



Cooler by the Lake!

Host
Committee
Newsletter

Host Districts: North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, South Wisconsin



From Our LWML President: “For the Lord of the Nations!”

Blessed are you, the women and men of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin districts — because God is your Lord! You are the people He has chosen, and you have begun a journey of service as you host the 40th LWML Biennial Convention in Milwaukee. You have the honor of being His hands and feet. *Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it* (1 Corinthians 12:27).

As LWML President, I direct and oversee the planning of the convention and am responsible for the agenda and business proceedings.

You, as hosting districts, have the responsibility of taking care of the needs of those attending. We’ve all hosted parties, and this convention is a celebration — a much larger party with a much greater purpose: to celebrate our Lord, honor Him in service, and proclaim His message. I thank God for your willingness as we work together. We do not do this alone!

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The Lord looks down from heaven. May He find us always looking to Him as we prepare for this exciting event!

**Serving beside you,
LWML President Debbie Larson**



The 2023 LWML Convention logo features a wooden cross, reminding us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. Wrapped around and draped over the cross is a long banner with the flags of many countries. The cross supports the banner as Christ delivers life and salvation to all the children of man. The banner waves symbolizing our life by the Holy Spirit and the movement and proclamation of the Word of God into all nations.

Many Parts, Yet One Body

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For the body does not consist of one member but of many (1 Corinthians 12:12, 14).

Have you ever hosted a big party? Planning and hosting an event can be overwhelming for a person to do alone! It takes a team.

The 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee will be an event with a team of hundreds. The Convention Host Committee, chaired by Anne Hartman, is the hands and feet of the team, focusing on details to provide a safe and enjoyable setting for convention participants. The Convention Programming Committee, a sub-committee of the LWML Board of Directors, coordinates programming elements such as inviting speakers, engaging entertainment, selecting recipients for the Gifts from the Heart collection, and handling details of the convention program. The Convention Management Team provides coordination between the LWML and the convention venue.

You can be a part of this exciting celebration by volunteering to serve on the Convention Host Committee! There are open positions which need to be filled — one of which may be just right for you!

The coordinated efforts of all convention team members will, by the grace of God, allow thousands of sisters (and brothers) in Christ to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” when we gather June 22–25, 2023, in Milwaukee.

**Deaconess Betty Knapp
Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
Convention Programming Committee Chairman**



From Our Convention Host Committee Chairman

It is an exciting time for the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin LWML districts! About two years ago, I was asked to serve as Host Committee Chairman for the Milwaukee Convention in 2023. It's been quite the journey! During that time, I have been recruiting members from the three host districts to fill roles on the Host Committee. "Thank you" to those who have accepted these positions.

We still have a few positions to fill, so please see the list on page four and prayerfully consider where you (or a friend) could serve. We all work together; you will not be alone!

Also, check out the convention polo! This is our Host Committee fundraiser so be sure to order your polo shirt now and wear it to your local group, zone, and district events. It will be a great conversation starter and a way to advertise the convention. Read the information in this newsletter about signing up to work at the convention.

Many hands make the work light!

Serving Him, Anne Hartman 2023 Milwaukee Convention Host Committee Chairman



Pastor's Reflections

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10b).

They were professional fishermen. They knew how to fish! Yet, having done so all night, Peter and his companions had caught nothing! Now at the Word of Jesus, they let down the nets again and caught so many fish that the nets were breaking, and their boats began to sink! Peter heard that now he'll be catching people for life by the Gospel.

Those fish pointed to how our Lord would draw people from every walk of life into life eternal through the proclamation of the Gospel from generation to generation. What a joy to know that we're a part of that miraculous catch by the work of our Savior! What a joy it will be to gather in Milwaukee next summer to celebrate our Lord and His love for all the nations!



Rev. Kris Whitby 2023 Host Committee Pastoral Counselor

From Our Prayer Committee Chairman

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

It's easy to become anxious as we read through the "Host Committee Job Responsibilities" document! When thinking about the tasks before us, our anxiety level is raised even more. The Apostle Paul, in the verse above, encourages us to pray.

A dear friend offered her opinion: "I find that you can either worry or pray, but you cannot do both at the same time. I choose to pray, and it has made all the difference."

We offer prayers of thanksgiving that God has moved women in our three districts to be part of our Host Committee. We are becoming a support team for each other. What a cloud of witnesses!

As we work together to share God's message of salvation and to "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" at our Milwaukee convention, let us remember to find His peace as we pray and give Him our praise.

Sue Neider 2023 Prayer Committee Chairman



"I found it very rewarding to work at the Lexington convention! Working at registration is a great way to meet people from all across our country." Kathy, LWML Michigan District



One Big, Beautiful Harvest Field!

