

### PRICELESS!!!

On my recent sojourn through our Mid-South District to attend all three of our fall LWML retreats, I spent A LOT of time driving which meant A LOT of time to think. Often, I prayed but mostly my mind just wandered aimlessly. One thought that came to mind was of those commercials for a credit card that itemize the cost of a few things which lead up to a summary statement about the result being "priceless". Their slogan starts with "There are some things money can't buy. For everything else there's ...". The result is usually some heartwarming thing about someone sharing a "priceless" moment with a loved one.

Eventually, I started quantifying some of the things about my trip. For instance, 1,887 miles driven; 7 cities visited, 3 retreats attended, etc. The result? Getting to visit, sing, and be in the Word with over 150 of my LWML sisters – PRICELESS!!!

By now, I know you are wondering what this has to do with anything. But the next jump that my brain made was to how "priceless" applies to our salvation. I began to wonder how to quantify the costs that led to Jesus' death on the cross. For example, 30 pieces of silver, 1 crucifix, unimaginable suffering. The result? Christ's death and resurrection for our sins – PRICELESS!!! This is most certainly something that money can't buy! It is the MOST PRICELESS THING EVER.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,* (Ephesians 2:8, ESV)

But, what about sharing this priceless gift, this gift that money can't buy? We want EVERYONE to have that gift, don't we? After all, what did Jesus command?

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).

So, let's go back and look at our retreat theme "Our Hope and Future" and verse.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you* (Jeremiah 29:11-12, ESV).

As one of our retreat presenters reminded us, just as Jeremiah was conveying God's instructions to the Hebrews who were going into exile for the next 70 years, we too are exiles. We are far from our heavenly home. While here in our temporary home, we must heed God's instructions and hear when he speaks to us of the plans he has for us as individuals. Let us practice "calling upon the Lord" and pray to HIM to make us bold in our witness. God hears our prayers and keeps His promises. Now that's PRICELESS!

I do want to recognize our Christian Life Committee and their many helpers for all the hard work that went into planning and executing retreats in three different locations. Each one was fabulous, and the fellowship was PRICELESS!

Love you to pieces!!!  
President Candy  
Email



# Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and Architect of all of Creation and His blessed Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

As I sit here preparing to put pen to paper as they say, I found myself going back in time. Not real far back, just a few months. Because a few months ago, when I began to write my last article for the newsletter, we were facing the same things that we are now, and not much has changed. Back in the spring, when I wrote, I was contemplating life, the brevity of life, how quickly it passes, compared to the eternity that is waiting for us. At that time, Covid was still a real thing, and the numbers were rising daily, as we saw more and more people being affected by this relentless virus. Then as time passed, things began to look better, so we let our guard down, because we missed the way that it used to be. We missed gathering together, and sharing in life together, we missed worshipping together and sitting together in study. The only certainty we had was the uncertainty of what tomorrow held. Now, after months of trying to pretend that we were past all that had happened, and that we were standing victorious, we are facing another traumatic turn of events, as this virus is spiraling out of control. We all know of some one that has either battled this disease, and lived to share the horrific events they witnessed, or someone that lost their fight and has been called home to eternal glory. It is sad, but it is real, and even though we are living with this fear looming over us, we will stand victorious, because the fight has been fought and won for us through the cross of Jesus. This is something that we have all had to face, and some thing that will continue to play out in our lives in the weeks and months, and maybe even the years that are set before us.

But for today I want to take you back to the title of the article... "Go in peace and serve the Lord." These words are often spoken at some point in the service by the pastor. We even have signs at the edge of our driveways as we are leaving the church property reminding us that we are entering the mission field. These words that are spoken are awesome, but they need to be more than just words. And these signs that we have plopped in the ground or fastened to the side of our building reminding us about the mission field are beautiful, but there is more to them. These words, and these signs are more than simply words and signs that we have become accustom to seeing and hearing, they are the purpose for why we live and who we say that we are. Our actions, and the things that we say and we do out there in the world around us are the result of our faith. We do what we do not to gain favor with god, but because first loved us and called us His own through the waters of our Baptism. These actions, these things that we do and say should flow naturally from our lips, because that is who we were created to be. So when you hear these words, do not just respond with a half hearted canned response, say it with purpose, say it with fervor because this is who we are... faithful and God fearing women (and men) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Now go in peace and serve the Lord.

