



# LWML IN MICHIGAN

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COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING!  
PSALM 100:2

## Christian Outreach

### A Blessing in a Bag:

#### Supporting Women with Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a perfect time to support women in our community navigating a difficult health journey. Assembling and donating Breast Cancer Care Kits is a tangible way to offer comfort, encouragement, and the love of Christ to those undergoing treatment.

#### How You Can Help

You can donate these care packages to a local breast cancer treatment center or a support group affiliated with your hospital. Perhaps you even know someone in our own congregation who would be blessed with this service activity.

#### What to Include in a Care Kit

Gather your items and place them in a pretty fabric bag or a large resealable bag. Consider including some of the following comforting items:

- A pretty scarf or soft hat
- A knitted prayer shawl
- A pair of cozy socks
- Soothing lip balm
- Travel-size hand sanitizer
- A variety of soothing teas
- Individually wrapped hard candies (such as butterscotch, caramel, or fruit flavors)
- A women's devotional book

#### Adding a Personal Touch

A small card can make a big impact. You can include your church's (or Zone's) name and contact information. You could also ask if the individual receiving the care kit would like to have prayers said for them and that they can send their contact information to make that happen.

Going through cancer is a difficult journey and this kind gesture may lift the spirits of those who receive it. These care kits are more than just useful items; they are a reminder that others are praying for them and touching them with the love of Jesus Christ.

This mission service activity was highlighted on the LWML website under the Tab "Service" for September 2016. More information may be found there in how to reach out and bless those going through this unique struggle.

## Mission Spotlight

### #7 Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries - \$25,000



Jesus Christ commanded us in Matthew 28:19 to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Franklin Ave Mission is striving to carry out this command by being Jesus' hands and feet in the mission field around Flint, Michigan.

They asked for our help funding a newer 12-15 passenger van to expand their mobile services. With this, they will be able to transport children on field trips, provide meals to home bound neighbors, and a marketplace that began in 2022 that requires food transport to households in the community.

It gives us great joy to report that we were able to fully fund this Mission Grant, and Franklin Ave Mission was able to purchase a gently used 2020 15 passenger Ford Transit van. To God be the Glory!

## Timberline Zone Fall Retreat

Faith Lutheran Church, Prescott was filled with the spirit of fellowship and service during the Timberline Zone Fall Retreat. Members and guests came together for a meaningful day of learning, giving, and connection.

A key focus of the day was serving others. Through our Ingathering, monetary donations and food items were collected to support our local food pantry. In addition, attendees participated in a hands-on Servant Event, creating mission bracelets for MOST Ministries. Pat Morley spoke about the ministry's important work and will deliver the completed bracelets to the MOST team.



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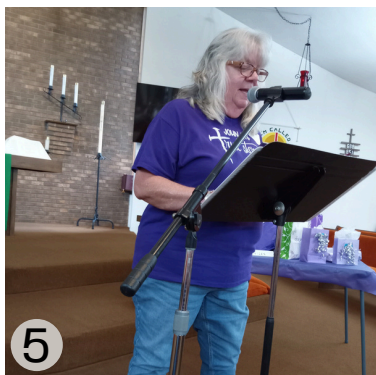


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1. Ingathering items
2. Timberline Zone Fall Retreat
3. Vicki Huber
4. Lunch time
5. BJ Morrison
6. Pastor Ed Meyer



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The event also offered rich opportunities for spiritual growth. Guest speaker BJ Morrison led a Bible study, and our own Pastor Ed Meyer contributed to the day by leading a session on how to enrich our prayer lives.

The fellowship concluded with a door prize drawing. Congratulations to Vicki Huber of AuGres, who won a beautiful quilt handcrafted by Faith member Marcia Prescott!

A heartfelt thank you to our speakers, organizers, and everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this blessed day.

article by Lynn LeBlanc  
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## LWML Servant Day Exceeds Goals

The spirit of giving was on full display as members and friends of the LWML Gateway Zone, joined by the Battle Creek and St. Joseph Zones, gathered for a Servant Day at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Centreville on September 20. The event centered on assembling school supply kits for Orphan Grain Train - Michigan.

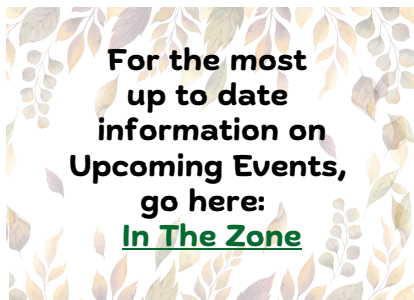
The group's generosity far exceeded initial expectations. An original goal to fill 48 backpacks was first adjusted to 84, but as donations from the 32 attendees continued to arrive, the day ended with 96 backpacks completed. With even more supplies on hand, another 24 bags were ordered, bringing the final, gratifying total to 120 backpacks. These were packed into cartons to be delivered by John and Kathie Macaulay. Kathie led the Thrivent Action Team through which the backpacks were procured.

Throughout the day, participants expertly assembled the school kits and engaged in a creative "pin-prick" card-making craft, both of which were organized by the Christian Outreach Committee. The attendees, were also treated to an inspiring presentation by Dr. Becky Grossmann, a Bible translator with Lutheran Bible Translators and a member of the LWML Battle Creek Zone. Dr. Grossmann shared the exciting progress on the Dan and Maan people groups' Bible translations, which are nearing publication and distribution.

Rev. Philip R. Rittner, Gateway Pastoral Counselor, commended the event, recognizing the LWML's vital importance as a mission arm of the LCMS. Orphan Grain Train - Michigan annually ships worldwide tons of humanitarian goods. This was a most gratifying project!



Pictured celebrating the successful day are (from left) Bev Beier, Julie Johnson, Liz Bailey, and Kathie Macaulay.



**Current Mites:**  
\$288,072.11

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## 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

