

# *The Clarion*

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### **President Cheryl's Post**

***“With The Lord Begin your task; Jesus will direct it. For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it. Ev-‘ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended, In His name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.” LSB 869 vs.1***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I send you special greetings via the Clarion as your new LWML CID President. While many before me have used Bible verses in the banner here, I chose a hymn verse. I love church hymn music, and as such it has gone through my head each and every time I sit at my desk to gather my thoughts and tackle an LWML ‘job’. I thought it appropriate to use here also. I have asked ladies to serve as appointed officers and received joyful acceptances. Thanks to all, both those who held these positions prior and those who accepted new positions. It is a joy to work with these Gospel -and mission -minded women.

We all survived the first board meeting with many items being discussed and information given. Our first upcoming events will be the Fall Rallies. The two weeks of September will find each zone focusing on **Seek the Lord** from Hosea 10:12. We will hear from two Orphan Grain Train speakers and from Rev. Martin Eden about a Uganda mission. Counselor Rev. Meyer has provided a Bible study for us. Annie Guerrettaz and I look forward to meeting with the zones to share the Central Illinois District LWML news.

Our next event will be the Fall Retreat, held October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Camp Cilca. **Experience the JOY -Then SHARE IT!** This is a new Bible study/Retreat from LWML. The registration form may be found in this edition of the Clarion.

While April 25-26, 2025 seems a far-fetched idea now, the ladies of the Lincoln Zone have been working to get the district convention in order. **Planting Seeds of Faith**, based on 1 Cor 3:6 is the theme. Much work is being done to make this an uplifting convention for all.

As I bring this first article to a close, my thoughts are with this nation. We hear political squabbling every day. No, not ‘squabbling’ as that is quarreling noisily over trivial matters. Vicious attacks by opposing political parties are what you hear. Pray that common sense by American voters steps in. Pray that leaders chosen to serve are driven by God-based thoughts for the betterment of our country. Get out your hymn book and pray LSB hymn 965, “God Bless Our Native Land” and pray LSB hymn 966, “Before You, Lord, We Bow.” Take comfort from this verse of the Bible, “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” Psalm 118:1. As we pray this prayer following a meal, my 98 year old dad is *very deliberate* in saying the words “endures forever”.

Get out your Bible and read Romans 13 and Psalm 29, 133, and 146. Our nation needs our prayers and examples of Christ based lives.

I look forward to seeing you at the Rallies and the Fall Retreat.

May God bless your LWML summer.

Your Sister in Christ, Cheryl Long

## Trinity Lutheran Springfield – Bunco Night

The Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid held a Bunco Night for Missions on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Orphan Grain Train – October 26th

Orphan Grain Train will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield, 62704 on Saturday, October 26th from 9 to 11 AM. It is easiest to go to website [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) to find items accepted and packaging instructions.

***Please note: we are also scheduled for them to be at our Lincoln District Convention April 2025.***

## **Young Women Representative**

It's that time of year, as we prepare for the upcoming National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 2025 that we need to start thinking of young women candidates to represent the Central Illinois District. Applications are due to Stephanie Flesner, the Young Women Chairman, by September 30, 2024. An ideal candidate is a young woman between the ages of 22 and 35 that is interested in learning more about LWML or getting involved in the LWML. No experience or knowledge of the LWML is necessary, just someone who is interested in supporting the mission and being a part of its growth. The application to be a Young Women Representative is located on the LWML CID website, [www.lwmlcid.org](http://www.lwmlcid.org).

## **National LWML Convention Bus Trip**

The Central Illinois District will once again be hosting a Charter Bus to the LWML National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The bus will depart for the convention on Wednesday June 25, 2025 and will return home on Sunday June 29, 2025 after the Convention adjourns.

Expected cost is \$150.00 per person, depending on the number of passengers.

Any Questions, please contact Annie Guerrettaz, VP of Christian Life; Phone: 618-367-1585 and email [vpcl@lwmlcid.org](mailto:vpcl@lwmlcid.org).