Pastor Bill  
[Email](#)



## **Calling All Ladies and Pastors**

The Mid-South District LWML need YOU. At the 2022 Convention, we will elect the following:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Pastoral Counselor from TN or Paducah Zone

Nominating Committee

We have so many talented and qualified candidates and Pastors in our District. Please prayerfully consider “stepping up to the challenge.”

The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will serve as coordinator of the Department of Christian Life and Communications which shall include the Christian Life Committee, Editorial Staff and the Media and Marketing Committee and serve as *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Circulation Manager and present a report to the convention body.

The 4<sup>th</sup> VP will serve as coordinator of the Department of Servant Resources which shall include the Leader Development Committee, Leadership for Tomorrow Trainers, Mission Ministry Vision Consultants and the Young Women's Representative Committee and present a report to the convention body.

The Recording Secretary shall record convention proceedings and meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board; provide copies of the minutes to each member of the Ex. Board and Board of Directors; receive credentials of delegates prior to the convention and present a report to the convention body.

The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements of funds; make authorized payments for expenses; make payments for adopted missions grants as authorized by the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP; serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee; make monthly reports to each member of the Ex. Committee; submit records for financial review at the close of each fiscal year or request of the Ex. Board; be covered by the LWML Liability Insurance Policy; serve as a member of the district Endowment Fund Committee and present a report to the convention body.

Five candidates are needed for the Nominating Committee with those receiving the three highest number of votes being elected and the person with the highest number of votes shall serve as chairman.

We will be waiting for you to volunteer and remember – “God doesn't call the equipped – He equips the called.”

Your District needs YOU! We will be waiting for your call or email.

In Christ,

LWML Mid-South District Nominating Committee,

Susan Burkey, Chair, Sharon Knoernschild, Shirley Piepenbrick



Check the District's roster for individual email addresses and mailing information.

Or

You can email us with [this link](#)

**LWML Mid-South District  
27th Biennial Convention  
June 10-12, 2022  
Clarksville, Tennessee**



**“Planting Seeds of Faith”, (1 Corinthians 3:6)**

Get excited about LWML Mid-South District Convention!

The Paducah Zone is planning away and can't wait to host you in Clarksville, TN, June 10-12, 2022! The theme for the convention is "Planting Seeds of Faith" based on 1 Corinthians 3:6.

We look forward to seeing Wisconsin based touring artist, professional singer/songwriter, and worship leader Wendysue Fluegge. Wendysue is a pianist, guitarist and gifted vocalist with an energetic personality that will entertain and inspire you. Her contemporary songs include touches of pop, rock, jazz, and country, and even spoken word. Find Wendysue on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, I- Tunes, ReverbNation, Spotify, and her website. [www.wendysue.com](http://www.wendysue.com).

If you haven't already, save the date and look for more information and registration information in the coming months.





## I Have Plans for you.

Cooler weather, shorter days, pumpkin spice everywhere. It must be fall! Retreats are over, Fall rallies or meetings will soon be here, LWML Sunday is coming, and it is time to update the number of Quarterly subscriptions for your group.

If you attended one of the district retreats this month, you got to spend time in God's Word. I know you are all familiar with the words from Jeremiah 29:11;

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Often, we stop there. But verse 12 continues "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." What an Almighty God we serve! He has a plan for each of us. But He also calls us into a personal relationship with Him. "Call upon me and pray and I will listen to you."*

Does that amaze you like it does me? Our great God listens to us! He hears us when we pray. He is waiting for us to come to Him with our joys and our worries. He wants to be involved in every part of our life; not just the big things, but especially in the daily details. The last session of the study made me evaluate my quiet time and my prayer life. God is waiting for me to talk with Him. He is my Heavenly Father, just waiting to hear from me, His child. Join me in thanking God for giving us hope and a future. Join me in calling on Him and trusting that He will listen!

