

# MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

## MILES FOR MITES

Our three intrepid bike travelers rode collectively about 800 miles over seven days and made it to the convention center in Milwaukee in time to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” with over 4000 other women and men.

The saga began last convention when Carla Elenz rode her bike from Gaylord, MI to Lexington, KY to increase awareness of LWML and the Mites they collect to fund mission grants around the world.

This year Kathy Sowers (Co-chair, Evergreen Zone), Sandy Newport (VP of Communications) joined Carla (President, Land of Lakes Zone) in biking to Milwaukee for Mites. The amount raised for mites is over \$9000 at this time. Donations are always welcome. You can donate on the website-scroll down to Miles for Mites, or you can mail to Carol Swenson and indicate Miles for Mites on the memo line.

You can read all about their journey on [facebook.com/groups/milesformites](https://facebook.com/groups/milesformites).

Kathy, Sandy and Carla thank you for your support, prayers, and especially, MITES! It’s all about the mites...



Our intrepid riders arriving at the Wisconsin Center



Our intrepid riders during convention

## Upcoming Events:

- Aug 31 - Deadline for applying for women’s scholarships
- Sep 8-9 - District Retreat and Board Meeting - Maryville Retreat Center - Holly
- Oct 14 - Servant Day - 9:30 am Prince of Peace, Clare Christ Our Savior, Livonia Immanuel, Macomb St. Paul, Pontiac St. Augustine, Troy Looking for north & west locations
- Oct 31 - Mission Grant submission deadline

## Mite Report

### National

Goal: \$2,350,000

\$ Received: Not announced

### Michigan District

As of July 31<sup>st</sup>

Goal: \$386,000

\$ Received: \$265,426

## YOU’RE INVITED!

Members of Ladies' ACTION/ LWML of St. Paul's, Centreville, will be helping host a National Day of Remembrance of Unborn Children at the Garden of Hope memorial at the church, 585 W. Burr Oak Street, at **2 PM Sunday, September 10, 2023.**

The LWML will collaborate with Right to Life of St. Joseph County. Speaker will be Keara Hilton, addressing psychological healing from her abortion. **Everyone is welcome and invited to attend, including a reception.**



## Send your mites to:

Carol Swenson  
Financial Secretary  
822 W Huron Avenue  
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## For Information call:

810-714-0405

## IN THE ZONE



Members of St. Paul, Centreville, partnered with members of their neighbor, St. Clare Catholic Parish, to host a baby shower to benefit clients of two Pregnancy Helplines of St. Joseph County. A huge ingathering was brought by 36 attendees to signify support for sanctity of human life. Pastor Roger Sassaman dedicated the gifts for God's glory, and St. Paul hosted a desserts buffet. The groups agreed to alternate hosting a shower as an annual event.

At Macomb South's Spring Fling (rally) the theme for the rally was "In Our Own Backyard." Our speaker had to cancel at the last moment and President Karen stepped in to take on the role of the guest speaker. She shared information about a mission tour she attended. It was put together by Pastor Lew Stier of Trinity, Utica and Gifts For All God's Children. A bus full of eager 'missionaries' traveled the county and visited the 8 charities that need our assistance in their mission. God opened the eyes and hearts of many that day.



Another mission tour is planned for October which will showcase many urban churches/charities. Contact Karen McClelland (586-345-7763) if interested in joining them.

Thirty-seven women of the Rapid Waters Zone gathered at St. Peter, Big Rapids for Bible study and worship entitled "My Soul Rejoices." Following lunch, women wrote messages on hundreds of pre-colored bookmarks and cards for WISE and Angels of Action.

WISE serves women seeking shelter from an abusive home situation and Angels of Action packages lunches for children in low-income homes near Big Rapids. Ingathering items were also collected for both agencies.

## MICHIGAN BANNER



Designed and created by former YWR and Lydia's Legacy Coordinator, Tonya Zube

## LWML CHRISTIAN GROWTH HIGHLIGHT

Just like the school kids starting fresh, September is a great time to begin a new Bible study either individually or with a group. What better way is there to refocus after vacations than digging into the Word of God?

Our LWML website has several options you can download and print out. Just go to [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and click on THE WORD. Then scroll down until you see your choice of the Quarterly, single or multi-session Bible studies. You can take it from there. Two highly

recommended multi-session studies are *Whatever...* by Anneke Hudson and *Overflowing Abundance* by Donna Snow.

**Join our Heart2Heart Sisters for Bible study, prayer and fellowship - 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom.**  
**Contact Kimberly Salajan ([kimberlysalajan@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlysalajan@gmail.com)) to get the Zoom login information.**