



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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Seeing with Perfect Vision...God shows us the way with 20/20 Vision. Our theme for our 2020 NE North LWML convention, June 26/27 at Ramada Inn in Columbus is LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS from Hebrews 12:2.

We will fix our eyes on Jesus as He prepares us to see people and mission projects through many different eyes. He wants us to become aware of all the people around us and to see through their eyes the work that God is placing before us. We will hear about exciting happenings at National LWML through the eyes of our National President Debbie Larson. It is an honor to have her with us so please be sure to give her a great NE welcome. We will hear from Deb Burma our Keynote speaker, author of many wonderful Bible Studies and her newest book JOY, and what vision Deb has to share. Our proclaimer for our worship service will be LCMS District President Richard Snow, as he shares his vision of where Jesus is leading us.

We will have speakers from Comfort Dogs, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, Concordia University, Seward, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Missionary Jan Frenzen who served in Russia, Missionary Anthony DiLiberto serving in Puerto Rico, Carol Von Soosten, LWML Gifts of Love, Sheryl Tietz from Winnebago Preschool, Bible Study Leader Barry Williams, Humorous Interrupter NE South President Katy Gifford, Young Women Representatives (YWR), Deaconess Heidi Goehman our teen leader and we will hear about our new proposed mission grants and our ballot for new officers. WOW!

2020 Vision.... what a vision and how Jesus' love is going to be shared at our convention. I am very excited to be with you in convention and share my vision with you. God is going to do some wonderful things at our convention and is going to bring great people together to help us FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS. Invite your friends and relatives and we will see you June 26/27 at the Ramada Inn in Columbus with your Eyes Fixed on Jesus.



SEEK & SERVE

Act, Love, Walk...Simply!



SOCIETY AND ZONE NEWS

Spring Rallies and Raising Money for Mites



2020 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Everything Convention



HUMEROUS INTERRUPTION

Do you recognize her?

2018-2020 Biennium - Mission Goal



\$75,000



Fully Funded!!!!!!

Praise the Lord!!!!

- Scholarships - \$30,000
- Mission Central - Missionary Support - \$10,000
- Jesus Our Savior Preschool Tuition Assistance - \$10,000
- Financial Assistance for Food and Clothing Co-op - Fort Wayne Seminary - \$10,000
- Chaplain Scholarships for Medical Mission Trips - \$6,000
- Young Women Representatives - UNO On-Campus Outreach Events - \$2,018
- Youth in Mission - His Kids Camp Scholarship to Camp Luther - \$218
- Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan - \$7,500
- Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources - \$3,000 (fully paid) - due to a refund from a previous biennium grant

Shelley Freudenburg, Financial Secretary

shelld844@gmail.com

All Mites and memorial

money should be mailed to: Shelley Freudenburg
700 West Omaha Ave, Ste B
Norfolk, NE 68701
Shelld844@gmail.com

Memorials From:

Norfolk, Christ Circle
Ponca, Trinity Ladies Aid
Battle Creek, St. John Wings
Pender, St. John Ladies Aid
Plattsmouth, First Lutheran Ladies Guild
Madison, Trinity Ladies Aid
Laurel, Immanuel Lutheran Women's Society
Wahoo, Our Redeemer, Lydia
Bancroft, St Paul Alter Gild
Winside, St Paul Ladies Aid
Pilger, St. John Ladies Aid
Richert, LaVern
Hollman, Lorna
Kiday, Judy
Jensen, Rachel
Wolske, Monique

For:

Eileen Klug
Muriel Block
Marjorie Rinkel
Marie Peters & Shirley Peters
Peg Chesley and Mary Blair
Emogene Schmidt
Violet Roland
Don Henke
Betty Soll & Vida Clark
Nila Schuttler
Marilyn Reg
Ila Sjuts
Doris Kuester
Alice Francis Steckel
Carol Johnson and Bev Gruenke
Rowlan Anderson and Kenny Brandt