I will soon be sending an updated list of the number of subscriptions for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly to the zone Quarterly chairpersons. The spreadsheet will detail the number of subscriptions ordered by each group and the cost for the group. The price for each subscription is \$7.50 for up to nine sent to the same address. If ten or more are ordered and shipped to the same address, then the price for each subscription drops to \$6.00 each. We are asking each group to confirm the number of subscriptions being sent and to send a check for the total amount to the zone treasurer. The zone treasurers will forward the subscription receipts to the district treasurer in January or February to pay for the subscription costs as they become due. Praise God! Last year we were able to match the costs with the receipts. The Quarterly subscription costs are separate from any Mites offerings or membership assessments. Thank you in advance for keeping the numbers and receipts current. Just a note: If you order 10 subscriptions for \$60, it is like getting two free, since the cost of nine subscriptions is \$67.50. And surely there is another woman in your congregation who would love to get a copy!

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again; Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Phil 4: 4 – 7

Rejoicing with you!

Becky Grese

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President [Email](#)



The 2019-2021 Official LWML Publication Staff surround Ms. Editor, the "Quarterly Horse", during the Winner's Circle Celebration at the convention in Lexington in June.

The Mid-South District is represented by Sharon Rapp of Concordia, Jackson, TN. (far right). Sharon is the Bible Study Editor for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly.

## Mission Grant Update

I hope everyone is doing well.

Since last quarter we have only paid two grants. Those were for Faith Lutheran Child Care & Preschool for \$6,000 to be used for flooring for renovated house and Sun shade or sail for the playground which was paid in July. Also paid in September was a grant to Inspiritus – Building Healthy Families for \$5,000 to be used to purchase supplies, caring closet items, and meeting meals.

- The remaining grants to be paid are listed below in the order they are in the queue
- Third installment for Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers -- \$3,750
- Oasis Women's Ministry - Renovating an area for Bible study -- \$5,000
- Trinity Lutheran Childcare Ministries - Purchase of playground equipment -- \$7,500
- Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne - Financial Support for the Food Co-op to purchase food -- \$1,000
- Healing Hearts with the Gospel - Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Ministry 10 years Later -- \$6,600
- Fourth and final installment for Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers -- \$3,750

Please continue to give your mites so that we can pay these grants as soon as we can.

Deadlines to keep in mind for the mission grant submissions for the new biennium:

Society Presidents: Submission of Grant Request to Zone Presidents by November 1, 2021

Zone Presidents: Submission of Grant Request to me by January 1, 2022

Please visit our Mission Grant page on the Mid-South District web page at <https://www.midsouthlwml.org/mission-grant-request-forms/> for Step By Step Mission Grants, Mission Grant Guidelines and Instructions, and the Mission Grant Cover Letter fillable PDF form. If you have any questions concerning mission grants, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings

Sandra Arnold  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

[Email](#)



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## Faith Lutheran Child Care & Preschool Grant

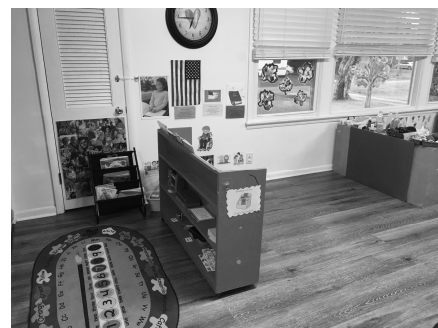
- New flooring for our entire building, (excluding the bathroom) for \$5600.
- A gazebo was purchased for shade \$272.49.
- 2 portable sunshades were also purchased for \$99.90.

The new flooring will give us a very durable, long lasting surface for the children to play, learn and grow. The gazebo has given us the shade needed to spend time outside out of the direct sunlight. The portable sunshades give the children the chance to play in any area of our playground. The gazebo and sunshades have given us (and will continue) the opportunities to spend time outside exploring the world our amazing God has given us.

Thank you so much for the funds to be able to enhance our program.

Diania Brewer

Director of Faith Lutheran Child Care & Preschool  
Tullahoma, TN 37388





On Sunday, August 1st, at the close of the worship service, **Faith Lutheran Child Care & Preschool** is being presented the LWML Mid-South District Mission Grant of \$6,000. The purpose of this grant is "to purchase durable, waterproof flooring such as vinyl or laminate in high traffic areas of the center" Faith Lutheran Child Care & Preschool was elected to receive this grant at the last LWML Mid-South District convention in Paragould, AR, in 2020. The Grants come from MITE Donations.

