

The Clarion

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President Laura's Post

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?" Romans 8:36

As I wind up my first year of service as president of the district, I am thinking of all the firsts we have had this last year. I believe I am the first president elected by e-voting. This was the first time we had a virtual Fall Rally. This was the first time we have had a virtual convention. I pray that this will be the last time for some of these firsts.

While we think of these firsts and the glitches that came with them, I believe that we made a valiant effort to continue the Lord's business. We continued to make dresses from pillowcases. We continued to make quilts and collect items for Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran World Relief. We supported our local churches and pastors, and we collected mites. Oh boy, did we collect mites! Some of us got rather creative in collecting them - drive thru mite stations, Mighty Mites Sunday, and many other creative challenges.

The last six weeks of our fiscal year proved just how wonderfully God works through the women of the LWML. The challenge was set to the board at the February board meeting that we were about \$30,000 short of our mite goal. That meant that we needed \$10,000 a week to meet our mission goal! That was certainly a challenge! The women of the LWML Central Illinois District proved they were up to the challenge and not only did they meet the mite goal, but they SURPASSED THE MITE GOAL! You are all so very wonderful in all that you do for God and His people. You humble me.

Voting by e-mail the delegates voted to make the mission goal \$105,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022. They chose 6 mission grants to fund this coming year. These mission grants and the bulletin bytes to promote them will be on the website soon. They have already been sent to the zone presidents.

Many of you had "watch parties" for the district convention and collected items for local and national entities. I pray that you enjoyed your fellowship with each other, and God blessed your time together. You certainly are a great gift to all those you serve with your time, talents, and mites. I also pray that next year we can be together in Springfield for our 77th District Convention. I missed seeing all of you in person.

Our next big event will be the National LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky from June 24th through the 27th. Those of you attending as delegates will be voting for mission grants online this next week. All those who are attending will get to see the awesome ways that God uses our mites throughout the world. For those of you who are unable to attend, the convention will be live, and you may watch it as it happens. The mission walk will also have a virtual component to it this year. If you would like to do a walk with your groups to help raise mite dollars, please go to LWML.org and look under the Convention Central tab to see how you may participate. Those submitting pictures of their walk before June 4th will get to be at the convention by photo! You may also give convention offerings to the 4 recipients online. Go under the same tab for this information.

President Laura's Message Continued

After our return from the National Convention, it will be a quick three weeks until our district board meeting. We will certainly have a full plate in planning our Fall Rallies for the second and third weeks of September this year. Our theme this year is "All things are possible with Faith". We look forward to having several 75th Anniversary celebrations at our rallies as we did not get to have them at our conventions in 2020 and 2021. You will have a lot to look forward to as your zone presidents relay all these details after the July board meeting.

Our retreat will follow soon after on October 9th and 10th, 2021. "Grab Your shoes and Go" will be the theme for the weekend. I am sure that all of us will be uplifted in our retreat.

With all that we have to look forward to, I pray that we stay focused on our mission. Jesus' gift of salvation for us through His death on the cross and resurrection is still the main message we want to spread to all our neighbors, friends, and family. I pray that as we "get to" do all these things to promote the gospel, we do it with hearts full of joy and love for the Lord. My greatest joy is to serve Him in any way He needs me. May God bless us as we "Run the Race...Looking to Jesus".

Your Servant,

Laura Strattman

LWML CID President

Jacksonville Zone



The Salem Jacksonville's Ladies Guild held an in-gathering of supplies needed for "In His Service." Theresa Schroeder is founder and president of this not-for-profit organization which is housed in Jacksonville. She is shown in the photo with bags filled with health supplies and needed items that were donated by the Guild. Ms. Schroeder was the missionary speaker at the Jacksonville Fall Zone Rally held in Beardstown last September. The Ladies Guild continues to support Ms. Schroeder's commitment to collect and deliver donations of healthcare items and basic family supplies through mission trips across the globe. Two hundred and twenty-two items were donated and delivered in February.

Banner Schedule

2021-2022 Banner Schedule for the National Convention Banner

May 2021	Springfield (14)	Debbie Rodenburg 217-725-9074 deborahodenburg@sbcglobal.net
August 2021	Jacksonville (6)	Rita Tendick 217-476-5017 ritatendick@hotmail.com
October 2021	Bloomington (9)	Karla Hasler 309-824-4363 Karlajo54@yahoo.com
January 2022	Peoria/Pekin (11)	Barb Jennings 618-771-2397 Barbjennings154@gmail.com
April 2022	Quincy (9)	Laurie Bronson 217-617-7267 Nicen622@gmail.com
July 2022	Rock Island (10) HOME	Mary Donegan 309-781-2632 Doneganm75@yahoo.com

(This is the banner from the National Convention in Mobile in 2019.)

