The members of the 2023 LWML Convention Hosting Districts — North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin — are excited to have the opportunity and privilege to be your hosts for the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We invite you to come to Milwaukee where, as the locals say, “it is cooler by the lake.” Milwaukee is a city rich in history located on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan. Each of our hosting districts borders on this beautiful Great Lake, too. Awesome LWML activities will take place in Milwaukee. You will find many of them listed in this issue of the Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly. Check out the convention speakers, housing and registration information, tour opportunities, Gifts from the Heart collection, and more!

Join us in beautiful Milwaukee as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” See you there!
REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Registration for the 2023 LWML Convention will be done through an online form.
You are encouraged to read through the Convention Insert in this issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly
and plan for the items you wish to participate in while at convention. When you are ready to register
(beginning January 9, 2023), go to lwml.org/2023-convention to access the online registration form.

The new online registration form will walk you through the items you’ll need
to include. Be sure to plan ahead by knowing the following:

☐ Name of your LWML District.
☐ Your email address: an individual and unique email address is needed for each registration. Emails for a
spouse and/or children are optional. If you do not have an email address, ask your church secretary, a friend
not attending, or a family member who is willing to use their email address to receive information about the
convention for you.

☐ Registration Category: Check one box only to indicate how you are participating in the convention:
   A. General Registration
   B. Delegate
   C. District Young Woman Representative (YWR)
   D. District President
   E. District Pastoral Counselor
   F. LWML Past National President
   G. LWML National Elected or Appointed Personnel
   H. LWML National Committee Member
   I. Special Invited Guest
   J. Exhibitor
   K. Host District Worker (LWML Districts: North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, South Wisconsin only)

☐ Prepare the following choices before beginning your registration:
   A. Meal choices.
   B. Mission Impact Luncheon Speaker choice.
   C. Will you participate in:
      • Choir? (Practice will be Thursday from noon–2 p.m.)
      • Mission Riverwalk (the pledge walk)?
        Participants will need to include their shirt size.
      • Thursday Servant Activities and choice of time?
   D. Will you enroll children in Camp Celebrate, the children and teen program? If so, you will need to
      know their shirt sizes.
   E. Will you have special needs such as a wheelchair, special diet, ASL interpreter, large-print
      convention manual?
   F. Will you be donating blood on Thursday?

CONFIRMATION EMAIL:
A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provide after you complete your registration online.
In that email will be a link to the online hotel reservation site so you may make your hotel reservation. Also
included in the confirmation email will be instructions for re-accessing your registration form to modify it.

☐ HOUSING: Be prepared to enter your hotel choice. Hotel reservations are made ONLY through the
online hotel reservation site. Please DO NOT contact the hotel directly. Using the online hotel reservation
site will provide you with the most up-to-date hotel information and access to negotiated room rates.
Only one person from each room needs to make hotel reservations. If you have roommates, you will be
able to indicate them at this time. Special discounted LWML group rates will be held until May 26, 2023.

☐ TRAVEL: The registration form will ask for your travel plans. If you do not have your flights arranged
before you submit your registration, you can go to your confirmation email, create a username and
password in order to login to your registration record at a later time to update your information.
This information will be helpful if you wish to use the LWML airport shuttle service.

FINAL DETAILS:
1. The General/Photo Release may be viewed in its entirety at lwml.org/2023-convention as well as in the
registration form.
2. A credit or debit card will be needed to complete your registration.
3. The LWML Office will be available to answer any questions about registration Monday through Friday
from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time. The LWML phone number is (800) 252-5965. You may email
questions to conventionhelp@lwml.org any time beginning January 9, 2023.

Good news!
Each primary registrant has received a $25 reduction from full registration fees. Dividends from the LWML Endowment Fund have been used to reduce the registration fees to enable more people to attend this convention.
REGISTRATION SCHEDULE AND COSTS

Early Registration: $160
January 9–March 14, 2023

Regular Registration: $180
March 15–May 10, 2023

Late Registration: $205
May 11–June 10, 2023

One Day Attendance: $100

Spouse Attendance: $110

Children/Youth under 18: $0
(must be registered with an adult)

Camp Celebrate: $50 per day
(Friday and Saturday only)
(children/teens under 18 years)

Servant Activities: $5

Choir: $5

Mission Riverwalk: $15

CANCELLATION AND REFUND DATES

June 10, 2023:
CANCELLATIONS must be in writing, postmarked, emailed, or faxed, and signed by the registrant by this date. A $45 processing fee will be retained.

June 10, 2023:
Registrations received after this date will be handled as on-site registrations. Catered meals will not be available.

June 10, 2023:
NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE — NO EXCEPTIONS

CHILD CARE AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Child Care and Youth Activities will be held Friday, June 23, and Saturday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children whose parent(s) are attending the 2023 LWML Convention may attend the activities for one of the four age groups.

