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Together in Him - LaDonna Stanosheck "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!"

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Wow! Celebrate the Lord of the nations! Boy, did we! The Milwaukee convention was such a celebration of the Lord and all his nations and how our little mite boxes help all nations to celebrate what God has done for us and all mankind. To hear little children sing our beloved hymns in a foreign language, to see tears in the eyes of our speaker from Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, to sing the Doxology with thousands of other Christians, was so overwhelming. At one point, one of our Young Woman Representatives said to me, "You never told me how much I would have tears in my eyes!" We rejoiced and shed tears of joy because the Lord of the Nations, the Lord of you and me, was there in that convention center in Milwaukee, celebrating with us and showing us how we are all one people in God's eyes. May we always remember that we are all one nation in God's eyes and may we treat all people in the manner that God would. We left that "mountain top"

experience to come back to our homes and communities and continue to spread the Good News of our Savior's redemption of us. I thank you all for allowing me, as district president, to be one of your representatives at this convention. We had a wonderful delegation of 10 delegates, one pastor counselor, two Young Woman Representatives and one Heart-to-Heart--Sisters of All Nations coordinator. They were a wonderful group to work with and represented Nebraska North so graciously. May our Nebraska North District continue to serve with gladness, and continue to be the hands and feet of our Lord here on this earth.



YWR'S MILWAUKEE

Kenzie and Mal



SOCIETY AND ZONE NEWS

Hygiene Kits



RETREAT

August 26



CONVENTION RECAP

Lots of Photos

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

Carol Weber - Vice President of Communications

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I wanted to go to Milwaukee this year. I was a delegate to Lexington in 2021, and was in awe of all the Mites in Action speakers, the worship services, the singing--the evidence that the Lord is using us to accomplish His will. But before I'd committed to going, I woke up one morning knowing there was no way I should go, and once I'd made that decision, I was at peace. And an important event showed up in my life that proved it was the right decision to be home and not at convention in Milwaukee. That doesn't mean it wasn't a disappointing decision.

Sometimes, doing what God leads us to do is unpleasant. I'm sure David would have found it much more pleasant to be a simple shepherd, watching his father's sheep, but God called him to a place and time where he was on the run from Saul for his life. Looked at from that angle, simply staying home from convention was easy, right? But what refraining from other things. What about conversations that veer into discussing someone whose actions lead you to verbal abuse--you know, to gossip? What about when you ignore God's call to worship Him on Sunday, and you instead go to anything other than church? What about when...well, you get the idea. We are sinful people. God calls us to perfection, but we fall far short of that.

But God knew that we can't do all He calls us to do. We can't be perfect. We try to refrain from gossip, we try to always get to church--and to be there mentally as well!--and we try to be people who paint a lovely picture by our actions of what it is to be a child of God. But we fall short. Knowing we would always fall short, Jesus paid for all our shortcomings on that cross on Golgotha. And while we'd like to be better, we're still God's children. God is still the Lord of each one of us. He "looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:13)" and He loves us with an amazing love. So I celebrate being His child. I celebrate even the tough things He calls me to do--well, some of the time, anyway.

And I will be at convention in Omaha in 2025!

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Financial report for April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

Mite Offerings from Societies	\$ 9,549.50
From Donations	\$ 145.82
From Memorials	\$ 185.00
Special Offerings	\$ 423.50
Thrivent Choice	\$ 239.00
Payments in Kind - to Mites	\$ 0.00
Total Mites	\$10,542.82

Memorials from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Battle Creek, St. John WINGS	Loreen Glandt
Bob & Suzanne Buckendahl	Loreen Glandt
Orchard, St. Peter Ladies Aid	Edna Miller
Arlington, St. Paul Evening Friends in Faith	Maureen Sperling
Laurel, Immanuel Women's Society	Mary Stark
Wisner, St. Paul D.O.R.	Lillian Heller
Wahoo, Our Redeemer Lydia Circle	Denise Christensen
Kathryn Schoch	Carol Schoch
Plattsmouth, First Lutheran	Doris Carmichael
Kathryn Schoch	In honor of Roger and Diane Kuester's 50th Anniversary

Other Income

Interest income	\$ 37.97
Memorials not for mites	\$ 25.00
Bookstore sales	\$ 569.92
Special Offerings (non-mite)	\$ 0.00
Quarterly Subscription Income	\$ 45.00
Total other Income	\$ 674.89

