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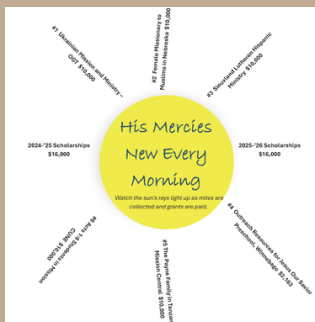
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“His mercies new every morning” Do you know how many times I thought of this verse as I prepared for convention?? Dozens! Every time I couldn't find something I needed, or something had to get changed, I would stop and say a little prayer, and sure enough...I would find the object or the solution needed. Now, I know these are pretty small mercies compared to his everyday forgiveness of me, but at the time, they seemed pretty important to me! It's just that sometimes we don't stop and realize all the mercies that we get every day. While I listened to all the speakers at our recent convention, it truly seemed like a lot of miracles or mercies had been happening with all our mite offerings. What a blessing it was to hear about how they are being used, from helping fathers learn how to be fathers to creating a place for those with disabilities to have their own place to socialize and make some spending money! I again want to thank anyone who was involved in making this a wonderful, uplifting convention. And communing with so many sisters in Christ and seeing all our wonderful ministers together was so beautiful. Just a small foretaste of the “feast to come.”

I would like to answer one question that was on the evaluation form. At each convention, we try to do both an ingathering and an offering for projects in the host committee zone. That is why it was the five Norfolk Zone Lutheran schools that received the paper and the offering. Each school got a lot of copy paper and over \$800 to use.

Thank you to everyone who came to convention and contributed to all our offerings and mite goals. In August, your Board of Directors will meet to evaluate convention and to create goals for the next two years. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let us know.



NEW GRANTS GRAPHIC

See the rays light up!



2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

In this issue we remember with words and photos



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Plans are progressing and details are coming soon



BUS TO OMAHA

Plans are underway for renting a bus to travel to convention in Omaha

Financial report for April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024

Convention, District

Decorations sold	167.00
Purple Auction	1,306.00
Offering #1 for Mites	<u>4,224.00</u>
Total Convention Mites	5,697.00
Donations	259.06
Memorials	940.00
Mite Offerings from Groups (Societies)	12,276.07
Payments in Kind - to Mites	1,836.62
Special Offerings	971.84
Thrivent Choice	<u>98.00</u>
Total Mites	22,078.59

A message from Jeanette:

With this, my final report, I have sent out a letter to each group (society) with vouchers and the address labels for your new financial secretary. Please send all donations to her from this time forward.

Memorials/In honor of April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Immanuel, Osmond LWML	Charlotte Blunck
Stirtz, Lisa	Mark von Soosten
Columbus, Christ Ladies Aide & LWML	Ardeth Loseke
Arlington, St. Paul Women's League	Lola Scheer
Cohrs, Loren & Marybeth	Judy Treadway
Royuk, Barbarakay	Norma James
Lewis, JoAnn	Arvolene Martin
Beemer, St. John Ladies Missionary Society	Arvolene Martin
Stuthman, Katharine	Joyce Echtenkamp
Sixta, Janet	Carol Rosendahl
Begeman, Bonnie	Norma James
Toelle, Joyce	Arvolene Martin
Columbus, Christ Ladies Aide & LWML	Evelyn Wilke
Columbus, St. John WMA	Carol Rosendahl
Kahny, Nancy	Norma James

Note: New Financial Secretary, New Address

Joan Plummer
3261 50th Ave
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Other Income

Bookstore Sales	1,825.91
Cash returned to bank (for making change at convention)	520.00
Convention, District	
Exhibitor Fees & Meals	663.00
Offering #2 (for scholarships)	4,076.00
Offering #3 (Norfolk Zone Lutheran Schools)	4,247.00
Registration & Meals	<u>18,447.00</u>
Total non-mite Convention income	27,433.00
Interest Income	70.90
LCEF, transfer from (for YWR Mission Grant)	2,024.00
LWML Nebraska South District Host Committe 2025	1,659.85
Memorials not for mites (administrative funds)	20.00
Seek & Serve Registration Fees	1,760.00
LWML for Convention Scholarships	<u>250.00</u>
Total Other Income	35,563.66

*I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands (Psalm143:5).*

Nostalgia is a wonderful thing. We can look back to high school days long gone when the greatest care was preparing for a test, or wondering if we would have a date for prom. These were followed by our time as parents, struggling with little ones who now have families of their own. These days were filled with struggles, but oh so much joy. Perhaps we didn't realize then how precious the days were. But we do now, and look upon them with gratitude. We realize those days are behind us, growing farther away each day. We can't go back, but we can treasure those memories.

