

WOMEN'S MISSION GUILD

The Women's Mission Guild at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a local society of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Our purpose is to help women grow spiritually, to encourage and equip women to reach out in love, and to provide opportunities for helping others. We aim to support each woman of the church as they find ways to "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

LWML

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Founded in 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

The Official Pledge of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have, and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing services, whenever and wherever He hath need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

The national LWML holds conventions every two years, where we gather together to worship, have Bible Studies, hear missionary reports, and enjoy fellowship with LWML sisters from around the country. A highlight of each convention is selecting mission grants and national officers. The National and District Mission Grants are listed on pages 13 and 14. The next National LWML convention will be at the Lexington, KY in June of 2021.

There are 40 districts in LWML that hold their conventions in even numbered years. The Iowa East District also sponsors a retreat at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA each fall, plus leadership seminars and other special events. LWML is further divided into zones to communicate more directly with societies. Each Zone holds a rally in the spring and fall. Responsibility for hosting district conventions and retreats are rotated among the zones. The Women's Mission Guild is a member of the Cedar Rapids Zone.

Please join us! Our regular meetings are on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. We have devotions, a featured program, short business meeting and fellowship during a meal or dessert. We also invite you to participate in any of our projects described in this booklet.

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2019-2020 SCHEDULE - LWML GUILD

<u>2019</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	TIME
August 17	Road Trip – Amana	
August 25	Gonzalez-Feliciano Baby Shower	12:00pm
September 6-7	IED Fall Retreat at Io-Dis-E-Ca	
September 16	Salad Potluck Campership Recipients Speak National Convention Report Devotions: Donna Saehler Hostesses: Kathy Eick Marilyn Albright	6:00 pm
October 6	LWML Sunday - assist at Sunday services Honey Sale to support Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch begins	
October 12	Fall Zone Rally	
October 14	Lutheran World Relief Packing	6:00 pm
October 19	World Relief Pickup 8:30ar	m – 12:00pm
October 21	Bible Study Vicar Gonzalez-FelicianoDevotions:Carol SchuldtHostesses:Tiffany RoiselandCynthia Fruendt	7:00 pm
November 18	Sheila Alt - Cookie Decorating Devotions: Cynthia Fruendt Hostesses: Beth Hargens Sharon Hintze	7:00 pm
December 7	Christmas Cookie Walk 9:00 a Chairs: Brenda Johnson Donna Saehler	m – 11:00 am
December 9	Board Meeting –	7:00 pm
December 16	LWML Christmas Party Fellowship Hall Devotions: Hostesses:	7:00 pm
December 18	Advent Supper – Serving Committee Chili	5:10 pm

<u>2020</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	TIME
January	No Meeting	
February 17	Bunco Night for Mites Need nominating committee for president & secretary Devotions: Tiffany Roiseland Hostesses: Marlyce Hollis Kathy Folkmann	7:00 pm
March 16	Houses Into Homes Nominations for officers Devotions: Hostesses: Bev Prem Laurel Sellers	7:00 pm
March 18	Lenten Meal Serving Committee	5:10 pm
April 13	LWR Packing	6:00 pm
April 18	Spring World Relief pickup	elief Romise.
April 20	Linda Diggelmann –Plantings Walk About Devotions: Bev Prem Hostesses: Brenda Johnson Sandy Wagner Lynne Westphal	7:00 pm
April 25	Tasting BeeChairpersons:Jennifer Kooker, Donna Saehler, Sandy Wagner, Lynne Westphal	11:00 am
May 2	Spring Zone Rally Hosted by Our Redeemer	
May 11	Board Meeting – Board Room 2020-2021 Calendar Planning	7:00 pm
May 18	Ladies Night Out – Devotions:	6:00 pm
June 12-13	40th Biennial LWML-IED Convention Theme – " <i>Under His Wings</i> " Psalm 91:4b	
July	No meetings	
August TBA	Road Trip –	
September 21	Salad Potluck IED Convention Report Devotions: Hostesses: Marilyn Albright	6:00 pm

OUR REDEEMER LWML COMMITTEES

Baptismal Banners

Every child Baptized in a church service is presented with a handmade felt banner to remind the child and family of the new life in Christ. Each banner is 15" x 20", showing the child's name and date of Baptism, and a descending dove signifying the Holy Spirit working faith in the child. The banner background is white, and the felt lettering is usually in the liturgical color of the time of the church year.

