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Go! Proclaim Christ!

Well, we have “come down from the mountaintop” after experiencing that wonderful LWML convention in Omaha! Now what??? Do we just keep all those wonderful ideas and inspiring mission stories to ourselves?? Nope, we need to go...get out of our comfort zones...and proclaim Christ! We don't need to go to foreign countries, but we can support missionaries. We don't need to leave town. Talk with a neighbor, a stranger in the store, a grandchild or someone who looks like they need some love. We may not even need to leave our house. Prayer, showing love and compassion and supporting all church workers, may be the way we go and proclaim Christ. But remember that this is not just a suggestion! It is our mission; to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

What about how we act toward others: visitors in church, someone new in our sewing group, at our kid's or grandkid's school events? All should proclaim Christ by our actions. And those mites we all collect are helping others go and proclaim Christ in places we cannot go. So “grow where you are planted” and proclaim Christ through your words, actions and mites.

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ (Isaiah 52:7 NIV)”



DISTRICT RETREAT

God's Quilt of Comfort



SERVANT EVENT THANK YOU

Military Cards from National Convention



NEW PASTOR

Immanuel Osmond



LWML SUNDAY

Zion, Plainview

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

Mites Income

Mites from groups	\$9,484.04
Church Offerings	\$10.45
Personal Donations	\$150.00
Special Offerings	\$1,100.00
Memorials	\$1,070.00
Fundraisers	\$1,720.72
District Mites	\$138.85
Total Mites	\$13,674.06

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Other

Convention Bus	\$657.00
Bookstore	\$288.08
Checking account Interest	\$51.73
LCEF Transer	\$16,000.00
Memorials (not designated)	\$25.00
Ingathering cash	\$250.00
National Convention	\$7,629.00
Retreat Registration	\$960.00
Total Income	25,860.81



Memorials/In honor of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Deborah Bearnese	Al Spencer
Zion, Omaha, Lydia	Janet Krenzer
Marybeth Cohr	Bruce Costor
St John's, Wakefield	Alice Johnson
First Lutheran, Plattsmouth	June Friedmeyer

Quarterlies: Please remember when filling out your group report that Quarterlies now cost \$8.00 for each subscription when ordering 1-9 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription when ordering 10 or more copies to the same address. Please update the treasurer's email. When possible, the quarterly invoice will be sent by email in January to the treasurer. Thank you.



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Mission Grant Moments

Six mission grants were selected at the LWML Nebraska North District convention in 2024. Of those five have been paid. We have just one unpaid grant! Our final grant is **Acts 1:8 Students in Mission** – from Concordia University, Nebraska for \$10,000.

Acts 1:8 Students in Mission from CUNE is seeking funds to provide mission grants to students who may not consider taking part in a mission experience due to financial concerns. Students can apply for up to 1/3 of the cost of a gospel-focused short-term mission experience.

Keep those mites coming in. For each dollar that the District receives in mite money, twenty-five cents goes to National to fund the national mission grants.

Did you know that LWML features one of the national grants every month on its website, lwml.org? There is information to print as a bulletin insert along with a prayer guide with four prayers listed. A video is also available to share the mission information. For November, the featured grant is: 2025–2027 Mission Grant #4 **The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers**, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. for \$100,000.

