You’re invited to donate a very precious gift ... the gift of life-saving blood.

Convention Goal: 75–100 Units  Are you able to help provide this life-saving gift?

Blood and platelets can’t be manufactured ... they can only be given by a volunteer donor.

One donation can save three lives.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood.

Less than 38% of the population is eligible to give blood or platelets.

THE NEED FOR BLOOD IS GREAT! EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES WE NEED:

✓ 36,000 units of red blood cells and 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma
✓ About 21 million blood components are transfused each year
✓ The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O
✓ Blood and blood products are used to treat patients with kidney disease, cancer, sickle cell disease, gastrointestinal bleeding, trauma victims, and for patients undergoing surgical procedures

HOW DOES THE SUPPLY MEET THE DEMAND FOR BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS?

✓ The American Red Cross provides 40% of our nation’s blood/blood components from donors
✓ The supply can’t always meet the demand ... only about three percent (3%) of age-eligible people donate blood yearly
✓ Each year about 6.8 million people in the United States donate blood
✓ 13.6 million units of whole blood and red blood cells are collected in the United States yearly
✓ Type O Negative red blood cells can be given to patients of all blood types. Seven percent of the people in the United States are Type O Negative. The demand is great and the supply is often short!
✓ Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less) and platelets must be used within five days

BLOOD DRIVE

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
Thursday, June 24, 2021    9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center
430 West Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW.

Go to: www.redcrossblood.org
Click on “Donate Blood”
Click on “Schedule an Appointment”
Use sponsor code “LWML 21”

OR call 1-800-RED CROSS
Questions: contact ryan.brown@redcross.org