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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ....

Boy did we grow! From Bible study to mission speakers, seeing old friends and making new ones! Worshiping and working together; walking, laughing, crying. Convention brought out the best of all involved! The committee did such a wonderful job and I want to personally thank everyone who helped in any way to make LWML Omaha 2025 a blessing for all who attended. "Nebraska Nice" was so evident in all the interactions and we give God the glory for a wonderful, uplifting, mountain top experience! To worship with 4000 others who have the same love of Jesus in their hearts and the same goal of spreading His good news, in their hands and feet, was a small taste of the glories to come in our real home in Heaven!

And now we go forward to accomplish our goals, with our gold and silver, hands, feet and voices. Now we need to plan for District convention 2026, which will be June 26 and 27 in Gretna. But first we will meet at our All-District retreat (for everyone!) that will be September 20 in Osmond. That registration form is attached to this Leaguer.

I hope the blessings were numerous for all who attended Omaha convention 2025 and if you were unable to attend, please go to lwml.org and view all the videos there.



DISTRICT RETREAT

God's Quilt of Comfort



NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Prayerfully consider nominating someone to serve



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Convention happenings



GROUP ACTIVITIES

Shared Activities

Joan Plummer - Financial Secretary

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Financial report for March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Mites Income

Mite offerings from Groups	\$11,124.35
Church Offerings	210.16
Personal Donations	700.00
Special Offerings	337.80
Thrivent Choice	169.00
<u>Memorials</u>	<u>325.00</u>
Total Mites	\$12,866.31
Donation in Kind to Mites	\$1,619.31

Other Income

Quarterlies	\$1,121.00
Convention Bus	\$5,666.00
Bookstore	\$20.00
Lunch Donations	\$227.00
Interest Income	\$11.46
Checking account Interest	\$35.75
LCEF Transer	\$6,000.00
Memorials (not designated)	\$180.00
Name Badge	\$10.00
Total Non-Mite Income	\$12,150.21

Total Income: **\$26,635.83**

Memorials/In honor of March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

From

St Peter, Scribner
Marilyn Bohling
Christ LA, O'Neill
Zion Lydia, Omaha
Trinity, Ponca
Elaine Raabe
Immanuel, Columbus
St. Paul, Bancroft
Nancy Goesch
Helen and Kathryn Silva
Jennifer Silva
Katherine Stuthman
Our Redeemer Lydia, Wahoo
Virginia VonSeggern
First Lutheran, Plattsmouth
Immanuel, Columbus
Zion Lydia, Omaha

For

Connie Mauch
Elaine Bartling
Elaine Nelson
Aleta Neuhaus
Shirley Book
Connie Ullerich
Marlene Wilke
Kay Schwedehelm
Connie Ullerich
Connie Ullerich
Connie Ullerich
Connie Ullerich
Shirley Schoenrock
Sharon Boelter
Bernita Zimmer
Marline Wilke
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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).

When I served with Synod ELEVEN years ago, I was blessed to have a peek at an LWML convention for the first time as an exhibitor with Ministry To The Armed Forces in Des Moines, Iowa. I went to my second convention in Omaha and wow was it different! I was blessed to know and work with the ladies who spent untold hours putting prayer pockets together, planning meals, volunteer management, and so many other tasks! I was in awe of the way that the ladies of the LWML had the servant hearts and energy that often outlasted the energizer bunny!

I was privileged to serve as celebrant for the worship service that had over FOUR THOUSAND in attendance. And each person who attended the convention had a heart for Jesus, a heart for missions, and a heart for the work of the LWML. I will not soon forget the energy, the excitement and the servant hearts I saw in Omaha. What a mountaintop experience!

And as I reflect on the convention, it should not be a surprise that the ladies of both the North and South District performed as they did in this herculean effort. They have been formed, have grown in the grace and knowledge of Jesus for many years. And I pray that you will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus from now unto all eternity, for when we are called home, we will still grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus when we see Him face to face!

To God be the glory!!!

