



# MICHIGAN WOMEN IN MISSION

## 12 DAYS OF BLESSINGS

Anyway you slice it 2020 has been a very tumultuous year. As we enter this Advent season I want to challenge you to make it special with 12 Days of Blessings as a twist on 12 Days of Christmas!

Clearly gift giving is going to be tricky this year!

Even if you haven't been impacted by the financial strains of this global pandemic, let's face it, standing in a crowded line the day after Thanksgiving just isn't the same is it?! Social distancing....with a mask on....and that is even if we are allowed to go to the store....or maybe we can't get out because we are sick (or don't want to be sick or quarantined). So we decide to shop from home and Amazon doesn't have our gift items in stock or the post office can't deliver them in time.

What is an LWMLer to do??

How about we BLESS the special people in our life for 12 Days before Christmas?! Write them a special prayer or blessing and include a scripture verse. Won't you join me in 12 Days of Blessings?!

**I LOVE YOU AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN PERSON!!**

~ President MaryBeth



## ENCOURAGE MITE GIVING

There are many ways to encourage others to give to mites. Here are just a few:

- Show how mite offerings have made an impact by demonstrating the compassion of Christ
- Hand out mite boxes to interested persons
- Talk to pastors about the core purpose of LWML and of our mite giving
- Explain how we spread the Gospel and the love of Jesus by giving our mites that support mission grants.



Here is what your mite offerings support:

- ◆ help the families of men who want to become pastors or church workers.
- ◆ help prepare women that want to become a Deaconess or study for church work careers.
- ◆ help engage, encourage, and equip women to share their faith in Jesus.
- ◆ help support hope for children with special needs.
- ◆ meet spiritual and physical needs of some of the poorest countries in the world.

Abundant blessings prompt the giving of mites. The time is **NOW!** Pray for our mission grants, give your mite offerings, and encourage others to participate in giving.

## Upcoming Events:

- Mar 6 - LWML District Board Mtg

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

Have you ever wanted to learn a second language? We are encouraging our sisters to learn ASL(American Sign Language) so that we can welcome our Deaf sisters into active participation in LWML groups and events. Prepare yourself to have a conversation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhQvIq-mZtA>

Then go to [lwml.org/deaf-ministry](http://lwml.org/deaf-ministry) to find out more about this LWML Outreach.



## Send your mites to:

Carol Swenson  
 Financial Secretary  
 PO Box 474  
 Fenton, MI 48430

## For Information call:

810-714-0405

## YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE (YWR)

Do you know a mature young woman, preferably 21-35 years of age, who is a member of the LCMS? Are you a young woman who has a deep devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ? Do you have a desire to add to your knowledge of LWML by attending and representing LWML Michigan District at National Convention? Are you a mature older woman who wants to share LWML with a young woman?



Here is the answer to ALL of these questions!

The LWML National Convention is being held in Lexington, Kentucky on June 24-27, 2021. The theme is *Running the Race...Looking to Jesus*.

What does a convention have to offer you? Seeing many ladies in purple, meeting young women with whom you have so much in common, late nights, camp songs, Bible Studies, being lifted up on wings of an eagle too many times to count, plus being blessed by hearing and seeing the LOVE of Jesus shared between young and older alike.

LWML Michigan District is looking to send 2-3 young women to this Convention. The YWR Application and Guidelines are on the website. We need to know NOW! Our deadline for the application is December 31, 2020 to Jamie Agans 6325 Maple Road, Frankenmuth, MI 48734..

## A WAY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE

Now is a great time to lift someone up in prayer but also in spirit with a zip bag of items to instill a positive attitude. These bags may be put together by a group at a meeting or by you individually and given out to people in your congregation or neighborhood. Include a list of items and how they can encourage the individual.

- Rubber band. . . Be flexible. Things might not go the way you want, but God's "got this."
- Band-aid. . . Heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.
- Eraser. . . Everyone makes mistakes and we learn and grow through them.
- Candy Kiss. . . Everyone needs a hug, a compliment, or a smile. Share one of yours!
- Mint. . . You are worth a mint to your Father in Heaven.
- Bubble Gum. . . Stick with it. God isn't done with you yet.
- Pencil. . . List your blessings every day.
- Tea Bag. . . Take time to relax daily, go over that list of blessings, and share the love of our Lord with those around you.

List is credited to Carol von Soosten from Two Minute Tuesdays, Jan. 2016

## LEADERSHIP TIPS ON MENTORING

Mentoring is a process of opening and sharing our lives with others. In some situations, we serve as mentors to others, and in other situations we need mentors ourselves. Mentoring does not mean, "What can I teach you?" Instead, it means, "How can I help you?" Mentors invest themselves in others as Christ's ambassadors one life at a time. They do not have to be perfect or have all the answers.

- Mentoring is not a counseling service. It is for nurturing friendships, for support, guidance, love, encouragement, and learning.
- Pray for the Lord's guidance and then allow God to work through you.
- Mentoring is not for making a carbon copy of you.

When mentoring someone in a new skill, think about taking your eyes off yourself and look out for the needs of the other person.

Keep confidential information about another person confidential

A mentoring relationship may not be for life. Be ready to move on at some point in time and use what you have learned from the relationship to mentor someone else.

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