

Helping our future church workers

By Joy Cowan
Vice-President of Gospel Outreach

“Your generosity and kindness have allowed me to attend Concordia University Texas, providing me with the opportunity to grow as a Christian leader while pursuing my academic goals. Your gift has been such a blessing to my life; it has encouraged me to live a life of service so I may be a blessing to others by the grace of God.”

This is a portion of one of the thank-you notes we have received for the scholarships LWML Texas District has awarded to Concordia University Texas DCE students.

A seminary student said: “It is because of people like y’all that I can spend less time worrying about finances and more time on my studies. My wife and I are very thankful.”

Here is another statement, this one from Rev. Michael Newman, Texas District president: “Paul, in his letter to the Philippian church,



From left, LWML Texas District President Debbie Curry presents a mission grant check to Rev. Michael Newman (district president) and Linda Hagge (district treasurer) for seminary scholarships. In photo at right, from Concordia University Texas, Meghann Bolton, director of Foundation Relations, and Dr. Jacob Youmans, associate professor of the Religious Education (DCE) program, are happy to receive the fall installment for DCE scholarships.



thanked God for their partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. (Phil. 1:5). On behalf of the students, the Board of Mission Administration and the members of the Texas District, I want to thank the LWML Texas District for your continued support of students preparing for the pastoral ministry at our seminaries in St. Louis and Fort Wayne.”

The scholarships the LWML Texas District provide to seminary

students and DCE students at Concordia University Texas do a great good for these individuals and for God’s kingdom. One of the previous scholarship recipients was Emilie Finke Stooksbury, who was also one of the emcees at the LCMS Youth Gathering.

We rarely know the good our actions do, but God uses all for His good. Thank you for supporting these scholarships and other mission grants with your mites!

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If you have a daughter or granddaughter that will attend an LCMS college or university, you will want to share the following information with her. **The LWML Texas District will award scholarships** to eligible freshmen, sophomores, juniors and even seniors for the 2020-21 school year.

Scholarships are awarded to women

from LCMS Texas District congregations studying to become full-time church workers in the LCMS.

Completed applications must be sent to Marlene White, Scholarship Committee Chairman, post-marked no later than March 31.

To check out eligibility requirements and to apply, visit **lwmltxdist.org**. From the “Special Groups” link, select “Scholarships” from the drop-down menu and click “For information on 2020 scholarship applications.”

For more information, contact Marlene from her link at lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers.

Ladies **RENEWED** at retreat

At Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, 129 ladies recently gathered for the 2019 Rest and Renewal Retreat.

The women were inspired and entertained by Kaye Wolff, former LWML vice-president of Special Focus Ministries, who spoke to us about prayer and had everyone dancing in the aisles. Rev. John Heckmann led the opening and closing devotions and two Bible studies.

Staci Geiger, former LWML Texas District Young Woman Representative, spoke to us about how prayer and being in the Word saw her through her son enduring 110 days in the hospital and five surgeries — be-

fore he was five-months old.

The in-gathering benefited Daniel's Lion Heart Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by Staci to support families of children with congenital heart defects, both emotionally and spiritually.

We collected 90 Arch books for children, 22 coffee mugs with Bible verses, 70 gift cards and \$793, which will be used to purchase prayer journals. These items will be included in care packages and distributed to families in need.

Thank you to everyone who brought items. Daniel's Lion Heart Foundation was overwhelmed with your love and support.



Kaye Wolff



Rev. John Heckmann



Staci Geiger

FROM THE PRESIDENT

OPENLY CONFESS THE GOSPEL

The primary focus for LWML Texas District is based on the acronym JOY. The "O" states "may all women experience JOY as we openly confess the Gospel." As we gather in convention in Corpus Christi in 2020, one of the objectives for the attendees is to be re-energized to share our hope in Christ with others. When our LWML groups meet, we are encouraged and equipped to share our faith in Jesus Christ.

LWML has a resource called "I

Love to Tell the Story," which is available at lwml.org/gospel-outreach. Reading first-hand accounts of other women sharing their faith encourages me to do the same. The devotions remind me of Jesus' words to His disciples:

"Do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you." — **Matt. 10:19b-20**

May you experience and share JOY as you openly confess the Gospel with others in your daily life.

Serving with JOY
Debbie Curry



Mites received through October:
\$280,617

Mites still needed to meet goal:
\$70,283

Mission grants paid through October: \$137,250

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