

# Introducing Lutheran Women in Mission to YOU!



Welcome!

We look forward to connecting with you each month. As a new Mailbox Member, we hope you enjoy learning about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and feel connected to other Lutheran Women in Mission around the world.

## Who is the LWML?

You are the LWML! Every woman who is a communicant member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is welcome to be a part of the LWML. All you need is a love for others, a desire to share the Gospel message, and a heart to serve. “Lutheran Women in Mission” describes who we are and what we do.

## Gatherings of Sisters in Christ

Lutheran Women in Mission groups frequently gather for events and activities to provide fellowship, work together on service projects in the church or community, pray, worship, sing, and study the Word as sisters in Christ.

## Motto

*Serve the Lord with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2).

## Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

## Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

## Beliefs

As an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our beliefs are in line with the statements found on the LCMS website at [lcms.org/about/beliefs](https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs).

## Logo

Through this identity, the hope is to empower members through deeper connections, tradition, and the desire to serve God. The symbol was created with this in mind; one that represents the members of both the LWML and the church. A **heart** to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a **drop** to symbolize the blood of Christ; and a **cross** above all else to proudly show the purpose behind the efforts of the LWML.



*for God so loved the world ... (John 3:16)*

The heart of God is behind all that we are and do ...

He has loved us so ... seen in His only begotten Son ... His cross and sacrifice ... His cherished blood for us ... shed for the forgiveness of sins



*without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins ... (Hebrews 9:22)*

Therefore we lift high the cross of Christ ...  
guiding our thanks and praise and service ...



*for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim  
the Lord's death until He comes ... (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

So that His heart is impressed upon our own ...  
and by the Spirit we are blessed with joy and peace ...

*Serve the LORD with gladness ... (Psalm 100:2)*

## The Mite Box

Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of “mites” — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Mite Boxes are available from the district or zone. They are distributed to every woman in a group, and often to each member of the congregation. A Mite Box will be given to you by your Mailbox Member Coordinator. You may wish to display this in a prominent place where you will be reminded to contribute regularly and pray for the grant recipients.

Some congregations display a large version of the Mite Box so those who do not attend LWML events may contribute their mite offerings. Mite Box offerings should be gathered at LWML functions, preferably with a prayer or a *Mite Box devotion*. Some resources are available as free downloads at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). *Mission Grant Resources* — including a poster, prayer guide, devotion, and bulletin byte — are available for each grant, with a new one featured each month. Groups send Mite Box contributions regularly to a designated district financial officer.



## Organizational Structure

LWML groups usually form within their church congregation. These groups become part of the zone that is made up of several local groups. The district is usually the state in which you live, with some states having more than one district and some states combined to make one district. The national LWML has members serving from many different districts. The LWML is a blessing to the Church, producing Bible studies, outreach resources, leadership training materials, and supporting the Lord's work through Mite Box offerings that accomplish the task of building for eternity.

Zones and districts vary in the types of gatherings they host. Many zones hold multi-congregational events once or twice a year. They go by various names such as "Festivals," "Rallies," "Workshops," or "Retreats." Activities may include presenting the LWML Prayer Service, holding a "Gifts from the Heart" ingathering, working on servant events, or being inspired by speakers on topics of interest.

Conventions are an important part of the LWML. Bible studies, prayer, service projects, inspirational speakers, and mission grant selections are some of the activities that are enjoyed. In odd-numbered years, there is a national convention held in various parts of the country. District conventions are held in even-numbered years. Learn more at [www.lwml.org/district-conventions](http://www.lwml.org/district-conventions).

## Let's Make Connections!

Your zone president and district president are excited that you are participating as an LWML Mailbox Member. If you ever have questions, you are welcome to reach out to them. If you don't have their contact information, you can find it on your [district website](#). The district website is a great resource for news of events happening in your district.

Check out the LWML social media on our website: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

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