



# TREASURED NEWS



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Welcome to the LWML Treasurer's Newsroom

As I receive important news from you or from other sources that can be shared with everyone, this will be my way of communicating with you so that we're all informed at the same time and in the same way. If you have any items you'd like to share with the other treasurers, please send me a message and I'll include it in the next issue. Please contact me at [loisandersonlwml@gmail.com](mailto:loisandersonlwml@gmail.com). These bulletins will be sent out monthly or if something comes up that's urgent, I'll send information out as needed. Let's give this a try and see how it works. Communication between departments, officers, and committees is very important so that we can keep the LWML business flowing. Thank you for your participation and please feel free to share your tips along the way.

## ATTENTION - NEW TREASURERS

Congratulations on being elected as your district's treasurer! This is a very important way to serve our Lord through the LWML. Many of you have asked questions about submitting Remittance Vouchers to me and also to the LWML office. You have done an outstanding job in reporting!! I have been receiving most of the vouchers but once in awhile one is missing; therefore, I do not know if it's for mites or an invoice. A hard copy of the Remittance Voucher should be sent with the check to the LWML office in St. Louis and a copy should be sent to me via email at [loisandersonlwml@gmail.com](mailto:loisandersonlwml@gmail.com). This applies to all vouchers, whether it includes only a payment for an invoice, a memorial donation, or a *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* payment. Also, you may include all payments, including mites, on one voucher with one check. Some districts prefer sending each payment on a separate voucher and writing a separate check for each item and that works too. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.



## JOYFUL RESPONSE

**Joyful Response** is a free electronic mite giving opportunity provided by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for individuals and societies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The LWML Board of Directors voted to adopt this electronic method as an optional method for members to give to mites. Have you heard of the program from your district president? All mite donations are filtered through the district's LCEF Steward account and the district can also earn interest on the funds that are held in this account. Check out the information at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) under the "giving" tab. Or give me a call at (208) 733-6599 and we can chat about this new electronic program.

Pray daily for our grant recipients. Pick one from the list, read about it, and become familiar with the work that God has planned for us to do. God will bless the work.

**MITE REPORT BY DISTRICT - AUGUST 2012**

ATLANTIC		9,393.18	NEBRASKA NORTH	678.08	18,370.39
CA/NE/HA	2,493.14	30,529.73	NEBRASKA SOUTH		26,671.76
CAROLINAS		7,268.43	NEW ENGLAND		8,045.66
CENTRAL ILLINOIS	2,389.01	27,488.52	NEW JERSEY	254.92	3,125.12
CHESAPEAKE		16,413.33	NORTH DAKOTA	711.86	18,419.53
EASTERN		10,275.04	NORTH WISCONSIN		21,028.00
ENGLISH	273.75	8,475.45	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	280.46	30,417.79
FLORIDA/GEORGIA	8,745.25	24,689.21	OHIO		28,035.45
GULF STATES	550.28	7,701.39	OKLAHOMA		27,459.18
INDIANA	1,388.27	21,880.34	OREGON		10,951.57
IOWA EAST		20,032.24	PACIFIC SW	2,186.37	41,017.36
IOWA WEST		29,523.38	ROCKY MOUNTAIN		26,844.04
KANSAS		23,597.79	SELC		1,946.54
LA/MS		11,715.74	SOUTH DAKOTA	803.50	15,321.96
MICHIGAN	2,939.71	50,632.02	SOUTH WISCONSIN	4,551.41	31,189.55
MID SOUTH	1,000.70	20,308.35	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		14,121.01
MINNESOTA NORTH		23,400.97	TEXAS	2,694.65	47,808.18
MINNESOTA SOUTH	1,572.89	39,745.15	UTAH/IDAHO		7,484.28
MISSOURI	1,856.49	55,334.82	WASH/ALASKA		20,981.13
MONTANA	236.23	10,565.76	WYOMING	289.27	7,265.35
			<b>TOTAL</b>	35,896.24	860,704.18

**MITES FROM OTHER SOURCES**

Mite Donations	5,614.50	73,177.12	Annual Appeal		63,664.60
Conv. Offering #1		51,150.79	GoodSearch		2,507.91
Children's Miss Adv	53.00	9,901.98	Thrivent Simply Giving	75.00	1,355.00
Mite Walk		60,385.67	Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,503.00	40,781.00
Golf Tournament		7,332.06	<b>OTHER MITE TOTAL</b>	7,245.50	310,256.13
			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	43,141.74	1,170,960.31

All totals are unconfirmed pending verification from the accounting office.



GOOD IDEAS TO HELP INCREASE OUR MITE OFFERINGS

As you can see by the mite report on the website, our total mite offerings are behind the goal set at the Peoria Convention. We are all looking for ways to increase the mite offerings whether it's at the society, zone, district, or national levels. God has richly blessed the LWML with opportunities to reach out across the globe to help people in need and to share His love. The letter below was sent out to all district presidents. It's one way to increase the gifts gathered at a fundraiser. Several societies in our small zone are each having a presentation during LWML Sunday to highlight several of the grant recipients to let the congregation know how LWML is using the mite offerings. With Thrivent's help we hope to raise \$1,500. Please share your interesting ideas so that the \$1,825,000 goal can be met. With God's help, we'll do it!

Dear District Presidents,

Are you looking for ways to increase your mite offerings? Here's one example that has been used by LWML groups with success. Please share with your zone presidents and ask them to share with their societies within the zones.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, in order to retain their tax-free status, allocates funds to each County Chapter Board to disburse to families and agencies in their community. The funds are to be used to help with a wide range of needs, and the LWML grants certainly qualify. Thrivent will match the dollars contributed from an LWML fundraiser. So how does this work?

Contact your Thrivent Congregational Advocate to give you the details of the program and to help you fill out the proper forms which can be found at: <https://www.thrivent.com/chapters/volunteer/forms.html>. Each congregation has at least one Advocate who reports to the County Chapter Board.

Select a fundraiser and date for your event. (Multiple congregations can participate and pool their funds.) Here are a few examples: yard sale, baked food sale, door offering after presentation at church about grants, craft sale, dinner or game night at church, produce sale.

Complete Request for Funding Form and submit to Congregational Advocate or member of the County Chapter Board. Most Chapter Boards set a dollar limit for each grant approved. Example: The Board approves a \$900 match for each fundraiser.

Give all proceeds after event is held, (example: \$945) to the Chapter Treasurer, along with the Report for Funding Activity Results Form. The Treasurer will deposit the money and the report will be submitted to Thrivent. Thrivent will deposit the matched amount in the County Chapter's checking account and a check can be written to LWML for the amount raised plus the matching funds. (Example: Funds raised \$945 + Thrivent match \$900 = \$1,845 total to support mission grants.)

There are many needs in each of our communities where we can reach out with Christian love to help our friends and neighbors with their medical costs, repairs, utilities, etc. Most Thrivent County Chapters are given enough funds to help within the local communities and to also reach out to agencies such as the LWML, and, in turn, help people around the world.

Let's join together with Thrivent to give our mite goal a huge boost by utilizing their Care Abounds in Communities program. Please let me know if you have any questions about the details of this program.

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