

Capitol Zone Capsule

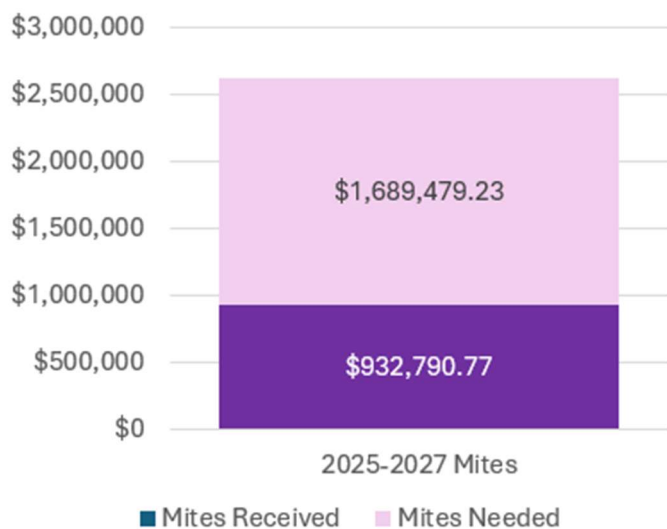
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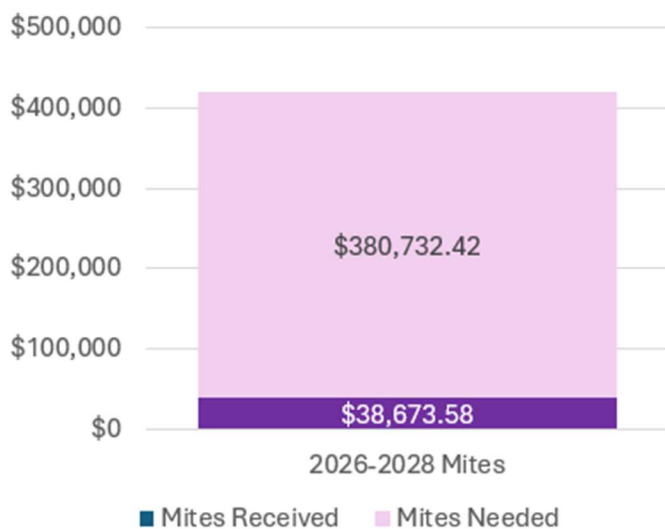
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National Mites
thru 3/31/26



Texas District Mites
thru 6/30/26



Save the Date

Prayer Service

WHEN August 22, 2026
9:30am

WHERE Our Savior Lutheran
1513 Yager Ln
Austin

Save the Date

Fall Rally

WHEN October 4, 2026
1pm

WHERE Christ Our Savior
21900 FM 1431
Lago Vista

Guest Speaker: Anthony Victor, Missionary to South Asian Community
Austin, TX

From the President

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

Celebrating the Goodness of God! Think of all the ways you were blessed at the convention. The main speaker, Deaconess Noemi Guerra, the worship, the mites in action speakers, the fellowship, the prayer room, the mission servant events, to name a few. I thank God for all the women who worked so hard to make this convention such a memorable event. I also thank God for every one of you who were able to attend the convention, and for every one of you who were there in spirit. You, my dear ladies, are the heart of LWML.

The goodness of God...isn't this what LWML proclaims daily? Is not sharing the good news of God's love the central mission of LWML? This is the good news: God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to live among us, to die for our sins though he was sinless, to rise from the dead and show Himself alive to many people, to ascend into heaven so that we might have the Holy Spirit living in us, shaping us into the likeness of Jesus.

If we look at the world around us, we see turmoil, conflict, natural disasters, neighbors against neighbors, wars and rumors of wars. But we who walk in the light of God see what others miss. God's goodness abounds in this broken world. For God so loved the world that he sent his only son into the world, not to condemn the world but to save it through his death and resurrection. And He gives to those who believe the gift of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to produce fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. This fruit causes us to

shine with the light of Jesus to all who see us. Let your light shine.

Rejoicing in the LORD,

Betsy Martino
Capitol Zone President

P.S. Please consider prayerfully accepting the invitation to be on the ballot for the offices open for election at the fall rally: President, Treasurer, Vice President of Communication, and the nominating committee.

P.P.S. Plus, the speaker at the Fall Rally will be Anthony Victor. He is a missionary to people of India who live here in central Texas. Isn't that amazing? God is good.

P.P.P.S. And don't forget the prayer service on August 22. Our new pastoral counselor, Pastor Mark Hunsaker will be leading us.

The Peace of God be with you.

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

- President
- VP of Communication
- Treasurer
- Nominating Committee.

