

Connecting during COVID

During these challenging days, the world needs the Good News of salvation through Christ more than ever. The opportunities to serve your neighbor have grown exponentially as people are losing their jobs or having their paychecks reduced, are fearful of the future or are just lonely due to social distancing requirements. Our neighbors desperately need to hear the comforting Word of God.

We need to stay connected to each other through the study of His Word and fellowship, but how do

we meet all these needs while obeying all the restrictions on gatherings to keep ourselves and our families safe? We adapt and we carry on! Here are some tips:

- ▶ Adjust the way you meet and study in person to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- ▶ Meet outside ... fire pit, hot chocolate and Bible study anyone?
- ▶ Meet and study together electronically.
- ▶ Consider a porch pickup for mites.
- ▶ Get creative with mission projects



— host a drive-thru food collection for a local organization.

- ▶ Organize a Christian book club — Imagine a quiet park, a picnic, and a great book discussion.

Other great ideas are available at lwml.org/covid.

Kelli Alsup

Vice-President of Christian Life

Let's communicate!

Over the last several months, has your LWML group created a fun and new way to social distance? Have you cleverly found a way to collect mite offerings during these times? Has your zone created a lively way to gather while still adhering to the COVID guidelines? If you have, we would love to hear from you!

Part of my position as vice-president of Communications is to boost communication throughout our groups and zones. We accomplish this through the *District News* (what you are reading now); *Linked by Love* (semi-annual newsletter); and the most popular, LWML Texas District website, where you can sign up for email blasts (lwmltxdist.org).

You are a vital part of this communication! As LWML Texas District women and men, we love to share. We share our accomplishments, our “outside the purple box” ideas, and our innovative ways in spreading the LWML Texas District mission.

One way to share is to send your news articles and pictures for inclusion in the *District News* pages right

here! The deadline for submissions is the ninth of each month for inclusion two months later (for example, a submission received by Jan. 9 will appear in the March issue). For more information on submittal, please see the “Stay Connected” box at the bottom of Page 20. The *District News* is a great way for a group or zone to showcase and share these ideas with others.

The LWML Texas District website is also a great way to get information out from our 26 zones. Did you know there is a page for your zone on the website? We have an interactive map with each Texas District Zone listed with officers, groups, churches and other important information just a click away! Visit at lwmltxdist.org/around-district and pass this information on to those looking for an LWML home!

We have found ourselves in unprecedented times and we have had to expand our resources and ideas in ways we never would have imagined. We would love for you to showcase your accomplishments and pass on those creative ways to gather those much-needed mite offerings!

Janna Atkins • Vice-President of Communication



LWML 39th Biennial Convention

June 24-27 • Lexington, Ky.

For the most updated information on the plans for the convention, be sure to visit lwml.org/2021-convention or contact either your zone president or President Frances at president@lwmltxdist.org.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Frances Molitor

As groups and zones are once again able to meet and plan, either in person or virtually, for meetings, rallies, workshops and retreats, do remember Kelli Alsup, vice-president of Christian Life, can assist you with possible speakers. She can be reached at christianlife@lwmltxdist.org.

One of those speakers is our Legacy Deo ambassador, Debbie Curry, who is available to discuss the importance of estate planning and planned giving. LWML Texas District can become part of that plan.

Patience my friends ... patience. Hope is always on the horizon for us as Christians. The Lord is leading us where we need to go. Your gifts of mites have not waned. Your desire to share the Gospel is strong. Keep feeding those mite boxes, singing praises and remaining constant in prayer.

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On Dec. 15, the Ladies Aid Society (LWML) of First Lutheran Church delivered toys and \$333 to Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) Santa Store. Parents staying at DVP are able to select Christmas gifts for their children at no cost.

Members of the congregation donated the funds and toys to help this worthy cause.

Vickie Smith



2020-22 Mite goal

Mites received through December: \$139,818

Mites still needed to meet goal: \$237,682

Mission grants paid through December: \$79,850

\$139,818.19

\$377,500.00



Please include a remittance form when submitting your mite offerings.

Send them to:

LWML Texas District
Attn: Kathy Walther,
Financial Secretary
PO Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942

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Send LWML news and photos to Joanna Roche, District News editor,

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