

# MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION



## SPRING SPARKLE & SHINE

The women of Trinity, Pinckney were inspired to bring the members of the Ann Arbor Zone together for an outdoor May Day celebration on Saturday, May 22. The weather looked promising and even a little morning drizzle couldn't dampen the spirits of those who attended.

A large canopy-style tent was set up adjacent to the church

and 25 women gathered to pray, praise, and study God's Word. The goal was to safely be together in-person and experience a mini-rally (without the frills). An even bigger goal was to collect enough mite money to make up for the cancellation of three previous Zone rallies. Praise God that \$328.68 was raised!

Zone treasurer, Barbara Yek, served as MC and led the group in a Bible Study by Jan Brunette from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly (Winter 2020) called "Live A Sparkling Life" based on selected passages from Exodus, Psalms, John, Matthew, and 2 Corinthians. Song selections were appropriate for the theme, including "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" and "He Will Hold Me Fast" by Habershon and Merker, which was a real tear-jerker! The devotion closed with everyone holding a lighted sparkler.

A highlight of this event was the dedication of the 2020 Zone banner, which now hangs in the vestibule at Trinity and is visible to everyone who enters the sanctuary for worship. Pastor Robert Mikkelsen, Zone counselor, led the devotion. It was truly an opportunity to "See and Rejoice."

The traditional business meeting was led by



Linda Murdock, Zone Co-Chair. Kaye Wolff, Zone Mentor, shared updates on mites, resources, and the upcoming national LWML convention in Lexington, KY. The meeting was humorously interrupted by Cathie Snider, Zone Co-Chair, who visually reminded us all to lose our inhibitions and wear purple to the max! She is a fashionista and all-around good sport.

Thank you to the Trinity Ladies Posse for all their planning and enthusiasm to try something different on behalf of LWML! The snacks were delicious too. Who knew how many fun varieties of pre-packaged snacks and desserts could be found in one place!

## LWML SUNDAY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is almost 80 years old and we are celebrating LWML Sunday this fall to commemorate that milestone.

This is a great time to think of our LWML memories and thank God for what he has done and continues to do through this organization. From one grant for \$15,000 in 1942, to 28 mission grants to fund and a \$2,150,000 mission goal in the current biennium, God has truly blessed the LWML.

This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," written by Rev. Dale Meyer. He writes, "Our hearts for Christ are in His hand of service, wherever and whenever He has need of us."



## Upcoming Events & Deadlines:

- Oct 31 - Submission of Mission Grant applications
- Oct 31 - Submission of Church Worker Scholarship applications
- Mar 5 - Spring 2022 BoD Meeting
- Apr 30 - End of Biennium - Send in those mites!
- July 8-10 - LWML 2022 District Convention, Gaylord

## Mite Report

As of August 31, 2021

### National

Goal: \$2,150,000  
\$ Received: \$551,190

### Michigan District

Goal: \$348,438  
\$ Received: \$200,403

## Send your mites to:

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Financial Secretary  
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Fenton, MI 48430

## For Information call:

810-714-0405

## ZONE EVENTS IN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Ann Arbor Zone, September 25, 9 am, Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton  
Battle Creek, October 23, 10 am, Trinity, Paw Paw  
Bay Area Zone, October 23, 9 am, Zion, Bay City  
Blue Water Zone, September 25, 9 am St. Matthew, Lexington  
Capital Zone, October 23, 9 am St. Andrew, Portland  
Crossroads Zone, October 16, 9 am, St. Timothy, Otisville  
Dearborn/Downriver Zone, October 23, 10:45 am, Guardian, Dearborn  
Evergreen Zone, October 23, St. Peter Macomb  
Franconian Zone, October 15, 8 am, St. Paul, Millington  
Gateway Zone, October 15, 9 am, St. John, Burr Oak  
Grand Rapids Zone, October 2, St. John, Allendale  
Greater Detroit Zone, October 24, 3 pm, Historic Trinity, Detroit  
Irish Hills Zone, October 16, 9 am, Our Savior, Hudson  
Lakeshore Zone, October 2, Christ Our Savior, Holland  
Land of Lakes Zone, October 9, Trinity, Gaylord  
Lighthouse Zone, none planned  
Macomb South Zone, October 30, 10 am, All Nations, Clinton Township  
Mid Michigan Zone, October 30, 8:30 am, Zion, Auburn  
Monroe Zone, October 23, Grace, Monroe  
Multi Lakes Zone, November 13, 9 am, St. Stephen, Waterford  
Northern Lights Zone, September 25, 9:30 am, Emmanuel, Cadillac  
Rapid Waters Zone, October 23, 9:30 am, Messiah, Grand Rapids  
Saginaw Valley Zone, October 2, 9 am, Good Shepherd, Saginaw  
Sonshine Zone, October 9, Immanuel, Alpena  
St. Joseph Zone, October 17, 2 pm, Trinity, St. Joseph  
Suburban Lights Zone, October 23, 9:30 am, Huntington Woods  
Thumb Zone, September 16, 10 am, St. Paul, Unionville  
Timberline Zone, October 7, 9 am, St. John, West Branch  
Wayne Oak Hills Zone, October 23, Christ Our Savior



## LWML MITE ANNOUNCEMENT

An announcement made at the LWML Convention in June stated that the LWML Board of Directors and Presidents Assembly approved that **90%** of the 2021–2023 \$2.15 million Mission Goal will, by the grace of God, go directly to fund mission grants. This announcement was accompanied by cheers of joy and thanksgiving to God as we are able to designate more mite offerings to sharing His love and mercy.

In the past, LWML designated **70%** of mite offerings to mission grants. The remaining amount funded costs that included operations, training, and programming.

As Lutheran women continue to study His Word, give offerings, and serve others, we pray that our focus remains on Jesus. Supporters may continue to give to LWML with the confidence of knowing their gifts honor God and spread His message of salvation throughout the world.

## BOARD INGATHERING

The following items were gathered at the District Board retreat and meeting on September 10-11, 2021 for the outreach at Our Savior, Flint :

Toothpaste – 19	Multi-tissue packs–4
Bars of Soap – 61	Personal care -7
Bath Gel – 28	Chapstick – 8
Shampoo – 116	Miscellaneous – 10
Deodorant – 56	Liquid Soap – 1
Toothbrushes – 66	Wipes – 2
Cereal – 13	Lotion – 4
Hand Sanitizer – 9	Body Spray – 4
	Kleenex Box -1