

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you ...*



**Sow • Nourish • Reap**

**June 25–28, 2015**

*... so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,  
you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).*

***Dear Sisters in Christ,***

Here we are nearly 30 years later.

Looking back, it was 1985 when the LWML gathered in convention in Ames, Iowa. Our dress and hair styles, communication, and technology were noticeably different at that convention: no cell phones or email capability — only dependence on land lines and the U.S. Postal Service. So here we are 30 years later. Certainly we've come a long way!

June 2015 will be here very soon and the LWML Districts of Iowa East and Iowa West are thrilled to have the opportunity and privilege of being hosts for the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa — Iowa's capital city — at the cross roads of Interstates 35 and 80.

The convention theme has been announced — "Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap" — a very fitting theme for the heartland of America, where we recognize how bountifully God shares His love and goodness and how He equips us by the Holy Spirit to be in our Father's mission field. Truly we will be fed by God's Word and Sacrament, nurtured through worship and fellowship, and equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Lord's harvest field long after the convention adjourns.

In this issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, you'll find registration information, names of luncheon speakers, and all the many activities unique to the convention:

- Tee Up 4 Mites — third biennial golf outing
- Camp Insta Friends — on-site child care
- Mission in Motion — mission pledge walk
- Bountiful Bash Block Party in the Field of Bounty Exhibit Hall
- Grace Place Chapel
- Servant Connections
- "Sonshine" Bear

You are invited to join LWML sisters in Christ, June 25–28, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa, where excitement reigns and joys continue as they did 30 years ago. It's a journey worth repeating, only this time around with different location, dress, and technology. One thing for certain is that our love and service to the Lord hasn't changed. We are bountifully blessed and Serving the Lord with Gladness!

***Marilyn Schroeder***  
**2015 Host Committee Chairman**

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***This 16-page center section (lettered A–P) contains the information you need to register for the Des Moines Convention, June 25–28, 2015. Information is also available at [www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines).***



# 2015 DES MOINES LWML CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM

Shirts are short-sleeved, embroidered white 3-button 65/35 poly/cotton pique polo style. Minimal show-through. Please print clearly as this information will be used for your mailing label. **One shirt per order form please.** Reproduce as needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you wish to have several shirts mailed to one address, include all orders and checks in one envelope.

**Make checks payable to:** Des Moines LWML Convention 2015

**Send order form and payment to:** Jennine Maas  
P.O. Box 183  
Guthrie Center, IA 50115

## Please circle one size on chart below

**Women's Sizes** (women's shirts are true to size)

S	M	L	XL	XXL
6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20	22/24

**Unisex (Men's) Sizes** (men's shirts are larger and longer)

S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
34/36	38/40	42/44	46/48	50/52	54/55

**Prices: S, M, L, XL:** \$23.00, **XXL, 2XL:** \$24.00, **3XL:** \$26.00

**Questions** email Jennine at: [jc131\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:jc131_3@hotmail.com)

**Mail order deadline** (postmarked): May 15, 2015

**Pick-up at Convention deadline** (postmarked): June 1, 2015

**No shirts will be sold at the Convention.**

**No exchanges or refunds.**

**Thank you for your convention shirt order.**

**The Host Committee 2015 (Iowa East & Iowa West)**



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE [www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines)

Please check the LWML website in February, at which time a convention schedule will be posted.

## GIFTS FROM THE HEART [www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines)

Please check the LWML website for more information about these gifts. Bring any of the following:

Crayola regular markers  
Tempera Paint  
School Paint Brushes  
Crayons, Colored Pencils  
Glue or Glue Sticks  
Pony Beads and Laces  
School Kits  
Hygiene Kits

### The following items may be handmade:

Quilts  
Hot neck wraps (wraps filled with rice to be heated in microwave)  
Shawls  
Undershirts (sleeveless)  
Decorative pillows (to clutch, prop up, and brighten the room)  
Scarves (useful for those whose clothes do not fit due to weight loss)

## MISSION IN MOTION/MISSION PLEDGE WALK — Friday, June 26, 2015 | 5–6 p.m.

Join the many convention attendees wearing yellow shirts as you exercise and support mission grants by participating in Mission in Motion along the beautiful banks of the Des Moines River. In addition to raising funds for mites by bringing pledges from friends and family, this will be a wonderful opportunity to witness to the Des Moines community. Sign up on Registration Form-Part 2 on page N and enter the fee on Registra-

tion Form-Part 1, No. 9 on page M. A pledge form and complete information will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. Come, join your sisters and brothers on this memorable walk along and over the river. Enjoy outdoor exercise while supporting the mission program of the LWML and providing the opportunity to involve those who could not join you at convention! **Be in motion for missions in Des Moines!**

## SERVANT CONNECTIONS — Thursday, June 25, 2015 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Women, men, and children 14 years and over are encouraged to join “Servant Connections.” Each participant will receive a special button as a memento of your experience.

