GOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

Be Still and Know

Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10a).

The Thirtieth Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Indiana District
June 26-28, 2026
Vanderburgh County 4H Fairgrounds
Evansville, IN

I invite all of you to attend the LWML Indiana District Convention. We will enjoy Bible Study, hear updates from previous mission grant recipients, join in worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship as Lutheran Women in Mission of the Indiana District. We will choose mission grants and elect new officers. We will share our talents and goods to benefit others through Servant Events.

All are welcome to join us as we learn to better rely on our God in stillness and praise.

- LWML Indiana District President Sarah Rippy

Mission Statement

Each person will rest in God's Word to know His peace

Convention Song

Be Still, words and music by David Evans

Convention Goals

We will:

- Rest
- Trust
- Find Peace
- Gain Knowledge

PASTORAL COUNSELOR PASTOR BECKER

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and sisters in Christ serving through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, we enter the holy season of Lent with reverence, humility, and confident hope. Lent is a journey from ashes to empty tomb, from repentance to resurrection, from our sin to our Savior.

On Ash Wednesday we hear the solemn words of the Lord: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return* (Genesis 3:19, ESV).

Lent confronts us with the truth about ourselves. God's Law is clear and uncompromising. *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). We have not loved the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Even our best works are stained with sin when they flow from pride or self-reliance.

The prophet Joel calls us to repentance: *Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love* (Joel 2:13).

The Law exposes our need. It strips away excuses. It silences our boasting. It brings us to our knees. Lent teaches us to say with David, *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight* (Psalm 51:4).

If Lent ended there, it would be a season of despair. But thanks be to God, the Law is not His final word.

Into our ashes and repentance shines the bright light of the Gospel. The One who calls us to return is the One who has come to save.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Our salvation rests not in our fasting, our discipline, or our renewed efforts, but in the finished work of Jesus Christ. He was tempted in the wilderness for us (Matthew 4:1–11). He set His face toward Jerusalem for us (Luke 9:51). He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4). On the cross He declared, *It is finished* (John 19:30).

As St. Paul writes, *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us* (Romans 5:8).

Notice the order. While we were still sinners. Not after we improved ourselves. Not after we proved our devotion. Christ's saving work is the source of everything. His atoning sacrifice reconciles us to the Father. His resurrection guarantees our justification. *Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ* (Romans 5:1).

For the LWML, this distinction between Law and Gospel is not merely theological, it is practical and joyful. Our service does not earn God's favor. It flows from it.

We do not serve in order to be saved. We serve because we are saved.

Ephesians 2 makes this beautifully clear: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them* (Ephesians 2:8–10).

First, grace. First, salvation. First, the gift. Then, good works.

Pastor Andrew Becker
Senior Counselor

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS SARAH RIPPY

A Personal Invite

The Women's Guild at my church is meeting for breakfast this Saturday at a local restaurant. It is usually very well attended by the same ladies who come to our monthly meetings. But, guess what? We have personally invited and shared with other women outside of those who normally attend and some of them are coming too! What a wonderful and proactive idea that personally inviting someone may just get them to come. WOW! I think this will work for the 2026 convention too! Let's try it:

1. **To the woman who sits next to you in church:** "Are you interested in learning more about mission opportunities and helping others? Come to our LWML Indiana District Convention and see some amazing things that are happening in Indiana! We could ride together!"
2. **To the young woman who helps with Vacation Bible School:** "You are such a natural talent for Christ! Come experience the joy of being with women who seek to Serve the Lord with Gladness!"
3. **To the woman who shares her mites but doesn't understand what we are about:** "How would you like to hear about what this mite money is doing in our Indiana District? We send some of it to our national LWML and it helps even more missions. I could show you the website. You could also learn more at our convention in Evansville, IN! Have you ever been to a convention? It will be exciting!"
4. **To the woman who sits next to you in Bible Class and takes notes in her Bible:** "Say, we are having a speaker at our convention who is going to share journaling as we read our Bibles. Would you like to know more? See the poster on the bulletin board, or we can both register to attend and ride along together."

Don't forget to mention the Ruth Armel scholarship to those who have never been to a convention AND encourage your young women to apply to be a Young Woman Representative from your zone. Both of these applications are available on our website at LWML Indiana District.

Our Lord Jesus encourages us, no, commands us, to tell others about His work:

> *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;*
> *make known his deeds among the peoples!* (Psalm 105:1)

We are but instruments in God's kingdom, here to share His love with the world! Get excited about that and about the opportunities to do just that at our 2026 convention in Evansville, IN! *We will **rest, trust, find peace, and gain knowledge** through our Theme of **Be Still and Know*** (Psalm 46:10a). Please don't miss out, and let's bring other women to experience this too.

Sarah Rippy
President

LWML Indiana District

MISSION GRANTS INDIANA DISTRICT 2024-2026

Name of Grant Mission Goal: $135,000	Amount Requested	Amount Paid
Calvary India Mission, Indianapolis, IN	$4,800	$4,800
Caring for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Kenya, Fort Wayne, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Concordia Counseling Abundant Grace Fund, Seymour, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Faith Lutheran Church (playground), Bloomington, IN	$5,000	PENDING
Faith Lutheran Church (Swaddling Clothes), DeMotte, IN	$5,000	$5,000
Japanese Mission Society, Columbus, IN	$3,950	$3,950
Lutheran Bible Translators, Columbus, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Marius Sergiu Trifa Bringing the Gospel to Romania, Fort Wayne, IN	$7,000	$7000
MOST Ministries, Elizabethtown, KY	$12,000	26-28 biennium
Resurrection Lutheran Academy (school security), South Bend, IN	$4,500	$4,500
Resurrection Lutheran Academy (scholarship fund), South Bend, IN	$8,750	$8,750
St. Paul Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Latino/Hispanic Outreach, Columbus/ Indianapolis, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Worship Anew/Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc, Fort Wayne, IN	$12,000	$12,000
Y4Life/Lutherans for Life, Columbus, IN	$12,000	$12,000

2024-2026 BIENNIUM MITE DEADLINE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 2024-2026 Biennium of the LWML Indiana District ends on March 31, 2026.

