

## LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention News

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Washington-Alaska District President Marilee Ryan led her final convention in Wenatchee, Washington with 165 women and men in attendance. The convention theme was "Peace Like a River" based on Isaiah 66:12a, *Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream.* LCMS Northwest District President Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann served as the proclaimer for the opening worship service.

The delegates voted to approve a new mission goal of \$150,000 and selected 13 mission grants. Carolyn Holbrook, of Colbert, Washington was elected to serve as district president. The Bible study was led by Carol Coerber, a past district president. A highlight of the convention was the presentation by Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner about how mission dollars are opening doors to spread the Gospel through the Apple of His Eye Mission Society in Jerusalem.

Convention attendees donated eyeglasses to MOST ministries and hygiene products, diapers, and gift cards to Grace House. Keynote speaker Deb Burma encouraged the group to focus on finding God's peace. LWML President Debbie Larson shared updates from LWML and encouragement with all convention attendees.



*New LWML WA-AK District President Carolyn Holbrook.*

## LWML Michigan District Meets in Convention

The LWML Michigan District convention was held in Frankenmuth with 520 women and men attending with District President MaryBeth Heikkinen leading her first convention.

Celebrating the LWML's 80th birthday, a birthday bash with cake and ice cream was held on Friday evening for all attendees. On Saturday an early morning walk/run helped everyone get energized for the day. A mission goal of \$361,875 was approved and 14 mission grants were selected for the 2022–24 biennium. LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Deaconess Betty Knapp greeted everyone and shared the latest LWML news.



Attendees had their choice of Bible studies including Pastor Christian Jones's study titled "His Other Sheep, Welcome to the Fold," "Discipleship and Delight" led by Pastor Justin Rossow, and "When our ears hear words, our heart often asks, 'Who said that?'" led by Elaine Bickel.

Breakout sessions included

- Valerie Matyas presenting "Prayer — It works."
- Linda Gage speaking on "Share your Faith, Bless your Family, Impact Ministry."
- POBLO representatives with a talk entitled "Talking to someone who doesn't look like me."
- Kelly Bone from MOST Ministries on "I heard His Call."
- Elise Arndt sharing "Beyond the Wave."
- Gary Thies leading "Wake up and be NOT normal."
- Deaconess Betty Knapp sharing "Professional Church workers need to HEAR about LWML."

Gifts from the Heart included gift cards for the two seminary food banks totaling \$4,565 and clothing for all ages from infant through teen — 3,372 items. Servant activities totaled 50 tied lap blankets for Phil's Friends, 235 eyeglass cases for MOST Ministries, 38 homeless mats for the Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, and stamps trimmed and sorted with proceeds going to support Becky Grossmann, a Lutheran Bible Translator.

## LWML Nominations Open till August 15!

Do you know a woman with a heart for the mission of LWML? The voting body of the LWML will elect a new President, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Treasurer, and members of the 2023–2035 Nominating Committee in Milwaukee, Wisconsin next summer. They will consider all nominees that meet the guidelines for each office.

Click [here](#) to read a message from LWML President Debbie Larson encouraging you to consider nominating a woman for an LWML office.

## LWML at the LCMS National Youth Gathering



The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering was held in Houston, Texas where 20,000 youth, their leaders, and many presenters and exhibitors united together. LWML joined this awesome gathering as LWML Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly, and Marketing and Development Coordinator Patti Miller represented Lutheran Women in Mission.

During the three-day event, LWML presented an interactive display of creative fun and learning. The youth were drawn in by a big colorful spinning wheel that highlighted all 28 national mission grants. After spinning the wheel, the participants scanned a QR code to



learn more about that mission grant and how LWML joyfully proclaims Christ and supports missions. They were able to choose from a wide variety of colorful LWML Trading Cards created for this event. The cards had an inspirational sticker on one side and a design on the other highlighting the theme of the gathering, “in all things” from Colossians 1:17, *And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together*. The exhibit also contained a world map with countries where LWML has given mission grants marked on the map. The teens worked together to color a large tapestry designed around the theme.

Through this exhibit LWML helped our youth discover more about how Christ holds all things together by His Word!

Patti Miller said of the event, “We were so blessed and encouraged to see God working in the lives of these young people and their leaders. To witness Christ in the conversations and interests of these youth gives me so much hope! What a wonderful thing the Lord continues to do as He is shaping and growing up our LCMS youth in Himself and in all things!”

