

Kaye Wolff Receives Christus Vivit Award

Lutheran Women in Mission is pleased to announce that Kaye Wolff, LWML 2021–2023 Nominating Committee Chairman, is an honored recipient of the Christus Vivit Award from Concordia Seminary St. Louis (CSL). This award, whose recipient is chosen by the CSL faculty, was presented to Kaye during the Seminary's 2023 Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 19th, and acknowledges her exemplary service to the church — an honor well deserved.

As a volunteer with the heart of Christ, Kaye has volunteered countless hours of service to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries and initiatives that serve minority groups. She is also a *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and Bible study author and has been active in LWML most of her life. Kaye has served in local, district, and national roles. During her term as LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries (2015–2019), Kaye initiated the Deaf Ministry Outreach Program to encourage hearing women to learn basic American Sign Language (ASL) and more about Deaf culture and to encourage and welcome deaf women into active participation in LWML groups.

Lutheran Women in Mission is thankful for Kaye and for her continued service to God's people and to the mission of LWML. Visit the CSL website to read more about Kaye and see [Commencement photos](#) of this special event.



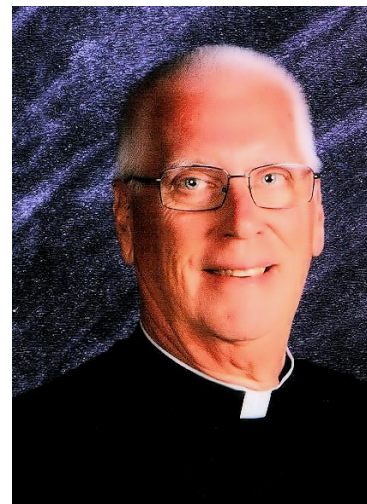
*Photo: Kaye Wolff receives Christus Vivit Award from President Thomas Egger.
(Photo Credit: Sid Hastings)*

Rev. William Engfehr to Retire as LWML Convention Audio-Visual Director

Serving the Lord with gladness and expertise has certainly been in the heart and on the hands of Rev. William Engfehr as he has assisted Lutheran Women in Mission with audio-visual (AV) needs since 1985.

Pastor Bill, as he is affectionately known, not only has provided for AV needs of 20 LWML conventions in a professional manner, but he has worked with each host committee on stage decorations, with all pastoral counselors in communion service set up and distribution, with contracting for the voting machines, captioning, livestreaming, and any other activities that happen in the convention hall.

As Rev. Engfehr retires from his role as the Convention Audio-Visual Director, Lutheran Women in Mission thanks God for his love and support and prays God's blessings on him and his family as he continues serving the Lord in many other ways.



Livestreaming in Milwaukee

Lutheran Women in Mission will, once again, livestream all convention sessions in the Wisconsin Convention Center. For those watching the convention at home, make plans to have a livestreaming party and invite the women in your congregation to watch it together. You will be able to participate in the convention's Bible study, hear the grateful and inspiring mission grant speakers, and be there when the new biennium's mission goal and mission grants are announced. Watch for information and directions coming soon to the LWML website.



Lutheran Women in Mission are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is also widely known as Lutheran Women in Mission. We often receive inquiries as to which is our official name. It has been found that many women in our congregations do not know what the acronym LWML means. It has also been noted that the word "league" is considered outdated, and we know that Lutheran Women in Mission fulfill a vital and relevant need in today's world.

This is not a new concept. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has been known as Lutheran Women in Mission for over 25 years.

In 1975, we were officially incorporated in the state of Missouri as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Since 1998, our registered Doing Business As (DBA) trade name has been Lutheran Women in Mission. Our organization uses these two names interchangeably.