Mite donations for this biennium need to be in the **mail by March 21**.

Send to the Financial Secretary: Deb Sorokin
30018 Westlake Dr
Elkhart, IN 46514

Find the new revised remittance form on next page.

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 our 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 groups.

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

Please cut here and mail the bottom portion with your contribution.

REMITTANCE FORM
LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE OF THE INDIANA DISTRICT

(Please use with ALL remittances) **Date** _____

Send to the LWML Indiana District Financial Secretary

GROUP NAME: _____

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

_____
Name

_____
Address

_____
City State Zip

ZONE: (VERY IMPORTANT)		**AMOUNT**
MITES		
QUARTERLY:		
SCHOLARSHIP:		
GENERAL FUND:		
OTHER:		
	Total	

GROUP TREASURER (Name, Address, City, Zip, Email and Phone number with area code)

_____
Name

_____
Address

_____
City State Zip Code

_____
Email Address Phone number with area code

☐ Please check the box if this voucher contains new information regarding your group treasurer

For Financial Secretary Only:
Voucher Number: _____
Date Received: _____

Revised 3/15/2024
Revised 12/04/2025

CONVENTION WELCOME

Mark your calendar! Come and join us in mission, service and fellowship, at the *Be Still and Know* Indiana District Convention. June 26-28 at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center in Evansville, IN. The 2026 Convention is hosted by the Evansville East, Evansville West, and Kentuckiana zones. Get your carpools arranged and find refuge in God's Word and a renewed spirit in all of the activities put together to serve local and global missions. Come for the convention and stay for the beauty and recreation of the Ohio River Valley. Bring your friends and family to the Mesker Park Zoo, Botanic Gardens, or the WW2 museum in Evansville. Follow the river to the Big Blue Bridge. Welcome to Kentucky! Hike the trails and visit deer, turtles, and the many beautiful birds at John James Audubon Park in Henderson. Enjoy Smothers Park and the Bluegrass Museum or take a distillery tour at local Green River Distillery in Owensboro. You can follow the Bourbon trail down to our Kentuckiana Zone friends in Elizabethtown and see the famous trolls of Bernheim Forest. Drive through the Mega Cavern in Louisville. Eat and shop at the many small businesses and restaurants throughout the area. Stay tuned for more information about the convention. See you in June!

Vanderburgh County 4-H Building A

Vanderburgh County 4-H Building B

Campground Sites

GOLF CARTS FROM A TO B

Are you worried about getting from Building A to Building B at the LWML IN District Convention this summer? Don't be. Sit back, relax, and leave the driving to us! The Executive Committee has rented five golf carts, each holding at least six passengers to help transport women at our convention. We have several husbands who will be attending the convention with your transportation and safe travel in mind. They will be "on duty" Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to help make your visit at the 4-H Center more enjoyable. This convenience is being made possible by a special grant from LWML so it will not be reflected in our registration cost. Thank you, LWML.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA OVERVIEW

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

9:00-12:00 p.m.	Servant Events - Session #1
10:00 a.m.	Registration Open
	Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Banner and Processional Rehearsal
	Displays Open
12:00 p.m.	Gift Basket Silent Auction Opens
1:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Servant Events - Session #2
3:00 p.m.	Delegate Orientation/Introduction of candidates and **FIRST MEETING**
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Women of multicultural ethnicities and H2H Sisters Reception
4:00 p.m.	Moving for Mites and BINGO event
5:00 p.m.	Supper
6:45 p.m.	Divine Worship Service with Communion at Trinity Lutheran Church
8:15 p.m.	Reception for candidates and Past District Presidents at Trinity

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

7:00 a.m.	Displays open
7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Bible Study
8:15 a.m.	Singing and **SECOND MEETING**
8:45 a.m.	Banner Processional
	Bible Study #1 Rev. Steven Latzke
	Keynote Speaker - Kristin Schultz
	Mission Grants Presentation
	Voting for Mission Grants
12:15 p.m.	Special Luncheons
1:15 p.m.	Singing and **THIRD MEETING**
	Bible Study #2 - Rev. Andrew Becker
	Voting for Candidates
	Mission Speaker - Rev. Mark Surburg
	Special Guest - Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, LCMS IN District President
3:40 p.m.	Interest Sessions 1-4
4:40 p.m.	Interest Sessions 5-8
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:55 p.m.	Singing and **FOURTH MEETING**
	Mission Speaker - Rev. Gary Liu
8:00 p.m.	Entertainment
9:05 p.m.	Closing Devotions

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Singing and **FIFTH MEETING**
	Mission Parade
	LWML Representative - Shari Miller, Vice President of Christian Life
	Introduction of Convention Committee
	Upcoming Conventions and Events
11:00 a.m.	Closing Worship

CONVENTION 2026 FUNDRAISER

Joining Forces so Others Will Know

LWML, Love the Hungry, **Orphan Grain Train**, and **Manna from Heaven**

LWML will be working with Love the Hungry to assemble 20,000 meal packets that Orphan Grain Train will deliver to Manna from Heaven in Myra, KY. Each meal packet feeds 5-6 people.

It takes about 80-100 volunteers working 90-120 minutes to complete 20,000 meals. If there are 40-50 volunteers we would work in shifts. The first shift would still work 90-120 minutes. Then we would have a second shift of 40-50 volunteers working 90-120 minutes. The project would be completed in 3-4 hours. If we had smaller groups working, we would need more "shifts" and more time for this project to be completed. It would be great to get people from the local churches to sign up to do this project, too! Men, women, teenagers, all can come help.