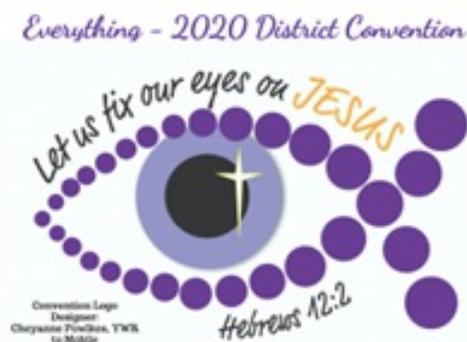


## Prayers for Upcoming LWML Nebraska North District

Please join me in praying for our fellow LWML sisters from the LWML Nebraska North District as they meet in Columbus, Nebraska this week under the theme “Let Us Fix Our Eyes On Jesus” from Hebrews 12:2.

Gracious God, bless these sisters as they dive into Your Word in Bible study and devotions, so they are strengthened to continue to serve You in their lives. Guide the delegates as they select their new officers, mission grants, and their mission goal for the new biennium. We thank You for the service of LWML Nebraska North District President Lisa Stirtz and for her faithful leadership in the LWML. May You bless her as she continues to serve You wherever You lead her. God bless our fellow LWML sisters with a time of fellowship and joy. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

In Thankfulness and Joy!  
President Debbie Larson



## Bible Studies Translated and the Gospel is Shared

LWML is pleased to share this note, received from a Romanian Christian, with our readers.

“I am a Romanian Baptist that hosts Ukrainian refugees near the border with Ukraine. My level of the Ukrainian language is very low, and their level of English is even lower. Your Bible studies are a great resource.”

While searching the internet for Bible studies in the Ukrainian language, Andrea stumbled upon the LWML website and found the [eight multi-session LWML Bible studies in Ukrainian](#). These same studies are available in English so people can better understand what the Ukrainian version says. All of these are available as free downloads.

How exciting that God is using so many avenues to reach people with the Gospel. Plans are in place to translate these studies into seven more European languages. Please pray that funds become available to continue this project so the Word of God can be used by LCMS missionaries, and also by Christians of many denominations, as they long to learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Reading the Bible in One Year — How are You doing?

Many Christians begin reading through the Bible in January. It is never too late to start daily readings of Scripture. The Gospel Outreach Committee creates a monthly reading plan to guide you. You can join beginning with today’s reading and finish the yearly readings next year at this time or you can start the daily readings from the beginning. God speaks to us each day through His Word. Many LWML women have accepted the challenge to read through the Bible in one year — as the Holy Spirit nudges you to be in His Word, please join us. You can find the reading plan calendars by clicking [here](#).

2022	JANUARY					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gospels 1-3 Psalms 1-28 Luke 1:1-28	Gospels 4-7 Psalms 27-45	Gospels 8-10 Psalms 46-57	Gospels 11 Psalms 58-66 Luke 1:29-38	Gospels 12 Psalms 67-74 Luke 1:39-56	Gospels 13-14 Psalms 75-83 Luke 1:57-66	Gospels 15 Psalms 84-91 Luke 1:67-80
Gospels 16 Psalms 92-100 Luke 1:81-90	Gospels 17 Psalms 101-107	Gospels 18 Psalms 108-115 Luke 1:91-100	Gospels 19 Psalms 116-122 Luke 1:101-110	Gospels 20 Psalms 123-131 Luke 1:111-120	Gospels 21 Psalms 132-139 Luke 1:121-130	Gospels 22 Psalms 140-147 Luke 1:131-140
Gospels 23 Psalms 148-155 Luke 1:141-150	Gospels 24 Psalms 156-164 Luke 1:151-160	Gospels 25 Psalms 165-173 Luke 1:161-170	Gospels 26 Psalms 174-182 Luke 1:171-180	Gospels 27-28 Psalms 183-191 Luke 1:181-190	Gospels 29-30 Psalms 192-200 Luke 1:191-200	Gospels 31 Psalms 201-208 Luke 1:201-210
Gospels 32 Psalms 209-217 Luke 1:211-220	Gospels 33 Psalms 218-226 Luke 1:221-230	Gospels 34 Psalms 227-235 Luke 1:231-240	Gospels 35 Psalms 236-244 Luke 1:241-250	Gospels 36 Psalms 245-253 Luke 1:251-260	Gospels 37 Psalms 254-262 Luke 1:261-270	Gospels 38 Psalms 263-271 Luke 1:271-280
Gospels 39 Psalms 272-280 Luke 1:281-290	Gospels 40 Psalms 281-289 Luke 1:291-300	Gospels 41 Psalms 290-298 Luke 1:301-310	Gospels 42 Psalms 299-307 Luke 1:311-320	Gospels 43 Psalms 308-316 Luke 1:321-330	Gospels 44 Psalms 317-325 Luke 1:331-340	Gospels 45 Psalms 326-334 Luke 1:341-350

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