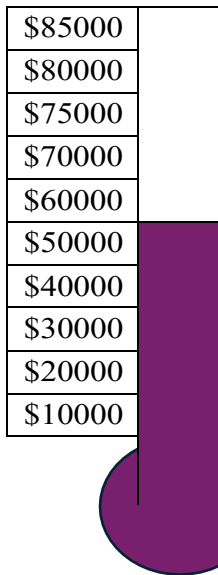




We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** * and nationally. For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org

PASS IT ON
JULY 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, June 30, 2025, is \$49,144.94
and is 58% 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 (\$829.21 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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July 2025

FISHING



I grew up in a small town in Western New York. It was located on the Niagara River just where the Erie Barge Canal merges with the Mighty Niagara. Our location was above Niagara Falls and the river current was 14 mph. Because of the danger, everyone was a swimmer. We even had a swimming pool in our elementary school to make certain all the children learned to swim. We also learned all about fishing. My father took we three girls out in the boat when we were young soles and taught us how to put the hook on the line and then the worm on the hook. After we caught the wide-mouth bass and rainbow trout, we had to filet the fish, fry it over the fire and serve it for the family dinner. We were true fisherwomen!

So, what does God tell us about fishing? He tells us to be ‘fishers of men’. In Matthew he called his disciples and promised them a new, more fulfilling role in sharing his teachings. We, too, are his disciples and we, too, should heed our Savior’s advice in our everyday life. So, remember during your summer activities (whether it is boating, fishing, swimming or sitting in the sun) that we are all called to be FISHERS OF MEN - whenever we have an opportunity to spread the word.

Matthew 4:19: “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

First and foremost - God gave us a call
It is something for which we cannot stall
Start right now and learn what to say
Have your words ready each and every day
Even when you do not feel prepared
Remember the Lord wants us to share
Moments of surprise will come your way
Each time you should stand up and say
Never lose the opportunity God gives
For you to say that the Lord truly lives.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, *June*

Dr. June Rae Merwin
President, LWML NED



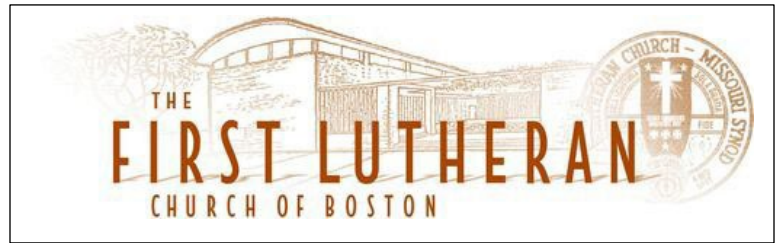
LWML District 2024-2026 Mission Grant #7b



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 in August.

Today is ours, a gift from God. Whether the sun is shining brightly or heavy rain is pounding against the windows, God wants us to have this day. Whether we are happy or sad, healthy or disabled, God made each of us part of His plan for today.





THE 41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Omaha, Nebraska

June 26-29, 2025

41st Biennial Convention Highlights

Mission Goal for 2023–2025 Biennium: \$2,350,000.00

Amount Received: \$2,742,337.04

New 2025-2027 Biennium Mission Goal: \$2,622,270.00

Learn More at the **LWML.org** website. On page 1 you will find this in the “News window.” Click on Learn More and it brings you to the 2025-2027 Mission Grant page!

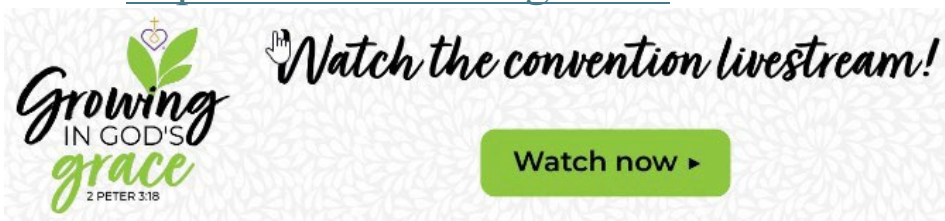
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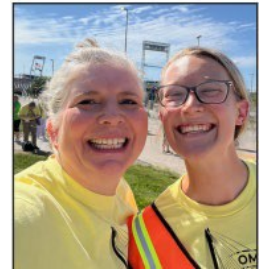
You can **recap the Convention** and **play** each day by going on-line to <https://www.lwml.org/home> and **select**



Convention “by the numbers” -- 3.31 :1 COW TO HUMAN ratio in Nebraska, 272 Singers in Choir; 806 *Wake Up with the Word* Bible Study; and 600 + Friday evening Bible Study attendance.