Manna from Heaven is a program located in Myra, KY whose mission is to help the people of Myra and show God's love in any way possible. Manna from Heaven passes out 200 meals a week. **The cost to do this project is $7,000.** This money covers the cost of the ingredients for 20,000 packets of food that will feed between 100,000 and 120,000 people.

This $7,000 MUST be raised **PRIOR** to the convention so that materials needed may be purchased ahead of time and coordinated for the packing event. **We still need almost $1,000.**

Please consider helping with this fundraiser. Your zones, groups, or individuals may donate.
Thank you to everyone who donated so far.
Join the fun and help us pack 20,000 meals for Myra, Kentucky

Any money raised should be sent to: **Deb Sorokin**
30018 Westlake Dr.
Elkhart, IN 46514
In the memo line of your check please write *Love the Hungry*.

30th BIENNIAL LWML INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

June 26-28, 2026
Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, Evansville, IN

Psalm 46:10a

Check either VOTING or NON-VOTING

_____ VOTING
_____ NON-VOTING

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY (use black ink)

Badge Name_____
(First) (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip_____

Phone (____)_____ Cell (_____) _____

Email (required)_____

LWML Zone_____

Congregation Name_____

Check all (A-W) that apply

A _____ Society Delegate**
B _____ District Board Member
C _____ Past District President
D _____ General Registration
E _____ 2026 Young Woman Representative
F _____ Heart to Heart Sister
G _____ Pastor
H _____ Guest Speaker
I _____ Displayer
P _____ Page
W ____ Worker Only

First time to attend district convention ____ Yes ____No

****Note: A separate Delegate Credential Form must also be completed by Delegates and Alternates (emailed by May 31 to the Recording Secretary) Jo Ann Heritz, lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com.**

		Fee	Total
Registration: 3 days attendance (deadline to Registrar by June 10). Select one:			$ _____
General Registration _____		$100.00	
Society Delegate _____		$100.00	
BOD and LWML District Committee Members _____		$ 80.00	
Host Convention Committee Chairmen _____		$ 80.00	
2026 YWR and Pages _____		Waived	
Worker Only _____		$ 50.00	
Guest Displayers _____		$ 50.00	
(for Displayers; Tables ____ $ 60.00 ea; Electric _____		$ 15.00)	$ _____
1 day attendance (deadline to Registrar by June 10)	Friday _____	$ 50.00	$ _____
	Saturday _____	$ 60.00	$ _____
***Note: Late registration fee after June 10**	_____	$ 10.00	$ _____
Friday, June 26 – Moving for Mites Walk__ Bingo_ (bring additional $$ donations to convention)		$ 10.00	$ _____

Meals: Combo – All 4 Meals (Fri Lunch, Fri Dinner, Sat Lunch, Sat Dinner) Drinks are provided for all meals.

You still need to make a choice for the Friday Lunch and Saturday Dinner	$ 60.00	$ _____
Friday, June 26 Box Lunch (Sandwich ___ OR Garden Salad ___), chips, & cookie	$ 11.00	$ _____
Friday, June 26 Dinner (Roast Beef, Vegetable Manicotti, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert)	$ 18.00	$ _____
Saturday, June 27 Box Lunch (Assorted Meat Wrap, Macaroni Salad OR potato salad, cookie)	$ 13.00	$ _____
Saturday, June 27 Dinner (Whole Hog Barbecue ___ OR Chicken Breast ___, potato casserole, green beans, cole slaw, cake)	$ 22.00	$ _____
Total Remittance		$ _____

Make your check payable to: **LWML Indiana District.** In the memo line, write **Convention 2026** and list names of registrants. **MAIL check to**:

Penny Letterman
2461 Summit Dr
Henderson, KY 42420

lwmlregistrarin@gmail.com
Cell phone 812-568-7290

A registration confirmation will be sent by email only from the Registrar.
*Late registrants after June 10: include an email address to receive confirmation via email.

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 Name _____

Special Needs:
_____ Deaf - Special seating
_____ Visual Challenges - Special seating
_____ Walking difficulty. If you need a wheelchair, please bring your own.
_____ Special Diet Please Specify:_____
_____ Allergies - be specific I'm allergic to: _____
_____ Other_____
*Note: Golf carts with drivers will be available to provide shuttle service between buildings.

Early Morning Bible Study:
_____ Saturday – Rev Chad Eckels, Topic: Serve the Lord with Joy

Brief descriptions of luncheon topics and sessions are found in the *Good News*.

Saturday Luncheons - Please mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
L _____ Shari Miller, YWR, Calm…in the Chaos
C _____ Christian Life/Leader Development, Spark Conversation and Build Connections
O _____ Rev Gene Ernst, Orphan Grain Train, Down the Street and Around the World
F _____ Lunch with Friends

Saturday Interest Sessions - 1 Please mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
H _____ Suzie Su, Heart to Heart, A Chinese Christian's Journey into the Lutheran Faith
O _____ Kristin Schultz, Ordinary Moments with an Extraordinary God
C _____ Rev Dave Wiist, The Benefits of Story-telling in the Christian Community
P _____ Alena Guagenti, Resting in God's Word: Approaches to Daily Devotional Life

Saturday Interest Sessions - 2 Please mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
S _____ Reverend Mark Surburg, Sharing the Importance of Galatians (Today)
C _____ Deaconess Michelle Downey, Guilt, Shame, and the Christian Life
T _____ Servant Event, Tying Blankets for Food Pantry OR Faith Mail for Phil's Friends
J _____ Shari Miller, Joyful Joyful, Hymns and Mustard Seeds

Choir (wear purple or white shirt, black pants or skirt): ____ 1st soprano; ____ 2nd soprano; ____ alto

Servant Events Friday 9:00 - 12:00 ____ 1:00 - 4:00 _____
Please select a Time Slot, and also check all Events you would like to participate in:

L ___ Love the Hungry, Packaging Meals for Myra, KY
C ___ Cutting Stamps – This will be the last year for this project. See the *Good News* for explanation.
A ___ Assembling Faith Mail for Phil's Friends
T ___ Tracing and cutting fabric for Hygiene Kits for Sudanese

Ingathering items
Each Zone will be gathering different items. Your Zone President has been provided with a list of items your Zone will be collecting. Contact your Zone President for a list of items and also see additional information in the *Good News* which accompanies this form.

