



Bluebonnet Happenings

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RALLIES/WORKSHOPS

SPRING WORKSHOP	April, 20, 2024	2024 HOSTS
FALL RALLY	Sunday, October 5, 2024	Bethlehem, William Penn

*If your group would like to add addresses to this email list,
please send the information to: secretarylady2010@hotmail.com.*

**William Penn, Brenham Afternoon and Trinity groups: I need you to send your email lists
so I can put your people back on the mailing list. Thanks!!**

LWML Texas District



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IMPORTANT HOTEL RESERVATION UPDATE

The district is still experiencing issues with the room reservations at the Omni. Please read the full message below for some vital information.

If you have a current reservation that you will not be needing, **DO NOT CANCEL THE RESERVATION.** Please contact Helen Schneider at conventionhousing@lwmltxdist.org with your name, phone number, and email. She will then match that room with someone needing a room.

If you have not made your reservation and do plan on attending, please send Helen Schneider that information also at the email address above. She will need name, email address, cell number, and the number of guests for the room. She will keep you updated on this process.

Watch Facebook, email, and the website for any further instructions as we work through this issue. Please do send in your registrations by May 7. That will be a great help in us determining how many additional rooms are required. We have our consultant working on a possible room block with the nearest hotels to the Omni. **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A ROOM RESERVED.** I will be willing to approve any refunds for registrations at the end of May based on any unavailability of lodging.

The Host Committee and the Executive Committee are truly upset with the current situation, and we are doing all we can to get this resolved so all who wish to join us in convention will have that opportunity. We apologize for this inconvenience, but do not let this deter you from registering and keeping your plans intact. With prayers, patience, and persistence, we will rely on God to provide all that is needed for us to be together in Corpus Christi, holding fast to our Anchor.

Judy Kunkel
2024 Convention Host Committee Chairman

Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President



SHOP Lutheran Women in Mission Must-Haves for Summer!



It is time to shop! We upgraded the Lutheran Women in Mission shopping experience in the SHOP. Visit the SHOP at lwml.cph.org to check out new products and resources all in one convenient place.

Kick off your summer with great new Lutheran Women in Mission products — a purple bistro mug, luggage tags, a rose gold executive pen, and a fun purple pen with purple ink. Stock up on purple sticky notes and note cards. Looking for a unique gift for a cook or techie in your life? Check out the new purple jar openers and purple charging cables. New multi-session Bible studies and devotions, including *Oh, Lord I'm Puzzled*, are available for purchase. Free downloadable Bible studies including *Experience the Joy — Then Share It!* can be found in the SHOP as well for convenient one-stop shopping.

Act on Local and Global Mission Opportunities

by Carmen Nagel, Chairman, Special Ministries Committee

At an LWML district convention many years ago, I was approached by a man wearing overalls asking if I was a missionary. You may know this person by the name of Gary Thies of Mission Central. Yes, we are all missionaries trained through God's Word to go into the world proclaiming the Good News of salvation. You may not be able to see, hear, or move but we all can proclaim "*Here I am! Send me*" (Isaiah 6:8).

Take time to look around for opportunities to reach out to others. Ask if someone needs help getting out of the car or walking through a store. Smile at others. You have no idea how much they might need that smile.



Visit the Special Ministries webpage lwml.org/special-ministries for information on involving our special needs women in your group, zone, district, and beyond.

Let Our Light Shine SELC District Convention this Weekend

Please join in prayer for the Lutheran Women in Mission gathering together in convention this week. [The LWML SELC District](#) will be meeting in Macungie, PA, under the theme "Let Our Light Shine" from Matthew 5:16.



Dear Lord, we ask that You would be with all the women of the SELC district as they plan, travel, prepare, and attend their convention, that glory would be brought to Your name through the Word proclaimed. Be with the Pastoral Counselors attending, that they would also be blessed as they serve the LWML with Your guiding hand. May the fellowship be bountiful and the Bible study and speakers, through your Word, transform the hearts of the attendees as they gather in Your name.

As the LWML SELC District closes this biennium, we thank You for the many years of service by their faithful President Milly Kwiatkowski. We ask You to bless and keep her as she goes on to serve You in other capacities. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

LWML Kansas District Convention Highlights

LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett, opened the 40th Biennial District Convention, in Wichita, on April 12–14. The theme “Jesus is my anchor,” was based on Hebrew 6:19-20a, *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.*

Donna Snow led the Saturday morning Bible study, followed by 124 delegates approving ten mission grants totaling \$53,100. District bylaw changes were approved, and Elaine Engelmann was elected President.

A servant event collected items for Northeast Zone Clothing Banks: Helping Hands-Nortonville, Trinity Center-Hiawatha, Kaden's Closet-Troy, and Swaddling Clothes-Greenleaf. New socks and underwear were donated to Orphan Grain Train, Wichita Warehouse, and 676 pairs of glasses were donated to MOST Ministries.

Other activities included completing, creating, and assembling 22 Braille Spanish Books of John for Lutheran Braille Workers, rolling 340 bandages for Global World Health in Minnesota, and coloring cards to take home for shut-ins and/or church workers.

Rev. Dr. Paul Krueger from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselor, brought greetings.

Kansas District's God's Gracious Gift Fund will support three additional mission projects. Mission Walk pledges, totaling \$837.06, will benefit the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.



President-pinning: President Kim Burdett pins the District President pin on newly elected LWML Kansas District President Elaine Engelman.



Rahema Kavugha (LCEF) woke everyone up as the speaker at Christian Life Breakfast at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, telling her personal life story. She led attendees through the acronym T.A.L.K (Time-Attention-Love-Konnection).



WendySue Fluegge served as the Song Leader for the convention and Saturday night entertainment.

LWML California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention Highlights

Friday, April 19–21, the LWML California-Nevada-Hawaii District (CNH) joined together in convention under the theme, "Gifted to Serve by God's Grace." The convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Redding, CA. CNH District President Roxan Schwab presided over her first convention as attendees approved the \$117,500 mission goal for 18 mission grants.

All voting was completed on Friday afternoon to take care of district business in one session. This allowed the remaining convention sessions to be filled with worship, Bible study, prayer service, mission moments, and praise.

Gifts from the Heart were collected to benefit Exodus Farms, GOOD NEWS RESCUE MISSION, and LifeNet Family Services.



Servant events



Pinning of CNH YWRs Faith, Tabitha, Ashley, Kaelynn, Amy, Anjuli and Joy



New Officers installed by outgoing Sr. Pastoral Counselor Rev. David Floyd

Tune-In to Our Monthly Podcast



Tune-in to our monthly podcast "[LWML On the Go](#)" as LWML President Eden Keefe shares this month's devotion, Eph.2:29: "Don't Discard Me, God!" God has a purpose and mission for us in every stage of life. Be inspired by LWML's mission to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Subscribe to our podcast in your favorite listening app.

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