



The Shepherd's Voice

LWML Michigan District 2022 Convention
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"My sheep hear My voice"

Greetings from the President

Willkommen to Frankenmuth!!!

It is SO good to be together with you for the 39th Biennial Convention after having missed meeting in person for the 2020 Convention. If you recall, we were told we would "SEE the Lord in Gaylord", and hopefully you have all seen the Lord at work over the past two years.

Now, as I warmly welcome you to my hometown, we challenge you to **HEAR** the Lord under our theme verse from *John:10:27*, "*My Sheep Hear My Voice.*" May we be reminded of the women who forged the way for us as we sit in The Opening Worship Service in the St. Lorenz sanctuary where the **VERY FIRST** LWML Michigan District convention was held back in 1944. Now isn't that something special? And you get to be a part of this history in the making as we celebrate our 80 year history together!

Thursday night Rev. Christian Jones from Flint Mission Network will lead us in worship and then we will get right to it with Session One of our convention. Our banner procession followed by a few words from our National LWML Representative Deaconess Betty Knapp and Keynote Missionary speaker Gary Thies from Mission Central in Iowa is sure to inspire! Our Convention Co-Chairs, Dorothy Kridler from the Bay Area, Cheryl Zastrow from Mid-Michigan and Carol Wegener from Timberline have worked so hard on not just this convention but they also served in 2020. These women and their committees deserve a heartfelt thank you from all of us for their efforts over the last four years!!!

Friday we will be at the Bavarian Inn Lodge until after lunch. Spend the morning going to the Bible studies and Break-Outs but also make sure you visit the many exhibit booths to



gather new information and visit our mission partners. Session Two will be held at the St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center (WEC) where we will hear about visual prayer by Visual Faith coach, Valerie Matyas and vote on Mission Grants, Candidates and By-laws. Later that night you will not want to miss our 80th Birthday Bash at the Bavarian Inn Lodge!!

Saturday will not disappoint either! We start with Lydia's Legacy Walk along the Cass River and then we head back to the WEC for Session Three where you will be led in the Word by former missionary, Elise Arndt, and then see the results of everything you voted on. The Closing Worship Service led by our second Keynote Speaker, Rev. Justin Rossow, will help us pull everything together that we have experienced during our time together with his practical approach to ministry.

I am so glad that we are able to gather together as sisters in Christ and **HEAR** all of the inspirational words and messages from our speakers so that we are fully equipped to go out into the world to Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Blessings my dear sisters!!
President MaryBeth

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HOST ZONE WELCOME

We "hear your voice" calling us to Frankenmuth for the 39th Biennial LWML Michigan District 2022 Convention! The Michigan District Board, committee chairmen from Bay Area Zone, Mid-Michigan Zone and Timberline Zone, have been working diligently to make your trip to Frankenmuth Michigan an enjoyable, exciting, inspirational experience. We hope you have planned some extra personal time to enjoy the beauty and activities available in the Frankenmuth area!

Dorothy Kridler, Bay Area Zone
Cheryl Zastrow, Mid-Michigan Zone
Carol Wegener, Timberline Zone

Convention Objectives & Goals for 2022

Convention Goal

LWML Celebrates Hearing the Lord's voice, we are comforted and inspired to share the promise of eternal life.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Grow spiritually by hearing God's Word.
- Joyfully follow Him to keep the mission alive

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PRAYER ROOM

The Prayer Room will be available on Thursday and Friday from 1 pm - 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am - 11:30 am at the St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center chapel.

On Friday from 7:00 am - 12:30 pm it will be at the Bavarian Inn Lodge 2nd floor Mozart Room.

Take a few moments for some personal prayer time! People will be available to pray for and with you as well!



Greeting You As You Arrive

Hostesses will greet you at the locations for this convention wearing tie-dyed purple scarves. Please feel free to ask any hostess for directions, information, event and lodging locations. We are here to serve you!

Convention Committee members are wearing black polo shirts with the convention logo on them.

