



## Steadfast

*A message from District President, Candy Habich*

Sometimes random words come to mind and cause me to think about what they really mean. The word “steadfast” is the most recent cause for me to ponder. A quick internet search yielded an origin that translates to “firmly fixed in place.”

Well, I don’t know about you, but when I am firmly fixed in place it is usually because I am paralyzed by indecision, unable to move forward to action. However, the word steadfast, or the trait of “steadfastness” is used throughout the Bible as a very desirable thing.

Probably for us Lutherans, the best example of steadfastness is Luther’s “Here I stand.” speech. He was steadfast in his belief and would not waver. How many of us could do the same?

Digging deeper, using the ESV Bible translation, I found the word steadfast was used 203 times in the Old Testament and only 16 times in the New Testament. Refining the search to “steadfast love” resulted in 195 (96%) Old Testament hits and zero New Testament hits. Almost all the Old Testament references were to God’s steadfast love and 127 of those were in the book of Psalms!

God’s love truly is steadfast. It is eternal and unconditional. We can understand how David was bold to ask for God’s mercy in Psalm 51.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! (Psalm 51:1-2).*

How many of you read Joel 2:13 and start to sing the verse before the Gospel message in the Lutheran Service Book Divine Service, setting two? And that even repeats the phrase “and abounding in steadfast love” just to be sure we get it!

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# KEY DATES

## in April

### April 1

Delegates and alternates must **return their delegate information** forms to their zone president by April 1.

### April 15

Zone presidents must **forward approved delegate/alternate information forms** to district presidents by April 15.

**Endowment Fund Requests** are also due by April 15.

### April 16

Convention registration price increases to \$85 on April 16, so be sure to **register by April 15!** (See page 8 for registration form.)

## Steadfast, *continued from page 1*

*...Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; ... (Joel 2:13).*

In the New Testament, “steadfast” is a desirable attribute; something which we should strive to possess. It is striking how the focus changes from the Old Testament references about God’s steadfast love to the New Testament references where His children are being challenged to model that love.

*But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11).*

And, so it is, that we, as Lutheran Women in Mission, must be steadfast in our mission to “joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

I thank each one of you Lutheran Women in Mission in the Mid-South District for your steadfastness in serving your church, your community, and your sisters in Christ. Your generous mite contributions, countless Gifts from the Heart, and tireless hours of service are a testament to your faith. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as your president.

*God’s Peace,  
President Candy*

## Thank You!

Recently I wrote my report for the convention manual. While writing it, I realized that four years had sped by since I was elected as first vice president. Holding this office has been very rewarding in many ways. I have always been a very shy person and while I still am, I have learned to step out of my shell some. I have gotten to meet an amazing group of women and men at conventions and various meetings. For anyone considering running for an office, it is well worth the time.

I would like to say thank you to all the women who served on my committees. If it were not for their support and hard work,



I would not have been able to hold this office. I definitely feel we are one big family of sisters and brothers working together to spread God’s love and message! I look forward to what the future holds for me as a member of the LWML Mid-South District.

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:4).*

*Sincerely,  
Jane Hubsch, First Vice President*

## LWML Mid-South District

### Mission Grant Applicant List for 2024-2026 Biennium

The Mission Grants goal for the 2024-2026 biennium is \$130,000. The total amount of the grant requests is \$194,514. Delegates may vote for up to 10 grants.

ID	Amount	Recipient / Grant Description	Submitter	Region
A	\$25,000.00	<b>Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers</b>	LCMS Mid-South District	Mid-South District
B	\$15,000.00	<b>Cultivating Innovative New Ministry Programs (GROW Grants)</b>	LCMS Mid-South District	Mid-South District
C	\$8,000.00	<b>First Lutheran, Hot Springs</b> Worship Transportation for Wheelchair Bound	First Lutheran LWML Hot Springs, AR	Mid-AR
D	\$8,160.00	<b>City of Hope Outreach</b> Beds of Hope for Hope Village	Peace Lutheran LWML Conway, AR	Mid-AR
E	\$7,000.00	<b>Camp Petit Jean</b> Camp Trinity Camperships	Women of Hope LWML Jacksonville, AR	Mid-AR
F	\$6,500.00	<b>Table Graces Food Pantry</b> To alleviate food insecurities in McMinn and Meigs Counties	Athens Lutheran LWML Athens, TN	Chattanooga
G	\$6,500.00	<b>The Good Shepherd Center</b> Reducing Food Insecurity	Christ Our Savior LWML, Loudon, TN	East TN

