

Convention Manual



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has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

**Michigan District 2026
East Lansing, Michigan**

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Convention Highlights

41st Biennial Convention LWML
MICHIGAN DISTRICT June 26-28, 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

Convention Program Highlights

Thursday, June 25, 2026 - Pre-Convention Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
10:00 a.m. - Noon	Executive Committee Meeting	Lincoln
Noon - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch for EC and BOD	Lincoln Lobby
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Lincoln
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	President’s Dinner	Lincoln

Friday, June 26, 2026 - Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open	South Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Gifts from the Heart Ingathering	Central Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 6 :00 p.m.	Exhibits/CPH Store/LWML Store Open	Big Ten C, Centennial, North Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Prayer Room Open	Room 101
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Servant Events	Red Cedar, Room 103 A/B, Room 104 A/B
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Bible Studies	Room 106, Auditorium, Conference Room 62
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	YWR/H2H/Deaf Meet and Greet	Conference Room 61
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet	Lincoln
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Big Ten A/B
1:20 - 1:40 p.m.	Pages Meet and Greet	Room 107
2:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Delegate Orientation and Voting	Big Ten A/B
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Page Activity and Dinner	
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner Buffet	Lincoln & Red Cedar A/B
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Tellers Meeting	Room 106
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Ushers/Hostesses/Pages Coordination Meeting	Big Ten A/B
6:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Pre-Service Music	Big Ten A/B
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Convention Session 1	Big Ten A/B
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Worship Service with Communion	Big Ten A/B
9:30-10:30 p.m.	YWR/H2H/Deaf of Hearing Celebration Pages Celebration	

Convention Highlights

Saturday, June 27, 2026 - Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6:00–8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Lincoln
6:30–8:00 a.m.	YWR/H2H/Deaf Breakfast and Devotions	Room 107
7:00–8:00 a.m.	Movement with Pastor Jeff	East Patio
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Registration Open	South Lobby
7:00–8:30 a.m.	Exhibits and Stores Open	Big Ten C, Centennial, North Lobby
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Prayer Room Open	Room 101
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Pre-Session Singing	Big Ten A/B
8:30-11:45 a.m.	Convention Session 2 with Voting	Big Ten A/B
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Break Out Lunches	Rooms 103 A/B, 104 A/B, 105 A/B, Lincoln
Noon–2:00 p.m.	Exhibits, Stores, and Prayer Room Open	Big Ten C, Centennial, Room 101
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Pre-Session Singing	Big Ten A/B
2:15-4:45 p.m.	Convention Session 3	Big Ten A/B
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Dinner Buffet	Lincoln, Big Ten C
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Entertainment – Lutheran Ladies Lounge	Big Ten A/B
9:00-10:30 p.m.	YWR Game Night	
9:15-9:30 p.m.	Candidate’s Meeting	Room 107

Sunday, June 28, 2026 - Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6:30–8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Lincoln
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Pre-Session Singing	Big Ten A/B
8:45-11:30 a.m.	Convention Session 4	Big Ten A/B
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Closing Worship/Installation of Officers	Big Ten A/B
1:15–2:30 p.m.	Executive Meeting (with Incoming & Outgoing Elected Officers)	Lincoln

Gifts from the Heart and Convention Offerings



 **LWML**
Michigan District

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

When we give together,
His light reaches farther.



Share Christ's Love in Lansing!

Requested Donations to support The City Rescue Mission of Lansing Include: Amazon/Meijer gift cards, canned fruits and vegetables, oatmeal, boxed cereal, 3-in-1 shower wash, new adult and children's underwear.



Please bring donations to registration at the LWML Michigan District Convention on Friday, June 26, 2026 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Convention Offerings

Saturday and Sunday offerings will be divided equally between:

Friday night's offerings will be for Mites.



- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, MI, funding 6-8 community meals with the goal of drawing community members lost in spiritual darkness to the light of Jesus Christ.
- Life Wise Academy, Monroe, MI, funding Bibles, classroom supplies, materials to be sent home, plus transportation for public school students learning about Jesus during their lunch hour.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Millington, MI, funding developmental materials, safety equipment, supplies needed to meet state licensing requirements, and classroom furnishings for His Little Lambs Infant/Toddler Program.

Michigan District Targets and Goals 2024-2026



Lutheran Women *in Mission* MICHIGAN DISTRICT

LWML MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she may be enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT BIBLE VERSE 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

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

LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOALS 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

Mission Awareness

To provide opportunities and ideas to serve those in need.

Equip Women

To provide opportunities and ideas to use their gifts.

Convention Objective and Goals



LWML Michigan District Convention

June 26-28, 2026

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48824-1022

Scripture Theme: 2 Corinthians 4:6: 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.

Convention Theme: Let His Light Shine

Convention Goal: Attendees will see the glory of God in Christ.

Convention Objectives: Attendees will be:

Inspired to share the Light

Encouraged to study God’s word.

Equipped to shine the Light.

Hosted by Zones: Multi-Lakes, Thumb, Wayne Oak Hills

Greetings from the National LWML President



Greetings Dear Ones!

Grace and peace to you as you meet at your district convention. I pray that the time spent together with your sisters and brothers in Christ will inspire you to continually *Serve the LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2a).

There are so many wonderful things about gathering together at an LWML convention – hearing mission speakers, participating in Bible study, worship, service projects, and connecting with one another. Together we celebrate being part of a mission organization that shares the Good News of Jesus and His love. What a joy! What a mission! What a privilege!

We know that, as Lutheran Women (and men) in Mission, we

- proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the world.
- fund our mission grants and support our mission partners.
- provide resources, training, and networking opportunities.
- serve and encourage one another in Christ.

As you begin your new biennium, strive to be personal as well as purposeful.

- Encourage women to be in the Word. Share our faith resources!
- Personally invite women to participate in events and mission service.
- Support mission grants with your prayers and mite offerings.
- Be flexible and creative in engaging the women in your congregation.

Thank you for your partnership and participation!



Joyfully serving Christ with you,
LWML President Edna Keefe



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
LCMS Foundation
GIFT PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY & MINISTRY

Invite Carol von Soosten or Sarah Seying to speak at your local, zone, or district event!

Gift Planning Services

LWML, in partnership with the LCMS Foundation, assists women and their families to make the very best gifts to their loved ones and all ministries of the church.



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Contact a Gift Planning Counselor at (800) 741-4138 or visit lwmlgiftplan.org to learn more today!



**Lutheran
Women**
in Mission



Romans 12:2

42ND BIENNIAL CONVENTION Oklahoma City, Oklahoma **July 8–11, 2027**

Convention Theme:

Transformed in Christ

2027 Convention Objectives:

Each convention attendee will be:

- ▶ Inspired to proclaim Christ and study God's Word.
- ▶ Transformed and equipped by Christ to serve Him.
- ▶ Encouraged to support missions throughout the world.

Scripture Verse:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2).

Convention Goal Statement:

God's renewing Spirit transforms us to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve Him and Him alone.

For more information, visit lwml.org/convention

Greetings from the LWML Michigan District President

Ruth Steele
President, LWML Michigan District
June 2026



Greetings!

Welcome to the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Michigan District. What a blessing it is to come together at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

This weekend we gather under the theme "Let His Light Shine," based on 2 Corinthians 4:6: "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." From the very beginning, with just four spoken words, God created light —and the transformation was immediate and profound (Genesis 1:3). In that same mercy and grace, God creates faith in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World (John 8:12). When the light of Christ breaks into our lives, the change is just as dramatic and profound. Throughout this convention we will focus on Jesus, our Light and how He shines His light through us.

Our convention committee, under the direction of Joan Wagner from the Multi Lakes Zone; Traci Schulz from the Thumb Zone; and Sue Poole and Nancy Berg from the Wayne Oak Hills Zone, have shared their gifts and talents to create a wonderful event for us. We give our deep thanks to Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager and Helen Travis, Convention Assistant Manager who guided us through the process with grace, humor, and dedication.

Our convention highlights include two worship services, Bible study, and servant events. We'll meet our mission partners in the Exhibit Hall and be inspired by the Mites in Action speakers. Throughout our time together, we'll lift our voices in hymns and songs of joy, and enjoy the beautiful banners created by artists across Michigan.

Join the fun on Saturday morning with Movement with Pastor Jeff and then close the day in fellowship with the women of the Lutheran Ladies Lounge. Connect with your sisters in Christ from across Michigan, and spend time with our Young Women Representatives, Heart to Heart Sisters, and our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sisters. Savor conversations over meals, reconnect with old friends, and form new friendships rooted in faith.

As you experience this weekend, let His Light shine in and through you. May He strengthen and refresh you so that, when you return home, you carry with you the joyful message that Jesus is the Light!

In Christ,
President Ruth

PROPOSED STANDING RULES LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT BIENNIAL CONVENTION June 26th- 28th, 2026

Voting Eligibility Criteria for the 2026 LWML MI District Convention

In accordance with the bylaws of the LWML Michigan District, LWML members eligible to vote include:

- Two (2) certified delegates from each unit (congregation) within the District.
- All elected officers of the Michigan District Board of Directors (President, Vice Presidents, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary).
- A President or one (1) co-chairman from each Zone.
- Appointed Officers holding positions of Meeting Manager and Planner.
- Standing committee members reporting to a Vice President, serving on the committees of Christian Outreach, Special Focus Ministries, Communication, Mission Outreach, and Organizational Resources.
- Past District Presidents who are current members of the Michigan District LWML.

A member of the voting assembly shall vote in one (1) capacity only.

Proxy votes are prohibited.

1. The Convention Registrar, directly after opening ceremonies, shall report the number of delegates and alternates registered as present, with the proper credentials, and shall make supplementary reports, when required, because of a change in the registration rolls.
2. An alternate may, upon proper clearance by the Recording Secretary, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings and retain that status through the remainder of the convention. (That is: once an alternate has been certified as a voting delegate, the original delegate may not be reinstated as a voting delegate to this convention).
3. Delegates shall be seated in the section reserved for the voting body and shall wear the delegate badge at all general sessions. Young Women Representatives and Pastoral Counselors may be seated with the delegates but do not have the privilege of vote.
4. Only voting members may introduce business, second motions, debate, and vote.
5. Voting will be by electronic means. Voting members must be on the convention floor when the President announces that the voting will begin and have finished voting before the President closes the vote. Each vote will be closed before the next vote will begin.
6. Speakers from the floor shall go to a microphone, and after being recognized by the chairman, shall identify themselves by name, title, position, or zone prior to addressing the business before the assembly.
7. Discussion on any question is limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. Delegates may speak to a question a second time after all others wishing to speak about the issue have been given an opportunity to do so.
8. A written copy of all motions and resolutions, signed by the maker and seconder, shall be presented to the Recording Secretary.
9. A copy of each report, including the name of the submitter and names of all committee members, if applicable, shall be given to the Recording Secretary at the time it is presented to the assembly. If the report is included in the Convention Manual, the person reporting shall state the name of the report and the page which it may be found.

Convention Rules (Continued)

10. If nominations for office are made from the floor, prior consent must have been secured from the nominee and brief written biography of her qualifications must be given to each member of the voting body.
11. When more than two (2) people have been nominated for the same office, if after the second vote, none has received a majority of votes cast, beginning with the third vote the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from each successive ballot until one person receives a majority of votes cast.
12. No campaigning of any kind will be allowed before or during the convention for proposed mission grants or nominees for office.
13. Speakers at the convention shall be present by invitation only, organizations or individuals not on the scheduled program cannot be granted podium time to present their needs or causes.
14. All materials for distribution at the convention must have the approval of the Executive Committee.
15. There will be no unauthorized offerings. (Authorized offerings are selected by a vote of the Board of Directors prior to the convention and are listed in the Convention Program).
16. Decisions or discussions of the convention shall be released for publicity or other purposes only on approval of the LWML District President and the Vice President of Communications.
17. The minutes of the District Convention shall be approved by the Minutes Review Committee appointed by the LWML Michigan District President. The committee members will work with the Recording Secretary to prepare a report on the proceedings within one month of the end of the convention.
18. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with Christian principles, the LWML Michigan District Bylaws, or these Standing Rules.