Mary Harrington

**2023 Milwaukee Convention
Communications Coordinator**

"In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields ..." (LWML Pledge).

If you're like me, you've recited the words of our League Pledge so many times at meetings, rallies, and conventions, that it's almost an automatic recitation, without conscious thought of the meaning. Besides, this call for workers at the LWML 2023 Convention isn't exactly in a harvest field! We're talking urban Milwaukee, in the Wisconsin Center by the shore of Lake Michigan; there's not a field insight.

However, this urban setting is going to be one big, beautiful harvest field in June 2023! I encourage you to become part of the team. We're going to welcome thousands of LWML women, men, pastors, missionaries, and friends from throughout the world, and we want **you** to pledge, along with us — "our hands to work for Him and our feet to go on His errands."

See you in Milwaukee as we "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!"

Our Feet to Go on His Errands

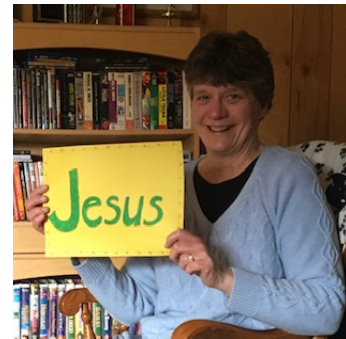
It may be "Cooler by the Lake," but the 2023 LWML convention center will be warm with Jesus' love!

Those who serve as workers at the Milwaukee convention will have the privilege of interacting with attendees and sharing Jesus' love with each of them. In addition, we will form bonds with the people in our districts as we work together. Please encourage women (and men!) to sign up to be a worker. There are myriad jobs available, and at least one will allow you to use your gifts and talents in His service in Milwaukee. Indicate your willingness to serve as a worker at the Milwaukee 2023 convention by filling out and submitting the forms found at <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> or on the back pages of this newsletter.

There is no greater joy than serving the Lord of the nations with our brothers and sisters in Christ! If you would like more information, contact Sherrie at sherrie.lwmlconvention@gmail.com.

**Sherrie Smith,
Coordinator**

**2023 Milwaukee
Convention Personnel
Resources Department**



"I thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at the LWML convention in Lexington. The opportunity to serve people while serving the Lord was good for my soul." Crystal, LWML Michigan District

2023 LWML Milwaukee 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.

2023 Milwaukee LWML Convention Host Committee Jobs

Creative Enhancements Coordinator: Joan Anderson

Activities Committee Chairman: OPEN

Golf Outing: OPEN

Servant Activities: OPEN

Guest Services Coordinator: Jennifer Olen

Child Care/Youth Committee Chairman: Angie Deen

Nursery: OPEN

Primary: OPEN

Intermediate: OPEN

Food Services Committee Chairman: OPEN

Hostess Scheduling: OPEN

Server Liaison & Special Meals: OPEN

Traffic Supervisor: OPEN

Transportation Committee Chairman: OPEN

Airport Greeters/Luggage Room: OPEN

District Motorcoaches Hostess: OPEN

Hotel Greeters: OPEN

Hotel Shuttle Buses: OPEN

VIP Drivers: OPEN

Personnel Resources Coordinator: Sherrie Smith

Hospitality Committee Chairman: Carol Smith

Information Kiosk: OPEN

On-Site Hostesses: OPEN

Personnel Data Management Committee Chairman: Allison Hein

Worker Scheduling: OPEN

Special Dress Committee Chairman: OPEN

LWML Store Hostesses: OPEN

Special Dress & Distribution: OPEN

Properties and Worship Support: Barb Kaun

Properties Chairman: OPEN

Inventory and Acquisitions Control: OPEN

Signage Support: OPEN

Properties Room: OPEN

Ushers Chairman: Donna Gutzler

Pages: OPEN

"It was impressive to see order and hard work all come together in Lexington through the efforts of a dedicated team of workers from our districts!" Jessica, LWML Ohio District

2023 LWML Convention Resources

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.

Stylish, Comfortable Convention Logo Polo Shirts!

Official 2023 Milwaukee convention logo shirts are now available! The Milwaukee convention shirt is a beautiful royal blue color, a cotton blend polo embroidered with the convention's logo, "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." These comfortable shirts can serve as convention conversation starters while you play golf, take a walk, or attend a game. Order forms are available here: <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other>. Scroll down to find the order form



for more details on sizes and deadlines. The form is also on the next page of this newsletter. You have two choices for payment: use the Square link to order online with a credit card, or print the form and send a check by mail. Note the two shirt styles: women's sizes with four buttons and unisex/men's sizes with three buttons. Women's shirts run about one size smaller than usual. Unisex/men's shirts run true to size. Shirt sale proceeds are our Host Committee's main fundraiser, so order shirts for friends, pastors, husbands, brothers, and sisters!