Mite Offerings

From Societies:

- \$13,594.21

From Donations:

- \$579.00

From Memorials:

- \$480.00

From Special Offerings:

- \$1,412.40

Everything - 2020 District Convention

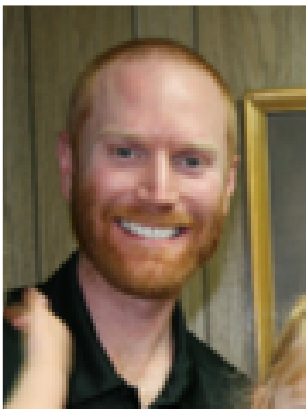
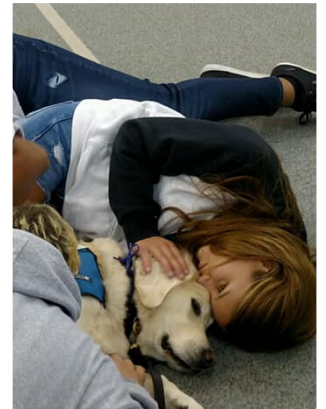


Convention Logo
Designer:
Cheyanne Fowlkes, YWR
to Mobile



Convention Personalities

- National LWML President - Debbie Larson
- Puerto Rico Missionary - Anthony DeLiberto
- Christian Author and Speaker - Deb Burma
- LCMS District President - Richard Snow
- LWML Gifts of Love Representative - Carol vonSoosten
- Comfort Dogs - Katie & Eddie



2020 District Convention Hotel

Hotel Information

Ramada Inn - Columbus Nebraska
Phone: 402-564-1492
Make your reservations now!

Cost: \$104.97/room for 2 occupants
\$10/night for each additional occupant
Breakfast Buffet included

**Note: Hotel does not have elevators - request a main floor room if you are unable to navigate stairs.

Interruption of the Humorous Type

Katy Gifford is blessed! Katy knows that she is "God's workmanship" and God has prepared work for her to do. Being the wife of a pastor, mom to five Blessings (and recently a bonus Blessing-in-law), current Nebraska South District President, teacher to hundreds of students over the past 25 years, including her current high school special education students and their families, as well as plenty of volunteer opportunities in church, school, and community has filled Katy's life with many ups and downs. It is in the hard times that she finds the greatest blessings. The Lord helps keep a song on her lips, a smile on her face, a prayer in her heart and allows Katy to see the lighter side of life and keep what is important foremost in her mind; specifically Christ's redeeming Love for all people. She is blessed in Christ and knows that you are too.



Convention Ingathering

The Nebraska North District LWML 2020 convention is approaching quickly. This year we have chosen two organizations to receive our in-gathering donations. Lutheran Family Services Boutique in Fremont and Camp Luther of Nebraska near Columbus. The zones in the District have been divided into groups for the organization they are to bring gifts for.

Zones: Fremont, Omaha North, Omaha South, Omaha West, & West Point

Organization: Lutheran Family Services Boutique.

Their needs are:

- Gift cards to Walmart-\$25 or larger
- Large size diapers-(size 4,5,or 6)
- baby wipes
- baby formula
- laundry detergent and softener
- hygiene products
- shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant
- body wash
- body lotion
- tear free kids wash & shampoo
- socks (all sizes-for parents and children)
- Underwear (all sizes-for parents and children)
- body sprays
- toilet paper
- hand soap

Zones: Ainsworth, Norfolk, Columbus, Plainview, & Wayne

Organization: Camp Luther

Their needs are:

- Gift cards for - Walmart, Menards, Amazon, HyVee, Super Saver, & gas cards
- printer paper
- postage stamps
- disinfectant wipes
- napkins
- mops
- paper plates - heavy enough to hold hot dogs and chips
- plastic forks, knives, spoons
- construction paper - various sizes
- gallon ziplock bags
- dixie cups for nurses room (3/5 ounce size)
- masking tape
- napkins
- toilet paper
- band-aides, various sizes
- brooms and dust pans