Nursery and Child Care Program
(6 months–4 years) Located in the Wisconsin Center. Children will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (e.g., play time, story time, music time, etc.). Lunch will be included in the daily rate for children one year or older. Parents must provide food for children younger than one-year-old.

Primary Program
(ages 5–8) Located in the Wisconsin Center. Children will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (e.g., crafts, Bible stories, games, sing-a-longs, etc.). Children will also participate in two chaperoned field trips: Betty Brinn Children’s Museum and Milwaukee County Zoo. Admission and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Intermediate Program
(ages 9–12) Located in the Wisconsin Center. Children will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (e.g., crafts, Bible stories, games, sing-a-longs, etc.). Children will also participate in two chaperoned field trips: Discovery World Science and Technology Museum and Milwaukee County Zoo. Admission and lunch are included in the registration fee.

High School Program
(ages 13–17) Located in the Wisconsin Center, teens will participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities (e.g., crafts, Bible studies, games, etc.). Youth will also participate in servant events and a chaperoned field trip to Milwaukee County Zoo. Admission and lunch are included in the registration fee.

All registrations must be received by May 24, 2023.

Transportation to the field trips and servant activities will be provided at no additional cost.

Since space is limited in Camp Celebrate, children/youth must be pre-registered to participate. NO on-site registration is available for Child Care/Youth Activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Child/Youth Care Chairman at lwml@lwml.org.
Jan became involved in LWML after serving as the Humorous Interrupter at the 1999 LWML Convention in Minneapolis. Realizing the scope of the LWML ministry, she wanted to be part of the mission. Blessed to use her gifts by sharing God’s love through laughter, her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Jan knows that she can take anything to the Lord in prayer and thanks Him in advance for His answer, trusting in His love.

Abby has been teaching since 2008 and finds joy working with young children. She believes that the classroom is her mission field and a place where she can be a role model for her students. It was when she participated as a Young Woman Representative that she was hooked on LWML. She speaks to groups and zones about how to get young women involved in LWML. She believes the three reasons why young women join are for Bible studies, an opportunity to do mission work, and the fellowship with other young Lutheran women. Jan Struck encouraged her to be “Katie Luther” at her district convention and the rest, as they say, is history.
Kurt Buchholz — MG #13 2021–2023
Kurt, a former missionary to Taiwan, has been serving as President & CEO of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) since 2013. Buchholz leads a worldwide ministry team that today reaches individuals with the Gospel more than 150 million times each week boldly proclaiming Christ everywhere. With Kurt’s background in international mission outreach and organizational leadership, and his dedication to using today’s digital media resources, LHM reaches more people than ever before with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Chaplain Craig Muehler
MG #3 2017–2019
Chaplain Muehler, a retired U.S. Navy captain, serves as the director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. His responsibilities include recruitment of chaplain candidates, denominational training, and education for ministry within the armed forces, as well as ministry support for the families of LCMS chaplains within the military, active and reserve, and the communities in which they live. Chaplain Muehler, through Operation Barnabas, helps congregations support reserve chaplains, military members, veterans, and their families.

Rev. Dr. Steven Schave
MG #9 2021–2023
Rev. Schave is the Executive Director of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), a cross-cultural ministry serving the indigenous communities in remote areas of Northern Canada. He began ministry by planting churches that focused on outreach through human care. He then turned to church revitalization with a focus on neighborhood renewal in the inner city. His developments include: MissionField: USA — an initiative for planting new cross-cultural ministries working through districts to send national missionaries, the national Save Our Cities Fund, and the Big City Mission School Program.

Dr. Dina Vendetti — Song Leader
Dina, a former Young Woman Representative (YWR), has led the LWML in song at four national conventions. She grew up in the Lutheran school system, and served as principal, as well as choir and bell choir director, at St. John’s Lutheran Church and School in Dover, Delaware, for 34 years. Her interest in her community led her to serve as the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) Director of Marketing and Communications. In November 2021 she accepted the appointment as CDCC President. She has two passions — telling others about Jesus and music. Even though she no longer teaches, she continues to find herself telling her neighbors and staff members at work about Jesus. Of course, she continues to play piano and sing.

Rev. Doua Xiong
MG #28 2021–2023
Rev. Xiong loves sharing the Gospel throughout the Hmong community. Xiong is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He was called as a missionary-at-large in the San Joaquin Valley to reach out and share Jesus with the Hmong people and to raise leaders for the work of Christ. Using Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language, he, along with his wife Sue, bring the Gospel to the Hmong people.