Camping – Online camping reservations will be available after March 15 by contacting Vanderburgh4Hcenter.com.
Hotel – Hotel information is available in the *Good News* Convention issue.

Charm

Pin

Shirt

Charms, Pins, & Convention Shirts: Place order by May 15 with Cathie Wakeland. **The order form is in the Good News and on the LWML Indiana website (www.lwmlin.org).** Cathie Wakeland, email: wakelandcj@gmail.com.

Hotel information for 2026 LWML Convention-Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, Evansville, Indiana.
Friday, June 26-Sunday, June 28, 2026.
Block price cutoffs are listed below. After that date, subject to availability.
Consider your travel time and if you need to come a day early, June 23, to enjoy all activities beginning Friday morning at 9 am Central Time.

Name and address Of Hotel	Breakfast/ Microwave Fridge	Types of rooms available	Distance from 4-H Center	Price (not including tax)	Phone Reservations	Online Reservations
Holiday Inn Express North 324 Rusher Creek Road Evansville. Cutoff June 12	Yes	10 Double Double King	5.2 miles	$130 plus tax	812-867-2200 LWML Group block	None
Hampton Inn Airport 5701 US 41 Evansville. Cutoff May 21 Shuttle available $50/12 people round trip.	Yes	40 Double Double King	4.5 miles	$129 plus tax	812-468-3242 Lutheran Women's Missionary League	None
Comfort Inn and Suites Airport 3901 Highway 41 North Evansville. Cutoff June 18	Yes	40 Double Double 10 King	6.4 miles	$109 plus tax	Group # EQ41Z7 Group Name LWML Indiana 812-423-5818	None
Quality Inn North 19622 Elpers Road Evansville. Cutoff June 10	Yes	20 Double Double King	5 miles	$109 plus tax	812-867-1600 LWML	None

Campsites are available on site at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center Fairgrounds. To reserve a site, contact Debbie Minnas, 4-H Center Manager, 812-867-6217.
*****It is preferred that you schedule camping online after March 15, at vanderburgh4hcenter.com. $44/night.**
Questions, contact Emily Rogers, 765-621-2131 or emily12rogers6@gmail.com.

RUTH ARMEL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES
INDIANA DISTRICT LWML

Purpose of the Scholarship:
The purpose of the Ruth Armel Scholarship is to strengthen the LWML in the congregations by sending women who are active in their group but cannot meet the expense of attending the District Convention. The scholarship aims to strengthen particularly the involvement of minority women, young mothers, single mothers, and young women. Other categories of applicants will be considered.

Qualifications: The applicant
* has not attended an LWML District or National Convention within the past 10 years.
* is involved in local congregation with some activity connected to the LWML.
* attends church and communion regularly.
* does not have the financial resources to comfortably cover the convention expenses.
* will not attend as a delegate or YWR to the convention.

What is covered:
A. District will pay the registration, meal package, housing and entertainment expenses connected with the convention.
B. Room charges are based on four persons per room; two per room is allowed if necessary.
C. Recipient is not to pay any portion of the bill as this will be done by the district treasurer. Extra purchases (charm, T-shirt, etc.) can be paid by personal check to the registrar.
D. NO PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE RECIPIENT

What is not covered:
1. Cost of transportation and any other needs not outlined above
2. Side tours

How to apply:
A. Secure an application from your group president or the LWML website (lwmlindiana.org go to resources, find Ruth Armel Scholarship click on and print)
B. Fill out the application
C. Include a letter from your LWML group president which states why she believes you will enhance the local group by attending the convention **This is a required item to be included with the application.
D. Include the pastor's portion/signature
E. Double check that all items are included before mailing the application

DEADLINE IS: JUNE 1 of the convention year

Please mail the completed application to: Carmen Gierhan
Ruth Armel Scholarship Chairman
1291 Lincoln Way W
Ligonier, IN 46767

Questions? Email: huskeratheart@gmail.com Phone: 260-894-0998 (revised 2026)

RUTH ARMEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Name _____

Address _____City _____ Zip_____

Phone ( ) _____ email _____

Year of last convention attended ( ) District ( ) National ( ) None

Family information (marital status, number of children, special needs, etc. as applicable)

_____

Church _____Pastor _____

City _____ State_____Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____email_____

Tell us about yourself: Church activities, community activities, and why you would like to attend the District Convention. (Use the back if necessary)

_____

***I promise to submit to the Committee Chairman, within 30 days of the convention, my written impression of the convention.

Applicant's Signature _____Date _____

***As the applicant's pastor, I have read the purpose of the scholarship and the applicant's qualifications. I verify that she is a member in good standing, attends worship and communion regularly, and that she qualifies for this scholarship.

Pastor's signature _____Date _____

**Send this form, AND THE GROUP PRESIDENT'S LETTER*, to:
*This should contain information regarding the applicant's LWML involvement and how her attendance at the convention would benefit the group.
Contact: 260-894-0998
Application Deadline: June 1 of Convention Year

Carmen Gierhan
Chairman, Ruth Armel Scholarship
1291 Lincoln Way W
Ligonier, IN 46767

DELEGATE - ALTERNATE CREDENTIAL FORM

LWML Indiana District Convention, June 26-28, 2026
The Vanderburgh 4-H Center, Evansville, IN

Each LWML group is allowed **two** voting delegates.

