

The Ripple



Issue 1

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35th Biennial LWML Convention
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Welcome to Pittsburgh and LWML Convention 2013! We are gathering as an organization that exists because of a fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption. I pray that nourished by God's Word, you will leave

this convention empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father's love.

I look forward to seeing you at the LWML Neighborhood Block

Party! I hear there may even be popcorn and entertainment! I wonder what fun activities our exhibitors have planned.

I encourage you to use your Witness Cards during your stay in Pittsburgh. When we leave this place in just a few days, may Pittsburgh know that our Lord has worked through each of us to extend His love to them.

So again, I welcome you! I'm so very happy you are here! May our Lord bless you as you are "Quenched! by the Water!"

Kay Kreklau
LWML President



Welcome to Pittsburgh, known as the Golden Triangle, where the Allegheny River joins the Monongahela River to form the Ohio River. The members of your six hosting districts — Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey, and SELC — are excited that you have chosen to join us this weekend where you will be "Quenched! by the Water."

There are so many things to see and do in Pittsburgh that you will want to come back again and again! There are 89 distinct neighborhoods in the city, including Mt. Washington, where you can ride the Duquesne Incline to the top for a breathtaking view of the city. There is also the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium for family entertainment, plus plenty of other interesting sites to visit. And for the sports fans, Pittsburgh is also the home of the Pirates, Steelers, and Penguins. The Pirates are in town this weekend, and PNC Park is close enough that you can walk. You will never run out of places to see and things to do in Pittsburgh.

Our main reason for gathering in Pittsburgh is to come together with our sisters and brothers in Christ to



hear God's Word and carry out the business of the LWML — missions and mites. The opening worship service will be awe-inspiring as more than 3,500 people gather to praise the Lord. You will be inspired by our speakers, worship leaders and missionaries. You will make new friends and renew friendships that formed at the last convention in Peoria. There will be plenty of laughter and hugs!

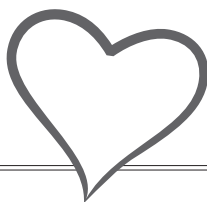
The Host Committee members are ready to serve you. If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask anyone wearing yellow and black with a distinctive collar-scarf over their shirt and a trolley badge. After all, we are in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood! We pray you will return home refreshed and rejoicing in being renewed in your baptism.

Maureen Consiglio
Host Committee Chairman

Gifts from the Heart

Please bring Gifts from the Heart items by Friday noon to the collection and packing area on the West Concourse, second level, Alcove C of the convention center, near registration.

Please consider volunteering to sort and pack items. Both men and women are needed: Wednesday, 5–8 p.m.; Thursday 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; and Friday 7 a.m.–2 p.m.



Convention Coverage

Note: *The Ripple* will be published twice for this convention; the final issue will be distributed on Sunday.

Check out our online coverage throughout the convention at www.lwml.org/conventions, and scan this QR code for live video streaming. Tell your friends back home that they too can follow along with convention proceedings!



Friday Noon Info Gatherings

The Convention Programming Committee has arranged this opportunity for all convention attendees to attend a gathering at noon on Friday. You may bring your pre-ordered box lunch or concession food with you and enjoy your meal and then participate in one of the sessions. Most of you have already signed up for these gatherings. There might be some additional space if you would like to attend. Some are for specific groups, as noted below, and others are planned for everyone. When the room has filled to capacity, that session will be closed.