NOTE: If there are any problems with transfer, please give Sue a call at (217-341-2420), and she will make arrangements to complete the transfer. Thank you for your patience.

Upcoming Events

National Convention – June 24-27 in Lexington, Kentucky

CID Executive and District Board Meeting – July 19-20 at Camp Cilca

Fall Rallies – Second and third weeks in September

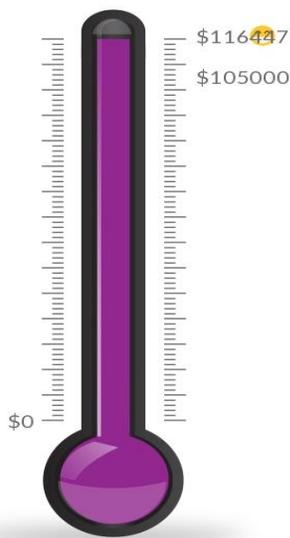
Retreat at Camp Cilca – October 9-10

Next Clarion Deadline is August 25!

National Mite Goal Surpassed

We praise God for the blessings He pours out on LWML through the faithful mite giving of gracious givers. Total mite offerings as of March 31 are \$2,204,724.55 for the 2019–2021 biennium, over and above the National LWML Mission Goal by \$104,724.55! Those extra offerings will support the 2021–2023 LWML Mission Grants, which will be voted on by LWML delegates from all corners of the United States at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, on June 24–27.

Central Illinois District Mite Goal Surpassed



Since I was unable to be at the convention due to being in quarantine, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support of last year's Mission Grants. I was truly very humbled, proud, and weepy when I was told WE, with the help of God, met and even exceeded the \$105,000 goal!!

May God use each of us in the next year to continue HIS work! We need to remember that through Him all things are possible.

Serving through LWML,
Pat Heinecke
VP of Mission Grants

Nominations Needed

In this issue of The Clarion, you will find candidate suggestion forms for the following elected positions: Vice-President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants; Treasurer; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Pastoral Counselor. Please review the qualifications for each position. If you know someone who could do the job while making friends and sharing laughs, please submit their names. The Nominating Committee will contact any candidates to determine their interest in serving. Names must be submitted by [October 31st](#). Stuff Mary Denham's mailbox and submit names early and submit names often! Thanks!

2022 Nominating Committee:
Mary Denham, Chairman
Cherie Engelbart
Brenda Hendricks
Velma Price
Mary Zumwalt

CANDIDATE SUGGESTIONS
DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE SUGGESTIONS: October 31st

MAIL THIS CANDIDATE SUGGESTION FORM TO:

Mary Denham
36 Westwood Terrace, Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 620-0042 (cell), marydenham@ymail.com

Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Mission Grants (4-year term)

Name _____ () Ability to speak well.
Address _____ () Ability to organize.
City/Zip _____ () Knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
Phone _____ () Able to attend meetings and give
reasonable amount of time to office.
Church Member at _____
() Knowledge of basic computer skills..

Additional Comments _____

Recording Secretary (4 year term)

Name _____ () Ability to record the proceedings of the
various meetings of the district League
and of the Convention.
Address _____ () Accessibility to office machines and have
the knowledge of their use.
City/Zip _____ () Able to attend meetings and give reasonable
amount of time to office.
Phone _____
Church Member at _____

Additional Comments _____

Please check those qualifications which apply to the suggested candidate. Under “additional comments” list past experience in local, zone and district offices/committee work. All candidates chosen will be contacted before her/his name is placed on the ballot.

Corresponding Secretary (4 year term)

Name _____

() Ability to communicate through written, accurate correspondence.

Address _____

() Accessibility to office machines and have the knowledge of their use.

City/Zip _____

() Able to attend meetings and give reasonable amount of time to office.

Phone _____

Church Member at _____

Additional Comments _____

Treasurer (4 year term)

Name _____

() Ability to maintain accurate record keeping of all disbursements

Address _____

() Able to submit written financial reports to the Board of Directors and at annual convention.

City/Zip _____

() Able to attend meetings and give reasonable amount of time to office.

