

The Anchor News

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Welcome to Corpus Christi and the Convention!

Plans for this convention started over 6 years ago and then were interrupted by Covid. I am so glad to finally see everyone here in Corpus Christi! While you are at the convention, be sure to visit our exhibitors and take time to serve others in the on-site servant events in Nueces Ballroom B. May you return home to witness boldly. Our host zones are here to serve you, and volunteers can be found wearing the light purple colored convention shirts.

Judy Kunkel
Host Committee Chairman

Happy to be Here!

Here we are in Corpus Christi at last. It has been a long time coming, but the Host Committee has remained faithful and focused, anticipating the joys of sharing the bay area hospitality. We are glad you are here. It is the prayer of the Host Committee and the Board of Directors that you will be refreshed and spiritually fed, finding much joy in hearing the Good News, and hold fast to our anchor, Jesus Christ. There is nothing better than being in a crowd of LWML loving people.

For those of you who dealt with the housing issue that occurred, thank you for your patience and kindness as the Host Committee chairman worked through this delicate situation. Take time to thank the Host Committee and hotel staff. Smile — do not wait for people to be friendly. Show them how, and in doing so, the light of Christ Jesus will surely shine bright.

As our time here begins, *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).* And, when the time comes for us to depart, may all “hold fast” in hope, inspired to continue to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve others.

Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President 2020–2024

Meet and Greet The Candidates and Officers

All Convention attendees are invited to meet with the current officers and candidates for office on Thursday from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. in Nueces Ballroom A. Reconnect with old friends and make some new friends at our traditional “Meet and Greet.”

Captain's Orders

Wear your name badge at all times. It is your admission to all activities as well as your ticket to the boxed lunches and breakfast buffet. Please complete the **health information** on the back of your name badge.

First Aid

Contact an usher or hostess **in case of an accident or illness** while at the convention. The **First Aid Room**, located in the Matagorda Room, is meant to help with minor medical needs. It opens at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. It remains open during all hours of the convention. If immediate attention is needed, contact 911; then notify the nearest hostess.

Lost and Found: Please visit the Registration/Information Desk.

Choir Rehearsal will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Corpus Christi Ballroom. The choir will be singing in the worship service on Thursday evening. Pre-Service music begins at 7:15 p.m., and worship begins at 7:30 p.m.

Exhibits and Booths

Many of the mission grant proposals for this convention have booths in the Exhibits area. They would love to visit with you about their ministry. Exhibits are located in the 3rd floor hallway.

Thursday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday	7–8:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Get Connected with Wi-Fi! Free Wi-Fi for the meeting rooms:
Wi-Fi name: OMNI Meeting User: LWML2024

Get Connected with Prayer!

For anyone wishing to have some quiet moments in prayer, please visit the Prayer Room (Copano Room). It will be open:

Thursday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m.–noon.

A prayer request form is included in the tote bag for your convenience. There are baskets located in various spots for collection, or you can place them in a box in the Prayer Room.

Get Connected with the Texas District!

Are you receiving the district information by email?

The district sends out emails with important information and updates as well as special editions when needed. The district newsletter, *The Lone Star Connection*, is sent out quarterly by email with a link to the website to print.

If you are not receiving the emails, please go to the district website, lwmltxdist.org, where you will find the sign-up information on the home page. Scroll down the page to “Stay in touch with the latest news from our district! Sign-up now!” Fill in your email address and name and hit the Subscribe button. Easy to do and you will receive all the information that the district sends out. A post card with all the social media information and communication contact is in your convention tote bag.

Did Someone Say Giveaway?

In honor of God’s blessings on the endowments this biennium, endowment supporters have donated items for a gift basket giveaway. Will you be the lucky attendee at this convention to win it? Stop by the Endowment Committee exhibit and enter for a chance to win!

(A winner will be drawn Friday after exhibits close and contacted for pickup before the close of convention.)



Mission Grants

Each delegate will vote for five (5) mission grant proposals. Mission grants receiving the highest total votes will be funded until the allocated mission grant total is reached. Review the mission grant proposals in your convention manual or check online at lwmltxdist.org/mission-grant-proposals.

Recipients of the 2022–2024 biennium mission grants are very appreciative of the support they received from LWML Texas District. Each ministry has expressed gratitude for your generous mite giving and prayers for their success.