Phil Zielke
MG #6 2021–2023
Phil, a two-time cancer survivor, founded Phil’s Friends to provide support and hope to cancer patients and their families in the name of Jesus. Under his leadership, tens of thousands of volunteers have packed and prayed over nearly 50,000 care packages, each containing a Bible and a blanket, delivered to hospital rooms and homes across the country and internationally. More than 1,000,000 Cards of Hope with Scripture, Bible studies, and prayers have been sent to those in need.

Hearing from Mites in Action Speakers is a convention highlight! We are thankful for their willingness to share how LWML Mission Grants helped share the Gospel message of hope.
**ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS**

**More Mission News**

**Rev. Kevin D. Robson**
Rev. Robson has served as the Chief Mission Officer for the LCMS since 2015, supervising the Synod’s Offices of International Mission, National Mission, and Pastoral Education as well as its Mission Advancement (donor engagement and fundraising) and Communications units. Rev. Robson chairs the LCMS Pastoral Formation Committee, which ensures that the Synod’s objective of training pastors is fulfilled consistently. He is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Care and Leadership.

**Rev. Edward and Sheryl DeWitt**
Rev. DeWitt and his wife Sheryl are the founders of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, a residential maternity and transitional living home for single pregnant and postpartum women in crisis. Rev. DeWitt serves as the President and Chairman of the Board of Redeeming Life and also serves as pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Sanford, Florida. In 2018, they opened a second transitional home in Chicago which offers graduates of the maternity home program continued stabilization and residential services.

**Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri**
Rev. Scudieri founded the Center for U.S. Missions, an organization preparing missionaries for work in America, and also the Lutheran Society for Missiology. In 2016, he began Mission Nation Publishing, strengthening the church by providing resources that inspire and equip churches to reach multicultural groups different from their own. Partnering with Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), they allow LBW to share the books published by Mission Nation in Braille, large-print, and audiobooks for free.

**Guest Speakers**

**Rev. Bart Day**
Rev. Day serves as President and CEO of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). He has also served on the boards of Lutheran Services in America, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, and currently serves on the Foundation Board for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Rev. Day has served as a parish pastor, headmaster of an elementary school, and executive to oversee domestic mission work. He believes satisfaction comes from hard work, having accomplished a BA, MA, and MBA.

**Linda Gage**
Linda is passionate about helping people discover and use their God-given gifts to serve God and grow His kingdom. She is LWML’s Senior Gift Planning Counselor, serving in a partnership with the LCMS Foundation, and helping people share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry. Linda has served in the LCMS for over 35 years working with the LWML and LCMS Foundation and has experience in gift planning and gift development.

**Carol von Soosten**
Carol serves as LWML Gift Planning Counselor in partnership with the LCMS Foundation. She has 25 years of joyful service in various positions in the LWML including Strategic Plan Facilitator, Public Relations Director, and Rocky Mountain District President. She assists individuals and couples by developing gift plans which provide for their families and favorite ministries, making a lasting impact through charitable gift planning. Carol eagerly looks forward to serving Lutheran women and their families.

**The Lutheran Ladies’ Lounge**
**Saturday Night Entertainment**
Join us to hear the musings, reflections, perceptions, and indulgences of Bri, Erin, Sarah, and Rachel — the hosts of The Lutheran Ladies’ Lounge. The Lutheran Ladies’ Lounge is a podcast that invites women to chat, learn, and laugh as they celebrate Lutheran life and culture in fellowship together. Launched in 2019 by KFUO Radio (official broadcast ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), the podcast has since rocketed in popularity, with crowd-pleasing segments like “Bri’s Radio Theatre,” “Erin’s Recipe Card,” “Hymn Sing with Sarah,” and “Rachel’s Trivia Challenge” driving listener loyalty and making it consistently one of KFUO’s most downloaded programs. The show is hosted by KFUO’s own Digital Media Specialist Sarah Gulseth, together with Erin Alter (LCMS International Mission), Brianne Gerzevske (Account Director at Meyer Partners, LLC.), and Rachel Bomberger (former editor of The Lutheran Witness).
MISSION IMPACT LUNCHEONS

Friday boxed lunch is available for all registered convention attendees to purchase through their registration form. Pick up your pre-ordered Boxed Salad Lunch and bring it to the assigned speaker’s room. The gatherings are being held on Friday, June 23, 2023, during the lunch break from 12 until 1:30 p.m. Meals will not be available for purchase at the convention center, but concessions in the Wisconsin Center will be available. Individuals not pre-ordering the boxed lunch may attend the Friday Mission Impact Luncheons A, F, and G and bring their meal purchased separately from the Wisconsin Center concessions.

Friday Mission Impact Luncheon Options:

A. President Debbie Larson Meets with First-time Convention Participants and shares the mission impact of the LWML that is felt around the world.

B. Jan Struck, Abby Goehring, and Dr. Dina Vendetti will infuse humor and music in their presentation that is sure to be a celebration of the mission impact of their LWML involvement!

C. Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, Executive Director of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), will help us understand the mission impact LAMP provides among the indigenous communities in remote areas of Northern Canada.

D. Rev. Craig Muehler, Chaplain, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, will speak of the mission impact being made through supporting our military and their families as we celebrate their service to our country.

E. Phil Zielke, President of Phil’s Friends, will help us experience the mission impact of the gifts of hope that have been shared with thousands of people dealing with cancer.

F. Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselors, will inspire and encourage us to share our faith, bless our families, and make a lasting mission impact on ministry through charitable gift planning.

G. Lunch with My Friends provides participants an opportunity to relax over a meal enjoyed with new and old friends alike. While there is no speaker assigned to this luncheon, participants are encouraged to share their thoughts on how the work of the LWML impacts the mission of the church as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” Anyone who communicates with American Sign Language (ASL) is invited to gather together at this lunch to meet new friends and share lively conversation.

Saturday Mission Impact Luncheon Options:

The Saturday Mission Impact Luncheons will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 12 until 1:30 p.m. Registered attendees will have the extraordinary opportunity to hear about the mission impact of the ministries highlighted at the convention. Luncheon attendees must purchase the Saturday Noon Plated Salad Lunch on the Registration Form. All luncheons have the same menu.

H. Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer, will introduce missionaries serving in the harvest fields where God’s Word is making an impact on the lives of the lost. The luncheon presentation will be interpreted in ASL for those who are deaf.

I. Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri, Retired CEO of Mission Nation Publishing, will share how the organization impacts mission by providing resources to help churches reach an ethnic group different from their own.

J. Rev. Bart Day, President & CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), will help us see the focus of LCEF which is to provide church workers and congregations the opportunity to impact mission and use the financial gifts God has given them to share the Gospel with others.

K. Kurt Buchholz, President & CEO of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), will explain how LHM reaches individuals with the Gospel message more than 150 million times each week as the mission impact of their outreach programs is felt around the world.

L. Rev. Ed DeWitt, President & Chairman of the Board, along with his wife Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, will share the story of how women have been impacted by the mission of this residential program for women who want to choose life for their child and lack the necessary resources to do so.

M. Rev. Doua Xiong, Pastor to the Hmong in the San Joaquin Valley of California, will tell how he once practiced animism, but now lives a new life in Christ, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, his work now has a mission impact on the lives of the many Hmong people living near him.

N. Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL), will share how his work in our nation’s capital impacts the mission of the church as it encourages religious liberty through education, advice, and advocacy.
A. CATERED MEALS
Meals are catered by the Wisconsin Center and served in the Ballroom
and other noted locations in the Center. Only registered attendees may
purchase these meals. They must be ordered when you register. **They
will not be available for purchase at the convention.** All meals may be
purchased separately. Menu may vary slightly due to supply chain issues.

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Prices for the above meals include the gratuity and tax. A description
of the meals is found below. The boxed meals will be packaged to-go
— to attend the district caucus or a Mission Impact Luncheon, to enjoy
outdoors, or to take with you. The dinners will be plated meals served at
round tables of ten. You are encouraged to enter the dining room with
your family or group so you can be seated together. Seats may not be
saved for latecomers.

Menu Descriptions

**Thursday Evening Boxed Supper ($20)**
Flour Tortilla Wrap with Turkey, Cheese, Tomatoes, and
Lettuce; served with Cookie, Whole Fruit, Chips, and Bottled Water.

**Friday Noon Boxed Salad Lunch ($20)**
Chopped Romaine and Iceberg Lettuce Salad with Grilled Chicken,
Tomatoes, Pepper Jack Cheese, Red Peppers, Garnished with
Southern Cornbread Croutons, served with Chef’s Choice Dressing,
Blondie or Lemon Bar, and Bottled Water.

**Friday Evening Plated Dinner ($25)**
House Salad with two dressings; Pork Loin with Tomato Chutney,
served with Country Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Warm
Rolls and Butter, Brownies (Family Style), Iced Tea, and Decaf Coffee.

**Saturday Noon Plated Salad Luncheon ($25)**
Chopped Iceberg and Field Greens Salad with Chicken, Bacon, Egg,
Avocado, and Tomatoes; served with Lemon-Dijon Dressing, Warm
Rolls and Butter, Chef’s Choice Cake, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water.

**Saturday Evening Plated Dinner ($25)**
Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Rosemary Mushroom Sauce, Roasted
Zucchini and Yellow Squash, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Warm Rolls
and Butter, Brownies (Family Style), Iced Tea, and Decaf Coffee.

**Sunday Noon Boxed Lunch ($20)**
Roasted Ham, Smoked Bacon, White Cheddar Cheese served on
a Bun, with Lettuce and Tomato, Bag of Pretzels or Chips, Whole
Fruit, Cookie, and Bottled Water.