Please prayerfully consider how you might serve, or know someone who might





It has been a blessing and a pleasure to have served on the Capital Zone Executive Committee for as long as I have. Thank you all for sending in your news and pictures. You are a wonderful and beautiful group of Lutheran Women in Mission.

Sincerely, Patricia Willoughby

The next deadline is October 15th for the November 1st edition. The next VP of Communication will inform you of where to send your news and pictures.



Wow! It is hard to believe it has been over a month since our convention finished. It was truly inspiring to Celebrate the goodness of God with so many fellow sisters and brothers in Christ! So much planning went into the event that when it arrived, it seemed to fly! But we received positive feedback from many attendees, who really enjoyed themselves.

The worship service Thursday evening was amazing and started things off on a real high note. Then Friday and Saturday were a great mixture of Bible Study, keynote speaker, Naomi Guerra, and a lot of business covered. I want to say a special thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Host Committee planning. We had volunteers who did everything from prepping delegate bags to stuffing tote bags, and many, many other things. It was truly amazing to

see how God met and fulfilled every need, and we had lots of volunteers sign up in multiple areas to cover various needs.

It is a very different perspective to be on the planning and hosting side. We hosts don't get to participate in a lot of the convention as we were helping ensure things ran smoothly. But everyone was so appreciative and complimentary about the convention, so it was worth all our hard work! It is also nice that the convention was live-streamed, as that gave/allows us the ability to watch online things we may have missed live. If you have not done that, I encourage you to do so. There were many inspiring speakers and Bible studies, not to mention the mission grant votes and the new officer elections.

As I prepare for the final post-convention meeting tomorrow, I am both relieved and a bit melancholy that it is over. It was truly an amazing journey that God used to teach and show me many things. He allowed me to reconnect with old friends and introduced me to several new friends through this planning process. I am so thankful for them all! And during the convention, he reminded all in attendance how and why we should celebrate His goodness.

To God be all the Glory!

Laurie Bellard

2026 Host Committee Chairman
LWML Texas District 44th Biennial Convention

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for providing such a wonderful LWML Convention. This is my 4th convention to be a part of and it was by far the most memorable one! Everyone was so bubbly, joyful, and receptive. We had tremendous participation in the exhibitor area. I even spoke with other exhibitors, and they all shared the same sentiment. The convention this year was just outstanding! Thank you so much for creating this opportunity for ministries and LWML to collaborate. It was truly an outstanding event and we enjoyed every minute!

Please feel free to pass this note on to the committee as well. Their hard work paid off and we are so thankful!

With joy,

Katie Evans
Upbring
Exhibitor





Around the Zone



Ladies, and one willing young, man from Good Shepherd Women in Mission

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Save the Date

Capitol Zone

Retreat with Donna Snow

WHEN	February 19-20, 2027	Camp Lone Star La Grange, TX	WHERE
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**Christ's Living Water
for a Thirsty Soul**



Save the date:
42nd Biennial Convention

Transformed
in CHRIST

Romans 12:2

July 8-11, 2027
Oklahoma City, OK

Mission Grants

**Seminarian Scholarships
for Texas Students**

\$50,000.00

**ASL Jesus Signs
Workshops — Texas**

\$15,000.00

**Sharing Our Savior, One
Meal at a Time —
Forged by Fire Services,
Mandeville, Louisiana**

\$7,500.00

**Mobile Ministry Van —
University Lutheran
Chapel, Bryan-College
Station, Texas**

\$20,000.00

**Tailgate Outreach —
Lutheran Student
Center, Lubbock, Texas**

\$15,000.00

**Learning Center
Flooring — Trinity
Lutheran, Riesel, Texas**

\$20,000.00

**Spiritual Care —
Upbring, Canyon Lake,
Texas**

\$10,000.00

**Generating Power of
Christ — Camp Blessing
Texas, Brenham, Texas**

\$8,000.00

**Bridge to Belonging —
Camp Lone Star, La
Grange, Texas**

\$20,000.00

**Deploying Lutherans
Doing Life Together —
Baylor University, Waco,
Texas**

\$20,000.00

**Together We Go,
Together We Grow —
Expansion Mission
Network, Rockwall,
Texas**

\$24,000.00

**#ShineSanBenito
Mission — The Table
Lutheran Church, San
Benito, Texas**

\$15,500.00

**Spanish Resources —
Lutheran Heritage
Foundation, Macomb,
Michigan**

\$12,500.00

**Interactive Classroom
Displays — St. Paul
Lutheran, Vernon, Texas**

\$10,309.00

**Christian Family
Discipleship —
Concordia Center for the
Family, Ann Arbor,
Michigan**

\$4,123.00