

## NID-Bits

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LOVE & HONOR ONE ANOTHER  
 ROMANS 12:10

## Love and Honor One Another

Our LWML NID theme for 2024 is "Love and Honor One Another" based on Romans 12:10. *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.* The goal is to accept one another, pray for each other, share, and give to those in need. We will work with intention and joy!



## Read On!

*By LWML NID President Gayle Thanepohn*

Greetings to all of the LWML NID members! This issue of NID-Bits is packed full of important information. Be sure you read every article and all of the additional pages. Share it with others, too. Make copies available for the ladies in your church. I will be highlighting some of those articles.

I am hoping to see all of you at the LWML NID 2024 Convention at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Tinley Park. The Convention Committee has been very creative and diligent in preparing for a most outstanding experience for all that attend. It has been reported that there are many first timers attending this year! Praise God! We pray your first time convention experience will be all that you expect. Be sure to review the Gifts from the Heart (ingathering) items that will be collected at the convention for the Redeeming Life Maternity Home that is now open in East Dundee. Take advantage of RLOM's Amazon Wish List ordering option. See page 9.

Thinking about the convention...

- Please check out the servant event activities for Friday's attendees (page 10).
- Don't forget, Friday attendees, that there will be a communion worship service at 7 p.m. Plan on dining out at one of the local Tinley Park restaurants between the servant event and evening worship.
- Come early on Saturday and connect with other LWML NID members before the day's events.
- Attend the Bible Study, first on Saturday's agenda.
- Be ready to listen to our guest speaker, David Fiala, as he shares his love for missions and mission work.
- Plan on hearing from some of the 2022-2024 grant recipients during the breakout sessions.
- Visit the vendors that will be present.

Delegates: please read all of your emails from the LWML NID, as they are sent to you between now and convention, so that you will be prepared to vote for the by-law revisions, the candidates for the offices, and the 2024-2026 grant proposals. Spend time in prayer as you prepare to vote.

**If you haven't already registered, please note that the deadline for registration is September 1, 2024. Be sure that your church has two delegates registered!**

There are, at the time of the writing of this article, no candidates for some of the offices that are to be elected at this convention. If they are still vacant at the convention, we will be seeking nominations from the floor. Please pray that we have candidates for all the offices!

Be sure to view the list of **2022-2024 Grant Recipients** on page 5. We give God all the glory and praise that LWML NID is able to make payments to these recipients that turned in their receipts.

Blessings to all as we end the summer and begin the fall season. We pray that all of your LWML groups will be planning some interesting meetings and activities for the upcoming year.

# LWML NID Convention 2024

*By Marilyn Hess, LWML NID Convention Co-Chair*

The 77<sup>th</sup> LWML NID District Convention (September 20-21, 2024) is fast approaching. The registration flyer—packed with all the details you need—is included on page 8. Online registration is at [www.lwmlnid.org](http://www.lwmlnid.org). September 1 is the registration deadline. Please register for both Friday and Saturday events; however, there is no charge for Friday events.



The Convention Committee concluded that attendees who wish to spend the night will find better prices at hotels on their own than we could negotiate.

## Convention Highlights

**\*Keynote Speaker David Fiala**, Mission Advocate, LCMS, is a son of the Northern Illinois District (Cross, Yorkville and St. John, Wheaton). He will bring a Mission Awareness Presentation to our convention this fall. Delegates will learn: What is Mission? Why are we doing what we're doing? How do we get it done? When do we change gears? And more.

We in LWML love **purple**, and the Czech name Fiala means **purple**, so our keynote speaker is **PURPLE!**

**\*New This Year: Breakout Sessions** featuring Missions in Action 2022-2024 Grant Recipient Speakers.

**Bring Gifts from the Heart on Friday or Saturday.** See the wish list on page 9.

Stamps, glasses, eyeglass cases, witness bracelets, witness puppets, and clothing protectors are always welcome.

**Servant Event (Friday 2-4 p.m.)** Serving the Lord with Gladness at the 2024 **LWML NID CONVENTION SERVANT EVENT**, Friday, September 20, at Trinity Lutheran Tinley Park will be exciting for all participants! Joining in fellowship with LWML sisters will be as valuable as any talents you bring and the price is right—exactly zero dollars.

Activities include decorating shipping boxes, making journal covers, and tying blankets for Phil's Friends, as well as assembling witness bracelets for MOST Ministries. These are easy activities which require no special talent and are also great activities for homeschooled youth ages 12 and up when accompanied by a supervising adult. Register at [www.lwmlnid.org](http://www.lwmlnid.org).

Many thanks to Valerie Lynch for planning the event.

