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CONVENTION CENTRAL EDITION

## Special Edition Convention 2024

Friday and Saturday  
June 28-29, 2024  
Christ Lutheran Church  
605 S. 5th, Norfolk, Nebraska



This newsletter is what we are calling Convention Central! Here, we hope you will find all the information you will need to learn about what will be happening at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Norfolk on June 28-29, 2024.

You will find the registration form, hotel information, who will be speaking, and so much more. We hope having this all in one location will be of value to you. And since it is our first experiment with it...there may need to be changes!! Forgive us!

*THEME 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)*



KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER,  
CHRISTINA  
HERGENRADER



WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SATURDAY  
MORNING



LWML NATIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE,  
ARLENE NAASZ,  
VP OF  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
RESOURCES



BIBLE STUDY  
LED BY  
REV. JARED  
HARTMAN



***If you've been to a convention before, you know what to expect, and know how worth your time it will be for the fun, fellowship, learning, and inspiration that takes place. If you've not been before, you should come! Here are the details you need to come fully prepared.***

- It should be no surprise that the LWML spends time in Bible Study, and for many women, this is the best part of any LWML gathering. You may want to bring a clip-board to take notes.
- All voting is done by the delegates, and each society has the privilege of sending two delegates.
- We will worship together in a communion service on Saturday morning, when each Zone President will process in carrying the quilt made by someone in her Zone.
- We will bring items needed by various Lutheran entities; called an ingathering, that list is on the next page.
- There will be an opportunity on Friday to participate in Servant Events.
- One of the favorite activities is hearing speakers tell how our mites served them in their ministry of sharing God's love, so watch for the Mites in Action speakers!
- The LWML store will be there, so you can stock up on the items you know and love; shirts with our Omaha 2025 convention logo will also be available.
- The Purple Auction is always a fun time to bid on some amazing treasures; see the article on p.4 for details!
- Election of new officers and pastoral counselor for 2024-2026 will take place; see the nominees on page 6.

***Young Women***  
**IN MISSION**

**Young Women from ALL societies  
(and Society Congregations)  
are invited to attend!**

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

**Show your excitement about the upcoming convention. Encourage these ladies to learn about LWML while spending time with other young women. Support them financially by paying for 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 two days and one night will be full of faith-filled activities.**

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

**Encourage them to attend!!!**

*Suzanne Totten - Vice President of Human Care*

**Convention is fast approaching; it's time to start "gathering our in-gatherings"!**

In support of the Lutheran schools of the Norfolk Zone, we'll be supplying standard copy paper by the ream or case. The schools are Christ Lutheran and Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk; St John's Lutheran School, Battle Creek; Trinity Lutheran School, Madison, and Zion Lutheran School, Pierce.

Our other recipient is Jesus Our Savior Preschool, Winnebago. Each zone is asked to bring the following items in moderate amounts:

Ainsworth—money for snacks, Barkeeper's Friend Cleaner  
Columbus—greeting cards of all types, stamps  
Fremont—white card stock paper  
Norfolk—paper napkins, bags of cotton balls  
Omaha—Ritz Bits Crackers, glue sticks, Velcro dots  
Plainview—5oz. paper cups, plastic dinnerware  
Sarpy—money for snacks, fruit and pudding cups  
Wayne—small & large paper plates, boxes of Ritz Crackers  
West Point—Walmart or other gift cards

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

*From the Board of Directors*

The LWML we know and love today is built on the foundation laid by dear women over the past 80 years. District endowments afford us the opportunity in this generation to continue building on that foundation and secure LWML's future for our daughters, granddaughters, and future generations! An endowment fund can be the lifeblood of a nonprofit organization's longevity, and Biblically-based endowment funds emphasize biblical stewardship and faithful commitment to the Lord and His promises.

