

Capitol Zone Capsule

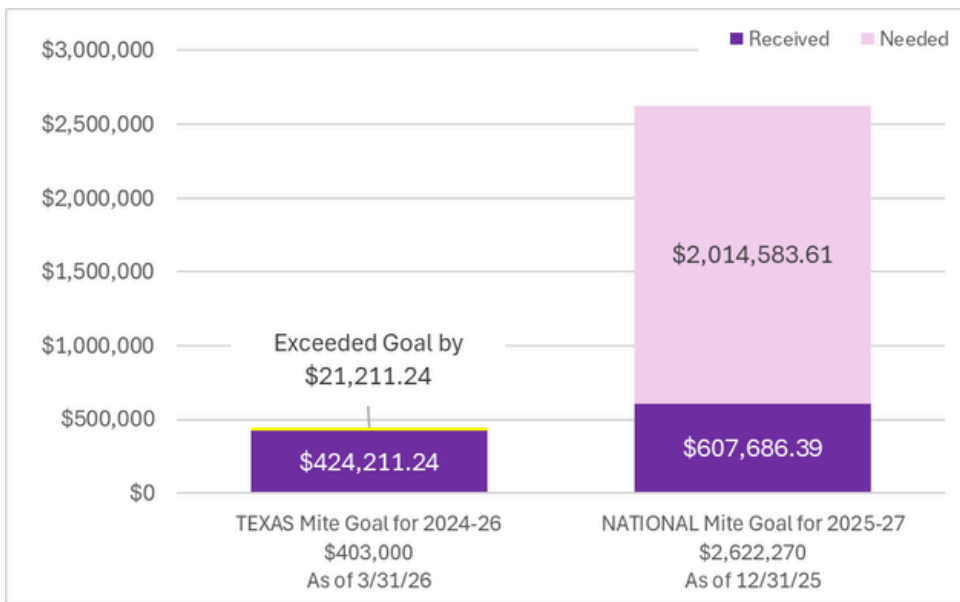
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Mark Hunsaker	Pastoral Counselor



LWML Texas District
 44th Biennial Convention
 June 11-13, 2026
 DoubleTree Hotel
 Austin, TX

Theme: Celebrate the Goodness of God
 Scripture Verse:
 Rejoice in hope,
 be patient in tribulation
 be constant in prayer.
 Romans 12:12



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by May 7th

send check to:

Rosanne Capdeville
 302 Allen Circle
 Georgetown, TX 78633

Copy & paste the links below into your browser:

Register [HERE](#)

<https://www.lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions>

Volunteer [HERE](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B48A5AB28A7FD0-61651999-2026#/>

Hotel Reservation

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?>

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Letter from our Zone President

Betsy Martino

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Easter is the best time of the year, a yearly celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This is truly astounding. What other god has sent his son to die for all? Who else has returned from the dead, never to die again? Only Yahweh, the LORD. Only Jesus, our savior. Only the Holy Spirit, our seal, guarantee, and strengthener of faith. Thrice Holy God, we praise you!

Now, several days after Easter Sunday, life has returned to routine. Where is the excitement? We can't always stay on the mountaintop. But God promises to journey with us, even in the valleys. One fruit of the Holy Spirit in us is joy—a deep response to God's constant presence. Whether celebrating the resurrection or living our daily lives for Jesus, God remains with us.

Liturgically, we remain in Easter. Our excitement may be muted, but it remains. How can we keep from singing? Thanks be to God!

Rejoicing in the Lord,
Betsy Martino
Capitol Zone President

VP of Human Care & Organizational Resources

Bartlett Innovation Unit

The Bartlett Innovation Unit is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional facility for men located in Bartlett, Texas. They reopened in late 2024 with a focus on rehabilitation, innovative programming and staff-inmate engagement.

The facility features specialized programs aimed at preparing inmates for release, including quilting projects for charity and high-demand vocational training. Staff focus on one-on-one engagement, positive reinforcement, and fostering a "growth" mindset, including encouraging respectful interactions. They are in Williamson County. The unit has a capacity of over 1,000 and offers educational courses and pre-release programs.

As men draw near to their release date, they participate in Job Fairs, where they meet with employers to secure employment before their release. The goal is for every man to have a suit to wear to job interviews and upon their release. This is often the first time many of these men have owned a suit. The need is for suits of any size, this includes, ties, shoes and socks. The prison has asked for donations to help everyone to be able to have a fresh start once they are released.