**Christa Petzold**, author and NID pastor's wife, will lead our **Bible Study** on the convention theme "Love and Honor One Another" based on Romans 12:10.

**Worship Service (Friday 7-8:30 p.m.)** Following dinner on your own, an uplifting opening worship service including Holy Communion will begin at 7 p.m. at Trinity, Tinley Park with local pastors Rev. Paul Strand and Rev. Rick Schauer, as well as Rev. Steven Warren, LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor. Proclaimer will be Rev. James Buckman, LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor, with Lana Gibbons providing music. There will be a reception following the service, provided by the LWML of Trinity, Tinley Park for fellowship. All are welcome.

**Registration, Exhibits, Coffee and... (Saturday 8 a.m.)**

**Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Karol Selle** will travel to NID from LWML North Wisconsin District to share news from National LWML.

**Young Woman Representatives** will provide a humorous skit for your enjoyment.

**LWML favorite Lana Gibbons** will provide music on Friday and Saturday. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn the new convention theme song composed by Lana.

There will be opportunity for in-person fellowship, singing, visiting vendors' displays, hearing mission speakers, and for delegates, voting for officers and choosing District Mission Grants. Plus, you'll have an opportunity for **in-person shopping at the LWML Store!**

## Stamps for Missions

*By Elvera Ruff*

Instead of disposing of the stamps you receive, please give them to the LWML NID so they can be sold to stamp clubs for money to fund missions.

The common flag stamps are not valuable. Please leave the ridges on stamps. It causes them to be worthless if they are cut without the ridges. Intact postcards with stamps on them are valuable. If just the stamp is sent without the rest of the card, it is worthless.

You can bring the stamps to any LWML NID meeting or activity or deliver them to Trinity Lutheran Church 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, IL 60532. Mark the envelope "Stamps for Missions." If you mail the stamps have the post office send them the least expensive way. Also ask to have stamps put on the envelope instead of metered mail.

We receive stamps from all over the United States.

## Join the NID Bus!

*By Kris Blackwell*



**Lutheran Women in Mission**

**41<sup>st</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

**Omaha, Nebraska**

**June 26–29, 2025 Bus will depart on June 25**

*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. Amen (2 Peter 3:18)*

We are looking into hiring a motor coach to take us to Omaha! These are the **tentative** details. We need to have 40 people commit in order to make this possible. Please contact Kris Blackwell at [kbwrk123@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrk123@gmail.com) or 630.234.1491 to put your name on the list. Once I determine that a bus is a go, then I will ask for a deposit.

The cost is approximately \$400 (about the same as flying but easier).

Two locations for pick-up: Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, and Cross Lutheran, Yorkville!

**Daily door-to-door service from hotel to convention center—approximately 7:30 a.m. departure for convention center and return trips at 5 and 9:30 p.m.**

Your rooms will be in a hotel that the LWML has designated as the hotel for bussed attendees. I will make all the arrangements when you sign up. You may choose your roommate and up to four in a room.

# Thank You for Supporting Mites!

*By Nancy Bundley, LWML NID Vice President of Gospel Outreach*

Listed below are the LWML NID Mission Grants funded by your mite contributions during the 2022-2024 biennium. Thank you!

View the list of **2024-2026 Mission Grant Proposals** on page 11. You can also watch a [video of the proposals](https://www.youtube.com/@LWMLNID) on the LWML NID YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@LWMLNID>).

## **Lutheran Bible Translators**

The majority of the Subula people of Cameroon are Muslims. The Subula people were eager for a revised version of the New Testament and for the Old Testament to be translated, and their prayers were answered. The Lutheran Bible Translators translated fifteen chapters of Scripture to put God's Word in the hands of the Subula people.

## **Voice of Care**

Voice of Care provides a district-wide high-level Respite and Companion Care Training program for church workers and lay volunteers. They are poised to train 175 individuals to provide much-needed qualified short-term respite care to families and individuals.

## **LINC Chicago**

LINC Chicago finds leaders in Chicago neighborhoods with God-given dreams who want to impact their communities with the Gospel and to raise up the next generation of church planters, multi-ethnic leaders, and urban missionaries. They have engaged, equipped, and empowered current LINC leaders, as well as leaders yet to be recruited.

## **Trinity Lutheran Church and School of Tinley Park**

Trinity Lutheran School has remodeled a room within the school to be a "maker space" with building and crafting material storage along the walls. They have purchased new technological learning materials and have opened up the room so students can collaborate together and explore the world God created.