Reviewed and approved by Parliamentarian Nancy Fody 4/16/26

Convention Program

“Let His Light Shine”
LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION
JUNE 26-28, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026

7:45-8:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Prayer	Room 110
9:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.	Registration Open	South Lobby
9:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.	Exhibits/Stores Open	Big Ten C, Centennial, North Lobby
9:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.	Ingathering Drop Off Open	Guest Services Central Lobby
9:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.	Prayer Room Open	Room 101
10:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.	Servant Events	OGT-Red Cedar LBW-Room 103 A/B Cards, Socks, & Rocks-Room 104 A/B
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Bible Studies	Room 106, Auditorium, Conf. Room 62
11:00-11:45 a.m.	YWR/H2H/Deaf Meet and Greet	Conference Room 61
11:30 a.m.-1:00p.m.	Lunch Buffet	Lincoln
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Big Ten A/B
2:45-4:45 p.m.	Delegate Orientation and Voting	Big Ten A/B
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Page Activity and Dinner	
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner Buffet	Lincoln, Red Cedar A/B
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Tellers Meeting	Room 106
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Ushers, Hostesses, Pages Training	Big Ten A/B
4:00-6:30 p.m.	Clergy Robing	Room 110
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Pre-Service Lining Up Pastors, Crucifer, LCMS Banner Carrier	Red Cedar A/B
6:45-7:00 p.m.	Pre-Service Music	Big Ten A/B
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Convention Session 1: Worship Service with Communion	Big Ten A/B
9:30-10:30 p.m.	YWR, H2H, Deaf Celebration	
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Page Celebration	Room 107

Convention Program

Saturday, June 27, 2026

6:00-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Lincoln
6:30-8:00 a.m.	YWR/H2H/Deaf Breakfast / Devotions	Conference Room 61
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Movement with Pastor Jeff	East Patio
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Registration Open	South Lobby
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Ingathering Drop Off Open	Guest Services Central Lobby
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Exhibits and Stores Open	Big Ten C, North Lobby, Centennial
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Prayer Room Open	Room 101
8:00-8:25 a.m.	District Board Procession Line Up	Red Cedar A/B
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Pre-Session Singing	Big Ten A/B
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Processional Ceremony	Big Ten A/B
8:45-11:30 a.m.	Convention Session 2	Big Ten A/B
	Call to Order	Ruth Steele, President
	Floor Manager:	
	Vice President of Christian Outreach, Laura Boeberitz	
	Seated in front of stage:	
	Vice President of Communication, Jacki Parmer;	
	Parliamentarian, Nancy Fody;	
	Recording Secretary, Denise Mosey;	
	Treasurer, Linda Haven	
	National Anthem – led by Hannah Steele	
	Introduction of Past District Presidents	JoAnn Gust, Leader Development
	LWML Pledge – led by Past District Presidents	
	Welcome	Convention Co-Chairs: Joan Wagner, Multi-Lakes Zone; Traci Schulz, Thumb Zone; Suzanne Poole and Nancy Berg, Wayne Oak Hills Zone
	Prayer	Linda Haven, Treasurer
	Opening Remarks	Ruth Steele, President
	Recognition of First Time Attendees	Ruth Steele, President
	Recognition of Young Women Representatives	Traci Schulz, YWR Leader
	Recognition of Heart to Heart Sisters	Kimberly Salajan, H2H Leader
	Recognition of Deaf Attendees and Interpreters	Kaye Wolff, Deaf Ministry Advocate
	Recognition of Pages	Ruth Steele, President
	Recognition of LLL Attendees	Ruth Steele, President

Convention Program

Crisis Management Team

Deb Johnson, Multi-Lakes Co-Chair

Introduction of Bible Study Leader

Jenny Jaroneski, Christian Outreach

Bible Study #1

Debbi Gainor, Thumb Zone

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Kara Rawlins, Archivist-Historian,
Basecamp Trainer

Keynote #1

Rev. Joel Eden, Associate Pastor of
Faith Formation, St. Lorenz,
Frankenmuth

Introduction of LWML National Representative

Kathy Sowers, Gospel Outreach

Greetings from the National LWML

Debby Yocky, Public Relations
Director, National LWML

Adoption of Convention Rules

Nancy Fody, Parliamentarian

Presentation of Agenda

Denise Mosey, Recording Secretary

Appointments

Ruth Steele, President

Minutes Review Committee

Jan Picklemann, Bay Zone President
Linda Blain, Rapid Waters Zone President
Linda Haven, Treasurer

Teller Chair for Mission Grants

Mary Craaybeek, Gateway Zone President

Teller Chair for Officer Election

Carol Dehnke, Suburban Lights Zone President

Teller Chair for Bylaws

Barb Draper, Lakeshore Zone Co-Chair

Credentials Report (Bylaws)

Crystal Milutin, Conv. Registrar

Results of the Bylaw Vote

Barb Draper, Lakeshore Zone Co-Chair

Introduction of Wellspring

Sally Janson, Growth and Development

Greetings from Wellspring

Al Kaul, Development Director Nancy

Explanation of Voting Procedures

Fody, Parliamentarian

Nominating Committee Report

Sandy Newport, Chair;
JoAnn Gust and Sue Poole

Nominations from the Floor

Ruth Steele, President

Introduction of Candidates on Stage

Ruth Steele, President

Credentials Report (Officers)

Crystal Milutin, Conv. Registrar

Prayer

Vicki Brewster, Blue Water President

Balloting for Officers

Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager

Announcements

Melanie Kline, Personnel Records Liaison

Closing Prayer for Session 2

Voting MembersBOD	___
Non-VotingMembers of the BOD	___
Total MembersoftheBOD	___
Past DistrictPresidents	___
Eligible toVote	___
Voting Delegates	___
Others Registered	___
Total Registration	___
Eligible to Vote	___

Voting MembersBOD	___
Non-VotingMembers of the BOD	___
Total MembersoftheBOD	___
Past DistrictPresidents	___
Eligible toVote	___
Voting Delegates	___
Others Registered	___
Total Registration	___
Eligible to Vote	___

Convention Program

Noon-1:30 p.m.	Boxed Lunch Breakout Sessions	Room 103 A/B Room 104 A/B Room 105 A/B Lincoln
Noon-2:00 p.m.	Registration Open	South Lobby
Noon-2:00 p.m.	Exhibits and Stores Open	Big Ten C, Centennial, North Lobby
Noon-2:00 p.m.	Prayer Room	Room 101
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Open Pre-Session Singing	Hannah Steele
2:15-4:45 p.m.	Convention Session 3	Big Ten A/B
	Call to Order	Ruth Steele, President
	Floor Manager:	
	Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Ann Campbell	
	Seated in front of stage:	
	Vice President of Organizational Resources, Linda Murdock;	
	Parliamentarian, Nancy Fody;	
	Recording Secretary, Denise Mosey;	
	Treasurer, Linda Haven	
	Prayer	Marcia Bremer, Northern Lights Zone President
	Introduction of Speaker	Cindy Morley, Meeting Manager
	Mites in Action Speaker 1 - ASL Storybook	Rev. Thomas Dunseth
	Introduction of the Speaker	Marsha Marshall, Structure Coor.
	Mites in Action Speaker 2 - Welcoming All God's Children	Stacy McGhee, LSEM President
	Friday Night Offering Results	Allison Schulz, Financial Secretary Allison
	2024-2026 Biennium Mites Report	Schulz, Financial Secretary Linda Haven,
	Financial Report	Treasurer
	Adoption of 2026-2028 Biennium Mission Goal	Denise Mosey, Recording Secretary
	Credentials Report (Mission Grants)	Crystal Milutin, Conv. Registrar
	Results of ONLINE Mission Grant Vote	Mary Craaybeek, Gateway Zone President
	Song of Thanks	Hannah Steele
	Keynote #2	Rev. Joel Eden, St. Lorenz, Frankenmet
	Introduction of Speaker	Barbara Yek, Ann Arbor Zone Co-Chair
	Greetings from Thrivent	Rev. David Borowsky
	Introduction of Speaker	Rebecca Palmreuter, Planner
	Mites in Action Speaker 3 - Hands of Mercy	Deaconess Pat Nuffer

Voting MembersBOD	_____
Non-Voting Members of the BOD	_____
Total MembersoftheBOD	_____
Past District Presidents	_____
Eligible to Vote	_____
Voting Delegates	_____
Others Registered	_____
Total Registration	_____
Eligible to Vote	_____

Convention Program

	Introduction of Speaker	Cindy McAuliffe, Grand Rapids Zone
	Greetings from Lutheran Laymen's League	Dennis Engelhard, LLL MI District President
	Announcements	Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager
	Closing Prayer for Session 3	Abigail Burns, Saginaw Valley Zone President
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Dinner Buffet	Big Ten C, Lincoln
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Entertainment: Lutheran Ladies Lounge	Big Ten A/B
9:00-10:30 p.m.	YWR Game Night	
9:15-9:30 p.m.	Candidate Meeting	Room 107

Sunday, June 28, 2026

6:30-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Lincoln
8:10-8:25 a.m.	Convention Co-Host Committees Line Up	Centennial Rooms
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Pre-Session Singing	Hannah Steele
8:45-11:30 a.m.	Convention Session 4	Big Ten A/B
	Floor Manager:	
	Vice President of Mission Outreach, Carol Swenson	
	Seated in front of stage:	
	Parliamentarian, Nancy Fody;	
	Recording Secretary, Denise Mosey;	
	Treasurer, Linda Haven	
	Prayer	Kathy Brevoort, Irish Hills Zone Co-Chair
	Recognition of the 2026 Host Committee	Convention Committee Parade
	Bible Study #2	Debbi Gainor
	Introduction of Speaker	Mary Lu Woelmer, Monroe President
	Mites in Action Speaker 4	Jenny Jaroneski, Christian Outreach
	Introduction of the Speaker	Susan Gruber, PDP, Gift Planning
	LWML Gift Planning	Sarah Seyer, Gift Planner
	Ingathering Results	Ann Barz, Service Projects Coor.
	Servant Event Results	Laura Boeberitz, VP Christian Outreach
	Movement with Pastor Jeff Results	Carla Elenz and Kathy Sowers
	Credentials Report (Officers)	Crystal Milutin, Conv. Registrar
	Report of the Tellers for Officers	Carol Dehnke, Suburban Lights Zone Pres.

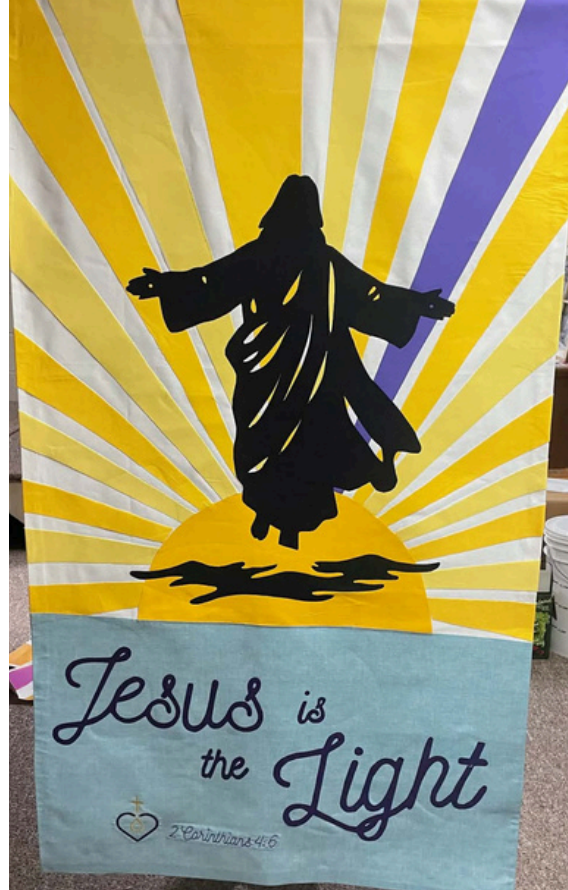
Voting MembersBOD	_____
Non-VotingMembers of the BOD	_____
Total MembersoftheBOD	_____
Past District Presidents	_____
Eligible to Vote	_____
Voting Delegates	_____
Others Registered	_____
Total Registration	_____
Eligible to o Vote	_____

Convention Program

	Invitation to 2027 National Convention 2028	Young Women Representatives
	LWML MI District Convention 2026-2028	Ruth Steele, President
	Mission Grant Video	
	Closing Remarks	Ruth Steele, President
	Announcements	Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager
11:30 a.m.	Closing Celebration and Sending Service Includes Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Installation of New Officers	Big Ten A/B
	Adjournment	Ruth Steele, President

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1:15 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting Including Outgoing and Incoming Elected Officers	Lincoln
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Convention Personalities



Opening Worship Proclaimer, Pre-Convention Bible Study Leader, and District Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Jeffrey Frechette, Sr.

Pastor Jeff was ordained June 2008, 6 months before his 40th birthday. He served as Macomb South Zone Counselor for numerous years and is now in his second term as District Pastoral Counselor. He is married to Laurie for 39 years. They have two grown children and two “bonus” children. Pr. Jeff is Senior Pastor at St. Mark, Flint, and is also deployed as Missionary-at-Large (Part Time) at Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint.



Closing Worship Proclaimer - President David Davis

Rev. David A. Davis earned a B.A. from Concordia University Ann Arbor in 1979 and an M.Div. from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. in 1983. Other academic pursuits include Classical Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. and Governance and Executive Training through the Pastoral Leadership Institute.

Since his ordination, Rev. Davis served as pastor of four different congregations, all in Michigan: St. Matthew, Spring Lake; St. Paul, Trenton; Immanuel, Grand Rapids; and St. Luke, Haslett/Lansing.

Davis has served in various leadership positions in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, planted congregations, developed multicultural ministry, led non-profit governance seminars, developed mentoring processes, wrote leadership development materials, and facilitated meetings and retreats. He has authored a book, *Toward Significance: A Guide For Pastoring Well*, and has a blog with the same name (towardsignificance.com/blog).

Davis is the 13th president of the Michigan District, LCMS since its founding in 1881. He is currently serving his second term in office.

Davis and his wife Sallie have been married since 1980. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren.



