

## Plan Now to Come to Milwaukee in 2023

Lutheran Women in Mission of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts invite you to the 40th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023.

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man* (Psalm 33:12–13). Opportunities at the LWML Convention abound, under the theme of “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” to worship, serve God’s people, learn of mission opportunities, and fellowship with old and new friends.



All are invited to bring families and friends to enjoy a city of diverse culture. Milwaukee is called the City of Steeples. Attractions include the Discovery World Science Museum, Harley Davidson Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum right on the lake, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the Historic Third Ward.



# Women's Retreat at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne



*Retreat Participants receive spa kits as a gift from the LWML Assembly of Leaders.*

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) hosted a women's retreat at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Participants included seminary student's wives, 2 babies of seminary students, CTSFW Director of the Food and Clothing Co-op Deaconess Katherine Rittner, LWML President Debbie Larson, Vice President of Organizational Resources Marie Chow, Author and Presenter Diane Grebing, and LWML Marketing and Development Coordinator Patti Miller. Also participating and offering their gift of quilting expertise were local LWML members, Carol Nahrwold and Brenda Schuller.



*Retreat participants work together tying quilts*

The full-day retreat opened with a warm welcome and introductions from President Debbie Larson. Retreat participants were then led in a study of the Psalms by Diane Grebing as she presented "God's Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping Up in the Psalms." This LWML Retreat, authored by Diane, brings comfort through an engaging study of 5 favorite Psalms. It also allowed the retreat participants to spend time quilting together with Carol and Brenda or exploring visual faith journaling using the provided resources.



Marie Chow presented an overview of LWML resources as well as a presentation of how Lutheran Women in Mission support all church workers of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Visit the LWML website to download and discover more ideas concerning how to use the retreat/workshop [“God’s Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping Up in the Psalms.”](#)

## Your Mite Offerings Have Made an Impact!

The story of “Phil’s Friends” 2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #6, “Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil’s Friends” is a testament to the power of prayer. In 2010, Phil’s Friends received a grant from LWML, and women from all over the country began praying for the ministry. Today, with the help of the LWML, they have distributed 45,000 Bibles and delivered over 1,000,000 Cards of Hope containing Scripture and prayer. They have prayed for thousands of people at hospital bedsides, in homes, over the phone, and in support group meetings. So, when you need a break from the daily news, read about the impact of LWML mite-giving [here](#). Thank you for your faithful prayers and mite-giving.



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