## **MOST Ministries**

MOST Ministries enables committed Christians to go on short-term missions and share God's love through both witness and acts of service. MOST Ministries covered the cost of attending the Team Leader Training Orientation and one Team Leader Retreat for four Team Leader Trainees who began their training in 2023 and 2024 (four Team Leader Trainees in each year).

## **Walcamp**

Walcamp's pavilion is used by many of their programs, as well as many user groups. A few local congregations utilize this area for Vacation Bible School, while another uses the area for a large congregation campout. They have added a serving kitchen to their structure which will be utilized by all!

## **Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch**

The Kruse Memorial Chapel has been transformed to create a more trauma-sensitive, child-friendly environment that engages at-risk children, facilitating growth in the Gospel and Christ-centered healing.

## **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – Increasing Student Enrollment**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has a considerable pastor shortage that is jeopardizing faithful pastoral care to church members. Increasing student enrollment is their goal.



# The Society Pages

## Zone 6 (submitted by Lori S.)

Generous Contributions Towards Back to School Drive: Seine Bight Community Oriented Policing Unit

“You can give without loving, but you can not love without giving.”

“The measure of all love is its giving.”

A total of 52 backpacks were handed over to Aretha Gordon CPL #98 and Isolene Ramos PC #1300, Seine Bight Community Oriented Policing Officers, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 11:30a.m. Mrs. Cathy Dulgar from Belize Mission Society, along with her visiting team from the US, stopped by and donated 52 backpacks, which will be distributed to our Police Cadets and other children who are really in need of assistance. The bags will be handed over to the children during the summer holiday. The ladies of LWML NID Zone 6 generously collected these bags and supported this cause through the Belize Mission Society. Mrs. Cathy Dulgar stated that she has built a good working relationship with CPL Gordon at the Seine Bight Community Oriented Policing Unit for the past two years and expressed that it is a great one and that she will continue to do so for the betterment of our children in Seine Bight Village. The backpacks were received with much gratitude and appreciation, and both CPL Gordon and PC Ramos thanked the team and donors.



## Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park and Zone 16 (submitted by Jeanne G.)

The LWML ladies of Trinity went all out for the Shine! Servant Event this past April. They collected food for the Together We Cope food pantry, donated quilts and blankets to a local hospital, brought treats to Tinley Park’s four firehouses, sang at Heartis Senior Living in Orland Park, and hosted a baby shower for the Redeeming Life Maternity Home in East Dundee. The Zone 16 Spring Rally—a lovely tea party hosted by St. John, Country Club Hills—also supported the Shine! event by collecting purses filled with toiletries.



## NID Mites Address for 2022-2024

Please make **checks payable to: LWML NID**. Please write “Mites” on the memo line.  
A new PO Box for the 2024-2026 biennium will be acquired following the LWML NID Convention.  
Current address for sending mites and memorials:

LWML NID  
PO Box 185  
Westmont, IL 60559

## Stamps for Missions Address

Did you know that canceled postage stamps can earn money to support mites?  
Learn more at <https://lwmlnid.org/missions/stamps-for-missions/>

Please send or deliver canceled postage stamps to:

LWML NID  
c/o Trinity Lutheran Church  
1101 Kimberly Way  
Lisle, IL 60532

## Calendar

- September 1, 2024 — **Registration and Refund Deadline** for the LWML NID Convention
- September 20-21, 2024 — LWML NID **District Convention** at Trinity, Tinley Park
- June 26-29, 2025 — LWML **National Convention** in Omaha, NE

## Announcements

- Zones can send meeting announcements to be posted on the LWML NID website, Facebook, and Instagram to [president@LWMLNID.org](mailto:president@LWMLNID.org) for distribution.
- Follow the District on social media for the latest updates! Use the links below, or click the icons on the [www.LWMLNID.org](http://www.LWMLNID.org) website.
  - Facebook: LWML NID — [www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/](http://www.facebook.com/LWMLNID/)
  - Instagram: LWML NID — <https://www.instagram.com/lwmlnid/>
  - X (formerly Twitter): LWML NID — <https://twitter.com/LWMLNID>
  - YouTube: LWML NID — <https://www.youtube.com/@lwmlnid7730>  
LWML NID — <https://www.youtube.com/@LWMLNID>  
VP Gospel Outreach — <https://www.youtube.com/@vpgospeloutreachlwmlnid9909>

## Submissions

Share your group's event in NID-Bits! Email an article and any accompanying photos to the LWML NID Publications Editor, at [publicationseditor@lwmlnid.org](mailto:publicationseditor@lwmlnid.org). Please send articles for the November 2024—January 2025 issue by Friday, October 11.