The following ON-SITE Servant Activities are planned for your participation: **Braille Books of the Bible, Communication Station Cards of Encouragement, Fleece Blankets, Package Meals for Kids Against Hunger, Making Lap Robes, Prison Ministry of Marking Bibles, Plastic Bag Mats, Pillow Case Dresses, Quilts, and Gospel Bracelets.**

*The activities are created just for you and we cannot do them unless you come!* Reach out with your heart and hands to the needy in Des Moines and surrounding areas as you spend time as a willing servant!

Activities will be held on Thursday, June 25, on the fourth level of the Iowa Events Center in the Grand Ballroom and are available in each time segment, I: 9–11 a.m.; II: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; and III: 1–3 p.m. Please select a first and second preference on the Registration Form-Part 2. *You can choose one or several activities in which to serve.*

There is a **\$5 fee** to participate. (If you are participating only in the Servant Connections on Thursday and not registering for the entire convention, there is a \$10 participation fee.) Assignments and additional information will be emailed upon receipt of registration.



## BLOOD DONATION — Thursday, June 25, 2015 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Give Blood! Save Lives! There will be a blood drive with LifeServe Blood Services of Iowa at the Iowa Events Center. In less than an hour, you can help save the lives of three hospital patients in need.*

Schedule your lifesaving appointment by visiting [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) and clicking on “Donate Now” (use sponsor code “Lutheran”) or call 800.287.4903. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Haren at [eeharen@yahoo.com](mailto:eeharen@yahoo.com).

Donors must be at least 16 years of age, weigh 120 pounds, and be in general good health. Be sure to bring a form of identification to your donation, drink plenty of fluids, and eat prior to your appointment. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your blood donation.

***Only those who give the gift of life with a generous blood donation will not pay the Servant Activity fee.***



## TEE UP 4 MITES Lutheran Women's Missionary League

## THIRD BIENNIAL TEE UP 4 MITES

Join past LWML Presidents Gloria Edwards and Linda Reiser for a golf outing Wednesday, June 24, 2015, beginning at 8 a.m., at Copper Creek Golf Club, located in Pleasant Hill just outside of Des Moines. This picturesque championship course is nestled between mature trees, Iowa's rolling hills, and the beautiful homes of Copper Creek. The course offers a unique golf experience and a challenge for golfers of all skill levels. All net proceeds will be given to mites for the 2015–2017 LWML Biennium. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/conventions](http://www.lwml.org/conventions) to access your entry form, or contact Rachel at [teeup4mites@lwml.org](mailto:teeup4mites@lwml.org). Format will be a four-person scramble. Begin organizing your team. Composing teams by placing singles will also be possible. We are still seeking Hole Sponsorships.

What a great opportunity to play a round of golf on this prestigious course, to have a fun day of recreation and fellowship and, more important, to make our LWML mission visible in the community as we raise funds for mites!

***Thanks for participating and joining us in this third biennial event and making it a “rounding” success.***

# CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

## Worship Leaders

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**Rev. Gregory Seltz**, speaker of The Lutheran Hour® radio program, is the proclaimer for the Thursday opening worship service. Before joining Lutheran Hour Ministries, Seltz most recently served as the Director of the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center as well as Professor of Theology at Concordia University in

Irvine, California. Rev. Seltz has served our Lord and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in many capacities, including mission starts for schools and churches in a variety of cultural settings. He has served on many committees and boards, published a number of doctrinal books, and written Bible studies. He and his wife, Marie Yvette, have one daughter, Devin.

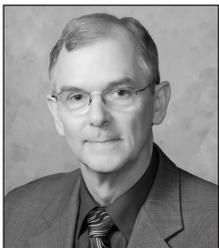


**Rev. Keith Piotter**, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, Iowa, is the proclaimer for the Sunday worship service. Piotter is married with four children. He is a trained presenter for the Lutheran Hour Mission University School of Witnessing, has led numerous

teams of short-term mission trips, and has led disaster relief efforts in the United States and around the world. He is active in prison ministry. His daily walk with the Lord has led Piotter to the firm conclusion God would have us live as Easter people — joy-filled, grace-centered, and Gospel-motivated. Rev. Piotter will speak on part of the Convention theme — NOURISH.

## Keynote Speaker

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**Rev. Dr. James Lamb**, Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life, grew up in southern Minnesota, married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne, and has been blessed with two sons, a wonderful woman they claim as their daughter, and six grandchildren. Lamb served in the United States Air Force before entering the Seminary, and then served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. He has also served as Circuit Counselor, LWML Zone Counselor, and on a variety of other boards and committees. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for LCMS Life Ministries and speaks nationally and internationally on the God-given value of human life. He is the author of numerous sermons, devotionals, brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to life issues. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in Marshalltown, Iowa.

## Song Leader

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**Dr. Dina Vendetti** grew up in the Lutheran school system and has been serving Lutheran schools for over 30 years. If you've seen Dr. Vendetti at previous conventions, you are probably smiling and looking forward to seeing her passion and enthusiasm once again. She serves as principal as well as choir and bell choir director

at St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Dover, Delaware. She has received Dover's Great Person Award as well as Central Delaware's Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year. She knows her Savior and says, "To quote a song title, 'How Can I Keep From Singing?'"!