Keynote Speaker - Rev. Joel Eden

There's lots I could share that would tell you about me. I love hunting and being outside. I love music. I have lived in five states and have had 25 addresses in my lifetime. I have one wife, seven children, and three grandchildren. I have been a pastor for 12 years and was in Information Technology for 20+ years. Those describe me, but none of those defines me—at least not like being a redeemed child of God defines me. I am a sinner who cherishes Jesus' forgiveness, and, similar to what John once wrote, I find no greater joy than knowing that my children are walking in the truth, whether those are my biological children or spiritual children like John's. I love family discipleship, and I look forward to talking about that with you during this convention!

Convention Personalities



Pre-Convention Bible Study Leader and District Pastoral Counselor - Rev. David Winningham

Pastor Dave Winningham is married to Linda, a Registered Dietitian. He has served parishes in Sudbury, Ontario (Canada); Armada, Ann Arbor and East Lansing, in addition to teaching at Lutheran High North, Macomb, MI. He is retired, living in Bay City. For enjoyment he plays trumpet in the Frankentrost Band. Pastor and Linda enjoy all the activities of their grandchildren, all in Michigan. He has served as both Laurentian and Blue Water Zone and District Counselor ('90-94, '22-26).



Pre-Convention Bible Study Leader - Rev. Cameron Steele

Rev. Cameron Steele has served as a zone pastoral counselor and as the Michigan District LWML pastoral counselor. He has enjoyed attending many District and National LWML conventions. Steele has served churches in Monroe, Hazel Park, and most recently Caro, Michigan since 1982. That same year he married our District President, Ruth Steele. He is honored to support the missionary work of the LWML. Rev. Steele retired in 2025.



Convention Bible Study Leader - Debbi Gainor

Debbi is a life-long Christian and a third-generation member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe, Michigan. She has served her church, society and zone in various rolls over the years and credits (blames?!) the recently retired pastor from her church for teaching her to learn scripture.



Opening Worship Music Director and Organist - Tom Schroeder

Tom is currently organist and director of music ministry at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, MI. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Concordia University, Ann Arbor and has taught vocal and instrumental music in the Farmington School District for his entire teaching career. During that time, Tom served as organist, interim music director, and accompanist for a number of churches in southern and mid-Michigan. He is thankful for the countless blessings received through the many years of teaching and encouraging the young people the Lord brought to him. These blessings continue as he now has more time to serve the congregation of Christ Our Savior and the church at large.



Song Leader - Hannah Steele

Hannah Steele is a Traverse City resident and musician with a Bachelor of Arts in Music (Vocal Concentration) from Saginaw Valley State University, earned in 2015. She has spent many years performing throughout Michigan as a guitarist and vocalist, and has previously led as the Worship Leader at multiple churches around the state.

Convention Personalities



Deaf Interpreter - Rev. David Bush

Missionary David S. Bush, 76, retired to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2024 from his work as a Career Missionary for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission after serving in Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. He worked with The Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod at their Lutheran School for the Deaf. He continues to help the deaf school in Hong Kong from time to time.

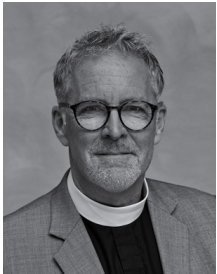
He serves as president of the Concordia School for Special Education (CSSE), board of trustees, in Macau, SAR. He is vice-president of Concordia Welfare and Education Society of Macau, the management board of CSSE.

Missionary Bush is an active member of Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) in Michigan which focuses on missionary work with the deaf.

Missionary Bush graduated in 1978 from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He served as a pastor of deaf and hearing congregations in Tennessee and Indiana and taught “Deaf Ministry and Mission” and “American Sign Language” at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, for 15 years.

Missionary Bush is married to Barbara and, after 49 years of marriage, have four children, fourteen grandchildren, and one great grandson.

He has interpreted for many District and International LWML conventions in the past.



Deaf Interpreter and Mites in Action Speaker: ASL Storybook - Rev. Thomas Dunseth

Pr. Thomas Dunseth was born in Detroit, MI and he met his wife Brenda, at Oakland University. They married in 1988 and headed to Concordia Theological Seminary. After graduating, Pr. Dunseth’s first Divine Call came from the LCMS Board for Mission Services to serve as missionary pastor in the Portuguese colony of Macau, near Hong Kong on the south China coast. Brenda, their two-year-old son James and soon to be born son Jordan joined him in Macau. There he worked with the local Chinese Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran School for the Deaf, which later became Concordia School for Special Education. In the summer of 2001, after returning to Michigan with his family, Rev. Dunseth began work in the Michigan District as missionary to the Deaf. In addition to missionary duties throughout the District, Pr. Dunseth served as pastor of the historic Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf congregation, established in the late 1800s. In 2012 Pastor Dunseth also was called to work for Lutheran Friends of the Deaf with the Mill Neck Family of Organizations based in Long Island, NY as the director of Deaf Ministry and International Programs. In August of 2020, Pastor Dunseth was Called to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flint, as associate pastor for mission. He also serves as the Michigan District LCMS’ missionary pastor to the Deaf and as missionary for the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf.

Convention Personalities



Mites in Action Speaker: Welcoming All God's Children - Stacy McGhee

Born and raised in Detroit, MI, Stacy completed her entire education in Lutheran schools, from first grade through college. Her commitment to Lutheran education continued when she earned her degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University, Wisconsin in 1996. She has spent her professional life serving various congregations all within the Michigan District – LCMS as a teacher, early childhood director, and principal. She has served as the President/CEO of Lutheran Special Education Ministries since 2015. Stacy was honored as the Michigan District Principal of the Year in 2013-2014, completed the Van Lunen Fellowship Program for executive management in education in 2014 and was selected by the Lutheran Education Association's board of directors to receive LEA's top honor, the Christus Magister Award in 2019. She and her husband are empty-nesters in Brighton, MI and enjoy spending time with their four adult children and two grandchildren.



Mites in Action Speaker - Hands of Mercy - Deaconess Pat Nuffer

Pat – wife of Professor and Pastor Rick, mother of 4 grown children, grandmother of 6 , foster mom to 3, has followed a varied path to deaconess. Through careers in speech pathology, homeschooling and Hands of Mercy in South Sudan, she has desired to witness to the faithfulness of the Lord through thick and thin. Having a child with Down syndrome was a fork in the road with other challenges, culminating in becoming a missionary (of sorts) to people with disabilities in South Sudan. Currently, she completed her first Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, loves to travel, hike and teach the Bible. She resides in Traverse City, Michigan.



Mites in Action Speaker - Scholarships for Female Students Studying as a Deaconess / Prof Church Worker - Jenny Jaroneski

Jenny is a second-year deaconess student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, joyfully learning to serve with a blend of grit, mercy, and Gospel-driven joy. She serves the LWML Michigan District, LCMS on the Christian Outreach Committee, where she loves helping connect women, congregations, and communities with mission opportunities that put faith into motion. Jenny also serves the Michigan District, LCMS as the Launch & Outreach Coordinator for the CrossPointe Center for the Trades, a new ministry walking alongside skilled-trades students with Christ-centered support and real-life encouragement. CrossPointe is open for enrollment and gearing up to welcome its very first class this fall – a front-row seat to God building something new.



Breakout Lunch Speaker - Lunch in the Dark - Rachel Potts

Rachel Potts serves with Lutheran Braille Workers as the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Ministry Relations. She is deployed to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she lives with her husband and three children. She served as a speech-language pathologist for five years in Tucson, Arizona and then as Director of Admissions and Enrichment Programs at St. Paul Lutheran School, Ann Arbor. She began at LBW in August of 2023 and is honored to share the good news of Jesus and the mission of LBW with churches and individuals as she travels throughout the eastern part of the country.



Breakout Lunch Speaker - How to Reach Out in a Secular Age - Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies is the Vice President for Ministry Engagement with Lutheran Hour Ministries. His work centers around helping the church become more outreach focused by empowering it to share the Gospel with non-churched individuals at more personal levels. His former life as a non-believer provides exceedingly relevant experience for thinking about how to engage with our friends and neighbors outside the kingdom of God.

Lakies regularly speaks at national conferences for pastors and church professionals and has published in several journals on the topic of faith and culture. He is the author of *How the Light Shines Through: Resilient Witness in Dark Times* (Concordia Publishing House, 2024), a guide for helping the church engage in winsome witness while facing the challenges of contemporary culture.

Prior to his time with Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lakies served as department chair and associate professor of religion at Concordia University in Portland, OR. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology from the University of Michigan and an M.Div. and Ph.D. in systematic theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He and his wife Bethany have two daughters, Anabel and Daphne.



Breakout Lunch Speaker - The Danger Within / Unequally Yoked - Cynthia Khan

Cynthia Khan was born and raised in Pakistan and lived in Saudi Arabia for ten years before immigrating to North America. Her life and ministry journey have given her unique experience serving in a wide variety of cultural, religious, and social settings across North America.

Now residing in Michigan, Cynthia travels throughout the United States equipping churches, women's ministries, youth groups, and Christian leaders to effectively engage in cross-cultural outreach within their own communities. Her training focuses on sharing the message of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation with people from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds who now live in our neighborhoods.

Cynthia's teaching topics include cross-cultural evangelism, Christian apologetics, world religions, and encouraging young believers to remain faithful to biblical principles in their relationships on campuses, and workplaces, not to be "unequally Yoked" but confidently represent Christ in today's multicultural society.

She serves through Poble Ministries and Hope Care and Beyond, the humanitarian outreach arm of Poble, ministering to refugees and new immigrants from around the world who have made North America their home.



Breakout Lunch Speaker - First Timer's - President Ruth Steele

Ruth grew up in Royal Oak and has lived in the state her whole life—except for a brief three-year adventure in Fort Wayne while her husband, Cameron, studied at Concordia Theological Seminary. She's a proud mom to Hannah, our convention song leader, and to Aaron, who now calls Sacramento home.

Her LWML journey began thanks to pastor's wife in Monroe, Mabel Hollender, who not only encouraged her to attend but even drove her to her first zone rallies. That simple act sparked a deep and lasting love for the LWML. Over the years, Ruth has embraced conventions, rallies, society gatherings, and district-level service with enthusiasm and joy. The LWML has become a cherished part of her faith and community life.

List of Exhibitors

Be sure to stop by and visit our exhibitors
located in Big Ten C, Centennial, and the North Lobby!

Camp Concordia
Camp Restore Detroit
Christian Outreach for Africa
Concordia Center for the Family
Concordia University
CPH Concordia Publish House
Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf
Franklin Avenue Mission
Gifts for all God's Children (Friday)
India Bible Study Translation Project
International Student Ministry Inc
KFUO Radio w/ Lutheran Ladies Lounge
LAMP Ministries Inc.
Living Word Orphanage Village
Luke Clinic Detroit
Lutheran Bible Translators
Lutheran Braille Workers
Lutheran Center for Religious Freedom
Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Lutheran Hour Ministries & Lutheran Layman's League
Lutheran Special Education LSEM
Lutherans for Life Michigan
LWML Gift Planning Counselor - Gifts of Love
LWML MI District Archivist / Historian
LWML MI District Store
MI District LCMS - Flint Mission Network and Acts 2 Enterprise
MOST
Orphan Grain Train - Michigan
Phil's Friends
POBLO International Ministries
Thrivent (Saturday)
Worship Anew
YSLETA