Officer and Nominating Committee Ballot

Vice President for Christian Life

- Sue Jensen, Mount Olive, Norfolk - Norfolk Zone
- Lynette Koehler, Zion, Pierce - Norfolk Zone

Vice President for Human Care

- Kathy Schoch, St Paul, Bancroft - West Point Zone
- Suzanne Totten, Immanuel, Columbus - Columbus Zone

Vice President for Communications

- Linda Pohlmann, Christ Lutheran, Norfolk - Norfolk Zone
- LaDonna Stanosheck, Immanuel, Osmond - Plainview Zone

Recording Secretary

- Shelley Freudenburg, Christ, Norfolk - Norfolk Zone
- Donna Taylor, River of Life (Bethany), Omaha - Omaha Zone

Financial Secretary

- Jeanette Beune, Zion/St. John - Wisner - West Point Zone
- Monique Wolske, St Paul - Tilden - Norfolk Zone

Pastoral Counselor

- Pastor Jim Haack - Beautiful Savior -- Omaha South Zone (LaVista)
- Pastor Jared Hartman - St Paul - Wisner - West Point Zone

Nominating Committee

- Gloria Ruegge - Ainsworth Zone
- Marvel Sanders - Columbus Zone
- Betty Poppe - Fremont Zone
- Ann Steckelberg - Norfolk Zone
- Jolene Scalzo - Omaha North Zone
- Meta Barnett - Omaha South Zone
- Lana Erickson - Omaha West Zone
- Connie Anderson - Plainview Zone
- Ada Hunt - Wayne Zone
- Nancy Hasenkamp - West Point Zone



Invite Teens - ages 14-17 - Led by Heidi Goehmann

INVITE TEENS ages 14-17 to NE NORTH LWML CONVENTION LED BY HEIDI GOEHMANN We will be "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus" by considering what God says about beauty. When we look in the mirror with our eyes sometimes its hard to see what God sees as beautiful. When we look around us we see so many good things. But we also see hard things too. We will spend time celebrating all the good and beautiful things God brings us into our lives while being honest about the many hard things Jesus walks us through. How does God see the difficult things we go through? Can God make those things beautiful too? We'll talk about friendships, life with family, and where Jesus is showing up to make us and lives beautiful every day. We will also have games and get to know your neighbor challenges. Come and meet a new friend or three.

Registration Form:

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
40th Biennial Convention
June 26-27, 2020
Ramada Inn
265 33rd Ave
Columbus, NE 68601

Rooms reserved at the Ramada Inn at \$104.95/night for double occupancy. Room rate includes breakfast buffet. (\$10 for each additional guest/night). Call 402-564-1492 to reserve and specify if you need a ground floor room. Reserve before May 28 to get special room rate. Additional housing/restaurant information at visitcolumbusne.com.

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Number: _____

Church, Town, Society: _____

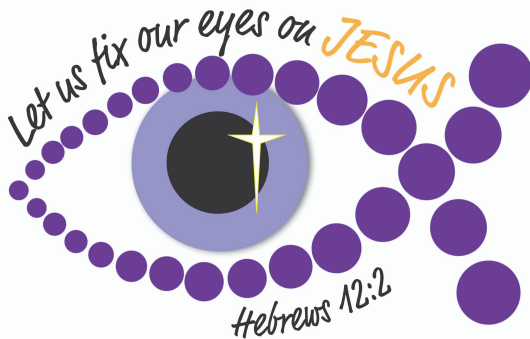
Special Needs: _____

Registration Fees:

• Convention Registration Fee:

- (Manuel, speakers, etc.) \$38.00 \$ _____
- Late Registration Fee \$45.00 \$ _____
- Friday Lunch Taco Buffet \$ 15.25 \$ _____
- Dinner Roast Beef Buffet \$ 20.00 \$ _____
- Saturday Box Lunch \$ 11.75 \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____



