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## Celebrate Your New You

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Here it is...2023. How wonderful that God has allowed us to see another New Year. Yes, the old has passed away. We thank God that our old sin has passed from His memory and we are that new creation. We have so much to be grateful for and so much to look forward to. Our LWML convention in Milwaukee has me so excited to hear our Mites in Mission speakers; to hear and learn and inwardly digest God's word in Bible study; to meet up with dear friends and make new ones; to commune with thousands of fellow believers. May God lead us forward with His Word and Sacraments to honor and bless His holy name in 2023. Together, we, as Women in Mission, will serve our Lord with gladness and proclaim His Good News to the nations. Are you excited to see what God has in store for each of you and for our LWML as a whole? I know I am and I will celebrate the new me! Even though that new me will stumble and fall in 2023, just as in the past. But knowing the love and forgiveness of my Savior will always allow me to celebrate. May your 2023 be a blessed celebration.

*Celebrate the New You in Christ*



### MILWAUKEE CONVENTION

Registration Open



### SOCIETY AND ZONE NEWS

Mite Tree



### PASTOR WELCOME

Kirchoff



### WHAT'S YOUR 80?

Celebrating 80 yrs of LWML

## *Seek & Serve - Save the Date*

Plans are being made for Seek & Serve. It will be held in Grand Island on April 15th. We haven't meet for a few years, so it is time to again be in service to others as well as to study the word of our Lord.

For those of you who haven't attended, this event brings the LWML women from Nebraska North and Nebraska South together for a day of service and Bible study.

Details will be released soon once final plans are made - so save the date and join us in Grand Island on April 15th!

## *LWML Convention - Omaha - 2025* *Host Committee Chair - Crystal Miller*

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I know 2025 seems like a long-time away! But God and LWML are planning their LWML convention in Omaha - June 26-29th, 2025. In order for us to be able to carry out all of the plans for this convention, we need your help!

### Short-term Needs:

- Prayers for the Host Committee Leadership Group
- Host Committee Administrative Assistant
  - You would need to
    - Take minutes of meetings
    - Maintain Getting to Know You Forms
    - Attend all Host Committee and Departmental meetings and submit reports (most meetings will be via Zoom)
    - Maintain Host Committee Rosters, with phone and email information
  - If you are interested - email me at [2025lwmlconventioncrystal@gmail.com](mailto:2025lwmlconventioncrystal@gmail.com)
- Golf Outing Chairman
  - A woman who wants to lead this event
  - Recruit volunteers and sponsors
  - Ensure this Mite making activity is a success
  - You will have plenty of help and support - we just need someone to take the leadership role
- Send a volunteer application form
  - If you have given or sent me one - I have them - no need to send again
  - Available on the Nebraska North LWML Website to download and print

### Long-term Needs

- Prayers for the Omaha Convention and all of those participating in planning
- Volunteer - there is a place for everyone - we need your help
- Recruit others to Volunteer
- Ask questions and provide input - it will take a large team for convention to be a success

# 2022-2024 Biennium - Mission Goal

## \$80,000



- **Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool - \$6,000**
- **Running the Race with Mission Central - \$6,000**
- **Siouxland Hispanic Ministry - \$7,500**
- **The Fatherhood Initiative Project, Lutheran Family Services, \$7,500**
- **Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food and Clothing Bank - \$3,000**
- **Logos Bible Software, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - \$4,500**
- **Daughters of the Savior - \$5,000**
- **Chancel furnishings for the University Lutheran Chapel/UNL - \$7,500**
- **Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America, partially funded - \$3,000**
- **YWR: Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool - \$2,022**
- **Academic Year 2022-2023 Church worker Scholarships - \$15,000**
- **Academic Year 2023 -2024 Church worker Scholarships - \$15,000**

**Note: Grants in Purple Indicate that they are PAID**

### Nebraska North Mission Grants 2022-2024



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### Financial report for September 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022

Mite Offerings from Societies	\$15,931.03
From Donations	\$ 481.39
From Memorials	\$ 3,190.00
Special Offerings	\$ 810.40
Thrivent Choice	None
Payments in Kind - to Mites	\$ 1,284.49
Total Mites	\$21,697.31