Proposed Mission Grant Summaries

- 1. Christian Outreach for Africa (COFA) -- Christian Education to Battle Poverty in South Africa - \$25,000** - COFA and the team at St. Peter Christian College are inviting the LWML Michigan District to participate in funding a portion of the 2026 “Good to Great” initiative aimed at updating classroom technology to prepare students for Christ-centered leadership and striving to combat poverty. The capital required to complete the classroom technology upgrades is \$180K over five years, and it is our hope and prayer that the LWML Michigan District will partner with COFA for \$25K of that cost.
- 2. Building Bodies, Building Faith, A2E Sports Camp -- LCMS Michigan District - \$25,000** - A2E Sports Camps engage students and families in health, hope, and healing through a Gospel-centered sports ministry. In a VBS format, students in Detroit and Pontiac will grow in mind, body, and spirit while building strong relationships. Grant funding provides essential equipment, curriculum, supplies, and meals for the 2027 and 2028 camps—removing barriers, equipping leaders, strengthening families, and restoring urban communities to deeper relationships with Jesus and His Church.
- 3. Living Word Orphanage Village in Yambio, South Sudan - \$25,000** - Living Word Orphanage Village (LWOV) in Yambio, South Sudan, exists to provide destitute orphans housing, clothing, and meals; instill Christian teaching and values; and end illiteracy through education and training. Wars in Sudan have produced poverty, orphans, and lack of education. LWOV has been established to provide immediate physical needs, and to teach and nurture the children. This grant will be used to help build two dormitories for LWOV.
- 4. Blessing International Students at More US Universities -- International Student Ministry, Inc. - \$20,000** - One million international students are eager to have American friends. LCMS members (including Lutheran Women in Mission) living near university campuses desire to fulfill the great commission but wonder how to start. Through this grant ISM Inc. will train, equip and mentor Lutherans to share Christ’s love with international students, scholars and their family members living near them. Approximately ten new ISM Sites will be jump-started by this grant.
- 5. South African Seminary Student Aid -- St. Philip Lutheran Mission Society in IL - \$20,000** - The Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society exists to support Lutheran mission work in Africa by raising and dispersing necessary financial aid to support the needs of seminary students (many who come from poor countries and church bodies) at Lutheran Theological Seminary—Tshwane in Pretoria, South Africa, a confession Lutheran seminary which trains men to be pastors in many countries throughout the continent of Africa.
- 6. Changed Lives, Shared Word: Restoring the Bible Printing Fund -- Lutheran Bible Translators - \$5,000** - Lutheran Bible Translators seeks a grant to restore our Bible Printing Fund, providing Scripture to communities receiving God’s Word in their heart language for the first time. Each Bible printed becomes a powerful proclamation: God speaks our language. Your support will place 250 Bibles into waiting hands, strengthen families and churches, and help prepare for upcoming Bible dedications—transforming lives through the shared Word of Christ.
- 7. Increasing Access to Christ-Centered Counseling -- Concordia Counseling: A Lutheran Outreach Ministry - \$25,000** - Concordia Counseling seeks to widen access to Christ centered mental health care, offering Gospel hope to those who are hurting, isolated, or unable to afford counseling. This grant equips Lutheran congregations to launch new counseling ministries and provides nearly 400 subsidized sessions for uninsured and unchurched neighbors. Together, we can open doors to healing, restore weary hearts, and draw people to Jesus—the true source of comfort and peace.
- 8. Reaching Distant Nations: Open Doors for Gospel Proclamation -- MOST Ministries - \$25,000** - Mission Outreach Short Term (MOST) Ministries helps committed Christians go on short-term missions that share the Gospel in word and deed through acts of service that are requested by missionaries in the mission field. This grant, by providing partial financial support to team members, will encourage and allow more volunteers to serve on MOST mission teams to distant nations where the cost of serving is higher than on teams that are closer to home.
- 9. Engage and Equip Michigan Youth 4 Life -- Lutherans for Life - \$25,000** - Today’s youth desire to uphold life! Youth participation in Y4Life in Washington, D.C., a national youth gathering sponsored by Y4Life, the youth branch of Lutherans For Life, has grown over 400% in the last five years. This grant will cover registration fees and provide travel scholarships for youth from the Michigan District to attend the 2027 and 2028 Y4Life in Washington, D.C. conferences to become Gospel-motivated voices for life!

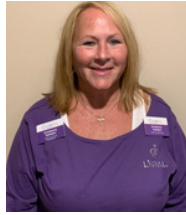
Proposed Mission Grant Summaries

10. **Mercy House Today and Tomorrow --- Frankling Avenue Mission - \$22,000** - Psalm 16:1 "Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge" Imagine being a homeless, single mom with no place safe to go. Mercy House has been a safe home for up to 4 moms and their children over 6 years. This grant will help fuel house repairs, security, labor, utilities, and playground enhancements to continue providing mothers and children a refuge in the future.
11. **Facilitating Lifelong Family Disciples -- Concordia Center for the Family - \$10,000** - Concordia Center for the Family intends to strengthen faith at home by recruiting, training, and equipping 15 to 30 new Family Discipleship Facilitators from this district. These leaders will unite congregations and families, enhance parental and children's involvement, and deepen Biblical understanding through resources that nurture lifelong Christian discipleship. The overall project seeks to reach at least 2,000 people with the Gospel of Christ within the LWML Michigan District.
12. **I was Hungry and You Fed Me -- Orphan Grain Train - \$18,000** - Jesus said whatever care is given others out of Christ-centered love and Christian faith has been done to him (Matt. 25:40). Nourishing with food those who are hungry is the most elementary act of mercy. Jesus did this Himself for thousands (Matt. 14:13-21). The Mercy Meals initiative of Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is entirely congruent with, and in furtherance of, the LWML mission intention of feeding people the Bread of Life.
13. **Encounter Christ in Creation, Be Transformed by Grace, Go Light the World -- Camp Concordia - \$25,000** - Since 1957, Camp Concordia has partnered with LCMS congregations, schools, and families to help children and youth Encounter Christ in Creation, Be Transformed by Grace, and Go Light the World. Aging restroom facilities now limit ministry opportunities. Phase 1 renewal will provide safe, welcoming, accessible restrooms supporting summer programs and expanding year-round outreach. With significant gifts already secured, your LWML support will strengthen faith formation, foster Christian community, and help prepare future leaders for Christ's Church.
14. **LHF: Bibles for Our Hispanic Families -- Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$20,000** - Approximately 6% of Michigan's population – about 600,000 people – speak Spanish as a first language. For Michigan churches and members, the language difference can be a big barrier to faithfully sharing the Gospel with their Hispanic neighbors and family. This grant will help overcome that hurdle by providing 5,000 or more FREE Spanish Bibles with Small Catechism, children's Bibles and more to introduce Spanish speakers to Jesus Christ.
15. **Catalyzing Hearts and Transforming Lives Through the Love of Christ -- Camp Restore Detroit - \$25,000** - In a Detroit neighborhood where 80% of children face generational poverty and violence, youth report "there is no hope." Camp Restore Detroit leans in, sharing the Gospel through literacy, life skills, and mentorship. This grant provides year-round scholarships for 16 students, offering academic instruction, daily meals, and a safe space to encounter Jesus's love. Help us restore hope and change lives through Christ-centered community.
16. **Adventures to Achievement: Children's Summer Bible Camps -- Gifts for All God's Children - \$16,415** - Gifts for All God's Children grant will expand its current summer programming for children. We aim to provide 50 children in need, in Detroit, with a safe, Christ-centered environment for 5 weeks. Free transportation, biblical instruction, crafts, computers, meals, and caring mentors are provided. Without this investment, these children face food insecurity, learning loss, unsafe neighborhood conditions and little opportunity to learn about Jesus.
17. **A Chance in a Christian School -- Salem National, Westland MI - \$25,000** - Many Michigan families long for a Christian education, yet one in five children struggles with invisible learning needs that can push them out of Lutheran classrooms. This grant partners with Lutheran Special Education Ministries to keep those children close to Jesus— through individualized support, inclusive tools, and teacher training. With outreach, resources, and evaluation, schools can welcome every learner, strengthen families, and grow vibrant Gospel witness statewide
18. **Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats - \$20,000** - Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is an LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organization) that provides week-long counseling retreats and helps hundreds of ministry workers in various stages of burnout, stress, loss, compassion fatigue, and conflicts. 18% of churches in the LCMS are vacant. Keeping them healthy helps them stay in ministry. LWML mites would be used to give scholarships to pastors, teachers, DCEs, ministry workers, and spouses to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat at one of our locations.
19. **Care Packages and Cards of Hope: Whole-Person Care -- Phil's Friends - \$25,000** - Phil's Friends provides Christ-centered support and hope to individuals facing cancer through free, personalized Care Packages, which include a Bible, Scripture-filled Cards of Hope, and ongoing prayer. Grant funds from the Michigan LWML District will be used to purchase Care Package supplies, cover shipping costs, and print and mail Cards of Hope, reaching patients across Michigan with the compassion, hope, and salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

Proposed Mission Grant Summaries

20. **Nourishing Bodies and Souls in Haiti -- Trinity HOPE - \$10,000** - "For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 28:19. Starving children are unable to retain learning of academia or the Gospel. This grant will help Trinity HOPE and the Haitian Lutheran Churches finance a noon meal to help nurture the bodies, minds, and souls of young children, by providing a noon meal for hungry children and workers in Lutheran schools throughout Haiti, essentially affecting the whole community with the love of Jesus Christ through word and deed.
21. **Vicar Williams to Germany -- LWML Michigan Gateway Zone - \$25,000** - This grant supports Vicar Peter Williams' special two-year LCMS missionary vicarage in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Williams, having unique linguistic aptitude, will serve U.S. military families, refugees, and local Germans, focusing on evangelism in English, German, French, Arabic and Farsi. The grant covers housing expenses, enabling Williams to develop skills for lifelong mission service and strengthen Lutheran gospel outreach in a secularized region, where 90% of the population is unchurched/atheist/Muslim.
22. **Preparing Pastors in Siberia -- Siberian Lutheran Mission Society - \$6,325** - This is for a grant for materials for overdue and necessary maintenance for student apartments for seminarians in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Volunteers will do the labor. Our Russian Lutheran brethren are suffering from the war and economic sanctions, but they are determined to continue to deliver the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who were devastated by seventy years of Communism in the Russian speaking world.
23. **Publication of The India Study Bible-Malayalam Language -- India Bible Study - \$25,000** - This grant will pay for the publishing of The Lutheran Study Bible (LBS) in Malayalam. This will provide a resource with Lutheran-based commentary and notes to guide inquirers to the Good News of the Gospel and help believers establish and grow their faith in God. It will also enable them to equip and train Indian Pastors to better understand God's Word and share the Gospel in their own Malayalam language.
24. **Life and Hope for Moms in Need -- Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic) - \$25,000** - Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic (Detroit, MI) provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable.
25. **Strengthening Young Adult Faith through Resources and Support -- Higher Things - \$10,000** - Higher Things exists to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults through faithful catechesis, worship, and teaching. Through HT–Beyond, this grant will support resources, events, and content for young adults navigating college, work, and family life. It strengthens their connection to Christ and His Church, equipping them to remain steadfast in faith and rooted in His Word and Sacraments.
26. **Gospel Access for Aging Adults in Michigan -- Worship Anew - \$25,000** - Worship Anew seeks support to equip the Michigan LCMS congregations with resources to connect aging adults with God's Word. This grant will share resources with churches by providing all interested churches with a sample resource box of materials then subscribing them to these resources, especially the Broadcaster, a free magazine. This grant would also support the airing of "Worship Anew" on multiple TV stations throughout Michigan.
27. **Seeing Jesus Through Braille and Large Print -- Lutheran Braille Workers California - \$20,000** - More than 285 million people worldwide live with visual impairment. The mission of the Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world. This grant will support the production and free distribution of at least 5,000 volumes of Braille and Specialized Large Print Bibles and Christian materials, enabling people around the world to truly see Jesus through His Word.
28. **CTSFW Food Co-op Purchase Food for Seminary Students -- Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne - \$15,000** - CTSFW Food Co-op provides up to 85% of our student families' monthly grocery needs at no cost to them. This is a tremendous blessing for families operating on a student budget. Operating as an actual cooperative, each family volunteers monthly to receive points used to purchase grocery items. The Co-op spends approximately \$7,000 a month on fresh produce, eggs, milk, cheese, ground beef, and other grocery items to fill in the shelves. The Co-op has taken away the concern for the men and women who answered God's call to serve Him and you.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES



KIM SALAJAN has served....

- DISTRICT:** Heart to Heart Sister Leader,
Mission Grant Selection Committee
- ZONE:** Pres., Monroe Zone
- LOCAL:** Pres., Vice Pres., Society (St. John's Waltz)
- CHURCH:** St. John's Waltz, New Boston, MI:
School Board, Christian Parent Assoc.
- PAID:** Senior Manager Global Quality Systems, Visteon

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Candidates for Office

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH



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ANGELA POST has served...

- NATIONAL:** YWR, 2021 Convention, Lexington; KY Zone Delegate, 2025 Convention, Omaha, NE
- ZONE:** Chair of Christian Growth for Ann Arbor Zone; Member of Bylaws Committee
- LOCAL:** Co-Chair for LWML Daughters on Mission (formally St. Luke LWML) Former member of bylaws committee
- CHURCH:** Volunteer, Deaconess Intern, Sunday morning hospitality, Short Term Missions (Domestic & International), College Ministry Leader, Volunteer Coach, Upward Bound
- COMMUNITY:** Volunteer, Dawn Farm (Ypsilanti, MI); Volunteer, Humane Society of Huron Valley (Ann Arbor, MI); Volunteer, 826Michigan (Ypsilanti, MI)
- EDUCATION:** MS Divinity, (In process) Deaconess Distance Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; MS (Applied Behavior Analysis)
- PAID:** Board Certified Behavior Analyst of 2-5yr old clients; Director of Admissions AbleLight College, Concordia University-Ann Arbor; Adjunct Psychology Professor (Concordia-Ann Arbor)

DEANNA ROBERTS has served...

- NATIONAL:** YWR, MI District, 2025 Convention, Omaha, NE
- DISTRICT :** 2026 MI District Convention planning committee: Publications, Hostess Chair
- ZONE:** Vice Pres., Mid-Michigan Zone (2025—present) YWR—MI District Convention, Grand Rapids (2024)
- LOCAL:** Society Treasurer (2024-present) Christmas Bazaar Volunteer (2023-current)
- CHURCH:** Immanuel Lutheran Bell Choir, Women’s Prayer Bible Study Participant
- EDUCATION:** Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing Planning, Certified Supply Chain Professional
- PAID:** Senior Manufacturing Engineer, Process Planner, Operations Supervisor

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LINDA FRITSCH has served...

PAT SCHULTZ has served...