Please complete a separate form for each delegate. Including an alternate is optional, but encouraged to ensure your vote is represented at the convention in the event the delegate is unable to attend.

Others eligible to vote (LWML IN District Board of Directors members, Zone Presidents, Past District Presidents) do not count as one of your groups two votes and will receive a separate delegate registration form.

Submit the completed form to Jo Ann Heritz at lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com. Emails must be **received by May 31, 2026**.

An email address must be provided**. All delegates will be confirmed and all voting delegate information will be sent to the email address provided.** If you do not have an email address, ask a friend, a family member, or your church secretary to let you use their email address to receive your delegate information. If you do not receive an email acknowledgement of receipt within a week of submission, please contact Jo Ann.

In addition to the delegate form below, **each delegate and alternate must also register for and pay to attend the convention.** Convention registration information can be found in the convention issue of the *Good News* or at lwmlindiana.org.

If the delegate cannot attend, she is responsible to email Jo Ann Heritz at lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com as soon as possible (please copy the alternate). It is the delegate's responsibility to forward all pertinent information to the alternate.

How to email this form: Choose one of the following options:

1. Print page 2, fill out and scan to computer and email to Jo Ann at lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com
2. Copy and paste form, fill out information and email to Jo Ann at lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com

Jo Ann Heritz, Recording Secretary
lwmlinrecsec@gmail.com

If you have questions, please email or call me at (574) 220-8680. If you leave a message, please tell me that your message is about delegate registration and leave your name and phone number and I will return your call at my earliest convenience.

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CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker: Kristin Schultz

Kristin Schultz is a lifelong LCMS Lutheran who was raised by Lutheran school teachers. She met her husband, Matthew, at Concordia Seward and they will soon be celebrating 25 years of marriage. They live in Pratt, Kansas, where Matthew is serving as the pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church. Matthew and Kristin have two children, Micah and Ella. Micah is a graduate of Concordia Seward and is teaching high school history. He was married to Abigail this past summer. Ella is a student at Kansas State University studying architecture. She is enjoying an internship in Cleveland this summer.

Over the years, Kristin has had careers in journalism, marketing, and freelance writing including the *Be Still and Know* prayer journal. She loves being a part of God's mission by participating in her church's LWML group and by leading a weekly women's Bible study during the school year.

Mission Speaker: Reverend Gary Liu

Born and raised in China, Rev. Gary Liu came to the US for seminary education, which he finished in 2021. He was called and ordained to continue the Chinese mission in Evansville in 2023. He is married to Eileen and they have two children, a boy Enyan, and a girl Enning. Besides the local mission and ministry, Rev. Liu also works on translations and publications with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to support Chinese mission with confessional Lutheran literature. Book titles that he has translated are *The Book of Concord Reader's Edition, Lutheranism 101, The Story of Luther*, and others.

Mission Speaker: Reverend Mark Surburg

The Rev. Mark Surburg is pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marion, IL. He received his B.A. from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI. He attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he received Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees. He was a Ph.D. candidate in Biblical Studies at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, where he focused on Paul's letters. Rev. Surberg taught as an adjunct professor in the Theology Department at Concordia University Chicago. He has published articles in Lutheran theological journals, served as a consulting scholar for Concordia Publishing House's *Lutheran Study Bible*, and was a contributor to the *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Services*. He is currently Second Vice President of the Southern Illinois District. Pastor Surburg will share information about the work of the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry in Yambio, South Sudan. Pastor Surburg taught at this seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan/Sudan during July 2025.

Bible Study Leader: Reverend Chad Eckels

Pastor Chad Eckels has been serving at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Evansville since in 2003. Prior to that he served for five years at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, Kansas. He is a graduate of Concordia University Nebraska and holds a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and a Master of Science in Family Life Ministry from Concordia University Nebraska. He and his wife, Patty, have three sons who are married; one lives in St. Louis, one in Ann Arbor, and one in Indianapolis. Pastor Eckels worked with high school youth for 30 years before stepping away from that ministry this past year. He has also led over 40 different marriage, parenting, and family retreats, workshops, and seminars over the 28 years of his ministry. He will be leading us in a Bible study: *Serve the Lord with Joy*.

Bible Study Leader: Reverend Andrew Becker

Rev. Andrew Becker was born in Kansas and attended Emporia State University in Kansas, graduating with a dual History/Political Science major. He worked in various positions in the defense, radio, and mechanical fields. He and his wife, Amy, were married after Amy graduated from Emporia State. Andrew received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in 2003. His first call was to Zion/Our Redeemer Lutheran churches in western Kansas, where he served as Pastor, as Circuit Secretary, and as Counselor for the LWML Kansas District. God then called him to serve at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School in Michigan, and later to Faith Lutheran Church, Buena Vista, Colorado. He now serves Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Georgetown, Indiana. Andrew and Amy have two children. He has enjoyed serving with the women of the LWML Indiana District as their counselor for the past four years.

Bible Study Leader: Reverend Steven Latzke

Rev. Steven Latzke is pastor at Living Christ Lutheran Church in Plainfield, Indiana. He has served as an LWML zone counselor in Indiana and Minnesota, as the zone counselor for the 2024 LWML IN District convention, and has attended four national LWML conventions. He was a Lutheran School teacher, coach, and athletic director for 17 years in Northern Illinois, serving in four schools over that time. He previously served congregations in Chanhassen, MN; and South Bend, IN. While in South Bend he also served as pastoral advisor for 17 years at Resurrection Lutheran Academy, as secretary to the circuit pastors for five years, as a chaplain for the South Bend Police Department for seven years, and was a member of the Faith and Mental Health Advisory Committee for Oaklawn Mental Health and Addiction Services for eight years. He graduated from Concordia Chicago with a BA in 1980 and an MA in 1990, and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2000. He and his wife, Katie, have three children and five grandchildren. He continues as the LWML Indiana District counselor for two more years.