Card Shop

This service project is to supply low cost Christian messages of hope concern, encouragement and joy. The Card Shop is located on the lower level in the hallway near the entrance to the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Please pay for your item by putting your money in the Card Shop black collection box on the wall to the left of the display shelves. Kathy Folkmann ~ 354-0480

Christian Growth/Membership Development

This committee encourages spiritual growth through devotions and Bible study. We distribute Lutheran Women's Quarterly and Iowa East District Alive. This committee also sends encouragement or sympathy cards to Our Redeemer members. Beverly Prem ~ 338-2071

<u>Historian</u>

The Historian takes pictures, gathers, organizes and preserves historic material regarding current projects and events. The historian is responsible for updating the LWML bulletin board so the women of Our Redeemer may be informed on Mission Guild activities.

Beth Hargens ~ 337-4655

Laurel Sellers ~ 331-3242

<u>Kitchen</u>

This committee is charged with organizing the annual cleaning and coordinating the stocking of our church kitchen. They will also keep the Trustees abreast of any required repairs. Want to help? Dianna Reuter ~ 351-4785

<u>Library</u>

The Church Library provides Christian resources to the members of Our Redeemer. The goal is to furnish a balance of materials and subjects for all ages. These collections become available through donations, along with monetary funding. New purchases are carefully selected by the church librarian and the Pastor. Part of the library materials are located in room 208-210, for adult studies. The main library holds books of many subjects, including Christian fiction, non-fiction, children & juniors. Family videos are also available. A card system has been established for checking out materials. The check out and return rules can be found at the library desk area. Kelli Kucera ~ 512-6789 & Shana Stuart ~ 337-9465

Mission Service/Quilting (includes Comfort-Tiers)

This group collects and organizes donations for the different Lutheran World Relief kits (School, Baby Care, Personnel Health and Fabric), Box Tops and Labels for Education, and used eye glasses for different mission projects. Used adult (sizes L on up) T-shirts are collected for making diapers for said kits.

Sandy Wagner ~ 338-1710 & Lynne Westphal ~ 338-3197

Serving/Hospitality

This committee coordinates the team of church members for each luncheon request—mainly funerals. Our goal is to provide a tasteful and satisfying lunch for the bereaved family and friends. If you would like to volunteer to be on the call list for donations or assistance, please contact Marilyn Albright at 351-2587 or Cynthia Fruendt at 338-5546.

Comfort-tiers (pronounced 'tears')

The Comfort-tiers are a group of ladies who tie quilts most Thursday mornings from 9:00 am - 11:45 am-come at any time, leave any time, depending on your schedule. Scissors, size 10 crochet thread, needles, and quilt tops, etc. are provided for us to tie. If you wish, bring your own portable sewing machine, and/or use the one sewing machine available to sew edgings, etc. Coffee and a snack are available with a short devotion and prayer afterwards. These quilt tops are made at home by anyone who would like to volunteer to sew. Elevated tables are used to save our back!

Preferred material and fabric is cotton or cotton/polyester for the quilt tops. For the middle of the quilt we can use almost any kind, (sheets, pillow cases, tablecloths, curtains, drapes, sewing scraps, or out dated clothing. These can be stained, torn, or thin fabrics. Sturdier sheets usually serve as backs and sometimes also as the tops. Completed size is 60 inches by 80 inches.

We appreciate any donations for funding of these quilt materials. Shop at your local thrift store or garage sales for good deals, and we also serve Sunday coffee to help pay for these items. Donations can be deposited in bins labeled Quilting Donations Comfort-Tiers along the east wall of the Fellowship Hall. The finished quilts are boxed for Lutheran World Relief spring and fall pick ups. Others are given to different charities, such as Domestic Violence, Homeless Shelter, Crisis Center, Salvation Army, Goodwill, fire or storm victims, Ronald McDonald House, and Orphan Grain Train.

Our group makes school kit bags, and also makes diapers from XL or larger cotton t-shirts, for the Baby Care Kits. These all go to Lutheran World Relief.