Mallory Calvert - Young Woman Representative - Milwaukee

As I step back to reflect on my week at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, I can't help but think how incredibly blessed I am to be chosen as your Nebraska North YWR. I enjoyed all the speakers as they brought me into their story, making me feel like I was part of the work they are doing. The church services were over 3,500 people praising God and all his glory. The river walk, as a sea of teal, filled the Milwaukee streets with people walking with one mission. One of my take-back moments was standing alongside some of the most amazing women I have ever met, singing the Doxology, with goosebumps on my arms and tears in my eyes. For once I met these women, men and children, all brothers and sisters in Christ, standing and singing as one in the Lord, I felt a part of something so much bigger than me. I truly made some lifelong friends that were from youthful in age to wise in their years, both supportive and knowledge-filled. This is just a short testimony, and I can't wait to speak more on all of this in August at our district retreat!



Lynette Koehler, Vice President of Christian Life

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Well, I finally made it to a LWML National Convention and it was amazing. I strongly encourage all of you to attend the next one; it will be in Omaha, which is probably as close as it will ever be.

The highlight of the convention for me was the opening worship service. Four thousand people, mostly women, singing is as close to an angel choir as you can get this side of Heaven. And the pastor who did the message was so wonderful; he could have gone twice as long.

The last half of our convention theme was, "The Lord looks down from Heaven, he sees all the children of man," Psalm 33:13. When you went to the Bible studies and heard the Mites in Action speakers you saw that not only does God look down on us from Heaven, He does indeed care for us and you saw how He has used the LWML to carry out His mighty works. Some of the stories brought tears to my eyes, they were so inspirational. In our small group discussion at one of the Bible studies, one woman told how LWML saved her, and there was not a dry eye around the table. God truly blessed her through LWML.

So, see you all at the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha!!!

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Celebrate the Lord of YOU!

The National LWML Convention was truly a celebration of the Lord of the Nations. The Mission Flag Presentation at the beginning of the Saturday morning session was an AMAZING reminder of all the peoples of the world that have been impacted by the ministry of LWML, as were the Mites in Action Speakers and the many displays in the exhibition hall. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience this for yourself as the next national convention is in Omaha in 2025!

Yet our God is more than the Lord of the Nations, He is the creator of the heavens and the earth! He created the expanse of the universe, set up our solar system to circle the Sun, placed our planet at the just right distance with just the right amount of spin and tilt to allow to support life, and created all the plants, fish, birds, animals, and finally as the climax of His perfect creation, man and woman. Even now, with over seven billion people on this planet, He still provides for each and every one.

Sometimes when we look at the overwhelming works of our God, it might be easy to feel insignificant. Yet in God's eyes YOU are important. YOU are valuable. YOU are loved. The Father sent His Son, His only Son, Whom He loved, Jesus, to pay the redemption price. He sent His own Spirit to bring you into the faith through the water and the Word. That same Spirit keeps you in the one true faith, because you are His loved Child. Our God is the Lord of You!

Celebrate who He is, and what He has done for you. Celebrate the Lord of YOU!



Kenzie Pasold, Young Woman Representative - Milwaukee



When I was chosen as the YWR I remember walking into our DCE's office and saying "I have tattoos and cuss; do they know who they selected?" However, as my time in Milwaukee began, I realized they knew exactly who they selected, and I was proud and honored that it was me. I remember a speaker mentioned that when you have the same beliefs as other people it makes it so much easier and faster to build relationships. In today's society it is easy to make friends but once they realize what you stand for, they suddenly disappear. It was wonderful knowing that all these women, and even some brave men, agree and stand with the values I hold for marriage, gender, and family values. I thank the Nebraska North district for providing me with the opportunity to not only meet these amazing people but also learn what the LWML is and what they stand for. I am excited to share more of my story and experience with you at the August District Retreat. I

appreciate the opportunity to represent Nebraska North as the national YWR for the 2023 and look forward to seeing God's blessings continuing to work through the LWML.

Nancy Schlote - Treasurer bnschlote@plwvtelco.net

My dear sister in Christ, LaDonna Stanosheck, asked me to write about my first experience to the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Having fellowship with 3500-plus LWML ladies, worshipping, singing praises, praying and enjoying meeting these wonderful ladies who are doing God's work of missions, was awesome.

When I heard the ladies sing that first song, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," I had tears come to my eyes. I had a glimpse of what heaven will be like when all the saints will sing to our Lord and Savior.