For decades, to describe what the LWML was and did, leaders often used the phrase, "Lutheran Women in Mission." In her address to the 1997 LWML Charlotte Convention, Past LWML President Gloria Edwards (1995–1999) mentioned that perhaps it was time to consider a new name "more appealing to those not already involved." In her *President's Page* article in the Winter 1998 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazine, Gloria stated, "Remember, we've added this name so that those on the outside can understand who we are and what we do. And, perhaps, choose to participate with us." Gloria asked, "What's in that name? It says who we are and what we do. We are Lutheran. We are Women. We are actively involved — we're in Mission. It indicates that each one of us is committed to using our God-given gifts in service to the people of the world." (Source: Moberg, Marlys Taeye. *Women in League With the Lord: The Story of Lutheran Women in Mission and Their Christian Predecessors*. Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2005.)

The title, Lutheran Women in Mission, is a testament to our unwavering dedication to mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission giving. Lutheran Women in Mission will be used consistently in future resources. Lutheran Women in Mission is a name that is reflective of our fundamental principles and convictions, as well as the global network of volunteers who joyfully serve the Lord side-by-side!



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IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

Attention Milwaukee Convention Attendees

Are you interested in getting to know convention attendees? Do you have a servant heart? Are you curious about what national committees are all about?

If your answer is yes, we have an opportunity for you! You can assist our committees at their LWML committee booths during exhibit hall time or assist with Gifts from the Heart collection during registration time.

What committees need your assistance? Christian Life and Christian Resource Editors; Church Workers in Mission; Committee on Young Women; Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants; Group and Leader Development; Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations; Information Technology; Official Publication Staff; Planned Giving; Special Ministries Task Force; and Structure.

How do you select where you would like to serve? Simply click [here](#) and choose a committee and time slot or even more than one.

Give yourself a unique convention experience that you will truly enjoy and spend an hour or two at an exhibit booth.

LCMS Invites LWML to LifeFest!

Immediately following the Sending Worship Service at the close of the 40th Biennial LWML Convention, June 25, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has issued an invitation to all attendees to join him for LifeFest.

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Hyatt Regency, 333 W. Kilbourne Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Noon to 2 p.m.

Join LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison for LifeFest, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade*) and the Life Ministry efforts of LCMS congregations. During the event, attendees also will solemnly remember the tragic loss of life that occurred during the nearly 50 years that *Roe v. Wade* was the law of the land.

There will be live music as well as refreshments and light snacks. LifeFest is free to attend, but registration is required, and space is limited. RSVP at lcms.org/lifest.

Important Convention Airport Shuttle Information

Help alleviate the headache of having to arrange transportation from the airport to the hotel by purchasing your shuttle passes now.

LWML has contracted to provide a shuttle bus service between the General Mitchell Airport (MKE) and the downtown hotels. Service will be provided on the following days:

- Tuesday, June 20 — 9 a.m.– 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21 — 9 a.m.–11 p.m.
- Thursday, June 22 — 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday, June 25 — 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Monday, June 26 — TBD
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Please note, the downtown Milwaukee hotels DO NOT provide free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Airport Shuttle tickets can be purchased through your convention registration. If you did not do this when you originally registered, you can access your registration and amend it by adding this service. The shuttle fee is \$20 each way if purchased before June 10, going up to \$25 each way on June 11 and after. You may also purchase a ticket for the airport shuttle on-site by using a QR Code provided by a host committee worker. This allows you to pay the fee electronically as no cash, checks, or credit cards will be taken on-site. Purchasing your shuttle tickets ahead of time will aid the Host Committee as they plan for adequate shuttles during peak arrival and departure times. On-site purchases are first come, first served depending on the space available.

See you in Milwaukee where you can join with thousands of your sisters and brothers in Christ, June 22–25, to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.”

Church Worker's Photo Op at Convention

For those who are planning to attend the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, please bring a photo of your church workers, labeled with their names and LWML district on the front of the photo, to the LWML Church Workers in Mission Committee booth in the Exhibit Hall. The photo will be displayed with all other photos of church workers from across the nation and the world.



Join us in worship and fellowship!
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 22-25, 2023

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Psalm 33:12-13

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