

The Lone Star Connection



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Looking Forward



As we enter June, our focus turns toward gathering together in Austin for the 44th Biennial LWML Texas District Convention. Months of planning, preparation, and prayer are coming together, and I am grateful for the faithful work of so many of the Capitol Zone who are our hosts for this convention and the Executive Committee who have helped bring us to this moment.

This final stretch before convention is always full, but it is also a time of anticipation. Delegates are reviewing materials, committees are finalizing details, and volunteers are preparing to serve. Whether you will attend as a delegate, a guest, or watch from home, I invite you to keep our convention in your prayers. Ask the Lord to grant safe travel, discerning minds, and joy in our time together.

Our theme, *Celebrate the Goodness of God*, will guide our worship, our business, and our fellowship. As we gather under our convention verse, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12), we look forward to hearing from our speakers, celebrating mission work, and joining our voices in praise. Most of all, we look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through Lutheran Women in Mission of the Texas District in the next biennium.

Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and your commitment to the mission of LWML. I look forward to seeing many of you in Austin as together we celebrate God's goodness and seek His direction for the work ahead.

— Sally Krueger
Texas District President
Lutheran Women in Mission



2026 Key Dates

- June 10**
Deadline to submit July newsletter information.
- June 11-13**
Texas District 44th Biennial Convention — Austin

An Opportunity for Kingdom Work

Did you know the greatest transfer of wealth in all of history is happening right now? **Trillions** of dollars are expected to be passed down through inheritance and planned gifts to non-profits over the next twenty years. This is an amazing opportunity for kingdom work if every Christian has an estate plan that blesses their families and the ministries they love. There are great ways to make that happen, but often we hesitate to get started because it feels overwhelming. LWML Texas District members have two great resources that are free and confidential to help with that plan: Legacy Deo (our district's Endowments Trustee) and LWML Gift Planning Services (through the LCMS Foundation). Both offer guidance in creating a plan tailored to your wishes. Information for LWML gift planning counselor Carol van Soosten may be found at lwmlgiftplan.org. Information for Legacy Deo's client service team may be found at legacydeo.org. For more information on our endowments and Gifting Today to Bless Tomorrow, visit lwmltxdist.org/endowments.

Remember When.....

It is time for the LWML Texas District's 44th Convention! If you have attended a past convention, do you remember your first one, and maybe a favorite memory that stood out to you? It was a blessing to attend my first district convention as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) in 2022, and I especially enjoyed feeling the love and peace of so many Lutheran ladies singing God's praises together, just as we will all do in heaven, and being joyfully immersed in His Word and work. So many precious memories are made at conventions. Here are a few that some may remember!

Do you remember when: The first convention was held in Fort Worth in 1943? Or when convention attendees literally wore many hats, as in this photo of the 1954 Waco convention? The biennia when Presidents Kaltwasser, Oswald, Kobs, and Garrett, pictured here at the Odessa convention in 1964, each served as LWML District Presidents? Do you remember the entertainment from the 1990 convention in Austin? The virtual convention in 2020?

As we gather together once again, making new memories and reminiscing about old ones, we remember what a gift it is to be part of an organization that allows and equips so many sisters in Christ to join together and serve our Lord in ways we never could on our own. We remember Paul's admonition to use our Christian freedom to serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13), and that all of our service is simply doing what is required of us in gratitude for the grace we have received through Christ (Luke 17:10). God be praised for conventions and all that He continues to make possible!

— *Laura Fisher*
Archivist



TX District Presidents: Kaltwasser, Oswald, Kobs, & Garrett



1st TX District Convention Waco, TX 1954



TX District Convention 1990





Focus Conner

Proclaim Christ: Hand out a “little Jesus” when you encounter someone who might need encouragement.

Support Mission: Hold an ice cream social to raise funds for mites.

Equip Women: Create an LWML website scavenger hunt to familiarize your group and practice navigating information and resources.

Serve Others: Hold a baby shower for a Pregnancy Center.

From Around the District

News from Bayou City Zone

JOY POTTERY

Lady Fishers hosted Rachel Norris of Joy Pottery on Thursday, April 23rd. She shared her testimony of God’s faithfulness in her life through the process of pottery making. God as the potter, is the creator of each vessel, making each one unique for His purposes. From this hard, muddy, lump of clay, he molds and shapes us into His beautiful masterpiece. When we go astray or get “off center” on the wheel, his hand reshapes, redirects, and guides us back to him. As we humbly surrender all to Him, we see the results of his workmanship, cracks and all!