God's people also look in the past to see His wondrous deeds. The exodus of His people from Egypt; His care for His people in spite of their sinful hearts; the wonder of the manger and the incarnation of our Lord, God made flesh to rescue us from our sins. In much the same way, we look wistfully back to His great deeds. But unlike our nostalgia, God is not confined to the past. As we ponder the work of His hands, we know that we can't go back but we go forward with this same God who continues to show forth His goodness. In fact He has prepared a future for us that will be far more wonderful than our past. We have a future unencumbered with sin, death and disease. The work of His hands (Psalm 143:5) testifies to the ironclad promise He has given to us through the blood of His Son. Thanks be to God for our past with God, and thanks be to God for a bright and wonderful future!

For me personally, nostalgia is already at work. I was blessed to be present at the LWML Nebraska North District convention. What a wonderful experience! Over 250 men and women came together to praise God, encourage one another, and put their considerable resources toward nine mission projects. I look back with fondness at that weekend, and look forward to our continued work together, especially the opportunity to host women from across the nation in Omaha at the 2025 National LWML convention!

Pastor Moreno is the newly elected Junior Pastoral Counselor for the North District LWML. He serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is married to Lisa (nee Kuske) and has two children, Jing and Ally.

Dates to Remember

June 26-29, 2025

National LWML Convention

CHI - Omaha

Fall Zone Events

- Ainsworth Zone - September 28, Atkinson, 9AM
- Columbus Zone - October 12, Peace, Columbus
- Fremont Zone - October 6, 1:00/1:30PM, St. Paul, Arlington
- Norfolk Zone - October 12, 8:30/9:00AM, St. Matthew in Meadow Grove
- Plainview - September 28, Concordia, Clearwater
- West Point Zone - October 7, 5 PM, St. John Pender
- Omaha & Sarpy Zones - August 25, 1 – 4 PM, Divine Shepherd

Contact your zone or group president for details not listed



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Past and Future

What a wonderful time I had at the convention; truly, His mercies are new every morning! Remembering past conventions, some of the best parts were seeing friends I hadn't seen for a year or more and worshiping with the congregation of women gathered. The joy shared in our fellowship and hearing from the mission speakers about how our mites helped them extend their outreach always uplifts me.

It has been a joy helping with the in-gatherings the last few years. Being a part of the Human Care committee (now Special Focus Ministries), along with former V.P. Suzanne Totten and Deb Hill, we expected a good collection of items at the convention for Jesus Our Savior in Winnebago and reams of copy paper for the five parochial schools in the Norfolk area. But, boy, did you LWMLers exceed expectations!

For the 5 schools in the Norfolk Zone (because that's the zone where convention was)

261 reams of copy paper--5 cases for each school

\$190.00 cash, combined with the 3rd offering, making a total of \$829.40 for each school

For Jesus Our Savior Preschool

gift cards and cash: \$875.00

31 boxes of greeting cards

238 stamps

44 bags of cotton balls

4 pkgs of glue sticks

7 pkgs of paper cups

23 pkgs of plastic dinnerware

11 pkgs of fruit and pudding cups

29 pkgs of paper plates

4 pkgs of sanitary wipes

1 entryway rug

7 pkgs of various types of craft and notebook paper

51 pkgs of paper napkins, towels, toilet paper

1 cartridge of printer toner

1 heavy duty push broom

3 large totes

6 pkgs modeling clay

4 pkgs of plastic sheet protectors

2 pkgs of kinetic sand

2 deodorizer plug-in refills

13 boxes of snack crackers

8 containers of counter cleaner

4 boxes of tissues

1 pkg of cotton swabs

I'm looking forward to the next four years as your V.P. of Special Focus Ministries (formerly Christian Life). I pray that our Special Focus remains on Christ and His Word. As Paul wrote, *Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work* (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).



At the Board of Directors meeting in March, it was recommended that the Financial Secretary 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 the District can keep accurate records, especially for the convention manual.

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I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done... (Psalm 143:5).

