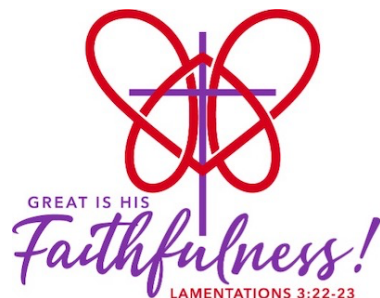


**LWML TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
**JUNE 16-18, 2022      HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**FAVORITE MEMORIES**



**Pastor Seth Davidson – LWML East Texas Zone Pastoral Counselor**

Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." What a blessing it was to be surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ united in mission at the LWML state convention in Houston! It is a gift of God to be able to listen, connect, and learn from leaders in all kinds of ministries from across the state of Texas!

Too often when we hear the word "mission" or "missionary" we think of traveling overseas to exotic locations... This couldn't be further from the truth. I always tell people "I can throw a rock and hit someone who doesn't know Christ! The grocery store, the bank, family functions... wherever God has strategically placed you, that is your daily mission field. You are a missionary to your family, your co-workers, your church, and your community.

Change is inevitable and it isn't easy! Our communities are changing, and Christ is calling you as His disciples to embrace and preach the Gospel. How is this done? St. Francis of Assisi put it best, "preach the Gospel, use words when necessary." Your actions may be the only Bible people ever read.

The continued prayers, financial support, and diligence of the LWML was overflowing at the convention. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! ALLELUIA! As the zone pastoral counselor, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued work in the kingdom. Keep at it, don't give up, we are fulfilling His mission of bringing the Gospel to East Texas!

In Christ,  
Pastor Davidson



**Debbie Curry – LWML Texas District President 2016-2020**

My favorite part of convention was spending time in God's Word with my fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. The theme for this convention was perfect considering all we have been through the past four years. Great is His Faithfulness! I loved seeing everyone and getting those great LWML hugs. I look forward to seeing more of my East Texas sisters and brothers in Tyler in the fall.

**Linda Newman – Delegate Our Savior, Centerville**

The Bible studies are always my favorite at any meeting. I always learn more than I knew. I loved our Pastoral Counselors Bible Studies on pages 19 and 20 in our books we got at the conference. Both studies were on Lamentations 3:22-23. On page 19 in the convention book I learned more about them. I must confess, I love these versus, and yet I learned that steadfast can also be Our Lord made the promise and He will never not keep HIS unbreakable Words. I totally believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God, I just learned more about steadfast and the meaning in Hebrew. Also that mercy ra-ha-maw is based on the Hebrew word for womb. WOW is our God Awesome or what? The second lesson on page 20, I leaned to always ask yourself "where is Jesus in this scripture". I love mornings, I'm not tired and so this is my time to be thankful for the new day and ask Him what will you teach me today? I thank Him for coffee beans, cardinals, sunrises, flowers with so many different colors, and most of all for Salvation. Then, I do my devotions.

**Jerry Anderson - Delegate St. Peter, Gun Barrel City**

My favorite moment at the Convention: There were many great moments at the LWML Texas District Convention this past weekend. However, my favorite was the Thursday night Worship Service. It was very exciting to see so many people attending the service. The music brought tears to my eyes. It wonderful to see all the Pastors in their white robes...taking part in the service and communion. I loved the sermon delivered by Pastor Newman, which describe, in so many ways, how - Great is His Faithfulness!

**Brenda Burns – LWML St. Peter, Gun Barrel City**

I loved everything. The love that flowed, the comfort dogs, the devotions, the short sermons with humor and singing, the choir, and especially the new friends from all over Texas.

**Sharon Sampson – Delegate Our Redeemer, Longview**

My Favorite Memory - For me, of course, was singing in the choir. I found many more while looking at my convention manual. Divine Service on Thursday night with 452 attending. Keynote speaker, Christina Hergenrader talked about "Faith Over Fear," stating, "we tell everyone I am doing great! I just can't breathe!" We need to get out of our boat - do what God is telling you to do. Face the wind and waves - Jesus is with you and then breathe - worship, prayer, service, Word. Two sayings that keep going over in my head, "You can never, never bug the Lord," and from Rev. Mark Moldenhauer. "Instead of I've got this, GOD'S GOT THIS." So great to see old friends and make so many new ones. It was also great to have a 1st timer, Jackie Rausch, travel with me. She has earned her co-pilot license. I can't encourage you enough to go if you have the chance. What a wonderful blessing it was!!

**Jackie Rausch – LWML Our Redeemer, Longview**

The guest speakers beginning with Rev. Newman, Christina Hergenrader ending with Rev. Bass plus the two Bible Studies during the day were all so inspirational. And Abby Goehring was delightful! Great convention! The song "Great Is His Faithfulness" is still swirling through my mind all day long.

**Lana Bowden – Delegate Bethlehem, Palestine**

So many good things were shared at convention...The Worship service was awesome! Especially as Rev Newman had us all singing George Strait! But seriously, reminding us of the great Father's love that is forever! The Bible study leaders and the keynote speaker were tremendous. Encouragement from Christina to Breathe, keep on trusting and resting in God's boundless mercy, keeping our eyes fixed on Him! There may always be wind and waves pushing at us, that keep beating against us, all the problems of this world that are constantly thrown at us! BUT! They aren't stronger than GOD and His faithfulness!

And the Mattils', I may not have cared for the music so much, but their message

was great! All the scripture shared pointed us to God's choice, His mercy, His faithfulness! And He's not finished with us yet! And questions to think about. Are you taking steps of faith in response to His faithfulness? What are you doing in your society in response to God's faithfulness?

And finally, I so enjoyed spending time with wonderful friends and making new ones!

**Betty Nelson – Alternate Delegate Bethlehem, Palestine**

Thinking about convention. Of course I loved the opening service and Rev Newman's message. I probably won't forget the little country western addition! I liked the Bible studies, enrichment sessions, exhibits, visiting with friends. Well, hard to pick a favorite. Even thought business sessions were interesting. I hope everyone enjoyed the convention as much as I did.

**Sharon Mills – LWML East Texas Zone President**

My favorite memory was the Opening Worship Service. LCMS Texas District President, Pastor Michael Newman was the Worship Proclaimer. He began telling of personal things breaking in his home but while on his knees 'talking' to a broken water heater he was reminded of our theme 'Great is His Faithfulness.' He also led us in singing a favorite song by George Strait "*A Father's Love*" that is so appropriate.

*Last night I dreamed I'd died and stood outside those pearly gates  
When suddenly I realized there must be some mistake  
If they know half the stuff I done they'll never let me in  
Then somewhere from the other side I heard these words again*

*And they said, "Let me tell you a secret, about a father's love  
A secret that my daddy said was just between us  
You see daddies don't just love their children every now and then  
It's a love without end, amen, it's a love without end, amen"*