*“Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are **all the work of your hand**”* Isaiah 64:8



East Texas Zone — Spring Event

The East Texas Zone held their spring zone event on April 18, 2026, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Centerville. Ruth Meyer led a Bible study on the theme, Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, and a hymn study of “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe.” Those present enjoyed fellowship time during lunch and a craft time, where they made sheep ornaments and a picture with the hymn. The current president, Cindy LaPardi, led the group in the League Pledge with the former zone presidents.

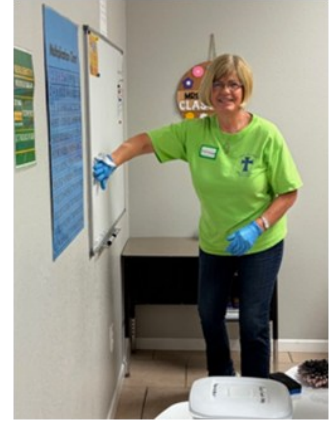


From Around the District Continued:



Hello from the Sunshine Zone!

The Sunshine Zone met at Trinity Lutheran Church in Copperas Cove for their annual Servant Event, bringing together fifty volunteers for a morning of hands-on service. Participants spread out across the community—organizing the pantry and clothing rooms at the Cove House Homeless Shelter, cleaning inside and weeding and trimming outside at Hope Pregnancy Center, cleaning classrooms for the teachers at Providence Christian Academy, assisting with carpet removal and renovation work at Trinity's parsonage, assembling 80 Embrace Grace/Love Boxes, and sharing cookie trays with the Police and Fire Departments and nursing home staff. Trinity's "Sisters in Service" and Immanuel's "Ladies Aid" graciously hosted the morning, serving breakfast and lunch to everyone involved.



Greetings from the Post Oak Zone!

Dorcas Circle, Immanuel Giddings sponsored its third annual "Walk Across Texas" with 43 walkers ranging in age from 30 to 85. The 832 mile goal was reached by each of the 5 teams within 6 weeks. The program is sponsored by Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.

We started our Walk Across Texas with a kickoff walk on February 15 with those that were available that afternoon.





WE NEED YOU

While attending the Austin convention, be sure and stop by the display booth of the Lutheran Women in Mission 2027 Oklahoma City Convention.

Were you aware the Texas District is one of the four hosting districts? Did you know it has been almost 40 years since Texas has been involved in hosting a national convention?

This is an exciting time so come by and find out more about how you can participate. There are little ways and bigger ways, and you can take your pick.

— 2027 OKC Convention Host Committee Members

Did you know that over a year ago plans began for the LWML Convention to be held in Oklahoma City, July 8-11, 2027? It started with two people, and grew to another five, then more were recruited, and since that first day I and (to date) 63 sisters and brothers in Christ from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas have worked diligently to create and deliver plans and product for an event where we hope many will be “Transformed in Christ.” We prayed, met, zoomed, emailed, researched, written, designed, networked, and prayed some more for all that has been done and all that will be done.

Remember Omaha? Did you get your yellow shirt and join us on the convention floor? What an opportunity for all of us to join together, sharing our joy at being chosen to invite everyone to Oklahoma City. Imagine that excitement over the next year as we continue sharing this experience. How do we do it? We have many ways for all women of the LWML to share their gifts, talents, and time making the convention a success. Here are just a few:

1. Pray for the LWML Convention Planning Committee, Convention Management Team, and the Host Committee as we navigate the moving parts involved to deliver a convention that inspires and encourages all to be transformed to serve in the mission field.
2. Ask your district leadership for the Call for Volunteers application. These volunteers will be the hands and feet of the convention, before it starts, during its activities, and after it closes. Ways to serve are listed on the application. Choose what you think best suits you, then send it to Lisa Snow in one of the manners listed on the application. Workers who put in eight hours (two four-hour shifts) of service at the convention will receive a discount on their convention registration.
3. Prayerfully consider a leadership position on the Host Committee. We have a few rostered positions left. Ask your district leadership for an updated list of openings, then ask for the Chairman or Director application. Complete and send to me in any of the ways listed on the application. These also come with small stipends to offset the cost of attending a convention.
4. Keep that yellow shirt handy. Wearing those shirts as our special dress on the first day of convention is a strong possibility. We hope that as attendees arrive, they will recognize the shirts and feel comfortable after their travels. “But I’m not planning to work the convention,” you say. Consider gifting the shirt to someone who does plan to work it but didn’t buy the shirt because she didn’t go to Omaha. That would be a special way of assisting the crew of this convention.

I could go on, but this is enough for now. Know that you are invited to serve. You and your gifts are wanted. Don’t wait to be asked. Now is our time to shine. Pray, then complete and send your application to me. I can’t wait to hear from you and share the joy of serving with you.

*Your sister in Christ,
— Karen Karner, Host Committee Chairman (HCC)
LWML 2027 Convention*