### Memorials from September 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022

From	For
Kenneth Benash	Betty Woolery
Jeanette Beune	Norma Katt
Norfolk, Christ, Priscillas	Jean Ramsey
Kathryn Schoch	Sian McShane
Arlington, St. Paul LWML	Bonnie Zrust
Osmond, Immanuel, LWML	Lorena Kumm
Wisner, St. Paul D.O.R.	Evelyn Burhman
Wakefield, St John LA	Lila Jackson
Omaha, Zion Rebekah Cr	Ed Townsend

### Other Income

Interest income	\$ 27.56
Memorials not for mites	\$ 50.00
Bookstore sales	\$ 391.33
Miscellaneous (Name Badges)	\$ 52.00
Melvin Gehring Estate via LCMS Foundation proceeds to go to the endowment fund	\$ 7,669.39
Reimbursement from Platte County, Columbus LWML Convention 2022	\$ 456.00
Total other Income	\$ 8,646.28

## Carol Weber - Vice President of Communications

### Celebrate Your New You!

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Someone I know recently pointed out none of us would ever talk to others the way we commonly talk to ourselves. Do you do that? Get frustrated with what you didn't accomplish or what you said or what you ate, after you promised yourself good behavior, kindness, restraint and then use unkind words as you scold yourself? You only have to look at Jesus to know that my friend's comment is excellent guidance: when was Jesus ever sarcastic or cutting to others? So this is my new goal--not a New Year's Resolution, as I started several weeks ago--in my daily life, to be as kind to myself as I try to be to others. It's certainly a new concept to think about. And, really, I'm startled it's never occurred to me before. And as I work on removing all scathing and frustrated self-talk, I'm so thankful that, however successfully I accomplish that, all I really have to do is look in the mirror each morning and say "I'm baptized! Jesus made me new then, and renews me each day." Jesus has done all the real work of making each of us new!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*



## *Cory Burma - Jr. Pastoral Counselor*

### **The New Has Come!**

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With the arrival of the New Year often come resolutions I set for myself, from eating healthier to getting more exercise, to reading more, to keeping the house up better, to completing some of the many projects I've started, to... well, you get the point! Occasionally I complete that resolution. More often I'm successful for a few weeks or months before the desire fades, while other resolutions I never really get started.

And to be honest, those failed resolutions usually overshadow those achieved. Guilt sets in, as does self doubt. "What's wrong with me? Why can't I keep this one simple resolution? No wonder I'm such a loser..."

This New Year, the **NEW HAS COME!** Not by your kept or unkept resolutions. Not by your strength. Not by flipping the calendar over to the next year. The new has come to each of us through the work of our God in the strength of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

By faith we are "in Christ," connected to His death and resurrection in our baptisms. We **ARE** new creations by His work, not by our goodness, obedience, or keeping of resolutions. We are not losers but loved by God as His dear children. Nothing is wrong with you. Because of Jesus everything is right with you. The new has come, the old has passed away.

There's nothing wrong with resolutions; I'll be making a couple myself. But don't think of yourself as better or worse for keeping or failing to keep your resolution. You are loved by your Savior. You are His new creation.



## *Sara Huwaldt - Vice President of Servant Resources*

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### **What a New Year's Resolution!**

When bringing in the new year, we think of those typical New Year's resolutions. There are those "have to" goals like wanting to lose those 10 pounds or to get that promotion that you have been aiming for. Maybe you want to spend more time with your family, maybe even go on that long overdue trip that you have put off for years. Through all these typical resolutions we always want to better ourselves. But what better way to celebrate our best selves, as well as those around us, than through God's word!

Is there that woman that you have noticed coming to church lately or an amazing mom that needs a night out? Why not invite her to your group's next Bible class? Maybe she will say yes and enjoy the fellowship and spiritual growth. Maybe she will keep coming back. Maybe she will eventually decide to join your group and love to invite other ladies in her life to come along. Maybe through her there is a daughter or niece that wants to become more involved. Maybe that daughter or niece decides to apply to become a YWR (Young Woman Representative) and can experience the District or National LWML conventions.

And maybe, through those experiences, that young woman is empowered to grow in her spiritual life and through LWML, wants to spread the love of God. And to think, this all came from you inviting that one woman to your next Bible study! What a New Year's resolution indeed!