*Applicant list continues on page 4*

## Mission Grant Committee Update

We praise God that we have been able to pay all the grant requests for the 2022-2024 biennium! Since achieving that goal, we have paid the remaining portion of the grant to Eagle Rock Camp (\$3,100) and, with approval from the LWML MSD Executive Committee, the grant to Table Graces in Chattanooga (\$5,000). This brings the total amount paid out for mission grants in this biennium to \$113,200. Many thanks to all of you who faithfully support these missions!

Any mites collected through the end of this biennium on April 30 will be used toward the goal set for the 2024-2026 biennium. What a blessing to be able to start paying grants as soon as possible. God is SO GOOD!

Final grant table summary for the 2022-2024 biennium may be found [here](#), or input the url listed below.

In February, the Mission Grant Committee met to review the mission grant applications submitted for the 2024-2026 biennium. The committee's recommendation was approved by the LWML MSD Board of Directors. The list of mission grants is shown above.

Voting for mission grants will take place online before the convention. Delegates will receive instructions on how to vote and there will be a practice vote before the actual voting commences. This will take place toward the end of May. Check your email regularly and be sure to check your "spam" or "junk" folders.

I have enjoyed serving as your Third Vice-President and Mission Grant Committee Chairman these past four years.

*Serving our Lord with Gladness  
Sandra Arnold, Third Vice President*

<https://www.midsouthlwml.org/grantinfo/MissionGrantsTable.pdf>

Mission Grant Applicant list, continued from page 3

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H	\$10,000.00	<b>Family Promise</b> · Temporary Housing for Homeless Families	Concordia Lutheran LWML, Kingsport, TN	East TN
I	\$6,954.00	<b>Isaiah 117 House, Carter County, Tennessee</b> · Supporting Children Entering Foster Care	Esther-Mary Circle Bethlehem Lutheran Johnson City, TN	East TN
J	\$10,000.00	<b>First Lutheran School and Early Childhood</b> · Roof Repairs	First Lutheran LWML Knoxville, TN	East TN
K	\$7,000.00	<b>Compassion Closet Ministry Funds</b> Support for Foster Children	Grace Lutheran LWML Knoxville, TN	East TN
L	\$5,000.00	<b>Grace Lutheran, Knoxville</b> Spiritual Support for Cancer Patients	Grace Lutheran LWML Knoxville, TN	East TN
M	\$2,500.00	<b>Grace Lutheran, Knoxville</b> Diaper Ministry	Grace Lutheran LWML Knoxville, TN	East TN
N	\$5,000.00	<b>Jireh Homeschool Cooperative</b> Outdoor Enrichment	Grace Lutheran LWML Knoxville, TN	East TN
O	\$6,500.00	<b>Faith Lutheran, Tullahoma</b> Last Call Radio Ministry	Faith Lutheran LWML Tullahoma, TN	Middle TN
P	\$5,000.00	<b>Trinity Hope</b> · Feeding Haitian Children for the Kingdom	Redeemer LWML Nashville, TN	Middle TN
Q	\$4,500.00	<b>Lutheran Heritage Foundation</b> New Shepherds for South Sudan	Redeemer LWML Nashville, TN	Middle TN
R	\$5,000.00	<b>Operation Saving Life</b> Supporting Mothers	Redeemer LWML Nashville, TN	Middle TN
S	\$8,000.00	<b>Grace Lutheran, Clarksville</b> Organ Keyboard Replacements	Grace Lutheran LWML Clarksville, TN	Paducah
T	\$10,000.00	<b>Tanzania Deaconess Ministry</b> Young Women Impacted by Albinism	Christ the King LWML Memphis, TN	West TN
U	\$9,500.00	<b>Tanzania Sinema Leo</b> Mobile Movie Van	Christ the King LWML Memphis, TN	West TN
V	\$2,500.00	<b>Crossing into Cambodia</b> RJ Acomb Missionary Support	Faith Lutheran LWML Collierville, TN	West TN
W	\$2,400.00	<b>Stronghold Cambodia Ministry</b> Outreach to Grades 3-9	Faith Lutheran LWML Collierville, TN	West TN
X	\$6,500.00	<b>CTSFW Food Co-op</b> Food for Seminary Students	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne	Lutheran Organization
Y	\$7,000.00	<b>Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</b> Supporting International Students	Concordia Seminary St. Louis	Lutheran Organization
Z	\$5,000.00	<b>Lutheran Braille Workers</b> Taking Jesus' Love to Visually Impaired Inmates	Lutheran Braille Workers	Lutheran Organization