CONVENTION INTEREST SESSIONS

Suzie Su – Heart to Heart – ***A Chinese Christian's Journey into the Lutheran Faith***
Suzie shares her personal faith journey as a Chinese Christian, including her experience in the church in China and her path in the Lutheran faith.

Kristin Schultz – ***Ordinary Moments with an Extraordinary God***
This session will explore the ways and times that the Lord meets us in our everyday lives.

Reverend Dave Wiist – ***The Benefits of Story-telling in the Christian Community***
In this session we will consider the importance of the imagination and ways to develop it so that our households become a place of rich and edifying story-telling.

Alena Guagenti – ***Resting in God's Word: Approaches to Daily Devotional Life***
Daily life can overwhelm us with stress, anxiety, and to do lists. Through time in His Word and prayer, the Lord brings us peace in the hubbub of this world. Let's reframe our perspective on daily devotions and discuss strategies for incorporating joyful devotion in everyday life.

Reverend Mark Surburg – ***Sharing the Importance of Galatians (Today)***
The apostle Paul said that the Galatians were at risk of losing the Gospel. Pastor Surburg will discuss what was happening in Galatia, why this letter was so significant for Martin Luther at the time of the Reformation, and how it continues to teach us about the Gospel today.

Deaconess Michelle Downey – ***Guilt, Shame, and the Christian Life***
This session examines guilt and shame through the lens of Scripture, Lutheran theology, and clinical insight, offering clarity on how God uses guilt to restore us while Satan uses shame to isolate and accuse.

Servant Event – ***Tying Blankets for Food Pantry or Faith Mail for Phil's Friends***
Come tie blankets to be given along with food and personal care items by Redeemer Food Pantry to the neediest sections of Louisville and assemble "Faith Mail" to be given to cancer patients by Phil's Friends.

Shari Miller – ***Joyful, Joyful – Hymns and Mustard Seeds***
Attendees will enjoy a singing session with Shari as she uses hymns and Mustard Seeds to inspire others to make a joyful sound.

SATURDAY LUNCHEONS AT CONVENTION

Shari Miller – YWR – ***Calm…in the Chaos***
Explore ways to be in the calm of God's Word while having a busy, often chaotic, home life balancing children, career, church, and service opportunities.

Christian Life/Leader Development – ***Spark Conversation and Build Connections***
Explore activity ideas that spark conversation and build connections, giving your LWML hostess(es) a moment to be still and know that God is at work in the lives of all the women gathered together.

Reverend Gene Ernst – Orphan Grain Train – ***Down the Street and Around the World***
OGT exists to help people in need, and working alongside Manna from Heaven in Myra, KY, the team can effect positive outcomes in life, physically and spiritually.

Lunch with Friends – Meet your friends in Building B, pick up your lunch, and relax.

CONVENTION MENUS

Friday Box Lunch:	Sandwich **OR** Garden Salad Chips, Cookie
Friday Dinner:	Roast Beef, Vegetable Manicotti, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Assorted Desserts
Saturday Box Lunch:	Assorted Meat Wrap, Macaroni Salad **OR** Potato Salad, Cookie
Saturday Dinner:	Whole Hog Barbecue **OR** Chicken Breast Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Texas Sheet Cake

SATURDAY NIGHT CONVENTION ENTERTAINMENT

Get your singing voices, snapping fingers, stamping feet, clapping hands, and smiling faces ready for the convention entertainment on Saturday night! A local group of talented musicians will take you on a journey of "250 Years of American Folk Music" with guitars, harmonica, fiddle, and singing. Along the way, background information on some songs will be provided. The group welcomes audience participation. Actually, your participation will be very easy to produce, since the music and the musicians' enthusiasm just pushes it out.

GIFT BASKETS GALORE AT CONVENTION

The gift basket auction begins Friday, June 26, at noon and ends Saturday, June 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone may donate a gift basket:

Zones Groups Churches Individuals

Tips for donating a basket:

- Pick a theme for the basket, such as pets, hobbies, activities, food, beverages.
- A handmade object or art piece can be donated to count as a basket. Attach the creator's contact information in case there are questions.
- Attach a tag with the fair market price of the contents so that a reasonable starting bid can be established.
- Please bid on your zone's basket or another one that you love!

Bring the baskets to Building A, the Alcove which is to the left of the registration area. Silent Auction monies raised will pay for Unmet Mission Requests.

Browse the variety of baskets and choose several to bid on. Remember to keep bidding so you are sure to take your favorites home! Cash or credit/debit cards will be accepted.

Contact Co-Chairmen Krista Newmaster at newmastersix@hotmail.com, 812-499-4798 or Darlene Welte at dfwelte@gmail.com, 812-589-2135.

MOVING FOR MITES

This year our planning team has broadened ways to raise funds for mites at the district convention. We recognize that not everyone can walk or run and some are limited in their mobility, so we will be providing other low impact and seated opportunities to have fun. Thus, the name is changing from *Mite Walk* to *Moving for Mites*.

On Friday, June 26, from 4 - 5 p.m. you can:

1. Take a well-marked one mile walk or run around the 4-H Center Grounds.
2. Play balloon volleyball in Building A in the Table Room while sitting and using a light weight fan.
3. Play Mite Bingo and learn more about the history of mites.

Registration is $10. You may also collect additional donations and bring them to convention. At the completion of your activity, you will receive a visor cap, bottled water, and a snack. Registration and donations will go towards mites.

Your individual Mite Box contributions may not seem like a lot, but collectively they amount to millions of dollars that fund district and LWML Mission Grants.

We encourage you to begin asking your friends, family, neighbors, and congregation to support you with contributions for *Moving for Mites*.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the *Moving for Mites* table at the convention.

If you have questions, please contact one of the *Moving for Mites* committee members below:

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2026 LWML INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION INGATHERINGS

*I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing (*Genesis 12:2).