Pastor Moreno



Fall Gathering Dates to Remember

- Ainsworth Zone: September 13 at Christ Lutheran Church, O'Neill, 9:00 am.
- Columbus Zone: October 11 at Trinity Lutheran; 9:30am, Theme: Growing in God's Grace Par 2
- Fremont Zone: October 5 1:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Hooper in the school gym; speaker is Susan Shields from Lutheran Family Service.
- Norfolk Zone: October 18, 8:30 AM at Grace Lutheran, Norfolk. Speaker will be Dana Wockenfuss from The Well, Norfolk.
- Plainview Zone: October 11 Christ Lutheran Bazille Mills, 1PM
- Omaha/Sarpy Zones: September 13, from 1 to 4 PM at King Of Kings main campus in Millard. Our speaker will be Rev. Seth Frick.
- Wayne Zone: . October 14th at Martinsburg, Registration 9:00 . Kristi Nathaniel from Her Health will be the Speaker.
- West Point Zone: October 13, 5:00 p.m. at Faith in Stanton. Registration 4:30 p.m. The speaker is Remkea Ockander.

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As I think back on the recent LWML convention my heart is full of gratitude—for the spiritual growth, for the friendships that were strengthened and especially for the generous volunteerism that made this convention possible. With our theme being “growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” grow we did. Through the worship services, bible studies, mission in mites’ speakers and, singing, it was an awesome mountain top experience.

None of this would have been possible without the all the support behind the scenes. To everyone who volunteered or voluntold (as my husband experienced) thank you so much please know your efforts made a difference. To all the first-time attendees that volunteered, I know you didn’t get as much out of convention as you would have had we not been hosting. I pray you will come to the next convention so you can truly experience all that is offered. We will even get VIP seating! I know I will never attend another convention and not appreciate all that goes on before, during and after a National convention.

Let us all continue to grow, not in just in head knowledge but in living out of faith daily.

To God be the glory!!



Pam Williams - Vice President of Gospel Outreach

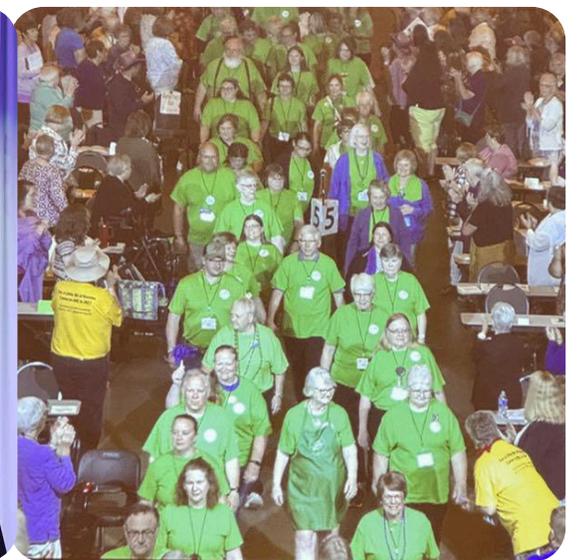
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We Prepared, People Came and God Blessed It All!

It was so much fun (and hard work) planning a national convention. As I write this article the 41st National LWML Convention has been over for six weeks. It seems like convention was ages ago and then again only last week. I caught bits and pieces of what happened in the convention hall since I was in charge of the Information Kiosk, so I am really looking forward to going to the OKC convention in 2027. But what I experienced in the hallways during the meetings was utterly amazing. I met so many new friends, heard heart-touching stories and experienced God's sustenance and care. There were frustrations on both sides of the information table and I at one time wondered if someone had changed my sign to the Complaint Kiosk, but it was always my privilege to try to send each person away with a smile on their face and joy in their heart!

I am assured the future of LWML is bright and secure after meeting a young lady who was at her first convention and very new to LWML. Mollianna had a deer in the headlights look when I greeted her. She shared some of her story and thanked me for walking her to the Registration Table. She kept stopping by the Information Kiosk and updating me on what activities the YWRs had participated in. She made good friends with the other Young Women Representatives. Mollianna, a singer/songwriter with her own YouTube channel, started filming a music video at convention that shares parts of each woman's life story and how God has rescued her.