GATHERING	LEADERS	LOCATION
P – Clergy	Rev. Kris Whitby & Rev. John Heckmann	CC – 328
Q – First Timers	President Kay Kreklau, Marie Chow & Shari Miller	CC – Ballroom A
R – Friends Into Serving Him® Leaders	Mary Jo Stier	CC – 306 – 307
S – Gifts of Love	Linda Gage	CC – 315 – 316
T – Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion	Angelina Gomez & Pat Reichert	CC – 401–402
U – LWML Facebook	Wendy Greiner & Nancy Bopenhagen	CC – 407
V – Men’s NetWork	Lutheran Hour Ministries Bruce Wurdeman	CC – 406
W – Thrivent Financial Seminar	Laurie Wilkinson	CC – 333
X – Webmasters	Wendy Greiner & Nancy Bopenhagen	CC – 407
Y – YWRs and Alums		CC – 411–412
Z – PING	Patti Ross & Carolyn Blum	CC – 310–311

Thrivent Friday Noon Info Gathering

The award-winning “Real Money Talk for Women” will be the subject of Thrivent’s info gathering on Friday at noon. This talk will help you understand your finances and find balance in your life. You’ll get information and steps to use five keys that can help you reach your financial goals.

Be Green — Recycle!

The convention center is a GREEN facility and is asking LWML attendees to help maintain that certification. When disposing of trash, please use the containers provided for recycling, located in the hallways and rooms throughout the building.

Entertainment Passes

Non-registered guests may purchase passes for just \$10 each at the registration desk for Saturday evening’s Mia Koehne presentation. The desk is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Cash and checks only.

Convention Courtesy Rules

It is requested that no photos be taken during worship services and other devotional periods. AND all cell phones are to be turned off or turned to vibrate.

Since the LWML will be taking photos and videotaping gathering proceedings and activities, your registration for this event gives the LWML permission to use your image and comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including webcast and other electronic media.

Where Do We Dine?

Here are the choices you have selected if you have pre-registered for meals:

BOX LUNCHESES (Thursday dinner available beginning at 4:15 p.m. & Friday lunch) will be available for pick up in the Third Level Gallery. You can take your meal to a meeting room, enjoy it outdoors, or eat in the Exhibit Hall.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY DINNERS will be plated meals served in the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom located on the Third Level at round tables of 10. Seats cannot be saved, so please enter the dining area with your entire group and follow the directions of the hostesses.

SATURDAY SPECIAL INTEREST

LUNCHEONS: See the Locator for the location of the Special Interest Luncheon that you are attending. There will be signs and hostesses to direct you to the appropriate rooms.

SATURDAY INVITATION-ONLY DINNERS:

See the Locator for the location of the dinner you have been invited to. There will be signs and hostesses to direct you to the appropriate rooms.

BOX LUNCHESES (Sunday lunch available beginning at 11 a.m.) will be available for pick up in the Second Level Corridor, outside of the Assembly Hall. You can take your meal to your bus, enjoy it outdoors, or eat in your hotel room.

You must have your convention badge to receive your meals at any location.

Here are other options for those not pre-registered for meals:

FOOD CONCESSIONS: There are concession stands located throughout the convention center available the entire time of the convention. Exhibit Hall Concessions are available during exhibit hours only.

AREA RESTAURANTS are located within walking distance or within a few miles of the convention center. A list of Pittsburgh restaurants is available in your convention packet and at the LWML Information Booth.

District Caucus Locations Thursday, June 27, 2013

4:10–5 p.m.

2013 Coalition	301–305
Gulf States	327
Kansas	317–318
Louisiana-Mississippi	326
Mid-South	325
Minnesota South	413–415
Missouri	319–321
Nebraska North	329
Nebraska South	306–307
North Wisconsin	315–316
Ohio	403–405
Oregon	334
South Dakota	310–311
Southern Illinois	328
Texas	408–410
Utah-Idaho	312
Washington-Alaska	333

5:10–6 p.m.

California-Nevada-Hawaii	329
Carolinas	325
Central Illinois	403–405
Chesapeake	408–410
Florida-Georgia	306–307
Indiana	301–305
Iowa East & Iowa West	413–415
Michigan	319–321
Minnesota North	310–311
Montana	327
North Dakota	334
Northern Illinois	315–316
Oklahoma	326
Pacific Southwest	328
Rocky Mountain	333
South Wisconsin	317–318
Wyoming	312

District Photo Schedule

District photos will be taken in groups of three on Thursday, June 27, in three locations on the fourth floor of the convention center. Note the locations. Please arrive 10 minutes before your district photo is scheduled.