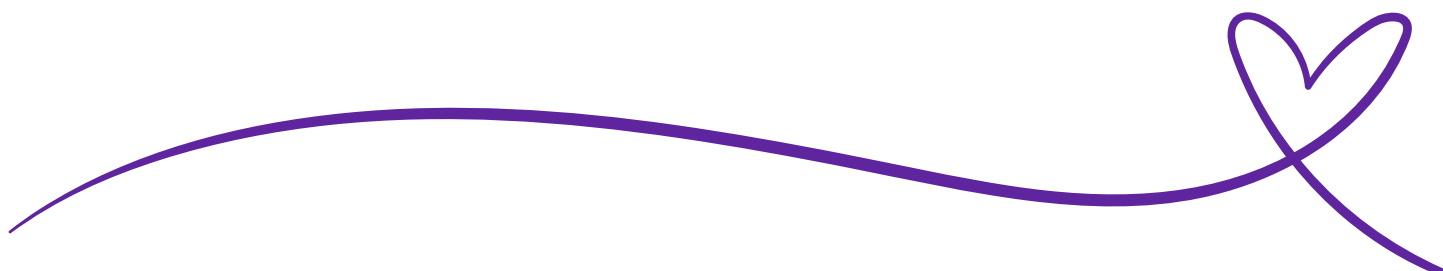
**The Board of Directors is therefore proposing that an endowment be established to secure the future of the Nebraska North District. This will be voted on at convention in June.**



**Mission Grant  
Recipient Speakers:**

**Valorie Snow,  
representing Daughters of  
the Savior;  
Addie Johnson, of  
Our Place after School Care;  
Deaconess Kelly Bristow of  
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ;  
Pastor Steve Schulz of  
Mission Central;  
LFS Fatherhood Initiative**

**A LETTER WILL BE SENT  
TO ALL SOCIETY  
PRESIDENTS SOON  
WITH DETAILS ABOUT  
SENDING DELEGATES;  
PLEASE WATCH FOR  
THAT.**



### The Widow's Mite

*And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. (Mark 12:42-44)*

The purple auction is a long-standing tradition for LWML. The purple auction is another way for us to honor God with our time and talents, both by those who offer a token for this event to be auctioned off and by those who bid. The money earned from this event furthers our offerings of mites, which furthers our missions across the world!

In addition to the silent auction of items donated by the Board of Directors, new this year will be a few door prizes. Each attendee will be given a ticket with their registration materials, and can drop their ticket in the basket by whichever door prize they'd like to win. While auction items are traditionally provided by the BOD, any society or group of ladies may assemble a basket or box of items to donate if they'd like. If so, please write a brief description of the item(s) being donated and send that to Robyn Vance no later than June 13. Please have all items to the auction "room" by Thursday, June 27. Please contact me if you have any questions.



All convention sessions will be held in the church sanctuary, with all other convention events to be held in the school gym. The church's address is 605 S. 5th; the address for the school is 511 S. 5th. Either way, note that 5th Street is one way south.

We need greeting cards--specifically, the front cover. Have any to bring for the Friday servant events? Any and all designs will work!



### BASIC AGENDA FOR CONVENTION 2024

#### Thursday

BOD members only

#### Friday

Registration in church entry

Keynote speaker Christina Hergenrader

LWML National representative, Arlene Naasz

Gifts of Love representative, Carol vonSoosten

Mission grant speakers: Addie Johnson from

Hastings Our Place After School Care;

Rev Steve Schulz of Mission Central

Bible study #1

Greetings from Pres Bull, CUNE

Introduction of nominees, bylaw amendments

and endowment proposals and voting.

Servant events in the afternoon.

Friday evening dinner with Heavenly Hens

entertainment, followed by game night.

#### Saturday

Opening Worship with communion

Keynote speaker Christina Hergenrader

Mission grant speakers: Deaconess

Kelly Bristow from Dakota Boys and

Girls Ranch; Valorie Snow from Daughters

of the Savior; Orphan Grain Train

Bible study #2

Greetings from LCMS Nebraska District

President Snow and LLL President, Mick Onnen

Announcement of mission grants,

elected officers and installation.

*Mission Grant Applications*  
*Pam Williams, Vice President of Gospel Outreach*

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**Here is what our delegates will be voting on, with a proposed budget of \$84,000 for the 2024-2026 Biennium:**