## Humorous Interrupter

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**Jan Struck** is delighted to have been given a lifetime of bizarre experiences and an ability to see humor and irony in her life journey. She is retired from her career as a trainer/consultant in the field of healthcare technology and feels blessed to serve the

Lord as a speaker, leading Bible studies, workshops, and women's retreats throughout the United States and Canada. Jan shares her experiences as a single parent after divorce, and the joy of a second marriage with a combined family of six children, eleven grandchildren, and a legacy of laughter.

## Mites in Action Speakers

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**Carly Hatcher**, Executive Director of Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, oversees the operation of its programs and services and serves as a Team Leader, taking short term teams to international mission fields several times a year.

Before joining MOST Ministries in 2004, Carly served as a missionary with the LCMS in Russia, Panama, and Bolivia. Carly has been involved with mission work for sixteen years in over forty countries. Carly lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband, Robert.



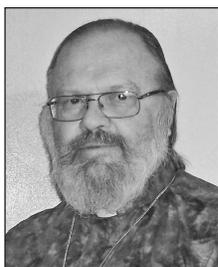
**Tim Hetzner** serves as President of Lutheran Church Charities, of which K-9 Comfort Dogs is a ministry. He served in parish ministry for 24 years as a Director of Christian Education. For the last 20 years, Tim has served as Director of Discipleship and Good Samaritan Ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine, Illinois.

He also has served on the district board of directors, the mission board, and board of youth ministry. He currently teaches a Bible Study with over 450 students from 26 different churches. Each year Hetzner leads study tours in the Middle East. Hetzner and his wife, Jackie, have four children.



**Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mekonnen Menedo**, seventh president of Concordia College, Alabama, has served in the church as an evangelist, youth leader, elder, Bible School teacher, project director, and as curriculum advisor and school administrator for the Theological Training Centers in Ethiopia. Dr.

Menedo, a native of Ethiopia, has also served as the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Mobile, Alabama, and taught as an adjunct professor of Philosophy at the University of South Alabama and Spring Hill College in Mobile. Through his leadership, several churches have been established, and several confessional books have been translated into Ethiopian vernacular languages. He is married to Aberash Aklilu, and they have three children.



**Rev. Jim Rivett**, a Southern Illinois District Prison Ministry Coordinator, joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Okinawa and Vietnam. After graduating from Concordia Seminary in Exile, Rev. Rivett served congregations in Illinois, Kentucky, and California. While serving at

First Immanuel Lutheran Church in San Jose, California, he accepted the call to serve as a full-time prison chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP). His service continues as a part-time chaplain at the Veterans Hospital, Marion, Illinois, where he has opportunity to share the Gospel of our Lord with veterans who have served our nation since WWII through present day. Rev. Rivett and his wife, Susan Ellen, are blessed with three sons and three grandchildren.

## Luncheon Speakers

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**Gary Thies**, Director of Mission Central, took a leap of faith in 1994, quit his job as bank president, and became the first LCMS Mission Development Counselor. In that role, he visits LCMS congregations and individuals to inform

and excite them about missions and to encourage them to adopt, financially and through prayer, a specific mission project or missionary. Gary has traveled to 67 countries worldwide and presented a realistic picture of how God calls men and women from all walks of life. There is no question about Gary's enthusiasm for the Lord and missions. Gary and his wife, Maxine, live and work at Mission Central, in the middle of a cornfield, in Mapleton, Iowa.



**Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison** serves as president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). As president, he serves as the chief ecclesiastical officer of the LCMS, supervising the doctrine taught and practiced; representing the LCMS with its partner church bodies throughout the world; and overseeing all officers, executives

and agencies of the LCMS. Before becoming president, Harrison served for nine years as the executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care. During that time, this agency coordinated mercy outreach efforts after Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami in Asia, and the earthquake in Haiti. Harrison has authored, edited, and translated numerous articles and several books. He also served as pastor in Iowa and Indiana. Harrison and his wife, Kathy, have two sons. They are members of Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Missouri, where he serves as assistant pastor. Our LCMS president is an avid banjo player and instrumentalist, and he even makes guitars, banjos, and mandolins!

# HOTEL INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Attendees need to make their hotel reservations at one of the LWML host hotels listed below.

- LWML has contracted with these official hotels and has an obligation for a specific number of reservations with each. If the minimum number of reservations is not met, LWML has financial commitments which must be paid due to any shortfall. LWML encourages you to stay at the listed hotels.
- Shuttle buses from these contracted hotels will provide transportation to and from the Iowa Events Center each day at no extra charge.
- Early Discounted Registration begins February 1, 2015. Regular Registration begins March 14. Hotel rooms are on a first come, first-served basis, so early reservations are encouraged. LWML has a commitment to the official LWML hotels to book a specific number of reservations, and we expect to sell out of the official LWML hotels. Please book your reservations as early as possible.
- Please check with your hotel regarding availability of airport shuttle services.
- The best way to ensure you are confirmed at the LWML room rate is by booking your reservation online.
- Please be certain to obtain a confirmation number for your reservation and, should your plans change, a cancellation number.
- Room rates shown do not include tax, which is currently 12%.
- All hotels listed provide hair dryers and coffee makers and have a fitness center on property.
- **LWML rates are held until Monday, June 1, 2015.** After this date, the LWML rates will be honored only if the hotel is in agreement and if rooms are still available.