ZONE: Wayne-Oakland Hills, Director of Christian Growth/Outreach

LOCAL: YWR from Trinity, Berrien Spring; LWML Rep from Salen, Westland

CHURCH: Salem National Ev. Lutheran, Ann Arbor (Current); Treasurer - Salem, Westland; Chair-Board of Discipleship, - Peace, Warren; Women's Bible Study Teacher - Peace, Warren
Sunday School Teacher- Trinity Berrien Springs
Good Shepherd, Boise, ID; Holy Cross, Dallas; Constitution Committee - Holy Cross, Dallas TX

COMMUNITY: Newborns in Need, Dallas, TX (Group that made baby items (diaper shirts, socks, receiving blankets, hats, booties, quilts etc) given away to needy families at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX

EDUCATION: Dale Carnegie training and Teambuilding, Facilitator Training and Group Problem Solving at agricultural non-profit membership organization

PAID:: 20 Years as a legal secretary in St. Joseph, MI; Boise, ID; and Dallas, TX; 13 years as administrative assistant for Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Ann Arbor, MI; 11 months as administrative assistant, Business Office and Development, Michigan District—LCMS, Ann Arbor.

DISTRICT: Various jobs and committees at District Conventions

ZONE: Chairman, Co-Chairman, Nominating Committee, Parliamentarian, Retreat speaker. Bylaw revision and review

LOCAL: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman, Nominating Committee, Bylaw Revision. Retreat Planner and Leader

CHURCH: Shadowof the Cross Lutheran, Farmington Hills, MI
Commissioned Minister (Teacher/Principal), Board of Education, Board of Youth, Church Council, Write and lead Bible Classes, Congregation Secretary

COMMUNITY: Lutheran Human Relations Association, Community chairman, helped sponsor immigrants, support pregnancy centers – fundraiser leader, collect diapers, etc, subdivision committees for picnic, Easter egg hunt, etc.

Votes Won Votes Cast Votes Won

Candidates for Office

TREASURER



LINDA HAVEN has served...

DISTRICT: Parliamentarian (1 year); President's Assistant (2 years); current Treasurer (appointed, 6 months)

ZONE: Secretary (2022-present)

LOCAL: Organizing and coordinating congregation's local activities

CHURCH: Grace Lutheran Church, Auburn, MI, (Current). Have held positions of Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Congregational Secretary and unofficial archivist at Lutheran congregations where I have been a member.

COMMUNITY: Support and participate in Orphan Grain Train and MOST

EDUCATION: BS (Civil Engineering-with management, economics, technology); MBA, Management (with some accounting classes)

PAID: Construction Engineer including management positions for 38 years, in 10 U.S. States, Australia and Canada.

Votes Won

Votes Cast

Votes Won

Candidates for Office

PASTORAL COUNSELOR (JUNIOR)



REV. CHRISTOPHER VOSSLER has served...

MINISTRY: Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church Sanford, MI (2021-present);
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, KS (2013-2021)

EDUCATION: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

ZONE: (LWML Pastoral Counselor, Mid-Michigan Zone (2023-present))

LOCAL: CMS Synod Convention Delegate (2016, 2019)

COMMUNITY: Plays trumpet and guitar. Assists in organizing St. Paul's Band.

VISION STATEMENT:

Lutheran Women in Mission "Serve the Lord with Gladness" in their congregations and communities by sharing the Good News of our Savior with words and actions. Through their love and care, they reflect God's mercy and love in a world covered in the darkness of sin.



REV. TRENTON WOLLBERG has served...

MINISTRY: (2017-Present) Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Onaway, MI
(Current) Chaplain Michigan Air National Guard

EDUC AT ION: 2017, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (M.Div.) 2013, Concordia University Ann Arbor (BA-Biblical Languages, Minor Philosophy)

ZONE: 2021, LWML Pastoral Counselor for Sonshine Zone

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the LWML is serve the Lord with gladness through organizing, supporting, and carrying out mission efforts to spread the gospel at home and around the world.

Votes Won

Votes Cast

Votes Won

CANDIDATES FOR 2026-2028 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



CARLA ELENZ has served...

- DISTRICT:** Nominating Committee (2022)
Grant Review Committee (2024)
Teller (2024)
Co-Chair, Convention Page Committee (2016)
Co-Chair, Convention Walk/Run Committee (2016)

- ZONE:** Land Of Lake Zone, President (current)

- LOCAL:** Group: President, Vice President

- CHURCH:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, MI:
Choir; Preschool Director (1988-1990)
Sunday School teacher (1989-1999 and 2025-present)
Youth Group Leader (1998-2008)

- COMMUNITY:** Miles for Mites fund raising bike trips (2025 ,2023 ,2021)

- EDUCATION:** Cartography, Natural Resources

- PAID:** Cartographer, Michigan Army National Guard(1992-2018)

SUE GRUBER has served...

- NATIONAL:** Board of Directors (2016-2020)

- DISTRICT:** President, Treasurer, VP Organizational Resources, Long Range Planning Committee plus other committees.

- ZONE:** President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer, Retreat Committee

- CHURCH:** Trinity Lutheran, Monroe, MI

- COMMUNITY:** Committee for "Monroe County Network on Homelessness", Singing with the River Raisin Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

- EDUCATION:** Associates of Commerce Degree (Monroe Community College), Leadership Education through LWML & Wellspring Lutheran Services

- PAID:** Wellspring Lutheran Services

Votes Won

Votes Cast

Votes Won

CANDIDATES FOR 2026-2028 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



MARSHA MARSHALL has served...

- NATIONAL:** Served in various areas at Conventions-Usher, Exhibit tables, Store
- DISTRICT:** VP Christian Outreach, Christian Events Coordinator, Structure Coordinator, Tri-Chair 2014 District Convention, Planner
- ZONE:** Co-Chair, Mission Coordinator, Christian Growth
- LOCAL :** President, Core Group Leader, Secretary
- CHURCH:** St. Paul Lutheran, Trenton, MI. Mission team, Women's Ministry, Stewardship, Youth, School Board, Wedding coordinator, Sisters in Mission-LWML, Concert Choir, Advent by Candlelight Coordinator, Craft Show Coordinator, Church Council Secretary. Served on the Steering Committee for the Church Capital Funds Campaign
- COMMUNITY:** Fish and Loaves volunteer
- PAID :** Insurance Adjuster, Church & School Secretary, Wedding Coordinator & Sales Office at The Henry Ford

CINDY MORLEY has served...

- DISTRICT :** (2024-present) Meeting Manager, District Convention Assistant Chair (2023) Frankenmuth, MI
- ZONE:** President (4 terms)
- LOCAL:** Society/Group President (2 terms)
- CHURCH:** St. Paul Lutheran, Caro, MI. Bible study leader, Evangelism with church projects
- COMMUNITY:** Working with the younger women and mentoring them both at church and in the community.

Votes Won

Votes Cast

Votes Won

CANDIDATES FOR 2026-2028 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



DENISE MOSEY has served...

DISTRICT : Recording Secretary(current),
StructureCoordinator,Parliamentarian.

ZONE: Vice-President, Recording Secretary,
organizing mission rally,
Parliamentarian

LOCAL: Group President, Vice-President,
Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian,
Treasurer. Altar Guild chair. Responsible
for sending cards to shut- ins.

CHURCH: St. Lorenz Lutheran Church,
Frankenmuth, MI. Taught Sunday school,
MOPS caregiver, lead children's crafts,
choir, Board of Education chair, Board of
Properties, Administrative Council
Recording Secretary, Bible Study classes

Votes Won

Votes Cast

Votes Won

Proposed Bylaw Changes

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT BYLAWS 2026 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

LWML Michigan District Bylaws

Proposed Date of Approval – June 26, 2026

Article I – Name

Proposed Amendment: To add “Michigan District” to the first “hereinafter” and to delete abbreviation for “doing business as” with “also known as.” To add the phrase “a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML),” and the word “integrated” to the phrase “which is an auxiliary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS).”

Rationale: To replace existing bylaw with the recommended version provided by LWML.org

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article I - Name	Article I - Name
The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Michigan District (hereinafter referred to as “LWML”) and also d.b.a. Lutheran Women in Mission. The LWML is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as “LCMS”).	The name of this organization shall be Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Michigan District (hereinafter referred to as LWML Michigan District), also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, a subordinate organization of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML), which is an integrated auxiliary of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as “LCMS”).

Article III – Structure

Section 3 a. – Zone Bylaws

Proposed Amendment: To add “and review them every four years.”

Rationale: To encourage a more frequent review of zone bylaws for amendments and updates, as recommended by LWML.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Section 3 - Zone Bylaws a. Each zone shall write its own bylaws.	Section 3 - Zone Bylaws a. Each zone shall write its own bylaws and review them every four years.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article V – Conventions

Section 1 – Purpose and Site Selection

Proposed Amendments: Delete Section 1 a. and 1 b. and substitute a new 1 a. and 1 b. stating that the District President is responsible for choosing and inviting zones to serve as convention hosts and that the Executive Committee must be notified of the invitations and acceptance in a timely fashion.

Rationale: To bring the process of Site Selection into current practice.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Section 1 – Purpose and Site Selection	Section 1 – Purpose and Site Selection
a. Zones shall extend invitations for hosting a District convention. b. Invitations shall be made to the Executive Committee in a time and manner prescribed by the Executive Committee.	a. The District President will invite zones to serve as convention hosts. b. Invitations shall be reported to the Executive Committee when they have been accepted.

Article V – Conventions

Section 2 – Voting Body

a. 2) d)

Proposed Amendment: In Section 2 a. 2) d) insert “who are listed in the Bylaws” following “members”.

Rationale: To clarify which Standing Committee members may vote at Convention.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Section 2 – Voting Body	Section 2 – Voting Body
a. The voting assembly of the convention shall be: 2) The following members of the Board of Directors: d) Standing committee members [See Article XIV, Section 1 b.6)].	a. The voting assembly of the convention shall be: 2) The following members of the Board of Directors: d) Standing committee members who are listed in the Bylaws [See Article XIV, Section 1.b.6)]

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article IX – Appointed Officers

Section 4 – Additional Appointed Personnel

Proposed Amendment: Delete Article IX, Section 4 – Additional Appointed Personnel

Rationale: This section was erroneously added to Article IX but belongs under Article X – Special Appointed Personnel because Special Appointed Personnel are not appointed officers.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article IX – Appointed Officers Section 4 – Additional Appointed Personnel There may be additional appointed personnel as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the LWML. The Executive Committee authorizing the appointed personnel shall determine the authority and responsibility of the appointed personnel.	Delete and create an Article X, Section 8 – Additional Special Appointed Personnel

Article X – Special Appointed Personnel

Section 1 – Titles and Criteria

Proposed Amendment: Insert “Convention Registrar” following “Convention Manager” and insert “any others as” following “Personnel Records Liaison and”.

Rationale: Convention Registrar is a position requiring specialized skill and requires continuity from convention to convention. This position should be filled by the District President from the members of the District.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article X – Special Appointed Personnel Section 1 – Titles and Criteria The special appointed personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, Convention Manager, Parliamentarian, Technology Specialist, and Personnel Records Liaison.	Article X – Special Appointed Personnel Section 1 – Titles and Criteria The special appointed personnel shall be Archivist-Historian, Convention Manager, Convention Registrar, Parliamentarian, Technology Specialist, Personnel Records Liaison and any others as appointed by the president

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article X – Special Appointed Personnel

Section 4 – ~~Substitute a new Section 4 – Registrar~~

Proposed Amendment: Insert a new Section 4 – Convention Registrar as written below.

Rationale: The Convention Registrar was omitted from the previous list of Special Appointed Personnel.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
None	<p><i>Article X – Special Appointed Personnel</i> <i>Section 4 – Convention Registrar</i> <i>The Convention Registrar shall:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Provide convention credentials to voting members of the Convention (See Article V, Section 2)</i> <i>b. Provide Convention Credentials Reports as necessary to the Recording Secretary, Tellers, and the assembly</i> <i>c. Perform duties as listed in the District Leaders Guide and as directed by the President.</i>

Article X – Special Appointed Personnel

Proposed Amendment: Add a Section 8 – Additional Special Appointed Personnel as shown below.

Rationale: To plan for additional personnel deemed necessary to carry out the work of LWML Michigan District, i.e. President’s Assistant

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
None	<p><i>Article X – Special Appointed Personnel</i> <i>Section 8 – Additional Special Appointed Personnel</i> <i>There may be additional appointed personnel as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the LWML Michigan District. The Executive Committee authorizing the appointed personnel shall determine the authority and responsibility of the appointed personnel.</i></p>

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article XI – Board of Directors

Section 4 f. - Responsibilities, The Board of Directors shall:

Proposed Amendment: Insert “as recommended by the Grants Evaluation and Selection Committee” following “ballot”.