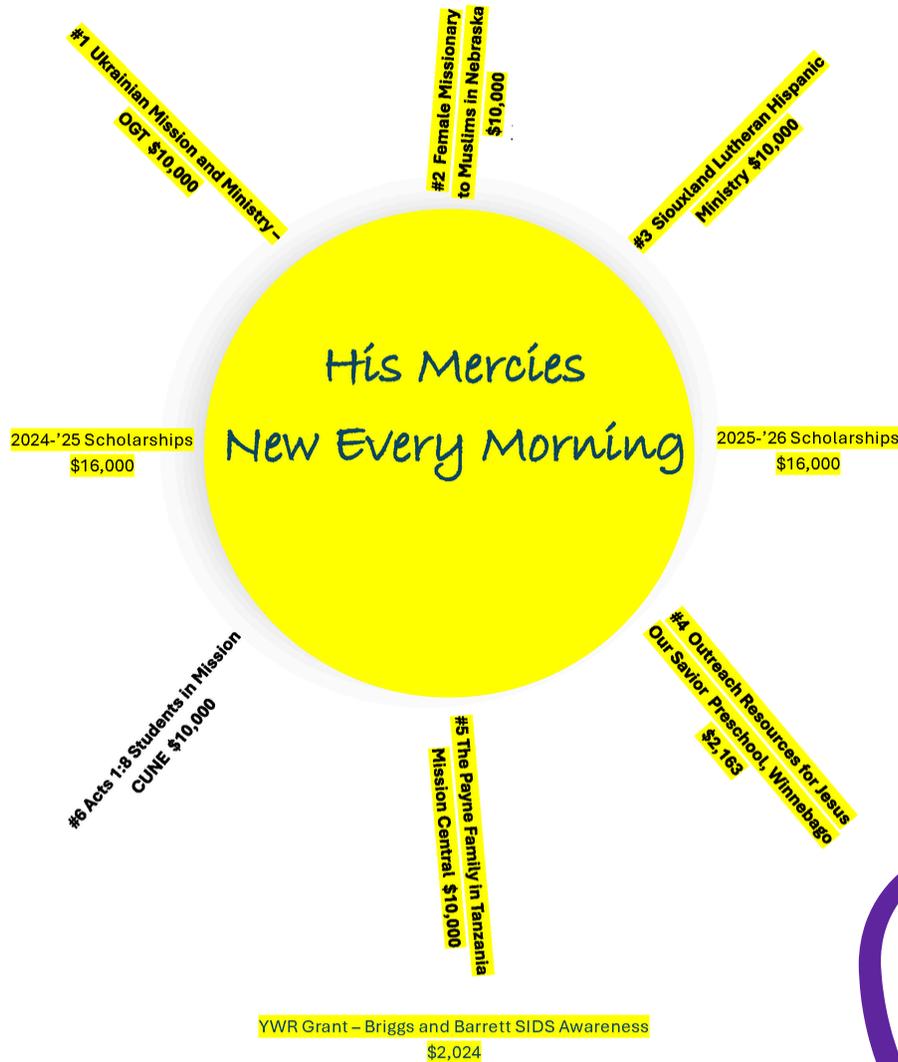
Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time pastors and church workers. Supplying the church with church workers is one of the highest priorities of the LCMS since pastors and commissioned church workers preach and teach the Word of Christ through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith. The demand for more pastors, Lutheran school teachers, and commissioned church workers is urgent. Set Apart to Serve is providing resources to encourage intentional conversations with youth to pursue church work vocations. This is leading to increased enrollment in the church worker formation programs at the LCMS Concordia universities and the seminaries. Districts and churches are being encouraged to reach out to their youth through workshops and conferences. This grant will help to cover a part of the expenses of staffing, creating resources, and travel and presentations at workshops and conferences.

Please share mission information with members of your congregation and consider some innovative ways to raise mites. Send any unique ideas to me so they can be shared with other groups in our district!

The national website has mite “wraps” that can be printed and cut out and pasted or taped to 1.75 ounce Pringles cans or other similar sized containers. These can be placed in a car cup holder to easily collect loose change you receive on the go. Children’s wraps are also available that children can color and make it fun to fill the container that they had a hand in creating.



District Mission Grants



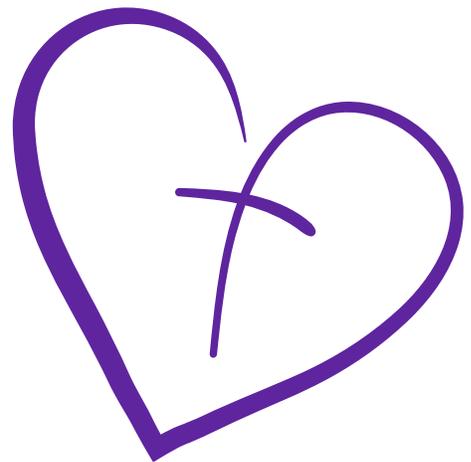
Paid grants are highlighted in yellow

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That Eyes and Hearts May Be Opened

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.' (Luke 24:45-48 NIV)."

