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*New Every Morning - LaDonna Stanosheck*

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His mercies are new every morning! How true this is. Just to wake up each morning and see what God has in store for our day! I am so grateful for the people He has placed in my life, to help me through rough times, and to share my joy at the wonderful times! And most of them wear purple!! Right now, as we prepare for both the Seek n Serve event and the district convention, I am so grateful for God's mercies in sending me the people to help and plan and do! It has been snowy and cold here, but I thank God every day for a roof over my head and clothes and food. But especially for the mercy He showed me in that, while I was still a sinner, Jesus lay down His life for me. No greater love can there be.

*But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13*

May you see His mercies new every morning.

I am so excited to see lots of you on April 6 in Columbus, when we get to meet new sisters in Christ from the Nebraska south district, study God's word and do some volunteer work for Omaha convention. Stay warm and keep looking for those "mercies."



**MISSION FUNDS  
PRESENTED**

LOGOS & DOTS



**2024 DISTRICT  
CONVENTION**

June 28-29, 2024



**2025  
CONVENTION**

Logo and Convention Shirts



**GROUP  
ACTIVITIES**

Nativities  
and  
Puzzles

## Carol Weber - Vice President of Communication

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Years ago, I had a tough emotional time dealing with several family deaths and assorted other sorrows. That was when I happened across Lamentations; it wasn't familiar to me, but I figured the title alone was good for what I was feeling. I have never forgotten the raw horror of what was described in the first chapters, and it certainly took my mind off my own sorrows and put them in some perspective that helped me cope. But then I came to chapter three, and particularly these words: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.* Joy. Astonishment. Relief. Comfort. Renewal. Confidence. Those are just a few of the emotions I experienced as I read those words, and read them again, and then again once more. As the years have passed, joy and peace have been my most common experiences, but those words from Lamentations are still so wonderfully relevant. After all, isn't it easy for each of us to think we are the author of our own joy? That it's all the excellent choices we've made in our lives that have put us in such good places? Aren't we to be congratulated that our lives are good and not falling apart around us? Hah! It's God's very mercies that guide us to make good choices, that put the good in our life and that allow us to make our good choices and find ourselves in such good places in life. Indeed, God's mercies naturally lead us to understand that, regardless of what our lives look like on the outside, as daughters of our Savior, we are all in good places. So, over the years, the words have equally comforted me and put me in my place; both are excellent uses for God's Word. How blessed we all are to have a God who loves us endlessly, and who daily showers us with mercies.

## Lynette Koehler - Vice President of Christian Life

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Those of you who know me know I have one brother. I will tell you that if I see my brother on Saturday (or early Sunday morning), I always say, "I'll save a seat by me in church tomorrow morning." After hearing this several hundred times, Bryan finally asked, "Why do you keep telling me that?" I said, "Bryan, when I get to Heaven, I want to see you there." To which he replied, "Oh."

We all know you can be a believer and not go to church regularly, but we also know the benefits of attending church with our fellow believers. That fellowship helps strengthen our faith. It gives us like-minded people to study with, pray with, and talk to, not to mention the trained pastors that deliver God's Word. *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer,"* Acts 2:42. Even two thousand years ago they knew that Christian fellowship was important. By worshiping together, we stay in the Word.

It is easy to slip and get mixed up with everything we hear and see now. We need to be on our guard against the forces of evil that bombard us every day. By staying in the Word and attending church where we are taught God's unaltered Word, we are better equipped to fend off those forces of evil.

# 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
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**Note: Grants in purple indicate PAID Mission Grants**

*Pam Williams, Vice President of Gospel Outreach*

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It seems far away, but it's closer than you think. I'm referring to the LWML Nebraska North District convention. As I write this, January 2024 is halfway over! I look back to the grants that were chosen two years ago, and I marvel at the places Nebraska North has shared the Gospel. We've sent grant money near and far, from Jesus Our Savior Preschool in Winnebago to missionary support across the oceans. All but the final grant, Chancel furnishings for the University Lutheran Chapel/UNL in the amount of \$7,500, has been paid. Please continue to send in your Mites so the last purple bar on the Grants Graph can be filled in.

