



# Good News

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## God is Still Building You

by Joseph R. Cunningham, Senior Counselor

*Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life (2 Corinthians 3:4–6 ESV).*

Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Japan has the largest central span of any suspension bridge in the world. This elegant structure, which is held up by only two towers and a network of steel cables looks dangerously fragile, but in reality it is incredibly strong. Its supports seem minimal, yet it can withstand 178 mph winds and earthquakes up to 8.5 magnitude. Imagine the engineering genius that went into the making of this bridge!

Did you know that *you* are the result of an even more wondrous feat of engineering? In the reading above from 2 Corinthians, Saint Paul reminds us of the incredible structure God is building in our lives. Everything that we are, everything that we do, all the forces we withstand, all give evidence of how carefully God crafts our foundation. Like a master builder, He laid this foundation with great precision and fortifies it with His divine grace. What a marvel you are!

The good news is that God is not done building you! Through His Word and Sacraments, God continues to make you stronger and steadier. Day after day, He infuses you with the gifts of His Holy Spirit so that you can withstand any gale force winds that might come against you. Through the witness and encouragement of one another, as the Body of Christ, serving through the LWML, God continues to teach you how to adapt to the ever-present temptations of this world without snapping or crumbling.

The national gathering of the LWML in Mobile, Alabama, was evidence of these truths. Like the many strands of steel that provide strength and support for that incredible bridge in Japan, thousands of women joined together through a shared mission and love for God, gave evidence of His unending grace. Ministry celebrated and rejoicing through prayer and song filled the convention center with faithful affirmation of God's blessing and sustaining love. What a pleasure it was to witness the joy, the love, the fellowship, the strength, and the energy for the mission God entrusts to each of us!

Take some time to stand back and admire God's handiwork. You are a marvel! You are far stronger than you think, far more flexible than you think, and far more capable than you think. As Paul encourages us in Philippians 4:13, *you have strength for everything through Christ our Lord!* So, try not to give in to fear when you face challenges today. Instead, stand firm on the foundation God has poured for you. Pray for the situation, not in "self-confidence" but "God-confidence" in faith, the gift He gives you to live by.

Remember, God gives you the perfect structure for the vocation you have as a member of the LWML, a woman in mission possessing gifts from the Holy Spirit to carry out all that God assigned you to do. Christ is with you! He is in you! Christ is more than able to work through you! Blessings as you remain committed to God's holy purposes and the mission of the LWML!

Thank you for the honor of serving our Lord Jesus side by side with you, women in mission here in the LWML Indiana District!

*Lord, thank you for all you have built in me. Give me confidence to use Your gifts and show forth your glory! In the name of Jesus. Amen.*

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Dear LWML Sisters,

I just returned from our LWML convention in Mobile, Alabama, where I had the privilege of carrying the LWML Indiana District banner. What a joy to be able to represent the Indiana District with the YWRs, Mary, Megan, Lydia and Savannah walking with me.



How many times have you volunteered for a position without being asked? Have you admired a certain leader, or the work being done by a certain committee? Does your society or zone have all the officers or chairmen that are needed to be a vibrant and active LWML society or zone? IT IS UP TO YOU! You need to Take the Lead! Many of you attended the Treatshop. You learned about many of the committees of LWML, ideas and activities that can be used in your local society. Take the Lead! Volunteer!

We all make excuses for not doing things or volunteering. God knows our limitations and does not ask us to do anything that we cannot do. Paul was faced with many of the same struggles. He was willing to give up everything, including his freedom, to spread the Gospel. Sometimes we, too, are prisoners, but prisoners of our own minds. We do not think that we are able to serve the Lord in certain capacities. If Paul would have felt that way, would you know Christ? Maybe not.

*I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13).*

*For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose (Philippians 2:13).*

*All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained (Philippians 3:15-16).*

What is God's purpose for your life? Are you fulfilling it? Could you do more? Where can you serve? God is calling you to Take the Lead. Serve the Lord with Gladness. He will be your source of strength. Allow God to work to spread His Gospel through you.

Serving Christ with YOU,  
President Marge

#### Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ Your Fall Zone Rally
- ◆ Donation Day — Tuesday, October 8
- ◆ LWML IN District Convention — June 19-21, 2020, at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne. Theme - "Transformed Together — Together We Serve"



# MISSION GRANTS INDIANA DISTRICT 2018-2020

## Small Grants

Name of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Paid
Early Childhood Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt	\$5,000	Paid in Full
King's Community Outreach	\$4,600	Paid in Full
Rebecca's Garden of Hope	\$5,000	\$2,500
Word, Worship & Witness (Togo)	\$2,150.50	Paid in Full

## Large Grant Proposals

The Mission Grant to Monterrey, Mexico, was withdrawn, so that money was redistributed to other grants.

