

# Good News

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Has it been a busy summer for you? Between the LWML convention, meetings, Treatshop, and fun, it has been for me. During the summer months it is easy to get busy. There are ballgames, and vacations, road trips, and parties. During all this we can sometimes forget that these are small things in the bigger picture of life. In the even bigger picture of eternal life, these things can seem very small indeed. When viewed from God's perspective of eternity, the good times that mean so much and go so quickly and the bad times that seem to drag on forever are both fleeting moments.

Our life in Christ alone is what lasts. It is in Christ alone that we find joy. Jesus wrote through John to the Church at Ephesus, *I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent* (Revelation 2:3-5 ESV).



We can find happiness in many places. It can be found at ball games and gatherings or at picnics and pools. But the thing about happiness is, it never lasts. The thing that brought you happiness yesterday is gone. It, like all things of the world, is finite. Happiness and sorrow are short lived, but joy found in Jesus is eternal. The work of the LWML is to spread joy.

We are never too busy to tell the good news that Jesus loved you from before the time that you were born. Jesus loved you in your baptism. Jesus loved you so much that He was willing to lay down His life for you. You are adopted into His body, made a part of His crucifixion, made a part of His resurrection, and that can never be taken away.

We are a living reminder that Jesus says, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one* (John 10:27-30 ESV). Jesus will never abandon you. He is not like the happiness or sadness of the world. He is always there offering you forgiveness and comfort, reminding you that you are His and you are safe.

Jesus brings a joy that the world cannot even understand. It transcends happiness and sorrow because it is eternal. He is waiting with joy for all people to gather with Him. He brings His Body and Blood for forgiveness and absolution. He brings Baptism and peace. We gather together with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we serve the Lord with gladness.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Becker*  
 Junior Counselor

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## Connecting, Rooting and Growing in Christ Jesus

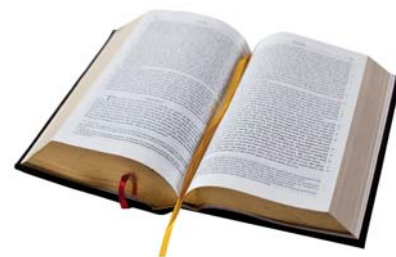


*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).*

We just had a joyous and jam-packed event at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton, Indiana. Over 120 women (and some men) of all ages, and sizes (infant to elders) attended and enjoyed fellowship, fun and sharing. There were a lot of connections going on there. Let's reflect and consider how we can use our talents to connect with others in our own lives. It seems so easy to do when we are with our LWML sisters and brothers. How can we reach out in new ways to include more of our sisters in Christ and other women of the world in our mission to serve the Lord with gladness?

Once we have connected with others in Christ, how do we encourage deep roots and growth in ourselves and those we are with? First, we must be in the Word. Pray and meditate on God's Word and His work to be done. Then consider doing one of the following:

- ◇ Invite women to attend a group Bible study.
- ◇ Slip a small devotion in their mailboxes on Sunday morning.
- ◇ Invite someone to have coffee.
- ◇ Ask "How are you doing today?" and actually take time to really listen and understand the challenges in their lives. You could help.
- ◇ Have a servant event and invite the young women to assist with the project.
- ◇ Write a note of encouragement with a favorite Scripture to someone.
- ◇ Think outside the box - ask the women of your group what they enjoy doing.



Christ's commission to us is sure! We are to share His love story and redemption with the world. Let's faithfully continue to sow the seeds of His love, fertilize the faith of others, and remain rooted in the true Word - Jesus Christ, Savior of All.

*Sarah Rippy*  
LWML Indiana District President



# MISSION GRANTS INDIANA DISTRICT 2022-2024

Name of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Paid
Concordia Educational Association, Inc, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
Concordia Seminary Food Bank, Saint Louis, MO	\$10,000	\$10,000
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000	\$5,000
Cross Connections Counseling, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000	
Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission, Valparaiso, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), Kouts, IN	\$10,000	
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Siberia	\$10,000	\$10,000
MOST Ministries, Elizabethtown, KY	\$3,400	
Phil's Friends, Crown Point, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sharing Christ with Dear Listeners, Michigan City, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester, IN	\$7,300	
St. John Preschool and Daycare Mission, Peru, IN	\$4,300	\$4,300
Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Darmstadt, IN	\$5,000	\$5,000
Voice of Care, Indianapolis, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000
Worship Anew/Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc, Fort Wayne, IN	\$10,000	\$10,000

## MISSION GRANTS

IRIS WITTMAN

As of July 31, 2023, the total available contributions for mission grants is \$109,659. With another seven months to go, it is hopeful that we will be able to match the contributions from the last biennium. We had \$130,000 available in 2021. Thanks to the many women (and men) who are faithful in collecting mites in order to be able to fund the grants.

To date we have no applications submitted for grant requests. Please help spread the word about mission grants by contacting a favorite mission or a congregation that needs to fund a project. Encourage them to apply for a grant. Mission grant guidelines and application can be found on the website at [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org). Thank you for your help. The application deadline is January 15, 2024.



## The Lollipop Moment

Recently, the LWML Indiana District held their Treatshop at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton. It was a wonderful event, where women from all generations - the youngest still in their mother's arms, to the most seasoned veterans - gathered in fellowship. We were truly "Connecting through Christ Jesus" - the focus and theme of our event. Our committee was so pleased to speak with the many women who attended our session called "Can You Hear Me Now?" During our time together we encouraged one another to consider the similarities and differences between our generations, so that we might see one another through a new lens as we reach out to each other - perhaps, with a purple spiral lollipop in hand.

You may be asking yourself, "what's a 'Lollipop Moment'?" This comes from a TEDx Talk we watched ([TEDxToronto-Drew Dudley "Leading with Lollipops"](#)), in which the speaker encouraged a young man on a college campus to reach out and connect with the new student standing near him by giving her a lollipop. Now, I'm not suggesting you run out and buy a bag of lollipops, but instead remember that it is the principle of making that first step to talk to another man, woman, or family in your congregation, workplace, or community which can make all the difference for them or for you.



In Matthew 11:28-29, Christ teaches us to come to Him with all our burdens, all of us who are heavy laden. We are to take His yoke upon ourselves and learn from Him, knowing that He is gentle and lowly in heart, giving our souls true rest. We know that as baptized members of the body of Christ, we are the hands and feet, eyes and ears of Christ, doing the work He has laid out for us as we are led by the Holy Spirit. That "Lollipop Moment" for you just may be the chance to, *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ* (Galatians 6:2). And at the very simplest, you may just make a new friend.

## What or Who Is a Leader?

According to *The Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, to lead is to guide on a way, or a position at the front. Leadership is a noun describing one who leads. A Christian leader is first and foremost a follower of the Savior, which should be apparent in all concepts and actions.

So, what does an LWML leader look like?

- ◆ She is someone who leads or directs with a Christian heart, someone who is truly a child of God.
- ◆ She has the vision as to what she wants women in her group to be doing and helps others, whether it be making quilts to give away or inviting them to a Bible study.
- ◆ She has a servant and caring heart, being considerate of others, being helpful, showing love and concern, praying with and for others. *Feed my lambs* and *Take care of my sheep* (John 21: 15-16).
- ◆ She has courage to accept an office and to try new things. Even if new things don't work out as planned, she has the vision to change and try again.
- ◆ She is humble. *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them* (Proverbs 11:2-3). She gives credit for success to others.
- ◆ She is a child of God who prays without ceasing, faithfully attends church, and encourages others.

# CARING AND SHARING TASK FORCE

EMILY ROGERS, CHAIRMAN

## Does Your LWML Welcome Young Women?

The LWML IN District Zone Presidents met for an Assembly of Zone Presidents before the March BOD meeting. Many leadership presentations and activities were presented. An interactive survey was posted with zone presidents responding “yes” or “no” to each question.

1. **When an LWML event is held, I personally invite women who seldom or never participate in LWML events or activities.** 12 responded yes. 6 responded no.
2. **I make an effort to welcome newcomers to our congregation.** 15 responded yes, 3 responded no.
3. **I understand the vast time demands on today’s women and am supportive when they are unable to attend every event.** 17 responded yes. 0 responded no.
4. **I am flexible with times and dates of events.** 13 responded yes. 3 responded no.
5. **Our group provides opportunities for relationship-building among the younger and older members.** 3 responded yes. 15 responded no.
6. **Our group offers meaningful experiences which will help women grow in their faith.** 12 responded yes. 5 responded no.
7. **Our group encourages women to serve the Lord by participating in service projects and mission events.** 18 responded yes. 0 responded no.
8. **Our group educates the women in our congregation about LWML by:**
  - a. **Hosting special activities on LWML Sunday.**
  - b. **Promoting LWML events in the newsletter, website, and on various social media channels.**
  - c. **Sharing the Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly (or eQuarterly) with all the women in our congregation.**
  - d. **Publicizing mites and mission grant recipient stories.** 17 responded yes. 0 responded no.
9. **I take a personal interest in the women in our congregation and seek to discover their gifts and talents.** 9 responded yes. 6 responded no.
10. **I am willing to think out-of-the-box and try to do things in a new and creative manner.** 17 responded yes. 1 responded no.

How would **you** respond to the same questions about your congregation? Use this information to help you reach out to more women in your church. You’ll be glad you did.

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).*

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

SUE PFLUGHOEFT

## LADIES WHO LOVE THE LORD!

Hey, that’s me! Yep, you are the one I am looking for. It is now time to start encouraging ladies in your zone, congregation, society, or Bible study to plan to attend the 2024 LWML Indiana District convention WITH AN ALL EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO THE CONVENTION with you! “Rooted in Christ” is the theme for the June 21-23, 2024 convention. The facility is super-equipped for everyone and the programs and exhibits promise to be insightful, uplifting, and inspirational. The convention is located in Danville, IN, at the Hendricks County Conference Center and 4-H Fairgrounds. The Lord’s work is life-changing. You can be an instrument in opening up a door for your ladies to be involved. Look around TODAY and ask the Lord to help you see a friend who needs your encouragement.

Need help? Contact Sue Pflughoeft, [pflughoeft6266@comcast.net](mailto:pflughoeft6266@comcast.net) for assistance.

## ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

PEG BRETTIN

The role of the Parliamentarian at a meeting is to be a resource to the chair, assisting the chair in conducting the meeting. The Parliamentarian sits adjacent to the chair and unobtrusively gives the chair advice, guidance and support during the meeting. The chair can and should consult with the Parliamentarian when not certain on how to rule on a question or proceed in the circumstances.

The Parliamentarian assists organizations in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and rules of order, and the planning and conducting of meetings.

## NEW DIGITAL REMITTANCE FORM

PENNY LETTERMAN

We have made the decision to make the remittance form for your mites, scholarship contributions, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, and any other money that needs to be sent in to the LWML Indiana District Financial Secretary a digital form. We will no longer be printing the forms. Financial Secretary Rachel Huebschman will send copies of this digital form to you by email. You can then download and save it on your computer for continued future use. If you don't have access to a computer, she can send you a printed copy; you can make additional copies to manually fill out. If you save a copy to your computer, you will be able to type in all of the information that is needed in the highlighted areas. Since this form is protected, you will not be able to type in any information on the form except in the highlighted areas. There are instructions on the sheet as to how you should download and save the form. We are including a copy of the new form in this newsletter. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

### **Request forms from the Financial Secretary**

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57tigger22@gmail.com

See what the new form looks like on next page of the *Good News*

## REMITTANCE VOUCHER

**THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY** receives all moneys from the District societies and deposits them in the District bank.

**DISTRICT REMITTANCE VOUCHERS** may be obtained from the District Financial Secretary as a digital file (to be saved on your computer) or as a printed copy.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIGITAL FILE:

1. Download and save a copy of the attachment to your computer. This will be your master copy for the future.
2. Type the information required on the form.
3. Save the completed copy to your computer. (File, save as, rename the form, and save in the folder that you want)
4. Print a copy of the form and send along with your check to the Financial Secretary.

**REMITTANCE VOUCHERS** are to be used by the District societies.

**REMITTANCE VOUCHERS** are used to send in mites, Lutheran Women's Quarterly payments, scholarships, and any other money that is to be sent to the District. Vouchers are completed by the society treasurer and mailed to the District Financial Secretary.

### Remittance Form

#### LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE OF THE INDIANA DISTRICT

(Please use with ALL remittances)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to the LWML Indiana District Financial Secretary

**SOCIETY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH (Name, Address, City, Zip) - VERY IMPORTANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

**SOCIETY TREASURER (Name, Address, City, Zip)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

ZONE: (VERY IMPORTANT)		AMOUNT
MITES:		
QUARTERLY:		
SCHOLARSHIP:		
Other:		
<b>Total</b>		\$0.00

**For Financial Secretary Only:**

Voucher Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to LWML Indiana District.

## SAVE THE DATE

LWML Indiana District Convention  
***"Rooted In Christ"***  
June 21-23, 2024

Hendricks County Conference Center  
and 4-H Fairgrounds  
Danville, IN



*"Serve the Lord  
with Gladness"  
(Psalm 100:2)*

PLEASE send your district and/or zone minutes and programs! All prior year information is welcome. Send via email, U.S. Mail or bring them to any district event.

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