## Service Project Cancelled Stamps



LWML is exceedingly blessed by the generosity of the women and men in our congregations! LWML members share and give in so many different ways. Did you know that some of our members and groups are collecting cancelled stamps? Stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily cancelled, and are not torn, cut or stained can be saved for charity. When they are cut from an envelope or postcard, it is best to leave at least ¼ inch on each side of the stamp. Nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations take donated used stamps – also known as recycled stamps – and sell them individually or in bulk through auctions directly to stamp dealers or collectors to raise funds for various charitable programs.

Recently there have been requests sent to the LWML Office for information on where collected cancelled stamps can be sent. Charities that collect cancelled stamps are Wycliffe Associates to fund Bible translation around the world and Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor.

Here are their addresses:  
Wycliffe Associates Stamp Ministry  
C/O Ardy Bandstra  
4330 Indian Spring  
Grandville, MI 49418  
Phone number: 616-295-5764

Sisters of the Holy Cross — Stamp Ministry  
100 Augusta Hall – Saint Mary's  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556  
This information came from national LWML.



Blessings as you continue to serve and extend the reach of the Gospel.



## Service Project

### Serving the Lord and Spreading His Love



The ladies of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gretna, gathered together to bring some JOY to others in their church. The ladies made cross ornaments out of reproduction old hymnal papers, wooden crosses and decorated them. The ladies gave them to the shut ins of the congregation to share the JOY of Christmas with them. Sharing Jesus' love is such a special part of our life, and what JOY it brings to someone's face when you bring them an unexpected gift. The word JOY is a special word: J--Jesus, O--others and Y--you; is this your way of life? Do you have Jesus first in your life, then Others, to bring them the love of Jesus, and then You, for you to help others in need? This was our reason for sharing these simple crosses with the people of our church and community. How can you share the JOY of Jesus with others? You will be blessed with your own JOY when you do!

## Shelley Freudenburg - Recording Secretary

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Everywhere we look these days there are ads about New Year's resolutions. We are constantly being told to be more, like lose 20 lbs, or to do more, like volunteer our time. But we know the truth and that is because of the cross.

We are eternally His (*Phil 3:12*), and this is for sure (*Romans 8:38-39*) because of HIS WORK on the cross. (*1 Cor. 6:20*) We don't have to do more or be more to measure up, because Jesus did it all. When you see ads everywhere about New Year's resolutions, remember that on our own, we will never be enough. It has always been about the Savior. So, see those ads as a reminder to rest and rejoice in the work that your Savior Jesus the Christ did for you on the cross (*Ps. 46:10*).

Your salvation is not found in any goals or New Year's resolutions; it is in the blood of Jesus Christ, shed for you. If you feel compelled to do anything, respond with worship not with striving, for Christ has already accomplished all that matters.

## Monique Wolske - Endowment Task Force Chair

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What's new for Nebraska North District? Our Endowment Task Force Committee is recommending a Long-Term Ministry Fund to the District Board. It will become something new to you as the District eventually will be asked to vote on this important matter. The committee is comprised of Monique Wolske, Tilden (chairperson); Karen Peters, Bloomfield; Marianne Slama, Scribner; and Lisa Stirtz, Gretna, who will make recommendations for consideration at Executive and District Board meetings.

The Task Force was appointed by District President LaDonna Stanosheck. This committee met for the first time in November 2022 with Gift Planning Counselor, Carol von Soosten, as she outlined procedures for undertaking the process of establishing a District Endowment Fund for soliciting and accepting gifts made to LWML Nebraska North District.

We want to carry out the LWML mission statement today and for generations into the future with a biblically-based, well-structured endowment fund. We plan to align our goals and strive to create ongoing, healthy sources of funding for many new years to come! Include our committee in your prayers as we work through the process.

## Welcome Pastor Kirchoff to the Nebraska North District



Pastor Scott Kirchoff was born and raised in Columbus, IN. He is a 1995 graduate from the Fort Wayne Theological Seminary. He recently retired as a full-time prison chaplain from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Throughout his 27 years of ordination, he has served in many, various ministry settings: Church Planter, Associate Pastor, Parish Pastor, Prison Chaplain, Supervisory Chaplain, and Military Chaplain. He is married to Sonja Kirchoff and they have two adult sons, both of whom are in the process of becoming officers in the United States Air Force. Pastor Scott sees his family as his #1 priority. He is thankful and thrilled to be the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond, NE!