Jesus speaks to His disciples one last time before His ascension. *"Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations"*. That sounds like the LWML is in lock step with Christ's command. The LWML is still very spry for an 83 year old organization! Ladies throughout our state and our nation continue to support the mission of the church to "go and make disciples!" As Lutheran Women in Mission, "We joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." We pray that millions more will have their eyes and hearts opened to the loving message of Christ Jesus! And...thank you for your generous support of time and talents to this amazing organization that continues to touch lives with the love of Christ!



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As the years go by after retirement, I have had to find a purpose for living each day. I get very little satisfaction from cleaning the house and yard work, but the LWML meetings and the devotions give me such a feeling of joy and purpose. At some point I realized it was more fulfilling to pray for others, not just for myself, because all people need prayer. Even though we all make bad decisions sometimes, God steps in to protect us from ourselves and to forgive us. I realize that what we do is so important to spread God's love for us. *"But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (James 1:22)."* Thank God that he sent His Son to save us. People all over the world need to know that is what He did. *"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him (Hebrews 11:6)."* How do people know about Him if we do not tell them about Him?

Fall District Retreat at Immanuel Lutheran, Osmond, NE

What a wonderful fall district retreat we had! Those beautiful quilts and stories! And Eunice Brandt wove together Bible study and quilting, leading us in "God's quilt of comfort; Wrapping up in the Psalms." And your generosity for Sleep in Heavenly Peace was awesome! I had the privilege of going there shortly after retreat and was given a tour and explanation of the wonderful work those volunteers are doing, building beds for kids. As of August 23rd, SHP has built and delivered 2,782 beds to kids in Siouxland. And with your ingathering, more bedding was received to go with those newly built beds!



Janyce Warneke - Zion, Plainview

The Priscilla and Ladies Aid societies of Zion Lutheran Church, Plainview, celebrated LWML Sunday on October 5th. The LWML banner, designed and created by Marlene Wacker, was on display during the service. Favors were made and shared with everyone in attendance after the service. A bulletin board was made to showcase the current district and national projects of the LWML. A table was decorated with mite boxes and a scrapbook highlighting the activities of the Priscilla organization. These were displayed in the narthex of the church. The large mite box encouraged worshipers to contribute to the project goal.



Fall District Retreat Ingathering

At our September 20 fall district retreat, our ingathering was for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds beds for kids. They also collect bedding and deliver the whole set to a child in need. We collected 7 comforters, 54 sets of twin sheets, 15 pillows, 17 sets of pillow cases, 11 jugs of vinegar, 6 boxes of steel wool and \$545 in donations. These were all delivered to South Sioux City.



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Go! Proclaim Christ!

Before his ascension Jesus instructed His disciples to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations (Luke 24). I can imagine the disciples thinking “Who me? I’m just a fisherman, a carpenter, a money handler. How can I possibly proclaim Christ to the nations?” We are reminded in Galatians 2:20 that “*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*” The Lord is in each of us. The Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. We may not all be dynamic speakers or talented writers. We may not serve as commissioned church workers or missionaries. Romans 12:6 tells us “*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.*” I know that service is a gift many of the faithful women of the LWML have been given as they volunteer time and talents in their local congregations and communities. Our hands and voices in acts of service to others provide opportunities to share the message of life and salvation in Jesus. As we approach the Christmas season, let’s consider what gifts of love and kindness we can give to “Proclaim Christ!” as “*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6b).”



2025 Omaha Convention Servant Event



During the 2025 Omaha national LWML convention, ladies who served the Lord with gladness wrote thank you cards to members of the military as one of the servant event activities. Those cards were distributed to Offutt Air Force Base military who are serving overseas. They were very appreciative and grateful for the words of encouragement.

Pictured are nine service members assigned to Offutt AFB deployed to the middle east supporting security and partnerships with coalition partners and serving with more than 200 service members from security forces units from around the United States.

Sara Huwaldt - Vice President of Organizational Resources

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Jesus, Our Jacket!

As we go into the fall and winter months to come, I think of the change of scenery that is to come. No more is the warm sun basking in the sky. No green grass along the ditches of the highway and no cooler breeze blowing past your face. Instead, we are met with a wind that has a touch of cold bite to it. That green grass is turning dry and brittle. The same way, instead of being comfortable in shorts and a tank top, we are bundled up more, not leaving the house without our jacket to keep us warm as the weather is changing. The coming cold and dreary weather makes me think of our sins.

