

THE DIAMOND TIMES

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WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE!

Welcome to Albuquerque — the Ballooning Capital of the World! Here you'll discover the Southwest's rich culture and heritage, rooted in centuries of history. The members of the 2017 LWML hosting districts — Montana, Rocky Mountain, Utah-Idaho, and Wyoming — are excited you have chosen to join us to declare "Jesus Christ Above All."

While today's Albuquerque population is approximately 840,000 and thriving with high-tech industry and research, the city retains a rich history. Its unique landscape and 310 days of sunshine a year give visitors the ideal opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors.

However incredible these adventures may be, they will not compare to the convention activities ahead. From the opening Communion Service to the closing Sending Service, you will be **encouraged** by the messages proclaimed from the Word of God.

Gifts from the Heart, Servant Connections, and the Mission in Motion Pledge Walk will **engage** you in celebrating God's faithfulness through your service. Then let's all **rejoice** during the Diamond Dazzle celebration — recalling God's blessings during the past 75 years.

The 2017 Convention Host Committee members sincerely welcome you, especially the "first-timers," the Young Woman Representatives, the Heart to Heart Sisters, and delegates. We are here to serve you. If you have any questions, please find the hosts identified by their special attire. Our prayer is that you will build memories and be **equipped** to declare Jesus' name above all names with boldness and confidence.

Lois Anderson, Chairman,
2017 Host Committee

THEN AND NOW — MANY CHANGES BUT OUR MISSION REMAINS THE SAME!

Three hundred people attended the First Biennial Convention in Fort Wayne in the summer of 1943, including 77 delegates from 19 districts. Delegates were housed in the Seminary dorms, the first time women had ever occupied those rooms. Their room rate was 75 cents per night. Flash forward to 2017. For 75 cents, you can buy two packets of Mustard Seed Devotions from the LWML Store. Three thousand four hundred people are registered for this convention, including almost 500 delegates from 40 districts. Attendees are housed in various hotels all over the city of Albuquerque with room rates around \$130/night.



Watch the 2017 LWML Convention via Livestream!
Scan this QR code for live video streaming during convention.
Share with your friends who can't be here in Albuquerque! More
online coverage throughout the convention at www.lwml.org.



WELCOME TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION!



Welcome to convention!

And welcome to Albuquerque! I am so happy that you are here to enjoy all the aspects of the convention experience — worship, Bible study, service,

mission speakers, exhibits, convention business, food, music, and the friendship of all your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our goal for the convention is that you will be empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, to proclaim Jesus Christ above all. I know most of you do that already, but we pray you will be affirmed in your work and return home with renewed enthusiasm to tell the world about Jesus Christ and what He has done for us!

God bless all of you as we are together here in Albuquerque for this 75th Anniversary Convention.

Serving with gladness,
President Patti

FRIDAY NOON INFO GATHERINGS

NOON—1:30 P.M.

You are invited to bring your pre-ordered box lunch or concession food to one of the sessions. Most have pre-registered, but there may be additional space. Once the room has filled, the session will be closed. Please note that some are for specific groups and others are open to all.

First-Timers with President Patti Ross
Germany Lutherland with Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner
Gifts of Love Ministry
Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion
Lunch with My Friends
Lunch with the <i>Lutheran Woman's Quarterly</i> Staff
Lutheran Church Extension Fund
Partners in Mission: The LWML and Church Workers
Thrivent Financial. "Retire Wisely"
YWRs, YWR Alumni, and Young Women

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

WHERE DO WE DINE?

REMEMBER: You must have your convention badge to receive meals at any location.

PRE-REGISTERED MEALS

THURSDAY BOX SUPPER will be available for pick up at 4:10 p.m. in the Foyer between Halls 3 and 4, West Building, Main Level.

FRIDAY BOX LUNCH will be available for pick up at 11:30 a.m. in the Foyer between Halls 3 and 4, West Building, Main Level.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DINNERS will be plated meals in Halls 3 and 4, Main Level, West Building. Seats cannot be saved. Please enter with your entire group, or allow our hostesses to place you into groups of 10, and enjoy this opportunity to meet new friends. All dietary-restriction meals are to be served in Hall 3.

FRIDAY INVITATION-ONLY DINNERS: See the Locator.