Vegetarian and Other Dietary Needs should be requested when you register
online. Special vegetarian and gluten-free meals will be provided at the same
costs as regular meals. Other dietary restrictions/food allergies may be
accommodated by selecting allowable foods from those served or purchasing food
from the concessions.

B. CONCESSION FOOD
There will be concession stands located throughout the Wisconsin Center. They
will have typical concession-type food available and will be open
Wednesday afternoon through Sunday during the convention hours. These may include sandwiches, salads, hamburgers, chips, pretzels, ice cream, breakfast items, and a variety of beverages. Limited seating will be available close to the concessions.

C. RESTAURANTS
There are restaurant facilities within walking distance of the Wisconsin Center. Several restaurants are
located within a short walk and others are within a few miles. A list of Milwaukee restaurants will be
available at the convention. Each hotel hostess will have copies to share, stop at the Host Committee
Information Kiosk in the Wisconsin Center, or find it on the Whova App.
There will be other events taking place in downtown Milwaukee on Friday and Saturday nights.
Restaurants downtown and near the Center may be crowded. Consider this when making your dinner plans
for these evenings.
INVITATION-ONLY DINNERS

Friday Invitation-Only Dinners
Anyone attending these Friday invitation-only dinners must order the Friday Evening Plated Dinner on the registration form.

Past LWML District Presidents — This dinner is offered as a reunion for past LWML District Presidents. Please order the Friday Evening Plated Dinner meal and respond to the separate invitation which will be sent to past LWML District Presidents to indicate your plans to join this special dinner.

YWRs with LWML President — This dinner will provide our Milwaukee Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) an opportunity to hear an encouraging message from President Debbie Larson. Please order the Friday Evening Plated Dinner on your registration form. All YWRs will be registered for this dinner through their YWR participation.

Teens and Parents — This special social event, hosted by the Church Workers in Mission Committee, will be an opportunity for teens and their parents to socialize, learn about church work vocations, and about the LWML. Please DO NOT register for the Friday Evening Plated Dinner. Instead, teens registered for the convention will receive a special invitation to attend this dinner with instructions on how to RSVP and pay for the meal.

Saturday Evening Invitation-Only Dinner
Legacy Circle donors will receive personal invitations to this dinner by the LWML Gift Planning Counselors. No payment is required. Please DO NOT register for the Saturday Evening Plated Dinner, instead follow the instructions included in the invitation. If you have questions or would like to know how to become a Legacy Circle member, contact Linda Gage at linda.gage@lfnd.org or call 800-741-4138.

RECEPTIONS

Heart to Heart Reunion Reception — All women who have been involved in the LWML as Heart to Heart Sisters and Heart to Heart District Leaders are invited to a reception following the convention activities on Friday evening (9 p.m.) for a gathering of all sisters in Christ as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” Check The Celebration Chronicles newspaper for details.

Young Woman Representative (YWR) Reunion Reception — All women who have been involved in the YWR program at current and past national conventions are invited to a reception following the convention activities on Friday evening (9 p.m.) for a gathering of all sisters as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. Check The Celebration Chronicles newspaper for details.

Past National Executive Committee and Board of Directors Members Reception — All women and pastors who have served as an elected or appointed officer of the LWML are invited to an informal gathering on Saturday evening (9 p.m.). Our hosts will be Ginger Starrett, LWML Recording Secretary (2015-2021) and Marguerite Christman, Vice President of Servant Resources (2003-2007). Invitations will be sent to all past officers with additional information about the location and cost for this reception.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) — As our brother auxiliary organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, LHM invites everyone to enjoy an informal after-hours gathering on Saturday evening (9 p.m.) as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” Check The Celebration Chronicles newspaper for details.

Friday Fest in Milwaukee

The fun will begin at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. See you there!

Do you like playing cornhole? How about chair volleyball — with balloons? Do you have hidden talent for Karaoke?

The Friday Fest in Milwaukee will have something for everyone! All of this will be happening in the Exhibit Hall with our Exhibitors and LWML committees joining in on the fun. Exciting presentations, games, and crafts are just a few of the fun activities being offered.

There will be stages scattered around the hall offering a variety of local musical entertainment for your enjoyment.

Did anyone say “Snacks?” Of course! What would a Festival be without snacks?
More than 1,000 rooms in downtown Milwaukee have been blocked with special rates for our 2023 LWML Convention.

Hotel reservations at any of the LWML hotels listed on the adjacent page may only be made through the online registration.

LWML has contracted with these official hotels and has secured a discounted group rate.

Please, do not call the hotels directly for reservations.

Convention registration and hotel reservations will be open January 9, 2023.

