



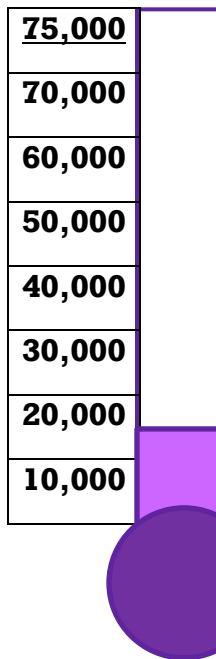
PASS IT ON

August 2022

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

LWML-NED Mission Goal for 2022-2024 is \$75,000



2022-2024 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal \$75,000 allocated as follows:

\$48,750 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.

\$18,750 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$7,500 for Lutheran Womens Missionary League-New England District Administration.

Total Mite Money thru July 31, 2022, is

\$15,628.94 = 21% of new Goal.



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: Susan Lastowski, Treasurer
LWML-New England District
P.O. Box 626, Holyoke, MA 01041

This is the Grant we are **currently** working:

Grant 4	Brazilian - Portuguese Language Outreach—Messiah Lutheran Church, Lynnfield, MA (Received to date \$1,358.81) See Page 5	\$ 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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FROM OUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters in Mission:

Have you ever been on a trip that you enjoyed but you felt ready to go home? Maybe the trip was just too long, the culture was so very different, the weather was too extreme, or the trip was physically exhausting. Don't we often feel that way about our journey through this life? The apostle Paul did. *My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better* (Philippians 1:23b). As we travel through this life, we face many trials, but the Word of God comforts us as it reminds us that this world is not our true home as *our citizenship is in heaven* (Philippians 3:20a).

The great chapter on faith, Hebrews 11, gives us the example of Abraham. He obeyed God's call to leave his home, and he trusted in God even though he had no idea where God was leading him. Abraham lived a nomadic life in tents looking forward to the heavenly home God was preparing for him. *For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. They desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city* (Hebrews 11:10,16).

With heaven as our home, we are *strangers and exiles on the earth seeking a homeland* (Hebrews 11:13b,14b). Is it any surprise then that we often feel that we don't fit in with the culture of this world? The Christians of the first century certainly didn't fit in with the culture and religion of the Roman Empire. Peter, writing to Jewish and Gentile Christians who were suffering persecution for their faith, calls them *sojourners and exiles* (1 Peter 2:11).

The hymn, *I'm But a Stranger Here*, beautifully expresses that as God's children, our home is in heaven, and our journey as pilgrims in this life is short. The "tempests that rage" and "time's wild wintry blasts" in this life "soon shall be overpast," and we shall return to our true home through faith in Christ who reconciled us to the Father through His death and resurrection.

*Therefore, I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.*
LSB #748. Text and music: Public domain

As citizens of heaven, we dedicate our lives to sharing the Gospel message so others may hear of Christ's saving work, believe, and share in the glories of heaven. We know that God *desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth* (1 Timothy 2:4).

Do you have a friend or family member that needs to hear the Gospel? How about inviting them to our upcoming retreat? There they can be surrounded by Lutheran Women in Mission whose passion is to welcome and share God's love and Gospel. Surrounded by God's love, they can spend two days in His Word. They will be blessed to hear Donna Snow share how God worked through Esther to deliver His people and continue His plan of salvation.

It's also time again to start planning for LWML Sunday. It is the first Sunday in October and gives you the opportunity to share the mission work of the LWML. Speak to your pastor today to start making plans. How can you highlight LWML that Sunday at your church? Plan to have an LWML choir for the day, write a blurb for the bulletin, speak about LWML, collect an offering for mites, have a table set up to share mission projects, have a bake sale for mites, etc. Be creative! Encourage participation! Wear purple!

Serving the Lord with gladness,
Sharon P. Dever
Sharon P. Dever, LWML-NED President

Let's Focus on Retreat

Theme:

BE THOU MY VISION (In such a time as this)

November 4th and 5th at the DoubleTree at Bradley Airport

Hotel: 860-627-5171 – When reserving identify yourself as “LWML” Room rate \$111 (last day/rate Oct 14th)

Together we will share the themed Bible Study led by DONNA SNOW.



Here is a short summary of her Bible Study from Donna:

"The story of Esther is as dramatic as any major motion picture. After the past few years, we can certainly relate. Esther kept her eyes on God despite the drama that swirled around her. We will walk through her epic story to learn how we can apply those same principles to our daily faith walk as we trust God alone to be the vision for our future."

Donna will bring some of her Bible studies and devotion books that will be available for purchase and to have her sign as time permits.