LWML Mid-South District Mission Grant Recipients for 2020-2022

Grant	Zone	Vote Seq.	Req. Seq.	Requested	Paid	Remains	Date(s) Paid
A <u>Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers (4 installments)</u>	Mid-South District	2	0	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	Oct-2020
B <u>Camp Scholarships - Camp Petit Jean</u>	Mid AR	3	1	7,400.00	7,400.00	0.00	Feb-2021
C <u>Healing Hearts with the Gospel - Japan Earthquake &amp; Tsunami Ministry 10 yrs Later (Partial Funding)</u>	Mid AR	14	13	6,600.00		6,600.00	Oct-2020
D <u>Pregnancy Resource Center - Medical and Program Services</u>	East TN	1	3	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	Feb-2021
E <u>Oasis Women's Ministry - Renovating an area for Bible study - Furniture, cabinets, Bible St prog</u>	East TN	10	10	5,000.00		5,000.00	Dec-2020
F <u>Paradox Teen Center - Trips to Christian venues: Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, etc</u>	East TN	11	2	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	Apr-2021
G <u>The River Ministry - Women and Children - Replace 6 washers and 6 dryers, service contract (2 installments)</u>	East TN	4	7	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	May-2021
H <u>Faith Lutheran Child Care &amp; Preschool - Flooring for renovated house /Sun shade or Sail for playground</u>	Mid TN	8	8	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	Jul-2021
I <u>Inspiritus - Building Healthy Families - Purchase program supplies, caring closet items, meeting meals</u>	Mid TN	6	9	5,000.00		5,000.00	
J <u>"Last Call" Radio Ministry - Proclaiming the Gospel by "daily devotion" radio thru south middle TN</u>	Mid TN	13	5	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	
K <u>Trinity Lutheran Childcare Ministries - Purchase of playground equipment to meet new DHS guidelines</u>	Mid TN	9	11	7,500.00		7,500.00	Jan-2021
L <u>Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne - Financial Support for the Food Co-op to purchase food</u>	Lutheran Organization	5	12	1,000.00		1,000.00	
M <u>Concordia Seminary St. Louis International Graduate School Students' Support</u>	Lutheran Organization	7	6	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	
N <u>Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Witnessing to the Ethiopian: Catechisms and Devotions</u>	Lutheran Organization	12	4	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	Mar-2021
<u>New Beginnings - Children with learning needs - EXTENDED</u>				5,000.00		5,000.00	Jan-2021
				<b>96,000.00</b>	<b>58,400.00</b>	<b>37,600.00</b>	

## Give Thanks

I love the fall season! I enjoy the cooler weather, but my favorite part is the time I get to spend with family and friends. I love seeing everyone at the Fall Zone Rallies and visiting family at Thanksgiving!

This fall season will also be a busy season. The Structure committee is still working on editing the directives and making sure we have the most current set of by laws from each Zone. The Nominating Committee will be meeting again to discuss finding people to run for the different offices we will elect at the district convention.

Even though I will be busy, I want to make sure to take the time to reflect on all of God's blessings in my life and the time I get to spend with everyone spreading His word. *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (Thessalonians 5:18)."*

I pray that everyone has a blessed fall season!

Sincerely,

Jane Hubsch

1st Vice President [Email](#)



## Team Work

I love watching the Olympics. Right now they are fresh in our minds. So many events let the individuals shine. But it's the relay races that take a true team effort. Runners that do a relay race have to practice passing the baton way before the race begins.

As fall comes around many of our organizations are looking for new leaders. Think about this, leaders in LWML must practice passing the baton before the election of officers happens. Begin by searching Scripture for the Lord's guidance for wisdom in identifying leaders. A good leader is firmly connected to our Leader, Jesus Christ, who is our source of wisdom. *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)*

Our leader, Jesus Christ, will equip us with everything good for doing His will. He will guide us as we identify these leadership qualities in those who are nominated or appointed for positions in our LWML. When God chooses us to lead, He equips us as we follow His will for service. As the benediction at the end of Hebrews says, *...equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him... (Hebrews 13:21).*

4th Vice President  
Shirley Piepenbrink  
[Email](#)



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## American Sign Language

I have been working as your Deaf Ministry Liaison to get some ladies like myself who have hearing problems to be able to attend our West TN Zone Rallies. It seems that COVID-19 had other plans though and the group I am referring to has not meet yet. Please keep them in your prayers so that these ladies can join us soon.