Rite of Dedication and Blessing

Our district pastoral counselors will lead us in prayer as we ask for God’s blessing on all the activities of the convention in Nueces Ballroom A at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Please join us for this special time.

Teen Tide-ings!

Today over 20 teens are participating in our teen program in the Bayview Room. Starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, they are getting to know about the LWML and getting to know one another through craft activities, servant events, Bible Study, and devotions. Be on the lookout for the teens in the Hot Pink shirts! Give them a warm smile and welcome them to the fun of convention!

Moving for Mites

Located in the Bayview Room on Saturday from 7:00–7:45 a.m. Sign up for Moving for Mites and pick up Pledge Forms or leave donations near the Registration table in the 3rd floor hallway.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday 7:30–8:15 a.m.
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Breakfast Buffet and Boxed Lunches

Breakfast buffet will be served Friday & Saturday mornings from 6:30–8:30 a.m. in the Nueces Ballroom A. Boxed lunches will be served on Thursday & Friday outside the Corpus Christi Ballroom in the main hallway from 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. You can sit down to eat in Nueces Ballroom A.

Convention Shopping

Concordia Publishing House and Redeemer Gift Shop are in the Laguna Madre Room. The LWML store is in Nueces Ballroom B. Hours are:
Thursday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday 7–8:15 a.m.
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Local Eateries

Check with registration for a list of local restaurants in the Corpus Christi area.

Weather Forecast for the Convention



Lots of Sunshine!

Friday Evening Enrichment Sessions

Do not miss out on the opportunity to participate in two of these enrichment sessions Friday night beginning at 6:45 p.m. Which ones are the Lord calling you to attend? What do you want to hear more about? Prayer? Embracing a gift you were not even aware you had? What resources are available to better prepare us all for serving the Lord with gladness? Take your pick and we will see you there!

Creative Experiential Prayers led by Kayla Winkler

What does your prayer life look like? Come participate in a hands-on session that will include both small and large group discussions meant to enrich your prayer life. Come away with confidence in sharing and teaching others the importance of conversation with God beyond the morning and evening prayers.

Discovering the Joys of Writing led by Ruth Meyer

Come hear the story and adventures of a college music major who discovers a hidden gift and becomes a published author. Through audience participation and questions, find encouragement to be open to any undiscovered talents God has given you that could open a whole new pathway for you to share the Gospel. Could the joy of writing be one of them?

Within Reach led by Debbie Larson

We have access to incredible Christ-based resources to help us in our personal lives and as we step out as Lutheran Women in Mission. We also have, within reach in every community, those who do not know our Savior and do not have the hope we have as children of God. Come and identify the needs within yourself and your community, learn about the resources available, and find the confidence to step out in faith to serve and share our Savior!

Convention Offerings

Offering #1 will be taken at the Divine Service Thursday evening and will go towards the LWML Texas District 2024–2026 Mite Goal.

Offering #2 will be gathered Friday morning outside of the Corpus Christi Ballroom entrances and is designated to support the Kleberg County Pregnancy Center, which serves the rural areas south of Corpus Christi (separate entity than Gifts from the Heart recipient, Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend). Their office is in Kingsville, but they also have a mobile van. Free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds are offered to determine a heartbeat and proof of life. After receiving the free services, the Gospel is shared, and each visitor is presented with a Bible and devotion book. This offering will be used to purchase pregnancy tests, vitamins, pamphlets, Bibles, devotion books, and supplies needed for the mobile unit.

Offering #3 will be gathered Saturday morning outside of the Corpus Christi Ballroom entrances and is designated to support St. Paul Lutheran Early Learning Center, McAllen, and Lord of Life Lutheran Child Development Center, Corpus Christi. The offering will be divided equally between the two organizations. Both entities serve the community by providing education, as well as developmental and personal care to young children in South Texas. Each has the need to make improvements to their playgrounds. Safe and fun outdoor activities are crucial to this care and development and will enhance their ministry to the children for whom they are blessed to care.

Plastic boxes will be located at the entrances to the Ballroom for your offerings.