Rationale: To clarify mission grants considered by the Board of Directors for the convention ballot. It is assumed that the Grant Evaluation and Selection Committee has followed and complied with rules and procedures for evaluating and selecting grant proposals for Board of Directors evaluation (including review by the LCMS District President). If the Board of Directors were to evaluate other grant proposals outside of this process, this would negate the lengthy and complicated process which has proven valuable and correct over the course of time.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article XI – Board of Directors Section 4 f. – Responsibilities The Board of Directors shall: Consider and approve the mission grants proposals for the convention ballot [See Article XIV, Section 5 and Article XVII, Section 2b];	Article XI – Board of Directors Section 4 f. – Responsibilities The Board of Directors shall: Consider and approve the mission grant proposals for the convention ballot <i>as recommended by the Grant Evaluation and Selection Committee.</i> [See Article XIV, Section 5 and Article XVII, Section 2b];

Article XIII – Pastoral Counselors

Section 1 – Criteria, Terms, and Assumption of Duties

Proposed Amendment: Add “who are active or retired.”

Rationale: To clarify that the position of Pastoral Counselor is open to all pastors, whether active or retired.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article XIII – Pastoral Counselors Section 1 – Criteria, Terms, and Assumption of Duties The Pastoral Counselors shall be two (2) pastors of the Michigan District LCMS.	Article XIII – Pastoral Counselors Section 1 – Criteria, Terms, and Assumption of Duties The Pastoral Counselors shall be two (2) pastors of the Michigan District LCMS <i>who are active or retired.</i>

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article XIV – Standing Committees

Section 2 – Christian Outreach Committee

Proposed Amendment: Add a list of the following members of the Committee: “the Vice President of Christian Outreach, Christian Growth Coordinator, the Speaker’s Bureau Coordinator, the Christian Materials Coordinator, and the Servant Projects Coordinator. Each coordinator is to perform duties as listed in the District *Leaders Guide*.”

Rationale: Standing Committee members are permitted to vote at the District Convention. This clarifies positions which are members of the Christian Outreach Committee and therefore allowed to vote at District Convention. This adds consistency to the Bylaws as the members of all other Standing Committees are currently listed.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article XIV – Standing Committees Section 2 – Christian Outreach Committee The Christian Outreach Committee shall include the Vice President of Christian Outreach Committee and team members...	Article XIV – Standing Committees Section 2 – Christian Outreach Committee The Christian Outreach Committee shall include <i>the Vice President of Christian Outreach, the Christian Growth Coordinator, the Speaker’s Bureau Coordinator, the Christian Materials Coordinator, and the Servant Projects Coordinator. Each coordinator to perform duties as listed in the District Leaders Guide.</i>

Article XIV – Standing Committees

Section 7 – Assembly of Committees

Proposed Amendment: Insert “Standing” following “All.”

Rationale: To clarify which committee members are required to attend the annual Assembly of Committees. Special committee members or ad hoc committee members are not required to attend unless specifically requested by the District President.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Article XIV – Standing Committees Section 7 – Assembly of Committees All committee members and officers of the District shall convene annually.	Article XIV – Standing Committees Section 7 – Assembly of Committees All Standing Committee members and officers of the District shall convene annually.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article XV – Special Committees

Section 5 c. – Special Gift Fund committee – “Lydia’s Legacy”

Proposed Amendment: Strike “first (1st) quarter meeting” and insert “fall meeting.”

Rationale: The fiscal year of the Michigan District ends on April 30th. This amendment would require the annual written financial statement of the Special Gift fund to be submitted at the first regular meeting of the Board after the end of the fiscal year for which it reports rather than during the fiscal year.

<p>Existing bylaw reads: Article XV – Special Committees Section 5 c. – Special Gift Fund Committee – “Lydia’s Legacy” Submit an annual written financial statement of the Fund to the Board at the first (1st) quarter meeting.</p>	<p>If adopted, will read: Article XV – Special Committees Section 5 c. – Special Gift Fund Committee – “Lydia’s Legacy” Submit an annual written financial statement of the Fund to the Board at the <i>fall meeting</i>.</p>
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Article XVII – Mission Grants

Section 2 – Selection Process

Proposed Amendment: Add Section 2 c. that approves of electronic voting for mission grants prior to the actual convention and Section 2 d. which indicates that electronic voting results must be formally ratified at the convention.

Rationale: To give permission for electronic voting for mission grants and to formally secure the validity of the results.

<p>Existing bylaw reads: Article XVII – Mission Grants Section 2 – Selection Process None</p>	<p>If adopted, will read: Article XVII – Mission Grants Section 2 – Selection Process <i>c. Electronic voting for mission grants may be done prior to the District convention.</i> <i>d. The results of electronic voting for mission grants shall be ratified at the upcoming District convention.</i></p>
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Proposed Bylaw Changes

Article XXI – Meetings

Proposed Amendment: Add Article XXI Section 1 to allow electronic meetings and electronic voting at these meetings. Existing Article XXI will be renumbered as Article XXII and the new Article XXI will be inserted after Article XX. Subsequent Articles will be renumbered.

Rationale: To allow electronic meetings.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
None	<p><i>Article XXI –Electronic Meetings</i> <i>Section 1. Electronic Meetings and Voting</i></p> <p><i>a. The board of directors, executive committee, all committees, and the district convention shall be authorized to meet through electronic means so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>b. The district president will determine if a district meeting will be held in person or electronically.</i></p> <p><i>c. A committee chairman will determine if a committee meeting will be held in person or electronically.</i></p> <p><i>d. The Executive Committee will determine if the District Convention will be held in person or electronically.</i></p> <p><i>e. Electronic meetings shall be held in conformance with Standing Rules as set forth in the Leader’s Guide.</i></p> <p><i>f. Votes may be taken electronically outside of meetings but shall be ratified at the next in-person or electronic meeting.</i></p>

Elected Officer Reports



LWML Michigan District President - Ruth Steele

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the Lord as your president for the past two years. Working with the Elected and Appointed Officers, the Board of Directors, and the Convention Planning Committee has been a rewarding experience where I am fed through the Word of God, nurtured through Christian fellowship, and mentored by women and men who serve the Lord with gladness. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, love, and support.

During the 2024-2026 Biennium, your president completed the following to fulfill the duties of this office:

- Presided at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and this convention;
- Collaborated with the Executive Committee to execute resolutions passed by the convention body, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee;
- Served as a member of the LWML Presidents Assembly attending two in person and one zoom President Assemblies;
- Led the Michigan delegation at the 2025 National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska;
- With the approval of the Executive Committee, appointed standing committees, appointed officers, special appointed personnel, and special committees;
- Was an ex-officio member of all departments and committees except the Nominating committee;
- Attended Finance Committee, Convention Planning Committee, and Mission Grant Selection Committee Meetings;
- Replied to correspondence, emails, phone calls and texts from zone, district, and national personnel and other individuals;
- Reviewed and signed vouchers and contracts on behalf of the LWML Michigan District;
- Prepared official calls and agendas for Executive Committee (EC) Meetings, District Board of Directors (BoD) Meetings, and this convention;
- Proofread, edited, and gave final approval for all LWML in Michigan newsletters, Michigan in Touch ads, Constant Contact emails and other materials sent to zones and groups within the LWML Michigan District;
- Read zone minutes sent to me and forwarded them to District Archivist-Historian Kara Rawlins;
- Attended Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN and brought greeting to the students from the LWML MI District in October 2024 and 2025;
- Attended and shared greetings at the Lutheran Laymen League Convention at Faith, Grand Blanc on April 2025;

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- Attended the Michigan Lutheran Leaders Meeting, January 2025, Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton MI;
- Prepared Two Minute Tuesday for December 2, 2025;
- October 6, 2024 – Attended worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flint with Kaye Wolff, Deaf Ministry Advocate, where we presented Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) with a \$47,000 check for LWML Mission Grant No. 14: Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach. We then attended the deaf service and made the presentation to that congregation as well.
- Attended Zone events at Good Sheperd Lutheran Church, Saginaw (2024); Greater Detroit Zone Rally, Faith, Detroit (2024); Franconian Zone Rally, St. Michael Lutheran Church, Richville (2024); Ann Arbor Zone Rally, St. Paul, Ann Arbor (2025); Bay Zone Rally, Trinity, Monitor (2025); Thumb Zone Fall Retreat, St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope (2025); Wayne Oak Hills Zone Rally, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville (2026).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the LWML Michigan District, and I look forward to the next two years working along side all of you as we Serve the Lord with Gladness.

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 107:1*

Elected Officer Reports

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries-Ann Campbell

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13



This biennium completes my four-year term as Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, a position established in 2022 to support the Young Women Representatives (YWR), Heart to Heart (H2H), and Deaf and Hard of Hearing committees. Under the leadership of dedicated leaders and co-leaders, each committee has made meaningful strides in raising awareness and engagement within these important ministries.

- **Young Women Representatives (YWR):** The YWR program has continued to grow and thrive. Four young women attended both the 2023 and 2025 National Conventions, where they experienced LWML in action through service opportunities, inspiring speakers, and connections with peers from across the country. Many of these eight women are now actively serving in their zones and at the district level. Representation also expanded at the district level, with 17 zones represented in 2024 and 16 in 2026. Several 2024 YWRs are serving in key roles at this convention and also participated in a retreat across the bridge.
- **Heart to Heart (H2H):** The Heart-to-Heart program has seen remarkable growth and diversity. This year, four delegates are representing Pakistan, South Sudan, and other African regions. Monthly district-wide Zoom meetings, featuring devotions and guest speakers, have strengthened connections and support. Additional outreach efforts have included participation in the International Tea in Sterling Heights and an LCMS-sponsored international event hosted at a local church.
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Efforts to engage the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community have also progressed. This year, two women are attending the convention as a direct result of these initiatives. In 2025, weekly district-wide American Sign Language (ASL) classes were offered via Zoom, to build relationships with Deaf communities in LCMS churches and introduce them to LWML.

It has been a true privilege to serve alongside these dedicated committees and to connect with the many women impacted by these ministries. Together, we have increased awareness and strengthened engagement across our district. It has been an honor to serve both these women and our Lord.

Ann Campbell
Vice President, Special Focus Ministries



Special Focus Ministries Committee (Left to Right)

Kim Salajan, Ann Campbell, Traci Schulz

Elected Officer Reports



Vice President of Christian Outreach-Laura Boeberitz

**And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will
deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

Psalm 50:15

Working alongside all these wonderful women for the past four years has inspired me and brought me great joy. It has also humbled me and helped me to grow.

To put it simply our committee helps to fill needs, both spiritual and physical. We may help with spiritual needs by pointing women to all the free devotional resources available on the lwml.org website, or planning a retreat about Faith over Fear for our Zone and District leaders. We also tell women about organizations that help others with physical needs like Camp Restore Detroit, Foster Closet of Michigan or City Rescue Mission of Lansing. Then we provide opportunities for women to serve others through giving to those organizations or doing hands on servant projects. The last thing we do is look after the merchandise in the LWML store and bring it to meetings and events to sell to members so others might wonder who we are and want to join us!

Committee members: Ann Barz – Service Projects Coordinator
Jenny Jaroneski – Christian Outreach Coordinator

Below is a summary of what I or my committee have been up to in this biennium:

- Attended all Board of Director and Executive Meetings
- Added a Christian Outreach Highlight to each LWML in Michigan Newsletter
- Prepared and presented two Fall District Leader Retreats at Maryville Retreat Center in Holly Michigan. These included food, fellowship, Bible study, fun, quiet time, an ingathering, and worship
- Held Servant Day 2025 on September 20 where over 100 people made over 330 school kits for Orphan Grain Train at 6 sites around Michigan. This was our in-state servant event
- Prepared the five servant events for the 2026 District Convention
- Held collections for Gifts from the Heart to benefit the following organizations:

Trinity Lutheran School, Sturgis

Foster Closet of Michigan- Genesee Branch

Life Choices of Mt. Pleasant

Orphan Grain Train

Concordia Seminarians

Elected Officer Reports

Vice President of Communication-Jacki Parmer

Jesus said to him, “ I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6



The Communication committee is unique in that it is our job to serve and support the rest of the committees in fulfilling their duties. It gives a rare glimpse into the district as a whole and when you take a step back and look the work done here is incredible and only possible through God. The Communication committee (although I often refer to it as a team, because that is what we are) has worked these past 2 years without a webmaster and changing Basecamp trainers about halfway through. The ever changing world of technology also challenges us to change and adapt as we go. (Like Basecamp updates a month before convention!) I am very blessed to have the following women beside me in service. Emily Abraham who has done a great job engaging in social media and creating beautiful graphics for Michigan in Touch, Lynn LeBlanc who has put together amazing newsletters for us, and Kara Rawlins who, along with her other BOD duties stepped up and became our Basecamp expert and trainer. Thank you so much ladies!

Key Highlights of the Communication Committee:

- Create and host Zoom meetings
- Send Constant Contact emails as requested
- Keep the District Website updated
- Attend BOD, EC meetings, and retreats
- Host Basecamp Trainings
- Bi Monthly Newsletter creation and distribution
- Create flyers and other graphics as requested
- 2026 Convention Manual

Elected Officer Reports



Vice President of Mission Outreach-Carol Swenson

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it unto Me.” Matthew 25:40

I am honored to have served as Parliamentarian, Financial Secretary, and now Vice President, learning how critical each position is in LWML. It has been my pleasure working with my team, reading and processing all the mission grant applications, paying out the grants as mite money comes in, and talking to and answering questions from dozens of dedicated men and women who serve God by serving the needs of adults and children in Michigan and around the world. Attending EC and BOD meetings and conventions helps to know that we are all part of the BIG picture. I look forward to the continuing in this biennium.