Name of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Paid
Ascension Lutheran Christian School Playground	\$10,000	Paid in Full
Calvary Indian Mission	\$5,500	Paid in Full
Chinese Community Center in Newburgh	\$2,245.50	
Compass International Family Center	\$10,000	Paid in Full
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$10,000	\$5,000
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Food & Clothing Co-op	\$10,000	\$5,000
LAMP Ministry Inc.	\$10,000	Paid in Full
LCMS Missionary Support: Rev. Delwyn Campbell	\$7,500	Paid in Full
Lutheran South Unity School	\$10,000	Paid in Full
Multimedia Gospel Outreach to Burmese People	\$10,000	Paid in Full
Orphan Grain Train Forklift Replacement	\$10,000	
Worship Anew	\$10,000	

LWML EMAILS—MAILCHIMP

PENNY LETTERMAN

### Changes to EMAIL

We have begun using a different email service. I am no longer able to send bulk emails through gmail. We will begin using **Mailchimp** for these emails. If you don't receive any LWML emails, you may have to check your spam folder for email from Mailchimp. If you find them there, indicate that Mailchimp is not spam and then you should start receiving them in your inbox. Also, with this new service, if two people are using the same email address only one of you will receive it through Mailchimp. They don't allow duplicate email addresses. I will still use gmail for the smaller mailings or for individual emails. My email address DID NOT change. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions about this change at [lwmlcommunicator@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlcommunicator@gmail.com), 812-568-7290.



## 2019 CONVENTION REVIEW

MARGE GRUBER

Over 3000 women were blessed to attend the 2019 LWML Biennial Convention in Mobile, AL June 20 - 23. The theme was "In Praise to the Lord" and those are the only words to describe this amazing event where the atmosphere was electrified with women of all ages loving the Lord, loving one another all in unity of one faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We experienced Bible studies, worship, many Mites in Action speakers and so much more.



The giving of mites is an amazing mystery of God. Mite money is collected in our churches. Of the money collected, 75% stays in the district of collection to be used to fund mission grants at that level. Only 25% of mite money funds the national LWML grant proposals. This year at convention a goal was set of \$2.1 million to fund 21 mission grants over the next two years. Remember this will be 25% of all money collected. A big thank you to all who regularly contribute mite money. If you have never saved your change for mites, now is a good time to start. You will experience being a part of seeing the Lord multiply fishes and loaves and do much more than what we ask or imagine!!

You can find all the convention highlights and a list of the mission grant proposals at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

Our next opportunity to attend a convention will be the LWML Indiana District Convention June 19-21, 2020, in Fort Wayne at Concordia Lutheran High School with our opening worship service at Holy Cross. Many volunteers are needed. If you can help contact Lea Ann Fifer, 260-750-4543 or LeAnn Leffel, 260-918-5032. The next LWML convention will be held in June 2021, in Lexington, KY, where the LWML Indiana District will be one of the hosts. Plan on volunteering for this awesome opportunity.

When you are involved with LWML you are part of an organization that started over 75 years ago, that has given over \$100 million in mites to missions in 43 countries, that is here to assist each woman of every age to affirm her relationship with Christ, and to encourage and equip her to live out her Christian life in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

## 2021 CONVENTION

RUTH THOMAS

We, the LWML Indiana District, along with the LWML districts of Ohio and Michigan, are hosting the 2021 LWML convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27, 2021. YOU can be one of the 500 volunteers needed to host the convention. We'll need hostesses, ushers, and assistants in several areas - at the servant events, blood drive, golf outing, pledge walk, care of infants and children, and a "million and one" other areas. Men and women will have an opportunity to meet new people and serve the LWML and our Lord. Watch for more information in the coming months!.

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At our Indiana District Treatshop in August, Pastor Cunningham did a presentation on Lectio Divina: Praying the Scriptures. It emphasized listening.

- ◇ Listen for the gentle touch of Christ the Word – read slowly then silently hear and repeat a word or phrase that speaks to you.
- ◇ Listen for how Christ the Word speaks to you – slowly read the passage a second time out loud and contemplate silently about how this passage is speaking to your life today.
- ◇ Listen to what Christ the Word is calling you to do – read the passage a third time and reflect on “I am being called to respond to God now by...”



You can share with someone or journal your reflections on each step. Finally, end with prayer.