SATURDAY SPECIAL INTEREST LUNCHEONS: See the Locator.

SUNDAY BOX LUNCH will be available for pick up beginning at 11 a.m. in the Corridor near Exhibit Hall 2, East Building, Main Level.

OPTIONS FOR THOSE NOT PRE-REGISTERED FOR MEALS

Concessions are located throughout the Convention Center during convention. Exhibit Hall Concessions are available during Exhibit Hours only. A list of area restaurants is available at the LWML Information Desk.

Stay Hydrated! With Albuquerque's high altitude and dry climate, you may need to drink more than you normally do. Drink plenty of fluids, and don't wait until you are thirsty! (Pay attention to how often you need to use the restroom.) Hydration stations are located throughout the convention center for refilling water bottles.

THE ABOVE ALL EXHIBIT HALL

MISSION SERVANTS: Do you ever see a homeless person by the side of the road and wish you knew what to do? Stop by the Mission Servants Committee booth and put together a "Blessing Bag." Keep it in your car to distribute. Be ready to share God's grace with those in need. Serve the Lord with gladness!

FIDGET QUILTS: Do you like to collect autographs? Are you a selfie lover? Come to the Gospel Outreach booth and see how collecting selfies or autographs can give you a chance at great prizes. Have you ever heard of a fidget quilt for those with dementia? Come see samples and hang out with the GO ladies in the exhibit hall!

MISSION GRANTS: Where in the world has all our mission grant funding gone over the last 75 years? Visit and learn! You may have the opportunity to talk with one of our mission speakers or grant recipients. Play LWML trivia and receive a newly designed Mite Box. Register in a drawing for a beautiful LWML throw.

CHURCH WORKERS IN MISSION TASK FORCE: A kaleidoscope of professional

church workers — pastors, deaconesses, teachers, DPMs, DCOs, DCEs, and more — serve within the LCMS! The LWML celebrates these sometimes-unsung servants of the Church and desires to collaborate with them. If you are a professional church worker, we'd love to chat and share the ministry resources the LWML offers. If not, you'll still have an opportunity to sign handmade "Thank You" cards for church workers. Everyone may enter a drawing for Donna Pyle's *Your Strong Suit* DVD Bible study plus 10 workbooks.

CONNECT WITH YWRs: Visit us today to get your picture taken with Past LWML Presidents and fun vintage props! YWRs will be at the booth sharing pictures of those who influenced their faith walk. Come find resources to help you connect with young women in your life.

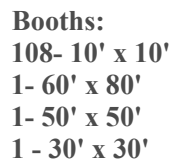
HEART TO HEART SISTERS: Join the Heart to Heart Sisters to assemble flowers for a photo backdrop and celebrate the beautiful diversity God has brought our church and the LWML. Learn more about the Heart to Heart Sisters program and meet some of the Heart to Heart Sisters.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY:

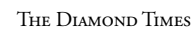
Exciting things are taking place at the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* booth! Visit us to see how the *Quarterly* has changed throughout the decades, from 1943 until now! Enter to win one of two totes filled with exciting goodies: the Writer's Bounty Bag and a Food for Thought Sampler. Take home a commemorative bookmark celebrating the journey of the *Quarterly* for 75 years. Most important, we want to meet YOU! You are the heart of LWML and we would love to hear your ideas for stories, Bible studies, and devotions. Tell us how the women in your church are showing you are Lutheran Women in Action!

MARTIN LUTHER PHOTO OP!

Visit the Gifts of Love booth and get your picture taken with Martin Luther as you "Nail Your Legacy" to the castle wall! You can pick up a sample Christian Preamble and other resources. Enter to win a handmade quilt or a Vera Bradley bag.



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DISTRICT CAUCUSES

THURSDAY BOX SUPPER: Those who have pre-registered for meals may pick up the Thursday Box Supper at the time of their caucus in the Foyer between Halls 3 and 4 in the West Building, Main Level. For those districts that have their caucus from the 4:10 p.m.–5 p.m. time frame, please pick up your box supper and proceed to your caucus room. For those districts that have district photos first, please wait until your caucus begins between 5:10 p.m.–6:10 p.m. to pick up your box supper. You must be wearing your name badge to receive your box supper.