LWML rates are held until May 26, 2023. After this date LWML rates will be honored only if the hotel is in agreement and there are still rooms available.

When you have completed your convention registration, you will receive a link to choose your hotel. You will receive notice in your registration confirmation receipt of the hotel you chose and prior to convention you will receive your confirmation number directly from the hotel. Only one person for each room needs to make room reservations. Once you make your hotel selection you will give the name(s) and email address(es) for your roommate(s). The roommate will receive an email confirming her acceptance of being your roommate. If changes occur after reservations are made, please contact us at hmgr@lwml.org.

If you are traveling by district motorcoach, please contact your district motorcoach chairman for housing information.

Check-in time is 4 p.m. There may be an additional charge for early check-in. Many hotels may also charge a fee for late check-out times. If you need special accommodations, please contact Ruth Weckwerth, Convention Housing Manager, at hmgr@lwml.org.
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<td>4 blocks</td>
<td>$22</td>
<td>Complimentary</td>
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<td>Aloft Hotel 1230 N Old World 3rd St</td>
<td>Queen/Queen: $149 King: $139</td>
<td>5 blocks</td>
<td>$22</td>
<td>Snacks on-site</td>
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<td>Hyatt Place at the Brewery 800 W Juneau Ave</td>
<td>Double/Double: $149 King: $149</td>
<td>.6 miles</td>
<td>$32 valet</td>
<td>Complimentary</td>
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In-room amenities include: Hyatt Grand Bed, work station, in room safe, and complimentary Wi-Fi

1927 Art Deco hotel restored with many original features and upgraded amenities

Limited shuttle service to Wisconsin Center on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Complimentary Kickback (drinks and heavy hors d’oeuvres) 5:30–7 p.m.
TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE

How do you plan to travel to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin? Car, District Charter Motorcoach, train, plane? There are many choices. Please indicate on your registration form your travel plans. To help you in finalizing your travel options, here are some possibilities for travel to Milwaukee in 2023.

CHARTER MOTORCOACH
Check with your Zone or District President, or District Charter Motorcoach Chairman, to learn of your district plans to come to convention by charter motorcoach. Many districts are already making these plans.

CAR
Milwaukee is located in southeast Wisconsin. The heart of the city can be reached by I-43 and I-94. Parking fees at the hotels vary.

AMTRAK
Amtrak does have a stop in Milwaukee. It arrives at the Intermodal Station, 43 St. Paul Avenue, 3-5 blocks from the Wisconsin Center and the Downtown Hotels. You are responsible for your own transportation from the Intermodal Station to your hotel. Contact amtrak.com or (877) 444-4773.

GREYHOUND BUS and MEGABUS
Buses operate to Milwaukee from a number of cities in the U.S. Both bus companies arrive at Intermodal Station, 43 St. Paul Avenue, 3-5 blocks from the Wisconsin Center and the Downtown Hotels. You are responsible for your own transportation from the Intermodal to your hotel. Contact greyhound.com or call 1-800-231-2222 or megabus.com or (877) 462-6342 to make reservations.

Air
Airlines that serve Milwaukee include: Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Sun Country, and United.

Make your reservations as soon as your plans are definite in order to get the best price and most desirable flight schedule. When checking the airlines for flight information on the web, the three-letter designation for General Mitchell Airport is MKE and the airport has 48 gates. General Mitchell Airport is 10 miles from the Downtown Hotels. The Downtown Milwaukee hotels do not offer airport shuttles. See Contracted Airport Shuttles below.

TRAVEL TO THE HOTELS

Contracted Airport Shuttles
A local transportation company has been contracted to provide shuttle service between General Mitchell Airport (MKE) and the hotels LWML has under contract. Shuttles must be requested and paid for through your registration form. The cost is $20 per person one-way. This includes tax and tip. If your flight schedule is not finalized when you complete your registration, you may return to your registration form after you have purchased your tickets to complete the information needed to connect with the LWML shuttles. Remember to register for both your arrival and departure shuttles. Deadline to request shuttle service is June 10, 2023.

Rental Cars
Rental cars are available at the airport, but rentals should be reserved before your arrival. Please verify with your rental car company the location where you will be picking up your car. Some locations may be a distance from the airport. The following car rental agencies are located on the concourse floor of the airport: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, and Hertz. For rental cars, please stay on the concourse floor, cross the skyway, and then go downstairs to the rental areas to avoid crossing in traffic.

Parking
Areas of the Wisconsin Center are under construction. There are several local parking lots and some local street parking. Scan the QR codes for parking apps recommended by the city of Milwaukee. Those driving to convention are strongly encouraged to review the daily parking fees at your hotel. Hotel parking rates vary.