**2024-26 Grant Applications in order by date of reception**

**Scholarships for Church workers \$32,000  
and Mission Grants \$52,000**

# 1	\$ 5,812	International Radio Saves Lives Spiritually and Physically (Haiti) – Mission in Ministry
# 2	\$ 7,200	New Shepherds for South Sudan – Lutheran Heritage Foundation
# 3	\$ 5,000	Ministering Out of Visual Darkness Around the World – Lutheran Braille Workers
# 4	\$ 6,000	In Every Tongue-Translators for MOST Ministries Mission Teams – MOST (Mission Opportunity, Short Term) Ministries
# 5	\$ 6,000	Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd’s Canyon Retreats – Shepherd’s Canyon
# 6	\$ 7,500	Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
# 7	\$10,000	CTS-FW Food and Clothing Co-op – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
# 8	\$10,000	Acts 1:8 Students in Mission – CUNE
# 9	\$ 5,000	Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
#10	\$10,000	Ukrainian Mission and Ministry – Orphan Grain Train
#11	\$ 7,500	Intellectual and Developmental Disability Mercy Ministry in the Dominican Republic – LCMS Internation Missions
#12	\$10,000	New Female Missionary for Christian Outreach to Muslims in Nebraska – POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)
#13	\$10,000	Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry – Hispanic Ministry Committee of Hope, Lutheran South Sioux City
#14	\$ 2,163	Christian Outreach Resources for Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, Winnebago, NE#1
#15	\$10,000	Here Am I – Send Me, The Payne Family in Tanzania – Mission Central
#16	\$ 7,000	World Lutheran Deaf Outreach – Friend of LCMS Districts, Deaconesses, Seminary Students, and LCMS members

**TOTAL \$119,175**

**YWR mission grant for \$2024, voted on by the YWRs**

Briggs and Barrett Project

or

Birthright of Norfolk

**Reverend Joseph Leech  
(Norfolk Zone)**

**Junior Counselor**

Pastor Leech serves St. John of Battle Creek. He was ordained in 2017. He served 30 years in behavioral health and 12 years in the Air National Guard. He is certified both as a Stephen Minister and Ambassador of Reconciliation. His LWML experience is working with the LWML locally. Pastor Leech has been married 35 years to Gayle and has two children, Christian and A. Allen. His hobbies include deer hunting and woodworking.



**Reverend Michael Moreno  
(Norfolk Zone)**

**Junior Counselor**

Pastor Moreno was ordained 33 years ago and currently serves Christ Lutheran, Norfolk. He has a Masters Degree in social work from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. He is married to Lisa and has two children, Jina and Ally. He served as Navy Chaplain on active duty for LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces. His hobbies include exercise and reading. He has served as a Zone Pastoral Counselor in Wyoming.



**Carol Weber**

**(Fremont Zone)**

**VP of Communication**

Carol is a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Cedar Bluffs. She received her degree in Sacred Music at Concordia University in Seward with organ her main emphasis. She is a musician and freelance editor. Her family includes her husband, Rev. Mark of 35 years and their adult children, Peter, Maggie, Paul, and three granddaughters. Carol has served her local group as president, vice president, and secretary. In the Fremont Zone, she has been treasurer and president. On the District level she is currently serving as Vice President of Communication. She enjoys cooking, gardening, quilting, knitting and reading.



**Meta Barnett**

**(Sarpy Zone)**

**VP of Human Care**

Meta lives in Bellevue and is a member of Plattsmouth First Lutheran Church. She has a BS in Business Management and is currently retired. She has been



married to Clayborn for 35 years and her children are Scott, Hanna and Dustin. Meta is currently serving as treasurer of her local society and has served previously as treasurer, as Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Servant Resources and president. Currently she is active on the Nebraska North District Human Care Committee. Traveling, reading and thrifting are Meta's hobbies.

**Lynette Koehler**

**(Norfolk Zone)**

**VP of Human Care**

Lynette is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. She is single, works as a house-keeper and her hobby is reading. She serves as president of her local society and was vice president. On the zone level she has served as Vice President of Christian Life and is currently co-chair of the 2024 District Convention. She also is currently serving as Vice President of Christian Life on the District level.



**Joan Plummer**

**(Columbus Zone)**

**Financial Secretary**

Joan lives in Columbus and is a member of Peace Lutheran Church. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and is a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist. Currently, she is a dietitian and Diabetes Educator at Columbus Community Hospital. She has been married to Dean for 47 years, has three daughters, Jessica, Rachel and Sarah and has been blessed with eight grandchildren. Joan has served as Columbus Zone President for eight years. She enjoys cooking, gardening, golf and watching baseball.



**Jessie Rinke**

**(Omaha Zone)**

**Financial Secretary**

Jessie lives in Waterloo and is a member of King of Kings. Married to Kurt for 9 years, she has three children, Kellen, Deven, and Ahren. She has degrees in small business management and in veterinary technology, and works as a lead licensed veterinary technician. She was the National YWR in 2019, is currently serving as secretary of the North Omaha Zone, and helps with the LWML store at conventions, and is on the Host Committee for the Omaha Convention. She loves any outdoor



activities, biking, soccer, running, hiking, kayaking, swimming, boating, gardening, grilling/smoking meat, cooking/baking, reading. Every Christmas she takes on a baking challenge of trying to perfect a family recipe from her grandma.

