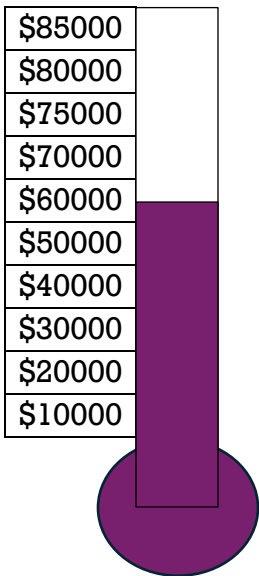




We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** * and nationally. For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org

PASS IT ON
JUNE 2025

**LWML-NED Mission Goal
for 2024-2026 is \$85,000**



2024-2026 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal \$85,000 allocated as follows:

\$55,250 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.
\$21,250 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$8,500 for
Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England District Administration

Total **Mite** money thru, **May 31, 2025**, is **\$48,038.76**
and is **56.5%** of Goal.



**WE ARE MAKING OUR WAY
TOWARD OUR GOAL.**



**God bless you as
you serve Him
with gladness
throughout the
new year!**

Please **save and remit** your **Mite** donations payable to
LWML-NED

Our Mission Grants enable us to share the love of Christ
locally, nationally, and internationally.

SEND MITES TO: Barbara Lis, Treasurer
LWML-New England District
P.O. Box 932, Niantic, CT 06357

This is the Grant we are currently working on:

7b	PEER FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM – First Lutheran Church of Boston (\$110.19 to-date)	\$ 5,000
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PLEASE KEEP OUR MITE RECIPIENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS YOU FEED YOUR MITE BOX.

* The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LWML-New England District (LWML-NED) is a part of the National LWML. Since 1942, the LWML has been encouraging women to use their God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness and to support global missions.

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June PIO 2025

TRAVEL



Wales



Ireland

It is that time of year when the travel bug hits my family (and hopefully your family as well). School is over, the kids are anxious for activity and the weather is warm. Time to pack your suitcase and 'head for the hills. This year Jim (hubby), Kari (daughter), Tom (son-in-law) and I are heading to Ireland – The Emerald Isle. The land of the shamrock, the Blarney Stone, the cliffs of Moher, Kilkenny, etc. Then we head off to Wales – now who goes to Wales? Not too many. But the Merwin Family immigrated from the Welch countryside in 1632 – so off to Wales we go.

The joy of travel is seeing new locations (the beauty of nature); meeting new people (they are wonderful no matter what country you are in); learning about new cultures (strange as some may be) and hearing different languages (even if you don't know what the menu says). But the biggest thrill is seeing God in every location of the world. He is all over. He is everywhere. He is omnipresent. He is universal.

So, when you head out this summer, remember to 'see' God in every experience. Whether you are at the seashore, biking on the cape, hiking in the mountains or sitting in the sun reading a book, know that God is with you every step of the way. AND you are His witness in all you do and say.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...

The opportunity is here for all

Regardless of whether it's summer or fall

Activate all your witnessing skills

Valleys, seaside, road trip or hills

Everywhere you travel this year

Let everyone know that God is near.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, *June*

Dr. June Rae Merwin
President, LWML NED



LWML District 2024-2026 Mission Grant #7b



7b PEER FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM – First Lutheran Church of Boston

\$5,000

The goal of the *peer fellows* is to meet students where they are, on campuses, and have a dependable presence on campuses to bring the Gospel to those who would not otherwise hear it. They will foster relationships with students through the Word and be able to

encourage further teaching or attendance at Divine Services. They will be trained and disciplined by First Lutheran Church's (FLC) director of young adult ministry and encouraged for ongoing ministry and leadership within the church. Funds will be used for the Peer Fellows stipends of \$300/month. Once the program has proved effective, a donor will support the program.



GRANT 7A, Ministry of Early Childhood, Immanuel Lutheran School, Bristol, CT has been **FULLY FUNDED** (\$5,000).

Lord Jesus, all praise to you as we work toward our Mission Goals. Amen.

LWML National 2023-2025* Mission Grants

***ALL 2023–2025 National Mission Grants are PAID IN FULL**

We will receive the new list of Grants after the Convention in June and restart this section on the PIO at that time.



We are the Heart of the LWML because we are HIS:

Held by His Word;

Inspired to share His Gospel; and

Surrounded by His grace.



THE 41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Omaha, Nebraska

June 26-29, 2025

[Read all about it at:](https://www.lwml.org/convention)

<https://www.lwml.org/convention>

A Prayer for those preparing for Convention: God, our Father and Creator, open our hearts to receive Your grace. Cultivate the spiritual soil of faith and productivity in us. Grow in us a strong commitment to living a life that glorifies You. Bless this convention and all who gather here to grow in Your grace. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

CONVENTION INFORMATION:

HELP NEEDED: People coming from New England, would anyone like to help man the *Gospel Outreach* booth. There would always be a committee member present and a “cheat sheet”. We would like to know when they could help.

Contact: Lynn Batchelder (Lynnndavid1997@gmail.com)

The Exhibit Hall will be open: Thursday 9 AM - 6 PM Friday 10:30-1:45 Sat 12-2

VIEWING CONVENTION ONLINE will be available the week of convention at Convention Central ((<https://www.lwml.org/convention>)).

👁️ There will be instructions to assist those viewing online. eNews will provide announcements.

REAL ID (Travel - Convention)

IMPORTANT

As you plan to travel by plane to the Lutheran Women in Mission Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, this June, we want to help ensure your travel goes smoothly! **Starting May 7**, the U.S. Transportation Administration (TSA) will require all travelers to present either a REAL-ID compliant U.S. driver's license or a valid passport to board their flight.