JOIN US for some fun socializing, being in God's Word, and serving the Lord by making QUILTS for
those in need.Lillian Moyer ~ 354-5644Carol Schuldt ~ 338-4806



Kathy Folkmann, Linda Diggelmann, Carol Schuldt, Corinne Shoer, Cheryll Davisson, Betty Redeker, Marlys Hollis, Dixie Walker, Florence Miller, Laurel Sellers, Shirley Losby, Lillian Moyer, Bev Prem, Marge Lemke, Beth Benson



Not pictured: Diana Bowman, Ruth Langehough

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Hymn

(sung to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers")

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Is there greater joy Than to serve the Master, deigning to employ Us to build His Kingdom? Angels, too, rejoice Over every sinner brought to heed His voice. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Glorify His Name!

"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Us He gave command To proclaim His Gospel now in every land. So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blessed; Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Glorify His Name!



Lutheran World Relief Kits—Here is a list of what is needed or there are lists of the items needed for the kits on the card table across the kitchen to take in your purse when shopping the 'good' sales. Please only donate the listed items, nothing extra, and place in blue tubs across from the kitchen to be counted later.

School Kits need (all new)

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8x10 ½"; no loose leaf paper. One 30cm/inches ruler One pencil sharpener One blunt scissors Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secured with rubber band Five ballpoint pens (no gel), secured with rubber band One box of 16 or 24 crayons One 2 ½' eraser Backpacks are sewn for these items to go into

<u>Baby Care Kits</u> need (items can be gently used, with no stains or tears) Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (we can also hem up onesies into shirts) Two long or short sleeved nightgowns or sleepers, preferably without feet (feet can be cut off/hemmed) Two bath-size bars gentle soap (4-5oz) Two pairs of baby socks One jacket/sweater with hood or else baby cap added Four diapers (most we sew from T-shirts) One hand towel, dark color preferred Two receiving blankets of flannel or cotton, or knit/crocheted up to 52"

Personal Care Kits need

One light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), dark color preferred Two bath-size bars soap in original wrappings, any brand (4-5oz) One adult sized toothbrush in wrapping or from multipacks with each in a business sized envelope One sturdy comb One metal nail clippers

Fabric Kits need

Two pieces of cotton/cotton blends fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) measuring 2 ¼ yards/60" wide or 3 yards/44/45" wide or 4 yards/ 36" wide

Two spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread (or several smaller spools), totaling 250-300 yards for each piece of fabric

Each kit costs about \$1.60 to ship and LWR spends about \$1.7 million annually. The generosity of donors helps LWR distribute \$14 million worth of Kits annually. The cost to mail a quilt is \$2.65.

Thank you very, very much!







Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Corner of First Avenue and Court Street, Iowa City

Delicious Homemade Cookies & Candies are Personally Selected by the Customers!



Camperships to Camp IO-DIS-E-CA

<u>Camperships must be approved by Laurel Sellers before going to Camp</u>. The Mission Guild will pay for one-third of the cost (up to \$60) for someone to attend camp. Please call Laurel at 331-3242.

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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR LWML EVENTS

To encourage the women of the congregation to participate in enriching and faith-building women's events, the Mission Guild is establishing scholarships to help pay registration fees for those who attend the Zone Retreats, the Iowa District East LWML Conventions, and the National LWML Conventions.

The total amount to be spent on all women's scholarships is limited to \$600 per calendar year.

The Mission Guild will pay for 1/3 of the cost (up to \$20) for someone to attend a Fall Retreat.

The Mission Guild will pay for 1/3 the cost (up to \$40) for someone to attend a District Convention.

The Mission Guild will pay \$100 per person (up to 5 people) for someone to attend a National Convention. If more than 5 people are registered for the National Convention, the Mission Guild Board has the authority to divide the scholarship money available among the number of people attending. This same Board discretion will apply to District Conventions and Retreats if the scholarship money available does not cover the minimum cost of the scholarships for the number of people attending.

Scholarship recipients must pre-register for events and notify the Guild Treasurer, Laurel Sellers, prior to registration deadlines.