Mail completed form and payment to:

Nebraska North District LWML
Mary Hellbush
3020 Eagle Lane
Columbus, NE 68601
Questions to Mary at:
whellbusch@neb.rr.com or 402-270-2360

Attending convention as (check one)

- LWML Member Delegate*
- LWML Member (non-delegate)
- Board of Directors
- Past District President
- Delegate Alternate
- Young Women's Rep**
- Exhibitor
- Guest
- Teen LWML (no registration fee)
- Pastor (no registration Fee)

*As designated by your society

**Young Women Representative complete application and send to VP Servant Resources
Don't forget to BYO

- Bag to carry your goodies
- Cup for beverages

Young women from ALL Societies
(and society congregations)
are invited to the

Nebraska North LWML District Convention
"Let Us Fix Our Eyes On Jesus" Heb. 12:2
at the Ramada Inn, Columbus
on June 26 and 27th, 2020.

Each society can send ANY number of
young women!
The more the merrier!

Show your excitement about the upcoming convention.

Encourage these ladies to come and learn about LWML while spending time with other young women. Support them financially by paying part or all of their costs to attend the convention. There will be time for being involved in convention proceedings, time for servant events, and time to just have fun and laugh while making friends with others who love their Lord and want to serve Him

Their 2 days and 1 night will be full of faith-filled activities.

Who do you know who is 18-35 years old that would want to learn what LWML is all about?

Encourage them to attend!!



2020 Young Woman Representative (YWR) Invitation

Name of YWR Applicant (please print) _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____, Nebraska Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Home Church, City _____ Zone Name _____

I, (name) _____ desire to participate as a Young Woman Representative at the 2020 Nebraska North District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention, being held at the Ramada Inn, 265 33rd Avenue in Columbus, on June 26-27, 2020.

I have been invited by _____
My society, church, City, Zone

Please mail this completed form to:
Deb Gutz, VP of Servant Resources
E-Mail: debgutz@hotmail.com
602 N Main St.
Osmond, NE 68765
Home Phone: 402-748-3641
Cell Phone: 402-640-3489
Registration Deadline is **June 1, 2020**



Reminder!! Convention Registration forms and fees will also need to be submitted separately.
Registration forms will be located elsewhere in the Leaguer.

NE NORTH DISTRICT 2020 APPAREL ORDER FORM



A. 50/50 Blend **UNISEX** SS Tee -
 Shirt Color: **SPORT GREY**
 YS-YXL, S - XL:
\$15.00 each
 XXL-4XL: **\$18.00 each**

Mail payments to:
River of Life Lutheran Church
 5151 NW Radial Hwy
 Omaha NE 68104

**NE NORTH DISTRICT 2020
 APPAREL ORDER FORM DUE
 JUNE 1ST, 2020**
 Make Checks payable to NE North District

NAME _____
 Email Address _____
 Phone Number _____

STYLE CODE	QTY	SIZE	COLOR	COST	
TOTAL DUE					

District Groups in Service to others!



LWML members at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha held a bake sale in February to raise money where half of the funds will go to mites and the other half to local missions chosen by their LWML circles. This one event raised \$1,757.50 in total funding

Joyce Buethe - Vice-President of Gospel Outreach j_buethe@hotmail.com
(402) 680-4295

1972 Johnny Nash released the song "I Can See Clearly Now". Both then and now the idea of seeing clearly would seem to be a pretty simple concept. The lyrics include these words, "I can see clearly now the rain is gone, I can