# Growing—Good and Bad

*Diane Reimold, Second Vice President*

**W**e are surrounded by growing things. It's finally spring-time so the grass is starting to grow (are you ready to start mowing?), flowers are growing (so are weeds!), leaves on the trees are growing out, and the daylight hours — thankfully — are growing longer. I have an 11-month old great-nephew and he is certainly growing! He's already wearing 18-month clothes!!

We try our best to grow positively, but I know a lot of us are probably growing in a negative way too. I'm sure some of you are growing weary of dealing with physical conditions — either yourself or a family member, frustrations might be growing with all the negative and relentless talk concerning the 2024 presidential election, and a lot of us just grow tired, especially at the end of a busy day or week!

I sincerely hope one way you are growing is in your faith and in the Word of God. *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ* (2 Peter 3:18a). We just finished the Lenten season and once again remembered Jesus' ministry, his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the institution of the Lord's Supper, his crucifixion, and finally, his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. I try to use those 6 weeks to increase my time reading the Bible and really comprehend the sacrifice Jesus made for all mankind so that we could have a relationship with God, our Father.

If you find yourself growing weary and tired, look to the cross, find comforting words in scripture, and remember to lean on your sisters in Christ. There are also Bible studies and devotions available at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) that might be helpful.

God's continued blessings to you and I'll see you in Memphis at the convention!

*Serving the Lord with gladness,  
Diane Reimold  
Second Vice President*



*Returning God's Blessings*

## LWML Gifts of Love Ministry

**A** gift planning counselor is a companion for the journey so that you don't have to go through the estate planning process alone.

"I am so tired of having to do everything by myself," said Jenny to her friend Marsha. "Since Frank died, there has just been so much to do and I have to do it all by myself. I never realized how much he took care of." "I know what you mean," Marsha responded. "It's spring and I know it will be time to mow the grass soon. Bob always used to take the mower into the shop every March to get it tuned up. But I have no idea how I could get my mower into the back of my vehicle. I'm so worn out from trying to do all this."

The experience of Jenny and Marsha is common to many people who have been married for some years, with a spouse who has now gone to heaven. Handling finances, investments, and

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# March Madness

It's March! It's Spring! Hallelujah! It's Easter! Praise the Lord! We are preparing for the LWML Mid-South District Convention in Memphis in June!

Our convention theme is Holy Spirit, Flow Through Me. We know that we are called by God and equipped through the power of the Holy Spirit to serve our Savior in many ways. Where are you willing to take a leap of faith and serve?

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates who have answered the call to serve the Lord through the LWML.

## President

Sandie Harjala	East Tennessee Zone
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## 1st Vice President – Department of Administration

Lauren Robertson	Arkansas River Valley Zone
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## 3rd Vice President – Department of Gospel Outreach and Mission Servants

Dorothy Edwards	East Tennessee Zone
Laurie Sanders	Mid-Arkansas Zone

## Financial Secretary

Sandra Arnold	Middle Tennessee Zone
Erin Foster	South Arkansas Zone

## Nominating Committee

Lois Hobby-Clayton	West Tennessee Zone
Teri Miller	East Tennessee Zone
Tiffany Nelson	Paducah Zone
Linda Thompson	Mid-Arkansas Zone

## Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Kory Janneke, Conway, AR	Mid-Arkansas Zone
Rev. Emil Woerner, Bryant, AR	Mid-Arkansas Zone

We look forward to seeing you at the convention and hearing about where you are serving the Lord with gladness!

Serving with you, Nominating Committee:

Becky Grese  
Stephanie Rohrer  
Rebecca Maplesden

## LWML Gifts of Love Ministry

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even legal questions falls into the category of things one spouse might have always handled.