Ingathering Drop Off

The drop off for ingathering will be Thursday from 1pm - 5 pm in the St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center (WEC). Missions receiving these gifts are: Orphan Grain Train and seminarians at the St. Louis and Fort Wayne seminaries.

FRIDAY MORNING BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Friday will begin with breakout sessions for which you have registered to attend. There will be two different sessions offered. Check your registration information for which session for which you are registered and head on over to the **Bavarian Inn Lodge** Room indicated to **HEAR** what our Shepherd is telling us through these presenters!

First Session: 8:30 am – 9:15 am

- ❖ "Prayer-It Works, God wants me to do it, I desire a rich prayer life. Prayer-I lack the time, focus and ability to buckle down and have any sort of prayer life" – Valerie Matyas from Visual Faith **Beethoven Room**
- ❖ "Share your Faith, Bless your Family, Impact Ministry" – Linda Gage from LWML Gifts of Love **Brahms Room**
- ❖ "How to talk to someone who doesn't look like me..." cross-cultural outreach – POBLO (Cynthia, Joy, Pinky and Sarah) **Mosel River Room**
- ❖ "Professional Church workers need to HEAR about LWML" learn more about LWML National resources to help you grow your ministry – National LWML VP, Deaconess Betty Knapp **Danube River Room**
- ❖ "The Compelling Story of How a YWR Became a College Director" - Angela Post, YWR to Lexington, KY **Rhine River Room**

Second Session: 9:45 am - 10:30 am

- ❖ "Beyond the Wave: Using our homes, neighborhoods and workplaces for the sake of furthering the Gospel" – Elise Arndt, author and former missionary **Brahms Room**
- ❖ It's time to wake up and be NOT normal" – Gary Thies from Mission Central **Beethoven Room**
- ❖ "How to talk to someone who doesn't look like me..." cross-cultural outreach – POBLO (Cynthia, Joy, Pinky and Sarah) **Mosel River Room**
- ❖ "I Heard His Call" – Kelly Bone, MOST Ministries **Danube River Room**
- ❖ "Do the Lost Sheep Hear Jesus' Voice?" – Pastor Kevin Parviz from Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism, dba Burning Bush Ministries - **Rhine River Room**

PAGES

We have 8 young ladies and 3 young men serving as our Convention Pages. These young people take questions from delegates to our President during the voting sessions. They will be present throughout the convention to help anyone who needs it! They will be dressed in t-shirts with "PAGES" on the back.

Please be sure to smile, and say HI and thank them for being here!

Rachael Heikkinen - Franconian Zone
Addy Agans - Franconian Zone
Charlotte Hill – Franconian Zone
Evelyn Hill - Franconian Zone
Marissa Frank - Franconian Zone
Ashlyn Duclos - Franconian Zone
Corbin Milutin - Franconian Zone
Max Coulson – Mid Michigan Zone
Malachi Coulson - Mid Michigan Zone
Claire Schultz - Sonshine Zone
Hannah Stauffer - Sonshine Zone

Friday Breakfast Bible Studies

7:15 am - 8:00 am

Bavarian Inn Lodge



Pastor Christian Jones - 2nd Floor Brahms Rm

"His Other Sheep: Welcome to the Fold"

Pastor Justin Rossow - 2nd Floor Bach Rm

"Discipleship and Delight"

Elaine Bickel - 2nd Floor Beethoven Rm

*"When our ears hear words, our heart often asks
What said that?"*

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS

Visiting the Exhibit Area is always a very popular activity during our LWML conventions. These exhibitors joyfully share information in order to enlighten us about their mission or ministry to serve others and share the good news of salvation in Christ. The exhibits are located in the River Rooms lobby area on the 1st floor of the Bavarian Inn Lodge and in the Composer Lobby area of the 2nd floor. Concordia Publishing House and the LWML Store can be found on the 1st floor in the Altmuehl Room. The exhibits are open from 10:00 am until 5:30 pm on Thursday and from 7:00 am until 12:30 pm on Friday. Our exhibitors include:

- ◆ Acts 2 Enterprise
- ◆ Burning Bush Ministries
- ◆ Concordia Seminary
- ◆ Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op
- ◆ Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society
- ◆ Gifts for All God's Children
- ◆ Gifts of Love
- ◆ LAMP Ministry Inc.
- ◆ Lutheran Bible Translators
- ◆ Lutheran Braille Workers
- ◆ Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- ◆ Lutheran Hour Ministries
- ◆ Lutheran Special Education Ministry
- ◆ MOST Ministries
- ◆ Orphan Grain Train
- ◆ POBLO International Ministries
- ◆ Wellspring Lutheran Services
- ◆ Worship Anew

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

How exciting and blessed it is to come together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of LWML Michigan District at the 39th Biennial Michigan District Convention in Frankenmuth. After over two years of a pandemic, God has blessed us as we rejoice together under the Convention theme, **"My Sheep Hear My Voice; I know them and they follow Me" (John 10:27)**. What could be more fitting then to begin this convention with hundreds of God's people Listening to His Voice in word and song at the **6:30 pm Opening Worship Service on Thursday July 7th at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church**.

The Proclaimer for the service is **Rev. Christian Jones** who serves as a Michigan District LCMS Missionary at Large. For the past three years he has served the Franklin Avenue Mission; The York Avenue Mission; Mercy House and the Luke Clinic of Flint as the executive director of Flint Mission Network. He considers it an absolute privilege to be proclaiming the Gospel to those facing tremendous difficulties in Flint and surrounding areas.

Michigan District LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Richard Robinson, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Detroit and Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Cameron Steele, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro have prepared and will lead the service. Assisting in the service are the three-host zone Pastoral Counselors; Rev. Matthew Dent of Bethlehem Lutheran of Standish, Timberline Zone; Rev. Chris Garcia of Immanuel Lutheran of Bay City, Bay Area Zone and Rev. Michael Podeszwa of Immanuel Lutheran of Wheeler, Mid-Michigan Zone.

The Worship Service Choir Director, **Jon Eifert** serves as Music Director of St Michaels Lutheran Church and School in Richville, Michigan. We thank him for taking the time for us from his full-time parish music responsibilities to lead our voices in praising God.

Worship Service Organist, **Nathan Beethe** serves as Kantor at Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, overseeing all parish music, Sunday School, and teaching Bible Class. For several years he has also coordinated an area-wide hymn festival. We are blessed to have him keep us in tune as we praise God.

Attendees are truly blessed as we hear God's "Voice", sing His praises, listen to the beautiful voices of the choir; and receive the Body and Blood of Christ for forgiveness of sins. We pray that through this Worship Service your faith will be strengthened as you "Serve the Lord with Gladness" so other Sheep will hear His Voice here and around the world.

Convention Offerings



The Thursday night offering will be designated for the 2022-2024 biennium Mite goal.

The second offering at the closing service will be divided between Camp Restore Detroit and International Student Ministry of St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS), Jenison, MI.

SELECTED GRANT APPLICANTS APPEARING ON 2022 CONVENTION

1. Enriching Lives of Children and Families in Michigan's Urban Communities - \$25,000.00 (Acts 2 Enterprise, Michigan District, LCMS)
2. God's Word for Teenagers Around the World - \$16,500.00 (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)
3. Gifts for All God's Children Year-Round Program Replication to Additional Churches - \$25,000.00 (Detroit LCMS area)
4. "Shepherding the Sheep" – Congregational Grant - \$25,000.00 (MOST Ministries)
5. Sharing the Light of Christ's Love - \$25,000.00 (Lutheran Braille Workers)
6. Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Generational Church, Cross Point Church, LCMS, Ministry and Missions Cost - \$25,000.00 (POBLO International – Macomb County)
7. Clark Park Street Ministry - \$5,000.00 (Family of God Lutheran Church, Detroit)
8. "I Was Naked and You Clothed Me – Orphan Grain Train – Michigan - \$18,000.00
9. Scholarships for Deaf Students - \$25,000.00 (St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf)
10. A Rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity - \$20,000.00 (Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Michigan)
11. 15-Passenger Van Outreach for St. Paul Community Lutheran Church - \$25,000.00 (St. Paul Community – Pontiac)
12. Expanding Christ's Love with the Aging and Unchurched in Michigan through Weekly Television on Worship Anew - \$25,000.00
13. Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker - \$20,000.00 (Michigan women in Concordia university system)
14. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food - \$10,000.00



Every Mitey Mite Counts into the Big LWML Picture!

