

# Capitol Zone Capsule

First Quarter 2024

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### NATIONAL MITE GOAL FOR 2023-2025

Mite Goal for 2023-2025 Biennium: \$2,350,000

Amount Received: \$911,895.14

Amount needed: \$1,438,104.86

Amounts as of December 31, 2023

### TEXAS MITE GOAL FOR 2022-2024

Mite Goal for 2022-2024 Biennium: \$390,000

Amount Received: \$330,342

Amount Needed: \$59,658

Amounts are through December, 2023

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**LWML Texas District 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention**

**June 13–15, 2024**

**Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Omni Hotel**

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:23–24).*

**Registration and Hotel Reservations — Open March 1, 2024.**

Plans are well underway for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention in Corpus Christi, June 13–15, 2024. Since many are anxious to begin their planning, below is some pertinent information.

Registration opens March 1, 2024. All registration information will be available on the website after the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for February 16–18, 2024. There will also be a special edition issue of *The Lone Star Connection* published that will contain the full registration packet. We will once again accept credit card payments (exception being American Express) for registration fees.

Registration for members and guests will be \$125 with teen registration set at \$100.

Hotel registration will open March 1, 2024. **DO NOT** call the hotel before March 1 or you will not receive the discounted rate. The convention will be held at the Omni Hotel Corpus Christi.

## Letter from the Zone President

Dear Ladies,

February 2024

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

That is an excellent verse for yesterday. The beautiful sunshine and the warm weather were shouting praises to God. But today is another matter: it is cold again. My stress level is sky-high. I can't seem to focus on anything but all the tasks on my to-do list. Where is the rejoicing? What about being glad?

"Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness", Lamentations 3:22-23. Wow! My to-do list cannot consume me, and my stress cannot consume me because of God's love! His compassions are new every morning: cold or fair weather, stressful or stress-free. He is faithful, even when I am not. Suddenly, my eyes are focused on God, and I realize this is indeed the day God made. How can I not rejoice when his love and compassion always surround me? Praise to You, oh merciful God! Isn't it wonderful that these two verses are foundational for LWML?

Isn't it wonderful that this good news is for everyone, and our mission is to spread it all over our towns, states, nations, and the whole world?

Thank you for participating in LWML in the Capitol Zone, Texas District!

Coming up is our annual retreat, February 23-24. It is a great time to refresh our spirits, learn more about God's mercies, and sing His praises. I want to encourage you to come and rejoice in the Lord with all your LWML sisters.

April 28 is the Spring Rally. It will be at Faith Georgetown. You all come and bring a friend.

Rejoicing in the Lord,

Betsy Martino

Capitol Zone President

## From the VP of Christian Life & Gospel Outreach Rally Devotion and Host Schedule

### April 28, 2024 Spring Rally

Host - **Faith, Georgetown** (Please take notice.)

Opening Devotions - St. Paul, Austin

Closing Devotions - Bethany, Austin

### October 6, 2024 Fall Rally

Host - Zion, Walburg

Opening Devotion - Faith, Georgetown

Closing Devotion - Christ Our Savior, Lago Vista

## News & More from Your VP of Communication

Hello, Ladies of the Capitol Zone LWML,

I thank **Joyce Martinets** for being our guest writer and **Suzanne Mueller**, our guest photographer for the Capsule. Look for Joyce's article and Suzanne's pictures in this issue. You, too, can be a guest writer. All you have to do is write a few paragraphs about your experience at an LWML event, such as the retreat, rally, or Convention, and email it to me before the deadline. The next issue's deadline is **April 15, 2024**. I may even ask you to consider writing about your experience. If you have pictures, please include them. Thank you so much for your attention and participation. You can email the Capsule at [czlwmlvpcommunication@gmail.com](mailto:czlwmlvpcommunication@gmail.com).

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>April 28, 2024,</u>	<u>Spring Rally,</u>	<u>Faith, Georgetown</u> (More info to come)
<u>June 13-15, 2024,</u>	<u>Texas District Convention</u>	<u>Corpus Christi</u>

## **Save the Date**

**April 28, 2024**

### **LWML Spring Rally**

**Faith Lutheran**

**4010 Williams Drive**

**Georgetown, TX 78628**

**1 pm Lunch served.**

**2 pm Program**

**Your hosts are the Helping Hands and Joy Mission Circle.**

**More information to come.**

## **LITTLE REMINDER**

For those who have not yet sent in their retreat registration, the deadline is today, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions regarding registering, please call Sherry Pettit (512-527-4188), or email her at [grammypeppetit@hotmail.com](mailto:grammypeppetit@hotmail.com); or Betsy Martino (512-928-3175), or email [txmartinos@aol.com](mailto:txmartinos@aol.com).