For the **2026 LWML Indiana District Convention**, we have chosen to support **eight schools and churches** in the **Evansville and Kentuckiana Zones.** Through our gifts, we pray these ministries are strengthened and encouraged.

The Lord has blessed us, and now we are called to **be a blessing to others**.

Each zone is paired with other zones to support specific ministries. These partnerships are based on the number of active churches in each zone. Each zone will support **two to four ministries**, reminding us that **working together makes us stronger**. If you feel called to support additional ministries, you are welcome to do so.

Suggestions for Collecting Donations

- Collect items or monetary gifts at your **zone spring gathering**
- Encourage participation from your **congregation**
- Hold **monthly ingatherings** within your congregation
- Donate proceeds from **Lenten dinners**
- Use a **Thrivent Action Grant** to purchase needed items for the ministries

The following chart shows ingathering needs and assigned supporting zones.

Organization	Needs	Supporting Zones
Trinity Lutheran Preschool Darmstadt, IN	Snacks: crackers, applesauce, granola bars, veggie straws, animal crackers, fruit snacks (No chips or cookies)	Evansville East Valparaiso South Bend Hammond Aurora
Shepherd of the Hills Preschool Georgetown, IN	Expo dry erase markers Cash/Amazon Gift Cards	Kentuckiana Seymour Kokomo
Grace Preschool New Albany, IN	Crayola Washable broadline markers 10 pack classic colors, Glue sticks, cash/Amazon gift card	Kentuckiana, Seymour Kokomo, South Bend, Gary, Blue Grass
Gloria Dei Lutheran Child Care Center Elizabethtown, KY	Glue sticks,dry erase markers, construction paper, card stock cash/Amazon gift cards	Kentuckiana, Logansport Kendallville, Valparaiso, Gary, Blue Grass
Concordia Jacob's Village Evansville, IN	Hygiene items,AA and AAA batteries, 84' round disposable table cloths, serving size bags of assorted chips, Cans of soda, used CD's, puzzles	Evansville West, Seymour Fort Wayne North, Fort Wayne South, Kankakee Valley Indianapolis West, Indianapolis East, Kendallville
St. Pauls Lutheran Community Outreach Center Food Pantry	Peanut Butter, Rice, Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce Cash	Evansville West, Indianapolis East Hammond, Fort Wayne South Fort Wayne North, Aurora Logansport, Indianapolis West Kankakee Valley
Our Savior Lutheran School Louisville, KY	*Playground Refresh:* Jumpropes, Balls (soccer, playground, kickballs, basketballs) sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, cones small sports equipment, bubbles frisbees	Fort Wayne SouthDecatur Columbus, Kankakee Valley, Gary Blue Grass
Our Savior Lutheran School Louisville, KY	Teacher Encouragement Kits: Gift cards, Fun pens, Stationery, Sticky notes, Candles, Tea, Snacks, Devotional books, Scripture cards, Gift bags	Indianapolis East Decatur Columbus Fort Wayne East Gary
Our Savior Lutheran School Louisville, KY	**Welcome and Hospitality baskets:** Small Bibles, Devotionals Coffee, tea, cocoa packets, Handmade cards, Christian coloring books, Crayons Reusable shopping bags	Indianapolis West Decatur Evansville East Kendallville Blue Grass
Redeemer Lutheran Church Louisville, KY	Single or twin bed sized blankets Oversized throws (new or gently used)	Kentuckiana, Indianapolis East, Decatur, Columbus, Logansport

Continuing the Mission of LWML
By Becky Thibodeau
Vice President of Christian Life

It's time to start selecting **Young Woman Representatives** for our upcoming convention. As you may know, Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) are the future leaders of our organization. We need younger women to learn about the LWML and continue its legacy.

As you search for a woman who can fill this role for your zone, consider these requirements:

- Between the ages of 21-35
- A member of a Lutheran congregation
- Interested in the LWML
- Available June 26-28, 2026
- Not a convention delegate

The role of Young Woman Representative (YWR) does have its perks.

- Paid registration by the district
- Paid housing and meals by your zone
- Special activities designed to introduce our YWRs to LWML and celebrate them

For the district convention, zones have the task of selecting a YWR. Often there is only one possibility, so there is no deliberation necessary. Other times, there can be more than one young woman interested in filling the role. If you are in this happy dilemma, there is a pdf of an application for your potential YWRs to complete. Deliver this application to your zone president, and your zone's board can deliberate and choose a YWR. You can potentially have more than one YWR. The caveat is that your zone would be responsible for their meals and housing as well.

When your zone selects a Young Woman Representative for the zone, please have her complete the online application. She can use the QR code below to access the application, or her zone president can forward the link to her. The information on this application is sent directly to Kimberlyn Thomas, our Young Woman Representative Committee Chairperson. The information is used to help our committee communicate directly with our YWRs and to best prepare for activities for them.

Thank you for continuing our mission to future leaders.

DESCRIPTIONS OF PRE-CONVENTION SERVANT EVENTS

Cutting Stamps for Mites
You will be sorting and trimming used postage stamps that will be sold to a stamp dealer. The proceeds go to mites.

"Faith Mail" for Phil's Friends
You will make a 5 Pocket Folder to hold 8-12 provided faith-related items, Bible verses, prayers, book marks, etc. to be sent by Phil's Friends to cancer patients to help them know you are thinking about them.

Feminine Hygiene Kits (Washable Menstrual Pads) for women in S. Sudan
You will be cutting out flannel liners for the Feminine Hygiene Kits. Instructions and help, as well as scissors and fabric will be provided.