The good news is that tackling the job of putting an estate plan together, or maybe just tweaking a plan that already exists, is something with which an LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. The counselor has been through many plans and knows what to do to get you prepared to speak with your professionals. They are part of your family of faith. They are here to help. To get connected for this journey, contact Linda Gage at [linda.gage@lfnd.org](mailto:linda.gage@lfnd.org) or call her at 800-741-4138. Diane Reimold has put a gift plan together and is available to answer any questions you may have.

Be sure to attend Linda's talk at the upcoming LWML Mid-South District Convention where she will talk about how you can Share Your Faith, Bless Your Family, and Impact Ministry when God calls you home. She will also have a display table with valuable information you can take with you.

# Glory and Rejoice . . . Early!

*A message from Rev. Gordon Smith, Junior Pastoral Counselor*

**N**ow after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you" (Matthew 28:1-7).

... "the first day of the week" ... We are told on which day the women went to the tomb, to supposedly check on Jesus. On the first day of the week...not on the "week-end" or anytime else, but early on the FIRST day. And this "On the first day of the week," is echoed as John too, (John 20:1) tells God's people in his Gospel, was the day that only one woman, Mary of Magdalene, went to check on the tomb, which the church has used in reckoning what day to worship ever since. And it is in this understanding that we, even today, choose to have Sundays as our day to worship, contrary to others' use of the traditional Sabbath Day to praise God.

And of note too, is that it was "Early" on that day, reinforcing the idea that the people of God should put "first things, first." It is good for us, as God's people, to remember that we should start the week off with our minds on Christ, going out to be with him, and His people...all those who share this understanding that we should seek the



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Lord first, to be in His presence and receive from Him His blessings, just as the Psalmist reminds us:

*The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing (Psalm 34:10).*

and

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! (Psalm 105:3-4).*

I write this having just begun the "Holy Triumvirate" with my first Maundy Thursday gatherings, looking forward to another later today, and then anticipating the "Good Friday" and eventual Easter services, where a good many of God's people will gather with me to seek the Lord while ending our reflection on His passion, and beginning this following week, "Early" on Easter morning, to remind ourselves of just how our loving God and Lord planned and executed our salvation, not only ours, but all those who hold fast to Him, our guardian, guide and stay.

May we indeed glory and rejoice in our awesome God and Lord. Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*Pastor Gordon Smith*

**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM**  
**LWML Mid-South District 2024 Convention**  
 “Holy Spirit, Flow Through Me”  
 June 7-9, 2024 \* Memphis, TN



**Please print:**

Badge Name: (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/City/ST: \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

General Registration (Includes Spouses and Special Guests)     Delegate     YWR (18-35)

Jr. YWR (13-17)     Pastor     District Board Member     Banquet Only

<b><u>Fees:</u></b>		
Early Registration by April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	\$60	\$ _____
Registration between April 16 <sup>th</sup> -May 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$85	\$ _____
One Day Registration	\$45	\$ _____
Saturday Box Lunch	\$15	\$ _____
(includes sub sandwich, chips, cookie)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free Roll requested		
Saturday Plated Dinner and Banquet	\$60	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount enclosed:</b>		\$ _____
<b>**No refund available after May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**</b>		

- Make checks payable to: **LWML Mid-South District Convention**
- Confirmation will be sent to your email; for a paper confirmation enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope
- For additional information or to register online, go to <https://www.midsouthlwml.org/district-convention>
- Hard copy registration form and payment may be mailed to:

**Meg Lowitzer, Registrar**  
**1414 Statesboro Drive**  
**Collierville, TN 38017**

- Check any that apply:
  - Wheelchair access     Hearing Impaired (preferential seating)
  - Other Special Medical and/or Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions    Please specify:  
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Childcare requested for Friday and Saturday business sessions. List number of children and ages.  
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# Meet Our Special Convention Guests



## Keynote Speaker – Kaye Dumas Wolff

Kaye Dumas Wolff is well-known in LWML circles and has been active in the LWML most of her life. Many Lutheran Women in Mission know Kaye through her terms as LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and as the LWML 2021-23 Nominating Committee Chairman. And many know that Kaye was instrumental in making the LCMS docu-movie “The First Rosa,” about the pioneer Lutheran educator and missionary Rosa Young. We are so excited for Kaye to join us at our convention!