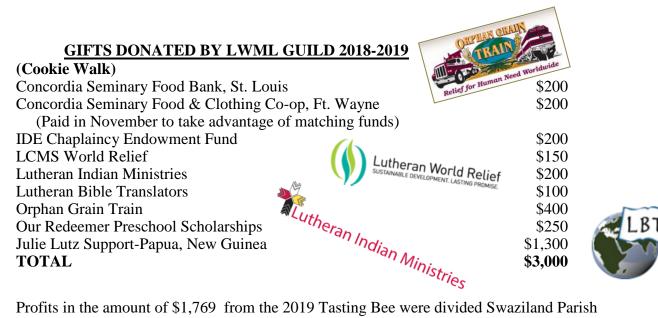
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LWML-IDE CONVENTION

Date: June 12-13, 2020 Location: Hotel at Kirkwood Center 7725 Kirkwood Boulevard SW Cedar Rapids, IA

Theme: "Under His Wings!"

Scripture Verse: *Under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield.* Psalm 91:4b



Profits in the amount of \$1,769 from the 2019 Tasting Bee were divided Swaziland Parish Nursing-\$589.67, Lutheran World Relief-\$294.83, UKANDU-\$294.83 and seminary student Greg Barto-\$589.67.

Lutheran World Relief received the following for the year of 2018-2019:

592 Quilts2 Fabric Kits1 Box Blankets

120 Personal Care Kits 24 Baby Care Kits 2 Fleece Blankets

72 School Kits \$50 Shipping



Quilts from Comfort-Tiers January – December 2018

Ronald McDonald House Homeless Shelter Domestic Violence Orphan Grain Train Convention Miscellaneous 59 Quilts
109 Quilts, 23 Blankets
85 Quilts, 10 Blankets, 5 Baby Blankets
225 Quilts, 38 Baby Blankets
13 Baby Blankets
16 Quilts, 3 Small Quilts
54 provided by other donors

Though the Campbell soup label program has ended, schools in lowa City are still participating in the Box Tops for Education so continue to collect and place in the basket on the LWML table in the downstairs hallway across from the kitchen.



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LWML COFFEES

Proceeds from the June, August, October, December, February and April coffees will go to district mites, 25% of which get passed on toward the national mission goal.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "*I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on*" (Mark 12:41-43).

LWML MITE BOXES

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6,651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes", some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thankoffering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to just tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then on the day of the meeting take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope and hand it to the secretary. Among the suggestions offered were:

- Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day.
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl in the box on meeting day.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

TIMES AND MITE BOXES CHANGE

Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. District still retains 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$1 million in mission grants.

OFFERINGS

Two offerings are taken each month during our meetings. One is to help support the financial obligations of the Guild, and one is for Mites. These are the projects currently underway (as of June):

Vote	2019–2021 National Mission Grants	Disbursed	Balance to Pay
1	Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya		80,000
2	Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries		100,000
3	Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries		100,000
4	God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry, Inc.		100,000
5	God's Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators		95,000
6	Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International		100,000
7	Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit		100,000
8	Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala		95,000
9	Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission		40,000
10	Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama		58,000
11	Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers		100,000
12	Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central		100,000
13	Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life		30,000
14	Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska		50,000
15	Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa		62,650
16	Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries		80,000
17	Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUO Radio		60,000
18	Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission		50,000
19	Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri		100,000
20	Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas		98,400
21	LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of Internat'l Mission		39,523

LWML Iowa East District Mission Grants Status

Goal: *\$104,500 for the 2018-2020 Biennium*

2018-2020 Mission Grants	Amount	Disbursed
Concordia Seminary Student Aid	\$10,000	\$10,000
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Starting Sooner: Activities for Young Children & Families	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lutheran Family Service: Turning Hearts & Minds Toward Life	\$10,000	\$10,000
Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid	\$15,000	\$11,250
LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000
LCMS Missions: Operation Barnabas	\$3,000	\$3,000
LCMS U at UNI	\$2,000	\$1,000
Lutherans for Life: Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion	\$5,000	-0-
Lutheran Special Education Ministries: New Beginnings for Children with Learning Needs	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan	\$5,000	\$5,000
Phil's Friends: The Hope Expansion Project	\$5,000	\$5,000
Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Food & Clothing Co-op to purchase food	\$5,000	-0-
POBLO International: When Your Daughter Tells You, "I'm Going To Marry a Muslim" – The Unequally Yoked Resource Project	\$8,000	-0-
Valley Lutheran School: Transportation	\$6,476	\$6,476
Concordia Deacon/Deaconess Graduate Student Aid	\$5,000	\$5,000
LCMS Missions: Soldiers of the Cross	\$4,000	\$4,000
Lutheran Braille Workers: Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates With God's Love	\$1,024	-0-