DIRECTIONS: Group 1, take the left escalator to the 4th level; Group 2 and 3, take the right escalator to the 4th level. Please arrive 10 minutes before your district photo is scheduled.

GROUP 1 Room 406

4:10 p.m. Michigan
4:20 p.m. Northern Illinois
4:30 p.m. Iowa West
4:40 p.m. Chesapeake
4:50 p.m. Central Illinois
5:00 p.m. Indiana
5:10 p.m. New England
5:20 p.m. Ohio
5:30 p.m. Missouri
5:40 p.m. Eastern
5:50 p.m. Texas
6:00 p.m. Minnesota South
6:10 p.m. North Wisconsin
6:20 p.m. Atlantic

GROUP 2 Room 407

4:10 p.m. South Wisconsin
4:20 p.m. Florida-Georgia
4:30 p.m. Minnesota North
4:40 p.m. Oklahoma
4:50 p.m. Pacific Southwest
5:00 p.m. Iowa East
5:10 p.m. Kansas
5:20 p.m. Nebraska South
5:30 p.m. English
5:40 p.m. South Dakota
5:50 p.m. Mid-South
6:00 p.m. Southern Illinois
6:10 p.m. New Jersey
6:20 p.m. YWRs

GROUP 3 4th Level Corridor

4:10 p.m. Wyoming
4:20 p.m. Montana
4:30 p.m. North Dakota
4:40 p.m. Rocky Mountain
4:50 p.m. California-Nevada-Hawaii
5:00 p.m. Carolinas
5:10 p.m. Utah-Idaho
5:20 p.m. Oregon
5:30 p.m. Gulf States
5:40 p.m. Washington-Alaska
5:50 p.m. Louisiana-Mississippi
6:00 p.m. SELC
6:10 p.m. Nebraska North
6:20 p.m. H2H

The 2013 Host Committee Coalition photo will be taken Sunday, June 30, at 8:15 a.m. in Room 406.

District Photos Ready at Convention

At this LWML convention, you will again be able to pick up the district photos you ordered with your registration at the District Photo Pick-up and Order table outside Assembly Hall B. If you did not pre-order a district photo, it's not too late. Stop by the Pick-up and Order table to place a credit card order. Hours for pick-up and ordering are Friday 4–7:30 p.m.; Saturday 8–9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., 4–7:30 p.m.; and Sunday 8–10 a.m.

Recordings of Presentations

Representatives of Manna Recording & Duplication Inc. will again record and produce CDs of major presenters. Look for their booth in Concourse B near the registration area to order and take home your favorite speakers on CD. This is a great way to share the convention proceedings with those who could not attend the convention.

Seating

Seating at tables on the floor near the stage area is reserved for delegates, LWML committees, program participants and invited guests. Special seat-

ing will be provided for those who are physically or hearing challenged. Please follow the instructions of the ushers.

In the general Assembly Hall seating, because of the large number of attendees, please move to the center of the rows and fill in every seat. Seating Thursday and Saturday nights will be open seating for the evening.

Emergency Phone Number

A complimentary phone number (412-325-6193) is available for family to call the convention center and leave messages for attendees. It is available during the hours convention is in session.

Choir

Choir rehearsal is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday in the convention center, 2nd level, Assembly Hall B. Please check in at the choir table in the Registration Area just outside Assembly Hall B before noon.

Prayer Chapel

Come to the "Grace Place" Prayer Chapel in Room 330, just to the left of the escalator, to be refreshed. The chapel will be staffed with an LWML member and a pastor Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m.–7 p.m. and Sunday morning with limited staffing.

