

Capitol Zone Capsule

Fourth Quarter 2021

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NATIONAL MITE GOAL FOR 2021-2023

Mite Goal for 2021-2023 Biennium: \$2,150,000

Amount Received: \$551,189.98

Amount Needed: \$1,598,810.02

Amounts as of August 31, 2021

TEXAS MITE GOAL FOR 2020-2022

Mite Goal for 2020-2022 Biennium: \$377,500

Amount Received: \$277,146.98

Amount Needed: \$100,353.02

Amounts are through September 2021

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LWML Website - a Wealth of Information



The LWML Gospel Outreach Committee has a [mission service activity](#) every month. There is also an [LWML Mission Service Calendar](#) that shares service activities to strengthen your faith through service.



Have you used the many resources written by the LWML Mission Grant Committee to help your groups and congregations learn how each grant is spreading the Gospel? Current resources for LWML Mission Grant #1 include a [descriptive story about the grant, a devotion, a photo-filled poster and a prayer](#). The prayer guide and story also come in large print. What a great way to share the mission of the LWML with those who are visually-challenged!

LWML Texas District Endowments

Have you heard about *Saving Today to Bless Tomorrow*? This is our opportunity as women in mission to sustain the work of our beloved LWML by supporting the LWML Texas District endowments. What you give today will indeed bless tomorrow. There are three endowments:

- The **Mission Goal Endowment** (EN334) provides funds for the mission goal of LWML Texas District. The mission goal includes mission grants and expenses of the district to accomplish its mission.
- The **Mission Inreach Endowment** (EN165) provides funds for spiritual enrichment, member development and leadership training opportunities for members of the LWML Texas District.
- The **Scholarship Endowment** (EN057) provides scholarships for Texas women attending an LCMS university who will be going into full-time church work fields.

New resources have been created to help promote these endowments. A new brochure gives details on the history of the endowments, giving opportunities and outlines each of the three endowments. It is available for download on the website lwmltxdist.org/endowments-lwml-texas-district. This is an excellent tool to include in packets for group, zone, and district events. Perhaps you, your group or your zone will consider one of these endowments as the recipient of honorarium or memorial gifts. These brochures should also be in any display about LWML, new member packets, provided to your pastor, and church stewardship committees.

We are thrilled to provide three newly authored Bible studies and a devotion focusing on many important aspects of LWML and Christian life which is also the heart of why these endowments exist. The Bible studies look at our identity in Christ and why we serve (Mission Goal Endowment), spiritual growth, member development and leadership training (Mission Inreach Endowment), serving and supporting others (Scholarship Endowment) and a first-hand account of why our organizational giving through our mites is so important (Legacy of Hope devotion). LWML Texas District extends our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Mike and Cheryl Mattil, Eloise Kuhlmann, Rev. Mark Moldenhauer and Haleh Kersten for authoring these resources. These studies are also found on our website. How do you use these resources? These were written to be easily used in your group gatherings. You may also use them for personal edification, group, zone or retreat settings. When you use them just attach a brochure. All resources can be found at lwmltxdist.org/endowments-lwml-texas-district or requested by email to endowment@lwmltxdistrict.org.

How do you personally participate in *Saving Today to Bless Tomorrow*? Planned giving can be a wonderful way to stretch your giving dollars. Planned gifts are those for which provision is made in wills and estate plans or by beneficiary designations made on insurance policies, IRAs, or other retirement and savings accounts. To learn more about planned gifts you may directly consult with our fund's administrator, Legacy Deo at 1-800-880-3733 or email info@legacydeo.org.

Not yet ready to make a planned gift? You can still participate in *Saving Today to Bless Tomorrow* by making an immediate gift. In addition, please consider a gift honoring or paying tribute to someone for their birthday, anniversary, graduation or another milestone. Perhaps it is time to remember a mentor with a gift of thanks. Memorials are also an option. What better way to honor or pay tribute to someone than to give a gift that will give into perpetuity. Your gift will continue to educate women, inspire and train members, and support missions. The website references above will take you to information to make your donation. Together we are *Saving Today to Bless Tomorrow*!

Sally Krueger
LWML Texas District Endowment Chairman

**Vice President of Christian Life and Gospel Outreach
Rosanne Capdeville**

Thank you for your confidence in me at the election as your VP of Christian Life and Gospel Outreach.



