

MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY

Most of the congregations that the Apostle Paul planted on his missionary journeys did not last for centuries. It may very well be that ministries in the Lord's Church are meant to be changing and nimble to reach the world as it changes.



Nonetheless, we often become attached to ministries that have played a significant role in our life in the Kingdom of God. Maybe those ministries have been connected with our families for multiple generations. We thank God for the spiritual blessings but can't help but feel a twinge of sadness as what we knew in the past, passes away in the present.

That sense of change in this fast-paced world may make us apprehensive about planning gifts for future ministry. Maybe that apprehension is the Lord's sign to you to consider making some ministry gifts today, instead of waiting until He calls you home. Yet some of your assets might not be available for a gift until that glorious day. What plan makes sense for you? More importantly, what is the eternal plan for which God has placed His gifts in your life to manage?

Talking about these plans and praying about them is the way in which we arrive at confidence about what to do. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can be your friend to walk with you on this journey. For help, contact Susan Gruber at lwmlsusie@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ Jun 28-30 - District Convention at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids
- ▶ Jun 28-1:30 pm - Convention Mtg with Voting on Friday
- ▶ Aug 9 - Executive Committee Mtg (Time and place TBD)
- ▶ Aug 10 - Assembly of Committees (Time and place TBD)

Delegates, please remember to bring your smart phones for voting!



Mite Report

National

As of April 30
 Goal: \$2,350,000
 \$ Received: \$1,646,851

Michigan District

As of April 30
 Goal: \$386,000
 \$ Received: Goal Met



MITE GOAL REACHED!

\$386,000

14 GRANTS FULLY FUNDED! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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GRAND RAPIDS ZONE

The LWML Grand Rapids Zone held its Spring Rally under the theme, "Look and See," at St. Mark, Kentwood. Danielle Bult, Executive Director of "Love Inc." shared with us the purpose of Love Inc., the needs of the homeless and poor in our area, and ways we as Christians can become involved. The ladies were also offered the opportunity to "look and see" and share God's Word and love with someone in need by participating in a prayer walk, by learning to make a Little Dress for Africa, by making a card, and by painting/decorating a flower pot and planting a seed.



GATEWAY ZONE

Continuing what has become a tradition of collaboration with the local Catholic parish, LWML members of St. Paul, Centreville, staged a baby shower to benefit clients of the two Pregnancy Helplines of St. Joseph County. They helped fill beyond capacity two SUV's with items for babies. The churches alternate hosting an annual baby shower to uphold sanctity of human life.



*See you in Grand Rapids
at the convention!*

LAKESHORE ZONE

Lakeshore Zone ladies gathered for the Spring Event – "Reach Out in Love" – at Grace Lutheran, Coopersville. There were 48 ladies, plus Pastor and a guest. Judy Earnshaw from Phil's Friends shared beautiful stories about their ministry to cancer patients and how we can help their ministry. Our Gifts of Love brought in 681 items for Phil's Friends.



RAPID WATERS ZONE

Rapid Waters Zone women gathered to hear LCMS missionary to Latin American and Caribbean countries, Erin Mackenzie, shared her mission service to God's people in those regions. Women's ingathering of craft items & kits filled a huge suitcase and duffle bag, and will serve children in twenty different countries.