Activity Locator

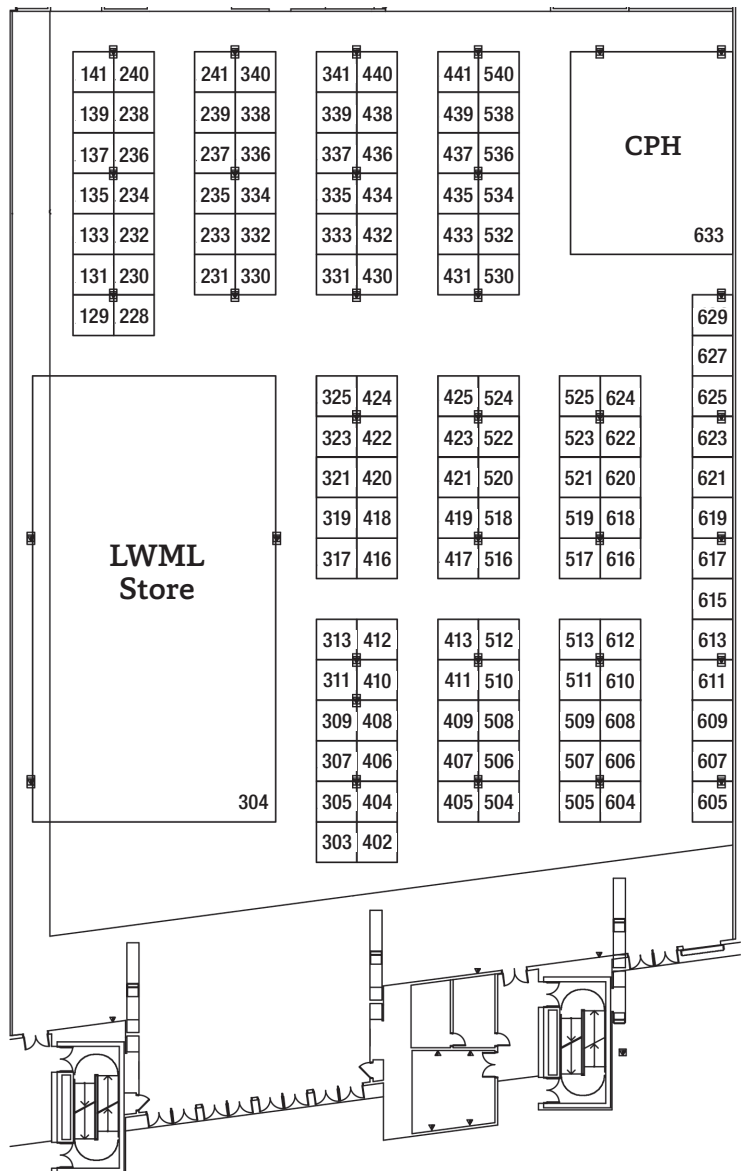
ACTIVITY	ROOM	LEVEL	DATE	TIME
Banner Room	CC – Assembly Hall – rear of Hall B	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Blood Donors	CC – Gallery near ballrooms	3 rd Level	June 27	9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Child Care/Youth Activities (Camp Kidsburgh)	CC – 335–338	3 rd Level	June 28–29	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	CC – Assembly Hall – left front on risers	2 nd Level	June 27	12:30–2:30 p.m.
Choir Sign-In	CC – Registration Area, B Corridor	2 nd Level	June 26–27	Registration hours until June 27–12:30 p.m.
Communication Room	CC – 309	3 rd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Concessions	CC – B Concourse	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
	“The LWML Neighborhood” Exhibit Area	2 nd Level	June 27–29	When exhibits are open
Convention Sessions	CC – Assembly Hall, Hall B	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Convention Shirt Sales	CC – Registration Area	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
CPH Bible Study	CC – 328	3 rd Level	June 28–29	6:45–7:45 a.m.
Delegate Orientation	CC – Assembly Hall, Hall B	2 nd Level	June 27	3–4 p.m.
District Caucuses	CC – See p. 3	3 rd & 4 th Levels	June 27	4–6 p.m.
District Photos	CC – 406–407 and outside corridor. See p. 3	4 th Level	June 27	4–6 p.m.
District Photo Pick-up/Orders	CC – Registration Area, B Corridor	2 nd Level	Friday, June 28 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30	4–7:30 p.m. 8–9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. 4–7:30 p.m. 8–10 a.m.
District Treasurers LCEF Breakfast (by invitation only)	CC – 312	3 rd Level	Saturday, June 29	7–8:30 a.m.
Exhibits and LWML Store	“The LWML Neighborhood” Exhibit Area – CC, Exhibit Hall C	2 nd Level	Thursday, June 27 Friday, June 28 Friday, June 28 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29	9 a.m.–6 p.m. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. 7 p.m.–9 p.m. 7:30–9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
First Aid Room	CC – Exhibit Hall B, behind stage	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Friday Lunch Info Gatherings				
P – Clergy	CC – 328	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
Q – First Timers	CC – Ballroom A	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
R – Friends Into Serving Him® Leaders	CC – 306–307	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
S – Gifts of Love	CC – 315–316	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
T – Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion	CC – 401–402	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
U – LWML Facebook	CC – 407	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
V – Men’s NetWork	CC – 406	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
W – Thrivent Financial Seminar	CC – 333	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
X – Webmasters	CC – 407	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
Y – YWRs and Alums	CC – 411–412	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
Z – PING	CC – 310–311	3 rd Level	Friday, June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
Gifts from the Heart	CC – West Concourse, beyond Registration Area	2 nd Level	June 26–28	All items need to be turned in by Friday noon
Heart to Heart Saturday Dinner (by invitation only)	CC – 401	4 th Level	Friday, June 28	5–7 p.m.
Heart to Heart District Leaders Training and Heart to Heart Sisters Program	Westin – Butler East & West Rooms	2 nd Level	Tuesday, June 25 Wednesday, June 26 Thursday, June 27	3–8:30 p.m. 8 a.m.–9 p.m. 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Information Booths	CC – Registration Area, Concourse B and area near Noresco Lobby	2 nd Level 3 rd Level	June 26–30	Entire convention