The Bible studies, pastors, and missions speakers were very uplifting and we had a wonderful song leader, Dr. Dina Vendetti.

On the fun side, we were entertained by "Laverne & L'il Shirley" (a take on the famous show set in Milwaukee, with young "Shirley's niece" adding much humor), the Lutheran Ladies Lounge, a mission walk, golf, servant events and many other events.

Being recently widowed, I have learned there are a lot of "firsts" in my life, but with God's help and prayer, we can move forward. For many of you ladies, it may be a first in taking on a new leadership role. I want to thank those of you who have accepted such a position; know that God will be there every step of the way.

I'm looking toward to the next convention in Omaha and to help where needed. Thanks be to God for all he has done for us, for providing us opportunities to do God's mission work.

"The Lord looks down from heaven, he sees all the children of men." Psalm 33:13



Immanuel - Osmond - Many Acts of Kindness



The 5th and 6th grade Confirmation Class of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osmond, started a Many Acts of Kindness project at the beginning of the school year. They thought of many different ways to honor the workers and organizations in the church and the community. When we had our LWML Sunday they each took a Mite box and also brought us candy to our LWML meeting. They eagerly found opportunities to save their coins and enjoyed bringing their mites to class. They tried hard to reach their goal of filling a large jar with their Mite money. They were so surprised when the jar was full and they had collected \$136.36 for LWML mites. What a super bunch of kids and a great class project!!

St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Mission Society - Lyons, NE

This group of LWML Members, additional members of the congregation, and community members cut, ironed, and sewed wheelchair and walker bags for the Oakland Heights Nursing Home, Oakland NE. This is an ongoing event as additional kits have been assembled and distributed to those interested in sewing but unable to be with us that day.



I am
the **Heart**
of LWML

LWML Nebraska North District Retreat

“Forever Thankful, Always Grateful, Abundantly Blessed”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Psalm 103:1

August 26, 2023

At the Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center – Monke Lodge

Located at 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE 68003

Check-In & Coffee: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Retreat Starts at 9:30 a.m. – Ending at approximately 4:00 p.m.

In-Gathering (For Lutheran Family Services, Healthy Family Boutiques)

underwear sizes 2T -6T(girls or boys), Diaper sizes 5-7, Pullups, Toothpaste, Band-aids, School supplies.----scissors, glue sticks, or colored pencils.



Bible Study Leader: Rev. Josh Mork

Speaker: Faith Doerr

Registration Deadline is August 7, 2023

Fee: \$22.00 (includes lunch) due with registration

Completed registration (below) and payment payable to:

LWML Nebraska North District, c/o Deb Gutz, 602 N. Main St., Osmond, NE 68765

(please type or print clearly)

Name: _____ **Zone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ () Mobile or () Land Line

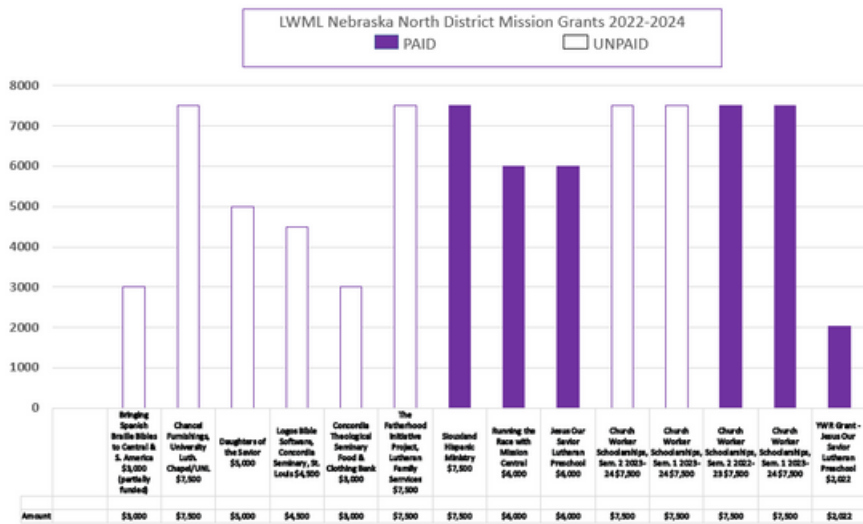
Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone #:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(confirmation will be sent when registration is received)

Food Allergies: _____





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A T-shirt with a Message

Uplifting, inspiring, engaging. These are just some of the words that leap to my mind as I reflect on the 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League just completed in Milwaukee.