Delegates at this 39th Biennial LWML Michigan District convention have been doing their "homework" about the 14 mission grant proposals that will be decided for funding during this 2022-2024 biennium. The grant proposals represent \$289,500.00 of requested funding. The Board of Directors has agreed to recommend funding grants in the amount of \$260,000.00.

Mission grants are funded through the mites goal. For 2022-2024, the LWML Michigan mites goal has been budgeted as \$346,700.00. When delegates vote for their choices of which of the 14 proposals to fund, they will designate on their ballot their eight most favored grant proposals. When votes are tabulated, the proposals which have gained the greatest number of votes are set to be funded up to the recommended \$260,000.00.



The mite goal must account for the fact that 25 per cent of mite receipts must be appropriated to national LWML's mite goal. Thus, to fulfill LWML Michigan's mission grants goal, a 25 per cent greater amount needs to be received, in order to award to the national organization LWML Michigan's fair share.

When delegates have prayed for wisdom in their act of voting, after having read the complete resolutions of each grant proposal, and done other reading about the requestors, they may feel confident that their ballots were wisely marked. Thank you, delegates, for assuming the responsibility of voting and for being ready to save those mitey mites to fund through LWML Christ-honoring mission work!

Registration & More

Registration will be **Thursday 8 am to 8 pm** at the **St Lorenz Worship & Event Center** and **Friday 7 am to 11 am and 12 pm to 5 pm** at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. Be sure to ***always wear your name badge***. Remember, it is also your meal ticket!

Shirts & Charms that have been ordered can be picked up on Thursday & Friday at the LWML Store location at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in the Altmuehl Room.

2022 Servant Events

Servant Events will be held on **Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

The servant projects to be done will be:

- Making eyeglass sleeves for MOST
- Making mats for the homeless for Franklin Avenue Mission
- Tying fleece lap blankets for Phil's Friends
- Trimming stamps for Lutheran Bible Translators in support of Becky Grossman

NOTE: All servant events will take place at the St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center (WEC)

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 10:00 am	BOD Meeting	BI Garden
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Doors Open for Exhibitor Set-Up	BI Lodge (Outside Composer/River Rooms)
10:00 am - Noon	President's Brunch	BI (Courtyard)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	City Tours	Various
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	STL WEC Pre-function area
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Prayer Room (Closed from 11:00 – noon)	STL Chapel
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Servant Events	STL WEC Pre-function area
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Exhibits (30 - 15 Up/15 Down)	BI Lodge (Outside Composer/River Rooms)
Noon – 1:00 pm	PAGE Meet and Greet	STL Adult Ed Rooms (North/South)
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ingathering (WEC Drop Off)	STL Adult Ed Rooms Sort/Store)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Delegate Orientation	STL WEC Auditorium
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	YWR/H2H Meet and Greet	STL Adult Ed Rooms (North/South)
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	PAGE Activity in Frankenmuth	Pages/Chaperones will go on an excursion
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Choir Practice	STL Traditional Church Sanctuary
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	BI Lodge (Composer Rooms)
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pre-Service Music	STL Traditional Church Sanctuary
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Worship/Session 1 (6:30-8:00/8:00-9:30)	STL Traditional Church Sanctuary
9:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Exhibits (30 - 15 Up/15 Down) OPTIONAL	BI Lodge (Outside Composer/River Rooms)
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Bavarian Pretzel Afterglow	BI Lodge (Composer/River Rooms)