Questions? Send an email to disimon33@yahoo.com. I'll be happy to help.

Diane Simon

Director of Convention Logo Polo Shirt Sales

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.

June 2022

LWML will celebrate 80 years of mission support at its 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee in June 2023. Share the joy by attending and/or signing up to help with this special event in our "Cooler by the Lake" LWML districts! It'll be fun! Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.

July 2022

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12a). This is part of the Scripture verse for the LWML convention to be held in Milwaukee in June 2023. Order the convention logo polo shirt and sign up to experience the joy of serving as a convention worker! Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.

August 2022

Have you supported LWML mission grants by filling your Mite Box? Come to the Milwaukee LWML convention in June 2023 to meet people who have benefitted from those mites. Sign up to work at the convention and get a registration discount! Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.

September 2022

Do you enjoy serving as a hostess and meeting new people from around the country and around the world? Sign up to help with the LWML convention being held in Milwaukee in June 2023 and enjoy the fellowship! Go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com.



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!

The 2023 Host Committee
LWML North Wisconsin District
LWML Northern Illinois District
LWML South Wisconsin District



CALL FOR WORKERS! - Volunteer Application

2023 LWML Convention

June 22-25, 2023

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

JOBS AT CONVENTION

The assistance of hundreds of willing workers (including men!) is needed.

- **Duplicate this form and share it with other members of your congregation.**
- Indicate all the areas in which you would be willing to serve.
- Type or print clearly in dark ink.
- Some of the positions require being at the convention before it actually starts. If you are taking a district charter motorcoach to convention, please do not volunteer in these areas.
- Return completed form by February 1, 2023 (or sooner), to the address on page 2.

Thank you! *Hosted by North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, South Wisconsin*

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ LWML District: _____

LWML Zone: _____ Host Committee Position: _____

My abilities:

___ I am able to do a lot of walking.

___ I am able to stand for up to 4 hours.

___ I am able to handle heavy physical work (lifting, moving, securing props, etc.)

___ I am a delegate and will help when the convention is not in session. (Delegates do not receive the worker discount coupon as they are funded by their district or zone.)

JOBS AT CONVENTION

Please check all areas where you would be willing to serve.

If desired, number your areas in order of preference. We will try to accommodate your choices.

___ **I will pray for the convention, the speakers, and those serving on the Host Committee.**

At home before the convention (does not qualify for hours toward discount registration coupon):

___ Centerpieces _____ Golf Outing (getting sponsors, donations)

___ Sewing (for special dress attire)

Note: Those who volunteer to work eight hours (two 4-hour shifts) or more in Milwaukee are eligible for a reduced registration fee. **DO NOT REGISTER for the convention before you receive your worker discount.** . The deadline for the March early registration does **NOT** affect the worker discount registration. You will be contacted by April 15, 2023, with further details.

Wednesday morning, June 21, prior to the beginning of convention

___ Golf Outing

___ Packets assembly

Wednesday afternoon, June 21, through Thursday, June 22, noon

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport/Train Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Exhibitors | <input type="checkbox"/> Properties Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Servant Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Kiosk in Convention Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> LWML Store, set-up | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Driver (requires car) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion/Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Motorcoach/Shuttle Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Reporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Rental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations, put up | | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Room |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> as needed |

Thursday, June 22, afternoon through Sunday, June 25, afternoon

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport/Train Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — On-Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Communion Ware |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Photo Op | <input type="checkbox"/> Properties Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convention registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Prayer Chapel | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher — Floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Kiosk | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Driver (requires car) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost and Found | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Exhibitors | <input type="checkbox"/> LWML Store, take down | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Rental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — Food Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper reporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess — LWML Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Motorcoach/Shuttle Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> as needed |

Friday and Saturday

Child/Youth Care (assist with program, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., preferably for two days). Check preferred age:

- 6 months-4 years 5-8 years 9-12 years 13-17 years

For Teens

- Page (must be 14-17 years old)

For Clergy

- Prayer Chapel, spiritual counsel, or prayer.
- Assist with communion at the Thursday evening worship service (does not qualify for hours toward worker discount).
- Other areas where needed — **PLEASE CHECK AREAS ABOVE**

Please return completed form as soon as possible to Allison Hein, Personnel Data Management Chairman by email: allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com **or** USPS: 207 Amygdaloid, Laurium, MI 49913 **or** by phone/text: 906-281-5257

Or complete the form online at: <https://lwml-swd.org/events/other>

Questions? Call Anne Hartman, Host Committee Chairman at 715-450-0681 **or** send email to annelwml@gmail.com.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations."