

KANSAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

“Serve the Lord with Gladness” Psalm 100:2 Esther L. Ideker, Archivist/Historian
History of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Kansas District 2006-2008

Under the guidance of the Kansas District LWML Executive Committee, serving during the biennium were:

President: Judy Carlson
Vice President for Caring Service (Mission Service): Betty Kruse
Vice-President for Member Resources (Mission Education) Tammy Songer
Vice-President of Christian Life (Mission Inspiration) Karen Eskew
Vice-President of Mission Outreach (Mission Projects) Nina Borgstadter
Vice-President of Communications: Jean Wellner
Recording Secretary: Laura Hunter
Treasurer: Becky Schotte
Financial Secretary: Marcia Blumberg
Pastoral Counselors: Rev. David Hutson
Rev. Rick Rostek
Planner: Jennifer Wolff
Meeting Manager: Carol Nix

Committee Chairs and Appointed Personnel:

Assistant to the President: Iris Simons
Christian Growth: Susan Simms
Care and Needs: Ramie Schulteis
Member Development: Elaine Engelman
Mission Projects: Marj Aufdemberge
Structure: Phyllis Von Fange
Public Relations: Karen Morrison
Editorial: Julie Atkinson. Sonshine Editor, Betty Fenton, Circulation Manager,
Nadine Stueve, Quarterly Distribution Manager
Travel: Ginger Sanders/Donna Burton
Spring Tour: Kris Koops
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Wolff
Archivist/Historian: Esther Ideker
Lutheran Family Retreat: Bonnie White, Michelle Waterman, Rev. Dave
Hutson, Judy Carlson
Nominating Committee 2008 Convention: Janice Russell, Barbara Jahnke, Ruth
LaChance, Marlene Lorenz, Deb Ohlde
2008 District Convention Chairmen: Lois Llewellyn and Carole Feek
Young Women Representatives to 2007 International LWML Convention: Lauran
Delancy and Debra Rose
MMV (Mission/Ministry/Vision) Consultants: Eden Keefe, Tammy Songer,
Velma Bass, Jennifer Wolff

The Winter 2006 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly featured an article "Treasure Up" by our own Velma Bass, past Kansas District LWML President, based on Luke 2:19.

An Executive Committee Transition meeting was held in Salina on May 6, 2006, followed by a Special EC Transition Meeting of the Standing Committees also at Salina on June 3, 2006.

Lutheran Family Retreat took place at Webster Conference Center, Salina, on August 4-6, 2006 under the theme: "Glorify the Lord With Me."

Executive Board, Board of Directors and Kansas Assembly of Leaders met at Camp Webster, Salina, Ks. on September 7, 8, and 9, 2006, with the theme: "Chosen to Lead." The Goal was continued: "To prepare LWML leaders of the Kansas District to serve God while growing together in Christ." Mission Statement: "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Kansas District LWML will nurture, motivate, and prepare LCMS women to serve the Lord with gladness." Proposed focus area vision statements for 2006-2008 were also continued: Effective Communication, Leadership training, and Service to Others, were identified. Ingathering at the Assembly of Leaders was given to the Salina Food Pantry.

MMV Consultants, Eden Keefe and Tammy Songer led power point presentations on leadership. Donna Burton reviewed for the group her mission trip to Alaska with LCMS Missions director, Bob Roegner and his assistant. An exciting addition to LWML announced was the Teen LWML under the logo: "Friends Into Serving Him." Materials for Teens were made available through the LWML store to be distributed at the time of LWML Sunday in October 2006.

Plans for the 32nd Biennial Kansas District LWML Convention to be held in Topeka, Kansas, at Capital Plaza Hotel on April 11-13, 2008 were discussed. "Joy in the Journey, Nehemiah 8:10, was to be the theme. Lois Llewellyn and Carole Feek representing the Topeka Zone and the N.E. Zone were announced as the convention chairs. Mission Project Committee reported that Financial Aid was dispersed to 48 (synodical college students and 9 seminarians) applicants for a total of \$19,100.

LWML Sunday, October 2006, service theme was: "Let There Be Light," based on the text of John 8:12, authored by Rev. Charles S. Mueller, Sr., Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois

The Day of Prayer Service 2007 offerings recipient was God's Storehouse in Burlington, Kansas. The theme verses (Psalm 31:1-3) was the basis for the theme, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place - A Good Place!" authored by Rev. Dan Heuer, LWML Counselor 2001-2005. The total offering given to the recipient was \$2743.91.