Mission Impact Convention Luncheons

Mission Impact Luncheons are an excellent opportunity to hear more about the mission impact of ministries supported by Lutheran Women in Mission or be further encouraged by featured speakers or Bible study leaders from the convention.

Friday Luncheon Options:

President Eden Keefe meets with first-time convention participants.

Jeff Craig-Meyer, President of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), United States Ministries, will share how LHM reaches individuals with the Gospel message.

Rev. Craig Muehler and Rev. Steve Hokana, Chaplains serving in the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, will speak of the mission impact being made through supporting our military.

Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning Counselors, will inspire and encourage us to share our faith, bless our families, and make a lasting mission impact on ministry through charitable gift planning.

Rehema Kavugha, Director of Synod Relationships for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), will discuss the focus of LCEF to provide individuals and congregations the opportunity to use the financial gifts God has given them to impact missions.

Lunch with friends provides an opportunity to relax and catch up with old friends or meet new friends. No speaker provided.

Saturday Luncheon Options:

Rev. Kris Whitby, Keynote Speaker. Hear more from our keynote speaker on serving the Lord with gladness.

Jan Struck and Abby Goehring: Join them for more laughs and humor.

Rev. Kevin D. Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer: Rev. Robson will introduce missionaries serving around the world, including Deaconess Carol Lee Halter, Hong Kong, and Chelsie Irwin, the Eurasia Region.

Rev. Steve Schulz, Pastoral Advisor and Mission Development Counselor at Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, will share how Mission Central raises awareness of mission opportunities in support of our LCMS missionaries around the world.

Rev. Max Phillips, Executive Director, Lutheran Family Services, Fort Dodge, Iowa, will share the mission impact of 2023-2025 Mission Grant #21, Healthy Together, Healthy Workers, Healthy Church.

Heart to Heart (H2H) Reunion hosted by the Heart to Heart Sister of All Nations Committee. Join other sisters who are or have been involved with the H2H program on the district level.

WINGS

Women in God's Service

Service project to support

Birthright International

The women's ministry WINGS invites all members and friends of St Peter Lutheran Church, Norwalk, CT, to donate items collected by BIRTHRIGHT which they give to moms for their unplanned babies; gifts include diapers, wipes, lotion, shampoo, clothes, blankets, and toys. Donations should be brought to church by **June 22**; donations will be presented to Birthright by the end of June. Lifelong member of St Peter, Kristin Gallagher, volunteers with Birthright in Norwalk and can answer any questions about their ministry to moms in crisis.

For over 50 years, Birthright has been helping women with unplanned pregnancies. They provide friendship, love and hope as well as information about pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, prenatal care, community programs, parenting skills, childcare, and referrals for medical support, financial resources, housing, legal, social assistance, professional counseling. Donations can be mailed to Birthright of Greater Norwalk, 71 East Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851.

<https://birthright.org/greaternorwalk>



LWML-NED CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	Location	Function	Other Info
JUN/26-30/2025 <i>It's time to plan your days at Convention!</i>	Omaha, Nebraska	41st Biennial LWML Convention <i>"Growing in God's Grace," But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)</i>	Hosting Districts – LWML Nebraska North & LWML Nebraska South Go to: LWML.org – News & Events – Convention Central for up-to-the-minute NEWS
Nov 7-8, 2025 Friday PM/ Saturday until 3 PM	Hilton-Garden Inn Worcester, MA	LWML-NED Retreat Speaker: Rev. Dien Taylor	For Information contact: Christina Anop jmansgram@aol.com
April 17-18, 2026 Friday PM/ Saturday until 3 PM	Spring-Hill Suites, Devens, MA	LWML-NED District Convention "Known by God" (Psalm 139:13-14)	

OUR NED ZONE **SPRING** RALLY'S

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH



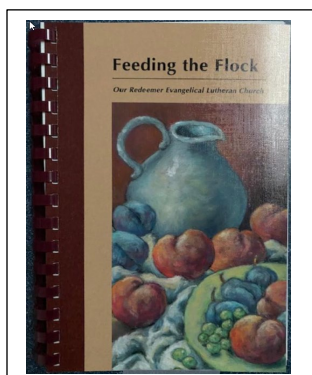
Spring Rally
April 26, 2025

EASTERN ZONE RALLY



LWML-NED President,
Dr. June Merwin spoke on the LWML and our mission in the
New England District.

God blessed the Eastern Zone Spring Rally which took place on April 26th with 25 women attending, including our President, Dr. June Merwin who was planning to join all 3 zone rallies taking place that rainy day! The Lord showered us with his grace as we gathered to **worship**, learn about the **history of the LWML**, hear about **short-term mission** opportunities such as teaching in Poland from our Zone President Leslie Colligan, and have **fellowship with sisters-in-Christ** from Lutheran Church of the Way (Raynham, MA), St. Lukes (Dedham, MA), St. Pauls (Providence, RI), and Our Redeemer (Smithfield, RI). The Rally menu featured throwback recipes from our host society's (Our Redeemer) 2006 church cookbook. Everyone received a copy of the cookbook so they could enjoy those recipes again! We were especially blessed to have our newest society from St. Pauls (Providence, RI) join us and we look forward to their hosting our Fall Rally. \$250 was raised for the Eastern Zone and \$236.07 was collected for mites. 37 jars of peanut butter, 8 tubes of toothpaste and 6 additional food pantry items were gathered for the Northern RI Food Pantry. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*



Rose, Corinne, Janet, Irene,
Liz, Nancy, Jackie, Deb



Sue and Kristin at
registration