Bldg./Levels — [Main Level in regular print]
(Upper Level in Bold)

District Room Number **4:10 p.m.–5 p.m.**

Louisiana-Mississippi W. Bldg., Hall 3, Center
 Mid-South W. Bldg., Hall 3, SE Corner
 Minnesota North W. Bldg., Hall 3, S. Wall Center
Minnesota South E. Bldg., 215 San Miguel, NE
Montana E. Bldg., 215 San Miguel, SW
Nebraska North ... E. Bldg., 235 Mesilla, SW Corner
 Nebraska South E. Bldg., 115 Brazos, W
New England E. Bldg., Suite E/F
 New Jersey W. Bldg., Hall 3, N. Wall Center
 North Dakota W. Bldg., Hall 3, SW Corner
 North Wisconsin E. Bldg., 115 Brazos, E
Northern Illinois ... E. Bldg., 235 Mesilla, NE Corner
 Ohio W. Bldg., Hall 3, NW Corner
 Oregon W. Bldg., Hall 3, W. Wall Center
 Pacific Southwest E. Bldg., 120 Doña Ana
 Rocky Mountain E. Bldg., 140 Aztec
 SELC W. Bldg., Hall 3, E. Wall Center
 South Dakota E. Bldg., 110 Galisteo, E
 South Wisconsin E. Bldg., 115 Brazos, Center
 Southern Illinois W. Bldg., Hall 3, NE Corner
 Texas E. Bldg., 130 Cimarron
 Washington-Alaska E. Bldg., 110 Galisteo, W

5:10 p.m.–6:10 p.m.

Atlantic W. Bldg., Hall 3, S. Wall Center
 California-Nevada-Hawaii W. Bldg., Hall 3, SW Corner
Carolinas / Chesapeake E. Bldg., 215 San Miguel
 Central Illinois E. Bldg., 120 Doña Ana
Eastern E. Bldg., Suite E/F
 English W. Bldg., Hall 3, E. Wall Center
 Florida-Georgia W. Bldg., Hall 3, NW Corner
 Gulf States W. Bldg., Hall 3, N. Wall Center
 Indiana E. Bldg., 115 Brazos, W
Iowa East E. Bldg., 235 Mesilla, SW Corner
Iowa West E. Bldg., 235 Mesilla, NE Corner
 Kansas E. Bldg., 130 Cimarron
 Michigan E. Bldg., 110 Galisteo
 Missouri E. Bldg., 115 Brazos, E
 Oklahoma E. Bldg., 140 Aztec
 Utah-Idaho W. Bldg., Hall 3, NE Corner
 Wyoming W. Bldg., Hall 3, SE Corner

DISTRICT PHOTOS:

District Photos will be taken in groups on Thursday, June 22, in three locations: one (chairs), two (steps), and three (LaSala Lobby), Lower Level, West Building. **DIRECTIONS:** Note the locations for your district and the map in your convention packets for easy-to-follow directions. Please arrive 10 minutes before your district photo is scheduled—then smile, showing the joy of the Lord! **Group 1, proceed along south side (near Hall 3), go north to photo staging “A” area near Hall 4 west door; Group 2, staging area “B” is inside Hall 4 (east doors); Group 3, proceed along south side (near Hall 3), go north and then down the escalator to the photo staging area “C” at the base of the escalator. Host volunteers will be available to assist you.**

Group 1: La Sala area, Main Lvl, Chairs

4:10 p.m. Wyoming
 4:20 p.m. Atlantic
 4:30 p.m. California-Nevada-Hawaii
 4:40 p.m. Carolinas
 4:50 p.m. Eastern
 5:00 p.m. English
 5:10 p.m. Louisiana-Mississippi
 5:20 p.m. Mid-South Minnesota
 5:30 p.m. North
 5:40 p.m. New England
 5:50 p.m. New Jersey
 6:00 p.m. North Dakota
 6:10 p.m. SELC
 6:20 p.m. Southern Illinois

Group 2: La Sala, Steps

4:10 p.m. Utah-Idaho
 4:20 p.m. Chesapeake
 4:30 p.m. Florida-Georgia
 4:40 p.m. Gulf States
 4:50 p.m. Iowa East
 5:00 p.m. Iowa West
 5:10 p.m. Montana
 5:20 p.m. Minnesota South
 5:30 p.m. Nebraska North
 5:40 p.m. Northern Illinois
 5:50 p.m. Ohio
 6:00 p.m. Oregon
 6:10 p.m. Washington-Alaska
 6:20 p.m. Heart to Heart Sisters

