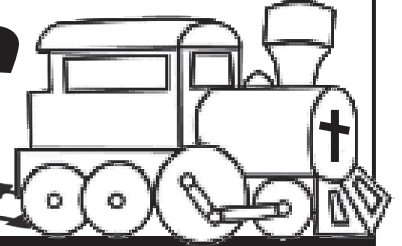


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Service Activities



Lutheran Braille Workers: Rose Jamies of Lutheran Braille Workers said approximately 150 Braille books were printed and assembled on Thursday at the Convention. Braille books are sent all over

the world and are shipped free of charge by the Post Office.

Lutheran World Relief: “I don’t believe what is happening!” said Gwen Dixon, chairman of Lutheran World Relief Service Activities. That was said by Gwen Dixon, chairman of Lutheran World Relief Servant Activities. She was concerned that they wouldn’t get enough quilts. They had a goal of 180 and nearly 300 have been received. “God is just awesome!”

Phil’s Friends: Participants were busy coloring cards and bookmarks for

Phil’s Friends Care packets. These will be assembled and given to cancer patients.

Lutheran Hour Ministries: Messages of hope, love and encouragement were written on LHM postcards. These words of encouragement will be sent to the 37 International Ministry Centers in 52 countries.



Tee Up for Mites Charity Golf Scramble

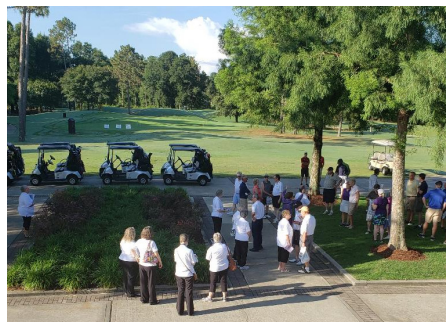
The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail – Magnolia Grove Crossings Course – hosted the fifth Tee Up 4 Mites Charity Golf Scramble on Wednesday, June 19. The day opened with a continental breakfast and remarks by Marguerite Christman, LWML Convention Manager. Marguerite thanked the event sponsors, as well as past LWML Presidents: Gloria Edwards, 13th National President; and Linda Reiser, 15th National President; both of whom are avid golfers. Other noteworthy golfers included Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President of the LCMS Mid-South District; and Rev. Ralph Hough, Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Daphne, AL.

Seven golf teams teed off at 8:00 a.m., led by Edwards and Reiser. Rev. Keith Ringers, Pastor of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Elberta, AL, captured special moments as the event photographer.

The golf team winning first place was: Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, Patricia Paavola,

John Arth, and Wendy Arth. The second-place team was: Kent Blackinton, Margo Gilbert, Derrick Williams, and Chuck Cuff.

Visit Mobile and Physician Housecalls LLC were Grand Sponsors for this pre-convention event. Derek Williams of the Mobile Convention & Visitors Corp. presented a \$40,000 check to LWML for the 2019-2021 Misison Goal.



Encouraging Word

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth
(1 Chronicles 16:23a).***

***Wake up, look outside, and
marvel at our Lord’s creation.***

***Each day is a gift full of
promise and hope. May you be
blessed this day as you take in
the experience of convention.
In Praise to the LORD!***



Watch the 2019 LWML Convention via Livestream! Scan this QR code for live video streaming during convention. Share with your friends at home!

More online coverage throughout the convention can be found at www.lwml.org.

Convention Offering Reminders

Our convention offerings go to some wonderful places. Some are well known, and others are not. Our first offering on Thursday night went to the 2019-2021 biennium Mission Goal per the LWML bylaws.

The second offering on Friday will be divided between two ministries. The LCMS Dominican mission team and the Dominican Lutheran Church to expand the disability ministry in the Dominican Republic. The other ministry is Medical Mission Teams who provide medical care for the impoverished in developing countries.

They are based in Tallahassee, FL. The third offering on Saturday will be also divided between two ministries. James Storehouse Louisiana to aid in caring for foster care children and youth, and also to empower communities to be active in improving the foster-care crises, all the while sharing Jesus' unconditional love. They are sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Covington, LA. The other ministry is Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee children which helps to break the cycle of child abuse by improving children, families, and communicates by introducing the Gospel

of Jesus, thereby providing them with a spiritual foundation for the future. The second ministry is Upbring's (which was previously known as Lutheran Social Services of the South) two emergency shelters in Corpus Christi, TX and McAllen, TX and a transitional foster care in El Paso, TX. The fourth and final offering on Sunday is to benefit LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief and to be used to supplies and necessary needs for US communities devastated by natural disasters during 2018. These funds will be distributed through the LCMS Disaster Response program.

