



The Shepherd's Voice

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

Convention Logo & Banner

The convention logo was inspired by our president, MaryBeth Heikkinen. She came up with the concept and Jeff Wollberg, a retired commercial artist and military chaplain from the **Capital Zone???** improved on the original design of our "hipster sheep"!

A Thank you to Pat Pickelman (Franconian Zone) and Tonya Zube (Bay Area Zone) for their design and work on the LWML Michigan District banner used in the processional and on the stage during the convention. This banner will be made available to the zones throughout the next biennium for display.

Convention Offering



At the closing service on Saturday, the second convention offering will be divided between Camp Restore Detroit and International Student Ministry of St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS), Jenison,

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Welcome Young Women Representatives

Keep a watch for a group of young women attending this convention. These women, also known as *Young Women Representatives*, hail from the fourteen of the twenty-one zones of LWML Michigan District. They have been busy with Bible study, servant events, and getting to know each other. At the opening of the convention business sessions last night, they joined their zone leaders and carried the zone banners. They will be experiencing the convention meetings fellowship and entertainment. These special ladies and the zones they represent are:

YWR Name

Sarah Storck
Taylor Clements
Susie Hart
Rachel Marinko
Natalie Johnson
Kari Risinger
Akima George
Kaitlin Wilson
Emily Abraham
Laura Damon
Kayla Frank
Ana Conrad
Allison Schulz
Nala Emani Sparks Jones



Zone Name

Blue Water Zone
Evergreen Zone
Gateway Zone
Irish Hills Zone
Lakeshore Zone
Land of Lakes Zone
Macomb South Zone
Multi Lakes Zone
Saginaw Valley Zone
Sonshine Zone
St. Joseph Zone
Suburban Lights Zone
Thumb Zone
Wayne Oak Hills Zone

Potentially two more YWRs from MaryBeth

President's Brunch

President MaryBeth Heikkinen warmly welcomed her Special Guests, Past District Presidents, and the Michigan District Board of Directors on Thursday morning, poolside in the beautiful garden setting of the Courtyard Room of the Bavarian Inn Lodge. Present officers had the opportunity to show their love and appreciation for the Past District Presidents.

A scrumptious Buffet, featuring made to order Omelets, Waffles, Potato Cheese Dumplings, Carved Roast Beef, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yogurt and Danishes, was not only a feast for the attendee's eyes, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. An array of flavored tea, coffee and juice selections, were the perfect accompaniment to the meal.

Using the convention theme of "My Sheep Hear My Voice", the table centerpieces consisted of assorted sheep and ear buds to hear God's Word placed on an opened Bible. After enjoying the entertainment, President MaryBeth presented gifts to each of the elected and appointed officers with her heartfelt thank you for all their faithful service and deep friendships they have formed.

Each person received a gift bag with a Pocket Prayer Quilt especially made for them to slip in their pocket, Mustard Seed Devotions, assorted sweets including a chocolate lamb and a "See it!" Microfiber Cleaning Cloth that self-folds to its own pocket to use on their devices.



Introducing our Heart to Heart Sisters

We are pleased to have three H2H Sisters for this convention.

Parveen Shahbaz - originally from Pakistan
 Amira Mina - originally from Egypt
 Suad Brikho - originally from Iraq

These women attend Crosspoint Lutheran Church, the new POBLO church formally All Nations, in the Macomb South Zone.

The mentors for these ladies are Cynthia Khan, Sarah Christian and Joy Markus, all working together to help these H2H sisters be acquainted with the LWML and the convention offerings. Please welcome these special sisters to Frankenmuth!



Meet the 2022 Convention Co-Chairs

Cheryl Zastrow - I have been married for 53 years to my husband Ken and we are the proud parents of 5 adult children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. I grew up in the Methodist Church and was confirmed Lutheran when I was 20. I have been a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and director, the Mission Coordinator for Sunday School, and held various offices in the ladies' groups. I am currently the Vice President of the LWML Mid-Michigan Zone. I am a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland and serve on the Program Committee for the Lydia Guild, Secretary for the Women of St. John's group, Chairman and organizer of the Funeral Dinners. I also serve as the SCRIP coordinator for the St. John's Lutheran Day School. I am blessed to have been able to attend the last 4 District Conventions and the National Conventions in Mobile, Alabama, and Lexington, Kentucky. It has been an honor to serve as Co-Chair of this Convention and I've especially enjoyed working with all the ladies who have dedicated so much of their time and talents to making this a wonderful event.



Cheryl Zastrow
Mid-Michigan Zone

Dorothy Kridler
Bay Area Zone

Carol Wegener
Timberline Zone

Dorothy Kridler - I was married to my husband John for 36 years when I was widowed in 2012; we have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. I was appointed to the Bay Area Zone as Vice President from 2016 to 2018 and elected President 2020 to 2022. I served on the 2020 Michigan District Convention until it was decided to hold a virtual convention; I served on the 2021 National LWML Convention Worship Committee under Marie Riley as a Director, and serve on the 2022 Michigan District Convention Planning Committee as a Co-Host.

I am a life member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Pinconning, Church Treasurer from 2006 to present. I have held other various offices. I have been a Ladies Guild participant for many years and 1st Vice President 2018 and 2019, President 2019 to present time. I have served on the Bay County Board of Habitat for Humanity for 10 years, the Michigan Fraternal Alliance for 12 years. I have worked as a bookkeeper for 26 years for a John Deere dealership in Linwood, MI; 17 years for AAL/Thrivent retiring in 2012; working part-time for the Pinconning Journal 2013-2021.