Hotel Name	LWML Rates	Distance to Convention Center	Self Parking	Valet Parking	Breakfast	Microwave/Refrigerator	Pool
<b>Des Moines Marriott Downtown</b> 700 Grand Avenue 50309	\$147 single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy; Rooms have two double or two queen beds	Six blocks, attached by Skywalk	\$14; 2014 rate in city garage	\$22.26 tax included, 24 hours unlimited in and out (day rates \$7-\$14)	Not included	N	Y Indoor

**Des Moines Marriott Downtown Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/4L5f6y>  
(takes you directly to the hotel's LWML registration page)

**Call:** 1-800-228-9290; ask for Des Moines Marriott Downtown Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** LUW \$147.

<b>Embassy Suites Des Moines</b> 101 E. Locust St. 50309	\$167 one bedroom suite with sofa bed; \$250 two bedroom suite	Five blocks, <b>not</b> attached by Skywalk	\$8	\$19	Included; also evening reception	Y	Y Indoor
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**Embassy Suites Des Moines Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/K3WQ4C>  
(takes you directly to the LWML registration page)

**Call:** 1-800-Embassy (362-2779); ask for Embassy Suites Des Moines Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** LWM

# HOTEL INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Hotel Name	LWML Rates	Distance to Convention Center	Self Parking	Valet Parking	Breakfast	Microwave/ Refrigerator	Pool
<b>Hampton Inn and Suites Des Moines Downtown</b> 120 SW Water St. 50309	\$145 single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy; Rooms have one king or two queen beds	Nine blocks, <b>not</b> attached by Skywalk	\$15 per night	N/A	Included	Y	Y Indoor

**Hampton Inn and Suites Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/JHdQ70>

(takes you directly to the hotel's LWML registration page)

**Call:** 1-888-370-0981; ask for Hampton Inn and Suites Des Moines Downtown Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** LWM

<b>Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus</b> 1050 6th Ave.	\$139.95	3 blocks, <b>not</b> attached by Skywalk	No charge	N/A	Not included	N	N
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**Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/6vNTrS>

**Call:** 1-800-465-4329; ask for Holiday Inn Downtown At Mercy Campus Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** LWL

<b>Hyatt Place Des Moines Downtown</b>	\$149 single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy	Seven blocks, attached by Skywalk	N/A	\$15	Included	Refrigerator only	Y Indoor
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**Hyatt Place Des Moines Downtown Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/21vrj6>

(takes you directly to the hotel's LWML registration page)

**Call:** Call: 1-888-492-8847; ask for Hyatt Place Des Moines Downtown Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** G-LWML

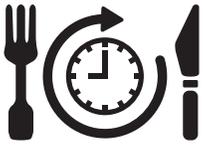
<b>Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel</b>	\$149 single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy	Two blocks, attached by Skywalk	Off-site; \$11	\$18	Not included	N	Y Indoor
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**Renaissance Des Moines Savery Reservations Web Link:** <http://goo.gl/rs3AZt>

(takes you directly to the hotel's LWML registration page)

**Call:** 1-888-236-2427; ask for Renaissance Savery Des Moines Downtown Reservations

**Group Rate Code:** LWMLWMA



# MEALS AND SPECIAL LUNCHEONS

## A. CATERED MEALS

Meals are catered by Ovations Catering and served in Grand Ballroom A and B and other noted locations in the Iowa Events Center.

*Only registered attendees may purchase these meals which must be ordered on your registration form. They will not be available for purchase at the convention.*

All meals are purchased separately (there is no meal package). Prices for meals listed below include gratuity and tax. Order on Registration Form-Part 1, page M.

<b>Thursday Boxed Supper</b> .....	<b>\$18</b>
<b>Friday Boxed Salad Lunch</b> .....	<b>\$18</b>
<b>Friday Plated Dinner</b> .....	<b>\$23</b>
<b>Saturday Plated Salad Luncheon</b> .....	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Saturday Plated Dinner</b> .....	<b>\$23</b>
<b>Sunday Boxed Lunch</b> .....	<b>\$18</b>

The plated, three-course dinners will be served in the Ballroom at round tables of ten. You are encouraged to enter the dining room with your family or group so you can be seated together. Seats may not be saved for latecomers.

Boxed meals are packaged to-go to attend the district caucus or a noon gathering, or to take with you.

### Menu Descriptions

**Thursday Boxed Supper** Herb Rubbed Grilled Chicken Wrap with pesto mayonnaise and romaine lettuce in a spinach tortilla, bag of potato chips, fresh fruit, and bottle of water.

