

## Call Day Excitement Fills the Air!



Lutheran Women in Mission gives thanks and praise to God for the church workers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This week, as the excitement of spring fills the air, both Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL) and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) campuses are preparing to send church workers through various Call Day services. On Call Day, concluding students receive their first calls to ministry and second-year students receive their assignments for vicarages and deaconess internships. All calls and assignments for service are to churches or ministries within the LCMS.

On Monday, April 24, second-year students at CTSFW were assigned to serve as vicars or deaconess interns. On Tuesday, April 25, the annual CTSFW Candidate Call Service, where concluding students received their first calls took place in Kramer Chapel. A complete list of assignments, along with photos and links to the services can be found [here](#) on the CTSFW website.

Call Day on the CSL campus is today, April 26, 2023. Assignments and calls will be announced and celebrated during two worship services in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. You can join in-person, via livestream or on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). Services are at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For a complete list of links, and assignments after the service, visit the CSL website [here](#).

Lutheran Women in Mission supports all our LCMS Church Workers through prayer and encouragement. For a complete list of resources available to church workers, as well as ideas for how you can support your pastor or deaconess in their new call, visit the [LWML Church Workers in Mission](#) webpage.

## Missions on the Menu at LWML Convention

During the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention, to be held in Milwaukee June 22–25, 2023, the Mission Impact Luncheons on Friday and Saturday will be accompanied by very special guest speakers who will give mission updates and information.

On Friday there will be seven different Mission Impact Luncheons.

- President Debbie Larson meets with first-time convention participants and talks about the mission impact of LWML that is felt around the world.
- Jan Struck, Abby Goehring, and Dr. Dina Vendetti — when these three get together it's hard to stop laughing.
- Mission Speaker Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, Executive Director of the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP). Take this opportunity to ask questions about LAMP.
- Mission Speaker Rev. Craig Muehler, Chaplain, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Learn about

what LWML has done for military families.

- Mission Speaker Phil Zielke, President of Phil's Friends. Hear the stories behind the gifts LWML provides through servant events and mission grants.
- LWML Gift Planning Counselors Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten will share stories of the blessings they have witnessed through charitable gift planning.
- Lunch with My Friends — Create your own fun! Talk about past and proposed mission grants, mission speakers, opening worship — so many things to talk about.

On Saturday there are seven informative Mission Impact Luncheons to choose from.

- Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer, will introduce LCMS missionaries who will speak about bringing the Gospel to the mission field. This luncheon presentation will be interpreted in ASL for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Mission Speaker Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri, retired CEO of Mission Nation Publishing, will speak about providing resources to help churches reach other ethnicities.
- Rev. Bart Day, President & CEO of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), will share how LCEF helps congregations use their financial gifts.
- Mission Speaker Kurt Buchholz, President & CEO of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will talk about their Gospel outreach to millions of people.
- Rev. Ed DeWitt, President & Chairman of the Board, along with his wife Sheryl, Executive Director of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, will describe the programs created for women who choose life for their children and lack needed resources.
- Mission Speaker Rev. Doua Xiong, Pastor to the Hmong in the San Joaquin Valley of California, will tell how he uses his story to bring others to Christ.
- Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, will talk about working in Washington, D.C. and his work to encourage religious liberty in ideas and legislation.

If you haven't already registered for the convention, you may do [so here](#). As you register you will have an opportunity to register for one of these luncheons. See you in Milwaukee where we will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations."



## **New Bible Study by Donna Snow Available at Convention!**

"Unshakable" is a new video-based Bible study by Donna Snow that will be available for the first time at the 2023 LWML Convention. In this study, Donna walks participants through the lives of eight remarkable men and women of the Bible to teach us about suffering, heartache, and loss. What we learn is that God uses everything in our lives to point us and those in our communities to the hope of salvation. In this Bible study, Donna challenges us to consider how we, strengthened by God's grace, can use our own experiences to point others to Christ.





Join us in worship and fellowship!

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June 22-25, 2023

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