



The Faith-Filled Times

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Proclaimed!

The LWML Texas District wants to extend a special thank you to the following:

Christina Hergenrader, you were an exceptional keynote speaker with your inspiring words and the challenge to “get out of the boat”. Thank you for taking the time to share your love for Christ with us, visiting with our teens and YWRs, and taking time to sign some books. You were indeed a hit!



Sarah Baughman and Donna Snow, what can we say except “Woo-hoo”! You two nailed it – wonderful way to start each day in the Word. You are both such treasures to the district. And less I be negligent, I must also thank Pastor Bass and Pastor Moldenhauer for leading us in Bible study during the sessions, keeping us focused on our theme and objectives.



Reverend Brian Noack, you have made many a new friend down here in Texas. Your service to the Lord through LWML is inspiring and valued, even if sometimes it may seem trivial or maybe silly. Where would we be without the guidance from our pastoral counselors? Thank you also to your family and congregation for sharing you with us.

President Mike Newman, your sermon on Thursday night will be reminisced over and contemplated for some time. How appropriate were the words and analogies and then to lead us in the refrain of a George Strait hit that so aptly fell into our theme of

Great is His Faithfulness. It was indeed a labor of love sharing our Father's love without end. Thank you for being with us.

There are so many instances and events the Lord blessed us with during convention. There were so many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes making it possible for the convention to happen. I do not know all your names, nor can I name all that you did, but do know those attending this convention are grateful for your efforts and energy. You are loved and appreciated. God's blessings to you all as you continue to share the love of Christ by serving others through LWML. See you all in Corpus in 2024!



Frances Molitor, President
LWML Texas District

Dear LWML Texas Ladies,

Thank you so much for a great first convention! Great is HIS Faithfulness was such a fitting theme for me! Once I put my faith in God, Martha and I were able to work together! We actually have already met and let me tell you it was GREAT!

Martha has so many ideas and I was able to upgrade them with the use of technology. She agreed that we have to spruce things up to get more ladies involved. Well she actually said, “Old ways won't open new doors!” I just translated it! I have my first evening meeting in July and Martha suggested that the groups meet together at our local ice cream shop so we could beat the heat and meet each other! An evening meeting that isn't a business meeting. I am beyond thrilled! Great is HIS faithfulness! I hope the convention was just as amazing for you!

Serving HIM,
~Lottie

Important Dates

2023 LWML 40th Biennial
Convention
June 22-25, 2023
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2024 LWML Texas District
43rd Biennial Convention
June 13-15, 2024
Corpus Christi, Texas

Why Give to the Endowments?

"God has used LWML to significantly impact my life at core levels. Godly mentors in the LWML Texas District with their eyes on Jesus encouraged me to become a writer, teach from God's Word, and launch into ministry. Financially and prayerfully supporting our LWML Endowment Funds ensures that those blessings are passed forward through our mission goal, spiritual enrichment, member development, leadership training, and full-time church worker scholarships. I cannot imagine my life or our church body without the beautiful, God-anointed hands and feet of the LWML. To God be the glory!" - Donna Snow



What is your why?

We served the Lord with gladness

Quilts: Thanks to so many women coming by to tie a total of 9 baby quilts (and provided 4 additional quilts to tie). Many worked on the 15 Camp Hope quilts and 10 LWR quilts which are tied to perfection!

Stamps galore: The Stamporee corner was overwhelmed with stamps! Thanks to all that brought and trimmed stamps which are sold to help cover LWR shipping costs.

First Responders: 120 encouraging cards were made by many and were taken to Constable Precinct 5 Headquarters and sub stations by Deputy Yvonne to say Thank You to our First Responders.

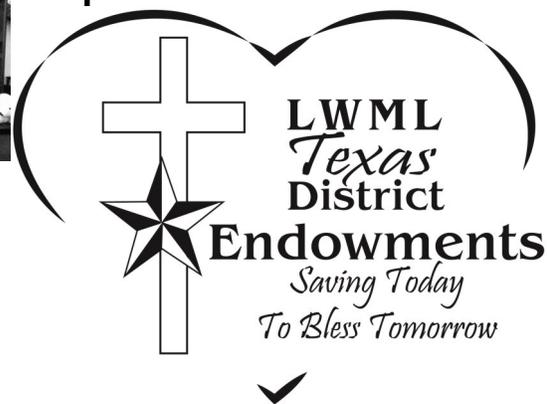
Ingathering: A corner was taken over by baby diapers, baby lotion & wipes, toilet paper & paper towels, twin sheets, dishwashing tabs, socks and underwear! Along with more than \$3,430.00 in gift cards that kept coming in right up until the very last minute! All items gathered for Turning Point, Gracewood, Pregnancy Assistance Center North (PACN), and PTSD Foundation - Camp Hope.