TRAVEL TO THE WISCONSIN CENTER

District Charter Motorcoach
Districts have been asked to use their charter motorcoaches to provide daily transportation for those who have traveled by their bus. Check with your motorcoach chairman to be sure your district is providing this daily service. Contact your motorcoach chairman regarding information about your hotel arrangements. Certain hotels have been specifically reserved for the charter motorcoaches.

No Local Shuttles
There will be no local shuttles contracted by LWML from the hotels to the convention center. Most LWML contracted hotels are a short walking distance from the Wisconsin Center. If you have difficulty walking, are in need of assistance, or if you need transportation to the Wisconsin Center, choose a hotel within a block or two, or contact your district president to ask for her help finding someone from your district who might assist you.
Make plans to explore Milwaukee’s cultural, historical, and culinary highlights during your time in Wisconsin!

The diverse ethnic heritage of Milwaukee’s settlers sets the stage for the convention’s theme of “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.”

Take in historic beauty and delicious treats on a scheduled tour or choose your own adventure at one of Milwaukee’s many museums, on the free public streetcar, at the intriguing Milwaukee Public Market, or on a pedal pub that visits several downtown sites.

A multitude of tours will be available before and after the convention ranging in length from a few hours to a full day. We can’t wait to show you everything Milwaukee has to offer and why it’s “cooler by the lake!”

For details of each of the tours, along with pricing, dates, times, and the ability to book online, please refer to the “2023 LWML Convention Tours” link on the LWML website at lwml.org/2023-convention.

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Gifts from the Heart is a way of sharing our blessings with others in need. Recipients of our Gifts from the Heart will be four agencies who care for people with special needs.

- **Phil’s Friends** — provides Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.
  - Puzzle books
  - Journals
  - Playing cards (regular)
  - Fuzzy socks
  - Hats (knit, crochet, or baseball)
  - Walmart gift cards* (any denomination)

- **Refuge for Women** — a recovery program for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.
  - Gift cards* in any denomination from Walmart, Target, or Kohl’s

- **Orphan Grain Train** — a volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical, and other needs to people in 69 different countries including the USA.
  - Quilts, blankets, or comforters (all sizes)
  - Hygiene Kits (please donate complete kits only):
    - 1 bath towel
    - 1 washcloth
    - 1 bath-size bar of soap
    - 1 toothbrush
    - 1 sturdy comb
    - 6 band-aids (½ or ¾ inch)
    - 1 small package of facial tissues
    - 1 nail clipper
    - 1 piece of strong cord or ribbon

- **MOST Ministries** — provides short term mission opportunities for individuals to support Christian ministries around the world through witness and service.
  - Recycled new and like-new eyeglasses

Please check the LWML website at lwml.org/2023-convention for more information about these gifts.

*Write the amount on the outside of each gift card

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Milwaukee Food & City Tours, Inc. is not responsible for events that are not available due to acts of God, weather, or closures. Milwaukee Food & City Tours, Inc. reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary based on changes that occur between the planning of this tour and the actual tour dates.
Saturday, June 24, 2023

Come walk with us in Milwaukee, where it is “cooler by the lake.”

Our one-mile mission walk will take us on the Milwaukee Riverwalk from the Wisconsin Center to Pere Marquette Park and back to the Wisconsin Center. Some sights along the way are the Bronze Fonz from television’s “Happy Days”, sculptures, breweries, shops, and more. We, the children of God, will be a walking river of blue as we raise funds for mission grants. The Mission Riverwalk logo depicts God’s hands lifting and supporting the whole world. The footsteps are His children sharing the Gospel to people of all nations. Can’t you just hear the songs of praise being amplified to God along the Riverwalk? Join us on Saturday, June 24, as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.”

TAKE PART BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CONVENTION!

Watch Convention Sessions Live!
If you are unable to attend the Milwaukee convention in person, you can still participate by watching live video streaming of the convention. All convention sessions and worship services will be streamed live, and most will also be available for viewing later. A link to the livestream, printed materials, and resources can be found at lwml.org/2023-convention. If you know others who do not have the ability to watch the convention live, consider inviting them over and making it a party!

Mission Grants Video
The video of the adopted 2023–2025 Mission Grants will be available in digital format for free download immediately after the close of convention. Go to lwml.org/2023-convention to access the Convention Manual for all the Mission Grant details. Watch for information on the LWML website, on Facebook, in eNews, and in the Fall 2023 Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly. The video will also be available for viewing on the LWML YouTube channel.

Participate in a Virtual Mission Walk!
Those who would like to be part of the LWML convention experience but are unable to attend, are invited to take part in a virtual Mission Walk in your local area. Select a scenic area in your town for the walk, gather pledges for mites, and invite friends to join you at the selected time and day for the walk. In January 2023, at lwml.org/2023-convention, pledge forms and other Virtual Mission Walk information will be available for your use.
SEVENTH BIENNIAL
TEE UP 4 MITES
GOLF OUTING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Join past LWML Presidents Gloria Edwards, Linda Reiser, and Patti Ross for the Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, beginning at 7:30 a.m. We will gather at Western Lakes Golf Club, a championship golf course, located just 20 minutes from the Wisconsin Center. All net proceeds will be donated to mites for the 2023–2025 Mission Goal.