## **Next Deadline for Clarion is October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**This edition will contain articles on  
the rallies, retreat, and some more “Get to know your LWML Board  
Members”**

**LWML National Convention – 2025  
In Omaha, Nebraska**

# LWML Board Member Spotlight

## **President, Cheryl Long**

Hi! It's Cheryl, your district president. I have always lived with my dad in the house where I am now. We are located about 25 minutes southwest of Camp Cilca. Not sure who keeps track of who! I am the oldest of four with two sisters and one brother. I am blessed with two nieces and six nephews and nine great nieces and four great nephews. Makes for a full house at Christmas time. My brother and sister and nine of the greats live within my country block. My other sister is a Lutheran minister's wife and so her family of 3 sons is in a couple different states. Almost 40 years were spent enjoyably working at a local family-owned bank. I retired in 2018. But yes, I do recommend retirement! I am a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in New Berlin, where I have served as organist for many years. I have enjoyed travel, primarily it began as baseball trips to follow the Cardinals. It led to many other bus trips to destinations all over the USA. Australia and New Zealand were unforgettable trips as well. Cruising was a favorite mode of travel for my friend Linda and I, having taken more than 40 cruises. Covid has put a damper on our travels. As for LWML life, I have held offices in my guild and been zone president twice. On the district level, I have served twice as corresponding secretary, served a shortened term as VP Gospel Outreach & Mission Grants. I was asked at my guild meeting, when or why I got into LWML leadership. My sister PROMPTLY answered- 'She's always been bossy.' I am sure THAT explains it! As president, I hope to keep us focused on spreading the Gospel! Throughout our district, the nation and worldwide.

## **Clarion Editor, Stephanie Meats**

Greetings as your new Clarion Editor! As the Clarion Editor, I thought this would be a great opportunity for our Elected and Appointed Board Members to share a little about themselves with the LWML CID ladies. We are doing the work behind the scenes and it's important for LWML CID ladies to know a little about the ladies doing the work. Also, this is a great opportunity to see where you could serve in the future.

I am married with 2 daughters; one is entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Trinity Lutheran School Springfield, IL and my oldest is entering her sophomore year at Lutheran High School, Springfield, IL...yes the one that sunk but we are excited about land being purchased and the prospects of a new High School. Even though my daughters attend/attended Trinity Lutheran School, I am a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church New Berlin. I am very active in both St. Johns and Trinity Lutheran Church as I believe having a strong value in faith is what we need now more than ever and I want to instill that value in my children and along with all of God's children. I was not involved in LWML until I returned back to Central Illinois after living in Chicago for 14 ½ years after graduating college. When I returned back to Central Illinois I knew I need to be more involved in the Church especially raising 2 little girls. When I returned home my mom encouraged me to get involved in LWML but it was Cheryl Long who gave me the extra push and recommended me to apply for the LWML YWR to Albuquerque New Mexico. I love the mission of the LWML and being a part of it. Since serving as your LWML CID YWR in Albuquerque, I've served on the LWML CID Board as an appointed officer as the Technology Chairman and the YWR Chairman. I look forward to continue serving the Lord through the mission of the LWML.

# Fall Retreat – October 4-5, 2024



**LWML CID FALL Retreat**

**October 4-5, 2024**

**At Camp CILCA**

**Registration Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning @ 5:00pm**

**Meal @ 6:00pm Retreat will start @ 7:00pm**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast @ 8:00am**

**Retreat will start @ 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Come share in fellowship and 3 session bible study learning how God's JOY can act like shock absorbers to the bumps we encounter here on earth and in service to others.**



**Registration Form:**

**Please, try to Include Roommates Form in one envelope.**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate Suggestions: Christian Growth Center 3 per room**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday and Saturday: \$50; Friday & Saturday Commuters or Campers: \$40; Saturday only: \$35**

**Make checks payable to LWML-CID**

**Registration Deadline September 23, 2024**

Send Registration forms to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567