**Maggie Rutjens  
(Norfolk Zone)**

**Recording Secretary**

Maggie lives in Tilden and is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She is currently serving as president of her society, served two terms as secretary of the Norfolk Zone and is currently serving as its vice president. Maggie is a retired insurance agent and has taken many computer classes. She has been married to Nick for 25 years and has two children, Leslie and Michael. Her hobbies include sewing and gardening.



**Donna Taylor  
(Omaha Zone)**

**Recording Secretary**

Donna lives in Omaha and is a member of River of Life Lutheran Church. She is a retired church secretary, a widow and has three children Lynne, Jim and Sharon. She has served on the local level as president, vice president and secretary, on the zone level as president and treasurer and was appointed as acting recording secretary on the district level. Her hobbies include gardening, crocheting, knitting, reading, quilting, cards and board games.



**Shelley Freudenburg  
(Norfolk Zone)**

**VP of Christian Life**

Shelley is a member of Christ Lutheran in Norfolk. She and husband Michael have been married 40 years and have three sons, Kevin, Justin and Trevor. They have four grandchildren. She has her LPN degree from Platte Community College of Columbus. She serves as office manager of her husband's accounting business. For her local LWML society, she is co-secretary and has been past co-president and treasurer. She is the current District Recording Secretary and a past District Financial Secretary. Shelley's interests are home decorating, playing with grandkids and Sunday afternoon naps.



**Tonya Waite  
(Omaha Zone)**

**VP of Christian Life**

Tonya is a member of King of Kings NW Campus Lutheran Church. She has three children, April, Rebecca and Cayla. Tonya is the dining manager at Immanuel Communities. She serves locally as her society president and as Teen LWML leader. She is president of her zone and served as Teen LWML Leader, humorous interrupter and YWR on the District level and YWR and Assembly of Leaders attendee on the National level. Tonya's interests include bowling, collecting Christmas trees and shopping.



**Betsy Raymer  
(Ainsworth Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Betsy is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Atkinson. She has been married 42 years to Gary, and they have three children, Brian, Cory and Jessica and two granddaughters. She has a BSN from Mount Marty College of Yankton and works as an RN. She is the secretary of her local society and has been Zone President from 1999 to 2023. Presently she is on the District Structure Committee. Betsy's hobbies are wood working and oil painting.



**Kristi Ulferts  
(Columbus Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Kristi lives in Fullerton and is a member of Mt. Calvary. She is the Office Manager of First National Insurance Agency. Kristi has been married 33 years to Mark and has two children, Kameran and Jared. Her hobbies include gardening, air boating, camping and anything outdoors. Kristi serves as President of her local society and as Missions and Evangelism chair person.



**Robyn Vance  
(Fremont Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Robyn lives in Elkhorn and is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hooper. She is a first grade teacher and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and Associates – Interior Design Degree. She has been married to Dale for 11 years.



Robyn has served as President of two different societies, is currently serving as the Fremont Zone president and served as a National Convention delegate in 2001 and 2023. Her hobbies include photography, crocheting, DIY home improvement projects, painting, reading, sewing and traveling.

**Monique Wolske  
(Norfolk Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Monique lives in Tilden and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran. She is a retired educator having received her teaching degree from Concordia Teachers College, Seward. Monique has been married to Clee for 50 years and has a son Damian, a daughter Felicia and four grandchildren. She has served in her local society as secretary since 2015. Monique served as Norfolk Zone President from 2016-2020. On the District level, she served as treasurer, president and currently serves on the Endowment Task Force and District Convention Planning Committee.



**Jody Wells-Padrón  
(Omaha Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Jody lives in Omaha and is a member of Mt. Olive. She has a Pharmacy Doctorate from Creighton University and is retired. Jody is married to Victor and has three children, Bethany, Cameron and Wesley. She has served as president and treasurer in her society, and served as president and on committees at the Zone level. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, baking, sewing and walking.