VP of Communication Corner

The next deadline is July 15, 2026. Please email your news and photos to czlwmlvpcomm@gmail.com.

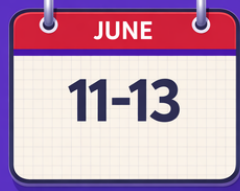
The 3rd Quarter issue will go out around August 1, 2026. Thank you in advance for any and all submissions.

District Convention: Prayer Room Volunteers

Intercessory prayer is vital in the life of a believer and a wonderful way of caring and showing compassion to believers that are hurting or struggling. Please do not be intimidated. You do not need to be an eloquent speaker. We need women of faith and who have a heart for people. There will be prayer books and Portals of Prayer in the room to use.

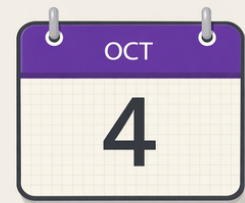
This volunteer opportunity is great if you do not want to spend a lot of time on your feet. The time requirement is 2-4 hours at a time once a day if we can get enough volunteers. So please, prayerfully consider the Prayer Room as a place to serve at this convention. If willing, please contact Patricia Willoughby at czlwmlvpcomm@gmail.com or text 512-639-9043. Thank you in advance.

District Convention



Double Tree Hotel, Austin

Fall Zone Rally



Christ Our Savior, Lago Vista

At the Fall Rally, the following officers will be elected:

President
VP of Communication
Treasurer
Nominating Committee

Please prayerfully consider how you might serve and/or know someone who might.

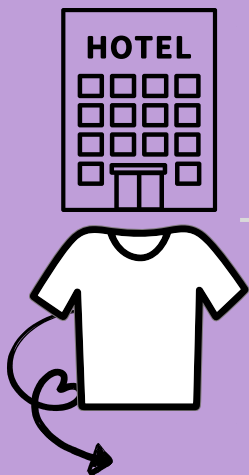
Deadlines

Hotel Reservation by May 8th

Volunteer Sign Up by May 8th

Volunteer T-shirt purchase by May 7th

Convention Registration by May 8th



T-Shirt Details: Convention volunteers are strongly encouraged to place an order for a gray t-shirt as soon as possible. These shirts are available at cost and will be worn every day while you are at the convention, regardless of whether you are "on duty."

You are a convention volunteer if you have committed to serve in any way, preparing for activities to be held at the convention, or if you will be serving at the convention. Instructions are as follows:

1. Send an email to 2026hostcomtees@gmail.com with name, phone number, t-shirt size, and the quantity (if you want more than one)

2. Send a check, payable to LWML Capitol Zone, to our Zone Treasurer:

Rosanne Capdeville
302 Allen Circle
Georgetown, TX 78633

Sizes S, M, L, XL \$7.09
Size 2XL \$8.59
3XL \$9.09
4XL \$9.59
5XL \$10.09

If you haven't yet signed up to serve as a volunteer at the convention, or if you would like to provide a food item or two for the workers' room, go to [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B48A5AB28A7FD0-61651999-2026) (copy and paste in your browser) and find a slot (or two or three or more!) where you would like to serve. We need many volunteers, and serving several "shifts" will be gratifying. If you need help, contact Lois Teinert - LoisLWML@gmail.com.

For Convention questions, please reach out to Carolyn Rivers - carolynrivers@gmail.com, Karen Avenson - kave7177@gmail.com, or Laurie Bellard - laurielwml@gmail.com.



To GOD be the Glory!! Mission Goal was met and All Mission Grants paid

Mite Report through March 2026

2024–2026 Mission Goal	\$403,000.00
Mites Received	\$424,211.24
Mites Received Over Mission Goal	\$21,211.24
25% paid to LWML Mission	\$98,340.83
Mission Grant Goal	\$225,000.00