There are so many women that trod the road before us and established LWML and there will be many who follow us. My prayer is that with the joy of knowing each mite brings the Gospel to many who do not know who or what Jesus did for each of us, we all serve Him and continue "Growing in God's grace."



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Wow! What an incredible Convention. Three and a half days (officially, anyway) of the most amazing time spent with other women who believe in and share God's love and mercy. I was blessed to volunteer with many LWMLers, and some husbands, at the registration desk. Talk about an opportunity to grow in grace! Everyone was very patient with us as we handed out totes and name tags and tried to point folks where they wanted to go next.

Some special memories I have are Thursday night worship with Communion and the singing, Friday was a blur of more registration, Saturday's Mission Flag procession where I carried Bolivia's placard, the Mission Walk - two states worth!, Christina Hergenrader's concert, Sunday's Sending Worship Service - again, the singing!, and the Mission speakers throughout. AND, meeting the wonderful ladies who came from all over to be with us in Omaha. Whew, what a time!!

Coming up next, the Nebraska North District All Members Retreat in Osmond September 20th. The Ingathering will be for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" in South Sioux City. SHP "builds, assembles, and delivers top notch bunk beds to children and families in need. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads." Needed are new sheet sets, pillows, pillowcases, vinegar of any kind and 0000 steel wool (used to create a type of stain for the wood), cash to buy materials and your prayers. Thank you, God bless and may we all continue to grow in God's grace.



Monique Wolske - Nominating Committee Chair

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Calling interested nominees!

The next district convention will be June 26-27, 2026, so the nominations committee is procuring names for those interested in serving on the district level for an office. If you are interested or know of anyone who you feel would be an eligible individual for one of these positions, please let me, (Monique Wolske) or any nomination committee member (Pam List, Betsy Raymer, Robyn Vance, or Janice Warneke) know of the interest. Positions to be filled are: District President, Treasurer, VP of Gospel Outreach, VP of Organizational Resources, and one individual from each of our Zones for the nomination committee(5 of which will be elected). A list of names was submitted earlier to President Snow, Nebraska District for review of pastoral candidates for junior counselor. Job descriptions can be found on the district website in the Leaders manual. Remember though, that God does equip His people to serve in various capacities, even when someone may think they "can't do it!" Moses is a good example of that!



Group Activities - Immanuel Mission Sowers



Immanuel Mission Sowers of Columbus created 25 layette kits for OGT, which were assembled at their May meeting.

Mission Sowers had Joel Ramsey from Camp Luther speak at their April salad supper with an ingathering of items for the camp



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Mission Grant Information

The mission grant application is available on the District website. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CST. It was decided to limit each grant to \$5,000 in order to be able to help more organizations. District applicants are NOT required to be an RSO – Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. If you know of a community group that reaches out to others with the love of God please let them know that they are eligible to apply.

Our hope is to continue supporting national and international missionary groups and also reach out to local communities in the Nebraska North District. If you have any questions about Gospel Outreach please call, text or email me and I will help answer them.

Prior to district convention in June 2026, a PowerPoint, highlighting all the grants appearing on the ballot, will be available on the district website. This allows everyone to have an opportunity to become familiar with the organizations and make decisions on which grants they want their delegate to vote for.