see all obstacles in my way". But wait - even with great vision we can't and don't see the obstacles in our way until like the Titanic it's way too late. Sometimes we have difficulty seeing or knowing if what we see are obstacles or opportunities. In January of 2011, my husband Terry resigned from his job as a pastor in Colorado. I started looking for jobs back in Nebraska so we could be closer to family as we started this new chapter in our lives. I had a phone interview for a job and 10 days later I missed a step and broke my foot. Two days later they called to offer me the job, I took the job but didn't tell them I had a broken foot. Mostly what I saw during this time were obstacles - packing and moving with a broken foot, finding a new job, finding a place to live. Now I can see more clearly and know that so many of those obstacles were really opportunities. By ourselves we can't and don't see clearly, we see a very small part of the big picture. Sin clouds our vision. God can clear our vision. His Word provides a lens that we can use to see more clearly. When we rely on our own eyes we can't see clearly at all. Our thoughts, words and deeds are stained dark with sin. Jesus blood takes away all the darkness of sin and really does let us see clearly. It's only through our Lord and Savior that "We Can See Clearly Now".

Peg Kumm - Vice-President for Human Care mplkumm@gpcom.net
(402) 586-2930

Well ladies here we are only a few months until our Nebraska North District LWML convention in Columbus.

What are you envisioning for it and what vision is God seeing for us as we gather together to vote on new officers, new mission grants, collect offerings, collect items for the in gatherings, and spending time in fellowship with one another. With God's guidance and His 20/20 vision for our work through the LWML may we work to spread His word and saving grace across the world so others may see with His 20/20 vision and come to believe in Him and have eternal life with Him that he gave us through his suffering and dying for all.

During the convention we will be collecting in gathering gifts for Camp Luther near Columbus and the Lutheran Family Services Boutique in Fremont. You will find additional information elsewhere in the Leaguer. If you have questions you can contact me.

At the convention you will be electing a new VP of Human Care, the office I have held for the last 4 years. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and God in this position and for helping make this experience so rewarding. When I think back on the in gatherings we have collected and the generosity of the women of LWML I'm in awe. Through God's 20/20 vision your hearts and eyes have been opened and many lives have been helped and come to know Christ through your donations. So again Thank You all for the support and help given me. I wish you all could see the faces and hear the stories of how your gifts have helped and will help those who receive them.

God Bless each of you and the work we do for God through His vision and His Glory.

Deb Gutz - Vice-President for Servant Resources

debgutz@hotmail.com

(402) 748-3641

20/20 Vision - What does HE see? As we are coming into the Lenten season, we all know what Jesus did for us - he was crucified in a horrible, painful death on the cross - then He rose again from that death, all so that our sins are forgiven and we will be with Him in heaven. We "SEE" what he has done for us!

We often think about our own vision when we think about 20/20 vision, but I would like to challenge all of us - are we seeing what Jesus is looking at? Are we doing what Jesus has asked us to do? Are we going about HIS business? Every time we recite our LWML pledge, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have... 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 will to do HIS will and every power of OUR life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with HIM! Do we think about this every time we say it?

Are we doing what God commands in Mark 16:15... "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"? We need to encourage new ladies, young women and teens to get involved with our wonderful LWML organization. Invite, encourage and equip them with resources to attend our society meetings and events, our Spring Gatherings and to our District Conventions. Getting to know more ladies who have the same belief in knowing Jesus, our Redeemer, who loves us all is such a blessing!



Cory Burma - Jr. Pastoral Counselor

burma@peacecolumbus.org
(402) 860-0443

20/20 Vision

"The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." John 9:11

What an amazing miracle! A man who had been born blind received full sight, 20/20 vision we would say today. And notice what the man did afterwards, he told his friends and the religious leaders (twice) what Jesus had done for him even asking if they too wanted to become Jesus' disciples!

We, too, have been given a miracle as great as that of the man born blind. Like him, we, too, were born blind, spiritually unable to see, or know, or believe in Jesus. We, too, gained our sight as we were washed in the waters of Holy Baptism that opened our eyes of faith to see our Savior, Jesus, and to believe in His work on our behalf through His perfect life, undeserved death, and glorious resurrection.

What is our response? First, give glory to Christ alone as the giver of our spiritual sight. He is the one who deserves all glory, not us, not the pastor, not even our parents who brought many of us to the waters of baptism. All glory, honor, and praise belong to Christ! Next, follow the example of the man born blind! Let others know the amazing miracle that God has done for each of us, of how "I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see" as the great hymn states.