**Friday Boxed Salad Lunch** Des Moines BLT favorite salad of mixed greens, crisp Iowa bacon, turkey, diced tomato, and cheddar cheese with homemade buttermilk ranch dressing, bag of pretzels, fresh fruit, and bottle of water.

**Friday Plated Dinner** Bountiful Iowa Pork Loin with herb volute accompanied by whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetable, garden salad with assorted dressings, freshly baked rolls, dessert, cold and hot beverages.

**Saturday Plated Salad Luncheon** Herb Grilled Chicken Salad of mixed greens and Israeli couscous, topped with strips of herb grilled chicken breast, Greek dressing, fruit cup, freshly baked rolls, dessert, cold and hot beverages.

**Saturday Plated Dinner** Exclusive scrumptious Southwestern Grilled Chicken Breast, over penne pasta with mushrooms, peppers, onions, and marinara sauce, Caesar salad and dressing, freshly baked rolls, dessert, cold and hot beverages.

**Sunday Boxed Lunch** Club Wrap with layers of smoked turkey and ham with sharp cheddar and Swiss cheeses, lettuce and tomato in a sun dried tomato wrap, bag of potato chips, cookie, and bottle of water.

**Vegetarian and other dietary needs** should be requested on Registration Form-Part 2, page N. Special vegetarian meals will be provided at the same costs as a regular meal. Other dietary restrictions/food allergies may be accommodated by selecting allowable foods from those served or purchasing food from the concessions.

## B. CONCESSION FOOD

Concession stands will be located throughout the Iowa Events Center. They will have typical concession-type food available and will be open Wednesday afternoon through Sunday during the convention hours. Foods may include sandwiches, salads, hamburgers, chips, pretzels, ice cream, breakfast items, and a variety of beverages. Limited seating will be available close to the concessions.

## C. RESTAURANTS

Several restaurants are within walking distance of the Iowa Events Center. A list of Des Moines restaurants will be available at the convention. Each hotel hostess will have copies to share, or stop at the LWML Information Booth. As there will be large events taking place in downtown Des Moines on Friday and Saturday nights, restaurants downtown and near the convention center may be crowded. Consider this when making your dinner plans for these evenings.

### Friday Noon Info Gatherings Noon–1:30 p.m.

Friday Noon Info Gatherings are available for all registered convention attendees. Pick up your (pre-ordered/purchased) Boxed Salad Lunch or bring your lunch purchased at the concessions to the gathering. The gatherings will be Friday, June 26, 2015, from noon until 1:30 p.m.

**P – Clergy** LWML Pastoral Counselors Heckmann and Roegner welcome all pastors attending this convention to join them. The importance of pastoral involvement in supporting LWML at all levels will be discussed.

**Q – First-Timers** Those attending their first LWML Convention will join President Kay Kreklau who will address the group.

**R – Gifts of Love Ministry** Linda Gage, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, will help you discover how you can share your faith, minimize taxes, bless your family, and make a lasting impact on ministry with your estate.

**S – Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion** All Heart to Heart Sisters attending this and previous conventions are invited to attend this reunion.

**T – Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)** Ministries empowered through LCEF form a continuous circle of relationships built, believers energized, and communities served. Join with us to learn how to widen the circle, ensuring more people will hear the life-saving Gospel message and know God's everlasting love.

**U – Lunch with My Friends** Join your friends in the Grand Ballroom pre-function area, 4th level, or outside on the patio, 3rd level in conversation and lunch.

**V – Men's NetWork** Kurt Buchholz, Executive Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will discuss how the organization is using mass media, outreach training, and local partnerships to reach new audiences around the world with the Gospel message.

**W – Social Media** Join the Information Technology Team in learning more about LWML and Social Media.

**X – The Time is NOW** Join the LWML Team in reviewing and learning more about how you can be involved in The Time is NOW.

**Y – Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** Sow • Nourish • Reap — Retire Wisely. Back by popular demand! This interactive session will help you answer the following questions: Will I have enough to retire? Will my retirement income last? Are my assets protected? An informative presentation regarding women and investment management will be presented.

**Z – YWRs and YWR Alumni** District Young Woman Representatives attending at this convention or who have attended previous LWML conventions are invited to attend.

## **Saturday Special Interest Luncheons Noon–1:30 p.m.**

The Saturday Special Interest Luncheons will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from noon–1:30 p.m., throughout the Iowa Events Center. These luncheons give registered attendees the chance to have an extraordinary opportunity to hear about the lives and work of our featured convention speakers and special guests. All luncheon attendees must purchase the Saturday lunch and indicate on their Registration Form-Part 1, No. 14, page M. All luncheons have the same menu, as given on page H. Read the biographies on pages D and E to learn more about the presenters. Refer to the Registration Form-Parts 1 and 2, to register for the luncheon and indicate your preferences from the following list:

**Luncheon A—Speaker Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* active in communicating the mission to others of Witness, Mercy, and Life Together in this world.

**Luncheon B—Speaker Carly Hatcher, MOST Ministries**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* impacting the world for Jesus Christ through short-term missions.

