



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LEAGUER

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His mercies new each morning! What a joy we should feel as we get up each morning and think "I wonder what new mercy God will allow me to see today?" How often that is NOT the first thing we think of, as we arise. But when we do, it makes us feel so blessed. As we all prepare for our district convention in June, I continually feel so blessed by the people that are working hard to organize our convention. I know I have been so blessed with all the ladies and pastors that have been helping. And even though there have been a few bumps along the way, the plans are going well, all due to those who "serve the Lord with gladness."

Were you able to join us at Seek and Serve in Columbus? Wow, what a great group of ladies (and Pastor Burma) that sewed and cut and crocheted and colored and packed and WHEW! So much was accomplished for Omaha 2025, And the blessings that you ladies brought for the day care at Peace Lutheran...it was overwhelming! I am always humbled by the generosity of you dear sisters in Christ!

Please come and join us on June 28-29 at Christ Lutheran Church and school when we will hear how our mission grants have blessed others, how we will step out boldly to support new mission grants and welcome new officers at our convention. Register and bring a friend or two! I look forward to seeing you all there, where we will see God's mercies new every morning!!



JEAN POCKETS PROJECT

Seek & Serve Activity



2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 28-29, 2024



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Volunteer opportunities and Convention Shirts



GROUP ACTIVITIES

Pocket Prayer Favors

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Financial report for January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Mite Offerings from Societies	\$ 11,411.09
From Donations	\$123.06
From Memorials	\$510.00
Special Offerings	\$1,754.05
Thrivent Choice	\$417.00
Payments in Kind - to Mites	<u>\$1,324.13</u>
Total Mites	\$15,539.33

Note: New Address

Thank you for discarding the Wisner labels and using my

NEW address labels:

1421 Bracht Drive

West Point, NE 68788

Memorials from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

From

Kruse, Lyle & Linda
Omaha, Zion Lydia
Arlington, St Paul Women's League
Plattsmouth, First Lutheran
Laurel, Immanuel Luth Women's Society
Mackey, Marj
Wisner, Zion St John LA
Gansebom, Diane
Battle Creek, St John Wings
Osmond, Immanuel LWML
Broeckemeier, Margaret
Koehler, Lois
Wahoo, Our Redeemer Lydia
Von Seggern, Virginia
Beemer, St John Ladies Miss So
Lewis, JoAnn
Bellevue, Pilgrim Women of Pilgrim
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For

Dean Raabe
Janelle Dirksen
Arlene Stork
Betty Holmstedt
Vera Diediker
Vera Diediker
Sharon Mulcahy
Charlotte Blunck
Ann Koopman
Charlotte Blunck
Charlotte Blunck
Charlotte Blunck
Bernice Wiese
Kathy Eisenhaur
LeAnn Spangler
LeAnn Spangler
Barb Lemke
Joyce Sievers
Doris Beyersdorf

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

A message from Jeanette:

As we approach the Nebraska North District convention, we are pleased to announce that all the Mission Grants have been paid, praise be to God as he uses these mites to do his will and work to bring the lost and erring to eternal salvation.

As noted in the Convention Central Leaguer, please submit offerings in checks or bills and not coins to expedite counting. If you have any random money

to give me during the convention, please place them in an envelope with your name and for what the money is designated. I will try to have a good supply of blank envelopes on hand also.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention at Christ Lutheran in Norfolk on June 28-29. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Cory Burma - Jr. Pastoral Counselor

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New Every Morning

The prophet Jeremiah is in mourning as he writes these words. He has just gone through the horrible siege of the city of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, experiencing hunger and pain, seeing death all around the city, and suffering at the hand of the king who didn't like what Jeremiah had to say.

Jeremiah was present as the siege ended with the destruction of the city and of the temple of God, with many of the surviving chosen people of God taken into captivity. He was left behind and records the emotion and pain God's chosen people feel.

The destruction is complete. The people are in captivity. The temple of God has been leveled. All hope seems to be gone. Yet in the midst of this letter all about mourning are a few verses of hope.

Your mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:23). Even though all seems lost, God's mercy is still there. No matter how difficult life might be, God will not abandon us! He does not give us what we deserve and that shows His mercy; instead He gives what we don't deserve--grace!