## *What's your 80 - Plainview Priscilla and Ladies' Aid Groups*



The Priscilla and Ladies' Aid societies from Plainview set out to collect 80 food items for the Food Pantry in Norfolk in honor of the LWML's 80th birthday. By the end of the collection, 129 items were collected and delivered to Norfolk in time for distribution to help provide for families in need before the Thanksgiving celebration.



Registration for the 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) opens January 9, 2023. The Winter Issue of the "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly" includes information to walk you through the exclusive online registration process (early registration fees apply).

Join us as we "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023.

# Suzanne Totten - Vice President of Human Care

## The Rest of the story

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What is your most valued possession? Most Christians would probably emphatically answer, "My Bible!" Yes, our Bible is indeed a treasure, a priceless possession containing God's promises of salvation. But recently I found an unexpected "treasure within this treasure." Read on to see what I chanced to find while searching through a stranger's Bible. It may bring tears to your eyes. It did to mine.

Being a thrift store shopper, I often come across used Bibles, so I buy them for little or nothing and take them to Orphan Grain Train. One day I found one, picked it up and while glancing through it discovered a yellowed letter stuck within its pages. It was undated and written in longhand. My snoopy nature prompted me to read it. This is what the letter said:

"Dear grandson, Once you said that you thought the Bible was too old for you, but it is a book to make you wise and help you to understand life. The reason I'm giving you this one is because we need to know the truth about life. I finally starting reading it when I was 50 yrs. or more. Only a little at a time. It happened because I felt so criss-cross with the world & was unhappy. So one day I opened it just anywhere. It took me some time before I got really serious about reading. Soon I noticed that I had better relations with people because I began changing my ways and the other people would treat me different. But I was too late to help my kids. Sad.

"This book is like a road map to the right destination. If you don't have a map while traveling you will have all kinds of trouble and no one to turn to. That's why there is so much grief in this world. This book will give you a feeling of having your feet on solid ground with your Heavenly Father beside you. You will be happier.

"It's good to know someone really loves us, thinks we are important, and understands all our problems- -a real father of every last one of us.

"God bless, Grandma J."

I wonder, did the grandson listen to this saving advice ? Did he find the peace his grandma found? Only God knows the rest of this story. We may not know what happened next after Grandma wrote this letter to her grandson, but aren't we blessed to know the rest of the salvation story! We know the beginning, and the middle, as well as the end. Its there in our treasured Bibles.

For us every day is a new day, a new beginning- -a day to delve into the Bible, to find the treasures hidden inside its pages and then to share that precious news of the love of Jesus with others! Let's make it the rest of our story this year and beyond!



## Immanuel - Columbus

### Mite Tree

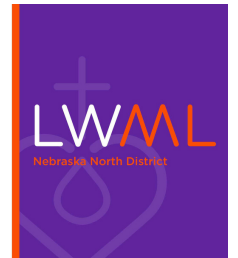


LWML Members set it up in the church fellowship hall at Immanuel Lutheran church in Columbus--as people file past the counter getting their donut/coffee, they can pick up a mite box or put their change into the big mite box that is set there. This a great way to remind the congregation of our "Mission Mites in Action" during the Christmas season!



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## Scent or stench?

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*

Scent or stench? Perfume-like or putrid? On Sunday and Monday, June 13 and 14, 2021 the endangered Sumatran Titan arum, whose blooming is rare, unpredictable, and only lasts for a few short hours, bloomed at The Warsaw (Poland) University Botanical Garden. Thousands of people lined up and waited long into Sunday night and early Monday morning, when it started to wither, just to pass by the extraordinary flower and take a picture of this rare event. Others could watch it on a video feed if they didn't want to smell this flower. The giant single blossom, emitting a rotten meat or dead body odor, is also known as the corpse flower.

The description of the flower sounds beautiful. The flowering spike of the plant can be 10 feet tall and have clusters of small flowers with one big, furrowed petal that is green on the outside and deep burgundy red on the inside.