**Luncheon C—Speaker Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Lutherans for Life**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* in equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.

**Luncheon D—Speaker LCMS National and International Missionaries**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* in the mission field today. Two missionaries will join World Mission personnel at this luncheon.

**Luncheon E—Speaker Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo, Concordia, Alabama**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* with opportunities to share and support our students preparing for service in the Church, community, and world.

**Luncheon F—Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Hour Speaker**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* through outreaching ministry, empowering and equipping churches to communicate the Gospel to all people.

**Luncheon G—Speakers Jan Struck and Dr. Dina Vendetti, Convention Humorist and Song Leader**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* in our witness of how important it is to share God's love with humor and song in this world.

**Luncheon H—Speaker Gary Thies, Mission Central**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* the urgency of telling more people about Jesus, so there will be more people in heaven.

## **Saturday Invitation-Only Dinners**

**Please Note: Anyone attending these Saturday invitation-only dinners must have a letter of invitation and must order No. 15 Saturday Plated Dinner on the Registration Form-Part 1, page M.**

**Heart to Heart Sisters**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* in the lives of our ethnically diverse sisters.

**Past LWML District Presidents**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* in the lives of these special people. This dinner is offered as a reunion for past LWML District Presidents. The program will be planned by the Past LWML Presidents.

**YWRs with LWML President**  
*Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap ...* sharing in the lives of the LWML President and the YWRs.



## TRAVEL TO DES MOINES, IOWA

**How do you plan to travel to the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa? Please let us know by completing the travel question on the Registration Form-Part 2, page N, so transportation needs for convention attendees can be planned. If your plans are not definite when you register, indicate the most likely way you will travel to convention.**



### **CHARTER BUS**

Check with your Zone or District President, or District Convention Bus Chairman to learn if your district has made plans to come to convention by charter bus. Many districts are making these plans. Note the reduced early registration fee.



### **AUTOMOBILE**

Interstate Highway I-80 goes East and West through Des Moines. If you are driving from North or South to Des Moines, use I-35 to I-235. *A parking fee will be charged at many of the hotels.*



**AIR** Major airlines serving Des Moines include: Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United, and US Airways. Direct flights to Des Moines are available from many cities. You should make your reservations as soon as your plans are definite to get the best price and to fly when you would like.

Transportation to convention hotels will require a shuttle or taxi from the Des Moines International Airport. Most of the hotels offer shuttle service. Contact your hotel from the airport when your flight arrives. Taxis and rental cars are also available at the airport, but rentals should be reserved before your arrival. The following rental car agencies have rental counters in the Des Moines International Airport terminal: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National/Alamo, and Thrifty.

## TRAVEL FROM HOTELS TO THE IOWA EVENTS CENTER

**There will be several options for this transportation to the Iowa Events Center, depending on how you travel to Des Moines. All LWML contracted hotels are located within five to nine blocks of the convention center. For some, this is walkable, for others there will be Hotel Shuttle Bus service. There will be morning shuttles from your LWML-contracted hotel to the convention center and evening shuttles to return to your hotel after the conclusion of convention programming.**

### **DISTRICT CHARTER BUS**

Districts have been asked to use their charter buses to provide daily transportation to and from the convention center for those who have traveled on their bus. Most have agreed to do this. Charter buses will have a special location for loading and unloading. Check with your bus chairman to be sure your district is providing this daily service.

### **AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL**

Those traveling to convention by automobile or van are strongly encouraged to review the daily parking fees at your hotel. Most range from \$14–\$27 per day. Parking rates at the Iowa Events Center vary from \$8–\$12 per day. Outlying parking lots are owned by private entities and may cost less. Maps and directions will be available at each hotel. If your driver does not want to drive a car while in Des Moines, refer to the Air Travel section and the option utilizing the hotel shuttles.

### **AIR TRAVEL**

Convention planners have arranged hotel shuttles using a local bus company for those who have traveled by air and registered at LWML contracted hotels. There is no extra fee involved. Shuttles will operate during the time before convention activities begin and at the close of each day Thursday through Sunday (they will not run continuously on these days). On Wednesday the shuttles will run from 4:30–8:30 p.m. and Thursday the shuttles will operate throughout the day and evening. Your convention registration badge will be your credential to ride the hotel shuttle buses.

## DAY TOURS

Complete information and registration form for the pre- and post-convention day tours are available at: [www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines](http://www.lwml.org/events/conventions/2015-des-moines).

This will connect you to the Tours website that notes the interesting tours offered. Four half-day, four full-day, and three post-convention tours are available. Come early or stay late to experience Des Moines and other areas of Iowa by enjoying these tours.

### AVAILABLE TOURS INCLUDE:

#### Half-Day

June 24, p.m.

June 25, a.m. and p.m.

June 29, a.m. and p.m.