Group 3: La Sala, Lobby

4:10 p.m. Oklahoma
 4:20 p.m. Central Illinois
 4:30 p.m. Indiana
 4:40 p.m. Kansas
 4:50 p.m. Michigan
 5:00 p.m. Missouri
 5:10 p.m. Rocky Mountain
 5:20 p.m. Nebraska South
 5:30 p.m. North Wisconsin
 5:40 p.m. Pacific Southwest
 5:50 p.m. South Dakota
 6:00 p.m. South Wisconsin
 6:10 p.m. Texas
 6:20 p.m. YWRs

Sunday June 25 – La Sala Lobby, Lower Level, West Bldg.

8:15 a.m. 2017 Hosting Districts – Montana, Rocky Mountain, Utah-Idaho, Wyoming

EMERGENCY PHONE # 505-203-4904

In addition to your hotel phone number, please share this number with family and friends at home so they may reach you in the event of an emergency.

CONVENTION COURTESY RULES

It is requested that no photos be taken during worship services and other devotional periods. Please turn your cellphones off or set them on vibrate. The LWML will be taking photos and videos throughout convention. Your registration gives the LWML permission to use your image and comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including webcast and other electronic media.

SEATING

Seating at tables on the floor near the stage is reserved for delegates, LWML committees, program participants, and invited guests. Designations will be made for those permitted to be seated at the

tables. Special seating will be provided for those who are physically- or hearing-challenged. Please follow the ushers' instructions. For general seating, please move to the center of the rows and fill in every seat so we can accommodate the large numbers. Thursday night worship, as well as Friday and Saturday night entertainment, will be open seating with limited reserved seating.

CONVENTION MUSIC

Choir rehearsal is Thursday, June 22, 12:30–2:30 p.m. in Assembly Hall 1, East Building, Main Level.

RECORDINGS OF PRESENTATIONS

Representatives of Manna Recording & Duplication, Inc. will again record and produce CDs of major presenters. Look for their booth in the East Lobby Pre-Function Corridor area to order and take home your favorite speakers on CD. This is a great way to share the Albuquerque Convention experience.

ACTIVITY LOCATOR

ACTIVITY	ROOM	LEVEL	DATE	TIME
Banner Room	CC-Corridor near Exhibit Hall 2	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Bible Studies (Wake Up with the Word) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWML Bible Study (led by Jan Brunette) Spanish LWML Bible Study (led by Marilyn McClure) CPH-sponsored Bible Study (led by Deb Burma) LWML Bible Study (led by Janice Wendorf) Bible Study (led by LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces Chaplain Craig Muehler & Chaplain Steven Hokana) CPH-sponsored Bible Study (led by Donna Pyle) 	CC-#120 Doña Ana CC-#130 Cimarron CC-#110 Galisteo CC-#120 Doña Ana CC-#130 Cimarron CC-#110 Galisteo	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23 June 23 June 23 June 24 June 24 June 24	6:45–7:45 a.m. 6:45–7:45 a.m. 6:45–7:45 a.m. 6:45–7:45 a.m. 6:45–7:45 a.m. 6:45–7:45 a.m.
Blood Donors	CC-Pre-function Corridor of Hall 4	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22	9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Breakfasts (By Invitation Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lutheran Braille Workers Volunteers Thank You Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for District Treasurers 	CC-#215 San Miguel CC-#235 Mesilla	Upper Lvl/East Bldg. Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 24 June 24	7–8:30 a.m. 7–8:30 a.m.
Child Care/Youth Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Insta Friends 	CC-Suites E/F,G&H (Rooms #239, #237, #233, & #231)	Upper Lvl/East Bldg. Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23–24	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	CC-Assembly Hall 1 Left front on risers	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22	12:30–2:30 p.m.
Choir Sign-In	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 21 June 22	5–8 p.m. 7 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Communication Room	CC-Suites A&B (Rooms #257/#259)	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Concessions	CC-North Hall East of Restrooms CC-Exhibit Hall 2	Upper Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention When Exhibits are open
Convention Sessions	CC-Assembly Hall 1	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Convention Shirt Sales	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Delegate Orientation	CC-Assembly Hall 1	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22	3–4 p.m.
District Caucuses	CC-See The Diamond Times	Upper & Main Levels, East & West Bldgs.	June 22	4:10–6:10 p.m.
District Photos	CC-See The Diamond Times	La Sala Area, Steps & Lobby	June 22	4:10–6:15 p.m.
District Photos Sales & Pick up	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23 June 24 June 25	4–7 p.m. 8–9 a.m.; 1–2:30 p.m. 5–7 p.m. 8–10 a.m.
Exhibits: The Above All Exhibit Hall	CC-Exhibit Hall 2	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22 June 23 June 24	9 a.m.–6 p.m. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. 5–7 p.m. 7:30–9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
First Aid Room	CC-Assembly Hall, behind Hall 1	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Friday Dinner (By Invitation Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart to Heart Sisters Past District Presidents Young Woman Representatives 	CC-#280 Ballroom A CC-#270 Ballroom C CC-#275 Ballroom B	Upper Lvl/West Bldg. Upper Lvl/West Bldg. Upper Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23 June 23 June 23	5:30–7 p.m. 5:30–7 p.m. 5:30–7 p.m.