Carol Wegener - I have lived in Standish my whole life and married my high school boyfriend 52 years ago. We have one daughter and one son (deceased), 5 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In December of 2006 I joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church and became part of the LWML. The society ladies welcomed me and made me feel a part of the life of ministry at the church. I became active with the LWML and have been elected and served as the Timberline Zone president for the past 7 years. I served on the 2020 LWML MI District Convention planning committee until it went virtual and am exited as we prepared for this 2022 convention.

Candidates for Election

For candidate biographies and pictures please see the convention manual.

Vice President of Caring Ministries (Special Focused Ministries) - Unopposed

Ann Campbell, Christ our Savior Lutheran Church, Holland, in the Lakeshore Zone

Vice President of Christian Growth (Outreach) - 2 Candidates

Laura Boeberitz, St. Augustine Lutheran Church, Troy, in the Suburban Lights Zone

Mary Sylvester, Faith Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, in the Saginaw Valley Zone

Recording Secretary - Unopposed

Denise Mosey, Faith Lutheran Church, Troy, in the Suburban Lights Zone

Treasurer - 2 Candidates

Cheryl Zastrow, St. John Lutheran Church, Midland, in the Mid-Michigan Zone

Lynnette Luksan, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jackson in the Irish Hills Zone

Pastoral Counselor - Junior Counselor - 2 Candidates

Rev. David Winningham, Retired from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clare, in the Mid-Michigan Zone

Rev. Richard Zeile, Administrative Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Taylor, in the Dearborn/Downriver Zone



EPIC 80th Birthday Bash

On Friday evening, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, the Vice Presidents and Committees will be celebrating the District's 80th Birthday with interactive exhibits and fun! There will be birthday cake and ice cream served! Plan to join in the celebration!!

- ◆ Pastoral Counselors - "Tools of the Shepherd" - a matching game of items a shepherds uses to care for their flock and items that a Pastor uses to care for his congregation!
- ◆ Mission Outreach - Bash attendees help to "throw in" a their mites at a coins fling game. This will give a boost to the initial 2022-2024 mite goal. Win or lose - everyone is a winner!!
- ◆ Christian Growth - Come light up a cake with your favorite scripture verse. Pen up a "What's Your 80?" sheep by sharing group & Zone WY80? Projects. Scope out great LWML resources and familiarize yourself with our Deaf Ministry liaison.
- ◆ Organizational Resources - Does your group have all its ducks in a row? Come to the ORC Birthday Bash Table! We can help! Quack! Quack! Quack! 
- ◆ Finance Committee - Don't Miss it...We will be pitching pennies—or quarters—or dollars for Mites. Stop by the Finance booth and toss some moola for mites in our cornhole board!
- ◆ Caring Ministries - Come test your knowledge of ways to serve on mission trips, in our congregation & at conventions with a "Jeopardy:" type game, Light up all he candles on our LWML birthday cake!
- ◆ Communications - Join the committee in a photo booth opportunity to capture the birthday bash excitement and make memories of the 2022 convention!

Our Loving Shepherd Tends His Flock

The theme of this convention has been captured by Harriet Warnick, a hymn writer who has written this hymn for this convention. Harriet shared her thoughts on this hymn by stating, *"My Sheep Hear my voice' is a statement of who we are (or whose we are), redeemed and claimed by Him in our Baptism, weak and sinful though we be. We hear His voice in Word nd Sacrament through which our faith is nourish, and we are empowered by the Spirit to serve Him. He gives comfort, strength, and direction through His Word. We can celebrate the 80 years of LWML service because of His unfailing mercy. All praise to Christ!"*

Harriet used scripture texts from John 10, Psalm 23, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Matthew 11:28, Luke 11:28, Psalm 119:28. Additionally she has used Christ's words from the Cross and referenced the LWML pledge. We thank Harriet for her gift in thanksgiving to God for 80 years of blessings on the LWML and for the faithful women who serve.

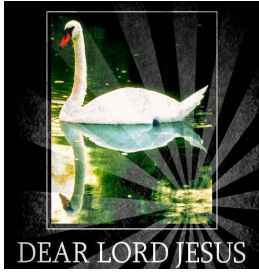


2022 Lydia's Legacy Walk

LYDIA'S LEGACY WALK will be held on Saturday morning from 7:00am-8:00am. The walk will be held at the River Walk adjacent to Bavarian Inn. The course will be a little less than one mile long. It will be a beautiful walk venue!

Lydia's Legacy is the endowment fund formed at the 2000 convention. It was created to help perpetuate the charitable wishes of the LWML Michigan District





PRAYER ROOM

Through out the convention come to the quiet of the Prayer Room for inspiration, guidance and quiet communion with your Lord!

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

On Friday from 1 - 5 pm and Saturday from 9 -11:30 am the Prayer Room will be at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center Chapel.

I call on You, O God for You will answer me; give ear to met and hear by prayer. Psalm 17:6



Convention Items for Sale

Table Decorations - In honor of the LWMLs 80th Birthday the decorations for the 2022 Convention are birthday themed! At each table there will be a wrapped present. Inside these presents is a gift, each one ranging in size and value, You can purchase a present for \$10.00 to get the chance at unwrapping the grand prize valued at \$50, There are 35 presents for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a centerpiece please take it to the table located at the entrance of the banquet hall to purchase it after dinner on Friday.

Convention Tote Bags - are available for purchase at \$5.00 each. **Checking as to where these will be available for purchase.**

Convention Shirts & Charms - Available at the LWML Store
Charm/Pin - \$5.00
Walk/Run t-shirt - \$15.00
Convention Polo shirts (ladies & unisex) - \$16.00

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CONVENTION EVALUATION

We are asking everyone to complete an evaluation of this 2022 LWML Michigan District convention.

There will be paper evaluation forms available as you enter the sessions. Please take time to complete the evaluation and deposit your form in the boxes as you depart the convention on Saturday.

Thank you for your input to help us continue to improve and plan for future District conventions and their offerings.