Mission Outreach Committee (Left to Right)

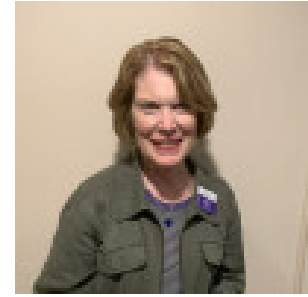
Cheryl Zastrow, Carol Swenson, Kathy Sowers,

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Vice President of Organizational Resources-Linda Murdock

“And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him, who have
been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28



I embarked upon my term as VP knowing that I had a lot to learn about Structure within Lutheran Women In Mission (LWML) and have come to respect it as highly professional in its approach to “serving the Lord with gladness.” From the national level to the group level, LWML is committed to developing leaders and growing the zones and groups in their charge. There are resources in place that answer every question about “how to conduct a meeting, “how to plan an event,” and “how to educate and encourage members.” My goal is to help zones stay healthy and active so that more Lutheran women in Michigan participate in what LWML has to offer. Hats off to my Coordinators: JoAnn Gust (Leadership), Marcia Marshall (Structure), Sally Janson (Growth and Development), and Nancy Fody (Parliamentarian). They are my sisters in Christ, and I love working with them on behalf of LWML Michigan District.

Major Activities of Organizational Resources Committee:

Attended all BOD and EC Meetings
2024 District Leaders Guide Updates
2025 District Leaders Guide Updates
2026 District Bylaws Amendments
Mentoring Zone Presidents
Church Workers In Mission Binders
2026 Convention Committee Advisor
Advised Zones As Requested



Organizational Resources Committee (Left to Right)

Marcia Marshall, JoAnn Gust, Linda Murdock, Sally Janson

Not Pictured-Nancy Fody

Elected Officer Reports



Treasurer-Linda Haven

**But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

Matthew 6:33

I was appointed in September 2025, to finish out the Treasurer's term in office. As the new Treasurer, I learned to use and rely heavily on the software QuickBooks Online for bookkeeping and monitoring our multiple accounts. It's been challenging to learn our interactions with LWML National and our vendors. Faith that the Lord will provide for our needs has been my anchor many times while developing our targets and goals. Supporting the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention Planning Committee has given me a new view of the great faith and willingness to serve of our LWML women.

With the Finance Committee, we have:

- Developed the 2026-2028 Mite Goal
- Developed the 2026 Convention Budget
- Developed the 2026-2028 Biennium Organization Budget
- Reviewed insurance needs and Lydia's Legacy Endowment Fund processes.
- Developed new Treasurer's Reports to aid our budget and goal tracking efforts.

Financial Secretary-Allison Schulz

**"Blessed rather are those who hear the
word of God and keep it!" Luke 11:28**

Confirmation Verse



The last 2 years has gone by fast! That first Mite remittance envelope I received in the mail with my name and "LWML Financial Secretary" written on the front was so exciting! It has been a journey learning Basecamp for our district project management and QuickBooks Online for our financial management. I would like to thank my mom, Traci Schulz, and my husband, George, (and my cat, Raven) for supporting me going through the remittances and preparing my reports that included lots of paper folding!

During the first half of my term:

- I was able to attend the financial officer guidelines presentation and meeting at the National Convention in Omaha last summer with treasurer Anita Werner and learn valuable information for financial officers.
- I attended all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
- I joined my zone co-host committee as the shirts and charms coordinator.
- I became the appointed, then elected, Thumb Zone president.

The Finance Committee has review the finances of budgeted vs. actual spending of the 2024-26 biennium. We have also approved the new 2026-28 biennium and 2026 convention budgets. Proposed the new 2026-28 biennium Mite goal.

Elected Officer Reports

Recording Secretary-Denise Mosey

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13.



I have had the privilege of serving as Recording Secretary. Working with such wonderful Christian women I feel so blessed. Seeing old friends and making many new ones. This is my last convention serving as your Recording Secretary. I will miss serving in this capacity.

- Attended all Board of Directors meetings
- Attended all Executive Committee meetings
- Certified all Delegates for Convention

Serving alongside other LWML ladies fills my heart with joy worshiping and praising God through song.

- Serving as Franconian Zone Recording Secretary.
- Updated Zone Bylaws
- Serving as President of St. Lorenz Women in Mission
- Updated Group Bylaws

Thank you LWML Michigan District!

Convention Donors

Special thanks to those who have donated
toward the 2026 LWML Michigan District Convention

Delrose Zorn

Elizabeth Demeritt- YWR Breakfast Event

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Cass City Women's Ministry

Kathryn Chrzanowski

Mary Fuhlbrigge

Mary-Martha Society, St. Peter (Hemlock) - Saginaw Valley-Given in honor of our sister in faith, Kathy Mundt. A good and faithful servant and mentor. We pray God's continued blessings as He covers her with His comfort and grace in her infirmity

Monroe Zone- YWR Breakfast

Nancy Engling

Nancy Reeves

Oscar and Keturah Haab Foundation

St. Paul (Buchanan) - St. Joseph Zone

St. Peters (Three Rivers) - Gateway Zone

Thrivent Action Teams-Tote bag Gifts, Walk/Run, Page Activities

Trinity-St. Johns, Munger - Bay Area Zone

Wellspring Services

Tote Bag Donations

Choose Lansing Visitor Center

Church Extension Fund

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne

Elli's House

KFUO Radio

Lutheran Braille Workers

LWML (National)

LWML St. Michael / St. Matthew Tote Bag Committee

Press Room Committee

Thrivent Great Lakes Group-Macomb Office

Thrivent COR Financial Group - Ann Arbor

Thrivent National

Visual Faith Ministry

Worship Answer

Young Women Representative Committee

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

2024-2026 Mission Grant Recipients

2024-2026 LWML Michigan District Mission Grants

1. Filling pulpits by providing scholarships for Michigan men in synodical seminaries - \$25,000
2. "The Love of Christ for Pity's Sake" - Orphan Grain Train, Michigan - \$18,000
3. CTSFW food co-op to purchase food for seminary students - \$15,000
4. American Sign Language (ASL) storybook apps - \$17,950
5. Scholarships for female students to be a deaconess or professional church worker - \$9,000
6. Proclaiming Christ to those living in visual darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers) - \$25,000
7. Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Special Education Ministries - \$25,000
8. Be Thou My Vision (MOST eyeglass evangelism outreach) - \$25,000
9. Powering the expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries - \$25,000
10. New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) - \$18,000
11. Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Center for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti - \$25,000
12. Afghan Refugee Ministry (St. Michael, Portage Michigan) - \$25,000
13. Ministry scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats - \$20,000
14. Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy) - \$14,500
15. Starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan (POBLO International) - \$1,550

Total Disbursed - \$289,000

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!



***The LWML Michigan District
is comprised of:***

29 Zones

303 Congregational Units / Churches

300 Societies / Faith Communities

3 Churches with 2 Societies



Directory of District Officers and Committees

<p>Lutheran Women's Missionary League Michigan District 2024-2026 Elected and Appointed Officers and Committees</p>
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President
Ruth Steele

Financial Secretary
Allison Schulz

Convention Manager
Tiffany Rydwelski

Parliamentarian
Nancy Fody

Jr. Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Jeffery Frechette Sr.

Treasurer
Linda Haven

Assistant Convention Manager
Helen Travis

Deaf Ministry Liaison
Cynthia Smith-Byer

Sr. Pastoral Counselor
Rev. David Winningham

Recording Secretary
Denise Mosey

Convention Registrar
Crystal Milutin

Deaf Ministry Advocate
Kaye Wolff

Planner
Rebecca Palmreuter

Meeting Manager
Cindy Morley

Personnel Records Liaison
Melanie Kline

Gift Planning Advocate
Susan Gruber

Archivist/ Historian
Kara Rawlins

VP - Christian Outreach
Laura Boeberitz

VP - Communication
Jacki Parmer

VP - Organizational Resources
Linda Murdock

VP - Special Focus Ministries
Ann Campbell

Christian Outreach Coordinator
Jenny Jaroneski

Basecamp Trainer
Kara Rawlins

Growth & Development Coordinator
Sally Janson

YWR Leader
Traci Schulz

Servant Projects Coordinator
Ann Barz

Newsletter Editor
Lynn LeBlanc

Leader Development Coordinator
JoAnn Gust

YWR Assistant
Charlotte Zimmer

Social Media/Michigan in Touch Coordinator
Emily Abraham

Structure Coordinator
Marsha Marshall

Heart 2 Heart Leader
Kim Salajan

Technology Specialist
Jessica Miller

Heart 2 Heart Assistant
Debra Fitzpatrick

VP - Mission Outreach
Carol Swenson

Mission Awareness Coordinator
Cheryl Zastrow

Gospel Outreach Coordinator
Kathy Sowers

ZONE PRESIDENTS



Ann Arbor Zone Co-Chairmen
Joan Koerschen Barbara Yek



Battle Creek Zone President
Renita Wollberg



Bay Area Zone President
Jan Pickelmann

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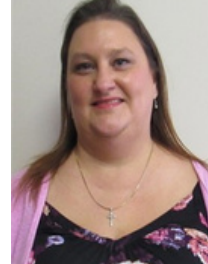
Blue Water Zone President
Vicki Brewster



Capital Zone Co-Chairmen
Viola Lupai Laurie Flegler



Crossroads Zone President
Judy Sadler



Dearborn/Downriver Zone President
Gina Davidson



Evergreen Zone Co-Chairmen
Kathy Sowers Darla Bratkowski



Franconian Zone President
Cindy Morley



Gateway Zone President
Mary Craaybeek



Grand Rapids Zone Co-Chairman
Cindy McAuliffe



Grand Rapids Zone Co-Chairman
Kathy Hossler



Greater Detroit Zone Co-Chairmen
WillieMarie Henry



Barbara Whitehead



Kathy Brevoort



Mary Martinal

Irish Hills Zone Co-Chairmen

Directory of Zone Presidents

ZONE PRESIDENTS

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Lakeshore Zone Chairmen
Barb Draper Nancy Fody



Land of Lakes Zone President
Carla Elenz

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Macomb South Zone President
Sheri Comeford



Mid Michigan Zone President
Cheri Fish



Monroe Zone President
Mary Lu Woelmer



Multi-Lakes Zone Co-Chairmen
Judy Lobser Deb Johnson



Northern Lights Zone President
Marcia Bremer



Rapid Waters Zone President
Linda Blain



Saginaw Valley Zone President
Abigail Burns



Sonshine Zone President
Lisa Kendziorski



St. Joseph Zone President
Ann Barz



Suburban Lights Zone President
Carol Dehnke



Thumb Zone President
Allison Schulz

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Timberline Zone President
BJ Morrison



Sue Poole



Nancy Berg

Wayne Oak Hills Co-Chairmen

Michigan District 82 Years of Blessings

1944-1926

	Date	Location & City	Attendees	Theme	Grants Funded	Goal Amount	#of Zones	President Elected	Years Served
	October 24, 1944	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	300					Minnie Schwinger	1944-1948
1st	June 11, 1946	Bethlehem, Saginaw	69	Serve the Lord with Gladness	2	\$ 4,225	4	Minnie Schwinger	1944-1948
2nd	June 10, 1948	Our Savior, Detroit	233		4	\$ 6,200	4	Rena Felton	1948-1949
3rd	June 9, 1950	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	499	Thy Kingdom Come	4	\$8,500	5	Alma Rieck	1949-1952
4th	May 15-16, 1952	Trinity Traverse City	468	I Am The Vine	4	\$10,000	7	Helen Deierlein	1952-1956
5th	May 13-14, 1954	St. Paul, Flint	510	Onward & Forward with Christ	5	\$16,000	10	Helen Deierlein	1952-1956
6th	June 14-15, 1956	Trinity, St. Joseph	548	Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?	9	\$24,500	10	Helen Rammler	1956-1960
7th	May 14-15, 1958	Our Saviour, Detroit	762	Be Ye Doers of the Word	5	\$26,000	13	Helen Rammler	1956-1960
8th	June 22-23, 1960	Ferris Institute Big Rapids	766	A Closer Walk With God	3	\$32,000	16	Pauline Wiese	1960-1964
9th	July 17-18, 1962	MSU, East Lansing	763	Together for Christ	3	\$35,000	17	Pauline Wiese	1960-1964
10th	June 23-24, 1964	WMU, Kalamazoo	541	Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So	5	\$30,000	20	Helen Gienapp	1964-1968
11th	July 19-21, 1966	Alma College, Alma	645	Live with Me, Lord	5	\$33,000	22	Helen Gienapp	1964-1968
12th	July 16-18, 1968	Concordia College, Ann Arbor	640	He Lives	7	\$37,000	22	Madonna Ruhlig	1968-1972
13th	July 14-16, 1970 25th Anniversary	Concordia College, Ann Arbor	706	Grace, Glory, Gratitude	8	\$40,000	22	Madonna Ruhlig	1968-1972
14th	July 18-20, 1972	Concordia College, Ann Arbor	778	Joy Is...	6	\$45,900	22	Emeline Goodman	1972-1976
15th	July 23-25, 1974	Concordia College, Ann Arbor	832	Rise, Shine, Give God Glory	7	\$50,000	22	Emeline Goodman	1972-1976
16th	July 20-22, 1976	Concordia College, Ann Arbor	911	Walking With My Lord	6	\$52,500	22	Viola Gruber	1976-1980