Off-site: Sixteen volunteers helped out at the West Houston Assistance Ministry (WHAM) and Katy Christian Ministries (KCM) resale shops. Remember these locations for donations of clothing and household items in the future. I even saw that a few volunteers came back with their own purchases on the buses that were excellently coordinated. Way to go LWML!

Special thanks for special service

Marvin Arldt is a remarkable 89-year-old man! His wife, Bernelle, was a very active LWML member who loved to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. After she passed away in 2009, Marvin found fabric in every drawer, closet, under the beds, and even in the attic waiting to be sewn into quilts. He decided to take a few lessons and start sewing those quilts. Marvin made 11 quilts for Camp Hope and 10 for LWR for convention goes to tie in the servant event on-site room.

Symbolism of the new logo



The cross and implied heart symbolize the act of giving that proceeds from our hearts as a response to what God has done for us in Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

The words "Saving Today to Bless Tomorrow" convey our desire to endow future generations to accomplish God's mission.

The LWML Texas District logo is incorporated as a reminder of our common mission: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

Special Thanks to Janet Hurta for her design services.

Young Woman Representatives



Thirteen YWRs came to Houston to learn all about the LWML and how they can become involved in their groups, zones, and district. We had the opportunity to kick off the convention with a visit to Abba's House in Cypress. The YWRs and Teens (GEMS) helped to clean up the landscaping and prepare the home for an incoming refugee family.

Throughout the convention the YWRs were encouraged to ask questions and mingle with the many seasoned purple ladies. It was an exciting time to get to know one another. Several of the YWRs have expressed interest in representing the Texas District in Milwaukee next summer at the 2023 Convention. We hope to see you there.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies of Bayou City, Golden Harvest, Golden Triangle, Gulf Coast, New Horizon, and White Oak Zones who volunteered to help make this Convention such a success! It could not have been done without you! We asked, emailed, and called with our requests for volunteers and you answered. Thank you!

It was a pleasure to serve with you and to make so many new friends. I also want to express a special thanks to the members of the Hostess Committee. Thank you for helping me in so many ways!

Pam Jeske
Chairman, Hostess Committee

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 3:22-23).

Meet Your New District Officers!

Delegates have elected the following to serve the LWML Texas District :

Vice President of Communication
Kelly Bernhardt



BERNHARDT



Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Patti Samsel

SAMSEL

Recording Secretary
Amanda Halbert



HALBERT



Treasurer
Sandra Paniello

PANIELLO

Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Dustin Beck



BECK

Nominating Committee
Debbie Curry — Chair
Sally Krueger
Rosemary Schoenfeld



CURRY

KRUEGER

SCHOENFELD

GEMS shine at Convention

In shades of purple and red, the GEMS met each other and their purple sisters in Christ with tie-dye fun and bingo boxes and visiting exhibits and the LWML store. They learned what it means to be the heart of LWML with their “What’s Your 80?” projects, serving at Abba’s House, having a mock vote for mission grants, and enjoying a competitive trivia game learning about LWML facts. They gained a deeper understanding of His faithfulness from Christina Hergenrader, the message from Pastor Newman, the Bible studies led by Pastors Moldenhauer and Bass, and GEMS Bible studies and morning devotions. It was a Teen Camp filled to the brim with activities and humorous interruptions. The GEMS truly shined during convention, especially when they were able to share about their short time together.



I really liked listening to Christina Hergenrader. She’s an inspiration to me. She is a Lutheran school teacher and that’s what I want to be. She talked about shining your light and living as a child of God.

~ Colleen

Abba’s House was an excellent and engaging opportunity for mission service. They do great things for refugees to the United States, especially in this time of uncertainty. I enjoyed being Christ’s hands and feet for the short time we were there.

~ Grace

I liked doing art so that other people could enjoy the bookmarks when they read. And, I liked making drawings and writing to people to make their day “happy” when they see the pictures on their lunch bags.

~ Aubrey

The bingo game was challenging. It forced us to ask people we didn’t know if they could sign something on our bingo card. It was also competitive. We were racing against each other. But it was also fun. Sometimes I would be with someone else and if they got something signed, I would also go up to the same person and get that square signed.