By ourselves, we are left with our sins, leaving us cold and alone but through baptism and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can repent and are forgiven of our sins. Jesus is the one that is our jacket to save us from our sins. As we are saved from our sins, we must remember that *“repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, (Luke 24:47).”* So, we must go out and proclaim to all that Jesus is the “coat” to protect them from their sin.



Young Women
IN MISSION

It is time to start thinking about the young women in your life. We are looking for young women, ages 18 to 40, to participate as a District Young Woman Representative (YWR) for our Nebraska North District convention at Good Shepherd in Gretna, NE June 26-27, 2026. These ladies may join us at our district convention, sponsored by either a Nebraska North group or an individual person. The group or person would pay for the young woman to come and participate in our district convention. Keep an eye out for a YWR registration form coming soon in the Winter Leaguer, on our Nebraska North website, and our Nebraska North Facebook page.



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Other Scholarship Awardees

- Hannah Fouts
- Abigail Kollbaum
- Kathryn Rosenthal
- William Voelker
- Mayra Molina
- Ellie Lehr
- Tyler Rolfsen
- Michael Wragge
- Lana Tillman
- Trista Hemenway

**Your mites provided \$32,000
to fund these scholarships
in 2024-2026! Praise God!**

New Pastor in the District

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osmond, Nebraska welcomed their new Pastor, Reverend Brian Tuma and wife, Rebecca to their congregation during his installation on November 2, 2025.

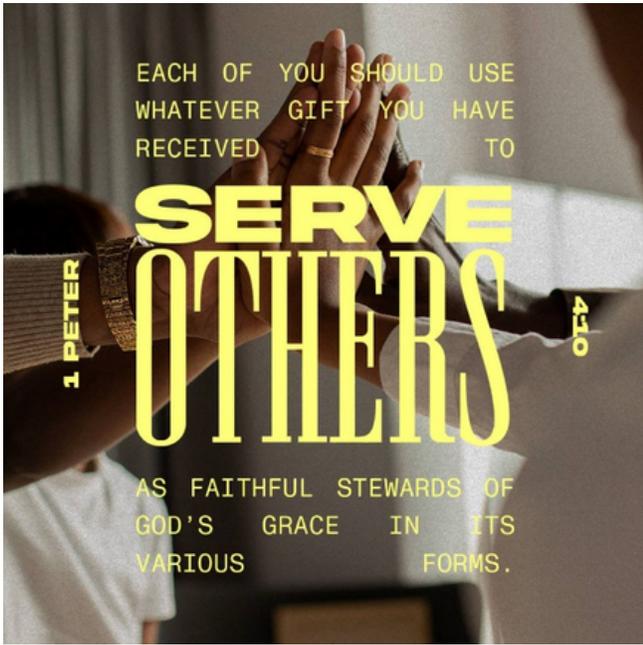
Rev. Brian Tuma was born November 10th, 1969, in Faribault, Minnesota. While growing up on a dairy and crop farm, he attended a local parochial school through the 8th grade and graduated from Montgomery Lonsdale High School in 1988.

Pastor Tuma is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Waseca, Minnesota 1990; Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska 2001; and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri 2005. He served his vicarage at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Holdrege, Nebraska. On June 19, 2005, Pastor Tuma was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, Minnesota. After ordination, he was installed as the pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, where he served for three years. Since 2008 he has served at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska.

May 1st, 1993, Pastor Tuma and Rebecca were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, Minnesota. Rebecca also grew up on a dairy and crop farm in southern Minnesota. Throughout the years, she has been a support in ministry, homemaker, and home school teacher. The Lord has blessed them with two children: Rev. Jacob who is married to Grace and has five children; Amberlyn who is married to Rev. Martin Hill and has two children.

We welcome Rev. Brian and Rebecca to the LWML Nebraska North District. May God bless them as they "Serve the Lord with Gladness" along side all of us!





Save the date!
LWML Nebraska North District
Convention 2026

June 26-27, 2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Gretna, NE

Theme:
Gifted to Serve
from 1 Peter 4:10-11

Keynote Speaker, Donna Snow

