



# Good News

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*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).*

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

These treasured words from the Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, are on my heart and mind as I write this article. This section from Philippians has long been a favorite of mine. The events of the last month have only brought it to be more and more treasured than ever. Just to make sure everyone is informed of these events, allow me to briefly update you. On May 7, I suffered a heart attack at the very end of our 10:30 service. My wife, Julie, was able to get me to the hospital where a stent was placed in my Left Anterior Descending artery (the main artery for the heart, it happened to be 100% blocked). Two days later, I was discharged from the hospital. I spent two weeks of rest and then one week of working part time. Right before Memorial Day weekend, the cardiologist released me to get back to regular schedule as long as I listen to my body for signs and symptoms of something wrong, participate in the cardiac rehab (which started June 1), and make the dietary and lifestyle changes necessary. God be praised!

Thank you for your love and grace shown to this under-shepherd and his wife and family. It has been truly humbling to receive many get well cards from so many of you including those from across the greater LWML world. Thank you! As the Apostle Paul says above, I thank God every time for you, always praying with joy.

There are two brief Bible passages to share in closing that were both on my heart and mind as I was in the ER that Sunday afternoon being wheeled into the heart cath lab. First is the conclusion of Psalm 23 – *“goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”* “Follow” is too weak of a translation. It should really be “pursue.” God’s goodness and mercy for me, a sinner, were *pursuing* me through that heart attack and placement of a stent.

The second was back from Philippians in chapter three. *“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, **that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.**”* (Philippians 3:8-9 – the highlighted portion was especially on my heart and mind as I didn’t know how the pain of a heart attack would end.)

These passages are still resonating within me and, I pray, are exemplified in my manner of living and ministry. Thank you. Praise God. And let’s rejoice as we work together in His Kingdom!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Mueller*  
*Senior Counselor*

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## New Opportunities



A time for growth. . . in love, faith, and fellowship.

I sit here with my garden-worn hands (dirt under the nails) and I praise God for the season of renewal, growth and DAYLIGHT!! Spring is my favorite season because I love the sprouts peeking from the tilled soil, the birds scurrying to find food to eat and the babies everywhere!! God's love is displayed in all this renewal!! We also can be renewed daily in God's word, seeking His plans in fellowship with others in Christ.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Cor. 5:17).*

What new things have you tried lately? God provides us opportunities and we need to step into them upon his guidance.

The 2023 Convention in Milwaukee will provide many such opportunities:

- ◆ Wake up with the Word at early morning Bible studies. Set your alarm and seek one out. Meet some new people and enjoy the friendship of our LWML sisters.
- ◆ Join the Mission Pledge Walk along the Riverwalk in Milwaukee. It should be relaxing and fun! Participate in Servant Activities Galore!! Projects include helping out Phil's Friends, Orphan Grain Train, MOST Ministries and Lutheran Braille Workers. Get your work hat on!!
- ◆ Attend the Friday FEST!! Activities, Games, and KARAOKE!! You will see me there, for sure!
- ◆ Watch and enjoy Jan Struck and Abby Goehring as the comic interrupters! Hee-Haw!
- ◆ Be present for the many speakers, worship leaders and mission moments AND the entertainment for Saturday night from the women of the Lutheran Ladies Lounge podcast. You won't want to miss a thing!
- ◆ Most of all, find time to grow in God's word and love for his commission to all:

*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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).*

I pray you step into your renewal and feel the freshness of a new day and service to our Lord Jesus Christ! If you can't come to the Convention, pray for those who are attending, check out the Facebook posts, and read about it all on the convention central area of the LWML website.

*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    |

## YOUR MITES AT WORK

IRIS WITTMAN

This past week a \$10,000 grant was funded and presented to Rev. Tomas Angon at Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission in Valparaiso. Often times immigrants and refugees in Northern Indiana lack transportation and are unfamiliar or unsure of opportunities to receive essential food support. With their own Mobile Food Pantry. Gloria Dei will offer essential support to a weary population, many of whom have had limited or no exposure to the Gospel.

As a result, the purpose of this project is to meet the tangible needs of the international newcomer community in Northwest Indiana as a means of bringing the gospel to them. In short, the purpose of the project is to create opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus with new friends.

We are thankful that LWML is able to help with this project. Keep those Mites coming!!



President Sarah Rippey with  
Rev. Tomas Angon

## Indiana District Bus to the LWML Milwaukee Convention

Good News, there are still **seats available on the bus!** Have your plans changed and now you want to attend the convention? Do you need housing? We still **have 5 rooms available in our block**, but you **must ride the bus to use them**. I will need to give up any extra rooms by June 10.

If you are **considering riding the bus to Milwaukee**, contact **Emily Rogers, Bus Chairman**, as soon as possible. [emily12rogers6@gmail.com](mailto:emily12rogers6@gmail.com). Phone numbers are **765-778-7654**, home or **765-621-2131**, cell or text. The **room cost is \$149 plus tax**, which includes pick up and delivery to and from the convention center each day. Buses will travel to Milwaukee on Wednesday, June 21 and return on Sunday, June 25.



Do you have a **purple sparkly convention scarf** that we have worn at past LWML conventions? If so, please bring it with you. That is our convention identification. We will have new ones if you don't have one, but if you can bring yours we will have enough for everyone from Indiana District. Thank you.

Contact Emily Rogers for more details.

