

## **A Message from President Cheryl**

*Lutheran Women, young and old, Well we know His challenge bold:*

*Help to take the Gospel light To a world in darkest night,*

*By example in the home, By inviting those who roam,*

*By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for missions' cost.*

Lutheran Women, One and All vs.2

Is that tune stuck in your head now? Do you remember who helped plant it there? Planting and Growing will be themes of our conventions this year. We who are of the LWML have had the seed planted at different times of our lives. Growth is a continual thing. At our district convention, Missionary Gary of Mission Central will speak about planting the seed via missionaries all over the world. The Omaha convention will address each of us growing in God's grace. These are wonderful opportunities to share our thoughts and blessings and renew acquaintances we have made in our LWML journeys. Our district convention in Lincoln will have breakout session leaders who have been funded at various times by our mites. Delegates will also be selecting mite grants for the upcoming fiscal year. Each of you has access to these grant proposals either here in this Clarion or from your group president. Prayerfully consider them and let your delegate know your thoughts about them. I look forward to seeing familiar faces at both conventions.

As April approaches, some farmers will have finished planting and some will still be working at it. Much like those farmers, we of the LWML have continuous fields to plant; Continuous opportunities to share the saving Gospel. When we reach June, those farmers will be looking for growth. Omaha will be a place of inspiration to dig deeper into the Word, of nourishment to share with others God's love, of encouragement to support missions with joy. As with the seasons, there will be a time of harvest. You and I may not see the actual harvest of souls but know that it is there. And then, the seasons roll and start again. Always seeds to be planted and growth and nourishment to be enjoyed.

Can you sing that third verse now? Working for the Lord above, Till our earthly labors done, We in heaven shall all be one. Blessings as you join us in convention or contemplate with us from your homes.

***LWML Central Illinois District Convention April 25<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup> Lincoln, Illinois***

***Planting Seeds of Faith 1Corinthians 3:6 – 7***

***LWML National Convention June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> Omaha, Nebraska***

***Growing in God's Grace 2 Peter 3:18***

# LWML CID Zone Activities

## Lincoln Zone

Lincoln Zone Fall LWML Rally was held September 19, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Havana.

Rev. Martin Eden told us of the founding and growth of Our Savior Lutheran School in Magamaga, Uganda.

Rev. Matt Schneider, Jr, our LWML CID Jr. Counselor led us in the Bible Study, "Seek the Lord." Our LWML CID President, Cheryl Long informed us of things happening in the district. The Ingathering was items and monetary donations to the Havana Area Food Bank. 42 attendees enjoyed a delicious catered lunch.

## Springfield Zone

### Lutheran Women in Mission - 2024



The LWML Ladies Aid and Women With Mission from Trinity Lutheran Springfield, Illinois celebrating LWML Sunday during the Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> Church Services.



On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, members of Women With Mission, Trinity, Springfield's evening LWML group, served dinner for the families staying at the Springfield Ronald McDonald House. Approximately 15 families enjoyed a dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, fruit tray, and a variety of desserts including ice cream bars, brownies and cookies. The families were very appreciative of a hot meal after spending the day at the hospital with their sick child. Women With Mission exemplified "serving the Lord with gladness" on this Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

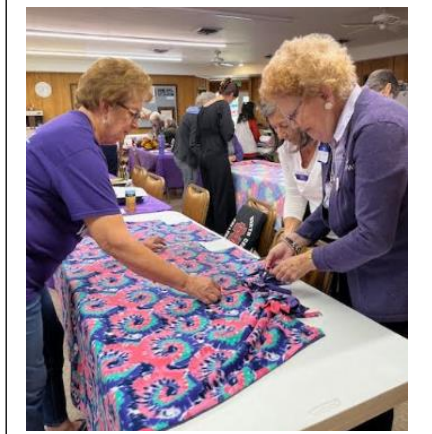
## LWML National Convention in Omaha Delegates



At the LWML CID Board meeting held on Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Cilca the following delegates for the LWML National Convention in Omaha Nebraska were presented with a check to represent the district during the National Convention in Omaha.

# ***LWML Fall Retreat – October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2024***

On Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, the LWML CID held their annual Fall Retreat at Camp Cilca. This year's theme was ***Experience the JOY and then Share it.*** There was 51 ladies in attendance. The ladies enjoyed fellowship, a bible study, and supporting cancer patients through Phil's Friends. The ingathering for the retreat was for Phil's Friends along with a collection for Orphan Grain Train's Hurricane Helen relief.



LWML CID President Cheryl Long presenting a donation to Camp Cilca Director, Josh Theilen on February 25<sup>th</sup> during the Quarterly Board meeting. The LWML CID Executive Board recommends that the LWML CID donate \$500.00 to the Camp Cilca Annual Banquet being held March 30, 2025. The LWML CID Board approved the recommendation.

Also, the LWML CID Executive Board recommended donating \$750.00 to Camp Cilca in recognition their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The LWML CID Board approved the recommendation.