Our "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" theme was based on Psalm 33:12-13. *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.*

Making it more personal, "Celebrate the LORD of YOU," I remember God looks down from heaven and sees....me and you. I heard at convention that missionaries aren't only those who cross the sea, they also are those who see the cross.

Being a missionary hit me hard on the trip home from Milwaukee. We missed the familiar exit we take when needing a meal traveling east or west on Interstate 80. Oh well, there are plenty more exits advertising quick eats. The advertised Subway on the exit sign drew us in. The only employee, sitting at a table reading when we walked in, jumped up and greeted us and began making our sandwiches.

I was proudly wearing the new LWML t-shirt that exclaimed Lutheran Women in Mission. She asked if we are Lutheran and with our affirmative response she shared she used to go to a Lutheran church in Wisconsin. Conversation during our meal revealed that Missy was treated poorly by a pastor when she was in a difficult situation. She has been reluctant to seek out another church since moving to this town, but was very clear about wanting to go to a Bible-preaching church. She shared part of her life story and how she began working at this Subway.

I was slowly taking in my meal and her conversation and decided to ask if I could say a prayer for her. Suddenly two customers walk in and quickly get their to-go order. Now I can ask...until a group of six comes in and sits down to enjoy a family meal. I'd eaten as slowly as I could, had another glass of pop, and decided I would still pray, written on a piece of paper I will give her. Before I'm halfway finished, the shop is quiet and empty again.

She willingly agreed to prayer and immediately grabbed Barry's and my hands as if her life depended on this. I prayed, then Barry, and Missy ended with a prayer. She looked up with peace reflecting in her eyes and said, "I really needed that because it has been a very tough week and I felt worthless. Now I know that I'm not." God certainly looked down and saw Missy.

Missionary over the seas or missionary over a sandwich? It doesn't matter where you are; always be open for every opportunity to share God's love and gift of salvation.



Zone Fall Gatherings

Norfolk Zone Fall Gathering in Gratitude
October 7, 8:30am to 11:30am
St. John Lutheran Church
306 S. Second St., Battle Creek

Omaha/Sarpy Zone Fall Gathering
October 1, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Concordia Jr./Sr. High
156th Ida St.

West Point Zone
September 25, 5:00pm start
Speaker - Rev. Matthew Heise
Zion St. John, rural Wisner

Ainsworth Zone
September 9, 9:30am - 1:00pm
Valentine

Wayne Zone
October 24, 9:00am
Martinsburg

Plainview Zone
September 16
Golgotha, Wausa

Fremont Zone
October 8, 1:30pm
St. Peter's, Scribner



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

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Planning for Omaha 2025

Coming home from Milwaukee and thinking ahead to all of the things that need to be accomplished in the next two years can be a bit overwhelming. That said, I know that God is already in Omaha preparing a place for us to come and worship Him and discover all that is happening through Him in the LWML. In the next two years we will be planning, making favors, recruiting volunteers to welcome LWML to the heartland. I ask that you keep the Host Committee in your prayers, and also when one of us comes calling for volunteers that you step up in faith that God will provide you with what you need to be in service to Him and to the LWML. The pictures below show some of the work that has already begun--bringing home all the LWML properties to Nebraska, the wonderful women who helped me invite everyone to Omaha, Dawn Tighe (a former Nebraskan), who won the basket of Nebraska-made products we gave away at convention (she gave all of the Texas delegates the rest of the products, but she kept the Dorothy Lynch salad dressing), me and Anne Hartman who was the Host Committee Chair in Milwaukee; she has become a great friend, and will be a good resource moving forward.



Dates to Remember

August 26 - All District Retreat - Camp Carol Joy Holling - Ashland

September 23 - Executive Committee meets in Norfolk

October 14 - Nebraska North Board of Directors meets TBD

June 28-29, 2024 - District Convention - Our Savior, Norfolk

June 26-29, 2025- National LWML Convention - CHI - Omaha

Time for Nominations

In June 2024 - we will be electing new district officers - and Carol Taylor and the rest of the nominating committee need your nominations. Nominations are needed for Financial Secretary, VP of Communications, VP of Human Care, VP of Christian Life, Recording Secretary, and Jr. Pastoral Counselor. The nominations for Pastoral Counselor are due October 1st, and the Nominations for all other officers are due December 1st. Please prayerfully consider nominating a willing servant, or nominating yourself. Ask the current officers - they will tell you that their service in LWML has been a blessing!

Photos from Milwaukee - 2023