I'm excited looking at the grants that have been submitted for delegates to vote on. They range from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch to Haiti; teaching graduate level seminarians who will go back to their home countries to minister with the Word and Sacraments and teach at their seminaries to a grant to help resettle Ukrainians in Norfolk. This is just a sampling of the requests for grant monies. Watch for the PowerPoint that will give a description of every mission grant on the ballot. I'll be looking for you at the District Convention June 28-29.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*



# Jeanette Beune - Financial Secretary

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## Financial report for October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Mite Offerings from Societies	\$ 12,588.23
From Donations	\$748.06
From Memorials	\$300.00
Special Offerings	\$767.08
Thrivent Choice	\$112.00
Payments in Kind - to Mites	<u>\$922.64</u>
Total Mites	\$15,438.01

## Memorials from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Monique Wolske	Sue Wesche
Kathryn Schoch	Dale Nelson
Kathryn Schoch	Susan Wesche
St. Paul Women's Society, Arlington	Helene Wehmeyer
Linda Cattau	Laverna Rickert
Kathryn Schoch	Duane Pagels
First Lutheran, Plattsmouth	Sharon Pickerell
Bonnie Beeman	Gail Gubbels
Immanuel, Laurel	Virginia Lindsay
Zion, Katheryn Circle, Pierce	Anne Weber
Grace Ladies Aid, Wayne	JoAnn Temme

### Mites

May God continue to bless these mite offerings that fund the projects for the 2022-2024 biennium. Please continue your prayers and support of our District and National Mission Grants

## Other Income

Book Store Sales	\$493.61
Name Badges	\$10.00
Interest Income	\$13.98
Memorials not for mites	\$10.00
Quarterly Subscription Income	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total Other Income	\$587.59

### **Note: New Address**

Please send mites and correspondence to this new address:

**1421 Bracht Drive  
West Point, NE 68788**

## *Dates to Remember*

April 6, 2024 - Seek & Serve - Peace, Columbus

June 28-29, 2024 - District Convention - Christ Lutheran - Norfolk

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

### Spring Zone Events

- Omaha/Sarpy Zone - First Lutheran - Plattsmouth - April 14 - 1-4 p.m.
- Norfolk Zone - Bus trip to Mission Central - April 9 - To go: 402-860-1706
- Plainview Zone - St. Peter's, Orchard - April 20 - Deb Burma, speaker
- Fremont Zone - Wahoo - April 27
- West Point Zone - Stanton - April 29
- Ainsworth Zone - April 27
- Columbus Zone - Immanuel
- Wayne Zone - Immanuel, Laurel - April 27

## Suzanne Totten - Vice President of Human Care

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What? Me worry? Of course not! As a faithful believer in God's promise of steadfast ❤️ I know that I need never worry about today or tomorrow and, yes, even not about yesterday's mistakes. After all, doesn't Matthew say in his Gospel, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow"? I firmly believe this, I know that I can always rely on the Lord's nearness for help with all of the stresses in life, and yet. . .

Time to 'fess up. I do worry. We all worry. I'm afraid we all struggle with those times when we feel we can solve life's problems all on our own. We want to be strong enough to get things right, to get things done, and to do it all on our own. And instead of praying first, we pray later when everything has gone wrong.

If only God would give me a sign to reassure me of His steadfast presence. Then my faith would be stronger and I would worry less. Moses got a burning bush; the shepherds got a sky full of angels. The Bible is filled of instances of people receiving signs; why not me? I have even been guilty of these kinds of thoughts. But let me tell you of a little experience I had recently.

I live in Columbus and often drive to Norfolk, and on one of those trips I was steeped in worry. I was mulling over a life changing decision I needed to make. As I drove, I kept trying to focus on my driving and to push those pros and cons out of my mind. But those worrisome thoughts kept coming back to me. But then, as I drove, my eyes were drawn to the left side of the road. There I saw a sign that said,

"I am always with you"  
God

When I read that, my troubles just seemed to evaporate and my burden was lifted. Lord, forgive me for my moments of weak faith and thank you for always keeping your promises!