Each one of these ministries is an important part of who we are as Lutherans. Each ministry touches us in a different way. A disability ministry; a medical team providing medical care; a ministry to help in the caring of foster children; a ministry to break the cycle of child abuse and introducing Jesus Christ, a ministry to help emergency shelters; and finally a ministry that will help those devastated by natural disasters. Each is an important part of life, an important element of life, and most importantly an introduction to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Seminars

Informative seminars were held on Thursday morning, open to anyone who was willing to take the information back and share it with their district. The seminars were:

- **Treasurer/Financial Secretary**
- **Structure/Parliamentary Procedure**
- **Mission Grants**
- **How to Write a Bible Study**
- **Leadership Development: Become a Leader You Would Follow!**
- **Webmaster/Social Media**
- **Gifts of Love**

How to Write a Bible Study

This seminar was attended by 60 individuals. Some of the tips shared for writing Bible studies:

- Every time you sit down to write, pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- Be clear with God's Word — not take it out of context.
- Make sure Christ is proclaimed—to leave no other interpretation open.
- Proofread for misspellings and correct grammar, logical flow and consistent theme
- Each study should start and end with a prayer.

If you missed the seminars, some of the resources will be available after convention at lwml.org.

I Love To Tell The Story

Stop by the Gospel Outreach Booth (Booth 412) to share your story. *I Love to Tell the Story* is all about YOU sharing times when God has placed someone in your path with which you could share your faith. These are short, simple stories and the Gospel Outreach committee provides the editing, devotion and prayer. The first 50 people who submit a story will receive a pendant or earrings made by LWMLer Paula Backs.

Camp Insta Friends

There are 50 kids registered for Camp Insta Friends! The ages range from nursery all the way up to high school. While they are together on Friday and Saturday, The school-aged children will be doing walking field trips on Friday and Saturday, as well as servant activities throughout the city. What wonderful opportunities for our young ones to experience the great city of Mobile and spread God's love!

Book Signing

Get your book signed! The new LWML History Book is available to purchase in the LWML store. Author Carolyn Blum will be signing copies Friday, 1-1:45 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30-8 a.m., and 1-1:45 p.m.

Prayer Chapel Blessing

The Blessing of the Prayer Chapel and Sending of the Workers was a glorious and inspirational pre-convention event, filling the upper level with inspiring prayers, beautiful hymns, and meaningful scripture. The Prayer Chapel (Grace Place) is located in Room 202A and is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Sisters are Special

This is a special convention for Deb Buenrostro, Chairman of Special Dress, from Florida and her two sisters, Nancy Steel and Donna Such both from Indiana. It is the first LWML convention the three sisters have been able to attend together. Deb's sisters were helping hand out worker t-shirts. The sisters' mother, Ruth, was a delegate at the 1973 LWML Convention in Mobile.



Wake Up With the Word

Friday, June 21 • 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

1. An LWML Bible Study, led by Terri Bentley from the new retreat, "Let's Grab Our Shoes and Go."
2. A Spanish-language LWML Bible Study, led by Deaconess Marta Luna.
3. A CPH-sponsored Bible Study, led by Christina Hergenrader entitled "Create Olive Branches in Your Family Tree."
4. An LWML Bible Study, led by Karol Selle entitled "A Missionary? Me?"

Saturday, June 22 • 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

1. A Bible study, led by author/speaker Donna Pyle, "Perseverance: A Prayer Battle Plan."
2. A Bible Study, led by the LCMS Black Ministries Director, Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray.
3. A Bible study by Ministry to the Armed Forces, led by Chaplain Craig Muehler.
4. A CPH-sponsored Bible study, led by Deb Burma entitled "JOY! — Philippians, the Letter of Joy."

Heart To Heart Sisters

Fourteen Heart To Heart Sisters were commissioned on Thursday morning representing the countries of India, Italy, Columbia, Liberia, Jordan, Jamaica, and Germany - 6 of the women live in the United States! Thirteen LWML districts are represented by the Heart to Heart Sisters: Missouri, Texas, Chesapeake, Minnesota South, Michigan, North Wisconsin, Rocky Mountain, Montana, South Dakota, New Jersey, Kansas, Gulf States, and Atlantic.

Heart To Heart Sisters is an intentional

effort to ensure multicultural women participate in the life and work of the LWML. It is open to women from all over the world who did not grow up in the Lutheran faith. Stop by the booth and meet Kalia Lo, who in 2002 was one of the first Heart To Heart Sisters. Sarah Long-Radoff joined Heart to Heart Sisters in 2015 and enjoys the intentional mentoring and leadership training that is given.

Look for our Heart to Heart Sisters in the flag procession as they carry in their country's colors!

*"Give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love endures forever."
(2 Chronicles 20:21b).*

Gifts from the Heart preliminary count:

436 Arch Books
110 Baby kits
180 Sheet sets
880 Hygiene kits
840 Bibles
\$20,110 in Gift card donations

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 spaces. Once the

- FIRST-TIMERS WITH PRESIDENT PATTI ROSS
- CLERGY CONNECTIONS
- GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY
- HEART TO HEART SISTERS REUNION
- LUNCH WITH MY FRIENDS
- LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY STAFF

room has filled, the session has closed. Please note some are for specific groups and others are open to all.