Mission Service is located in Nueces Ballroom B. Drop off your Gifts from the Heart donations starting at 10 a.m. Thursday morning and plan to stay a bit. All donations need to be delivered by Friday at 1:15 p.m. On-site servant events will include Spanish Bible marking, fleece blanket tying, lap quilt tacking, completing breast pillows, and writing notes of encouragement. The Mission Service room is open:

Thursday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday	7–8:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Young Women Lunch

On Friday at noon, all potential, current, and former Young Woman Representatives are invited to come to the Bayview Room for lunch, for sharing ideas and experiences and for fellowship.

Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Lunch

All Heart to Heart Sisters are invited to join the H2H Sisters district leaders in the Aransas Room for lunch at noon on Friday. Come meet your sisters from across the state of Texas.

Zone Caucus locations will be posted on the Message Board.



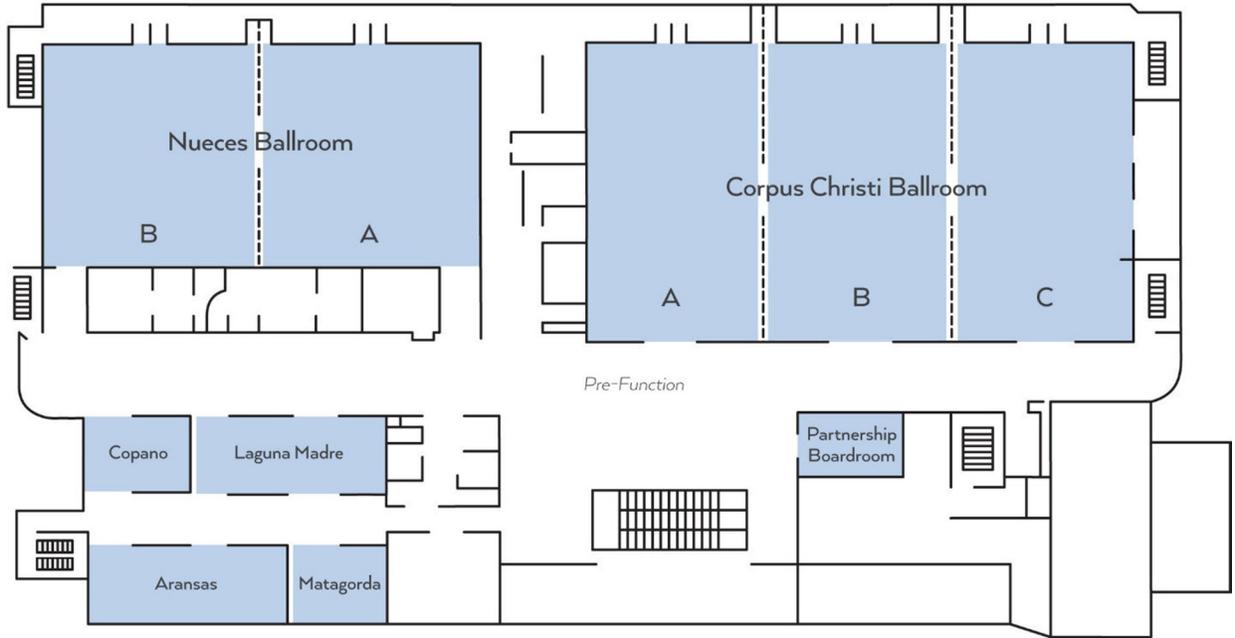
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Meet and Greet Candidates and Officers	Nueces Ballroom A
Moving for Mites Form Collection	3 rd Floor Hallway
Moving for Mites Activity	Bayview Room
Off-site Servant Events	Meet in lobby near the door on the bayfront side
On-site Servant Events	Nueces Ballroom B
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Stores	Concordia Publishing House -- Laguna Madre Room Redeemer Gift Shop -- Laguna Madre Room LWML -- Nueces Ballroom B
Teens	Bayview Room
T-shirt Pick-Up	3 rd Floor Hallway
Ushers Training and Clergy Practice	Corpus Christi Ballroom
Volunteer Check-in	T-shirt Table in 3 rd Floor Hallway
Wake Up with the Word	Bayview Room
Workers' Room	Hotel Room TBA
Young Women & YWR Alumni Friday Lunch	Bayview Room
YWR - Sessions	Aransas Room
Zone Caucuses	The location of all zone caucuses will be posted on the Message Board.

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OMNI FLOOR PLAN

Third Floor



First Floor