Spring Tour Speakers were Ken and Muriel Green, Lutheran World Relief Leaders, Coordinators and volunteers for 22 years. They presented "Uncounted Blessings." The presentation of Ken's travel slides set to verse of Holy Scriptures inspired attendees

to join LWR's work of reaching out to those in need.

Our LWML sister and Kansas District President from 1988-92, Jane Turner, died on March 4, 2007, at the age of 79. Her memorial service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe on March 8, 2007. Jane co-chaired the International Convention in Kansas City in 1995 and then served on the International Board of Directors. She also served on the Kansas District LCMS Board of Directors and the Lutheran Braille Workers board.

The 32nd Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 21-24, 2007, with the theme: "Rest on Christ the King." One hundred seventy-five Kansans were among the 5000 in attendance. A new record mite goal was approved: \$1,700,000 for 18 mission grants to fund two medical facilities in Sudan, two deaconesses in Africa, train deaf ministry leaders, to support a soup kitchen at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago, and many others. The 65th anniversary offering totaled \$89,327.25. Total offerings received as of 7/11/07 were \$236,089.45, which were given to the LWML Endowment Fund, Missionary Children's Education, Seminary student aid divided between the seminaries at Ft. Wayne and St. Louis and continued funding for the Heart-to-Heart program. Ten thousand "Gifts from the Heart" ingathering (quilts, towel sets, health kits) were packed and delivered to agencies in Sioux Falls as well as Orphan Grain Train. Young Women representatives (YWR) from Kansas were Lauren Delaney, Olathe, and Debra Rose, Wichita, who walked with our President Judy Carlson carrying the Kansas convention banner designed and made by Tammy Songer, KC Crossroads Zone. Teens, ages 11-17, numbering 91, enjoyed a Teen Hang Out making pet rocks designing cards for the Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, played Bible Jeopardy and had a rockin' good time as Friends Into Serving Him.

Dr. Mary Manz Simon, Terri Kieschnick, The Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, were featured speakers at the convention. Outgoing LWML President Linda Reiser welcomed newly elected 16th LWML President Jan Wendorf. Delegates chose Des Moines, Iowa, as the site of the 2015 Convention. Other upcoming conventions are planned for Portland, Oregon in 2009, Peoria, Illinois, in 2011, and Pittsburg, Pa, in 2013.

Lutheran Family Retreat, August 3-5, 2007, met at Camp Webster, Salina, under the theme: "Rest on the Christ the King."

Kansas Assembly of Leaders and Board of Directors met at Camp Webster Conference Center, September 7-8, 2007, with the theme: "ROCK: Rest on Christ the King" to study the Word and learn together about leadership. The Kansas District Mission Statement again was the focus of all KAOL planning and discussion: "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League will nurture, motivate and prepare LCMS women to serve the Lord with gladness." District and zone leaders gave \$901.53 to mites during the two-day meeting plus an ingathering of necessary items for the Salina Rescue Mission. Each Zone Mission Projects

representative designed a Mite calendar page while in session at KAOL. The calendar was made available on the Kansas LWML web site. Only two 2006-2008 mission projects were yet to be paid by the time of KAOL in September.

Dr. Dale Meyer, former Lutheran Hour Speaker and current President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was author of LWML Sunday 2007 materials continuing with our convention theme: Rest on Christ the King.

A Christian Life Retreat event took place at Wichita Airport Hilton, Wichita, on November 9-10, 2007, with speaker, Phyllis Wallace. "Joy...is an inside Job," sections were presented by Phyllis on Friday evening and Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Kansas District LWML Christian Growth Committee: Debbie Lehman, Noreen Peterson, Connie Brauer, Cathi Temple and Karen Eskew.

The 2008 Day of Prayer service, "Stepping Out in Faith," was authored by Rev. Barry J. Keurulainen, senior Pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Cabot, PA, and proclaimer for the opening communion service at the 2005 Tampa LWML convention. The Day of Prayer offering was designated to the Lay Leadership Training Institute, Kansas District LCMS, which amounted to \$2786.32.

LWML Zones held their own Spring Rallies and supplied their own speakers throughout the state.

President Judy Carlson visited as many Zones as possible and gave her Spring 2008 President's

Report: Special thanks were conveyed through our president from the LCMS mission staff for our generous and continued support of Missions through the world with our mites and our quilts. She announced with celebration that all mission projects for the 2006-2008 biennium are paid. This includes financial aid of \$36,000 to 38 students preparing for full time church work. The last two projects paid were: For the Sake of the Church (\$3,000) and the University Lutheran Center Association (Wichita) partial pay: \$700). To God be all Honor and Glory! New items are added and updated on our web site: www.kansaslwml.org or www.kansaslwml.homestead.com. The Christian Growth Committee has announced the next Christian Life Retreat for November 13-14, 2009, with Annetta Dellinger as the presenter. The theme will be "In the Potter's Hands," based on Isaiah 18:16.