I also emit the stench of sin, no matter how hard I try to avoid or cover it. I see an ugly, selfish person, not the person God created in His likeness. How is that possible? Sin entered the world and separated us from God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I am covered by His blood and blameless before God, my Father. My sins are removed from me and placed onto Jesus, the holy and perfect Son. I am made new! At baptism, with the spoken Word and the water poured over me, I became God's child. I frequently whisper in my granddaughters' ears telling them I love them but also reminding them that Jesus loves them more. Knowing how much I love my grandchildren, the amount of love the Father has for me, and you, is not able to be comprehended by our human brain.

I am so grateful that God creates in me a clean heart and renews a right spirit within me. I AM made new!



## *Grants funded by YOUR Mites!*

The Young Women's Representatives chose Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool in Winnebago to be the recipient of their \$2,022 grant. That has been paid along with the first grant voted by the 2022 convention delegates of \$6,000 to Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool. October 12 was an exciting visit to the preschool with President LaDonna and Pastor Barry. The children's love for Jesus was very evident. They enjoyed showing us what they have been learning this year. How heart-warming to hear stories of the children going home and telling family members of Jesus and His love.

The first and second of four installments of tuition assistance has also been paid. I know firsthand what a blessing this is for students. Fall, 2023 and Spring, 2024 tuition will also be paid at the appropriate times.

The second grant, Running the Race with Mission Central, was completed when President LaDonna presented Gary Thies with a check. He is always so appreciative of all financial contributions to missionaries and missionary programs.

Continue to send in your Mites to Jeanette Beune, our district treasurer.



## Young Woman Representative Application

June 22-25, 2023

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man." (Psalm 33:12-13)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper or type in a Word Document:**

- 1) The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents and gifts are?
- 6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?
- 7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. Do you intend to participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, "Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?" Have them attach this answer on a separate sheet of paper along with their name and relationship to you.

**Due Date: February 17, 2023:** This should be filled out and returned to the new Vice President of Servant Resources, Sara Huwaldt, at this address: 203 N. Boxelder St., Norfolk, NE 68701. Any questions, please call Sara at 402-841-4407, email her at [sara.huwaldt@hotmail.com](mailto:sara.huwaldt@hotmail.com) or the President, LaDonna Stanosheck at 402-360-5202 or at [lmstano@gmail.com](mailto:lmstano@gmail.com)



MY CUP OVERFLOWS: *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows (Psalm 23:5).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Thank the Lord for another year. <b>Donate 23¢</b>	2 Walk extra steps today. <b>Donate 95¢</b>	3 Read Matthew 11:28–29. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	4 Pray for the Braille ministry. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	5 Watch for birds of the air and praise the Lord for them. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	6 It's Epiphany. Jesus came to save us. Share that News! <b>Donate 90¢</b>	7 Recite Psalm 23. <b>Donate 70¢</b>
8 Call and visit with a shut-in today. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	9 Pray for law enforcement officers. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	10 Sing "The Lord's My Shepherd" LSB 710. <b>Donate 95¢</b>	11 Share how your "cup overflows" with a friend. <b>Donate 65¢</b>	12 Buy a cup of tea or coffee for someone. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	13 Pray for the LWML mission grants. <b>Donate 45¢</b>	14 Thank the Lord for the vocation to which you are called. <b>Donate 10¢</b>
15 Find a hat to donate. <b>Donate 40¢</b>	16 <i>Be still and know that I am God</i> (Psalm 46:1–10). <b>Donate 90¢</b>	17 Donate to a food pantry. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	18 Recite The Lord's Prayer. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	19 Enjoy some popcorn today. <b>Donate 45¢</b>	20 Read through the <i>Lutheran Woman's Quarterly</i> . <b>Donate 80¢</b>	21 Give extra hugs today. <b>Donate 35¢</b>
22 Pray for your pastor, his wife, and family. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	23 Handwrite and mail a "thinking of you" card. <b>Donate 45¢</b>	24 Compliment those you see doing a good job. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	25 Read Ephesians 1:3. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	26 Praise the Lord for your spouse or dear friends. <b>Donate 80¢</b>	27 Share a piece of chocolate cake. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	28 Donate to a quilting group. <b>Donate 20¢</b>
29 Lift up the young women of LWML in prayer. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	30 Praise the Lord for winter precipitation. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	31 Pray over your District Mission Grants. <b>Donate 35¢</b>				