ACTIVITY	ROOM	LEVEL	DATE	TIME
Friday Lunch Info Gatherings				
P – First-Timers	CC-#270 Ballroom C	Upper Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
Q – Germany Lutherland Trip	CC-Hall 3	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
R – Gifts of Love Ministry	CC-#215 San Miguel	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
S – Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion	CC-#020 Laguna	Lower Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
T – Lunch with My Friends	CC-Hall 4	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
U – Lunch with the <i>Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Staff</i>	CC-#275 Ballroom B	Upper Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
V – Lutheran Church Extension Fund	CC-#120 Doña Ana	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
W – Partners in Mission: The LWML and Church Workers, Impacting Lives	CC-#280 Ballroom A	Upper Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
X – Thrivent Financial-Investment Management	CC-#130 Cimarron	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
Y – YWRs, YWR Alumni, and Young Women	CC-#115 Brazos	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
Gifts from the Heart	CC-#113 Zia Lounge, glassed-in room	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 21 June 22 June 23	5–8 p.m. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. 7 a.m.–Noon
Heart to Heart District Leaders Training and Heart to Heart Sisters Debriefings	DoubleTree Hotel Crystal I	Lower Level	June 20 June 21 June 22 June 24	3–8:30 p.m. 7 a.m.–11 p.m. 7 a.m.–11 p.m. 9–11 p.m.
Heart to Heart Sisters Program	CC-#020 Laguna	Lower Lvl/West Bldg.	June 21–25	Entire Convention
Information Desks	CC-East Lobby near #210 Tijeras CC-Corridor near #120 Doña Ana CC-Lobby near East escalator	Upper Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22–25 June 22–25 June 22–25	Entire Convention Entire Convention Entire Convention
Interview Room	CC-#251 Suite D	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Lost and Found	CC-East Lobby, Ticket Office	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Luggage Storage	CC-#113 Zia Lounge-glassed-in rm	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 25	8 a.m.–1 p.m.
LWML Store	CC-Hall 2, The Above All Exhibit Hall	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–24	See Exhibit Hours
Manna Taping Services – SALES	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Level East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Meals – Boxed	CC-Foyer between Halls 3 and 4 CC-Foyer between Halls 3 and 4 CC-Corridor near Exhibit Hall 2	Main Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22 June 23 June 25	4:10–6:15 p.m. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Meals – Catered/Plated Dinners	CC-Halls 3 and 4	Main Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23 June 24	5:30–7 p.m. 5–7 p.m.
Message Center	CC-East Lobby Pre-function area	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Mission in Motion – Pledge Walk	CC-3rd Street Entrance, Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 23	5–6 p.m.
• Pledge Walk Sign in	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 21 June 22 June 23	5–8 p.m. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. 7 a.m.–2 p.m.
Pastors Gathering/Robing	CC-Home Slam Locker Rooms	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22 June 25	Noon–10 p.m. 8 a.m.–Noon
Prayer Chapel (Grace Place)	CC-#210 Tijeras	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–24	8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Prayer Service & Prayer Chapel Dedication	CC-Pre-function corridor near #210 Tijeras	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22	7:30 a.m.
PR/Photographer Room	CC-#251 Suite D	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Properties	CC-#230 Pecos	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Receptions	DoubleTree Hotel-Coral Salon III DoubleTree Hotel-Coral Salon I DoubleTree Hotel-Copper Room DoubleTree Hotel-Coral Salon II	Main Level Main Level Lower Level Main Level	June 23 June 23 June 23 June 23	8:45–11 p.m. 8:45–11 p.m. 8:45–11 p.m. 8:45–11 p.m.
Registrar Office	CC-East Lobby, South End	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 21–24	Registration Hours