There are many ways to study God's Word. This is just one. Whichever way you choose, it is important to stay in the Word and use it as a guide for your life. *As for God, his way is perfect, the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him (2 Samuel 22:31 NIV).*

## TREASURER

DEB SOROKIN

As treasurer I am often asked where does the LWML Indiana District get the money to pay for expenses such as mileage, insurance, mailing of the *Good News* to name a few. All the money the Indiana District receives for mites goes to mites. 25% of mite money collected is sent to the national LWML. The remaining 75% is used for Indiana District Mission Grants. For example if \$150,000.00 is collected \$37,500.00 is sent to the LWML and \$112,500.00 would be used for Indiana Mission Grants.

The only income for expenses is any profit that might be made on conventions, retreat and treatshop or from an endowment. The last time an endowment was received was April 2016.



So the answer to the question can only be from God. So as the LWML Indiana District does the work of God, God blesses the LWML Indiana District.

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).*

## LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is a magazine that is distributed by the national LWML. In every issue there is President's Page, Praying the Psalms, For Young Women, Lutheran Women in Action, Grants@Work, Mission Grants, and Bible Studies. It comes out four times per year in the month that the season starts (ex. Fall edition comes out in September). You can view parts of the Quarterly online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) by clicking the Quarterly button at the bottom of each page. You can order a subscription for yourself or your society can order enough for everyone and maybe a few extra to give to someone else. You can order a subscription online as well. Once you have a subscription, you will be able to renew each year through the Circulation Manager in your district. The current Circulation Manager for the LWML Indiana District is Renee South.

Renewal notices for the Quarterly are sent out early in the year. Everyone is asked to return the renewal form even if they want to keep the same number of subscriptions. Renewal forms are due back to the Circulation Manager on March 15, but payments are asked to be made after April 1, as that is when the fiscal year starts. The subscription starts with the summer issue. In the Indiana District, subscriptions are \$7 for each subscription purchased up to 9 subscriptions. If your society purchases 10 or more, they are \$5.50 for each subscription. Payments are made to Arlene Wolfgang, the current Financial Secretary.

Reminder: Not all societies that ordered Quarterlies have paid for their subscription. If you haven't paid, please send payment to Arlene Wolfgang ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Renee [south87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:south87@sbcglobal.net) or Arlene [arlene.kay47@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.kay47@gmail.com).

The LWML Indiana District Nominating Committee is taking nominations for the election of officers at the 2020 convention. We are seeking nominees for the following positions:

- ◆ Vice President - Missions
- ◆ Vice President – Conventions & Communications
- ◆ Recording Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Nominating Committee (made up of one lady from each of the four areas)



Guidelines for each office are available on the website.

*Interested in becoming a nominee?      Questions?      Need more info?*

*Know someone who might be a good candidate for nomination?      Send her name and contact information to Renee Schuller, nominating committee chair at [reneeschuller.rs@gmail.com](mailto:reneeschuller.rs@gmail.com); 260-418-4645*

**LADY:** What type of LWML lady are you? What opportunities to serve and encourage others to serve does that provide you?

**L: Leader** – You are a seasoned LWMLer. You have held leadership positions before in the district, your zone, and/or society. You may be serving right now and for that we say, thank you.

**A: Active** – You are an active LWMLer. You attend zone rallies and society events, district convention, retreat, and/or treatshop. You’ve served at the zone and/or society level. Maybe you have gifts you can use to serve at the district level?

**D: Dawning** - You are just beginning (“dawning”) in the LWML. You’ve attended some events but haven’t held any leadership positions yet. Prayerfully consider how you can begin to use the gifts God has given you to serve the Lord through the LWML.

**Y: Young Women or Yet to Comers:** These are those women out there in our congregations that have never gotten involved with LWML. Maybe they don’t even know what it is yet. They need someone to introduce them to LWML. Hand them a Mite Box, explain what LWML is all about, invite them to their first society event or zone rally.

Each one of you fits somewhere on this ladder. Every L was once only a Y, then a D, then an A before they became an L. I had ladies that encouraged me when I was yet a Y and invited me to my first zone rally. Then, after I attended once or twice, someone else asked me to take on a small role in planning a rally. From there, it grew and I’m now I’m blessed to be an L.

If you’re an L or A, please prayerfully consider nomination to one of our open positions. Also, put out your hand. You can equip and encourage another lady up to the next step. Talk to them, let them know you appreciate their previous service and the gifts that God has given them; invite and encourage them to utilize their gifts through the LWML. Show them what a blessing it is to serve the Lord through LWML leadership.

Pray with us that God would continue to bless all the ladies of the LWML IN district and that He would fill each position according to His good and gracious will.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**LWML Indiana District Convention  
June 19-21, 2020**

***Transformed Together—Together We Serve***

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Location: Concordia Lutheran High School,  
Fort Wayne, IN



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

PLEASE send your district and/or zone minutes and programs! I really need documents prior to 2010. Many zones have not sent 2018 or 2019 items. Send via email, U.S. Mail or bring them to any district event.

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