

What's your 80?

In July 1942, delegates from 15 districts and five pastors appointed by the Synod gathered at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Chicago, and founded the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Eighty years later, LWML is still going strong and living out its mission to "joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

So how does one celebrate 80 years of God's blessings in the mission field? For the LMWL, the answer is simple — do more! The What's Your 80? project encouraged each member, group, zone or district to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. During this past year the LMWL groups across the Texas District have thrown anniversary parties and blessed others with lots of 80s.

Happy anniversary LWML!



SPRING: The ladies of Resurrection Lutheran Church donated 80 cans of baby formula to the local pregnancy assistance ministry.



HOUSTON: The Concordia Women's Club collected and packaged 80 hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train.



HOUSTON: Our Savior Cheerful Helpers Night Circle completed their Baby Bottle Boomerang project and filled 80 baby bottles with change to benefit Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers.



Crown of Life LWML of the Trinity Zone collected more than 80 canned food and pantry items for Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County.



SAN ANTONIO: Concordia women invited Melanie Rios from Any Baby Can, for which they collected diapers, wipes, formula and toys.

ABILENE: Our Savior Joyful Angels and Gleaners collected food and new clothing for Love and Care Ministries, which serves the poor and homeless in Abilene, Merkel and Clyde.





▲ **AUSTIN:** Redeemer Women in Mission collected pinto beans, rice and mac-and-cheese for a local food bank.

▼ **WARDA:** Holy Cross ladies prepared and served a meal to all of their members over 80 years old.

From the president

Eighty years and counting

We are in the midst of the “What’s Your 80?” initiative of our beloved organization. Have you ever wondered what the initial long-term vision was of the women and men who gathered to officially form the LWML? I’d imagine it’s very similar to the vision we currently know and love.



Frances Molitor

Contemplate on just how many women have been blessed to serve their Lord through the many years of mission, mercy and service. Considering the age of those who gathered in 1942, we are now introducing the fifth generation (our teens) to the joy of serving and the deep abiding love and friendships that last from convention to convention. Yet for me, the most awe-inspiring, “brain-exploding,” beyond-belief contemplation is of the amount of mite offerings that have been brought forth in faith, always with trust that the

Lord would provide what was needed.

So as we begin introducing another generation to Lutheran Women in Mission, what do you envision for the long term? What visions and dreams are you praying these upcoming generations carry with them? What are we doing as the LWML Texas District to touch and influence this new generation and the next generation? How do we share the reins? What will it look like when we do it well? How do we fear less what could go wrong and welcome more of what could go right?

Let us continue in prayer and celebration of the past 80 years, all the while anticipating what can be new (and right) for us to witness in the next 80 years. Where are we going to start?

One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.
PS.145:4 NKJV



INGATHERING TIME!

Visit lwmltxdist.org/mission-service for everything you need to know about preparing for the Lutheran **World Relief (WR) Ingathering**, including printing labels and reports.

Let’s stuff the trucks with quilts, health kits and school kits! Remember to think like a bug and make sure no critters can get in — pack your items in sturdy boxes with no exposed holes, taping all open edges (top, bottom and sides). Want to track your shipments? Visit lwr.org/tracker to print off a bar-code. The ingathering collection sites are.

St. John, Marion (600 S. Center St.) Nov. 2 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Epiphany, Houston (14423 West Road) Nov. 5 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Messiah, Plano (1801 W. Plano Parkway) Nov. 12 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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2022-24 Mite Goal: \$390,000

Mites received through July 31: \$45,278 (\$344,722 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through July 31: \$10,500

Send your mite offerings along with a remittance form to: LWML Texas District Attn: Kathy Walther, Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942

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