

COMETO LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY!

THE HORSE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!

JUNE 24-27, 2021



The members of the 2021 LWML Convention Hosting Districts - Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio - are excited to have the opportunity and privilege to be your hosts for the 39th Biennial LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

We invite you to come to Lexington, the heart of the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky and the home of legendary horses. Big Lex will welcome you to Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World. You will be surrounded by rolling hills of pristine bluegrass countryside and where you will find more than 450 horse farms. Awesome LWML activities will take place in Lexington, and you will find many of them listed in this issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Check out the convention speakers, housing and registration information, tour opportunities, Gifts from the Heart, and more!

***Join us in beautiful Lexington as we are
"Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."
See you there!***

Ruth Thomas, 2021 LWML Convention Host Committee Chairman

2021 LWML CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM

Shirts are red, short-sleeved, embroidered, 6.19 oz., 65/35 poly/cotton, silk touch interlock Performance Polo. Minimal show-through (see photo of the women's and unisex shirts on page J). Please **print clearly** as this information will be used for your mailing label. **One shirt per order form please.** Reproduce form as needed. (The convention logo cannot be reproduced.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Note: If you wish to have several shirts mailed to one address, include all orders and checks in one envelope. Bulk mailings are encouraged.

Make checks payable to: LWML Indiana District Host Committee

Send order form and payment to: Jo Anne Furniss

1620 Village Court
Evansville, IN 47725

Questions: Email Jo Anne at bef90jaf@gmail.com

Mail order must be postmarked by March 1, 2021

Pick-up at Convention deadline (postmarked): May 15, 2021

**No shirts will be sold at the 2021 LWML Convention.
No exchanges or refunds.**

Thank you for your convention shirt order!

The 2021 Convention Host Committee: LWML Indiana District,
LWML Ohio District, and LWML Michigan District

Please circle one size on chart below

Women's V-neck Shirt (Women's shirts are v-neck and true to size.)

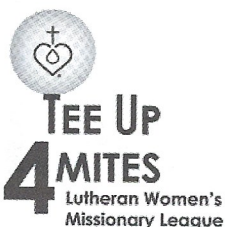
S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL
4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26

Unisex / Men's Polo Shirt (These shirts have three buttons, and are larger and longer.)

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Men	34/36	38/40	42/44	46/48	50/52	54/56
Women	6/8	10/12	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26

Prices (postage included):

S, M, L, XL: \$25.00; **XXL, 2XL:** \$26.00; **3XL:** \$29.00



SIXTH BIENNIAL "TEE UP 4 MITES" GOLF OUTING

Join past LWML Presidents Gloria Edwards and Linda Reiser for this golf outing on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning at 8 a.m. at Connemara Golf Course, 15 minutes from the Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center.

All net proceeds will be donated to mites for the 2021-2023 Mission Goal. Check www.lwml.org/2021-convention to access your entry form or email teeup4mites@lwml.org for more information. Format will be a four-person scramble with a shot-gun start for 18 holes.

We welcome both men and women golfers. Begin organizing your team. Singles or partial teams will be paired to make full teams. Our Grand Sponsor for the 2021 Golf Outing is the Lutheran Federal Credit Union. We are also seeking various hole and other sponsorships. Club rentals will be available with prior reservations. What a great opportunity to play a round of golf on a prestigious course, have a fun day of recreation and fellowship, and make our LWML mission visible in the community as we raise funds for our mission goal. Thanks for participating and joining us in the sixth biennial event.

SERVANT CONNECTIONS — Thursday, June 24, 2021 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Come! Join the "race" as we serve the Lord with a variety of projects that will be shared with communities, both locally and abroad. Women, men, and children 14 years and over are encouraged to sign up for the activities on Thursday.

The following ON-SITE Servant Activities are planned:

- Assembling food kits for Love the Hungry.
- Making no-sew fleece pillows and lap robes for Grace Works.
- Making witness bracelets and puppets for MOST Ministries.
- Assembling school backpacks for Orphan Grain Train.
- Assembling Blessing Bags for college students.
- Assembling Braille books and calendars for Lutheran Braille Workers.
- Coloring bookmarks and writing Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends.
- Creating encouragement cards for Refuge for Women.

We hope to complete many projects and need willing servants to do so. Please select a first and second preference on the Registration Form – Part 2, Page N.

I: 9–11 a.m.

II: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

III: 1–3 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to participate in these activities (see registration form). Assignments and additional information will be sent upon receipt of registration. A special memento will be given to you and allow your admittance into the Servant Activities area on Thursday. Once there, you can choose one or several activities to fill your time slot.