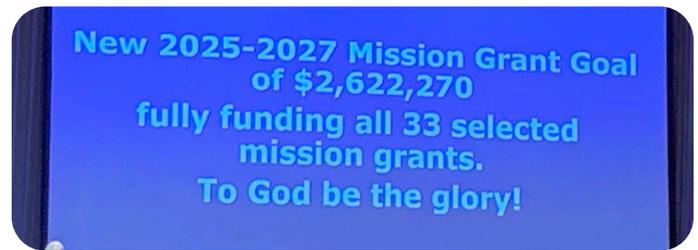


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Feeding the Masses

Volunteering at the 2025 National LWML convention in Omaha this June was an eye-opening experience. I gained much knowledge about the workings of National Conventions by helping with Food Services department as the Traffic Safety Director. Through my post and with the aid of others working in our department as well as the multitude of volunteers that assisted us, we were able to give all the attendees their meals that they signed up for in a timely manner. We prepared ahead of the convention, lining up the number of volunteers that we would need throughout the convention. We were then able to see our plans coming to fruition throughout the convention. Although we had a job to do, we got to meet attendees from all around with the same mindset, that we were all gathered together growing in our faith. We reflect on our theme verse, 2 Peter 3:18, that the glory be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, just as we provided nourishment to the attendees at the convention, we are reminded that we too need to nourishment of the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

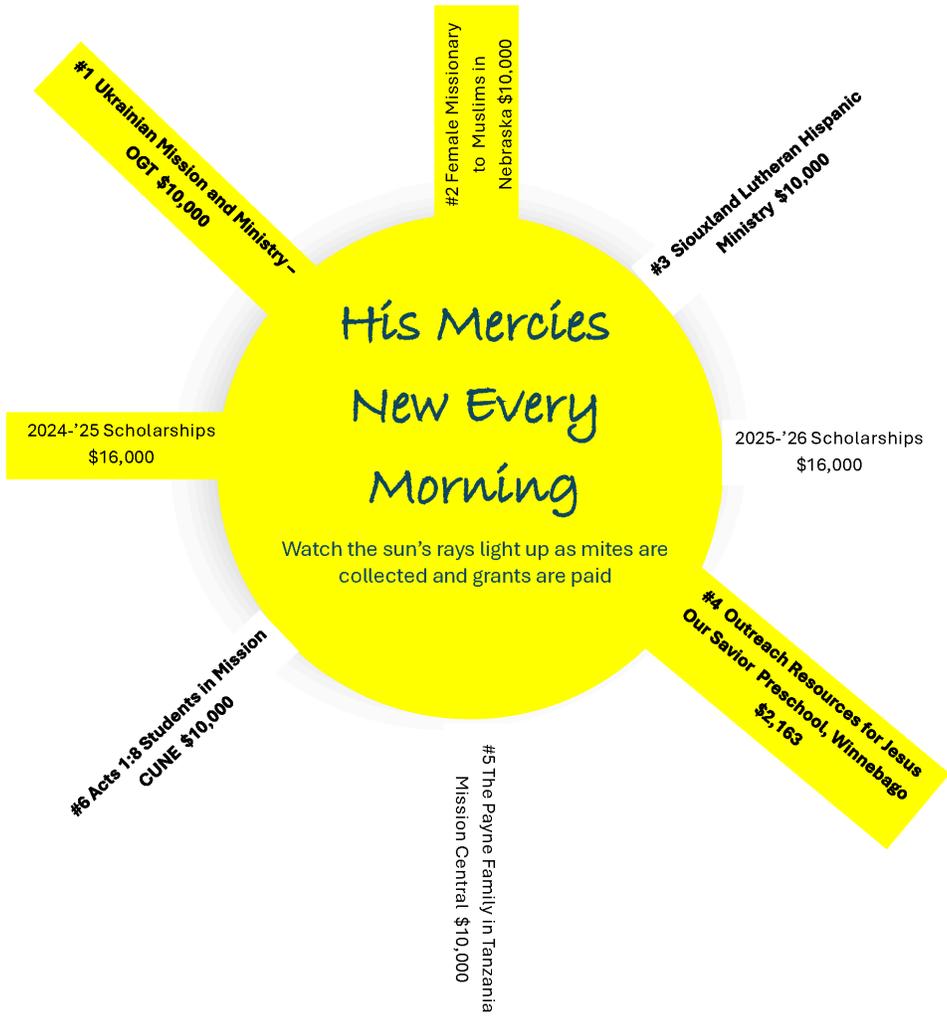


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2025 LWML National Convention