## Mission Grant Funds Presented



District President - LaDonna presenting funds to Valarie Snow - DOTS Leader for Nebraska Pastor's Wives Care Team Activities



Pam Williams presenting funds to Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska for LOGOS Bible Software

## Cory Burma - Jr. Pastoral Counselor

### Undeserved Love

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Lamentations has always been one of the most intriguing Old Testament books to me. It was written by the prophet Jeremiah after the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, with most of the people taken away to captivity in Babylon. Jeremiah laments, he weeps, over the once-great city, over the destruction of God's dwelling place, over the loss of what once was.

Yet amid this bummer of a book springs hope. Right in the middle of Lamentations we read "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;" (Lamentations 3:22). Hope. Not a fluffy uncertain kind of hope. But a sure and certain hope in the LORD, whose steadfast love did not change even though His chosen people had turned away from Him, whose steadfast love was shown through His punishment and promise. They would return to Jerusalem, they would rebuild the temple, the LORD Himself would restore them! The steadfast love of the LORD never ends.

What a great reminder to us as well. Even though all too often we do what we shouldn't do and don't do what we should, His steadfast love for us is not changed. Even though we are going through difficult times—whether self-inflicted or not—His steadfast love for us does not change. Even though we are struggling through a dark time of grief, or doubt, or struggling with the wintertime blues, His steadfast love for us will never change!

His steadfast love for each of us led the LORD to send His Son, His only Son, Whom He loved, to the cross of Calvary to take upon Himself our sin and shame, so we are forgiven and free. We have that sure and certain hope of life eternal, of His Spirit to guide us through the struggles of this life, and of His steadfast, unending, unchanging, undeserved love.

In His Hope and Peace

## Immanuel Mission Sowers - Columbus



Our latest project is a puzzle exchange library. We put a little notebook inside each puzzle box and ask each person who puts the puzzle together to share a Bible verse and their name.

I am  
the **Heart**  
of LWML

# District Convention - 2024

## The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

June 28-29, 2024 Christ Lutheran, Norfolk

Verse: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:22-23*

Keynote Speaker: Christina Hergenrader

National Representative: Arlene Naasz, Vice President of Organizational Resources

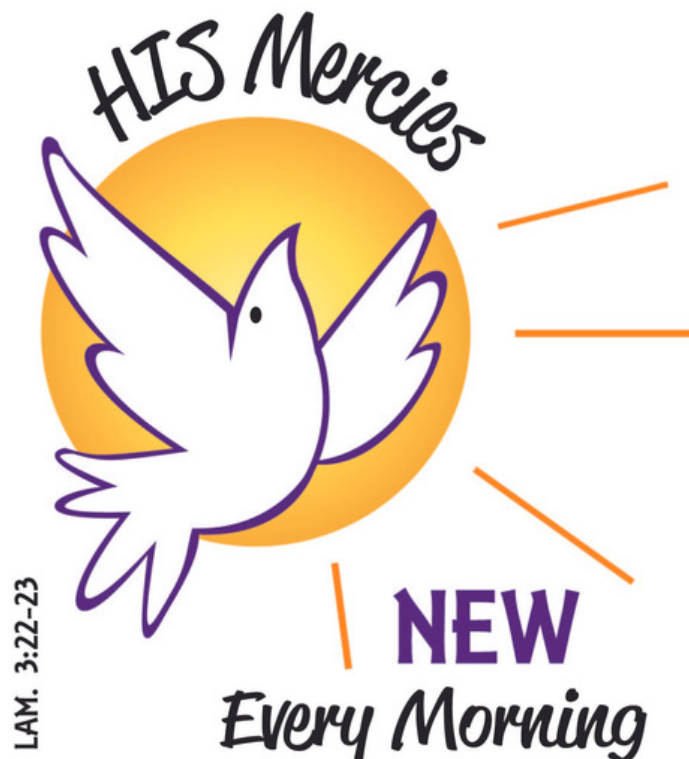
Mission Grant Speakers:

- Pastor Schulz - Mission Central
- Lutheran Family Services - The Fatherhood initiative, Suz Bittner
- North Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Orphan Grain Train
- Daughters of the Savior - Valorie Snow
- Our Place After School Care - Addie Johnson

Church Service with Communion - Saturday morning

Servant Events - Friday afternoon

More information will be coming; plan to register and join us!