After 70 years, the Lord would bring His people back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the temple. A descendent of the king, the promised one, the very Son of God, would come to pour out His life blood for each of us, showing us even greater mercy and grace! When we fall short, He shows His great mercy and grace each and every day. Great IS His faithfulness!

In His Peace,
Pastor Cory Burma, Junior Counselor

Dates to Remember

June 28-29, 2024

District Convention
Christ Lutheran, Norfolk

June 26-29, 2025

National LWML Convention
CHI - Omaha

Spring Zone Events

- Wayne Zone - Immanuel, Laurel - April 23
- Ainsworth Zone - Ainsworth April 27
- Columbus Zone - Immanuel, April 27
- Fremont Zone - Wahoo - April 27
- West Point Zone - Stanton - April 29



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"His mercies are new every morning"...and I *need* new mercies every morning! Despite the strength of my resolve every morning, by evening my patience, my kindness, my endurance, and my eagerness to serve are wearing thin. That voice that prattles in my ear tells me all the reasons it's reasonable to say no, to be crabby, to walk away and to give up. Now, saying "No" is often exactly what God is directing us to say. But there are many times my lack of dependence on and even interest in God's renewed mercies are woefully evident. I follow my own way, give in to temptations, and don't always serve cheerfully. So it's with a very thankful heart that I give thanks to God that He gives me a fresh start every day, with mercies that, unlike my own resolve, never wear out.

Lynette Koehler - Vice President of Christian Life

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Do you ever get asked, "What's your favorite Bible verse?" My response is, "It changes day to day." People who don't think God speaks to us aren't listening. Many times I leave Church, or at the end of my daily devotions I think, that is exactly what I needed to hear. God does hear our prayers and He knows when something is weighting us down. If we are still and listen, we can hear Him talking to us.

I am privileged to work with some amazing women on the 2024 LWML Nebraska District North Convention Committee. In late January, we were all gobsmacked to learn our convention site was booked for the wrong weekend. We have worked feverously to find a new site and make some adjustments. I will admit I am a worrier. So no sleep for a few days, and lots of praying, and prayers from others helping us.

Then I was at my cousin's house and there was a plaque on the mantel. It said, "Where God guides, He provides." Isaiah 58:11.

I read it, then I read it again, and then I read it a third time. There it was. We are doing God's work; He will surely make it happen if he wants it to. The tension gripping me melted away and I thought, "Why was I so worried?"

Saturday morning after I talked to one of the pastors at Christ Lutheran I was even more assured that God just has a different plan for the convention than we do. When I looked up Isaiah 58:11 it didn't look like the plaque at all, but I still think this was just a short message from God to me, to quit worrying, keep praying and leave it in God's hands.

Even with the site change the 2024 Convention is coming together. With God's help and guidance this will be a wonderful opportunity for worship, fellowship, mission work, Bible Study, exhibitors, servant events, and all things to do with serving God.

See you all in June!!!



At the Board of Directors meeting in March, it was recommended that I send out quarterly reports to each zone president on all the mites submitted by their zone and all of the other zones, as well as other income submitted (bookstore sales, LWML Quarterly subscription payments, estate donations in general, registrations etc.) Each zone president is requested to please share this quarterly report with each group within their zone; each Group can then check if there are any discrepancies on mite donations or quarterly payments, so that we can keep accurate records, especially for the convention manual.

--Jeanette Buene

Suzanne Totten - Vice President of Human Care

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God's Mercy: It's Puzzling!

KEEP ACTIVE! This is the goal of the service committee of our LWML group at my church. The three of us conspire as a team to plan service projects for our fellow sisters, all to promote our organization and to glorify God.

One of our latest efforts has been a puzzle exchange. The jigsaw puzzles are grouped in displays and each box contains a booklet in which the users are encouraged to write their names and favorite Bible verses. This exchange has been well received. People seem to enjoy opening a box of bits of cardboard of various colors, shapes and sizes. With dedication, and sometimes a little hair-pulling, all the pieces (except possibly a missing one or two) will fit together into a complete picture. How satisfying to finish this undertaking.