In the meantime, please, spend a few minutes with any YouTube video on ASL sign language. They have beginner lessons. Some are even taught by kids. It keeps your brain active! Let's be ready when time comes to welcome our sisters into our family!

Between now and the next online gathering, let's perfect our alphabet! Everybody join in. It is a fun thing to do! I will have a test ready for you to take! Just kidding. But do practice and perhaps we can sign the alphabet together if we have time at the online gathering meeting!

[ASL videos available here.](#)

[ASL alphabet chart available here.](#)

**Blessings,**

**Vicki Eubanks [Email](#)**

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## Endowment Fund News

The minimum balance necessary in the Mid-South Endowment Fund to begin making distributions is \$25,000. The established goals are scholarship assistance and leadership development.

As we are gaining on the minimum balance needed to start making distributions from the Endowment Fund, let me remind you there is more than one way you can help support the goals of the Mid-South LWML Endowment Fund. One is with a current donation of any amount. Simply write a check and send it to our Financial Secretary along with a donation form indicating any additional information you would like.

The other way is to bequeath a gift to the Endowment Fund from your estate upon your death. There are gift counselors available at the national LWML organization that can help you with this planning.

All the information you need, including the donation form and access to gift counselors to make either type of contribution can be found at <https://www.midsouthlwml.org/endowment-fund/>.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Foster

Chairman, Mid-South District LWML Endowment Committee [Email](#)

## Gifts of Love Ministry



### *Returning God's Blessings*

Mid-South District, has gone through this process and would be happy to answer any questions. Contact her at [dianereimold@hotmail.com](mailto:dianereimold@hotmail.com) or 901-679-0626.

For those who are handy, a new project around the house is always an excuse to purchase a new tool for the garage collection. While that might be a bit of an obsession, there is deep truth in understanding that to do a home improvement project correctly, you must have the right tool. The project will go more smoothly, and the craftsmanship of the result will be far higher, if the right tool is used.

One of the biggest "projects" the Lord ever gives us with money is planning how to distribute our estates when the Lord calls us home. A will or trust might get the job done. A charitable trust or personal endowment might be required. For flexibility, maybe the choice is a donor advised fund.

Which is the right tool? We don't use wrenches to pound a nail and don't cut tile with a wood saw. Knowing what you are trying to accomplish, you grab the right tool and, in the end, have something beautiful. The same thing is true about using the right gift planning tools in creating your gift from your estate.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started in constructing your plan. Contact Linda Gage at [linda.gage@lfnd.org](mailto:linda.gage@lfnd.org) or 800-741-4138, Ext. 1. Diane Reimold, Gifts of Love Advocate for the

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## HOPE WILL RISE

On Sept. 11, **The ladies at Grace, Knoxville**, hosted a presentation by [StreetHopeTN.org](http://StreetHopeTN.org) for the whole congregation and especially invited teens and their parents. This group works to fight "Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking" in our area and is building a new home to help young girls recover from being caught in this web of slavery. It was a great turnout! We had only 4 teens, but our 2 pastors, DCE, 2 other men and a lot of women. It was an eye opening presentation! We will be praying for the victims and finding ways to help in the future as the Lord guides.

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## Christ the King LWML Summer Project

The LWML Society of Christ the King, Memphis, had a summer project in July. We had some guest speakers from Life Choices in May, and they gave us a presentation of what they do. Life Choices, a faith-based, non-profit organization, helps pregnant girls and women that are trying to decide whether to keep their baby. First, a sonogram is taken to make sure there is a viable pregnancy. The mother can see that it is a baby in her womb even at 7 weeks. Once it is determined that the woman is pregnant, she talks with a counselor. She will make the decision to keep her baby, give the baby up for adoption or have an abortion. Fortunately, Life Choices helps the women keep the baby or give them up for adoption most of the time. While it is a hard choice, they do get a lot of help from this organization.

After the wonderful presentation, we decided to raise money for them and buy items for their Baby Boutique. The Baby Boutique is a room filled with clothes, diapers, wipes, blankets, toys, bottles and all kinds of things needed for a newborn baby and up to 9 months old. The moms-to-be can "shop" in their boutique with points received for completing parenting classes and counseling.