*The Wheels on the Bus go Round and Round . . . all the way to Milwaukee!*



## LWML Quarterly Subscriptions

The LWML Quarterly subscription renewal order form was mailed to all participating LWML Indiana District groups/societies in January. If I have not received a renewal form back from your group/society, then there is a chance that you will either not receive any issues for the 2023-24 year, or they may be reduced in number. This can change if you send me notice of the amount of issues that you want and mail payment for the previous year, if owed. Payment for the current 2023-24 year can be made until March 31, 2024. All payments should be mailed to the LWML District Financial Secretary:

Rachel Huebschman  
241 E. Robert E Lee Day Road  
Santa Claus IN 47579.

Please use a voucher when you send in any money to Rachel and include the name of your church group/society. If your group did not receive the order form then please contact Diane Emrich at [demrich@comcast.net](mailto:demrich@comcast.net) or by phone 317-847-7871.

## Procedures for sending in funds to LWML Indiana District

When sending checks in to LWML Indiana District, please send them to the Financial Secretary, Rachel Huebschman, 241 E Robert E Lee Rd, Santa Claus, IN 47579. The Treasurer (Penny Letterman) **does not** receive any money. If a check is sent to her, it delays the reporting for that month, since she will have to forward the check to the Financial Secretary.

All checks should be made out to the LWML Indiana District. They should **not** be made out to the individual.

“Springing Forth New,” based on Isaiah 43:19, was the theme for the LWML Indiana District Spring Retreat held on April 14 and 15, in Nashville, Indiana.



The keynote speakers were Rev. Lewis King (author of “The Reinvented Man”) and his wife Joy King (author of “The Reinvented Woman”). Over 100 participants had the opportunity to spend time learning how we can put aside our past, our concerns, and change our vision of things, so that we are able to let God help us spring forth new. Our pastoral counselors, Rev. Bill Mueller and Rev. Andrew Becker led the ladies in several uplifting devotions.



Over \$1200 was raised by the participants for King’s Community Outreach which works to bring mercy and care to families in urban Fort Wayne.



**“Serve the Lord  
with gladness”**

— Psalms 100:2

## HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE

The Human Care Committee is looking forward to Treatshop this August. Our session “*Connecting with Others as Christ’s Hands*” will focus on servant events for zone and society meetings. There will be a short presentation on what makes an inclusive event that is fun and engaging. Then we will color and fold “Cards of Hope” for Phil’s Friends, an organization that provides support to cancer patients during their treatment.

Please remember that the Human Care Committee is here to support you with resources for both speakers and servant events for your society meetings and zone rallies. Contact Jackie Albers at [jakkopp@yahoo.com](mailto:jakkopp@yahoo.com) for more information. We are constantly updating our list, so if you have an organization or individual to add to our resource list feel free to contact Jackie.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies— In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:10-11).*



## Indiana District LWML Treatshop

Emanuel Lutheran Church

1385 S Main St

Tipton, IN

August 12, 2023 9:30 to 3:30 pm

**Price:** \$15.00 This price includes a small continental breakfast, a light lunch catered by Emanuel Tipton (Sandwiches, slaw, chips, Drink, Cookie), and various materials for the sessions.

**Ingatherings:** Food Pantry at Emanuel Tipton (Non-perishables, paper goods) and **Voice of Care**, a ministry to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities: (Simple art supplies: construction paper, colored pencils, stencils, markers, water colors, stickers)

**Breakout Sessions Available: (Please choose three, a different one at each time slot.)**

**Why Mentor?:** We all mentor! Mentoring helps us grow in ministry. Come to exchange ideas about how we can grow, leading others to serve the Lord.

**Growing Together Through Christ:** Learn ways to encourage women of all ages while creating something beautiful to share.

**Can You Hear Me Now?:** Having trouble connecting in your church or community? What are your connectivity issues? Leave ready to make better connections with women where they are in your life.

**We are the Branches:** Study staying connected to the True Vine with Pastor Geoff Robinson.

**President's Session:** Learn how to step outside your comfort zone to invite, mentor and encourage other women to join your group. Come enjoy and remember to bring your S-M-I-L-E!!!

**It's a Small World After All:** Come experience a Heart to Heart event you can do with your zone or society.

**Connecting with Others as Christ's Hands:** In this session led by Human Care, learn about resources for servant events while also participating in a servant event for Phil's Friends.

**Technology Tips:** Learn more about how to navigate technology for your work in LWML.

Questions? Contact **Becky Thibodeau (317-985-8903)**. If paying by check, make your check payable to **LWML Indiana District** and mail it with this registration form to **LWML Registrar Arlene Wolfgang, 440 S 325 E, Lagro, IN 46941**.

Two ways to register for Treatshop: Go to this link, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwml-treatshop-2023-tickets-600983787687> or use the registration form below.

### Connecting Through Christ Treatshop Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church City \_\_\_\_\_

Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Choose a different breakout session from each time slot.

#### Session 1: 11:00 - 11:55

- Christ's Hands (Human Care Servant Event)
- Small World (H2H)
- Branches (Christian Outreach)
- Growing Together (YWR)

#### Session 2: 1:00 - 1:55

- President's Session
- Branches (Christian Outreach)
- Hear Me Now (Christian Life)
- Why Mentor (Leader Development)
- Technology Tips

#### Session 3: 2:00 - 2:55

- Small World (H2H)
- Growing Together (YWR)
- Why Mentor (Leader Development)
- Hear Me Now (Christian Life)
- Technology Tips

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## SAVE THE DATE

**LWML Indiana District Treatshop  
Connecting Through Christ Jesus  
John 15:5**

**August 12, 2023**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Tipton, 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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