- State Capitol, Terrace Hill, and Historic East Village, Des Moines, Iowa
- Living History Farms, near Des Moines, Iowa
- Iowa Gold Star Military Museum and Picket Fence Creamery, near Des Moines, Iowa
- Burgie's Coffee and Reiman Gardens, Ames, Iowa

#### Full-Day

June 25

June 29

- Bridges of Madison County and more, Winterset, Iowa
- Mamie Eisenhower Birthplace and Scenic Valley Railroad, Boone, Iowa
- John Deere Works, Maytag Blue Cheese, and Iowa Speedway, near Newton, Iowa
- Keeping in Touch with the Dutch Tradition, Pella, Iowa

#### Post-Convention

**Kalona and The Amana Colonies, Amana, Iowa** — Departs June 29/Returns June 30

**Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska** — Departs June 29/Returns June 30

**Mississippi River Cruise – Quad Cities, Illinois to Dubuque, Iowa** — Departs June 29/Returns July 1



## FRIDAY NIGHT Bountiful Bash Block Party!

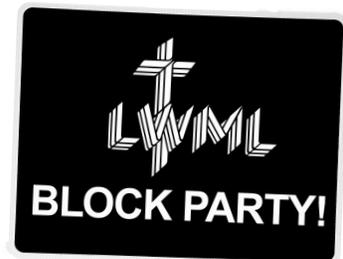
*It's a Bountiful Bash —  
a Party with a Purpose!*

Back by popular demand: our second  
"LWML Neighborhood Block Party"

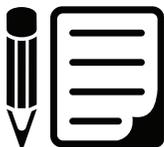
**7 to 9 p.m.**

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

Each biennium, we come together in convention to conduct business, be inspired, and study God's Word, but there never seems to be enough time to visit. This is the purpose for the block party — to explore mission opportunities, to share ideas, to make an impact on other generations, and to get excited about sharing our LWML stories! Come casual; come with family and friends; come and participate! All exhibits are interactive. *Will there be crowds? Absolutely! Will it be noisy? Most certainly. It's a Bountiful Bash — a Party with a Purpose!*



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORMS PART 1 & 2



- *Please read carefully before completing the forms found on pages M, N, and O.*
- *Please copy forms and instructions to share with others and then complete the forms.*
- *Copy completed forms for your own records.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

- Be sure to include your LWML District name.
- Child Care/Youth Activities – Refer to description of the programs and complete the form on page O. Enter the total from that form on Registration Form-Part 1 under No.6. Enclose the Camp Insta Friends form with your convention Registration Form and mail to the Registrar.
- LWML encourages convention participation by teen girls but is not in a position to accommodate groups. Each teenage girl must be registered with a parent or guardian.

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## Registration Schedule

**JANUARY 15, 2015**..... District Charter Bus Registration Opens

**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**..... Early Discounted Registration Opens (\$175 Registration Fee applies). You are encouraged to register as soon as you have made your decision to attend.

**MARCH 14, 2015**..... Regular Registration Opens (\$195 Registration Fee applies for registrations postmarked after the date of March 14, 2015).

**MAY 12, 2015**..... Postmarked/Emailed/Faxed after this date (\$220 Registration Fee applies).

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... CANCELLATIONS must be in writing, postmarked, emailed, or faxed, and signed by the registrant by this date. A \$45 processing fee will be retained.

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... Registrations postmarked after this date will be handled as on-site registrations. Catered meals will not be available.

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... **NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE — NO EXCEPTIONS**

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## Registration Procedure

Be sure your forms are complete and the Total Remittance is paid by credit card, check, or money order. Incomplete forms will be returned.

***Make checks or money orders payable to: LWML Convention Registration***

**Mail** forms and payment to: LWML Convention Registrar

P. O. Box 1818

St. Charles, MO 63302

**Fax** forms with credit card information to: (636) 284-7371 **after January 15, 2015.**

**You may register for Convention on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).**

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## Questions About Registration

The Registrar's Office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2–4 p.m. (Central time) from January 15, 2015, to June 2, 2015. The Office will not be open Tuesday, April 15, or Thursday, April 17, of Holy Week. The Registrar's phone number is: (636) 284-7371.

Questions may be faxed to: (636) 284-7371 or emailed to: [lwmlregistration@att.net](mailto:lwmlregistration@att.net) at any time **after January 15, 2015.**



# REGISTRATION FORM – PART 2 NAME:

**Convention Choir:** Rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 25, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Music and information will be sent to you. Choir attire will be black skirts or slacks and white tops. (NOTE: There is a \$5 charge to pay for choir music.)

I will sing in the choir:  Soprano I  Soprano II  Alto I  Alto II  Deaf Choir

**Special Needs:**  deaf interpreter  bringing own wheelchair/walker  
 large-print convention manual  wheelchair rental needed  
 vegetarian diet

**Travel to Des Moines:** Please indicate how you plan to travel:  airplane  charter bus  auto or van  train

**Thursday Servant Activities:** Complete the information below, indicating the NUMERAL of the servant activity time (I, II, III) in order of your preference. Assignments will be made on a first-come basis. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

Times: I. 9 a.m.–11 a.m.      II. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.      III. 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

The \$5 registration fee includes all materials and a Servant Connections memento. Indicate on Registration Form-Part 1 the number of persons participating (registrant, spouse, child) and include the fee for each. If you are only participating in the Servant Connections on Thursday and not registering for the entire convention, there is a \$10 participation fee (please see line 8b). Detailed explanation on page C.