Do you ever just think about what God has done in the past? It is good to think about all that our Father has done. Some of the things that come to my mind include creation and all the creatures on land and sea right down to the tiny ants and mosquitoes. I don't understand why God made mosquitos but will ask Him that when the time is right. I also think about how God keeps His promises, like the way He gave Abraham and Sarah a child when they had no hope of ever conceiving. Or what about all the miracles, like the time God split the Red Sea; that was amazing. You could fill many pages with all the things God has done. What I appreciated so much about our theme for convention was the reminders we received each day about how God is so faithful and that every morning His faithfulness starts over. What an absolute blessing! We can trust that God will bring strength in the present and hope for the future by looking to the past at what God has done. Great is His Faithfulness!!



Carol Weber - Vice President of Communication

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I remember my mom singing beside me in church from the time I was tiny. She loved to sing, and I learned my love of music from her. I remember an LWML meeting at our church when I was a teenager, with about thirty women there, when she leaned over to me and whispered that meetings now always started with the Bible study instead of the business meeting, so that if something got shortchanged in time, it was the business, not the time in God's Word. She loved to study God's Word, and I learned my love of Scripture from her. I remember her sitting at the dining room table, paying bills, and writing her monthly checks to six different missionaries. She loved to give money to missionaries, and I learned my love of supporting mission work from her.

My mom is with Jesus now, but I find myself remembering her often. She would have loved being at our convention this past June. We sang—oh, did we sing!—and we studied God's Word, and we donated to Mites and heard of the great work previous Mites have accomplished. And so I'll continue to meditate on God's Word and ponder the works of His hands, even as I look forward with great enthusiasm to the National Convention in Omaha next summer--and two of my sisters may be traveling across the country to join me. Mom would really have enjoyed that!

Pam Williams, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

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We Planned, We Attended, We Left...Now It's Over?

The Board of Directors and the Convention Committee planned for two years to have the District convention June 28-29, 2024, in Norfolk. We have all been home for over a month and have moved on with our lives. But is the convention over? No, it continues on in our memories and the pictures we took. Remember the worship service, the Mission in Action speakers, the Bible study and, of course, Christina Hergenrader, our keynote speaker? The memories may fade but it doesn't even end there!

Psalm 143:5 says, *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the works of your hands.* While convention ended that Saturday afternoon in June, the excitement of the newly selected mission grants continues. I get goosebumps when I think of the lives that will be touched by all of us supporting the mission grants.

Orphan Grain Train is reaching out with the love of Jesus to families from the war-torn nation of **Ukraine** as they are welcomed to Norfolk. These men and women are mentored in the English language and the ways of life in America, with driving, shopping, and other day-in and day-out activities needed to provide for their loved ones.

Missionary Georgette Alaraj, with **POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)** International, interacts daily with Muslim women who are lost, worshiping Allah, a false god. Georgette came from Palestine and has first-hand knowledge and experience of the nuances of Eastern culture, the Islamic belief system, and the role of women in these spaces. She reaches out with friendship and love to women beginning a new life in Omaha and Lincoln.

Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry extended a call, through Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, to a missionary/pastor for all the LC-MS churches in the Siouxland region. One part of his call is to collaborate and train local congregations for meeting the needs of their Hispanic neighbors.

Jesus Our Savior Preschool in Winnebago teaches the young children that Jesus loves each of them. **Early Christian Outreach Resources** will provide Bible story books to current and former students and young ones in the community. Lutheran Hour Ministries educational materials will be given to parents and adults in the community.

Here I Am! Send Me! The Payne Family is in Tanzania and starting to share the Good News that, through Jesus, God's mercies are new every morning. Pastor and Keah will work with new and graduated students.

Concordia University, Nebraska will be able to offer more scholarships to students embarking on a mission trip with **Acts 1:8 Students in Mission**. These students may not otherwise have the opportunity to visit outside the United States and experience the joy of sharing the eternal life-saving news of Jesus and His love for us so deep that He died on the cross for our sins.

Women in Mission, our joy continues as we gather mites to help these recipients reach out to people who need the Gospel. The chart of our progress is on the next page; during the next two years, I will keep you updated on these six grants. For more information, you can go to the Nebraska North District website to see a presentation on these.