# LWML Mites at Work



Check presentation to Rev. Michael Mohr, LCMS CID Springfield President for Student Aid for Church Workers



Check presentation to Rich Harkins, Lutheran High School for Bibles for All



Check presentation to Deloris Blessman, Children's Books for LLL State Fair Booth

Thank you to all the generous LWML'ers who has given their mites to fund the first five of our eight 2024-2025 mission grants. The grants already fully funded are:

1. Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000
2. Deaconess Kim Bueltmann - \$10,000
3. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families-Chaplain Wives - \$10,000
4. Bibles for All for Springfield Lutheran High School - \$5,000
5. Children's Books for the LLL State Fair Booth - \$4,000

So, let us get those mite boxes full again and mite monies mailed in no later than March 15 to Financial Secretary, Lea Stuckemeyer (504 E 1700<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beecher City 62414). That way our last three mission grants will be fully funded. They are:

6. Large Print Bibles for St. John's Braille Center - \$12,000
7. Servants of the Gospel through Dots and Words - \$10,000
8. Bible Story Books for Ghana's Children - \$1,500

Our fiscal year ends March 31 so all mite monies need to be in quickly. So please help get these grants funded and the national LWML portion paid also. With God's help and yours we can accomplish this! Together we can do it!

Serving the Lord through the LWML,

Pat Heinecke, Vice President of Mission Grants

# LWML CID Convention Central – April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>



The Lincoln Zone invites you to join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for our 80th annual LWML CID Convention to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Zion Lutheran School, 1600 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln. Parking will be in the Farm & Home Supply parking lot across the street (south) from Zion Lutheran School. There will be a shuttle to bring you to the school's front door. The convention will begin at 8:45 am. Registration and morning refreshments will start at 7:45 am. Lunch will be a catered meal.

Our theme for this year's convention, "Planting Seeds of Faith," is based on 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." All praise should be given to God for the people in our lives who planted the seed of faith in our hearts. We are honored to have Gary Thies from LCMS Mission Central in Iowa as our keynote speaker. Our National LWML representative will be President Eden Keefe.

One of our "Gifts from the Heart" recipients will be the Orphan Grain Train who will have a truck in the Farm & Home Supply parking lot Saturday morning. Also, monetary donations for LCMS Disaster Response- Strategic Use Fund will be collected during the morning convention session. Please see included flyer for more details and map for various locations.

Pre-convention servant events and Friday evening activities will take place Friday, April 25, at Zion Lutheran Church, 205 Pulaski Street in Lincoln beginning at 1:00 pm. Please see the included flyer for important information about the opportunities you can serve. A freewill offering meal will be served at 5:00 followed by a worship service with communion at 6:15 pm. The evening will conclude with fellowship activities.



Activities include:

1. Knotting quilts
2. Marking Bibles
3. Assembling zipper pull packets
4. Making cards for Phil's Friends
5. Reading at Zion Lutheran School (first 10 registrations received will get to go)

*Snacks and drinks will be provided by the ladies of the church*

## **Servant Events**

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Zion Lutheran Church  
205 Pulaski Street, Lincoln

## LWML CID Convention Central – Mite Grant Proposals

LWML CID Board of Directors recommends the following to the LWML CID Convention delegates:

A Mission Goal of \$110,000 for 2025-2026 with twenty-five percent (25%) for National projects and seventy-five percent (75%) for CID projects to be voted on by the delegates and prioritized by the number of votes.

The 2025 LWML CID Convention Delegates will vote for five (5) mission projects.

1. CID Dollars for Mission -----\$25,000
2. Student Aid for Church Workers -----\$30,000
3. Our Savior Lutheran School in Uganda-----\$15,000
4. Building up the Visually Impaired through Faith-Sharing Activities-----\$ 5,000
5. Healing Spaces for At-Risk Children -----\$10,000
6. LCMS Disaster Relief-----\$10,000
7. Hannah House in Russia-----\$10,000
8. MomCo Program of Trinity Lutheran Springfield-----\$ 2,500
9. "In Every Tongue" -----\$ 6,000
10. Annual Campus Ministry Conference (3 Years Costs) ----- \$ 6,000
11. Just for Moms----- \$ 3,544
12. Trinity Lutheran School Scholarships Springfield-----\$ 7,500

## LWML CID Convention Central – Break out Sessions

### Saturday Morning Breakout Sessions (delegates & voting members cannot do morning sessions) Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices

1. \_\_\_ Eden Keefe, LWML President – Engaging ladies in our congregations into LWML
2. \_\_\_ Pastor Joshua Theilen, Camp Cilca – "The Kingdom of God Comes: Praying the Lord's Prayer"
3. \_\_\_ Peter Gnan, OGT – Aid to disaster areas and the kindness of God's people to help
4. \_\_\_ Rev. Thomas Fischer, Lutheran Heritage Foundation – Mites at work in the world
5. \_\_\_ Effingham Braille Printing
6. \_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, LCMS CID Evangelism & Missions – Ways we can be better witness
7. \_\_\_ Chaplain Craig Muehler, Chaplain Ministry to the Armed Forces – Operation Barnabas

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4. \_\_\_ Rev. Thomas Fischer, Lutheran Heritage Foundation – From prayer to print to praise!
5. \_\_\_ Effingham Braille Printing
6. \_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, LCMS CID Evangelism & Missions – Mission outreaches and how funded
7. \_\_\_ Chaplain Craig Muehler, Chaplain Ministry to the Armed Forces – Operation Barnabas