Our congregation and Society donated \$340.00 and bought items from the list we were given which consisted of clothes, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, baby powder, bibs and much more. I hope that you choose Life Choices for future service projects, they need all the help they can get!

## West District Retreat



FOR I KNOW THE PLANS  
I HAVE FOR YOU,  
DECLARES THE LORD,  
PLANS FOR WELFARE  
AND NOT FOR EVIL,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE  
AND A HOPE.

*jeremiah 29:11*



Many thanks to the Christian Life Committee, our Pastoral Counselors, and the dozens of helpers who made all three of our fall retreats so wonderful. The Bible study titled "Our Hope & Future" and based on Jeremiah 29:11-12 encouraged us to remember that God truly does have plans for us. We are in His hands and nothing will ever change that.

We also enjoyed great fellowship among record amounts of attendees at each location. We were blessed to have all ten of our Zone Presidents across the three retreats. Singing, praying, crafts, snacks, and quite time were a hit as well. Mite offerings were taken at each location with a grand total of \$1799.63. Praise God for this abundance!

## Middle District Retreat



## East District Retreat



## Each 1 Reach 1 Resumes Training

The Each 1 Reach 1 evangelism training program is firing up again and the next workshop will be for anyone in Jonesboro and Fayetteville circuits in northern Arkansas. The event will be held at First Lutheran Church in Harrison, AR on October 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration deadline is October 11. You can find all the details [https://www.midsouthlwml.org/web\\_documents/Each1Reach1-Oct162021-%20HarrisonAR.pdf](https://www.midsouthlwml.org/web_documents/Each1Reach1-Oct162021-%20HarrisonAR.pdf).

## School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

In honor of back-to-school, the **Esther Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pine Bluff, AR** put together a dozen School Kits for Lutheran World Relief for our July project. Other church people helped as well, donating school kits to make one dozen. We are a small group, about 5 to 8 in attendance, but showing how much even a small group can do when they are doing the work of the Lord and He is with you. Rosalyn Jones and Sharon Calabretta of Esther Guild are pictured with our project collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



## He Prayed with Them!

The **LWML Chattanooga Zone** held the Day of Prayer on June 12, 2021 at the First Lutheran Camp in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. The service was officiated by Rev. Donald Welmer of First Lutheran Church, Chattanooga. Our members from Athens Lutheran, Cross of Christ, First Lutheran Chattanooga and Good Shepherd Lutheran enjoyed a beautiful morning of prayer and fellowship. *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).*



## Socks & Underwear



Thanks to Thrivent Action Teams for a \$250 Grant, that allowed the LWML Society of **First Lutheran Church, Hot Springs** to successfully take on a matching challenge. We learned of a need for fresh, clean clothes at the Hot Springs World Class High School and Hot Springs Junior Academy. With \$502 we ordered 180 pairs of socks and 84 pair of underwear for girls & boys. These items will be distributed by school counselors to children for a variety of reasons such as hygiene, no laundry facilities or financial needs. Reaching out to the community is a continual focus of our Society and church. God Is So Good to Us and sharing is important.

Shirley Ann McCormick  
President

The ladies of **Immanuel, Memphis** were busy Tuesday, Sept. 21 putting together 35 school kits and wrapping up 30 personal care packages for Lutheran World Relief. The Lutheran World Relief trailer will be at





The Lexington LWML Convention was enjoyed by 8 members from **Grace, Knoxville.** We were especially pleased to include Susanna Beeler, 3rd from the left, as a District YWR. She was proud to carry the Angola sign for the parade of Mission flags, helped at the fascinator hat booth, and even met President Carol Larson. There was lots of time to visit the Mission Booths, so Mary Krempasky, 1st on the left, came back with many new ideas for service. Dave Harjala kept us



The 2nd of 4 Rummage Sales, sponsored the ladies of **Messiah, Memphis' LWML Society** held on June 26 with 300 shoppers and 17 prayer requests, resulted in a check for \$5,500. The 3rd sale on Sept. 18 saw 206 shoppers, 13 prayer request resulting in a check for \$4,700. Both checks were sent to the [Faith Comes by Hear Organization](#) to support their [Military Bible Stick Program](#). The society is grateful for the support of Thirvent Action Team funds used to cover expenses. The next sale is November 6th.