17th	July 18-20, 1978	Long's Convention Center, Lansing	676	By Word and Deed	7	\$58,000	23	Viola Gruber	1976-1980
18th	July 22-24, 1980	Long's Convention Center, Lansing	735	Sow God's Love	7	\$65,000	23	Edythe Azzam	1980-1984
19th	July 13-15, 1982	Grand Center, Grand Rapids	911	Cast Your Cares	8	\$ 70,000	24	Edythe Azzam	1980-1984
20th	July 17-19, 1984	Albion College, Albion	741	Reach Out With Christ: He is My Strength	7	\$ 72,000	24	Bea Larson	1984-1988
21st	July 8-10, 1986	Boyne Mountain Lodge, Boyne Falls	904	Lift High the Cross	9	\$ 75,000	24	Bea Larsen	1984-1988
22nd	July 12-14, 1988	Hope College, Holland	844	Shine Like the Son	11	\$ 100,000	24	Nancy Challis	1988-1992
23rd	July 16-18, 1990	Lansing Center, Lansing	837	Look to the Lord	11	\$ 125,000	24	Nancy Challis	1988-92
24th	July 20-22, 1992	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	899	Close to His Heart	11	\$ 137,500	24	Kay Miller	1992-1996
25th	July 18-20, 1994 50th Anniversary	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	893	Join the Jubilee-Exalt His Name Together	11	\$ 140,500	25	Kay Miller	1992-1996
26th	July 15-17, 1996	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	786	Knit Together in Love	9	\$ 145,000	25	Sandra Hardies	1996-2000
27th	July 20-22, 1998	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids	805	Walk in the Light of Christ	9	\$ 150,000	25	Sandra Hardies	1996-2000
28th	July 14-16, 2000	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	733	Free in the Spirit	10	\$ 156,000	25	Barbara Hoffmeier	2000-2004
29th	July 12-14, 2002	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	705	Great is The Love	12	\$ 160,000	25	Barbara Hoffmeier	2000-2004
30th	July 16-18, 2004 60th Anniversary	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	710	Celebrate the Hope	14	\$ 200,000	25	Anita Beyersdorf	2004-2008
31st	July 21-23, 2006	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids	737	Called to Be One	13	\$ 220,000	31	Anita Beyersdorf	2004-2008
32nd	July 18-20, 2008	Lansing Radisson & Lansing Center	716	Jesus, Our Anchor	16	\$ 230,000	31	Cheri Fish	2008-2012
33rd	July 9-11, 2010	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	647	Beautiful Feet	14	\$ 230,000	31	Cheri Fish	2008-2012
34th	July 20-22, 2012	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	607	Now Go!	11	\$235,000	30	Willie Marie Henry	2012-2016

35th	July 18-20, 2014	Radisson, Kalamazoo	615	Peace I Leave with You	12	\$235,000	30	Willie Marie Henry	2012-2016
36th	July 29-31, 2016	Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls	681	Chosen to Bear Lasting Fruit	13	\$235,000	30	Susan Gruber	2016-2020
37 th	July 20-22, 2018	Bluewater Conv Ctr Port Huron	543	Shout for JOY to God!	12	\$242,050	30	Susan Gruber	2016-2020
38 th	July 11, 2020	Virtual	Virtual	They Saw the Lord!	14	\$348,438	29	MaryBeth Heikkinen	2020-2024
39 th	July 7-9, 2022	Bavarian Inn Lodge/St. Lorenz WEC, Frankenmuth	520	My Sheep Hear My Voice	14	\$386,000	29	MaryBeth Heikkinen	2020-2024
40 th	June 28-30, 2024	Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids	560	Taste and See the Lord is Good!	15	\$300,000	29	Ruth Steele	2024-2028
41 st	June 26-28, 2026	Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center		Let His Light Shine			29	Ruth Steele	2024-2028

Past District Presidents

Past Presidents
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Michigan District

*Minnie Schwinger, Saginaw, MI	1944 – 1948
*Rena Felten, Valparaiso, IN	1948 – 1949
*Alma Rieck, Detroit, MI	1949 – 1951
*Helen Deierlein, Detroit, MI	1952 – 1956
*Helen Rammler, Monroe, MI	1956 – 1960
*Pauline Wiese, Union Lake, MI	1960 – 1964
*Helen Gienapp, Ferndale, MI	1964 – 1968
*Madonna Ruhlig, Dexter, MI	1968 – 1972
*Emy Goodman, Saginaw, MI	1972 – 1976
*Viola Gruber, Monroe, MI	1976 – 1980
*Edythe Azzam, Athens, AL	1980 – 1984
*Beatrice Larson, Cassopolis, MI	1984 – 1988
*Nancy Challis, Oviedo, FL	1988 – 1992
*Kay Miller, Vassar, MI	1992 – 1996
Sandra Hardies, Plymouth, MI	1996 – 2000
Barbara Hoffmeier, Northville, MI	2000 – 2004
Anita Beyersdorf, Hemlock, MI	2004 – 2008
Cheri Fish, Bay City, MI	2008 – 2012
Willie Marie Henry, Detroit, MI	2012 – 2016
Susan Gruber, Monroe, MI	2016 – 2020
MaryBeth Heikkinen, Vassar, MI	2020 – 2024

* *signifies deceased*



In Memorial
9th President of the Michigan District LWML
1972 – 1976

Emiline "Emy" Goodman

June 6, 1933 - May 26, 2026

Emy was born in Saginaw, Michigan, the daughter of Alfred and Emma Hoffman. After completing her schooling at an accelerated pace, she graduated from Arthur Hill High School near the top of her class in 1950. On May 6, 1951, she was united in marriage to Max Goodman, and they shared more 45 years together devoted to building a loving family until his death in 1996.

Emy devoted her life to raising four daughters. She built a home filled with love and music while managing the hectic schedules of her children. Together the family physically built the house she lived in for over 70 years.

In between the raising of her daughters, Emy started a career as a record keeper for her brother's business which transferred to Amigo Mobility in Bridgeport. She was also part-owner of M&E manufacturing with her husband. When her time at Amigo was complete, she held the position as a Program Trainer for Computer Management Technology. She retired from this position in 2000.

Emy will best be remembered for her deep involvement with Faith Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, where she was the last surviving charter member.

Emy served as the Michigan District President the Lutheran Women's Missionary League from 1972 – 1976. She continued to be actively involved in LWML and served as a strong mentor and friend to the district presidents that followed her.

Emy will be remembered for the care, strength and love she shared with everyone, fortunate enough to know her.



In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of Candie Sionkowski

Candie was deeply involved in her faith community, actively participating in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Council of Lutheran Women. She served as our Convention Registrar since the 2014 Convention in Kalamazoo until her passing in April 2026. Candie was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Port Huron and former member of Guardian Lutheran Church in Dearborn. She loved gardening, quilting and traveling with her family.

We thank God for Candie and for her loving service to the LWML MI District, her faithful witness, and her welcoming smile.

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

Lydia's Legacy in Memory/Honor
 LWML Michigan District
 May 1, 2024-April 30, 2026

Date	Donor	Description	Amount
5/24/25	St. Paul (Bay City)	In Memory of Ann Lewandowski	\$50.00
5/14/24	St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth)	In Memory of Carol Schluckebier	\$25.00
2/8/25	Frankentrost	In Memory of Charlotte Heinlein	\$25.00
6/22/24	St. Paul (Pontiac)	In Memory of Mark Cook	\$6.00
12/7/24	St. Paul (Pontiac)	In Memory of Mark Cook	\$5.00
4/21/26	St. Paul (Pontiac)	In Memory of Mark Murphy	\$5.00
6/21/25	Hope (Adrian)	In Memory of Mary Ellen Moyer	\$40.00
9/4/24	Immanuel (Macomb)	In Memory of Melissa Kennedy	\$100.00
10/23/25	St. Paul (Pontiac)	In Memory of Michael Cook	\$5.00
2/8/25	Hardies, Sandra	In Memory of Nancy Challis	\$100.00
4/21/26		In Memory of Patricia A. Reinbold	\$30.00
Total Lydia's Legacy Memorials			<u>\$391.00</u>

District Donations in Memory/Honor
 LWML Michigan District
 May 1, 2024-April 30, 2026

Date	Donor	Description	Amount
1/18/25	Emmanuel (Dearborn)	In Memory of Richard A Pinnook Sr.	\$250.00
5/24/25	Sheridan, Sharron	In Memory of Lois Moslander	\$50.00
11/17/25	St. Paul (Coldwater)	In Memory of Tom Lee	\$685.00
2/25/26	Michelson, Diane	In Memory of Norma J. Weiss	\$100.00
Total Memorial Contributions			<u>\$1,085.00</u>

Gifts

Mites in Memory/Honor

LWML Michigan District

May 1, 2024-April 30, 2026

Date	Donor	Description	Amount
8/30/24	Trinity (St. Joseph)	In Honor of Agnes Lay	\$20.00
8/30/24	Trinity (St. Joseph)	In Honor of Janet Burris	\$20.00
2/8/25	St. John (Bay City)	In Honor of the 60th anniversary of LWML at Amelith	\$100.00
5/15/25	Trinity (St. Joseph)	In Memory of Barb Karstens	\$20.00
5/8/25	St. Paul (Caro)	In Memory of Bill McQueen	\$1,015.00
4/21/26	2026 Convention Planning Committee	In Memory of Candie Sionkowski	\$275.00
11/22/25	St. James (Grand Rapids)	In Memory of Cora Kurth	\$500.00
6/7/24	Trinity (St. Joseph)	In Memory of Donna Pechtel & Gladys Pickering	\$40.00
5/14/24	St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth)	In Memory of Doreen Weber	\$25.00
6/7/24	Nobis, Judy	In Memory of Doris Frobel	\$25.00
8/26/25		In Memory of Florence Rambadt, Frank Lee, Hulda Rhode Rambadt, Christian Rambadt, Armarita Rambadt Deisch, Melvin Deisch	\$38,000.00
9/30/25	Hope (Adrian)	In Memory of Hellene Meyer	\$25.00
5/15/25	Mid Michigan Zone	In Memory of Linda Weburg	\$243.50
5/8/25	Veitergrecleer, Deanna	In Memory of Lois Moslander	\$25.00
12/13/25	Good Shepherd (Cass City)	In Memory of Lois Moslander	\$50.00
12/31/24	Sheridan, Sharron	In Memory of Nancy Challis	\$25.00
9/30/25	Hope (Adrian)	In Memory of Nancy Challis	\$40.00
12/23/24	Michelson, Diane	In Memory of Norma J. Weiss	\$100.00
12/13/25	Michelson, Diane	In Memory of Norma J. Weiss	\$100.00
5/28/24	St. Johns (St. Johns)	In Memory of Patricia Anne Rieves	\$25.00
4/28/26	St. Stephen (Detroit)	In Memory of Peggy Lynch	\$284.00
2/22/25	Immanuel (Sebewaing)	In Memory of Sally Elston	\$90.00
4/1/26	Ackerman, Linda	In Memory of Sharon (Burt) Sny	\$50.00
4/1/26	St. Paul (Unionville)	In Memory of Susan Reed	\$30.00
8/26/25	Trinity (St. Joseph)	In Memory of Sylvia Lieberg	\$20.00
4/24/25	Faith (Bridgeport)	In Memory of Tom Pierce	\$250.00
1/18/25	Veitergrecleer, Deanna	In Memory of W. Brinsman	\$25.00
			Total Mites \$41,422.50

Appreciation to Outgoing Officers

A Note of Love and Appreciation to Outgoing Officers

We thank you...

Laura Boeberitz	Vice President of Christian Outreach
Ann Campbell	Vice President of Special Focus
Denise Mosey	Ministries Recording Secretary
Rev. David Winningham	Pastoral Counselor
Sandy Newport	Nominating Committee
JoAnn Gust	Nominating Committee
Suzanne Poole	Nominating Committee

On behalf of the LWML Michigan District, we thank you for all the time, effort, and talent you have put into your offices. You have faithfully performed your various tasks and helped us achieve the goals and objectives of the District as Lutheran Women in Mission. Your leadership and unique personalities have blessed us and shown us how great God's love is. Thank you for sharing His love with everyone.

May God bless you as you continue in His work wherever He leads you!

*Thank,
you!*

THE LEAGUE PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love
and His blood-bought gift of redemption
we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that
we are and have; and in obedience to His call
for workers in the harvest fields,
we pledge Him our willing service
wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior
our hands to work for Him,
our feet to go on His errands,
our voice to sing His praises,
our lips to proclaim His redeeming love,
our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom,
our will to do His will,
and every power of our life to the great task
of bringing the lost and the erring into
eternal fellowship with Him.
Amen.