Check the website (www.LWML-NED.org/retreat) for Registration and Covid Release Forms and make your reservations soon...

Registration cost:

Registration Fee: \$50

Early Bird Registration fee (Before September 10th) and First Time Attendees: Pay only \$45!!!

Saturday luncheon provided as part of your registration costs.

Come, walk with us in Christ

Gifts From the Heart:



We will support NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT LUTHERAN SCHOOLS: (Holyoke MA, Bristol CT, Danbury CT, and Keene NH) by **Gifts cards** (Target/Walmart/Costco/Hobby Lobby/Michael's/Barnes & Noble/Amazon); and/or **Clorox wipes, Tissues, Spiral notebooks, Card Stock** (red, white, and blue)

Check out Page 6 for our Craft Table needs...

A prayer for the People of Ukraine -



Lord Jesus, we pray for all those affected by this invasion. We pray that the people of Ukraine find hope and strength through Your Word and remain strong in their faith. Grant us peace. In Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

LWML-NED Calendar

Date	Start	End	
Sep/17/2022	10:00 AM	Tbd	LWML-NED Zoom Board Meeting
Nov/04/2022	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	RETREAT - BE THOU MY VISION (In Such a Time as This) DoubleTree Hotel at Bradley Airport 860-627-5171
Nov/05/2022	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	
Jun/22-25/2023	Tbd	Tbd	40th Biennial National Convention of the Lutheran Womens Missionary League, Milwaukee, WI



It is that time of year again!

We now have the “sale” of school items in the stores. If you are looking for a project, you can always turn to ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT) and help them with their “School Kits”.

Whether your project consists of **making** kits or just **collecting** items for their kits – it all helps.

Here are the items that make up one school kit for Orphan Grain Train (our New England branch is in Terryville, CT).

- ☐ 1 backpack ☐ 2 spiral notebooks ☐ 2 pencils ☐ 2 pens ☐ 10 sheets of construction paper
- ☐ 1 package crayons (24 count) ☐ 1 ruler ☐ 2 glue sticks ☐ 1 scissors ☐ 1 eraser
- ☐ 1 package-colored pencils (12 count) ☐ 1 pencil sharpener

REMEMBER:

OGT always welcomes clean clothing; furniture; walking canes; wheelchairs; canned goods, etc.

Donations can be dropped at the warehouse in Terryville, CT Mon & Thu mornings.

LWML District 2022-2024 Mission Grant #4



4 Brazilian - Portuguese Language Outreach—Messiah Lutheran Church, Lynnfield, MA---\$5,000

The purpose of this project is to help Messiah Lutheran Church share the Gospel with the Portuguese speaking population in their area. First generation Brazilian immigrants need resources for spiritual growth in their native language, and Messiah needs help in communicating with them. They currently have several families connected to the church that would benefit from Portuguese language resources, and they believe that if they can provide Bible Studies and fellowship opportunities in Portuguese that number will grow. This grant will provide Portuguese Bibles and catechisms, food and supplies to host fellowship gatherings, and a Portuguese speaking LCMS pastor to lead regular Bible Study in Portuguese over Zoom.



LWML **National** 2021-2023 Mission Grant #14

Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$100,000

About This Mission Grant



Alexandria Shick is a third-year Concordia Seminary deaconess student currently serving her internship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School in Oviedo, Fla. She plans to serve in correctional chaplaincy after graduation.

Deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary has requested, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program is expected to increase, enabling the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

"Be Thou My Vision" LWML Retreat

NOV. 4th & 5th

CRAFT TABLE NEEDS

handmade items

ornaments



bookmarks



canned goods



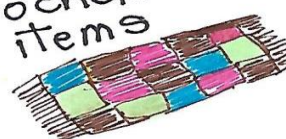
used Christian books



Baked goods



Knitted and/or crocheted items



Themed gift baskets

BRING TO RETREAT



Many of you had the opportunity to attend Deaconess Slininger's Focus Forum at the convention and view the video of her ministry, **Spirit Warrior**. Deaconess has created a new video, and you might enjoy viewing it. Included below is the link. Thank you, Deaconess, for sharing with us! Here is the link to the new video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XQnX9kYiDjm9Mlf-O17ufjbDxWeiWXA3/view?usp=drivesdk>



Hi ladies

Here is another LWML activity at the LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MADISON this spring.

LWML TAG SALE - JUNE 11, 2022



FRONT: Hilke, Barb, Valjean, Ruth, Dottie; BACK: Bev, Jean, Marcia, Sharon & Rosemarie