Our President, Judy's photo appeared in the Spring 2008 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, with the article: "Painting the Portrait of LWML," by Marilyn McClure. The article features the LWML Heart to Heart Sisters program which began in 2001. Judy was appointed to the National LWML Structure Committee for 2007-2009. Also in the Spring issue of the Quarterly, National LWML Committee member, Eden Keefe, from Kansas, appears on page 24 with the Christian Resource Editors.

The 32nd Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention was held at the Capital Plaza Hotel

in Topeka, April 11-13, 2008. The Convention goal statement was: “Renewed and restored by God’s grace, we have joy in the journey.” “Joy in the Journey,” based on Nehemiah 8:10 was the theme and subject of the daily Bible Studies led by Pastors Keith Kohlmeier, Timmothy Heath and Jeffrey Crane. The convention was hosted by the Topeka and Northeast Zone LWML with Lois Llewellyn, Lawrence, and Carole Feek, Sabetha, co-chairman. Four hundred seventy-three members and guests registered including 80 first time attendees, 11 Young Women Representatives and 4 LWML Teens. Communion services were held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Topeka, with Pastor Rick Rostek as Proclaimer and Rev. Peter Lange, Liturgist. An organ recital by Rev. Roger Goetz preceded the service. An all district choir praised the Lord with singing directed by Susan Akin. Judy Carlson, District President, opened the convention followed by a processional featuring banners depicting the theme from each of the Zones in Kansas. The 32nd Biennial Convention Theme banner was designed by Tammy Songer, and crafted by Jeannie Merrit, Immanuel Lutheran, Lawrence. Singing was led by Pastor Don Wharton, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, along with Rev. David Hutson who kept the Spirit going throughout the convention as the “theme weaver.”

Special speakers were Marlene Kohlmeier, wife of Kansas District LCMS President, Keith Kohlmeier; Janice Wendorf, LWML President; Kristy Grannis, Mission Projects Administrator LCMS World Mission; Melissa Salomon, Heart to Heart Sisters and Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries, Mexico; Pam Nummela, Faith Milestones; and Will and Patricia Main, Haskell LIGHT. Insight session presenters were: Pat Bilow, LWML Gift Planning Counselor; Joanna Hadle, Faithbooking; Kathy Jackson, Piece Makers; Esther Ideker, Joy in the in the 65-Year Journey-a Glimpse of our Kansas District “First Ladies;” and LWML 101 and Teen LWML by the Member Development Committee. Servant Events were under the direction of Ramie Schulteis, Chairman of the Care and Needs Committee.

The evening banquet speaker was Don Wharton, singer, composer and humorist. Birthday cake was served to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the LWML. 65th Anniversary “Official Sponsors” of the convention were provided by “The M and M’s, a.k.a. Mary and Marlene. Gifts from the heart ingathering included personal items for the Topeka Rescue Mission, cancer caps for St. Francis Cancer Center, premie baby outfits and pediatric quilts for Stormont-Vail Hospital, and twelve quilts for Haskell LIGHT.

Planning Committee members for the 2010 Kansas District LWML Convention JoAnn Meyer, Chairman, and Arlyce Klipp, Vice-Chairman were introduced to the assembly. The theme of the Kansas District LWML Convention, to be held at Junction City, is “The Lord is My Strength and My Shield,” Psalm 144:2.

The first convention offering was given to Mission Projects in the amount of \$4,777.00; the Second Convention offering to LCMS Armed Forces Ministry given was \$3,772.88; the 65th Anniversary Offering for Special Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$3,213.25; and the Mission Walk for Heart to Heart Sisters in the amount of \$2,184.50.

Delegates to the 2008 Convention approved a work program of \$40,000 to fund mission projects, \$40,000 to provide financial aid to students preparing for full-time parish ministry and \$32,250 projected mites to LWML.