You can reach the NID-Bits Editor at [publicationseditor@lwmlnid.org](mailto:publicationseditor@lwmlnid.org)



# 77th LWML NID CONVENTION

## September 20-21, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church

6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Friday, September 20**

2 to 4 p.m. Servant Event  
7 p.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, September 21**

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Register to attend YOUR LWML District Convention

Every church may send **two delegates** to vote.

Please select and register these representatives early.

**All** LWML participants are invited.

**All** female LCMS members are automatically women of the LWML.

**Cost: \$55 by July 20 - \$80 beginning July 21**

Includes Saturday lunch (vegan & gluten free options available)

**Livestream access: (available Saturday only) \$10**

*NO REFUNDS after September 1*

**Registrants will receive link to downloadable convention manual.**

**Printed manuals (standard or large print) must be requested in advance.**

There are many hotels nearby - please make your own reservations.

**Questions?**

Email [correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org](mailto:correspondingsecretary@lwmlnid.org) or call  
630.294.5014.



Keynote Speaker  
**David Fiala**

Mission Advocate  
Lutheran Church—

**REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2024**

**Scan the above QR code or go to:**

<https://lwmlnid.org/event/lutheran-womens-missionary-league-northern-illinois-district-convention/>

**lwmlnid.org**





We are collecting **Gifts from the Heart** at the **LWML NID Convention** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tinley Park, IL, **September 20-21, 2024**.

These gifts will benefit the new maternity home by **Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries** in East Dundee, IL.

*Redeeming Life's East Dundee Maternity Home is now open! The first resident is excited to be able to give her baby, due in December, the stable life she never had. The program will help her gain skills in getting and keeping a job, managing finances, baby care and more. The staff helps residents connect with prenatal medical care and counseling. Residents live and worship together as family, as they build stable lives. Pray for the moms and their babies. Share needed items and financial support. God is changing lives! Visit [rlom.org](http://rlom.org) for more information.*

## NEEDED ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Cascade Complete Dishwashing Pods
- Clorox Wipes
- Febreze Sanitizing Spray
- Paper Towels
- Dreft Laundry Detergent Packs
- Toilet Paper
- OxyClean Baby Stain Fighter Prewash
- Deodorant
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Windex Disinfecting Multi-Surface Cleaner
- Shampoo/Conditioner sets
- Short-sleeve nightshirts size S-XXL
- Athletic lounge shorts w/pockets, plain colors sizes S-XXL

**For more items, shop RLOM's Amazon Wish List:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/RLOMgifts>**





**Friday, September 20**

2 to 4 p.m. Servant Event

*Enjoy fellowship with Sisters in Christ while serving*

Don't miss the...

# Convention Servant Event

**NO special skills required!**

Register at [LWMLNID.org](http://LWMLNID.org)



- Decorate Care Package shipping boxes
- Make journal covers
- Tie fleece blankets

*To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.*

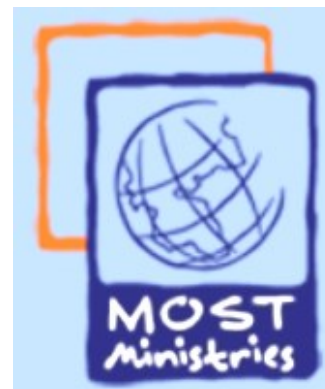
- Assemble witness bracelets

*Impacting the World for Jesus Christ through Short Term Missions*



*Youth age 12+ plus welcome when accompanied by adult.*

*Great family, homeschool, extracurricular class, or team opportunity!*



**77th LWML NID CONVENTION**  
**September 20-21, 2024**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477



# 2024-2026 Mission Grant Proposals

The delegates to the LWML NID Convention will vote to decide which of these mission grant proposals will be funded by our mites during the 2024-2026 biennium. Watch a [video of the proposals](https://www.youtube.com/@LWMLNID) on the LWML NID YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@LWMLNID>).

## Lutheran Heritage Foundation

\$15,000

Sharing Lutheran Bible books in a Muslim school—does it sound impossible? With God, all things are possible! In Indonesia (home to the world's largest Muslim population), their founders admired diversity, and so the country does not proclaim itself an Islamic State. This pride in diversity and a certain amount of tolerance allow for the teaching of different world religions in Indonesia's public schools, where Christians can teach the basics of the faith. At a cost of only \$5 per book, we can provide 3,000 colorful Bible storybooks and Small Catechisms in the Indonesian language for Indonesia's public school students.

## Cross, Yorkville STEM Lab

\$17,921.21

Construction of our building expansion project began in the summer of 2023 and is on schedule to be ready for the beginning of the 2024 school year. The plans include a science lab, a STEM area, and an outdoor classroom. Since these will be brand-new spaces, they will need to be equipped with materials to encourage experimentation, collaboration, and exploration. Students will be able to use these spaces to explore the world God created.