What do humidity, frizzy hair and heat have in common? It must be the 2025 convention in Omaha, Nebraska!! But it sure was cool inside the CHI Center! Not like “The Fonz” cool. . . but cool in the literal sense! Sweaters were encouraged! The messages from speakers were sure “hot” not like “fry an egg on the sidewalk” hot . . . but rather engagingly hot, the kind that makes you want to get up and go and make disciples of all nations hot! Talk about amazing! The messages shared between June 26, 2025 and June 29, 2025 were dazzling, captivating, heavenly and delightful!! What did I get from the convention? The convention provided me with some one on one time with a special lady from my church. One who I haven’t been able to spend much time with and yet, this convention provided that opportunity to share some life experiences. The convention also gave me a glimpse into all of the wonderful things that our mites do in everyday lives. Awe inspiring stories where lives were changed because of the opportunities various missions provide on a daily basis. It is all about God’s people, doing God’s work and spreading and sharing the good news of His Love, His grace and how the Holy Spirit moves people to do hard things. To God be all the glory!



YWR Grant - Briggs and Barrett SIDS Awareness
\$2,024



LWML Convention - Omaha
June 26-29, 2025
Host Committee Chair - Crystal Miller
To God be the Glory!

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I've been to a number of National Conventions. My first was in Portland and it has always been such a wonderful faith building opportunity. This time around - to have convention in Nebraska, while a lot of work (ok that might be an understatement), it was also a blessing in ways that no other convention has been. The team that was the 2025 Host Committee (60+ women and 2 pastors) was filled with servant hearts and did such a wonderful job of showing "Nebraska Nice" to all of LWML. In addition 300+ women and men who volunteered at convention and helped in to many ways to mention. There were many others helped before hand both in action and in prayer.

Thank you doesn't seem like enough to say - but it is all that I have. It was a joy to serve along side of you. God blessed your service in ways that you and I may not fully understand on this side of eternity, but it is with great joy that we each got to experience this once (or maybe twice) in a lifetime experience. As I look forward, I ask that you keep the 2027 Oklahoma City Host Committee in your prayers - as you know - they have much to do. Also, I can't wait to see what God does with each of you who volunteered. God has big plans for LWML - jump in and see what He can do through you to further His mission through your mite offerings, through your service and alongside of your fellow LWMLers. Trust me - He will use you if you let him.

Lost & Found

I am reaching out to you about items I brought home from convention as the director of Lost and Found. I have a couple of water bottles, assorted glasses, assorted pieces of jewelry, a scarf, and some purchases from the LWML store. People can call me at 308-440-3320 and leave a message or email me at ellenkoopman59@gmail.com

Thank you!

Ellen Koopman - Lost and Found Director



Prayer Requests

Keep the Oklahoma City Host Committee in your prayers. I'm not sure about you - but I have a new found respect and empathy for all that is before them. But God has a plan - and it too will be a wonderful convention of all the LWML is doing now and in the next two years!

LWML Convention - Omaha - Convention Photos



LWML Nebraska North District All Members Retreat



“God’s Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping up in the Psalms”

Saturday, September 20, 2025

at Immanuel Lutheran Church
808 N Fulton Osmond Ne 68765



Check-In with Coffee & Rolls: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Retreat Starts at 9:30 a.m. – Ending at approximately 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: District Board meeting to follow

In-Gathering (For Sleep in Heavenly Peace of South Sioux City)

New in package, Twin size sheets, pillows, pillow cases, vinegar of any kind and 0000 steel wool, (these two items create a type of stain for the wood), cash to buy materials

Bible Study Leader: Eunice Brandt

Update from Camp Luther and LWML convention highlights

Please bring a favorite quilted piece and it’s story to be displayed on the church pews.

Registration Deadline is September 3, 2025

Fee: \$15 (includes lunch) due with registration

Send completed registration (below) and payment payable to:

LWML Nebraska North District, c/o Joan Plummer, 3261 50th Ave., Columbus NE 68601

(please type or print clearly)

Name: _____ Zone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

(confirmation will be sent when registration is received)