Activity Locator

ACTIVITY	ROOM	LEVEL	DATE	TIME
Interview Room	CC – 313	3 rd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Lost and Found	CC – East Lobby counter	Street	June 26–30	Entire convention
Lutheran Braille Workers Breakfast (by invitation only)	CC – 310–311	3 rd Level	Saturday, June 29	7–8:30 a.m.
LWML Store	“The LWML Neighborhood” Exhibit Area, Exhibit Hall C	2 nd Level	June 27–29	See exhibit hours
Luggage Storage	At your hotel; none available at the CC	Hotel Location	N/A	N/A
Manna Taping Services – SALES	CC – B Corridor between escalators	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Meals – Catered	CC – Ballrooms A, B, & C	3 rd Level	June 28–29	Entire convention
Mission in Motion – Pledge Walk	Begin at CC – Riverfront Plaza	Street	June 28	5 p.m.–6 p.m.
Neighborhood Block Party	CC – Exhibit Hall C	2 nd Level	June 28	7–9 p.m.
Past District Presidents Saturday Dinner (by invitation only)	CC – 310–311	3 rd Level	Saturday, June 29	5–7 p.m.
Pastors Gathering/Robing	CC – Show Office C	2 nd Level	Thursday, June 27 Sunday, June 30	12–10 p.m. 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
Pledge Walk Sign-In	CC – Registration Area	2 nd Level	June 26–28	Registration hours
Prayer Chapel (Grace Place)	CC – 330	3 rd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Prayer Service	CC – Noresco Terrace	3 rd Level	June 27	7 a.m.
Press/Photographer Room	CC – 314	3 rd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Properties	CC – 324	3 rd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Registrar Office	CC – Registration Area, B Corridor	2 nd Level	June 26–29	Registration hours
Registration	CC – Registration Area, B Corridor	2 nd Level	Wednesday, June 26 Thursday, June 27 Friday, June 28 Saturday, June 29	5 p.m.–8 p.m. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. 7 a.m.–2 p.m. 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday Special Luncheons A – Elaine Bickel B – Dr. LuJuana Butts C – Mia Koehne D – LCMS Mission and Missionaries E – Rev. Dr. John Arthur Nunes F – Donna Pyle G – Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor	CC – Ballroom A CC – 413–415 CC – 319–321 CC – 403–405 CC – 408–410 CC – 301–305 CC – Ballroom B	3 rd Level 4 th Level 3 rd Level 4 th Level 4 th Level 3 rd Level 3 rd Level	Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29 Saturday, June 29	12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m.
Servant Activities Sign In	CC – Registration Area	2 nd Level	June 26–27	Registration hours
Servant Connections	CC – Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom	3 rd Level	June 27	9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Thrivent Special Saturday Breakfast – District Presidents and Counselors (by invitation only)	CC – 306–307	3 rd Level	Saturday, June 29	7–8:30 a.m.
Tours Information	CC – Registration Area	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Transportation Information	CC Information Booth CC – Registration Area, Concourse B and area near Noresco Lobby	2 nd Level 3 rd Level	June 26–30	Entire convention
VIP Seating	CC – Assembly Hall, right side on risers	2 nd Level	June 27–30	Entire convention
Wheelchair Storage and Pickup	CC – East Lobby near escalator	Street	June 27–30	Entire convention
Workers’ Room	CC – 323	3 rd Level	June 26–30	Entire convention
YWR Saturday Dinner	CC – 412	4 th Level	June 29	5–7 p.m.
YWR & YWR Alumni Friday Noon Gathering	CC – 411–412	4 th Level	June 28	12–1:30 p.m.
YWR Servant Activity	Gifts from the Heart area	2 nd Level	June 26–28	Registration hours
YWR Thursday Meet & Greet	CC – 412	4 th Level	June 27	2:30–3:45 p.m.

