

The Lone Star Connection



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With August here, we are settling into the new biennium and remembering the theme that guided us in Austin: Celebrate the Goodness of God. We experienced that goodness through the Capitol Zone's gracious hospitality, inspiring mission stories, meaningful fellowship, and even the fun of the come-and-go game night. I am grateful for each of you and your faithful service in your congregations and communities.

The Capitol Zone was a wonderful host for our 44th Biennial Convention. Their preparation and hospitality created a welcoming experience for everyone. I also thank the many volunteers who generously gave their time, talents, and resources. One of my favorite moments was watching women reconnect. Through conversation, worship, and shared purpose, we were reminded why we serve. As Psalm 100 says, "Serve the Lord with gladness," and that joy was evident throughout the convention.

We were also blessed to have four scholarship recipients attend the convention. Their commitment to church work vocations encourages us and reminds us why our giving matters. We pray that the Lord, who has begun this good work in them, will bring it to completion.

If you have not yet watched the mission grant videos, I encourage you to visit our LWML Texas District YouTube channel [LWML Texas District](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8). New this biennium, each mission grant has its own one-minute video. These are excellent resources for pre-service announcements, Mite Box Sundays, group meetings, zone events, and personal devotions.

Your newly elected officers have already begun serving. Transitions are nearly complete as they review materials, plan and prepare for the work ahead. Please keep them in your prayers during this time.

Looking ahead, Texas is honored to serve as a host district for the 2027 LWML Convention in Oklahoma City, July 8–11. You will begin seeing information from the Host Committee in the newsletter and online at <https://www.lwmltxdist.org>. This will be the closest national convention to Texas in many years, so I encourage you begin planning now to volunteer. Let's let our Texas character shine with strength and joy as we serve.

Our Primary Focus remains unchanged: "Trusting God, Lutheran women of the Texas District: Proclaim Christ — Support missions — Equip women — Serve others." May God's goodness sustains us and His faithfulness guide us as we continue the work He has placed before us.

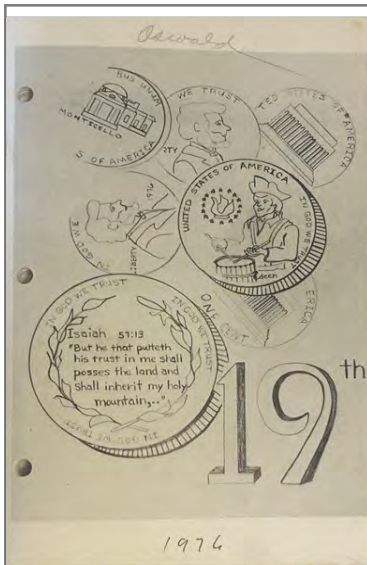
An Opportunity for Kingdom Work



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 von Soosten may be found at [lwmlgiftplan.org](https://www.lwmlgiftplan.org). Information for Legacy Deo's client service team may be found at [legacydeo.org](https://www.legacydeo.org). For more information on our endowments and Gifting Today to Bless Tomorrow, visit [lwmltxdist.org/endowments](https://www.lwmltxdist.org/endowments).



Did you Know?

This year marks the United States Semi-quincentennial, or 250th anniversary? How did the LWML Texas District observe the bicentennial in 1976? Here is the cover for the convention manual that year. The motto was “In God We Trust,” and the theme verse was Isaiah 57:13: “But he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land and shall inherit my holy mountain.” What are some ways that your group or zone is celebrating our freedom this year?

Key Dates

2026:

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

October 4 : LWML Sunday

2027:

Feb. 10–12: Executive Committee Meeting, Camp Lone Star

Feb. 12–14: Board of Directors and Zone President Orientation, Camp Lone Star

July 8–11: LWML Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

2028:

June 8–10: District Convention, Dallas

From Around the District

News from Pineywoods!

Pineywoods LWML Group at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nacogdoches of the East Texas Zone hosted a “Christmas in July” themed Mahjong event and fundraiser benefiting Love INC Nacogdoches on Wednesday, July 8.

The event raised \$450.00 and received matching funds of \$400.00 from the “Caring and Sharing” fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church’s Board of Social Ministry. The donation will be earmarked for Love INC Nacogdoches’ “Back to School Bash” which provides new clothing, shoes, school supplies, and more to children in the community.



Redeemer Lutheran Church is very blessed to partner with Love INC Nacogdoches and to join them in serving neighbors in need.

Focus Corner

Proclaim Christ: Engage with and pray for your server while at a restaurant.

Support Missions: Feature a district mission grant recipient at each monthly meeting and use prayers and video from our website.

Equip Women: Invite a member to co-lead a meeting and share in a presentation task.

Serve Others: Host an ingathering to fulfill a teacher’s classroom wish list.

Please send information and pictures from your group and zone activities to the VP of Communication, Wendy Hart, communication@lwmltxdist.org.

Mite Report through June 2026

2026–2028 Mission Goal	\$419,406.00
Mites Received	\$38,673.58
Total Still Needed	\$380,732.42
Projected 25% to LWML Mission	\$83,881.00
Mission Grant Goal	\$251,932.00

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

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Lutheran Women
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My sisters in Christ, I ask that our Father God strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be filled with joy as you serve his people. I ask that his Spirit indwell you and guide you as you seek opportunities to serve in your communities and to reach the women in your congregations. May you take on his yoke and find that his burden is indeed light.

-taken from Ephesians 3 and Mathew 11
by Wendy Hart, VP Communication

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