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration	BI Lodge (Outside Composer)
7:00 am – 12:30 pm	CPH Store (Altmuehl Room)	BI Lodge (Outside Composer)
7:00 am – 12:30 pm	Exhibits (30 - 15 Up/15 Down)	BI Lodge (Outside Composer)
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast Bible Study	BI Lodge (Composer Rooms)
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7:15am – 11:00 am	Prayer Room	BI Lodge (Mozart Room)
8:00 am – 12:45 pm	PAGE Breakfast/Devo/Break-Out/Lunch	STL ROCK (Across the street from school)
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Break-Out 1	BI Lodge (River Room-Danube)
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Break-Out 1	BI Lodge (River Room-Rhine)
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Break-Out 1 (Bigger)	BI Lodge (River Room-Mosel)
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Break-Out 2	BI Lodge (River Room-Danube)
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Break-Out 2	BI Lodge (River Room-Rhine)
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Break-Out 2 (Bigger)	BI Lodge (River Room-Mosel)
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Boxed Lunch/1st Timer	BI Lodge (1st Timer/Gen'l FCFS Seating)
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration	STL WEC Auditorium
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Session 2 (VOTE: BL/MG/CAND)	STL WEC Auditorium
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner (500 ppl max)	BI Lodge (Composer Rooms)
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Prayer Room	BI Lodge (Mozart Room)
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	EPIC 80th Birthday Bash!! VP Exhibits	BI Lodge (Outside Composer/River Room)
9:45 pm – 10:00 pm	Meet/Greet for Candidates ONLY	BI Guest Rooms (111/290)
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Birthday Cake/Ice Cream Social Afterglow	BI Lodge (Composer Rooms)

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Lydia's Legacy Walk/Run	River Walk (Adjacent to BI Lodge)
7:00 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast Sandwiches	STL WEC (Pavilion/Tents on WEC Patio)
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Session 3 (VOTE: RESULTS)	STL WEC Auditorium
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Session 4 (Install Cand/Closing Srvc)	STL WEC Auditorium
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	EC Meeting (30 ppl)	STL WEC Adult Ed



2022 LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT ZONE BANNER DISTRIBUTION

Ann Arbor Zone: *Women of the Pearl, Uganda, c/o Lynn Corker, WOP founder*
Bay Area Zone: *St. Paul Community Church, Pontiac, LCMS mission church*
Blue Water Zone: *Acts 2 Enterprise*
Capital Zone: *circulate/display at all Capital Zone churches*
Dearborn/Downriver Zone: *Guardian Lutheran School*
Evergreen Zone: *St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac*
Gateway Zone: *to be shared among/within Gateway Zone churches*
Grand Rapids Zone: *St. John, Allendale*
Greater Detroit Zone: *Charity Lutheran Church, Detroit*
Irish Hills Zone: *Trinity Lutheran School Daycare, Jackson*
Lakeshore Zone: *Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church*
Land of Lakes Zone: *Zion Lutheran Pre-school, Petoskey*
Macomb South Zone: *Cross Point Lutheran Church, Clinton Township*
Mid Michigan Zone: *Prince of Peace, Clare, in memory of LaVale Seiter, LWML mentor*
Monroe Zone: *Selah's Center of Hope, Monroe (residence for those choosing life for their child)*
Multi-Lakes Zone: *expected to: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lake Orion*
Northern Lights Zone: *Faith Lutheran Church, Mesick*
Rapid Waters Zone: *St. Peter's Lutheran School, Big Rapids*
Saginaw Valley Zone: *progressing to each zone church; finally to Faith Lutheran Church*
Sonshine Zone: *to be decided at Fall Rally*
St. Joseph Zone: *LifePlan, a ministry to women in crisis pregnancy, Niles, Benton Harbor*
Suburban Lights Zone: *Lutheran Church which meets at Harbor Hope Coffee Shop, St. Ignace*
Thumb Zone: *circulate among Thumb Zone churches*
Timberline Zone: *expected to: Sacred Heart Mission, Gladwin*
Wayne Oak Hills Zone: *St. Paul, Northville, School*