Exhibit Locator

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Concordia College Alabama	522	LWML Past Presidents	317	The Saint Timothy Society	339
Concordia College – NY	520	LWML Store	304	Thrivent Financial for Lutherans	129 131 228 230
Concordia Historical Institute	511	LWML Structure	413	Time of Grace Ministry	335
Concordia Lutheran Ministries	606	Mission at St. Paul Community		University Lutheran Church	232
Concordia Publishing House	633	Lutheran Church	241	Wheat Ridge Ministries	507
Concordia Seminary	435	MOST Ministries	617	Women’s Leadership Institute	434
Concordia Theological Seminary	616 618	Orphan Grain Train	532 534	Worship for Shut-Ins	425
Concordia University Nebraska	524	Phil’s Friends	508	Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care	509
Concordia University Portland	525	Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center	433		
Concordia University Wisconsin		Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries	239		
& Ann Arbor	521 523				
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	609				
Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau	417				
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GBU Financial Life	621 623				
Gerrero & Kirk Classic Organs	605				
Grace Place Lutheran Wellness Ministries	341				
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ISM, Inc.	506				
KFUO Radio	330 332				
Kuwaa Mission	436				
LAMP	613				
Lutheran Bible Translators	620 622 624				
Lutheran Braille Workers	610 612				
Lutheran Church Charities	627				
Lutheran Church Extension Fund	419 421				
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Lutheran Friends of the Deaf-Mill Neck	340				
Lutheran Haven	237				
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	516				
Lutheran Hour Float Committee	604				
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Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service	336 338				
Lutheran Indian Ministries	512				
Lutheran Malaria Initiative	431				
Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland	438				
Lutheran World Relief	437 439 441 536 538 540				
Lutherans for Life	517				
Lutherans in Africa	233				
Lutherans in Medical Missions	611				
LWML Archivist-Historian	412				
LWML Christian Life	402 404 406 408				
LWML Committee on Young Women	407 409				
LWML Communication	323 325 424				
LWML Friends Into Serving Him®	411				
LWML Gifts of Love	416				