## Faith LWML in Tullahoma

had their annual rummage sale for two days this year in August. After a slimmed down version of our sale last year because of COVID, we once again included clothing, shoes, purses and domestic items. The Lord richly blessed us and we made \$7,272.00 for missions. We were so fortunate to be able to share grants with many international, national and local ministries to spread the love of God to others. The items we were not able to sell went to various places too. The Book Shelf-(the Literacy Council store) in Tullahoma supports adult basic education and prison ministry received books, CD's and DVs. Faith's Child Care and Preschool director selected books and various other needed items. Three cases of books were donated to the Veterans of Murfreesboro. Good Samaritan of Tullahoma picked up the remaining items. What a blessing to many, including those of us who organized, talked to the people that came to buy and worked the sale!



**Immanuel Memphis' LWML** has ministered to Moriah House which is part of Memphis Union Mission for many years. This year on July 13 we cooked hot dogs with them, served them dinner and left gift bags for them. These women and children really enjoy visiting with our ladies. (Pictures of the Hope House residents are not allowed.)





## Middle TN Zone Rally

### **"You Reap What You Sow"**

Galatians 6: 7-10

October 23,  
Grace Lutheran, Murfreesboro 9 AM - 12 PM

1st offering in for Concordia Seminary,  
St Louis Food Bank.

Printable Flyer Available [Here](#)

## Northeast Arkansas Zone Rally

### **The Armor of God**

Eph. 6:10-19

October 2, 9:00 am  
Peace Lutheran, Cherokee Village

Offerings and ingathering go to the

[Arkansas S.A.R.](#) ( Search & Rescue) Team

## Paducah Zone Rally

### **"Renewed by God's Grace and Mercy"**

Titus 3:3-7

October 2nd, 9:30 am  
Faith, Hopkinsville, KY

[Grace and Mercy](#) - A home for women in crisis will be the  
recipient of the ingathering and other gifts.

## Chattanooga Zone Rally

### **Showing Mercy through Healing and Care**

Matthew 5:7

October 23, 9:30am  
First Lutheran, Chattanooga

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"

Speaker: Michelle Goble, Director of Happiness  
"Welcome Home of Chattanooga".

[www.welcomehomeofchattanooga.org](http://www.welcomehomeofchattanooga.org)

## South Arkansas Zone Rally

### **"we must obey God rather than men"**

Acts 5:29b

Oct. 23 9:00am  
St. John, Stuttgart

## East Tennessee Zone Rally

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Lamentations 3:22-23

November 6,  
St Paul / Wartburg, TN

Ann Larson/Marilyn Abbott Mission trip /Appalachian  
Service Project.

waiting on confirmation from Wartburg but most likely  
[Storehouse Ministry](#).

## West Tennessee Zone Rally

### **"I am the way, the truth and the life..."**

John 14:6

October 16th 9:30am  
Beautiful Savior, Olive Branch, MS

Speaker: From the [House of Grace](#) a Domestic  
Violence Shelter.

Ingathering: Gift Cards for the House of Grace.

## Arkansas River Valley Zone Rally

### **Age to Age**

Psalms 71:17-19

October 16, 10 am

River Valley Grace Lutheran, Lamar, AR

[Clarksville Pregnancy Help Center](#) and the Aye & Nge  
Poe Myint family will benefit from the ingathering and  
offerings.

## Mid Arkansas Zone Rally

### **"Let all you do, be done in love."**

1 Corinthians, 16:14

October 9, 8:30am

Christ Lutheran, Little Rock

Speakers: [Partners Against Trafficking Humans](#) and  
[The Compassion Center](#).

Monetary Donations: the Arkansas chapter of PATH.

Ingathering: Bedding, personal care products.

*A beautiful women uses her lips for the  
truth.*

*Her voice for kindness.*

*Her ears for compassion.*

*Her hands for charity.*

*Her heart for love.*

*For those who do not like her , she uses  
prayer.*

The deadline for the January issue of  
the League Letter is December 26.

***So, please get with it now.***

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Time To  
Slow  
Down  
and relax***

