

## Prayers for Three LWML District Conventions Meeting this Weekend

Three Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) districts are gathering together in convention this week. The LWML Gulf States District will be meeting in Huntsville, Alabama under the theme "Time to Sparkle" from Zechariah 9:16. The LWML Kansas District will gather in Overland Park, Kansas following a theme of "His Cross Is Our Compass" from Psalm 25:5, and the LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District will be in Baton Rouge, Louisiana celebrating under the theme, "Running the Race, Looking to Jesus" from Hebrews 12:1-2. Please join in prayer:



Gracious God, grant Your Holy Spirit to guide these women as they attend to the business of their districts, are inspired by mission speakers, and enjoy the fellowship of being together as they *serve the Lord with gladness!* We give You humble thanks for our servant leaders as LWML Gulf States District President Gwen Marshall comes to the end of her term. We also remember in prayer LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett and LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District President Michelle Zollinger as they chair their first conventions. Give all participants safe travels as they come to attend these conventions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Serving Joyfully,

President Debbie

### Mission Goal Update

as of March 31, 2022

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\$2,150,000.00

\$1,320,802.19

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1942–2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

## Here's an Idea!

How is your group celebrating the 80th anniversary of the LWML? What are your plans? Will you get together to mark 80 Bibles for prison ministry? Maybe you will assemble 80 school kits for children this fall. Every person, group, zone, or district can demonstrate God's



love by doing, making, or donating something. Is there a pregnancy center nearby? Donate 80 packages of diapers. Get creative! Be sure to take a photo of your activities. There will be a photo montage of all activities at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

The LWML group at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina, (LWML Carolinas District) selected the local homeless shelter, the Hendersonville Rescue Mission, to be the recipient of their "80," — 80 personal hygiene kits to share with the residents at the shelter. Church members provided the supplies with LWML supplying the hands to assemble the kits.

## Easter Greetings from Russia

The LWML received this Easter message from Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, Rector of the Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, LWML Mission Grant #7 for the current biennium, ["Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia."](#)

Dear Friends of the Seminary:

Let me greet you with the traditional Paschal greeting: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Amid the anxieties, frustrations, and turmoil of this life, we boldly proclaim the victory of Life over death. Although we are tempted to be afraid like the myrrh-bearing women (Mark 16:8), we don't need to be, for the Gospel *is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*, (Romans 1:16).

This year is unlike any other at our seminary. Are we afraid because of rapid changes around us and a less-than-certain future? Humanly speaking, we are. However, the joy of Easter overcomes our fears. No matter what happens, the devil

is not able to take this spiritual joy away from us — the risen Christ has triumphed over death and the devil in the waters of our Baptism.

At this time, our seminary continues to train students for the Holy Ministry — both from Russia and Ukraine! All people are sinners in need of forgiveness, and so all need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. No matter what shape or form the Seminary takes in the future, we will continue to *pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest*, (Matthew 9:38) and do everything within our power toward that noble task.

Thus, your support and prayers are appreciated at this time as much as at any other.

Let the risen Lord fill your hearts with His joy and love!

A banner with a purple and blue floral background. On the right is a logo for 'Gifts of Love' with the tagline 'Returning God's Blessings'. The main text in white and yellow reads: 'Have you included LWML in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary on your life insurance, retirement plans, or IRA?'. Below this, in a purple bar, it says 'Contact an LWML Gift Planning Counselor for help. lwmlgiftplan.org'.

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