ACTIVITY	ROOM	LEVEL	DATE	TIME
Registration	CC-East Lobby, South End	Main Level, East Bldg.	June 21 June 22 June 23 June 24	5 p.m.–8 p.m. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. 7 a.m.–2 p.m. 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday Special Luncheons A – Steve and Nancy Cohen, The Apple of His Eye Ministry B – Gloria Edwards and Linda Reiser, and LWR C – Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Mission & Missionaries D – Vicar Tim Norton, Lutheran Indian Ministries E – Donna Pyle F – Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz Lutheran Hour Speaker	CC-#275 Ballroom B CC-#280 Ballroom A CC-#115 Brazos CC-#270 Ballroom C CC-Hall 3 CC-Hall 4	Upper Lvl/West Bldg. Upper Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg. Upper Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 24 June 24 June 24 June 24 June 24 June 24	Noon–1:30 p.m. Noon–1:30 p.m. Noon–1:30 p.m. Noon–1:30 p.m. Noon–1:30 p.m. Noon–1:30 p.m.
Seminars (By Invitation Only) • District Archivist-Historians Seminar • District Mission Grants Seminar • District Structure Seminar • District Treasurers Seminar • District Webmasters Seminar	CC-#110 Galisteo CC-#130 Cimarron CC-#140 Aztec C-#215 San Miguel C-#120 Doña Ana	Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg. Upper Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22 June 22 June 22 June 22 June 22	10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Servant Activities Sign In	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor CC-Hall 4	Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 21 June 22	Registration Hours 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Servant Connections (Activities)	CC-Hall 4	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22	9–11 a.m. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1–3 p.m.
Tours Information	CC-Info Tables, East Lobby Pre-function Corridor	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	Main Level East Bldg.	Entire Convention
Transportation Information • District Charter Buses • Hotel Shuttle Buses	CC-West Entrance on Service Road near Tijeras Ave. CC-East Lobby on Second Street	Main Lvl/East Bldg. Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25 June 21–25	Entire Convention Entire Convention
VIP Seating	CC-Assembly Hall 1, right side	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Wheelchair Storage and Pickup	CC-East Lobby near East escalator	Main Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
Workers' Room	CC-#220 Ruidoso	Upper Lvl/East Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
YWRs, YWR Alumni, and Young Women	CC #115 Brazos	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 23	Noon–1:30 p.m.
YWR Program	CC-#032 Tesuque and #015 Zuni	Lower Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22–25	Entire Convention
YWR Servant Activity (Gifts from the Heart Area)	CC-#113 Zia Lounge, glassed-in room	Main Lvl/East Bldg.	June 21 June 22	Registration Hours 7 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
YWR Thursday Meet & Greet	CC-#020 Laguna	Lower Lvl/West Bldg.	June 22	2:30–3:45 p.m.

2017 ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION OFFERINGS

CONVENTION OFFERING #1 — LWML MISSION GOAL 2017–2019

The standing rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Bylaws state that the offering received at the convention worship service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of the LWML.

CONVENTION OFFERING #2 — LWML 75TH ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING

The LWML 75th Anniversary Thank Offering has been designated for the advancement of the LWML Endowment Fund.

CONVENTION OFFERING #3 — BILINGUAL "WORKER PRIEST"

This offering will be used to serve people on the US/Mexico border with Concordia Lutheran Church, Chula Vista, California.

