



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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Click on "Donate Blood"

Click on "Schedule an Appointment"

Use sponsor code "LWML 21"

**OR call 1-800-RED CROSS**

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