Stroll Through the LWML Neighborhood

Enjoy our first ever LWML Neighborhood Block Party, 7 to 9 p.m., on Friday. Be entertained with music and a surprise or two as you participate in interactive exhibits designed to inform and entertain. Have your picture taken with past LWML Presidents and visit with YWRs, Heart to Heart Sisters, and other LWML sisters as we celebrate 70 years of Lutheran Women in Mission. Here's a sampling of what's in store for you:

Communication

Visit the Communication Department booth, "Refresh." Pose for a photo with a life-sized cutout of President Kay or try to stump the team with your technical questions. On-site assistance will be available to subscribe to eQuarterly and Mustard Seed Devotions.

Christian Life

"Quenched! by the Word" is the theme of the Christian Life Department exhibit. All of our new Bible studies and inspirational resources for events are on display with free samples of Mustard Seeds. Meet some of our talented authors, make a souvenir bookmark, and register for a gift basket filled with Christian Life resources.

Friends Into Serving Him®

Stop by the Friends Into Serving Him® booth, introduce yourself to our task force and "fish" for ideas for the teen girls in your church. We would love for you to share any ideas or suggestions you have so we can then share them with others.

Gifts of Love

Come and check out LWML's Gifts of Love booth, grab a fabulous Gifts of Love pen, and use it to sign up for a Thomas Kinkade picture. You will be greeted by one of our volunteer Gift Planning Advocates or supporters who will be sharing valuable information to help you remember the Lord's work in your Christian estate plan, give a Christian witness in your will, increase your income through a gift annuity, and give an estate gift to ministry without reducing the amount given to your heirs!

Gospel Outreach

Test your mission grant knowledge with our game "Are You a Missionaire?" Play the "GO Game" and be strengthened and encouraged to share your faith. Discover LCMS kits your group can gather and distribute, while playing a lighthearted (or competitive) game with a friend. Friday night, our block is global as we serve up the Gospel with food for your soul and fuel for your service in LWML.

HOPE Committee

Visit "Cup of HOPE," spin the wheel, and choose a topic to discuss while sharing a cup of virtual coffee with your LWML sisters. Take the idea home and share a cup with someone you want to know better. Share what God is doing in your life and discover how Women in Mission University can assist your LWML group. Pick up a bookmark and register to win a coffee gift bag.

Leader Development

A little crafty planning is in store at the Leader Development booth. Stop in and see how piecing together a nine-block "quilt" square is a great way to help you plan your next LWML event! On Friday evening, come back as we host a Neighborhood "Quilt" Block Party. Join the fun and come away with a great resource!

Structure

"Use Your Bean — Bylaw Basics" is the theme of the Structure Committee's carnival-inspired booth. Enjoy the costumes, lights, and balloons while tossing bean bags to learn about basic parliamentary procedures. Sign up for the drawing and you may win a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised!*

Archivist-Historian

The Archivist-Historian booth, "LWML: Women Spreading the Gospel Throughout the World," illustrates the work made possible by Lutheran women from the late 1920s through today. The context of the display was prepared by the LWML district archivists; Barbara Huggins, LWML Archivist-Historian; and Patrice Russo, CHI staff member.

A Cup with Kay

What is a mug rug? Stop by "A Cup with Kay — it's about prayer!" PR/Marketing exhibit and find out! Be sure and sign up for the gift basket filled with lots of great LWML products and resources.

Heart to Heart Sisters

Wearing their native dress, the Heart to Heart (H2H) Committee will embrace women of all ages, races, and cultures at their booth and will invite them to create a bracelet of beads representing the colorful multicultural world we live in. Further identified by their Heart to Heart pins, please welcome 14 H2H district leaders and 24 H2H Sisters to this convention!

The LCMS is partnering with the LWML with a \$7,500 grant to fund the Heart to Heart Sisters Program at this convention.

