

Meet our Young Woman Representatives

April Gilbert is the Minister for Children, Youth and Families at Grace, Denison, where she grew up and is excited to be able to continue its tradition of offering a Christ-centered environment for fun, learning and activities. She remembers attending LWML events with her mom and other women from Grace as a child, and constantly tugging at their clothes to ask what they were talking about. She attended the LWML 38th Biennial Convention June 20-23 in Mobile, Ala., and came home with a recharged passion for missions, new friends and the desire to help her society take it up a notch!



April loves helping people, has a heart for lending a hand in any way possible and prays that God continues to use her for His glory to share the Good News of Jesus and His love for all of people.

Kendra Larsen was raised in Guatemala and lives in Dallas with her parents and two younger brothers. They attend Faith,



Grand Prairie, where she is a member of the choir and the pianist for Spanish services. She is a student at Dallas International University, a missionary training school.

Kendra enjoys reading, crafts, piano, singing and spending time with her family.

Since her mother and grandmother are both LWML members, Kendra always wanted to become a member once she was old enough. As a YWR, she hopes to encourage young women to become active members of the LWML.

Kendra's highlights of the LWML convention were the singing and carrying the Guatemalan flag in the mission flag presentation.

Reagan Keller is from Sugar Land and a member of Fishers of Men. She is a student at Concordia University Texas (CTX) and attends ACTS Church, Lakeline, while at school. She is entering her senior year and is studying elementary education.



When she's not doing school work, she spends time with her fiancé and works at Chick-fil-A and as a nanny.

Reagan became involved with the LWML after attending — and then helping lead — an all-women's Bible study at CTX called Helping Hands, an LWML society on the CTX campus. Her fiancé wants to attend Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and become a pastor, so she looks forward to joining an LWML group while they are there. Her favorite parts of the convention were getting to meet fellow YWRs and learning and growing with young women from all over the country.

Grace Guenther is from San Antonio, where she attends Concordia Lutheran Church. She is entering her senior year at CTX, where she is majoring in English and education. While at school, she attends Faith, Georgetown.

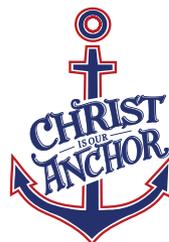


Grace first became involved in the LWML through Helping Hands, in which she's been involved in the leadership over the past two years and has been to a district and national convention. Grace also helped LWML with an exhibit at the Beautiful Feet Conference.

LWML Texas District 41st Biennial Convention

"Christ is Our Anchor" (Heb. 6:19-20)
June 18-20 • Corpus Christi

Deadline for mission grant proposals and nominations: Nov.1



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‘Follow the leader’

Five zones recently came together July 27 at Faith, Plano, to hold a day-long event that focused on the LWML Assembly of Leaders Follow the Leader program. Follow the Leader was designed to equip women to share the love of Jesus and His message of salvation confidently in all that they do. It is based on Phil. 4:9: “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

LWML set a goal to have at least 75 percent of Lutheran Women in Mission equipped and ready to encourage others through the program. With that goal in mind, the Dal-North Zone, with Women of Faith society, organized and hosted the event for zone leaders, society presidents, LWML members of the Dal-

North, Northeast Texas, East Texas, Trinity and Texas Star zones, and other LCMS women.

With more than 70 women and three pastors, in attendance, the event included Follow the Leader sessions “Change is Good – You Go First,” “Generational Characteristics” and “JOY,” led by Debbie Curry, district president and Amanda Hankemeier, former district YWR. Rev. James Woelmer, Faith senior pastor and Dal-North Zone pastoral counselor, led a three-part Bible study on



▲ Women enjoy lunch and fellowship.



◀ Debbie Curry, left, and Amanda Hankemeier.

“Walk by Faith, Not by Sight.”

The day also included lunch and a choice of a craft project – making threaded ribbon cross bookmarks or painting a canvas. The event was a wonderful day of learning and fellowship with sisters in Christ. To God be the glory!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Relationship, Relationship, Relationship

This was the topic of Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s sermon on July 21. “You don’t need to believe in God to see that human beings were made; were designed for relationships,” he said. We thrive within healthy, supporting relationships because our Creator made us this way.

One of the things I love best about being a Lutheran Woman in Mission is we value each other in Christ and we accept and encourage each other to grow in our relationships with others. The young women on page 19 mention the relationships they have found in the LWML.

What do you love about LWML? When asked that question,

many will answer it is their sisters in Christ. Many will tell you attending an LWML event such as a convention is like attending a big family reunion.

“What does the crucified and risen Lord Jesus love to do?” Dr. Ziegler said. “Restore relationships, create relationships.” Look around at those in the pew with you. Reach out and begin a new relationship. Take time to listen to their story, find out what burdens they are bearing, learn what makes them laugh. “Jesus cares for them. Will you?”

You can find the sermon at lutheranhour.org/archives.asp.

Serving with JOY
Debbie Curry



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Resurrection’s LWML group, Mary Martha, is shown with the 23 quilts, 26 book bags and 40 health kits they made for Lutheran World Relief. Noreen Kalien sewed all of the quilt squares.

Mites received through July:

\$232,334

Mites still needed to meet goal:

\$118,566

Mission grants paid through July: \$121,000

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