

January 2026

Trinity Zone Update



To rest in God's hands
is to be in God's care.*

Wow. Here we are in 2026! Can you believe it? How are you doing in your daily walk?

Are you feeling overwhelmed or excited by the prospect of taking your next step? Do you have fear or joy when you ponder what comes next? Let's take a moment and reflect. Not on ourselves, but let's focus in on Jesus as he took his last breath. The last words Jesus spoke before He died on the cross were, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46). Faith, trust, assurance, and victory were in those words. Those words, could be our morning prayer before we begin the day, and they could be our evening prayer before we rest our head at night. We also hope that these words will be the last prayer we whisper before we close our eyes in death. This is certainly a costly prayer. When we say these words, we let go of our control and fall into the waiting hands of our heavenly Father. How blessed are those who are able to take this leap, by God's grace. To rest in God's hands is to be in God's care.* He is concerned about each one of us. He numbered the hairs on your head. (Luke 12:7) He created you. He is our Father. And, Jesus has written our names in the palms of His hands. You are loved so much more than you can even imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

We are called and chosen to spread that love to those in need. We have the opportunity to

"Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." (Unknown) In 2 Corinthians 9:1-2, Paul says, "There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. For I know your eagerness to help..." I feel this same way about all of you. I hear so many stories from around the zone about your good works. Your efforts to help in the communities, to raise mites, to feed the hungry, to make blankets to donate, and the list only goes on. This February, we will be meeting in Granbury to have a Zone Mission Event. The ladies of Our Savior and Ascension are going to host us so that we come together to make mugs for the community. This will go to support the housing project that is associated with Our Savior and their shut-ins. This should be a fun, hands-on event. Come and join us for a day of giving to others. "God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly...You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9: 7, 8, 11.



ONE WAY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

POP TABS & NEEDS LIST

Ronald
McDonald
House

A "home-away-
from-home"
for families
with children
who are ill or
injured.

“The aluminum recycling project, to benefit Ronald McDonald House (RMH), has proven to be cumbersome and not very lucrative. If you have pull tabs, please turn them in to Diann and the money raised will be given to RMH.

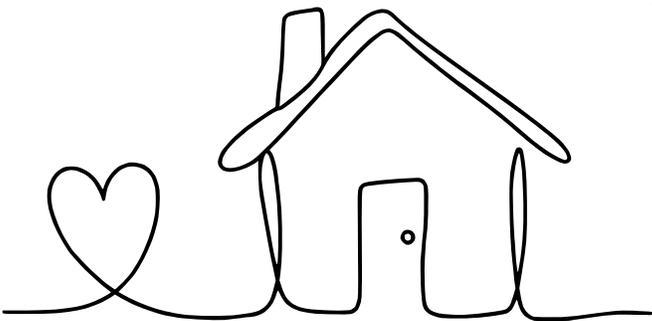
Moving forward, we have acquired a list of consumable items from RMH, that are always needed by the families, who are staying in Ft. Worth, while their children are hospitalized at Cook’s Children’s Hospital.

“Please select 2-3 items to collect at one time or post the list and collect whatever items are donated. Please note: the individually wrapped eating utensil set requirement.”

Thanks,
Diann

Thank you for your care, concern and efforts on behalf of the hospitalized children and their families.

To God be the glory!”





RMHFW

NEEDS LIST

USE THIS LIST TO HELP US RESTOCK OUR HOUSE ESSENTIALS THAT GUEST FAMILIES USE DAILY!

GIFTCARDS

- Grocery/store gift cards (Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Amazon, etc.)
- Gas station gift cards
- Mastercard/ Visa gift cards
- restaurant gift cards (Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, Sonic, etc.)

SCAN TO VIEW OUR LIST ON AMAZON



FOOD ITEMS

- Individually-Wrapped Snacks
- Breakfast Pastries/Breakfast Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Little Debbie® /Hostess Snacks®
- Individual Serving Size Boxes/Bowls of Cereal*
- Single Serve Mac & Cheese
- Flavored and Regular Coffee Pods
- Single Serve Oatmeal Packets

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets
- HE Laundry Detergent
- All-purpose Cleaner
- Anti-Bacterial Hand Soap/Sanitizer
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Liquid Dish Soap

HOSPITALITY CART

- Travel Size Deodorant
- Travel Size Shampoo.
- Travel Size Conditioner
- Travel Size Lotion
- Travel Size Body Wash/Shower Gel
- Travel Size Mouthwash
- Individually Packaged Toothbrushes
- Dental Floss
- Small Brush
- Combs
- Pocket Tissues

HOUSE ESSENTIALS

- Plastic Utensil Sets Individually Wrapped*
- L or XL Food Prep Gloves
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Heavy Duty Paper Bowls & Plates*
- Disposable Cups 12 & 16 oz.
- To-Go Food Containers
- Facial Tissues

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR NEEDS!

*= High Priority Item

Questions about our needs list or donations? Contact Volunteer Services Manager Tonja Sparks at 817-820-8934 or tonja.sparks@rmhfw.org.



WINTER MISSION EVENT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Hosted by LWML Groups from Our Savior & Ascension

**LOCATION: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 N Meadow Dr.
Granbury, TX 76048**

TIME: 10:00am – 12:30 pm -- registration will begin at 9:30am with a brunch being offered starting at 10:00am

PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

*RSVP (text or call):
Diane Schumann
@ 817-991-6280*

We will be hearing about a mission called Neighbors in Need in Granbury. After the presentation, we will be assembling a care project to be given to this mission and to the shut-ins at Our Savior.



We're hoping to see you there!

Spring Fling

Saturday, May 2, 2026

10:00am - 12pm

Registration opens at 9:30am

Peace Lutheran Church

941 W. Bedford-Eules Rd.

Hurst, TX 76053

Important Biennium Mite Deadline — March 20, 2026

Please plan to send in your mite offerings so they will reach the financial secretary by March 20, 2026. A suggested mailing date of March 14 will help ensure they are received by the deadline.

Any offerings received after March 20, 2026, will be recorded in the 2026–2028 biennium.



All mite offerings need to be submitted to:

LWML Texas District,
Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary
PO Box 183
Seguin, TX 78156



You may also donate online at lwmltxdist.org/about-mites.

Select the Donate button and follow the instructions.

To view the current mite report visit the website at
lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-mites



Save the Date!

2026 Key Dates

March 1- Registration for Texas District Convention Opens

March 20th Mite Deadline

March 31, Scholarship Application Deadline

June 11—13, 2026 Texas District 44th Biennial

Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin

Austin, Texas

Watch for more information to come



Mission Grant Highlight

Celebrating Adventure Woods Day Camp

With joyful hearts and deep gratitude, we celebrate the incredible impact of the \$20,000 LWML Texas District mission grant that made Adventure Woods a reality—Camp Lone Star's very first day camp in Tomball!

This generous support transformed their vision into a vibrant ministry space, complete with a dynamic playground featuring slides, climbing structures, and a variety of camp games. This new infrastructure has empowered students to dive into Christ-centered adventures, build lasting friendships, and grow spiritually in a fun and engaging environment.

The response from local families has been nothing short of extraordinary. From glowing reviews and enthusiastic social media posts to multi-week camper registrations, the excitement surrounding Adventure Woods has exceeded all expectations. Preparations are underway to double the camper capacity next year and the hiring of additional staff has already begun to meet the growing demand. Beyond summer camp, the new recreational equipment has become a year-round blessing, serving various groups and enhancing their experiences at Camp Lone Star.

Camp Lone Star praises God for the work He is doing through their leaders, staff, and ministry partners—and they are especially thankful for the LWML's partnership in bringing this impactful ministry to life. Thank you for believing in their mission and helping them share the love of Christ with even more children and families.



Day campers enjoy recreational games, crafts, and fellowship in a Christ-centered environment.

Hereford Hispanic Outreach Ministry

The Hereford Hispanic Outreach Ministry extends heartfelt gratitude to the LWML Texas District for their generous partnership in expanding outreach efforts in West Texas. A majority of the \$25,000 district grant has been directed toward upgrading Immanuel Lutheran Church's facilities in Hereford. The transformation has created a welcoming space for Hispanic ministry, even as the Anglo congregation has declined to fewer than a dozen members. Their continued support has been instrumental in fostering a vibrant, inclusive community.

Over the past three years, the ministry has hosted impactful outreach events including Vacation Bible School, backpack giveaways, fall festivals, Christmas celebrations, and book fairs. Hispanic pastors and families from across Texas have played a vital role—both in refurbishing the church and education building, and in connecting with the local Hispanic population.



While English as a Second Language (ESL) classes were initially planned for fall 2025, their launch has been postponed to January 2026. The ministry is actively seeking a Hispanic pastor to lead efforts in Hereford, with the vision of using it as a hub to reach surrounding Hispanic towns throughout West Texas.

Mission grant funds have enabled Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hereford to make renovations which are fueling expanded outreach through the Hereford Hispanic Outreach Ministry in West Texas.

It's time to apply!

Do you know of a female member of your Texas District congregation studying at an LCMS university to become an LCMS full-time professional church worker? If so, it is time to encourage her to apply for an LWML Texas District scholarship for the 2026–2027 school year.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit lwmltxdist.org. Go to "About Us," choose "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu, and download the 2026 scholarship application. For more information, contact Michelle Heckmann, Scholarship Committee chairman, at scholarship@lwmltxdist.org. Completed applications must be mailed or emailed to Michelle, time-stamped or postmarked by March 31.

As one of our past recipients says, "This scholarship allows me to focus more fully on my studies and future goals of being a Lutheran school teacher and coach. This opportunity encourages me to continue working hard and aiming high."

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www.lwmltxdist.org

 On Facebook:
[@Lutheran Women's Missionary League](https://www.facebook.com/LutheranWomen'sMissionaryLeague)

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[@lwmltxdist](https://www.instagram.com/lwmltxdist)

 On YouTube:
[@lwmltxdist8339](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-lwmltxdist8339)

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

 **Lutheran Women**
in Mission
TEXAS DISTRICT



October 20–26 was National Estate Planning Awareness Week — but any time is the perfect time to reflect on your own estate plans.

A well-prepared estate plan not only protects your assets and provides for your loved ones but also gives you the opportunity to support causes close to your heart — like the LWML Texas District Endowments.

When you include LWML Texas District Endowments in your estate plan, your generosity helps shape the future of our organization and leaves a lasting legacy for generations of Lutheran Women in Mission to come!

Gifting today to bless tomorrow — when you make a gift to our endowments, your one-time gift becomes a perpetual gift. Gifts to our endowments are never spent. Instead, they are invested, and the income from distributions supports scholarships, leadership training, and the mission goal.

To learn more about planned giving, you can request a complimentary and confidential consultation with our endowment trustee, Legacy Deo, at legacydeo.org, by phone at 800-880-3733, or email info@legacydeo.org.





LWML Texas District 44th Biennial
Convention June 11–13, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton Austin
Celebrate the Goodness of God
Romans 12:12

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).*

Goal: Empower Lutheran women to embody unwavering faith, abound in hope and patience and be fervently dedicated to prayer.

Objective: The convention will provide opportunities for:

Sharing our hope in Christ joyfully with others.

Uplifting each other as the Holy Spirit enables us to be patient in tribulation.

Embracing the power of prayer through Bible studies, servant events, and speakers. (James 5:16).

Drawing strength from God's Word and knowing that God can do all and more than we can ask. (Ephesians 3:20).

Registration opens March 1, 2026. All registration information will be available on the website after the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for February 20–22, 2026. There will also be a special edition issue of *The Lone Star Connection* published that will contain the full registration packet. We will once again accept credit card payments (exception being American Express) for registration fees.

Registration for members and guests will be \$185 with Teen registration set at \$160.

All registrations include Friday lunch.

Hotel registration will open March 1, 2026. DO NOT call the hotel before March 1 or you will not receive the discounted rate. The convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Austin.

Additional information will be updated on the website lwmltxdist.org/lwml-texas-district-conventions.

Trusting God; Together in Mission

You've done it again! We received your generous gifts through your Mite Box donations that we are closer to reaching our Mission Goal of \$403,000 by March 20, 2026. While we are a little behind, we continue to trust that God will provide! He's Got This!

In this new year, would you prayerfully consider a special gift to mites? Remember that your Mite Box is a part of God's living and active ministry of sharing the Gospel!

You and your group help support LWML Texas District Mission Grants through Mite Box donations, Thrivent Choice Dollars®, and recurring electronic donations through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund's JoyfulResponse® program. Remember that 25% of your donations help support national LWML Mission Grants.

LWML Texas District is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and found by searching LWML Texas District. Please reach out to financialsecretary@lwmltxdist.org if you have any questions about mite donations.

Remittance forms can be found at lwmltxdist.org/about-mites. Donations can also be given online. Simply follow the instructions under the "Donate" button. Our QR code will take you to the website.

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, honorarium etc.). You will receive an email receipt for your donation.

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

From Around the District

East Texas Zone

The Pineywoods LWML - Redeemer Nacogdoches brought non-perishables to their November meeting to "stock the pantry". The food was donated to the food pantry at Stephen F. Austin State University which provides food to students in need.



Post Oak Zone

Thanks to the quilters of St. Paul, Serbin many have been blessed with warmth, color, and encouragement. These ladies were gifted with pillow tops to be embroidered. They embroidered the designs and converted them to lap quilts to be distributed to shut-ins of the congregation. Thus far they have distributed 14 lap quilts and have pieced nine more to be distributed when complete. They also have made numerous full-sized quilts that have been donated to Orphan Grain Train to be distributed within the USA and around the world. They also make quilts to be auctioned at local benefits. What a gift God has blessed them with.



Quilters pictured are Judy Boriack, Marian Wiederhold, Carolyn Noack, Wilma Droegemueller, Marjorie Albrecht, Ruby Weiser (not pictured), and Ruby Schulze (not pictured).