My faith life can be a bit like that at times. I want all the parts to fit together into a perfect picture with no missing pieces. I want all my doubts and questions to be answered. And how can his mercies be new every morning? Now I find that very puzzling. Why would my God forgive me, not just today but every day of my life? How does He even know what my sins are, especially the ones of which I'm not aware? Why do I not have to do good works to atone for all of my wrongs?

As puzzling as all this can be, His Word reminds me to have faith in his promises. If His mercies are new every morning, then it must be true. "God is ♥" is the answer to these puzzling questions. So instead of being full of doubts and questions, I can be joyful, hopeful and merciful to others. The puzzle fits together perfectly and there are no missing pieces! Thank you, Lord!

Pocket Prayer Favors



"Mission Sowers society from Columbus gave these to guests at the LWML prayer Service. They were also used as table favors for our Spring rally on April 27th-several of our members belong to the quilting group at church called the Knotty Ladies and we made these to also decorate our LWML Christmas tree in December-they are also used to give to shut-ins who need an encouraging word. This is the brainchild of Carol Uden and Suzanne Totten."

--Susan Rubeck
Mission Sowers President



District Convention - 2024

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

June 28-29, 2024 Christ Lutheran, Norfolk

NOTE:

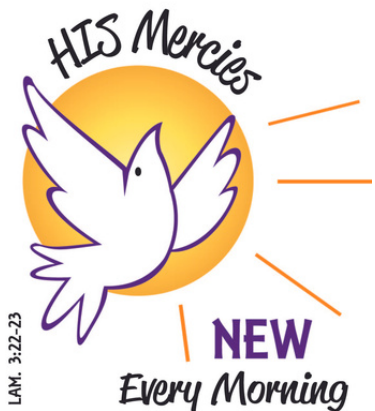
Every society president has been emailed a letter from President LaDonna, as well as the proposed mission grants, the nominees for office and the proposed bylaws amendments. There should be a powerpoint on the mission grants on our website in May. Each society should review all this information and discuss with your society delegates. There is only one registration form. It is used for delegates, as well as all others. All voting will take place at convention on Friday afternoon. If you did not get these forms, please contact LaDonna.

Highlights of convention: 9:30 start on Friday morning: mission grant speakers, keynote speaker, Bible study; Friday afternoon: mission grant speakers, delegate orientation and voting, servant events.

9:00 start on Saturday: Communion service, mission speakers, Bible study, keynote speaker, greetings from LCMS and LLL; results of mission grants and new officers. Closing devotions by 3:30

Things to remember:

- Please bring fronts of greeting cards
- Don't forget a hard surface (clipboard?) to write on



Hopefully, you received your copy of **Convention Central** with all the information you need for **District Convention 2024!** You can find it, with lists of proposed grant recipients, ballot nominees and more, on our Facebook page or website.

Pam Williams, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

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“(His mercies) are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:23b

Convention is fast approaching, and the above verse is the second half of our theme. One of our bedroom windows faces east and I can watch beautiful sunrises that I never get tired of seeing. His glorious creation starts a new day. I begin the day with a clean slate. My sins are forgiven, and God loves me, even knowing that sin begins as soon as my eyes open. Forgiveness and life everlasting is mine and yours because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Adam and Eve were given the promise in the garden of Eden; thousands of years later the promise is still valid. Our God is faithful to His promises. Trust Him.

I am excited to present the mission grants to you. I will have a power point presentation with pictures on the district website (<https://lwmlnebraskanorth.org>) describing each of the grants. It should be there the middle of May, so keep checking the district website for information.

Seek and Serve on April 6 in Columbus

How do you complete 800 crocheted cross quilts, cut out over 5,000 pockets, finish over 500 prayer pockets, color 400+ bookmarks, and spend time studying God's word all in the same day? You tell the women of the Nebraska North and Nebraska South LWML Districts that we are having a day of Seeking what God would have us know in his word and Serving others! They'll show up in bunches, bringing donations for the ingathering and for the projects to be completed. They'll spend the day listening and working to meet the goals laid out before them. What doesn't get accomplished, they will pack up in their cars when they head home, and work on until the projects are complete.