~ Katelyn

Greetings from Past Presidents

We surely missed our past presidents that were unable to be with us in convention. Below are greetings received from two of them to the convention body, Eloise Kuhlmann, 2000-2004, and Kathy Lowman, 2008-2012.

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you assemble in Houston. I cannot be with you this biennium as I must be at home caring for my husband. My passion for LWML has not waned but my priorities are rearranged at this time.

Now, more than ever, we are called to support the ministry Christ gives us. You know these are new and challenging times! But we are called to such a time as this and God honors us with leadership and guidance in that challenge.

My prayers will be raised for Pres. Frances as she and the elected officers lead you, for your speakers as they encourage you and for the host committee as they labor to serve you. I give thanks for each of you and the groups you represent at your respective churches. We, together, serve a mighty God!

I will be praying that the decisions you make will be God-blessed, the insights you receive God-inspired and the fellowship you enjoy God-pleasing.

With much love and thanksgiving,
Eloise Kuhlmann

Greetings!

It's been a long 4 years since our last in person convention. I was looking forward to participating in a real live convention, but due to an unpredictable knee, I am sitting this one out - literally! God willing, I will see you in 2 years in Corpus Christi.

May God bless each of you as you renew friendships, tend to the business of the convention, have some laughs, and study God's Word while proclaiming Great is His Faithfulness!

Kathy Lowman

Convention Check-In

- Did you miss the convention? Do you want to see parts of it again or share it with your local group? Highlights from the convention including the worship service, speakers, Bible studies, and humorous interrupter will soon be available on our YouTube channel, LWML Texas District. Because the recorded data is a large file it will take time to get it into viewable segments and the goal is to have it there by mid-July. You can access our YouTube channel by clicking the YouTube icon in the top right corner of any page at www.lwmltxdist.org.
- The Mission Grants video with the eleven adopted mission grants is available now on our YouTube channel, LWML Texas District. You can access it through our website on the mission grants page or by clicking the YouTube icon in the top right corner of any page at www.lwmltxdist.org.

Updated Bylaws

Keep your eyes open for the revised bylaws that will include the amendments and Standing Rules passed during the convention. The amendments include wording changes in nominations, finances and special committees.

The new Standing Rule at convention reads:

Texas District LCMS mission grant for Texas seminary students will receive mission grant funding every biennium beginning in 2024 and will be placed in the funding schedule. The Mission Grants Committee will determine an amount to be approved in convention each biennium. The remaining mission grants as voted at convention will be placed in the funding schedule. The total mission grant goal will include the amount for Scholarships for Seminarians.

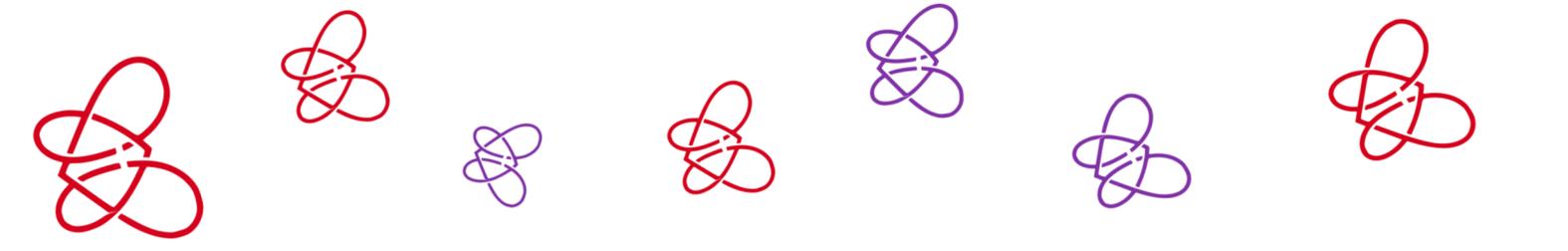
Convention Offerings

Offering #1
Mites
\$6,889.76

Offering #2
Abba's House
\$3,539.03

Offering #3
POBLO International
\$3,172.00

Mites in Motion
\$2,812.73



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Convention Objectives:

In a world of uncertainty, we will:

1. **Know** and **Trust** in God's faithfulness to His promises and to us
2. **Rejoice** in His might through worship and praise
3. **Share** His faithfulness and might with others

Logo Meaning:

This logo contains interlocking hearts and the cross, which represent His love for us and our love for Him. The hearts are made of one continuous line that is an infinite loop, representing a love that never ends. The hearts also form a butterfly, a symbol of resurrection and God's promises to us. Red signifies love; purple signifies royalty of our King.