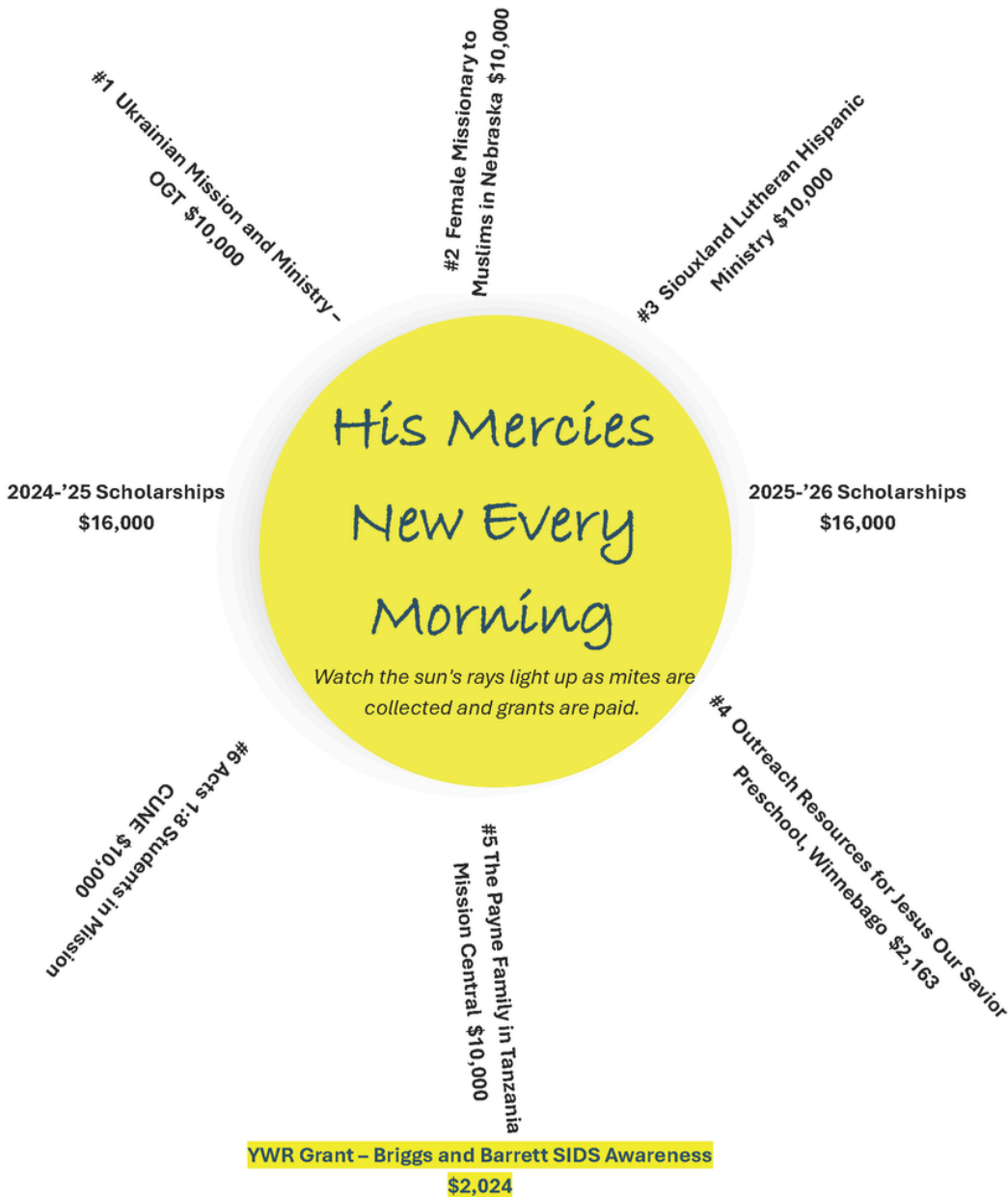


YWR - Young Women Representatives

The District was honored to have 5 Young Women Representatives at convention. Activities for these young women were arranged by VP Sara Huwaldt and YWRs to 2023 National LWML Convention, Mallory Calvert and Kenzie Pasold. The YWRs were:

Karissa Blank	St John Madison
Linsey Keseman	Grace Norfolk
Amara Mulcahy	Zion/St Johns Wisner
Kaitlin Schaefer	Grace Norfolk
Jerrica Tietz	St John Battle Creek

We thank them for joining us to “serve the Lord with gladness”!