This is exactly what happened on April 6 for Seek & Serve day. Over 140 women showed up to seek and to serve; many others sent donations of supplies. The day began with everyone finding their stations and beginning their projects. The number of jeans and pockets that showed up was a little overwhelming, but slowly everyone began to work and find a rhythm of moving from one station to the next to assembly-line make prayer pockets. After a 45-minute working session, everyone stopped to listen to Remkea Ockander as she talked about Mary and Elizabeth being of different ages, and yet how God connected the two of them. She challenged us to look around the room and figure out how we can connect with those in different generations to continue God's work. After lunch Remkea recalled the account of fishing on the other side of the boat. It was a wonderful study.

The women of Peace Lutheran LWML provided a wonderful lunch for everyone and we all enjoyed the seeking, the fellowship, and the service of the day. Katy Gifford, past Nebraska South District president was a special guest. She came from Minnesota to join her Nebraska sisters in Christ for this special day.

Many kits were packed up for women to complete at home or in their small groups. There is still much work to do; if you want to help, reach out to Denise Hummel (dlhummel2000@yahoo.com) and she'll be happy to get things to you to



Past National Presidents and Nebraska residents Virginia Von Seggern and Linda Reiser were there to pitch in.



Remkea Ockander



Our ingathering results for the little ones at Peace First Steps

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| Cash....\$100 | Glue sticks, pkgs. of....12 |
| Crayons, assorted size boxes....94 | Glue, bottles of....34 |
| Coloring books....115 | Books....59 |
| Paintboxes....39 | Colored tape, rolls of....4 |
| Paint, bottles/containers of....12 | Copy paper, cases of....1 |
| Paintbrushes, pkgs. of....19 | Bibs....86 |
| Art kits....2 | Burp cloths....31 |
| Construction paper, pkgs. of....35 | Diapers, cloth....4 |
| Art paper, pkgs. of....17 | Wipes, pkgs. of....2 |
| Pencils, pkgs. of....4 | Towels....3 |
| Basketballs, child-size....2 | |



We started with bags and bags and bags of jean pockets, and ended up with pile after pile of trimmed and neatly bagged pockets ready to decorate.



I am the **Heart** of LWML

LWML Convention - Omaha
June 26-29, 2025
Host Committee Chair - Crystal Miller

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2025 Convention Host Committee News

The Host Committee (HC) continues to work on all the things that need to be done for Convention 2025. It is with great joy that this service is happening. Elsewhere in this Leaguer you'll find a report on Seek & Serve. This was a wonderful opportunity to gather to work on things for Convention. All the crocheted cross pocket quilts have been completed, we have many pockets, in progress. If you want to work on pockets - contact Denise Hummel (dlhummel2000@yahoo.com) 308-946-4121. Denise oversees favors for convention and is coordinating. We also have lots of bookmarks for coloring, so if you'd like to do that, contact me (hcc2025@lwml.org). I have the bookmarks.



Convention Shirts - 3 Options

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

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.

Worker Volunteer Forms - Available Electronically

If you want to work at convention, here is the QR code and the link to fill out an electronic form. If you have a smart phone - just hover over the QR code and it will take you to the online form. If that doesn't work for you - just click on the link below or retype it into your browser. If you can't seem to get there, contact one of your grandchildren and they'll help you out.



Assignments will not be made until Spring of 2025 when the HC will have identified where workers are needed and how many for each area. So be patient, someone will contact with you with your assignments next spring.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BHWInPIB6kCg1yDbbJK5sInDoToFbNhNuta0qLtGKSBURFBBWEw1MTY2U0k5WVFSklYRONIMFE2Uy4u>

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


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DG478W Devon & Jones Ladies' Manchester Full-Zip Cardigan Swtr
 GRAPE / NAVY

LK5601 Port Authority® Ladies Luxe Knit Tunic
 DEEP BLACK

L500 Port Authority Ladies Silk Touch Polo
 BRIGHT LAVENDER

K500 Port Authority Mens Silk Touch Polo
 BRIGHT LAVENDER

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Med ____ @ \$35 ____	
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ADD SHIPPING

Mail Order Deadline: March 1, 2025
 Pick up at 2025 Convention Deadline
 (postmarked): May 15, 2025

Shipping:	Add:
1-4 Items	\$ 9.00
5-9 Items	\$15.00
10+	\$25.00
20+	\$50.00

 # of Items

\$	_____
	SUBTOTAL All Items
\$	_____
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<https://lwml-nebraska-host-committee.square.site/>

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