AMERICAN RED CROSS — BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 24, 2021 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center

In less than one hour, you can help save the lives of three people in need. That may be a person with cancer, a surgery patient, a trauma victim, an organ transplant recipient, a burn patient, or a person with COVID-19. The need for life-saving blood is great!

Donors must:

- Be at least 17 years old.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be in good health and feeling well on the day of donation.
- Bring a current photo ID (e.g., driver's license).
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat prior to the appointment.

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Go to www.redcrossblood.org
Click on: "Donate Now"
Use sponsor code "LWML21"
- **OR** call 1-800-RED-CROSS
- If you have any questions, contact ryan.brown@redcross.org.

Those who donate blood and do not participate in other Thursday Servant Activities will be exempt from the Thursday Servant Activities fee.



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Please check the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention for more information about these gifts. Recipients include Assurance for Life Ministry (Lexington), MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries.

Please bring any of the following NEW items:

- Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion).
- Baby bath towels.
- Wash cloths.
- Burp cloths.
- Baby wipes.
- Crib sheets.
- Laundry baskets (small or collapsible).
- Disposable diapers (size three).
- Clothing for sizes Newborn–12 months.
- Diaper bags.

- Toys (teething rings, rattles).
 - Small "First" Christian books (board books, vinyl books).
- Watch for LWML eNews and website for book specials through Concordia Publishing House.**

Other items needed:

- Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 (Walmart or Target).
- New and "like-new" eyeglasses.

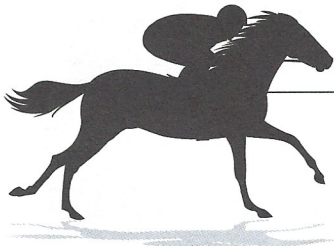


PHOTO FINISH MISSION WALK

Saturday, June 26, 2021 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy historic and picturesque downtown Lexington with your fellow sisters in Christ (and a few brothers, too) at the Photo Finish Mission Walk! See historic sights, enjoy lively fellowship, and support missions just steps from the convention center on a memorable walk to Thoroughbred Park, less than one mile away! Take a quick break in this 2.5 acre park dedicated to the Thoroughbred industry. The park features several life-size and lifelike bronze racehorses streaking toward the finish line, while broodmares, foals, and the great stallion Lexington 'graze' in a nearby field. Then walk back to the convention center.

In addition to raising funds for the mission goal, this is a wonderful opportunity to witness to the Lexington community. There is a \$12 fee that includes a special green Running the Race T-shirt. Sign up on the Registration Form – Part 2 on page N and enter the fee on the Registration Form – Part 1 on page M.

A pledge form and complete information will be provided later by the Host Committee. This is a great way to support the mission program of the LWML and provide the opportunity to involve those who cannot join you at the convention with their pledges and support. Let's run (or walk) the race together in Lexington!

Virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk Allows Everyone to Join In

For those who would like to be part of the LWML convention experience but are unable to attend, you are invited to take part in a virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk in your local area. Do everything you would normally do for a convention mission pledge walk. Gather pledges or mission dollars and choose a time and date for your walk. Go to www.lwml.org/2021-convention for details in January 2021.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Worship Leaders



The Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier has been involved in LWML since his first call to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marlette, Michigan, when he was asked to be a zone counselor. Since then, he has been serving the LWML as a speaker and Bible study leader. As the LCMS Michigan District President, he's joyously attended, and often preached at, LWML district

conventions. He embraces his family's motto: "Rejoice in the Lord Always!" His mother had a stained glass window above the fireplace with those words which could be seen, believed in, and embraced by faith — daily. President Maier is very excited about the convention theme verses and looks forward to sharing them.



The Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson is a runner, and the convention's Scripture verse is his favorite Bible passage! Growing up in the church, he was aware of LWML, but as an adult, he gained a clearer picture of the impact LWML makes in the Church and the world. Rev. Peterson serves as Vice President of Administration and Chief Campus Executive at Concordia

University Ann Arbor. He has been active in the LCMS Michigan District Youth Gatherings, the LCMS Youth Ministry, Camp Arcadia, and the National Youth Gathering. He said, "Praise be to God for the incredible and committed mission of LWML! The commitment to missions in various forms — but always with eyes fixed on Jesus — is an inspiration."

Keynote Speaker



Linda Reiser served as LWML President from 2003–2007. She is amazed at the magnitude of mite donations and believes those millions of dollars, and the prayers offered for the missions and missionaries, have made an eternal difference throughout the world. Linda's introduction to LWML was at a district convention where she was awed by the

mission focus, dedication, and fellowship of the women. "The motto of the LWML could be 'To Help and to Love,' because that is what I see as the heart of the organization," she said. "I encourage all women to be in the Word, to seek His guidance, and to serve Him in your daily walk. Find your place in the LWML."