This was the largest **Mission Walk** in LWML convention history! More than 1,627 men, women, and children raised the \$75,000 as they trekked across the beautiful Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge connects Nebraska and Iowa — making this a doubly historic mission walk taking place in two states! Lush gardens and green spaces, well-groomed trails, and stunning sculptures made the one mile walk enjoyable for all.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

The LWML-NED Board has approved the following mission trips:

\$400 Short Term International Mission Trip Grant to Pastor James Butler, St Luke's Lutheran Church, Dedham, MA. P. Butler will participate in the mission trip to Konin Poland for an English Bible Camp and ministry to help increase cooperation between LCMS and the Polish Lutheran Church.

\$200 Short Term Domestic Mission Trip Grant to minister to Navajo families, children and Pastor Tim Norton. This is an annual event and will take place from July 7-15, 2025. The Grant was approved for each of the following: David Batchelder, Lynn Batchelder, Ellie Sienkiewicz, Sophie Sienkiewicz, Frank Sienkiewicz, and Kerry Krunfio,

\$400 Short Term International Mission Trip Grant for Kris Stelter from Christ Lutheran Church Niantic CT. Kris will be part of a medical mission trip to Madagascar. Kris is recommended by Rev Paul Scheyder.



LWML-NED CALENDER OF EVENTS

Date	Location	Function	Other Info
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)	

Lutheran Womens Missionary League New England District



FALL RETREAT 2025
November 7-8, 2025



Theme: Praying and Serving in Hope



The world would have us fear-filled, frozen, gloomy, and disillusioned about our lives, our society, and the Church. Christians are baptized to think, pray, and serve differently than the ways of the world. As the Holy Spirit leads us to confess the Christian faith with boldness, we come before the throne of God's grace with confidence, and we serve the Lord with gladness that is grounded in hope that does not disappoint us.

Speaker: The Most Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor

The Most Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor is the Bishop and President of the LCMS Atlantic District, Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York, and the LCMS President's Voting Representative on the Board for National Mission.



Hilton-Garden Inn

35 Major Taylor Boulevard,
Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608, USA

Saturday, November 8th

Linda Arbesman from Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Terryville, CT will speak to us on OGT's work in Ct and around the world.

COME, JOIN US!

A TAG SALE FOR MISSIONS

Lutheran Church of Madison (LCM)

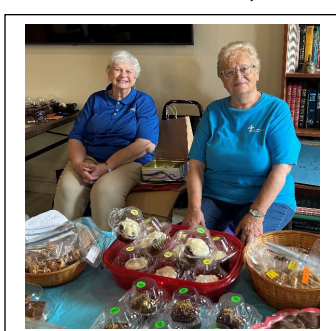
LWML ANNUAL TAG SALE – JUNE 7, 2025



Back: Dorcas, Valjean, Julie, Rose, Terri, Rosemarie
Front: Marcia, Connie, Bev, June, Melody & Hike



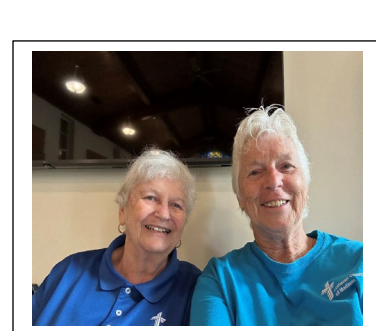
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BAKED GOODS



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WORKERS



TAG SALERS – HARD AT WORK

Other Areas of Interest: Jewelry, Books, Outdoor items