CONVENTION OFFERING #4 — GOD CARES ABOUT YOU

This offering will be used to support this mission as it serves a diverse population living in the poorest area in the "International Zone" of the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ENTERTAINMENT PASSES

Non-registered guests will be able to purchase a \$10 pass at the convention center for the Friday evening entertainment and Saturday evening Diamond Dazzle Celebration.

CONVENTION INFORMATION is available at your fingertips. Download the LWML app for the daily schedule, speaker bios, voting information, and much more! To learn how to download the LWML app visit www.lwml.org/app.

REGISTRATION

Registration is located on the main level in the East Lobby/South End.

HOURS:

Wednesday, June 21, 5–8 p.m.

Thursday, June 22, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Friday, June 23, 7 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Please bring Gifts from the Heart items to Room #113 Zia Lounge on the Main Level in East Building. Items need to be dropped off by Friday morning so they can be counted and packed for the recipients.



**BE SURE TO VISIT
THE LWML
FIESTA MARKET!**

WORSHIP SERVICES

The Thursday Opening Worship Service at 7 p.m. and the Sending Service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. are open to the public.

GRACE PLACE PRAYER CHAPEL

If you need a quiet place during the convention to take your prayers to our Lord's throne of grace, come to the Grace Place Prayer Chapel. An LWML host or hostess will greet you, and a pastor will be available for counsel.

PRAYER SERVICE/CHAPEL DEDICATION

You are welcome to join us for a prayer service on Thursday June 22 at 7:30 a.m. outside the Prayer Chapel.

MISSION IN MOTION PLEDGE WALK

Pre-registered participants may turn in their pledge sheets and donations and pick up their purple shirts at the Mission in Motion table, located near the registration area.

SERVANT CONNECTIONS

Nine servant activities are waiting for your hands! Join us today during your pre-assigned times: 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m.–1 p.m., and 1-3 p.m. — assembling materials for Lutheran Braille Workers; marking Bibles for prison ministry; assembling Personal Care Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Indian Ministry; creating greeting cards for cancer patients; assembling hygiene bags for The Storehouse; tying quilts and fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief; and donating blood.

BLOOD DRIVE

We look forward to you being part of the LWML and United Blood Services Blood Drive. Please arrive ten minutes early to Hall 4, Main Level, West Building for your scheduled appointment.

BIBLE STUDIES: WAKE UP WITH THE WORD

New this year will be three options for Friday morning and three for Saturday morning. Scheduled before the convention sessions start, these will be held from 6:45 a.m.–7:45 a.m. No registration required. Just grab your breakfast from a convention center concession stand and Wake Up with the Word!

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

1. An LWML Bible Study, led by Jan Brunette. "The Wondrous Cross"
2. A Spanish LWML Bible Study, led by Marilyn McClure. "¡Dios No Cambia!"
3. A CPH-sponsored Bible Study, led by Deb Burma. "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts"

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

1. An LWML Bible Study, led by Janice Wendorf. "God Above All Gods"
2. A Bible Study, led by the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces Chaplain Craig Muehler and Chaplain Steven Hokana. "Jesus Christ, our Refuge and Strength Above All"
3. A CPH-sponsored Bible Study, led by Donna Pyle. "Living Forgiveness"

COMMUNION STONWARE AND WINE

The Communion stoneware was designed by artisan Paula L. Dodd from Twin Falls, Idaho. Most of her artistic life was limited to stick figures until she discovered the joys of pottery about ten years ago. She teaches wheel-thrown pottery classes at the Hands On Studio in Twin Falls. Her design includes blue and purple colors on the chalice/flagon which is dipped and shaken down over the purple allowing a unique drip effect. This is custom-made Communion ware in high-fired stoneware.

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah 64:8).

The Communion wine — Blue Teal Rio Rojo, from Blue Teal Vineyards and purchased through Total Wines of ABQ — was selected from a number of varieties for the 2017 Communion service. Blue Teal Vineyards was founded in 1981. Its first vineyard was planted just east of Lordsburg, New Mexico and consisted of 11 varietals. The vineyard neighbored a large pond that welcomed migratory Blue-Winged Teals during the winter, thus becoming the vineyard's mascot, and later namesake. Offering a large selection of award-winning wines, their philosophy is to let these wines express what was created in the vineyard with simple application of sun, soil, and time.

You may view one of these sets at the 75th Anniversary booth in The Above All Exhibit Hall.

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