**Janyce Warneke  
(Plainview Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Janyce lives in Plainview and is a member of Zion Lutheran. She is a retired teacher. Janyce is widowed after 56 years of marriage and has four children, Kimberly, Kent, Kevin and served as secretary, vice president, treasurer and president twice in her local society. At the Zone level, Janyce served as president and vice president and at the District level as vice president, president and public relations director. On the National level she served on the nominating committee. Her hobbies include reading, walking, golfing, and tending her flowers.



**Pam List  
(Sarpy Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Pam lives in Omaha and is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She has a Masters in Nursing with certification as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Pam has been married 48 years to David and has three children, Beth, Rebecca and Mark and five grandchildren. Her hobbies include music, sewing and reading. Pam has served in various offices and on various committees in several congregations.



**Sheila Floyd  
(Wayne Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Sheila lives in South Sioux City and is a member of Hope Lutheran Church. She is married to Michael and they have four children, Michelle, Corey, Crystal and Casey. She graduated from high school, was active in the work force, and is now retired. She has served her local LWML society as president and secretary. She enjoys crafting.



**Maren Reppert  
(West Point Zone)**

**Nominations Committee**

Maren lives in West Point and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She is a retired nurse. Maren is widowed and has six children, Tim, Serena, Tricia, Jackie, Travis and Traci. Her hobbies include Bible study, walking, time with grandchildren, and rescue pets. Maren has served as president and secretary of her local society.



*Convention Offerings*

**#1 FRIDAY MORNING:  
FOR DISTRICT MITE GOAL**

**#2 FRIDAY AFTERNOON:  
FOR CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**#3 SATURDAY MORNING:  
DIVIDED BETWEEN THE FIVE LUTHERAN  
SCHOOLS IN THE NORFOLK ZONE**

*Please do not bring coins for the offerings; that makes it much easier for the tellers to count.*





## LWML NEBRASKA NORTH DISTRICT 2024 Young Woman Representative (YWR) Application

Name of YWR Applicant (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church & City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, desire to participate as a Young Woman Representative at the 2024 LWML Nebraska North District Convention, being held at Christ Lutheran Church & School, 605 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Norfolk, Nebraska on June 28-29, 2024.

The Nebraska North District convention theme is “His Mercies New Every Morning” based on Lamentations 3:22-23. With this theme, what do you hope to learn? The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). You may incorporate this into your response. Use the back or a separate sheet of paper for more space.

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I have been invited by : \_\_\_\_\_  
My society, church, City, Zone

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this completed form to: Sara Huwaldt  
VP of Servant Resources  
203 N. Boxelder St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

Questions?

E-mail: [sara.huwaldt@hotmail.com](mailto:sara.huwaldt@hotmail.com)

Phone: (402)841-4407

**Registration Deadline is May 15, 2024**

Reminder!! Convention Registration information and fees will also need to be submitted on that form, located in the Convention Central Leaguer.

# Registration Form:

LWML Nebraska North District  
42nd Biennial Convention  
June 28-29, 2024  
Christ Lutheran Church  
605 S. 5th St Norfolk, NE 68701

Rooms may be reserved at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites \$135 (402 379-3833), Holiday Inn Express \$180 (402 379-1524), Hampton Inn \$180 (402 379-3585), New Victorina Inn \$119 (402 379-3035) All have two beds. Reserve before **May 26** to get special room rate. Use Lutheran Womens Missionary League to get discount.

Registration Deadline: **June 1, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church, Town, Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Diet or physical) \_\_\_\_\_  large print manual

## Convention Registration Fee:

- Regular Registration (Manual, speakers, etc.) \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Late Registration (June 2-June 26) \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Friday Lunch - Pasta Bar \$ 15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dinner - Roast Beef Meal \$ 18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Saturday Box Lunch - Chicken Salad Croissant \$ 12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Check Payable to:**  
LWML Nebraska North District

**Mail to:**  
Glenna Gutz  
1904 W Taylor Street  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Questions: glenna\_gutz@yahoo.com

### Please check one:

- \_\_\_ LWML Delegate
- \_\_\_ LWML Alternate
- \_\_\_ Board of Directors, voting
- \_\_\_ Board of Directors, nonvoting
- \_\_\_ Past District President
- \_\_\_ LWML member (non delegate)
- \_\_\_ Young Women's Rep
- \_\_\_ Exhibitor
- \_\_\_ Guest
- \_\_\_ Teen LWML (no registration fee)
- \_\_\_ Pastor (no registration fee)

### Don't forget to bring:

- Bag to carry your goodies
- Covered container for beverages
- Hard surface (like a clip board) for taking notes during sessions