

The Lone Star Connection



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Quarterly Newsletter

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2026–2027 Key Dates

Sept. 17–19 Executive Committee Meeting,
Camp Lone Star

October 4 LWML Sunday

2027 Dates

Feb. 10–12 EC Meeting, Camp Lone Star
Feb. 12–14 BOD, and Zone President
Orientation, Camp Lone Star

July 8–11 LWML Convention, Oklahoma
City, OK



Convention in Review

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Lone Star Connection. It has plenty of convention information you can share with your group and congregation. If you were an attendee, I know you won't forget "dishwasher" or "list." If you weren't able to be there, take time to watch the videos on our [YouTube channel](#) — every speaker was exceptional.

We have a lofty Mission Goal this biennium, and we will need each group to faithfully send mites to us monthly. Happy reading, and anyone want to sing?

~Sally Krueger

Lutheran Women in Mission Texas District President

CELEBRATION CENTRAL

Lutheran Women in Mission Texas District

44th Biennial Convention, Austin, Texas June 11-13, 2026, Volume 1, Issue 2



Ladies and men from all 25 Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Texas District Zones came to **Celebrate the Goodness of God** and share our hope in Christ.

Total Attendance: 462

District Growth

Newly formed groups: 3

Reactivated groups: 3

New Individual Members: 2

2390 active LWML members as of December 2025.

Offerings Received

1

Mission Goal

\$7,128.65

2

University Lutheran
Church, Austin

\$3,693.59

3

The God of Hope Ministries

\$2,855.00



Moving for Mites: \$4,499.82



Sharing the Goodness of God

We praise God for all the blessings made possible through your generosity to Gifts from the Heart, that will support the ministries of:

AGE of Central Texas — \$338
Spark — \$1095

Cheyanna's Champions 4 Children — \$409.19
Southwest Region Comfort Dogs — \$675

Drawing Strength

We pray that while you were at the Austin convention you drew strength from God's Word, embraced the power of prayer through Bible studies, found purpose in the servant events, and were inspired by the great speakers! Uplift each other as the Holy Spirit enables you.

Mission Service — On-site servant events



LWML Texas District Bylaws and Standing Rules

Newly adopted LWML Texas District Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on the LWML Texas District website, lwmltxdist.org/bylaws.

Endowment Committee

As your endowment committee, it was a delight to meet so many of our fellow Lutheran Women *in Mission*, and share our enthusiasm for the endowments and how they contribute to our mission work each biennium! Did you miss the endowment booth at convention? Visit lwmltxdist.org/endowments to learn more about the history and work of the endowments. You will also find contact information for our committee. Please reach out! We'd love to share more about why we're such big fans of our endowments and how you too can help us cheer on Gifting Today to Bless Tomorrow!

Did You Know?

Texas district mission grants first exceeded \$100,000 with \$113,300.00 at the 1988 convention in Galveston. Projects reaching near and far included Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas (LOMT), Prison Ministries of Texas, Scholarships for Seminary Students, La Santisima Trinidad Church in Matamoros, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP).

The LWML Texas District mission grants are awarded to many organizations that provide aid all over the world. Some of the farthest service projects we have directly funded include the Lutheran Bible Translators Hotel in Liberia in 1974, Eastward Expansion Into Russia in 2000, a Lutheran school in Guatemala and Travel Assistance for Lutheran women in Ghana, West Africa, in 2004, Bibles/Student Helps for students at Martin Luther Seminary in Papua, New Guinea in 2008, Children's Bibles for Indonesia, Cambodia and Thailand in 2008, and Hands of Mercy Training Center for People with Disabilities Literacy Classroom, Sudan, in 2008.

~Laura Fisher, LWML Texas District Archivist-Historian

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY 2026-2028		Actual Budget	Proposed Budget
		2024-2026	2026-2028
Total Operating Budget for LWML Texas District		\$ 97,400.00	\$ 110,525.00
Mission Grants			
District Mission Grants		\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
LWML Mites (25% of Regular Mites received)		\$ 80,600.00	\$ 83,881.00
Total		\$ 403,000.00	\$ 419,406.00
Total Mission Goal for District		\$ 403,000.00	\$ 419,406.00

2026–2028 Mite Grants Selected \$251,932*

Mission Grant	Amount
Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students — Texas District LCMS	\$50,000
ASL Jesus Signs Workshops — Texas	\$15,000
Sharing Our Savior, One Meal at a Time — Forged by Fire Services, Mandeville, Louisiana	\$7,500
Spiritual Care — Upbring, Canyon Lake, Texas	\$10,000
Generating Power of Christ — Camp Blessing Texas, Brenham, Texas	\$8,000
Bridge to Belonging — Camp Lone Star, La Grange, Texas	\$20,000
Mobile Ministry Van — University Lutheran Chapel, Bryan-College Station, Texas	\$20,000
Tailgate Outreach — Lutheran Student Center, Lubbock, Texas	\$15,000
Learning Center Flooring — Trinity Lutheran, Riesel, Texas	\$20,000
Deploying Lutherans Doing Life Together — Baylor University, Waco, Texas	\$20,000
Together We Go, Together We Grow — Expansion Mission Network, Rockwall, Texas	\$24,000
#ShineSanBenito Mission — The Table Lutheran Church, San Benito, Texas	\$15,500
Spanish Resources — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan	\$12,500
Interactive Classroom Displays — St. Paul Lutheran, Vernon, Texas	\$10,309
Christian Family Discipleship — Concordia Center for the Family, Ann Arbor, Michigan	\$ 4,123
*includes abundance of \$26,932.	

