for links to access Host Committee and Worker forms (fill-in forms and downloadable versions to print), HC guidelines, the shirt order form, convention flyer, promotional sketch, convention invitation, and other documents as they are made available.



Service Opportunities for All!

If you're on the Host Committee or have signed up (or will sign up!) to be a "worker" at the convention, have you thought, "I'm looking forward to serving, but I'm sad to miss out on some of the activities that are available to our guests ... because I'll be working!" Well, lament no more! Here is a partial list of what you can do before, during, and after convention in the hours that you are not working!

To do NOW, before convention:	To do AT convention:	To do AFTER convention:
<p>Pray for the convention and all who will attend. Collect your Gifts from the Heart. Purchase a convention shirt (see page 6). Book a post-convention tour of the Milwaukee area. Encourage friends to support Tee Up 4 Mites and the blood drive. Order Servant Event items from Amazon (see previous page). Encourage friends to sign up to serve as a worker and/or to attend convention. Tell those who can't attend in person that most of the convention sessions will be live-streamed; help them set up a watch party! Organize a mission walk in your area and bring the donations to convention. Take photos to share! Donate blood in your hometown. See the <i>Quarterly</i> insert for more info: https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/384625/2023_Convention_Insert-FINAL.pdf</p>	<p>Pray for all who attend and all who work at the convention. Events you may attend with no advance signup include the opening worship service (with communion) on Thursday evening and the closing worship service on Sunday morning. You may also shop in the LWML Store; visit the exhibits of LWML committees and related entities; attend the fun "Friday Fest" event on Friday evening and the entertainment on Saturday evening; and attend all the business sessions you can when you're not working. When you get your worker schedule, look at the hours you're assigned to serve, and then choose the events you can attend in your "off" hours!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thoughts on working at convention: "It was an amazing experience that I will never forget." Stephanie, LWML Ohio District</p>	<p>Say a praise prayer to the Lord for His presence at the convention. Take the tour for which you signed up, or explore on your own. Download these apps to your phone for easy access to Milwaukee amenities: a Milwaukee "Cheese Curd Pass:" https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/cheesepass; a City Beer Pass: https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/beerpass/; and a "Milwaukee Deals' Pass; https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/milwaukee-deals/. Eat a relaxing meal in one of Milwaukee's fine restaurants; see the list of recommendations available in your hotel. Watch the videos of the convention and the video of the grants chosen for funding in the 2023-2025 biennium, through links on the website; set up a watch party. Give blood in your hometown. Organize and assemble your notes, records, and timeline of the tasks you did for the convention to pass along to your successor.</p>

News Flash Snippets

These monthly “2023 News Flash” snippets (formerly called “Bulletin Bits”) can be used in church bulletins and newsletters, on electronic screens in our congregations, and on district Facebook pages and websites. They can also be included in our host districts’ convention materials, zone rally programs, and in local LWML group materials.

March 2023

Do you enjoy being a behind-the-scenes person? Your help is needed in the Properties or Workers’ Rooms at convention as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!” Go to <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.

April 2023

Are you a frequent traveler or brochure reader? Working at the Information Kiosk would be an ideal way to help our attendees with the many tours available before and after the convention! For more information, contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com or go to <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other>.

May 2023

Do you enjoy tying fleece blankets, creating MOST Ministries bracelets/puppets, or coloring greeting cards or bookmarks? Bring your crafting skills to convention and assist with Servant Activities as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!” Sign up at <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.

June 2023

It will be fun to meet people from all around the globe when you sign up to work at the convention choir or Mission Pledge Walk registration areas! What better way to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!” To sign up, go to <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.



Northern Illinois leaders modeling their convention polo shirts

Convention Polo Shirts Still Available!

There is still time to order your beautiful blue convention logo polo shirt! It’s really easy to either send a check with the printed order form or use “Square” to order and pay electronically (see the next page for all the info). Please read all the ordering information carefully, so that you order the size you need. Remember that **the women’s shirts run a size small**, so order the next size up!

Diane Simon, 2023 Milwaukee Convention Logo Polo Shirt Sales Chairman

“I have attended conventions, but I was astounded at the difference when I served as a worker. I felt joy at previous conventions, but never like the joy I felt because I helped.”

Vona, LWML Ohio District



LCMS President Harrison and LWML 2023 Milwaukee Convention Host Committee Chairman, Anne Hartman, at the North Wisconsin LCMS Convention



2023 LWML Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin Shirt Order Form

You have 2 options for ordering:

1. Order and pay online using the Square link included in the Payment Information box.
2. Print this form and mail with your check to the address in the Payment Information box. Please print clearly.

One shirt per order form please. Reproduce order form as needed.
(This shirt logo cannot be reproduced.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Women's Sizes (Please circle one size on chart below.
(Women's shirts are 4 button and run smaller than average size.)

S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL
0/2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22

Unisex (Men's) sizes (Please circle one size on chart below.)
(Men's shirts are 3 button and are true to size.)

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
men	34/36	38/40	42/44	46/48	50/52	54/56
women	6/8	10/12	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NOTE: If you wish to have several shirts mailed to one address, include all orders and checks in one envelope. Bulk mailings are encouraged.

Mail order (postmarked) deadline date: **March 1, 2023**

Pick up at 2023 LWML Convention (postmarked) deadline date: **May 15, 2023**

**No shirts will be sold at the 2023 LWML Convention.
No exchanges or refunds.**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Shirts are royal blue, short-sleeved, embroidered, 4.4 oz., 60/40 cotton/polyester pique.

PRICES (postage included): \$28/shirt

Pay online at with the Square link:
<https://square.link/u/Sxr9cOhW>

Make checks payable to:
LWML North Wisconsin District Host Committee

Send printed order form and payment to:

Diane Simon
532 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Questions?
Email: Diane – disimon33@yahoo.com

Thank you for your convention shirt order!

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