Delegates also chose these Mission Projects for the 2008-2010 Biennium:

MISSION PROJECTS SELECTED:

1. Orphan Grain Train, KS Division, Phillipsburg	\$5,000
2. Guinea Lutheran Mission, Guinea, West Africa	\$5,500
3. Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services	\$5,000
4. Christian Literature for China	\$4,500
5. God's Little Saints Preschool, Redeemer, Atwood	\$1,000
6. Team China, Macau	\$5,000
7. University Lutheran Center, Wichita	\$5,000
8. English as a Second Language, Garden City	\$4,650
9. Faith Lutheran School, Derby	\$2,970
10. Hispanic Ministry, Redeemer, Olathe	\$1,380*
*Partial Funding for project #10	\$40,000

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND GRANTS SELECTED:

1. St Paul's Lutheran Church, Ellsworth	\$12,000
2. Mission Bus, Trinity Lutheran, Garden City	5,000
3. Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center, Junction City	2,300
4. Toilet Module, Gualan Guatemala	7,300
5. God's Little Saints Preschool, Atwood	1,000
6. Computer and Satellite Modem, Guinea, West Africa	5,000
7. Immanuel Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach, Lawrence	3,700
8. Food Bank/Health-Personal Care, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	7,000
9. Computer and Printer, Santiago Zamora, Guatemala	1,000
10. St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-school, Cheney	1,380*
*Partial Funding	\$46,280

Nominees for Officers for the 2008-2010 Biennium were:

President	Betty Kruse	Colby
Vice President of Caring Service	Dorena (Dee) Bacon	Holton
	Jean Wellner	Wichita
Vice President of Communication	Karen Morrison	Wichita
	Gloria Raab	Wichita
Financial Secretary	Laura Hunter	Overland Park
	Kim Burdett	Olathe
Recording Secretary	Brenda Piester	Coats
	Kris Koops	Ulysses
Pastoral Counselor	Rev. Seth Meyer	Immanuel, Canton
	Rev. Dale Becker	Zion, Offerle

Rev. Rick Rostek installed the following newly elected officers:

President: Betty Kruse
 Vice President of Caring Service: Jean Wellner

Vice President of Communication: Karen Morrison
Financial Secretary: Kim Burdett
Recording Secretary: Brenda Piester
Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Dale Becker

Judy Carlson received a Past President's pin from newly elected President Betty Kruse and Betty, in turn, received the Presidents' pin from Judy. Betty Kruse, new District President extended greetings to the assembly.

The Board of Directors approved the 2008-2010 Focus Areas:

- Building up Our Sisters in Christ: Grow and mature in mentoring relationships through effective communication, training and support of current and potential leaders.
- Partnering for Diversity: Intentionally team with others of varied cultural, generational, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds, growing together as one in the Lord.
- Telling the Good News: Share the Gospel, pray for and recognize opportunities to confidently live and speak our faith.

On May 3, 2008, a Transition Meeting for retiring officers and new officers was held at Camp Webster, Salina.

Executive Committee Members:

Vice-President of Member Resources: Tammy Songer
Vice-President of Christian Life: Karen Eskew
Vice-President of Mission Outreach: Nina Borstadter
Treasurer: Becky Schotte
Planner: Eden Keefe
Meeting Manager: Ella Westendorf

Committee Chairs and Appointed Personnel (2006-2008)

Christian Growth: Deb Lehman
Care and Needs: Verna Linderman
Member Development: Shelly Keller
Public Relations: Ramie Schulteis
Mission Projects: Fonda Lawrence
Structure: Phyllis Von Fange
Publications Chair: Sonshine Editor: Kathryn Gehrke
Quarterly Distribution Manager: Nadine Stueve
Parliamentarian: Gloria Raab
Spring Mission Tour Coordinator: Janice Russell
Travel Chairman: Ginger Sanders
Archivist/Historian: Esther L. Ideker/Judy Carlson
Assistant to the President: Laura Hunter
2010 District Convention Chairman: JoAnn Meyer, Arlyce Klipp
Nominating Committee for 2010 Convention: Marlene Ernsting, Chair
Lutheran Family Retreat: Mary Ginkel, Cheryl and Dan Locke

In closing this biennium historical report for 2006-2008, God has been our help and guide and blessed us richly with 65 years of grace. Our prayer is for our Lord's continued guidance on the Kansas District LWML in our mission to serve the Lord with gladness. To God all praise and glory!

"I remember the days of old. I meditate on all that You have done." Psalm 143:5

Respectfully submitted,

Esther L. Ideker
Kansas District LWML Archivist/Historian
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LWML web site: www.lwml.org
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August 8-9-10, 2008 Lutheran Family Retreat, at Webster Conference Center, Salina
September 5-6, 2008 LWML Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Webster Conference Center, Salina
June 25-28, 2009 LWML Convention: "Look to the Hills.....God Reigns." Portland, Oregon
April 16, 17, 18, 2010, Kansas District LWML Convention, Junction City