The format will be an 18 hole, four-person scramble with a shot-gun start. Begin organizing your team(s). We welcome both men and women golfers. Singles or partial teams will be paired to make full teams. Club rentals will be available with prior reservations.

Unable to attend or don’t golf? Remember someone special, or honor someone through a sponsorship. Our Grand Sponsor for the 2023 Golf Outing is Lutheran Hour Ministries. We are also seeking various hole and ancillary sponsorships.

Join us for a spectacular day of fellowship and fun as we make our LWML mission visible to the community and raise funds for our mission goal. Thanks in advance for partnering with us in this exciting and meaningful endeavor.

Check lwml.org/2023-convention to access sponsorship/entry form or email teeup4mites@lwml.org for more information.

SERVANT CONNECTIONS AND BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, June 22, 2023 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Come! Join the “festivities” as we serve the Lord with a variety of projects that will be shared with communities, both locally and abroad. Women, men, and children 14 years and over are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Thursday servant activities (see restrictions below for participating in the blood drive).

ON-SITE Servant Activities are:

• Assembling meal packs for Food for Kidz through Orphan Grain Train.
• Making no-sew fleece blankets for Phil’s Friends.
• Making witness bracelets and puppets for MOST Ministries.
• Assembling school backpacks for Orphan Grain Train.
• Assembling Braille books and calendars for Lutheran Braille Workers.
• Coloring and writing cards of hope for Phil’s Friends.
• Creating encouragement cards for Refuge for Women.
• Creating and writing cards for mission workers.

We hope to complete many projects and need willing servants to do so. Please select a first and second preference as you register online.

Session I: 9–11 a.m.
Session II: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Session III: 1–3 p.m.

There is a $5 fee to participate in these activities. Assignments and additional information will be sent prior to convention. A special memento will be given to you which will allow your admittance into the Servant Activities area on Thursday. Once there, you can choose one or several activities to complete during your scheduled time.

American Red Cross — Blood Drive

In less than one hour, you can help save the lives of three people in need. That person may be someone with cancer, a surgery patient, a trauma victim, an organ transplant recipient, a burn patient, or a person with COVID-19. The need for life-saving blood is great!

DONORS MUST:
• Be at least 16 years old.
• Weigh at least 110 pounds.
• Be in good health and feeling well on the day of donation.
• Bring a current photo ID (e.g., driver’s license).
• Drink plenty of fluids and eat prior to the appointment.

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT:
• Scan the QR code to the left
• OR go to www.redcrossblood.org
• Type “LWML23” in the FIND A BLOOD DRIVE box in the upper right corner.
• OR call 1-800-RED-CROSS
• If you have any questions, contact Jessica.peterson@redcross.org

There will be no walk-in appointments available.

Those who donate blood and do not participate in other Thursday Servant Activities will be exempt from the Thursday Servant Activities fee.
2023 LWML CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM

1. Order and pay online using the Square link: https://square.link/u/Sxr9cOhW.
2. Print this form and mail with your check to the address indicated below.
   Please print clearly. One shirt per order form please.
   Reproduce order form as needed.

Price (postage included): $28

Amount Enclosed $ __________

Note: If you wish to have several shirts mailed to one address, include all orders and checks in one envelope. Bulk mailings are encouraged.

Make checks payable to LWML North Wisconsin District Host Committee
Send order form and payment to Diane Simon, 532 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952

Questions: Email Diane at disimon33@yahoo.com
Mail order must be postmarked by March 1, 2023
Pick-up at Convention deadline (postmarked): May 15, 2023

No shirts will be sold at the 2023 LWML Convention.
No exchanges or refunds.

Thank you for your convention shirt order!
The 2023 Convention Host Committee: LWML North Wisconsin District, LWML Northern Illinois District, and LWML South Wisconsin District.

LWML HAS NEW RESOURCES AND PRODUCTS FOR YOU TO WEAR AND USE DURING THE CONVENTION!

THE NEW ITEMS ARE:
• Maple Wood Earrings, Necklace, and Tie Tac.
• 80th Anniversary Journal.
• Clear Stadium Tote Bag.
• LWML Logo Rolling Pin.
• Comfort and Hope Devotion Booklet.
• Purple “Mission Minded Woman” T-Shirt.

PRE-ORDER YOUR CONVENTION TIE TAC OR CHARM WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE AND PICK IT UP AT THE LWML STORE BY FRIDAY EVENING.