## Quilt-a-thon Report

Jan. 20, 2024

All praise to God! The Capitol Zone Quilt-a-thon was a wonderful success. Twenty-six women signed in and all 26 were busy. There were women making bandages for Global Missions. A whole box of bandages will soon be winging its way to Global Missions. There were women sewing, cutting, arranging squares, ironing, pinning and putting their own creative stamp on each of the five quilt tops that were finished today. (A sixth top was begun, too.) A group of women were busily coloring cards for Phil's Friends. The youngest attendee was elementary age. She had a brand-new sewing machine and she sewed bandage pieces together. She also helped to roll bandages.

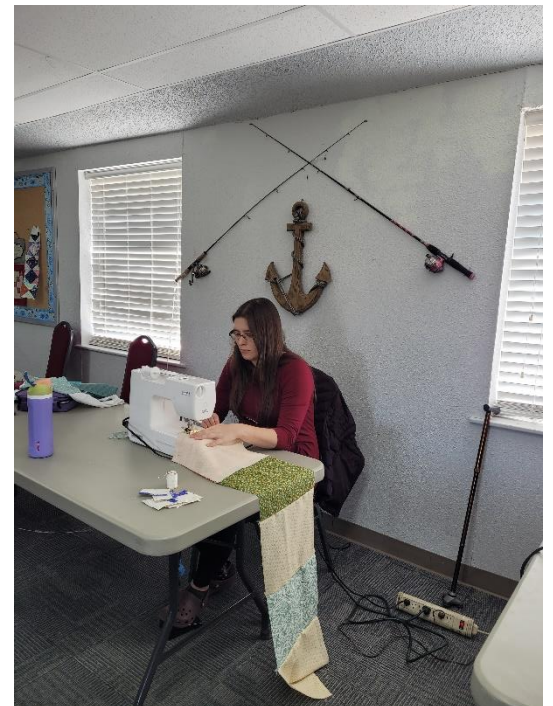
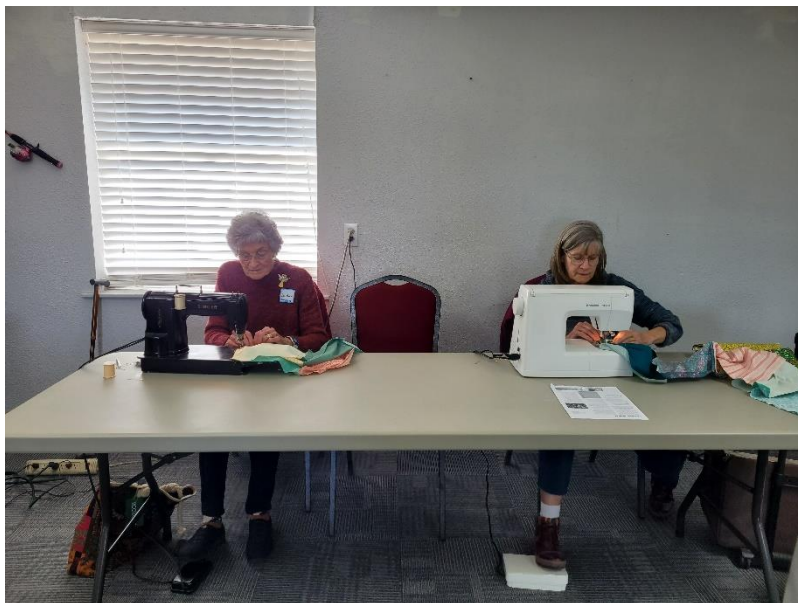
There were also women in the kitchen taking care of the food brought by the participants, and providing coffee, tea, and juice. There were women who set up the room for all our activities; and those who helped put things away.

Every single person who served in any way was important and appreciated. Y'all did good!

Thanks be to God!!!











## AROUND THE ZONE



Our Savior Women's Guild hosted a Christmas Candlelight Service and Cookie Swap on December 19 for the women of the congregation, family, and friends.

Pastor Borchers and his stepdaughter, Madison, led the service, and Brian Satterwhite accompanied the group through many Christmas carols. Fellowship and cookies followed the time in the sanctuary. Thanks to Joyce M.



Our Savior Women's Guild

Christmas 2023



Faith, Georgetown  
LWML Advent Luncheon

Helping Hands and Joy Mission Circle hosted an Advent luncheon for the women in their congregation. Shelly Curren was our guest speaker. There were approximately 70+ women in attendance. We were all very blessed by good food, the message, and fellowship.

