



Lutheran
Women
in Mission
MICHIGAN DISTRICT

LWML IN MICHIGAN

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING!
PSALM 100:2

Christian Outreach

Christian Growth Highlight

Are you looking for an uplifting devotion based on a true story? Visit the LWML website at lwml.org, click on the "Missions" tab, and then select "Gospel Outreach." Scroll until you see "Love to Tell the Story." There you can read a true account from a missionary or an LWML mission worker.

We will be featuring one of these stories as part of our Servant Day on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:30 AM to noon**. This half-day event will be held at several sites in Michigan and will include breakfast, a devotion, making a school kit for **Orphan Grain Train**, and a craft for you to keep or to give away. Check to see if this event is happening at a church near you!

-Laura



Orphan Grain Train †



Mission Spotlight

#6 Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Special Education Ministries) - \$25,000



LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Lutheran School Education Ministries (LSEM) is a national ministry headquartered in Michigan, serving children with special needs for 150 years. LSEM continues to reach out to serve children with special needs, helping these children remain in a Lutheran School setting to receive academic growth and to hear about God's love. Funds will be used to purchase appropriate curriculum, materials, and equipment to support the growth & continued outreach of LSEM programs.

-Kathryn Sowers

Celebrate The Lord Of The Nations Banner Presentation

On Monday, June 30 the LWML Michigan District presented a banner to All Nations Lutheran Church in Macomb, Michigan. The banner was designed and made by Tanya Zube and displayed at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

Our district takes pride in the unique banners that represent convention themes, both at the district and national level. After each banner has been used at convention, they are offered to LWML zones to display at their Spring and Fall rallies before going to a permanent church or service organization within the district. Banners can double as blankets, quilts, and decor items, depending on where they are donated. Nursing homes, pregnancy resource centers, homeless shelters, and foster homes are potential recipients.

The 2024 "Taste and See" banner from our last MI district convention in Grand Rapids will be displayed at the Best Practices Heartland Conference



Pictured: (left to right) Rev. Amer Mehdikhan, Linda Murdock, and Cynthia Kahn

before being donated to Family of God Lutheran Church in Detroit, where they have an ongoing meal ministry. The 2025 "Growing in God's Grace" banner from the national convention in Omaha was designed and made by Pat Reif and will be donated to a yet-to-be-named recipient. Look for updates in an upcoming newsletter.

Linda Murdock
VP Organizational Resources
LWML Michigan District
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Franconian Zone Summer Retreat

The Franconian Zone had a Summer Retreat at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington on July 23rd. Everyone brought a dish to pass, and the women of St. Paul Dora/LWML group were wonderful hosts. Thank you to Luanne Jaruzel and Diane Maxson for planning the event. Pastor James Bruner led us in a wonderful Bible study on 2 Peter 3:18 Growing in God's Grace.

We sang beautiful hymns led by pianist, Teresa Walter. Our speakers were National Young Women Representatives, Bethany Krueger and Rebecca Palmreuter from St. Lorenz church, who did an excellent job in summarizing their experiences at the convention. The LWML is very blessed to have these young women serving the Lord with us.

Many highlights of the National convention were shared with the group of 45 woman in attendance. An ingathering was done for the Food Pantry in Vassar. Many non-perishable food items and paper products were gathered for those in need to bring hope and relief. The generosity given by the members are a shining example of the power of community and compassion. Keep your beautiful lights shining for Jesus.

Cindy Morley
Franconian Zone President



LWML Michigan District 2024-2026

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6



Upcoming Events

Land of Lakes Fall Prayer Service / Servant Event Day
Saturday, October 4
 St. Paul, Kalkaska

Gateway Zone Fall Rally
Saturday, October 11
 St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1200 Arnold St., Three Rivers
 Registration opens at 8:30
 Theme: "Grace Upon Grace," derived from John 1:16
 "Mission of Love," a Bible study by Shari Miller, will be featured. Shari is the newly elected National LWML Vice President of Christian Life. Lunch will be provided by members of St. Peter's LWML. Guests are encouraged.