- MOST MINISTRIES
- LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
- LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES — THRED
- THRIVENT FINANCIAL — IDENTIFY THEFT
- YWRS, YWR ALUMNI, AND YOUNG WOMEN
- NOLA 4H — OUTREACH IN NEW ORLEANS

Hostess Scarves

The beautiful hostess scarves in "brushstroke" design were sewn by a team of seamstresses from the Tallahassee Zone and others in the FL-GA District. Nancy Fuerstenau led her band of angel helpers in sewing 500 scarves. Good news: there will be an opportunity to purchase these scarves before the convention ends.

2019 Mobile Convention Offerings

CONVENTION OFFERING #2 — 50% TO EXPANDING THE DISABILITY MINISTRY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC for children in group homes and government institutions where God's love thrives. 50% to Medical Mission Teams to provide medical care for the impoverished in developing countries.

CONVENTION OFFERING #3 — 50% TO JAMES STOREHOUSE LOUISIANA to aid in caring for foster-care children and youth and also empower communities to be active in improving the foster-

care crisis. 50% to Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children to help break the cycle of child abuse by improving children, families, and communities by introducing the Gospel of Jesus.

CONVENTION OFFERING #4 — LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE/ COMMUNITY RELIEF to be used for supplies and necessary needs for US communities devastated by natural disasters (tornadoes, fires, hurricanes) during 2018.



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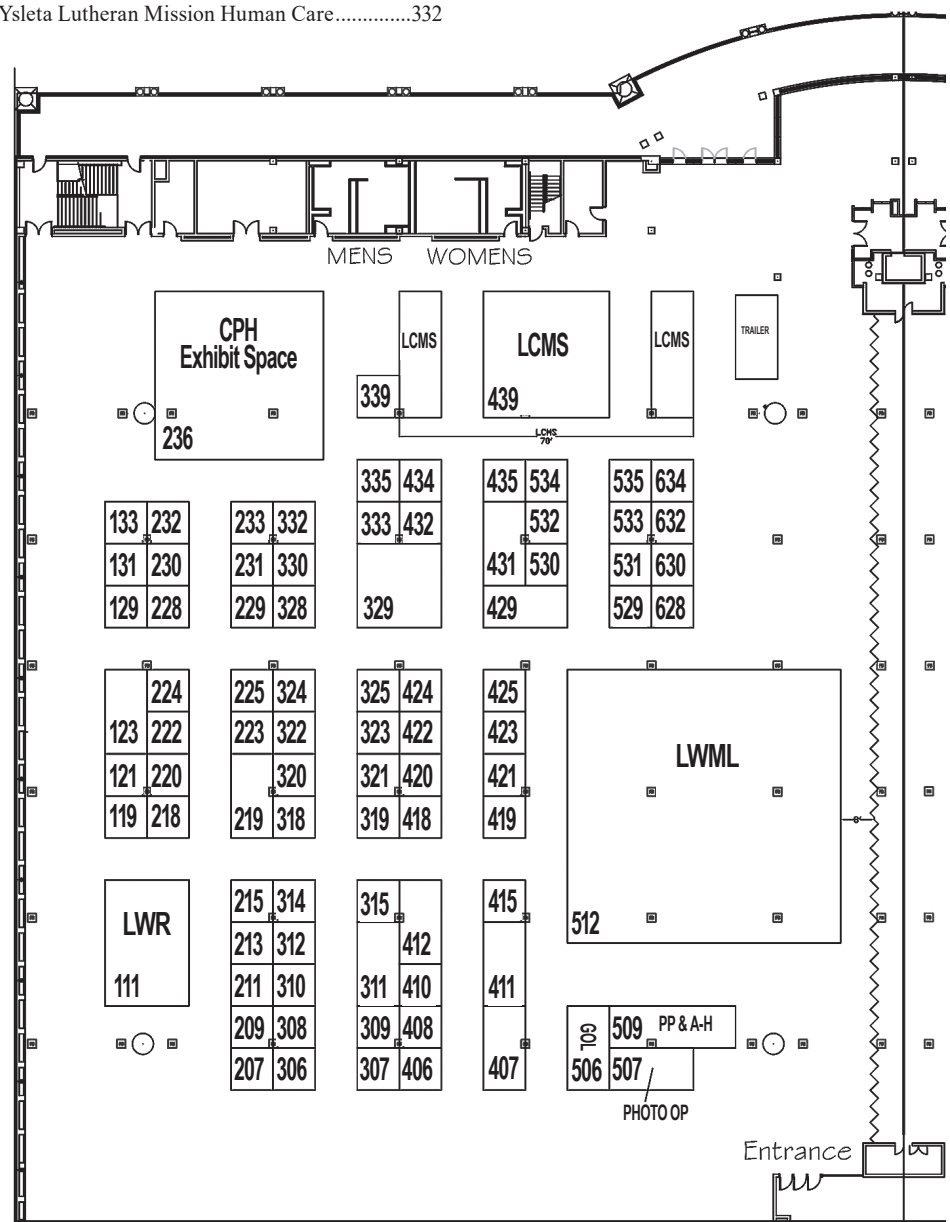
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