2024–2026 Mission Grants

Mission Grant	Disbursed	Still Need
Seminarian Scholarship for Texas Students — \$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
New Life Children’s Center Spiritual Care Program, Canyon Lake — \$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler — \$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Orphan Grain Train Shipping Supplies, Houston — \$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Proclaiming Christ to People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (LBW) — \$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Let It Shine Academy, Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries — \$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach, Camp Lone Star, Tomball — \$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat Ministry Scholarships — \$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program, Hereford — \$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and Maternal Assistance Program, Houston — \$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach, Glocal Mission, Houston — \$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
Little Lambs Parents’ Day Out Ministry Playground Equipment, Sulphur Springs — \$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Christian Education Scholarships K–12, Central Texas — \$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care Warehouse Repairs, El Paso — \$17,314 (partial funding)	\$17,314	\$0
Total — \$272,314* 2024–2026 Mission Grant Goal \$225,000 *(includes \$47,314 mission abundance from 2020–2024)	\$272,314	\$0

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20–21).

Zone Retreat

“What Angels Are — and What They Are Not” by Rev. Eric Borchers

We had a small, intimate group this year at our annual retreat, where we enjoyed the new dining facility, which was both clean and welcoming. Our sessions with Pastor Borchers were especially meaningful, as he taught us a great deal about angels, reminding us that they are God's profound messengers, not the way they are commonly portrayed in the world. He also clarified that angels are not to be worshipped. To conclude the retreat, Pastor Borchers shared that he has accepted a call to a church in Brackenridge, Colorado.

Additionally, our silent auction helped raise \$927 for retreat expenses. We do hope that more will join us next year!



Tittering Tea Party
April 18, 2026
Hope Lutheran



What a lovely time had by all! There were 66 ladies in attendance, and the gracious ladies of Hope Lutheran provided a simply delightful array of eats and teas. The tables displayed gorgeous tea cups. All the guests enjoyed their conversations.

Our special guest, Abby Goehring, had us all tittering with her tales of hilarity. She explained that there are 2 types of Lutherans: "diaper" Lutherans and "pantie" Lutherans. Abby said she is a "diaper" Lutheran, meaning she grew up in the Lutheran church. A "pantie" Lutheran is one who comes to the Lutheran faith later in life.



She shared with us how she became a "humorous interrupter" for the District and National Conventions. We are looking forward to seeing her in June at the Texas District Convention.



President Betsy Martino introduced our new Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Mark Hunsaker of Hope Lutheran. We are so glad to have him join the Executive Committee.

Written by VP of Communication



Around the Zone



Women in Mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran

Ladies of Women in Mission at Good Shepherd, put together fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Also, On Sunday May 22, Good Shepherd broke ground on the new Sanctuary! To God Be the Glory!



Serving our congregation

Thirteen ladies of St. Paul Dorcas, and guests, gathered on Saturday morning, March 7th for a breakfast, devotional, a short business meeting --gotta share details of the upcoming convention!-- then bouquet making, and finally the delivery to our homebound members.

Pre-work:

- Gather the list of homebound members from church office
- Put each address on a 3x5 card. Look up each address and add the major intersections near the person's home.
- Purchase enough glass drinking glasses from a thrift store that will also fit into the cupholder of a car (this keeps the flowers from spilling during transport); bonus is that they do not need to match as they will be going to different locations.
- Decide on a hostess and devotional leader
- Devotional leader prints copies, enough for attendees and homebound members
- Call each homebound member, leave a message if necessary, and let them know someone would like to stop by and drop a little bouquet for them with the date and approximate time.
- Morning of:
 - Each lady brings a bouquet of flowers from the grocery store or Costco/Sam's Club. I did bring a few extra to make sure the bouquets were full. These were spread across two 8' tables
 - As ladies arrive, sort flowers by color ROY G BIV for the win.
 - Mix some flower food packets with water and fill about 1" worth into each glass (fill with more water at destination)
 - Serve breakfast, read through devotional as a group, a short business meeting, if necessary
 - Build your bouquets! Walk around the table and select 6-8 stems from the available flowers, adding in extra as the supply allows.
 - Arrange bouquet in your hand.
 - Hold flowers next to the glass 'vase' and trim the bottom of the stems so that they will fit into the selected glass.
 - Add flowers
 - Place all the bouquets on a table, gather the ladies for a picture
 - Closing and sending prayer that these flowers would be a blessing to those receiving them.
 - Deliver to each homebound member, either in single visits or paired up
 - Upon arrival, share the devotional, flowers a few words and depart for home or next visit.
 - Rejoice in serving the Lord with gladness!

Serve the Lord with Gladness!