Photo Opportunity with Past Presidents

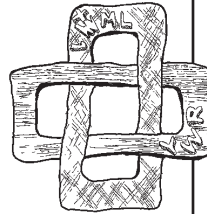
Please stop by to say hello to the LWML Past Presidents. While you are there, you might wish to use your camera or cell phone to snap a photo. It is sure to be one of the great places to hang out during the block party!



69 YWRs to be 'Quenched'

The Committee on Young Women would like to welcome 69 Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) from around the nation. From early morning prayer walks to dinner with President Kay to a late-night sock puppet servant event, our girls will be on the go!

Please drop in and say hello to the YWRs as they serve in the Gifts from the Heart area, or play an action-packed Bible trivia game with them at our booth in the LWML Neighborhood. Above all, encourage these young women as they experience an LWML national convention for the first time. Pray for them as they grow in relationship with one another, that their hearts and minds may be opened to all of the blessings our Lord has bestowed upon the LWML, and that through this experience these young women may be led to serve the Lord with gladness.



Mission in Motion

Pre-registered participants are requested to stop at the Mission in Motion table in the registration area to turn in pledge sheets and donations and pick up your shirt and water bottle. The walk will leave from the Convention Center Riverfront Plaza and follow a route along the Allegheny River on Friday between 5 and 6 p.m. Remember to wear comfortable clothes and bring water with you.

MOST Ministries Reception

MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries invites former team members and interested friends to a reception at the Westin Hotel Hospitality Room following the entertainment Saturday night (9–11 p.m.). Come to hear and share mission stories of LWML women who have served on MOST teams throughout the world.

CPH Breakfast Bible Study

Join Deb Burma for an introduction to *Stepping Out: to a Life on the Edge* from CPH. Bring your coffee, your Bible, and a friend to room #328 in the convention center from 6:45–7:45 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Stage Design

District presidents will be bringing water from their districts to be added to the stage design at this year's convention! The water will be poured from a pitcher into a small pond representative of all the women of LWML.

Camp Kidsburgh

Camp Kidsburgh promises to be a lot of fun for the 40+ children and adults participating. Each day is packed with devotions, exciting activities, and field trips. The camp is open, by pre-registration only, Friday and Saturday at the convention center, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Special Communion Ware and Wine

The communion ware for our worship service was designed for this convention by Westerwald Pottery. Phil Schaltenbrand is the creative artisan behind Westerwald Pottery, creating pieces reminiscent of early Pennsylvanian stoneware in the style of the Westerwald region of Germany.

Our communion wine is from Arrowhead Winery, located near Lake Erie in Northeast Pennsylvania. Fredonia wine is a semi-sweet red wine made using Fredonia grapes. Owners Nick and Kathy Mobilia have been producing internationally recognized, award-winning wines since 1998.

Servant Connections

You have 10 opportunities to serve at this convention: donating blood, card making, marking Bibles, making packets for college students, assembling a book of the Bible in Braille, making Gospel bracelets, assembling coloring books, tying quilts, making fleece blankets, and assembling children's backpacks. Take part on Thursday in the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballrooms, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

New LWML Book

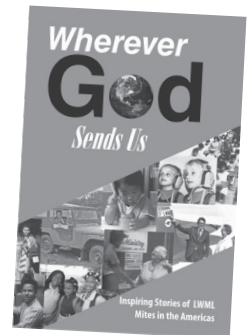
Wherever God Sends Us covers grants in the Americas and their inspiring results:

Guatemala — Families live next to the garbage dump and scavenge for food. LWML built a school for 200 children.

Haiti — After the 2010 earthquake, many children lost their parents.

LWML's grant built three orphanages.

These are just two of the stories you can read about in *Wherever God Sends Us*, a new book from LWML edited by Marlys Taeye Moberg. It is hot off the presses and available to you at this convention. Visit the LWML store to meet the authors and get your copy signed.



Unsung Heroes in Procession

The Saturday morning procession will include unsung heroes from every district. Each district president has been invited to select one woman from her district who has faithfully worked behind the scenes in LWML to join the procession.

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