## Humorous Interrupter and Banquet Entertainer – Wendysue Fluegge

Wisconsin based singer/songwriter, worship leader, and dramatist Wendysue Fluegge has a bold love for Jesus and an energetic personality that will entertain and inspire you. She recently released her 6th collection of hymns, contemporary praise, and original songs (a Christmas edition).



During the pandemic, she and her daughter Miranda created a children’s book for girls from birth to age 9. Baby Girl Lullaby combines Wendysue’s song lyrics and Miranda’s illustrations and can be personalized for your sweetie. We look forward to her return as our banquet entertainer and also in her new role as a humorous interrupter!

## LWML Representative – Brenda Piester, LWML Recording Secretary



Brenda Piester is a third generation Lutheran Woman in Mission as she witnessed the volunteer efforts of her mother and grandmothers. After college and marriage, Brenda became involved in LWML by serving as the treasurer of her local group. Brenda progressed through many leadership positions in her group and zone and was President of the LWML Kansas District. She is currently the LWML Recording Secretary. We welcome Brenda as she joins us as the official representative of the LWML Board of Directors!

## LCMS Mid-South District President – Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola



We are extremely thankful for the leadership and support of Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola as our LCMS District President. President Paavola has attended almost every district convention since becoming our district president and attends most of the national conventions. He and his wife Pat, are our greatest “cheerleaders”! We look forward to sharing time with them as we gather in Memphis this June.

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LWML Mid-South District 2024 Convention

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Register using form on page 8, or click the QR code at right to go to the Webpage.



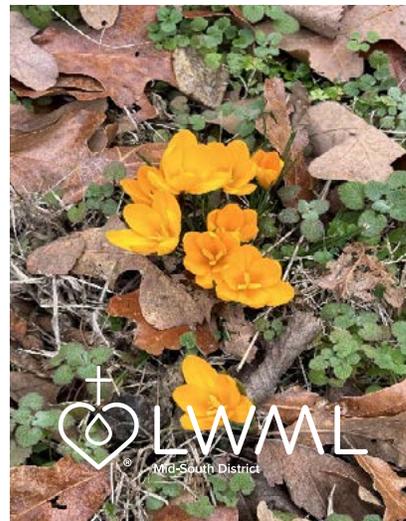
Scan or click this QR code to be directed to the Convention Webpage.

## News & Updates

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### Mid-South District Endowment Fund

Spring is peeping through the fall leaves, soon it will be in full bloom, much the way that we see individuals grow. Many of our LWML members started growing in faith as children. We watched them learn from the adults around them how to serve others and take on more responsibilities. The Mid-South District Endowment Fund is committed to helping these individuals achieve those goals and dreams. The fund was blessed with growth this year and has funds to provide help to these individuals that can use them to fulfill their goals. April 15th is the deadline to apply for the funds. Forms and instructions are found on the Mid-South District website. Any questions can also be addressed to Mary Pruitt, Endowment Fund Chairman at [endowmentfund@midsouthlwml.org](mailto:endowmentfund@midsouthlwml.org).



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### LWML Prayer Service Available



The 2024 LWML prayer service is available and it's wonderful! Written by Rev. Michael Mattil, the service focuses on Grace, Mercy, and Peace. Rev. Mattil served as a national LWML Pastoral Counselor from 2007–2011. He has also served as a Texas District LWML Pastoral Counselor, a Circuit Counselor, and as a District Area Vice-President. You can find all the details along with downloads for bulletins, logos, and PowerPoint at [www.lwml.org/prayer-service](http://www.lwml.org/prayer-service).

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### Be a Prayer Warrior!

Don't forget that we have a district prayer chain! No prayer request is too small or too big for our Great God; and don't feel like you need to be eloquent. Just provide the who and the what and let the Holy Spirit take it from there.

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words (Romans 8:26).*

You can sign up by simply emailing our prayer chain coordinator at [lwmlmsdprayer@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlmsdprayer@gmail.com). If you have prayer requests, you can send them to the same address. Be sure to check out the guidelines at [www.midsouthlwml.org/web\\_documents/LWML-MSD-Prayer-Chain-Guidelines.pdf](http://www.midsouthlwml.org/web_documents/LWML-MSD-Prayer-Chain-Guidelines.pdf).