Capital Zone Fall Rally
Saturday October 18
 Hosted by Living Word Church at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansing
 Beginning at 8:30 am
 Details not finalized by press time.
 For more information, check [here](#).

Franconian Zone Fall Rally
Saturday, October 18
 St Lorenz WEC Building
 850 W. Genesee St., Frankenmuth
 Registration opens at 8:30
 Breakfast provided
 \$10 per person
 The speaker is from Mid Michigan Teen Challenge.
 Ingathering: feminine hygiene products
 Join us and bring a friend.
 Questions: 989-652-6141

Grand Rapids Zone Fall Rally
Saturday, September 27
 St. James Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Theme: "Sing the Lord's Songs in Strange Places"
 Presenter: Christina Shourds, speaking on composing contemporary Lutheran based music and the Song Writer Initiative program at Concordia Lutheran University in Irvine, CA
 Ingathering: Women's personal items for "In the Image"

Evergreen Zone Fall Retreat
Saturday, October 18
 9:00 am
 Details not finalized by press time.
 For more information, check [here](#).



Current Mites:
 \$226,819.48

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 810-705-9581

SERVANT DAY 2025: It is not too late to be a part of Servant Day 2025! You can join your LWML sisters for fun, fellowship, and service. This time we are meeting for breakfast, sharing a devotion from a missionary, then assemble school kits for Orphan Grain Train. Afterward, we will create pinprick string art crafts to keep or give to a friend. This is all happening **Saturday September 20, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.** To register just go to [LWML Michigan District: Serve Day 2025](#) to see which host site is closest for you. Current host churches include: St. Andrew, Portland; Mt. Hope, Grayling; SALT, Troy; St. Paul Lutheran, Centreville; and St. Lorenz Lutheran, Frankenmuth. We are still looking for a few more host sites. If your church has done this before, or wants to learn more, contact Laura at honeylavboe@gmail.com

2024-2026 LWML Michigan District Mission Grants

Mission Grant Goal \$300,000

Grant Name	Grant Amount	Paid July 2024	Paid Sept 2024	Paid Nov 2024	Paid Dec 2024	Paid Jan 2025	Paid Feb 2025	Paid Mar 2025	Paid May 2025	Paid June 2025	Paid July 2025	Total Paid	Balance Due
1 Filling pulpits by providing scholarships for Michigan men in synodical seminaries	\$25,000						12,500					\$12,500	\$12,500
2 "The Love of Christ for Pity's Sake" - Orphan Grain Train, Michigan	\$18,000								8,840		5,090	\$13,930	\$4,070
3 CTSFW food co-op to purchase food for seminary students	\$15,000											\$0	\$15,000
4 American Sign Language (ASL) storybook apps	\$17,950									17,950		\$17,950	\$0
5 Scholarships for female students to be a deaconess or professional church worker	\$20,000		1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000	2,000			\$6,000	\$14,000
6 Proclaiming Christ to those living in visual darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers)	\$25,000											\$0	\$25,000
7 Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Special Education Ministries)	\$25,000							25,000				\$25,000	\$0
8 Be Thou My Vision (MOST eyeglass evangelism outreach)	\$25,000											\$0	\$25,000
9 Powering the expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries	\$25,000			25,000								\$25,000	\$0
10 New Shephers for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)	\$18,000											\$0	\$18,000
11 Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Center for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti	\$25,000											\$0	\$25,000
12 Afghan Refugee Ministry (St. Michael, Portage Michigan)	\$25,000	10,000	15,000									\$25,000	\$0
13 Ministry scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats	\$20,000	20,000										\$20,000	\$0
14 Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy)	\$14,500	7,500						7,000				\$14,500	\$0
15 Starting an Afghan ministry in Michigan (POBLO International)	\$1,550											\$0	\$1,550
Totals	\$300,000	\$37,500	\$16,000	\$25,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$12,500	\$33,000	\$10,840			\$159,880	\$140,120

Carol Swenson

LWML Michigan District VP Mission Outreach 2024-2028

BOD Meeting September 6, 2025