Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

As Lutheran Women in Mission, delegates of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) voted to support an LWML Mission Goal of $2,150,000 for the 2021–2023 biennium. As of August 31, 2022, we have been blessed with donations of $1,740,500 towards that goal. We thank and praise God for the faithful and generous women and men who prayerfully support the LWML with their donations.

LWML Nebraska South District Convention

LWML District President Sherry Berger opened the LWML Nebraska South District Convention on September 16 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska. With 309 attendees including twenty first-timers, the convention began under the theme, “Joyful Hearts Moving Forward — Celebrating 80 Years”, inspired by the verse, “So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy” (John 16:22b NIV)

The Bible study was led by Rev. Mike Neidow. The Mission Moment was provided by Jesus Our Savior Preschool, Winnebago, NE. The LWML representative was Meeting Manager Arlene Naasz who shared news and greetings from LWML. Deb Burma, Christian author and speaker, shared a message of joy as the keynote speaker.

Servant event activities included making salvation bracelets for MOST Ministries, decorating “Onesies” for pregnancy centers, making “tool kits” for Concordia University, Nebraska and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chapel to remind the students of the love of Jesus as they pursue their studies, and sending cards of encouragement to women and men of the military from the Nebraska South district. The delegation chose 14 mission grants to support through their mite offerings for the 2022-2024 biennium.
LWML Southern Illinois District Convention

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville, Illinois was the site of the LWML Southern Illinois District Convention held September 16–17, 2022. Convention attendees celebrated the convention theme of “Walking with Jesus,” focusing on their theme verse, “As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them” (Luke 24:15 NIV). There were 218 women and men attending including six past district presidents.

District President Diane Grebing led her last convention as delegates elected officers including new President Carol Walther, Collinsville, Illinois. Fourteen mission grants were approved and will be funded through the $67,000 mission grant goal. LWML President Debbie Larson shared LWML information and gave greetings.

Convention attendees brought paper products and donations for the lunch program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Everyone had time to shop at the Mite Market, where craft items, homemade food, garden produce, and other items were donated with all proceeds going toward the mission goal for 2022–2024.

On Saturday afternoon, everyone took a “Walk with Jesus Into the Mission Fields” with five mission speakers who represented five past mission projects. These speakers were Mary Burch, Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs, Collinsville; Marilyn Stevenson, New Minden Lutheran Braille Workers Center; Bob Polansky, Camp Wartburg “Shepherding Sheep” Program; Vice Principal Kevin Williams, Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis; and Rev. Jeff Nehrt, LCMS SID Prison Ministry.

Prayers for Chesapeake and Northern Illinois District Convention Attendees

LWML Sisters, let us join in prayer to celebrate and support our sisters in the LWML Chesapeake and Northern Illinois Districts as they meet in convention this week. The Chesapeake District will meet under the theme of “… and You Are My Witnesses” in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the Northern Illinois District will gather under the theme of “Take Heart.”

Heavenly Father, we pray that all attendees to these conventions this week are focused on Jesus, His mission, and service. Let them be built up by God’s Word through Bible study and devotions. Give them wisdom while choosing their new officers, mission grants, and mission goal for their new biennium. We give thanks for the service of our sisters, LWML Chesapeake District President Teresa Tester and LWML Northern Illinois District President Janice Gerzevske as they complete their terms leading the women in their districts. God bless
their fellowship and unity in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Serving with Joy,

President Debbie

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