Packing Meals for residents of Myra, KY
You will be working with Love the Hungry to assemble 20,000 meal packets that Orphan Grain Train will deliver to Manna From Heaven in Myra, KY. You will be adding the ingredients into a bag that will be sealed and packed. 20,000 meals requires about 80-100 volunteers working 90-120 minutes to complete 20,000 meals. It would be great to get people from the local churches to sign up to do this project, too! Men, women, teenagers, all can come help.

DESCRIPTION FOR SERVANT EVENTS INTEREST SESSIONS

Blankets for Those in Need
You will be tying fleece blankets which Redeemer Lutheran Church in Louisville will give to community members who visit their food bank in December.

"Faith Mail" for Phil's Friends
You will make a 5 Pocket Folder to hold 8-12 provided faith-related items, Bible verses, prayers, book marks, etc. to be sent by Phil's Friends to cancer patients to help them know you are thinking about them.

COLLECTING STAMPS FOR MITES BEING DISCONTINUED

The LWML IN District has been collecting and cutting stamps for many years. It is becoming more and more difficult to find someone who will take the stamps that we collect. When we do find someone, it is not profitable any longer to collect them. After much discussion, we regret to make the decision to discontinue this project after the 2026 LWML IN District convention. Your participation in collecting and cutting stamps is greatly appreciated and we thank everyone who has helped over the years.

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CALLING ALL HEART TO HEART SISTERS
MICHELE YAMANAKA

The Heart to Heart-Sisters of All Nations will have a short reception at their display table at the 2026 Indiana District Convention on Friday June 26, from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in order to meet Christian sisters of multicultural heritage at the convention or those who want to begin a new friendship with a multicultural sister in Christ.

Note: The registration will have a spot asking if you are a Heart to Heart Sister. If you don't know if you are one, then check the list below to help you decide.

1. Of a multicultural heritage
2. Birth language is not English
3. Born in another country
4. Married to someone of a multicultural heritage
5. Have participated in a short-term mission trip
6. Served as a missionary abroad
7. Have lived in another country
8. Have a desire to begin a new friendship with a multicultural sister

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE TRUE OF YOU, YOU ARE A HEART TO HEART SISTER. Please mark that box and come to our short reception. We would love to meet you. If it will be your first convention, we will try to help you get the most out of it.

If you yourself are not a Heart to Heart Sister, but you know a lady in your congregation who qualifies, invite her to come with you. There are Ruth Armel Scholarships available to pay for first-time convention goers.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AT CONVENTION
OLIVIA KNIGHT

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Psalm 46:10)

God created the world and all that is in it. He rebukes nature and tells it to be still as we read in Psalm 46. Sometimes, we need that same rebuke to repent and turn back to God. Or even to "be still" so that we can listen and hear the discipline of God's Law followed by the good news of God's Salvation.

The Christian Life Committee is excited about convention. We pray that you will "be still" in the Divine Service, while you sing, as you enjoy the luncheon sessions, and when you meet with old and new friends. Come by the Prayer Chapel to pray or to receive pastoral counseling. Become a Prayer Warrior and sign up at the Christian Life booth in the exhibit hall. We will pray for our convention sessions and any need that arises. "Be still" so that you can exalt God to all.

MISSION TRIP FOR BEGINNERS CHARLOTTE CAMPBELL

When you think “Mission Trip,” what comes to mind? A long plane ride, sleeping in a strange bed, meeting people who don’t speak the same language, but who are obviously in need of help, strange foods, strange customs… It can be kind of intimidating, even after you’ve done it a few times. We want to be part of God’s Great Commission, but many of us are nervous about getting into something that’s so different, so far outside our comfort zone.

We have a plan! We are introducing a new kind of mission trip challenge to all the zones for 2026. It’s a Sleep-in-Your-Own-Bed Mission Trip! We will be sending you a detailed guide for how to plan your zone Sleep-in-Your-Own-Bed Mission Trip, but basically it goes like this: You (a group from your zone) identify a program or agency near you where you are able to volunteer as a group. It should be a program where you serve people face-to-face. You will meet with the program leaders to see if and how you can serve them and those they are helping.

Meanwhile, your zone members get together to pray, plan, and collectively make a commitment to follow through with joy and gladness to reach out with the love of Jesus to help others! Once you and the program leaders have worked out what you will do, you commit to doing whatever it is – not just once or twice, but many times. You want this to be more than a good deed – serving is a way of life!

The *Guide to the Sleep-in-Your-Own-Bed Mission Trip* will be given to all the zone presidents this spring at the March Board of Directors Meeting, and we are planning to have a Q&A session at the LWML Indiana District Convention in June where we can share ideas on how to plan and implement your local mission trip. We will also have a forum where each zone can share pictures and stories. We will do everything we can to help you take a mission trip that is not intimidating to novices and gives everyone the opportunity to share God’s Word.

Start thinking now about getting outside your comfort zone and into your local mission field! And get ready. We plan to partner with MOST Ministries on an LWML Indiana District Mission Trip out of the country. This will be open to our LWML members and their family members. We don’t have details yet as to the location, time, or mission project, but we are committed to doing this. Pray that the Lord would send laborers into His harvest and yes, Lord, “Send Me!”

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THE 2026 LWML INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 26, 27, and 28, 2026
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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT CONVENTION TO PACK MEALS

Your help is needed! The task is easy. It requires no special skills.

Please let people in your congregation know about the very special opportunity to impact the lives of many, many people. The Friday Servant Event at convention, *Packing Meals for residents of Myra, KY,* is open to all men, women, and teenagers that you know. We will help assemble 20,000 meal packets that will be delivered to Myra, KY. We will be adding the ingredients into a bag that will be sealed and packed. It takes about 80-100 volunteers working 90-120 minutes to complete 20,000 meals. We need ladies in LWML as well as men, women, and teenagers from our churches to join us to do this project! If you can be on your feet for an hour and a half to two hours, please consider helping.

IMPORTANT INFORMATON

Send all money collected for mites, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, scholarship, and all contributions to the Financial Secretary:

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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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