Have you ever noticed the response of the people who were healed by Jesus? They often were told to say nothing to anyone, but they couldn't keep quiet. We have been given something even better than simply physical healing, as great as that is. We have been gifted the restoration of our relationship with our God, and the promise of eternal life! How can we keep quiet!

Seek and Serve - Saturday April 25, 2020

Act, Love, Walk ...Simply

What does the Lord require of you? But to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).

5th Annual Seek & Serve Day

LWML Nebraska North and South

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church -806 N Beaver Ave - York, NE 68467

Bible Study Leader:

Remkea Ockander

Family Youth Ministry Director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fremont, NE.

Activities include:

Making cards for military personnel, missionaries, and new pastors/vicars coming to our district



Polar fleece tied (adult sized) blankets for Orphan Grain Train and district LWML scholarship recipients for 2020-2021 school year.

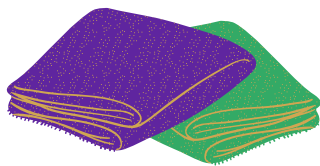


What to bring:

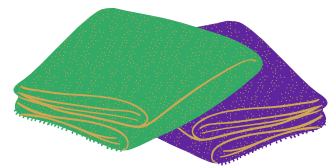


Your favorite pens/colored pencils or stamps for card making.
We will also have some available

2 pieces of coordinating polar fleece - 2 yards for each piece
(Blankets will be adult sized)



Scissors for cutting polar fleece
(Or rotary cutter if preferred)



Note:

- It would be helpful to have some blankets that with the edges cut beforehand so we can start tying right away

No sewing this year! Invite women and girls of all ages from your congregation to come and help. There is something for everyone to do!

Gifts from the Heart

Recipient: Emmanuel-Faith Lutheran School

Items needed:

Wal-mart Gift Cards, bottled water/Gatorade/juice boxes, Kleenex ,
Clorox Wipes, reams of paper

Seek and Serve - Saturday April 25, 2020

Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cost : \$15 (Make check payable to NE South LWML) Form and check due by April 15

Send Registration form and check to: Angie Becker 1815 23rd Street Auburn, NE 68305



Ainsworth Zone

- Date: April 4
- Time: 9:30 Registration/10:00 Program
- Place: Zion Lutheran Ainsworth

Columbus Zone

- Date: March 29
- Time: 2:00 PM
- Place: St John Lutheran Church Columbus
- Theme: Orphan Grain Train—Relief for Human Need Worldwide
- Speaker: Ross Peterson

Fremont Zone

- Date: April 25
- Time: 9:00
- Place: St Paul Lutheran Church Arlington

Norfolk Zone

- Date: April 18
- Time: 8:30 Registration/9:00 Program
- Place: St Matthew Lutheran, Meadow Grove
- Theme: Half Empty, Half Full Isaiah 6:3
- Speaker: Pastor Gordon Bruce, Zone Counselor

Omaha TriZone

- Date: April 19
- Time: 1:00 PM
- Place: Pilgrim Lutheran, Bellevue
- Theme: Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- Speaker: Missionary Rev. Jim Dahlke

Plainview Zone

- Date: April 4
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Trinity Lutheran, Bloomfield
- Theme: Let us Fix our Eyes on Jesus
- Speaker: Pastor Jacob Bobby

Wayne Zone

- Date: April 14
- Time: 9:00-12:00
- Place: Immanuel Lutheran Laurel
- Theme: Know Your Identity - Genesis 1,2,3
- Speaker: Pastor Nabil Nour, 4th VP of LCMS

West Point

- Date: April 20
- Time: 4:30 Registration/5:00 Program
- Place: St John Lutheran, Beemer
- Theme: Serve the Lord with Gladness
- Speaker: Rev. Ryan Seymour



Spring Gatherings 2020