Time choice: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choice IV: I am scheduled as a blood donor (Participants in ONLY Choice IV will not pay the servant activity fee). Please see instructions on page C to schedule your appointment time.

**Friday Noon Gatherings:** Mark your choice with the LETTER of the Info Gathering in order of your preference. If indicating additional registered attendees, add names and Info Gathering selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

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| P. Clergy                                | V. Men's Network/LHM                                        |
| Q. First Timers                          | W. Social Media                                             |
| R. Gifts of Love                         | X. The Time is NOW                                          |
| S. Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion        | Y. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Investment Management |
| T. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) | Z. YWRs and YWR Alums                                       |
| U. Lunch with My Friends                 |                                                             |

**Friday Evening Mission in Motion:** This pledge walk will take place on Friday from 5-6 p.m. Please indicate below the full name of each registered participant. A confirmation letter and pledge form will be sent to you. Indicate on Registration Form- Part I the number of persons participating and include the fee for each. The \$10 Registration Fee includes a special Mission in Motion T-shirt.

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  (S)  (M)  (L)  (XL)  (XXL)  (XXXL)

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  (S)  (M)  (L)  (XL)  (XXL)  (XXXL)

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  (S)  (M)  (L)  (XL)  (XXL)  (XXXL)

**Special Saturday Luncheons:** Mark your choice with the LETTER of the luncheon in order of your preference. If indicating additional registered attendees, add names and luncheon selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis. All attendees must purchase the Saturday Luncheon, Registration Form- Part 1, page M.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

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| A. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison | E. Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo          |
| B. Carly Hatcher             | F. Rev. Gregory Seltz               |
| C. Rev. Dr. James Lamb       | G. Jan Struck and Dr. Dina Vendetti |
| D. LCMS Missionaries         | H. Gary Thies                       |



## CAMP Insta Friends

**All child/youth activities  
will be held Friday, June 26,  
and Saturday, June 27  
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Children, whose parents or other adults are attending the 2015 Convention, may attend one of four age group activities:

### 1. Nursery and Child Care

(6 months–4 years)

Located at the Iowa Events Center, children will participate in age-appropriate activities. Lunch is included in the daily rate for children one year or older. Parents must provide food for children younger than one year old.

### 2. Primary (ages 5–8) and

### 3. Intermediate (ages 9–12) Program

Located at the Iowa Events Center, children will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (art, Bible stories, games, sing-a-longs, etc.) at their own pace. Children will also participate in two chaperoned field trips: Friday to the Science Center of Iowa; Saturday to the Blank Zoo. Admission and lunch are included in the cost.

### 4. High School (ages 13–17) Program

Located at the Iowa Events Center, youth will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (crafts, Bible games, sing-a-longs, etc.). Youth will participate in two servant events and two chaperoned field trips: Friday, they will work at a local homeless shelter and enjoy an afternoon at the Science Center of Iowa; Saturday, they will package Meals for the Heartland and then enjoy an afternoon at a local aquatic park. Admission and lunch are included in the cost.

**Transportation to the field trips and servant events will be provided by chartered bus at no additional cost.**

**Registration Deadline:** Postmarked By May 20, 2015

Return this Child Care/Youth Activities registration form with your Convention Registration Form-Part 1. Total payment must be included on line 7 of the Convention Registration Form-Part 1, page M. **NO on-site registration for Child Care/Youth Activities Camp Insta Friends.**

Additional information will be sent to you upon receipt of registration form. Pre-registration is required. Since space is limited, children must be registered to participate. There will be no on-site registration available.

If you have any questions, please contact: Child/Youth Care Chairman at: (515) 371-4639 or email her at: [childcare.youth@lwml.org](mailto:childcare.youth@lwml.org)

**Please Type or Print Clearly** (use black ink)

One T-shirt is provided for each registered child/youth. Please indicate size for each and designate if it should be Youth (Y) or Adult(A) size. Youth sizes: XS, S, M, L; Adult sizes: S, M, L.

Parent/Guardian Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Nursery/Child Care (6 months–4 years)

Child's Name	Age	June 26	June 27	Shirt Size (circle one)
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L

\$40 per day, per child: (# of children) \_\_\_\_\_ x (# of days) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

### Primary (ages 5–8) and Intermediate (ages 9–12) Program

Child's Name	Age	June 26	June 27	Shirt Size (circle one)
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L

\$40 per day, per child: (# of children) \_\_\_\_\_ x (# of days) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

### High School (Ages 13–17) Program

Youth Name	Age	June 26	June 27	Shirt Size (circle one)
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y) XS, S, M, L; (A) S, M, L

\$40 per day, per child: (# of children) \_\_\_\_\_ x (# of days) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

I want to purchase an EXTRA T-shirt(s) in size(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of additional T-shirts @ \$5 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED FORM**