Coming soon  
Special Issue  
**Convention Central**  
with all the information  
you need for  
**District Convention 2024!**

# LWML Convention - Omaha - 2025

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## 2025 Convention Host Committee News

### Bible verse and Logo Announced!



Get ready for the 2025 LWML Convention, as Lutheran Women in Mission focus on “Growing in God’s Grace.”

The logo, based on 2 Peter 3:18, features green leaves sprouting up in new growth with the Lutheran Women in Mission icon blossoming from the leaves.

The convention will encourage us, as Lutheran Women in Mission, to immerse ourselves in God’s Word, trusting that God will work in us to grow our faith and enable it to be fruitful. Bearing fruit, we will then share our faith with others through witnessing, serving our neighbor, and supporting missions worldwide, to the glory of God.

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18).

### Convention Shirts - 3 Options

You can get your convention logo shirt and help us promote the 2025 convention. The order form is attached with this Leaguer.

### Worker Volunteer Forms - Coming Soon

If you want to work in any way at the 2025 convention, we’ll have the Worker Volunteer Form available at Seek and Serve and then will be posted for download. Share with your church, with your friends, with your family. And come to convention as a team to help out.



### Seek and Serve - April 6 - Convention Favors

More information will be coming. We will be working 2025 convention favors. Exact favors have not been approved yet, so I don’t have final details at this time. However, if you have blue jeans - we would like the back pockets (adult, blue jeans). You can bring the whole jean, or you can just bring the back pockets. When cutting them off of the jeans - leave them as a “pocket” - so they will hold something.

### Prayer Requests

Continue to pray for willing workers to serve on the Host Committee. Please pray for those who are already working to prepare for convention in Omaha. Pray that the finances and the resources are available at the time they are needed. Pray that in all of this, God is given the glory in all we do.

If you have questions, have information you want to share, want to volunteer, etc. please contact me at [hcc2025@lwml.org](mailto:hcc2025@lwml.org) I welcome your communication at any time.



# Good Shepherd LWML - Lisa Stirtz



## Serving Others

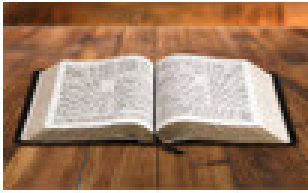
How did you share Christmas with others?

Good Shepherd LWML shared Christmas with fifteen shut-ins of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gretna. The ladies of the LWML made twenty nativity sets to share with the shut-ins and pastors of Good Shepherd. There were eight ladies of the group that delivered the nativity sets to these people. The recipients were so pleased to receive this gift, and to hear about Jesus. These shut-ins are not able to get to church, so having someone make a special stop at their house made them feel wonderfully special. Sharing Jesus' love with



## Convention Shirts make an Appearance at President's Assembly





*Seek and Serve Day*

*LWML Nebraska North and South Districts*

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 9:30- 3:30

Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall 2720 28th Street, Columbus Ne

*Serve One Another: Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4/*

9-9:30 AM Coffee and snacks provided by ladies of Peace Lutheran

Our day will include two sessions of Bible study with ~~Remkea Ockander~~, a long-time church worker. She has written and led Bible studies for all age groups and enjoys sharing and studying God's Word with all people. She annually helps plan and lead our Nebraska district middle school youth.

Denise Hummel, Omaha Convention Favors Director will also help us work on convention and delegate favors.

Lunch will include sandwich, chips, fruit and drink

Closing devotions by 3:15PM

Ingathering for Peace Lutheran First Steps Day Care will be burp cloths, bibs, books, colors, color books, markers, paint brushes, water colors, glue, construction paper, craft paint and paper

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**To Register please fill out this form and send to: Lynette Koehler by March 25, 2024**  
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Pierce, NE 68767

**Cost \$ 15      Make Check Payable to LMWL Nebraska North District**

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