

Bringing resources, retreats closer to you



When I accepted the position of vice-president of Christian Life, one of the first things I chose to do was to contemplate and pray about what Christian Life looks like on a personal level and how to help others in this area. LWML has some wonderful resources for all of us, including Bible studies, devotions and program-helps of all kinds at lwml.org (go to the “The Word” tab at top). If you have not explored it, I encourage you to do so.

The Lord led me to two specific ideas. One way to help is to bring the Word of God closer to you in a way that won’t take as much searching on your part. With the approval of the LWML Texas District Executive Committee, Kayla Winkler, a member of the Christian Life Committee, is writing a weekly meditation and a monthly Bible study that is uploaded to the district website, lwmltxdist.org (go to the “Faith and Service” tab and select “Meditations and Bible Studies” from the drop-down menu). “Meditation is used instead of “devotion” to give you the mindset that you are reading something to ponder and talk to God about. He is always listening and ready to communicate with you. He says:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the

2023 LWML TEXAS DISTRICT RETREAT



**Three locations,
Three dates,
ONE GREAT STUDY**

Sept. 8-9
Glen Lake Camp,
Glen Rose

Sept. 22-23
Ceta Canyon Retreat,
Happy (near Amarillo)

Oct. 20-21
Spiritual Retreat
Center, Victoria

will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 THESS. 5:16-18**

The Executive Committee also chose to bring the biennial retreat closer to you by holding it at three locations, which provides the opportunity for more women to participate. The 2023 retreat theme is “WonderFull World, Where Women Explore God’s Love and Wonder.” The retreat is designed for women to talk, laugh and interact with one another by sharing with each other, digging

into the Bible and experiencing God instead of just listening to a speaker. It is broken up into seven sections centered around the seven continents of the world and explores the following questions.

I wonder:

- ▶ If anyone cares about me
- ▶ What it would be like to be royalty
- ▶ If I matter to God
- ▶ Where God is when life is hard
- ▶ If I can really rely on God
- ▶ If I can make a difference
- ▶ What’s ahead for me

The cost is \$95. Registrations are being accepted now and housing will be on a first-registered, first-assigned basis. So you are encouraged to sign up early. There is much more information about the retreats at lwmltxdist.org/district-retreat.

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you continue with your “Christian Life.”

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **EPH. 1:2**

Joy Cowan
Vice-President of Christian Life

GRANT PROPOSALS ARE DUE NOV. 1

Mission Grant proposals are to be completed and submitted by Nov. 1. It is highly recommended that Patti Samsel, vice-president of Gospel Outreach, be notified of your intent to submit no later than Oct. 1.

Information and forms can be found at lwmltxdist.org (go to “Mission Grants” and select “Mission Grant Proposals” from the drop-down menu) or contact Patti at gospeloutreach@lwmltxdist.org.

Meet our YWRs



Amanda Nelson

We are pleased to announce the selection of our two district Young Woman Representatives for the 2023-2025 biennium. Meet Laura Fisher, a member of Bethlehem, Brenham (Bluebonnet Zone), and Amanda Nelson, a member of Our Savior, McKinney (Dal-North Zone). Both will attend the LWML 40th Biennial Convention June 22–25 in Milwaukee.



Laura Fisher

Watch for additional articles on these two young women. They are both honored and thoroughly excited to be provided this opportunity to learn even more about LWML. Once they return from the convention, zones and groups are encouraged to invite one of them to speak at an event.

Congratulations Laura and Amanda!

GREAT IS HIS Faithfulness!



Totals as of March 31, 2023

2022–2024 Mite Goal	\$390,000
Mites Received	\$189,201
Total Mites Still Needed	\$200,799
Mission Grants Paid	\$102,782

Send your mite offerings along with a remittance form to: LWML Texas District Attn: Kathy Walther Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 124, Giddings, TX 78942



Rebecca Moses joined LWML to be a servant for the Lord and to help members of her church and community. A member of the Evening Circle at Grace, Brenham, Rebecca is a leader who has chaired many committees and organizes Grace Caring Ministry, which delivers meals to the sick and homebound.

In addition to teaching Bible study and participating in choir, handbells and altar guild, she helps with the Grace radio ministry, drives members to their doctors' appointments, delivers goody bags to members in nursing homes and makes greeting cards for members in need. She also started the Grace Quilters, which makes quilts, school bags, and clothing for children in Sudan, Africa.

Rebecca Moses serves the Lord with gladness and she is the heart of the LWML.



Nominations needed for district offices

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates who show an active interest in the LWML, possess leadership skills and are willing to devote their time and energy to serve the Lord in a leadership position. Offices open for election in 2024 are:

- President
- Vice-president of Christian Life
- Vice-president of Organizational Resources
- Financial secretary
- Nominating Committee

Only LWML groups and zones may

submit nominations. Information on the positions and nomination process, including the nomination form, can be found at lwmltxdist.org/nominating-committee.

Nominations are due by Nov. 1 to Debbie Curry, Nominating Committee chairman. Contact her at nominatingch@lwmltxdist.org.