**NW Arkansas Zone  
Spring Rally**

**APRIL 6, 2024**

8:45 AM – 2 PM

Messiah Lutheran

15315 N. Hwy. 94

Pea Ridge, AR

*Grow in Christ and  
Serve with Joy*

*2 Thessalonians 1:30*

Program: Bright Futures

Offering: Mission Fund;

Ingathering: Bright Futures

**East TN Zone  
One-Day Retreat**

**APRIL 6, 2024**

9 AM – 3:30 PM

Grace Lutheran

9076 Middlebrook Pike,

Knoxville, TN

*Do Not Be Afraid for  
I Am With You*

*Isaiah 41:10*

Program: Dr. Emily Hagar,

TN Suicide Prevention

**West TN Zone  
Spring Rally**

**APRIL 13, 2024**

9:30 AM

Beautiful Savior Lutheran

7630 Davidson Rd.,

Olive Branch, MS

*I Am the Vine, You Are the  
Branches • John 15:5*

Lunch \$10

Program and Offering:

House of Grace

**Arkansas River Valley Zone**

**APRIL 13, 2024 • 9 AM – 2 PM**

Zion Lutheran

93 Augsburg Rd., London, AR

*Remembering God's Love, Ephesians 6:7*

Offering: Augsburg Food Pantry

Ingathering: The Russ Bus, serving the homeless

**Mid-Arkansas Zone Spring Rally**

**APRIL 13, 2024 • 8:30 AM**

Our Savior Lutheran, 301 Pine St., Cabot, AR

**Chattanooga Zone  
Spring Rally**

**APRIL 20, 2024**

9:30 AM – 2 PM

First Lutheran

2800 McCallie, Chattanooga, TN

*God's Blessings Rescue Us*

*Jeremiah 1:8*

Program & Ingathering: Chattanooga Rescue

Mission • Offering: Mission Fund

**Southern  
Arkansas  
Zone Spring Fling**

**APRIL 20, 2024**

9:00 AM

Trinity Lutheran

4200 Old Warren Rd.,

Pine Bluff, AR

*Butterflies*

*John 11:25a*

Program, Offering, and

Ingathering: Voices for Children

**NE Arkansas Zone  
Spring Rally**

**APRIL 27, 2024**

9:00 AM

St. John's Lutheran

Lafe, Arkansas

11530 Hwy 135 N

Lafe, AR. 72436

*Love and Serve*

*Philippians 2:1-11*

Program: Robin Moyer,

Deaconess Program

Offering & Ingathering

for deacons & seminary  
students

**APRIL  
2024**

**Upcoming  
Zone Events**

**Mid TN Zone  
Spring Rally**

**APRIL 27, 2024**

Our Savior Lutheran

5110 Franklin Pike,

Nashville, TN

*Transformed in Christ*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Program: Judy Felts, Oak

Cottage for Women

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# Zones in Action

News, reports, and activities from the  
10 Zones of the LWML Mid-South District

## Chattanooga Zone Fall Rally

The Chattanooga Zone held our Fall Rally in September 2023, hosted by the LWML ladies at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. We were blessed with a captivating speaker, Mr. John Hunter, Program Director of Isaiah 117 House at the Chambliss Center for Children; a partnership to serve the children of Hamilton County in Chattanooga. Isaiah 117 House “is a place always ready to take in children in their time of need and help what is inevitably a traumatic transition” as they enter the foster care system and await placement with a foster family. The ladies from all five groups in our zone fully supported this ministry with prayer and a superabundance of tee shirts, hooded sweatshirts, pants, shoes, undergarments and food gift cards. Many children arrive at Isaiah 117 House with nothing of their own. Our theme and Bible verse for this day was, *For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever* (Psalm 9:18 ESV). So many were inspired by this ministry that at least two individuals in our zone now actively volunteer at Isaiah 117 House.

Wishing everyone in the district a very Happy Easter! He is Risen!



**Isaiah 117**  
Caring for children awaiting foster placement



## Hot Meal Ministry in Mid Arkansas Zone

Zion Lutheran Church, Avilla, Arkansas



Zion Lutheran, Avilla, Arkansas, serves their community with a Hot Meal Ministry. Colleen Mays, Jeanette Irby, Barb Dunn, Bruce Schrader, Glenn Hannah, and photographer Joyce Moore serve up tables full of hot meals for those in need.



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