

# Mercy for visually impaired inmates

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**D**id you know Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., (LBW) does not just provide Christian materials in braille? Through a mission grant in the 2018-20 biennium, LWML Texas District has been able to help LBW create a ministry center where large-print Bibles are made for prison inmates.

This ministry center is located at Grace Lutheran Church, Denison.

Volunteers are printing an average of 10 Bibles per month to send to prison inmates and chaplains. This process includes using two machines to print and bind these Bibles with fabric spines. The team is able to create a complete Bible in seven volumes using four reams of paper in about one hour.

The Grace Lutheran site has about 10 people who are volunteering for this valuable work. This Bible is vital because many large-print Bi-



Gorlyn Bronstad, left, and Neil Lindahl (Mission Center administrator) are shown here with the two machines that create large print Bibles at Grace, Denison. Also pictured is one of the seven volumes that make up a complete large-print Bible.



bles are not allowed in correctional institutions because of the size and bindings.

Heb. 13:3 says:

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated since you also are in the body.”

Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., has 170 ministry centers with about 3,000 volunteers creating Bibles in 30 languages. It is a great blessing that a ministry center aimed at helping prisoners has started in Texas.

May the Lord continue to bless the work of LWML Texas District mission grants, those giving their mites to support them and those on the front lines providing the message of Jesus Christ.

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## Sounds too good to be true!

**T**his is the real deal for women! If you or someone you know will attend an LCMS institution of higher learning in the 2020-21 school year, don't miss this opportunity. The LWML Texas District will award scholarships to eligible freshmen, sophomores, juniors and even seniors.

Scholarships will be awarded to women from LCMS Texas District congregations who are studying to become full-time professional church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Submit a completed application packet to Marlene White, Scholarship Committee chairman.

To check out eligibility requirements and to apply, go to [lwmltxdist.org/scholarship-endowment-fund-committee-chairman](http://lwmltxdist.org/scholarship-endowment-fund-committee-chairman).



For more information, contact Marlene from her link at [lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers](http://lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers).

**Completed application forms must be postmarked no later than March 31.**



## Dal-North Zone to hold spring event

We will welcome **Donna Pyle**, author, speaker and blogger. The event will be held on March 28, beginning at 10 a.m. at Messiah, 1801 West Plano Parkway, Plano. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch and snacks.



Contact Priscella Reid at 214-564-6107 or [reid.priscella@gmail.com](mailto:reid.priscella@gmail.com) by March 15 to reserve your spot. Check out Donna's latest works at [artesianministries.org](http://artesianministries.org).

**The Panhandle Zone** held an overnight fall retreat in Channing. More than 35 ladies and Rev. Brian Hesse, zone pastoral advisor, met on a "Journey to Faith: The Trip for a Lifetime." All enjoyed Bible studies, skits, singing, origami boat-making and much visiting, laughing and crying together on their spiritual-growth journey.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Join us in Corpus Christi!** Lutheran Women in Mission will gather for the 41st Biennial Convention June 18-20 at the **Omni Corpus Christi** to reaffirm that our hope is anchored in Christ:

"We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

— Heb. 6:19-20

As we gather in convention, attendees will rest in God's Word, recharge in worship and be re-energized to share our hope in Christ. Deb Burma, author and speaker, is our keynote speaker and her topic is "Anchor in the Storm." Rev. Michael Newman, Texas District president, will be the proclaimer for the Divine Service Thursday evening. There will be three choices of enrichment sessions on Friday afternoon, a Mites in Action speaker and so much more.

The March issues of *District News* and *Linked by Love* will have

all the convention information, including the registration form. The most current information will be posted at [lwmltxdist.org/convention](http://lwmltxdist.org/convention) — check often. Registration will begin March 1 and will be available online. For questions concerning convention, email Judy Kunkel, Host Committee chairman, at [corpus2020@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:corpus2020@lwmltxdist.org). If you have never been to a district convention, make this one your first. If you've been often, don't miss this one. I will see you in Corpus Christi in June!

Serving with JOY • Debbie Curry

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS can be made at the Omni Corpus Christi** using the reservation link or phone number and information at [lwmltxdist.org/convention](http://lwmltxdist.org/convention). Please note the convention begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, with worship and ends at noon on Saturday, June 20.

Registration, exhibits, human care and servant events will begin Thursday morning. Teen activities will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday and the YWR program will begin

Wednesday evening.

Please make your hotel reservations to include these activities. The hotel will honor our rate of \$142 plus taxes for three days before and after the convention based on availability. If you need assistance or a roommate, contact Melissa Childs, housing coordinator, at [lwmltxdist.org/convention](http://lwmltxdist.org/convention).

