



# LWML IN MICHIGAN

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



## Discover New Resources at LWML.org

Our LWML website, [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), offers many amazing free resources for both individual and group use. A newer addition is "Objectively Speaking," a collection of object lessons by Diane Grebing for use in worship services.

There are sets available for both children and developmentally disabled adults. You can find them by clicking through the banner in the center of the webpage or by typing "objectively speaking" into the search box. On that same page, there are also numerous multi-session Bible studies that are easy to download and print, many of which are by Donna Snow! You may find just what you need for a group or even yourself, if your Bible Study class is taking a break for the summer!



**Mission Spotlight**  
**Shepherd's Canyon**  
**Retreat Ministry -**  
**\$20,000 - PAID IN FULL**

Shepherd's Canyon Retreats, located in Arizona, is a recognized service organization. They offer scholarships to Pastor's, DCE's and Teachers who suffer from depression and compassion fatigue. With this grant, they may attend week-long retreats, and receive help, hope, and healing by God's grace.



**Mission Spotlight**  
**Hands of Mercy -**  
**\$14,500 - PAID IN FULL**

This grant enables students in schools in Yambio, South Sudan to gain Bible literacy using My First Catechism workbooks and children's Bibles at desks with whiteboards. The classrooms are adjusted for children's safety and improved learning environments to build futures with Christ.



**Mission Spotlight**  
**POBLO International -**  
**\$1,550 - PAID IN FULL**

STARTING AN AFGHAN MINISTRY IN MICHIGAN- POBLO These funds are used to support a female Afghan bilingual coordinator, as well as provide Bibles and Luther's Small Catechism's in the refugees' native languages. Participants will also be provided with transportation to attend programs and events.





### LWML Ladies Are Riding Again!

Kathy Sowers and Carla Elenz are continuing the "Miles for Mites" tradition by cycling to the District Convention in East Lansing. Starting from Kathy's home in Washington, MI, the duo will cover approximately 100 miles over two days, June 23 and 24, arriving before the convention.

They are inviting all ladies (and men, too!) to join them for any portion of the journey. Whether you ride a few miles or join the final 5 or 10 mile stretch into the Kellogg Center, all are welcome. Most of the ride is on trails. If interested, please contact either Kathy ([kssowers2006@yahoo.com](mailto:kssowers2006@yahoo.com)) or Carla ([carla.elenz@gmail.com](mailto:carla.elenz@gmail.com)).

As always, this is to encourage everyone to donate to mites. You may donate online at <https://lwmlmichigan.org/donate> and scroll down to "Miles for Mites" or donate a little extra through the normal channels at your church, keeping the Miles for Mites riders in your prayers. All donations are for the support of the many good mission projects LWML supports.

### A Labor of Love:

#### Communities Unite for Fifth Annual Baby Shower

For the fifth consecutive year, the Ladies' ACTION/LWML of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Centreville joined forces with the Ladies Guild of St. Clare Catholic Church and Right to Life of St. Joseph County to host a benefit baby shower. This collaborative effort supports two local Pregnancy Resource Centers that provide essential supplies to families in need.

The event saw an outpouring of generosity of hundreds of gifts, including \$500 worth of diapers funded by two Thrivent Action Team grants. Beyond the donations, guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, featuring a luncheon of soups, salads, and desserts. Attendees played games for prizes and learned more about the vital services offered by the resource centers before helping load the donations for delivery. It was a heartwarming day dedicated to celebrating and supporting the youngest members of the community.

## Baby Shower

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## INTRODUCING BLDM (Bethesda Lutheran Disability Ministries) – HAVE YOU MET US?

You may have known us as **Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary**—now meet **Bethesda Lutheran Disability Ministries (BLDM)**. We continue this important work, reaching forward in **faith, word, and deed** by sharing the love of Jesus with people living with **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**.

In past years, **LWML district mission grants** have supported this ministry by helping reprint Christian education resources used by churches, Bible classes, and families of people with IDD.

Did you know **2-3 people out of every 100 in your congregation live with IDD**, and only **10% of the entire IDD population have a church home**? God's Word reminds us: *"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?"* (Romans 10:14).

BLDM provides **resources, training, and support** to help include **ALL**, regardless of ability or disability.

**Sisters in Christ**, learn more at [BethesdaLDM.org](https://BethesdaLDM.org)





## **LWML Michigan District Convention**

**June 25 - 28, 2026**

**Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center**

**219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824-1022**

Preparations are well underway for our 41st biennial convention hosted by the Multi-Lakes Zone, Thumb Zone, and Wayne Oak Hills Zone. Joan Wagner, Traci Schulz, Sue Poole and Nancy Berg and their teams are working hard to create a wonderful convention for all!