Recently, I presented at my ladies circle this LWML devotion. Some additions were made. **“The Flag of Freedom”**, a devotion on the Christian Flag.

John, chapter eight, verses 34-36 says: *Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Are you flying your flag at home today? Our country has been celebrating its freedom for more than 200 years. July has traditionally been one of the times we show our patriotism by flying our country’s flag. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 the United States flag has become a more prominent symbol of our nation’s unity and freedom. It proclaims to the world who we are and what we stand for as a free country.

The Church has its own flag, the Christian Flag, one of the oldest unchanged and uncontrolled flags in the world. It belongs to all yet is owned by none. While some denominations (such as the Roman Catholics, United Methodists, and Baptists to name only a few) have specific denominational flags, the Christian Flag is nondenominational and represents Protestants of all denominations. The **Christian flag** history and meaning can be explained by its colors. The **white background represents purity, innocence, and peace; the blue canton symbolizes sincerity and faithfulness; and the red of the cross, being the focal point, signifies the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.**

Historically, the man who originally conceived of such a flag was Charles Overton, the superintendent of a church school in Brooklyn, New York. In an impromptu speech in 1897, Overton, inspired at the sight of an American flag draped over the pulpit from which he spoke, envisioned a flag that would serve as a reminder to people of all nations and cultures of their allegiance to Christianity. After several years of thinking about this idea, Overton and Ralph Diffendorfer began producing and promoting the flag in 1907.

Derived from the Middle English word “fflaken” meaning to flap or flutter, flags have been adopted by many different figures throughout history reflecting their religious beliefs. Overton’s Christian Flag, however, has remained unchanged for over a hundred years. It often stands near the altar in churches in a place of honor for all to see--Always positioned to the right at the front of a congregation and to the right of all other flags. Although it is not well-known by Christians world-wide, adoption of the Christian Flag spread with Protestant missionaries to Africa and Latin America, and it is readily seen outside Protestant churches throughout North America.

The Christian Flag proclaims to the world another type of freedom – the freedom we have from sin because of Christ, who died for all who believe in Him as their Savior.

We should boldly display the flag that represents the freedom that we receive through Christ. We should proclaim to the world that we have been freed from the slavery of sin and been declared children of God. Our God is alive and lives in our hearts.

How can we display our Christian freedom? We do this by displaying the cross of Christ in our homes; by wearing our cross around our neck and being ready to share what it stands for – our faith; by seeking every opportunity to be a witness for Christ. We can do this by sharing and living our faith each day. God's own Son came to earth to set us free from sin and to make us a part of God's family. He is with us and enables us to live our lives for Him.

Continue to display your American flag with thanksgiving because you have the privilege of living in this free country. But also remember the freedom you have in the cross you display and be ready to share the Good News of Christ with others. As Christians, we stand united by our freedom through faith in Christ for all the world to see. We have a reason to celebrate that freedom and to wave our flag proudly because we have victory in Christ!

Several versions of the pledge to the Christian Flag exist today, including but not limited to the following:

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all".

In closing, focus on several stanzas of "*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*" from Lutheran Service Book #830

Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

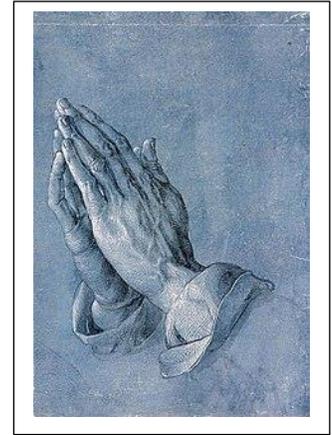
Prayer: Dear Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all, See Your light and heed Your call. In Jesus' name, Amen

The Flag of Freedom by Kristin Kaldahl Published by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2005 lwml.org, revised 2020 Adapted September 2021 by Rosanne Capdeville

SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter **Orphan Grain Train**

On September 15th Patty & I met Sylvia Kokel at OGT. She had her car full of school kits, 17 boxes full. The LWML ladies at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin were the ambitious group we thank for their generous donation. We were especially excited because the boxes were exactly what we use to send our shipments. Marvin & Peggy Kelm from Walburg, TX have been coming to volunteer with us. This month they brought Roy & Rosanne Capdeville for a 3rd visit and they also brought Dave and Denise Rowland. We were so happy to see them since we had received many donations. Myrna Choitz

Prayer Service Pictures, August 14



Capitol Zone Fall Rally, October 3

From the President

Greetings to all of you in the Capitol Zone!