Phone _____

Church Member at _____

Additional Comments _____

Counselor (4 year term)

Name _____

() Pastor of the CID-LCMS serving in the parish ministry

Address _____

() Interested in promoting the objectives of the LWML and serving the League in an advisory capacity

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

() Able to attend Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, rallies, and district conventions and give reasonable amount of time to office.

Pastor of Church at _____

Additional Comments _____

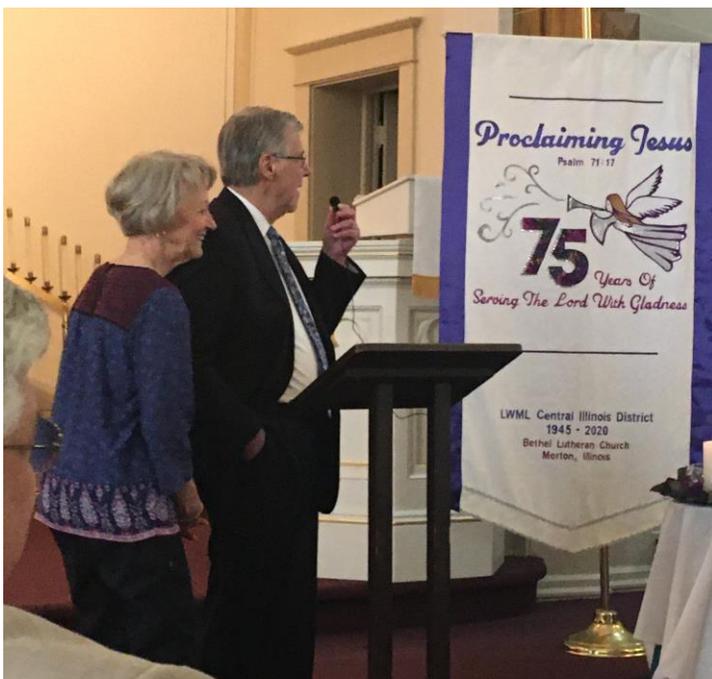


Thank you for “Serving the Lord with Gladness.”

CID Virtual Convention



The Virtual CID Convention was recorded at Trinity Lutheran Church in Arenzville, Illinois on May 1st. Pictured above on the left is Laura Strattman, president, who called the meeting to order. Pictured above in the middle is Cheryl Long, corresponding secretary, who played the organ for the few in attendance to sing. Pictured above on the right is Pastor Mohr, pastoral counselor, who led the Bible Study. Pictured below on the left are Pastor Rudy Schaser and his wife, Dorothy, who spoke on their mission experiences in Madagascar. Their presentation showed schools and buildings that were built with past grant funds. Pictured below on the right is Stephanie Meats, YWR, who presented little dresses made by the ladies at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Berlin to the speakers to take on their mission adventures.



Thank You to Technology Assistants



Without the technology crew the virtual convention would not have been possible. Thank you so much to the ladies who used their skills to record so that many LWML members who could not attend could be a part of the convention! Pictured from the left are Kristi Hosea, CID Recording Secretary, Jessica Strattman Stock, daughter of Laura Strattman, CID President, and Dawn Zerkel, CID Technology Chairman.

THthankyou!**!**

In-Gatherings

Wow! Despite the lack of an in-person CID Convention, the LMML Zones have done an amazing job with in-gatherings. They have collected more than 200 quilts, 300 little dresses, hundreds of school supplies, and many personal care kits for Orphan Grain Train! Some have collected items for food pantries as well.

Thank you to Deloris Blessman and Alice Meeker for helping take four loads to Orphan Grain Train collection site. Effingham/ Shelby Zone also collected many supplies and helped deliver to the Orphan Grain Train collection site.

If you still have donations, please send them with your Zone President to the July Board meeting. If you have not sent me a list of your in-gatherings, please do so by **July 1**. A big THANK YOU from Orphan Grain Train for all your donations!

Sharol Bolton,
Human Care Chairwoman

Selected Mission Grants

The LWML CID is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2021-2022 of \$105,000 with \$78,750 for district grants and the remaining funds to national mission grants. As funds become available throughout the year, the mission grants will be paid in the following order. Updates will be available at www.lwmlcid.org. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

1. Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000
2. Food Banks at St. Louis & Ft. Wayne Seminaries - \$10,000
3. Expanding Access at Camp CILCA - \$16,000
4. Filling Haitian Tummies – Trinity HOPE - \$5,000
5. Resourcing and Restructuring CID Prison Ministry - \$10,000
6. Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Uganda – partial funding of \$7,750