Highlights include:

- Worshiping together during two services plus singing throughout the convention.
- Studying God's Word in one of three pre-convention Bible Studies presented by Rev. Jeffrey Frechette, Sr., Rev. David Winningham, and Rev. Cameron Steele.
- Digging deeper in the Word with Convention Bible Study leader Deb Gainor from the Thumb Zone.

- Participating in servant events: Assembling books for Lutheran Braille Workers; packaging Mercy Meals for Orphan Grain Train; making non-stick socks; creating cards of encouragement for our ministry partners, and painting rocks with positive messages for the Michigan State University Campus.
- Sharing Gifts from the Heart with City Rescue Mission of Lansing (canned fruits and vegetables plus new pajamas and underwear of all sizes).
- Joining Sarah, Erin, and Rachel from the Lutheran Ladies Lounge for our Saturday evening entertainment. These Lutheran sisters normally host a podcast, but on this night, they will be in person in East Lansing, sharing their wit, wisdom, and comedy with their Michigan Lutheran sisters. Join us for this lively and fun event.
- Listening to inspiring Mites in Action speakers plus Rev. Joel Eden, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth our keynote speaker.
- Enjoying Saturday Breakout Lunches while being inspired by an in-depth look at several ministries.
- Exercising with your friends in the Walk/Run for Lydia's Legacy.
- Plus, voting for the 2026-2028 Mission Grants, bylaws, and officers.

Registration is now open. Information is on our website (<https://lwmlmichigan.org>), Facebook page, and through our Constant Contact emails.

It's going to be a wonderful event full of fellowship with other Lutheran women, time in worship and the Word, plus all the exciting activities! Register as soon as you can, invite others to join you, be ready to Let His Light Shine!

# Upcoming Events

## Spring Rallies

- April 11 - Ann Arbor Area Zone,** St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw Avenue 48108. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM \$10 suggested donation. Guest: Rochelle Kurucar - "Forged by Fire" Ministries. Ingathering: Monetary Donations go to We Serve Hope.
- April 11 - Land of Lakes Zone,** St. Matthew, Mancelona. Prayer Service / Servant Event. Ingathering: Iron Vault - providing clothing, snacks, and toiletries to Middle School and High School Students in need.
- April 18 - Franconian Zone,** Trinity Lutheran Church, 9858 North St, Reese, Registration / Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM. Fee is \$10. Speaker: Pat Hambaum - mission trips to Taiwan. Ingathering: Sleep in Heavenly Peace - new twin-size comforters, sheets, mattress protectors, pillows, etc.

- April 18 - Saginaw Valley Zone,** St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N Miller Rd., Saginaw, Registration (\$6)/ Light Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM. Guest: Katie Helmreich - Visual Faith Ministries. Ingathering: Gift cards for CTSFW Food & Clothing Co-Op.
- April 21 - Thumb Zone,** St. Peters Lutheran Church, 5098 Dwight St, Kinde, 6:00 PM. \$8 Registration Fee & Free Will Offering. Guest: Brian Baughman - Franklin Avenue Mission. Ingathering: Medical supplies - Hydrogen peroxide, Ibuprofen, Band-Aids, Hand Sanitizer, etc.
- April 25 - Blue Water Zone,** Faith Lutheran Church, 3455 Stone St., Port Huron, MI 48060. Registration: 9:00 - 9:30 AM, Opening Devotion: 9:30 AM. Cost: \$15 (includes lunch). Guest: Pam Bishop Lutheran Braille Workers. Ingathering: Diapers for Spero Pregnancy Center.
- April 25 - Evergreen Zone,** Grace Lutheran Fellowship, 7525 32 Mile Road, Romeo, MI 48065. Registration & Breakfast: 9:00 AM, Opening Devotion: 9:45 AM, Speaker: 10:00 AM - Darla Bratkowski - her experiences on a MOST Ministries Mission Trip.



- May 2 - Mid Michigan Zone,** Immanuel Lutheran Church, 10020 E Monroe Rd., Wheeler, MI. Registration & Breakfast: 8:30 AM, Prayer Service & Meeting: 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Registration: \$5.00. Mite collection also. Ingathering: Hope Works Mid-Michigan - Quick & Easy Breakfasts
- May 9 - MultiLakes,** 8:30 - 12:00. Guest: Dr. Rev. Mark Heise - Lutheran Heritage Foundation.
- May 9 - Wayne Oak Hills Zone,** St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167. 9:30 AM. Guest: Margo Dupre - Christian Author and Visual Artist. Ingathering: Detroit Street Ministry - small size hand lotion, toothpaste, baby wipes, deodorant, etc.



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