Evangelist Training Opportunity

Many of us have wished our friends, family, or coworkers could experience the love of Jesus, but sometimes we lack confidence in how to make that connection. The Evangelist Training course offered through the Texas District LCMS gives simple, practical ways to talk about faith in everyday life and helps you notice the moments God is already placing in front of you.

At the convention, I presented the challenge of 250 of us getting trained as evangelists. You saw that many have already been trained. A new LWML cohort begins soon, with orientation on Saturday, August 8, via Zoom from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Please use this link to fill out the interest form: [Evangelist Training Interest Form](#)

Want to know more about this program? Go to [Evangelist Training Series – Texas District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod](#)

I encourage you to participate because this training strengthens our ability to proclaim Christ, equips women to share His love, supports missions by helping us connect people to Jesus in everyday life, and helps us serve others in practical ways.

~President Sally Krueger

Thank you

Thank you to everyone from Capitol Zone who helped with planning and carrying out of a great event!



Past District Presidents in Attendance



(l to r) Peggy Turnipseed, Eloise Kuhlmann, Kathy Lowman, Lois Teinert, Debbie Curry, Frances Molitor, and President Sally Krueger

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers!



Vice President of Communication
Wendy Hart
Trinity Zone



Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Elizabeth "Liz" Burnett
Bluebonnet Zone



Recording Secretary
Lisa Snow
Heart of Texas Zone



Treasurer
Terry Frazier
Bluebonnet Zone



Junior Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Kelly Krieg
Bluebonnet Zone



Nominating Committee
(l to r) Frances Molitor, Bluebonnet Zone; Chairman Nancy Beckcom, Post Oak Zone; Mandy Halbert, White Oak Zone

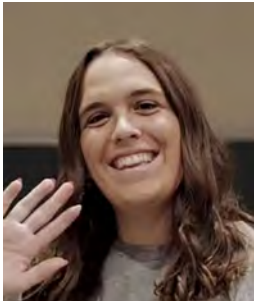


2026-2028 District Officers

(l to r) front row: Pastor David Bailes, Sr. Pastoral Counselor; Terri Wenzel, VP of Organizational Resources; Brianne Stahlecker, VP of Christian Life; Lisa Snow, Recording Secretary; Liz Burnett, VP of Gospel Outreach; (back row) Pastor Kelly Krieg, Jr. Pastoral Counselor; Terry Frazier, Treasurer; District President Sally Krueger; Wendy Hart, VP of Communication. (not pictured) Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary.

Scholarship Awardees

Congratulations to these five young women, who have been selected by the LWML Texas District Scholarship Committee to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year. We were blessed that four were able to be present at our convention. Thank you to all of the amazing women who applied for the scholarship. Please lift each of these young women up in prayer as they pursue



Caroline Browning
Gloria Dei, Houston
Junior, Concordia
University Nebraska



Elizabeth Crawford
Faith, Plano
Junior, Concordia
University Nebraska



Lottie Hamre
Crown of Life, Colleyville
Freshman, Concordia
University Nebraska



Faith Keiper
Trinity Klein, Spring
Sophomore, Concordia
University Wisconsin



Téadora Schwolert
St. Paul, Austin
Freshman, Concordia
University Nebraska



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Questions? Send an email to:
communication@lwmltxdist.org



Lutheran Women
in Mission
TEXAS DISTRICT



Remittance forms can be found at
lwmltxdist.org/about-mites.

Mites can also be given online. Simply follow the instructions under the "Donate" button.

Please include group or individual name, church name, and church city in the note section for your LWML group to receive credit for your mite donation. Please indicate if it is for something other than mites (endowments or retreat). You will receive an email receipt for your donation.

For additional information or if you need assistance, contact financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org.

Convention Highlights

Visit our [YouTube](#) channel to watch each session of the convention.



Rev. Dr. Jon Brauersreuther
Texas District LCMS President



Eden Keefe
LWML President



Deaconess Noemi Guerra



Young Women Representatives (YWR)



Teens turning in necklaces to Forged by Fire



Our first Delegate Orientation



These two kept us entertained throughout the convention.

We will always remember "chicken train" when playing dominoes.



Pastor's Lunch



Come and Go Game Night was a HIT!