



MARCHING TOWARD THE MISSION GOAL

Friday, March 29 is the deadline for all mite offerings to be received in the LWML Office! The end of our biennium, March 31, falls on a Sunday this year so please make adjustments in your schedule for contributing to the Mission Grants for 2017-2019. To view the updated mission grants report, click here: lwml.org/mission-grants.

Be Somebody

In this devotion written by Terri Bentley, Meridian, Idaho, the last paragraph reads:

In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus emphasizes the importance of extending ourselves to each other when we see a need – in instances such as hunger, thirst, being a stranger, naked, sick, or being in prison. Are we responding to the needs of our fellow human beings? He chastised those who did not seem to notice the needs in their midst by telling them, ‘*Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me*’ (Matthew 25:40). Look to be that somebody so others can see Jesus in you.

To view the entire devotion published by LWML, 2014 and available for free download at lwml.org/home, click here: unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/29742/be-somebody_devo.pdf.

With the cross of Jesus going on before you, march on toward the mission goal of extending our Lord’s kingdom. **Send in your Mite Box offerings today or donate online at lwml.org/donate-online.**

BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY

Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, Arizona, was the host and location for **Best Practices for Ministry**, February 20–22, 2019. **Best Practices for Ministry** brings together church leaders and congregational members from all over the United States to learn from others’ experiences what has worked and what has helped make a difference in their congregations or in their ministries. It is an indoor affair with many speakers/presenters and outdoor affair with the exhibits and eating areas. LWML was chosen to present two sessions and exhibit.

LWML President Patti Ross and LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Debbie Larson presented the session, “Money for Missions” about district and national LWML grants and the application process. LWML Vice President of Christian Life Jennifer Huecker and former LWML Vice President of Communication Linda Arnold presented the session, “Resources on a Budget”



about LWML resources available on the LWML website and in the LWML store. All these Lutheran Women *In Mission* enjoyed interacting with the visitors at the LWML exhibit.



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**2019 LWML CONVENTION
JUNE 20–23, 2019
MOBILE, ALABAMA**



**Gifts from the
Heart
Mobile 2019**

Recipients

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| Women's Resource Center | The Penelope House | Home of Grace | Nola 4H-: Help for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting |
| Faith based organization that counsels women who are considering abortions as an alternative. | Shelter for women who are victims of Domestic Violence | Faith Based Organization for Women who have drug and alcohol addictions | The NOLA 4H churches work closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries in their communities. |

Gifts from the Heart

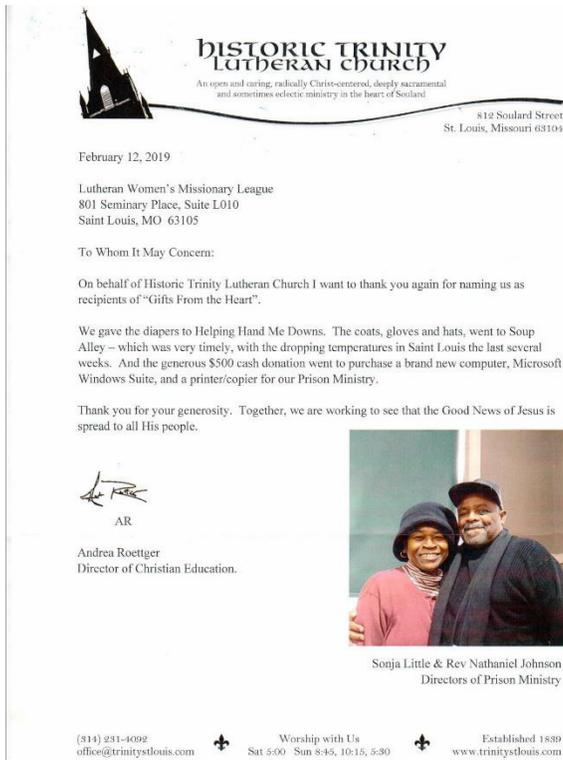
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gift Cards -Walmart or Target in \$10 or \$25 amounts o Twin-sized Sheet Sets (new and in package) o Arch book order from CPH link Will be delivered to GFTH at convention. Please be sure to use promo code GFTH at checkout to secure the discount. o Bible Donations Bible Donation link o Will be shipped to NOLA 4H in New Orleans. o New Baby Kits o Health Kits <p><small>All Arch Books ordered through this site will be stored by CPH and shipped directly to the convention in Mobile, Alabama. Once at the convention, the books will be delivered directly to the Gifts from the Heart collection room. ORDERS WILL CLOSE MAY 30th. Below is the URL: https://books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart</small></p> | |
| <p align="center">New Baby Kits (Please bring a complete kit packed in a diaper bag or wrapped in blanket or quilt -Label size of kit)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diaper bag, fleece blanket, or baby quilt 2. Baby wipes 3. Hooded towel and washcloth 4. 1-2 sleepers (newborn to 24 months) 5. 1-2 outfits (newborn to 24 months) 6. Love, Laughter, and Lullabies Mustard Seeds, @ Concordia Publishing House 7. 8-12 disposal diapers (NB– 24 months) 8. 2-3 burp pads 9. 2-3 pairs of socks 10. Baby toy or LWML bear | <p align="center">Health Kits (Please bring a complete kit wrapped in Towel)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bath towel 2. Washcloth 3. Full-sized bar of soap 4. Toothbrush & toothpaste 5. Women's stick deodorant 6. Comb/Brush 7. Mustard Seeds, devotional book, or tract |
| <p>Lutheran World Relief Lutheran World Relief - Quilts</p> | |

Two special recognition opportunities-

- 1) LWML would like to honor our overseas missionaries, those currently serving and those who have served in the past, and give them an opportunity to visit with old friends and be recognized for their service. A Friday night reception will be held for overseas missionaries. There will be a table in the registration area for them to sign up for the reception and to receive a special recognition ribbon for their name badge.
- 2) LWML would like to recognize our LWML women in active duty and veteran military with a special ribbon to wear on their name badge which may be received at a special table near the registration area.

To register and to read about all the joyful events of convention including the Gifts from the Heart, visit www.lwml.org/2019-convention.
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MISSION INSPIRATION



At the LWML Board of Directors meeting January 23-25, St. Louis, Missouri, members had the special opportunity of donating items for Gifts from the Heart to the community ministries of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church.

Pictured here is Director of Christian Education Andrea Roettger receiving the items presented by LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui at the Board of Directors meeting.



A letter of gratitude (shown at the left) was received at the LWML Office.

MISSION SERVICE

Sincere appreciation is extended to LWML Office Business Manager Vanessa Johnson and Office assistant Lauren Deneen for welcoming the wives of students at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri, to fun and fellowship at the new LWML Office on campus. Pictured here are Lutheran Women *In Mission* knitting and crocheting.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well (Psalm 139:13-14).



Lutheran Women in Mission — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 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 LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

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