We honor and celebrate Loretta “Lori” Meske Predoehl, who entered the Lord’s presence on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at Centennial Hospital, Nashville, TN. Lori was active in LWML on many levels, and was the editor of the Leaguer for many years. For a full obituary: <https://www.tnfunerals.com/obituary/loretta-predoehl>



Young Women Representatives Mission choice

The YWRs attending convention choose between two grants. This year, since it is 2024, they had \$2,024 to donate. They were able to select between Birthright in Norfolk and Briggs and Barrett Project. They voted to support Briggs and Barrett Project.

Briggs & Barrett Project is a non-profit organization located in Norfolk. It was started by two moms whose 3 month old sons died from SIDS. They did not want any other family to experience the loss of an infant. Briggs & Barrett Project is dedicated to raising awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and providing critical support to families navigating through this devastating experience. They are committed to preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) by promoting safe sleep practices, education, and equipping families with the tools they need to ensure their infant's safety.

Besides offering hope and education, Briggs and Barrett also have resources to ensure every baby sleeps safely. The Owlet Dream Sock® is worn on the foot by newborns and infants from 1 – 18 months and 6-30 pounds. This innovative device monitors a baby's heart rate & oxygen levels in real time, through an app on a cell phone, offering parents peace of mind.

In partnership with Owlet Care, they are able to provide an Owlet Dream Sock®* to families in need. At Briggs & Barrett Project, they recognize the importance of infant safety and peace of mind for parents. For more information please visit <https://www.bbproject.org>

(You can support them by donating \$299 and receive an Owlet sock and donate two socks for the local community. If you are a Thrivent member, Choice Dollars or Action Team projects help support this program.)

***DISCLAIMER: THE DREAM SOCK IS NOT A MEDICAL DEVICE AND IS NEVER TO BE USED TO REPLACE SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES.**



Past Nebraska North District Presidents, from left to right:
Monique Wolske, Lorna Hollman, Janyce Warneke, Crystal Miller,
LaDonna Stanosheck, Virginia Von Seggern, Lisa Stirtz



September TO REMEMBER

Lutheran Women in Mission's
Giving Day: SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, we invite you to support the LWML Mission Goal for this year's "September to Remember." In the tradition of September to Remember, we ask you to give thanks for someone who has supported you in your journey as a Lutheran woman in mission. This year, we are excited to announce that we have received a \$10,000 matching gift! This generous donation means that the first \$10,000 raised on September 10 will be doubled, amplifying the impact of your generosity!



The Nebraska North District bus will depart for the Omaha 2025 LWML convention on Thursday, June 26. We will leave convention when it adjourns on Sunday, June 29, about noon and return home by evening. Cost is expected to be about \$125 per person, depending on the number of passengers. (Limit will be 50)

Questions? Contact President LaDonna

Convention Election Results

We ask for God's blessings on your newly elected officers for Nebraska North District:

VP Communication Carol Weber
VP of Special Focus Ministries Meta Barnett
Financial Secretary Joan Plummer
Recording Secretary Maggie Rutjens
VP of Christian Life Shelley Freudenburg
Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev Mike Moreno

And the new Nominating Committee
Chair Monique Wolske
Janyce Warneke Robyn Vance
Betsy Raymer Pam List

We thank all those that allowed their names to be put on the ballot.

Also, the proposal to establish an endowment fund and all proposed bylaws amendments were accepted by the voting body at convention.



Convention Servant Events

Jean Pockets: 67
Encouragement Cards for Lutheran Teachers: 74
Crosses: 536 for two missionaries
Bibles for Jail Ministry: 150
Bookmarks for National Convention: 50
Salvation Bracelets: 367

In total, we did 1244 items to spread the love of Jesus to many people, and they've all been distributed as needed.

Thanks so much for all the work!

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

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2025 Convention Host Committee News

Do you want to help with or at the LWML National Convention in .2025? Have you considered sponsoring an activity, the golf outing, or some other thing at convention. Your group, your church, your zone could all pitch in to sponsor something at convention. Contact me if you are interested or if you know someone who is interested.

Have you signed up to help at convention - if not - use the QR Code below. If so - be patient - helpers will be contacted next spring with their assignments and times. If anyone from the Nebraska Districts agree to work for 8 hours during convention - your registration will be reduced to \$95 dollars which is a significant reduction.



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 available on facebook, the LWML website or by request.

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.



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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.