We had a spirit filled Rally in October. Our speaker, Pat Fick inspired us to share and live the Gospel every day. Her stories of the Can-Do mission trips were moving and reminded us that our main purpose in life is to love others and share the Good News. Please keep Can-Do ministry in your prayers. Pray that by 2022, Can-Do ministry can once again start traveling and planning mission trips throughout the world and the USA.

We also had an election of new Capitol Zone officers. We are thankful to the outgoing officers Beverley Michalk who has served for 4 years as VP of Human Care and Organizational Resources and Ashley Figur our YWR who is now one of the TX District Young Woman's Representative. Our new VP is Susan Schmidt from Faith, Georgetown. Donna Halliburton will continue to serve a second term as our Secretary and Rosanne Capdeville will serve a full term as our VP of Christian Growth and Gospel Outreach. (see the list of officers in this addition). Also, our new nomination committee is Ruth Ann Palm, Linda Knapp, Evelyn Buchhorn and Laurie Ballard is the alternate member.

We are also thankful to Rev. Hintze who has agreed to stay on as our Pastoral Counselor through the beginning months of 2022.

It was so fun to be with so many ladies of the LWML at the Rally. We thank the ladies of Hope Lutheran for their hospitality and wonderful lunch they provided. We had a total of 74 people in attendance (2 pastors and 72 ladies!). Give God the glory- we were planning for 60 and as usual He "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus..." Eph. 3:20.

Our next event is the Quilt-a-thon and Stamp-a-ree on Saturday January 15, 2022. Hope Lutheran LWML once again has generously offered to host this event. Remember you don't have to know how to quilt to help (if you can use a scissors or a tape measure -you are good to go!). You can also trim stamps for missions.

May God be with you through the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12). Cheryl Wawrzyniak





Fall Rally Pictures



Redeemer Dorcus & Women in Mission Groups

Speaker-Pat Fick



Redeemer Dorcus & Women in Mission Groups

The LWML Capitol Zone invites you to the Annual LWR Quilt-A-Thon & Stamporee

Saturday, January 15, 2022
9:00am – 2:00pm
Hope Lutheran Church
6414 North Hampton Drive
Austin TX 78723



Items to bring: scissors, thread, needles, pins, unfinished quilt pieces or tops, sewing machine, irons, ironing boards, trimmed and untrimmed cancelled stamps.

We are asking that you or your society bring a food item to share for morning refreshments and a light lunch. (Pastries or fruit for brunch and soup, salad, or sandwiches for lunch).

If you are willing to bring food and/or a sewing machine, please contact Donna Halliburton (donna.halliburton@yahoo.com or 512-971-9659).



Bethany Marketplace, November 13, 2021

- Handcrafted items from over 60 craftspeople
- Bake Sale
- Admission & parking are free

“Save the date” for LWML events

November 5-6, 2021	LWR Ingathering, St. John Lutheran Church, Marion, TX
November 13, 2021	Bethany Marketplace, Bethany, Austin
January 15, 2022	Quilt-a-thon/Stamporee, Hope Lutheran, Austin
February 18-19, 2022	Capitol Zone Retreat at Camp Lone Star, LaGrange
April 24, 2022	Capitol Zone Spring Rally, Grace, San Marcos
June 16-18, 2022	LWML Texas District Convention, Houston
ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO GOD’S PLANS FOR THE LWML CAPITOL ZONE!	



COMMUNICATION

Deadline for the 1st Quarter Capitol Zone Capsule is January 15, 2022. Please submit all articles to Joanna Roche, tr6922@yahoo.com or 113 Mountain Creek Pass, Georgetown, TX 78633. Don't forget to include digital pictures or clip art to illustrate your article.





Lutheran World Relief

November 2021 LWR Ingathering for Capitol Zone:

Location: St. John Lutheran Church – Marion, Texas

Dates: Friday-Saturday, November 5-6, 2021

These ladies from Zion, Walburg, attended the **LWML Texas District Retreat** in Waco on Saturday, October 9. Featured speaker was Cheryl Mattil, with Mike Mattil as Bible Study and Song Leader.



(L to R) Peggy Turnipseed, Emily Hayes, Audrey Biells, Joy Cowan, Denise Rowland, Karen Hayes, Peggy Kelm.

The LWML at Redeemer had a Bunco Luau in July and a Salad Supper in August