Bible Study Leader



Heidi Goehmann, a deaconess, licensed clinical social worker, and licensed independent mental health practitioner, writes and advocates for mental health, relationships, and Jesus. As a little girl, her grandmother would take her along to have lunch with the quilting ladies. The women talked about the needs of their neighbors and how they might be

of assistance. Heidi is grateful for these women who helped plant the seed for her career path. She produces resources to aid us as Christians, striving to remove the shame concerning mental health issues. Heidi wants every young woman in our congregations to feel the inclusion that she felt with those caring LWML women she knew as a young girl.

Humorous Interrupters



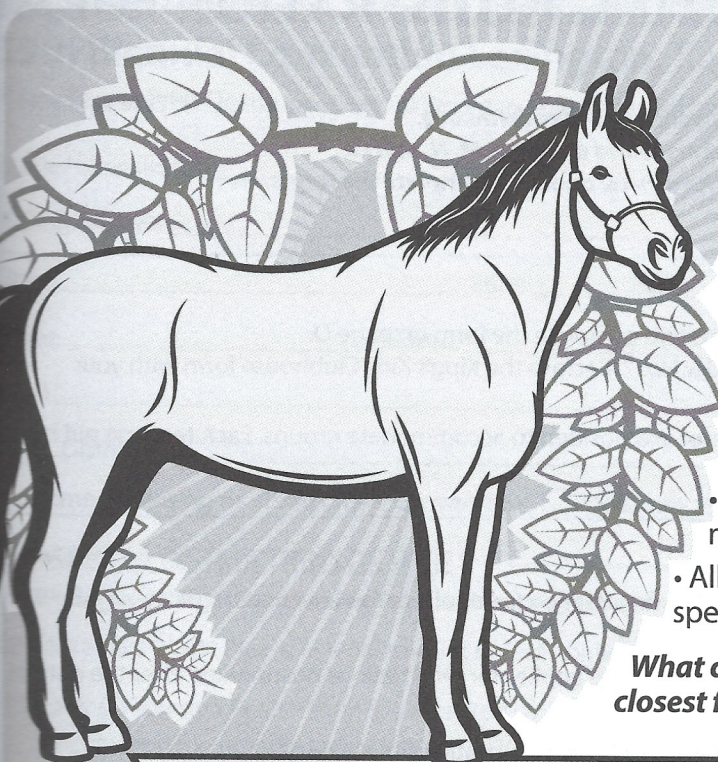
Jan Struck became involved in the LWML after serving as the humorous interrupter at the 1999 LWML Convention in Minneapolis. Realizing the scope of the LWML ministry, she wanted to be part of the mission. Blessed to use her gifts by sharing God's love through laughter, her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Jan knows that she can take anything to the Lord in prayer and thanks Him in advance for His answer, trusting in His love.



Abby Goehring enjoys making people laugh and, in 2018, made her debut as a humorous interrupter at her LWML Texas District convention. Abby refers to herself as a "diaper Lutheran," meaning she grew up in the Lutheran church. After earning a degree in education, she began teaching in 2008. Abby feels her classroom is her mission field, as she

can serve as a role model for her students. She first became involved in LWML when her mother asked her to serve as her zone's Young Woman Representative to the Texas District convention and she volunteered after she understood the position. Since then, Abby has been involved with LWML at all levels; it has become a part of who she is. She looks forward to LWML activities and conventions!



Y'ALL COME TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE CELEBRATION!

The Bluegrass Meadows Exhibit Hall is open for you to visit the exhibits, talk to friends, and connect with wonderful people.

- Wear your fascinator or your fancy hat (preferably purple) and let's celebrate!
- The more purple you wear, the better.
- Put on some bling.
- Meet the LWML Past Presidents — maybe even take a photo with them.
- All the exhibits will have something special for you to do.

What could be better than a celebration with 3,000 of your closest friends, your family in Christ, on a Friday evening?!?

**FRIDAY
JUNE 25
2021
7-9 P.M.**

Winner's Circle CELEBRATION!

TAKE PART BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CONVENTION!



Everyone Can Watch Convention Live!

If you are unable to attend the Lexington convention in person, you can still participate by watching live video streaming of the convention. All sessions and worship services will be streamed live, and most will also be available for viewing later. A link to the live stream and printed material and resources can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention. If you know others who do not have the ability to watch the convention live, consider inviting them over and making it a party!

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Convention Highlights and Mission Grants Videos

Videos of convention highlights and adopted 2021-2023 Mission Grants will be available in digital formats for download (at no cost) in early Fall 2021. Go to www.lwml.org/2021-convention for details. Watch for information on the LWML website, on Facebook, in eNews, and in the Fall 2021 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. They will also be available for viewing on the LWML YouTube channel.