## Chicago Lutheran Classical Cooperative, Blue Island, Illinois

\$16,600

Salem Lutheran School, Blue Island, closed its doors after the 2009 school year. The congregation's prayer was the Lord would reveal a new ministry to support member families and be an outreach to surrounding communities. God has answered our prayers as we open the doors of Salem School to host the students of Chicago Lutheran Classical Cooperative. This joint ministry between Salem and St. John the Divine Lutheran Churches is an extension of the revitalization work being done on the Southside, and is an example to others of what is possible when congregations are willing to work together for the good of their neighbors and communities.

## St. John's, La Grange

\$18,000

St. John's has expanded our VBS outreach to multiple events per year—summer, winter, and spring. We minister to as many as 200 children per event, more than 80% of whom come from surrounding communities, and many with no knowledge of Jesus. We present Bibles as gifts to children who have no access to God's Word and send their families weekly email Bible lessons following VBS. This year we are establishing a weekly outreach event for families, a fun evening of activities along with Bible lessons for all ages. We will walk our neighborhood with invitations and advertise on multiple venues. As we grow our program, the Holy Spirit grows faith from these planted seeds!

## Food for Thought—Feeding More Children in Belize

\$18,000

By extending our Mercy outreach, our grant focuses on the transformative impact of sharing Jesus' love through hot, nutritious meals for children in Georgetown, Belize. Operating our second feeding program, hosted by a local resident, we currently serve 22 elementary students. However, the school principal identifies a pressing need for over 50 participants. Expanding our program aligns with our commitment to Christ Lutheran Church and aims to address the substantial need for nutritional support among elementary school students in Georgetown, Belize.

## Worship Anew

\$18,000

Although overall church attendance has decreased amongst aging adults, the population reached by Worship Anew is growing rapidly each year. With support from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District, Worship Anew seeks to continue broadcasting our weekly, 30-minute worship program in current markets and expand into new markets, reaching thousands with the life-changing Gospel message. Our broadcast faithfully and boldly proclaims the Gospel through Scripture readings, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, hymns, and a sermon preached by an ordained LCMS Pastor. As a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, Worship Anew shares correct Biblical doctrine as presented in the Lutheran Confessions.

## Concordia, Ft. Wayne Food Co-op

\$10,000

The Food Co-op of CTSFW provides up to 85% of our student families' monthly grocery needs at no cost to them. We operate as an actual cooperative, where each family volunteers time monthly to receive points used to purchase grocery items. The Co-op spends approximately \$7,000 a month on fresh produce, eggs, milk, cheese, ground beef, and other grocery items to fill in the shelves. Many of our students say use of the Co-op has taken away the concern of how they will feed their family. Thank you for caring for the men and women who have answered God's call to serve Him and you.

## Serving the Spiritual Needs of Pastors' Wives in Norway and Iceland \$18,000

Since the congregations are spread throughout Norway and Iceland, being able to meet others in the church community is of great value. Utilizing the existing programs of a children's camp and the pastoral retreat, this grant would provide accommodations and specific programs for the pastors' wives so that they may have Biblical training and encouragement. It is hoped that four of these types of gatherings may be done within the grant biennium.

## St. Peter, Schaumburg Playground Equipment

\$10,000

The playground project aims to create a vibrant and inclusive recreational space for children. Our playground is used not only for our students, but as an outreach to our community and an invitation to families to join our school and church. We hold community events on the playground and encourage new families to join us in worship and to enroll in our school. The more children we have in our classes the more we can spread God's Word throughout our community.

Overall, this initiative seeks to foster missional opportunities, physical activity, and imaginative play in a welcoming environment with the hope of attracting new members to our church and school.

## Trinity, Lombard Creator/Makerspace and STEM Lab

\$16,000

Trinity Lutheran School desires to provide students a dedicated space for enhanced hands-on learning opportunities. An under-utilized room will provide the area for a creator/makerspace and STEM lab. Trinity is blessed with volunteer talent to refinish the room, most of which will be sourced independently. A curated collection of science lab equipment, engineering components, STEM bundles, stocked makerspace carts, a 3D printer, and appropriate safety gear and storage units are the primary focus for grant funding. Initially, existing unused classroom furnishings will be repurposed for this creator space and additional expansion curriculum will be sought through Trinity's wish list program.



### **Dr. Rev. William and Ella Mae Griffin Community Center Food Pantry \$18,000**

Dr. Rev. William and Ella Mae Griffin Community Center, a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, opened in 2008 to meet the community's needs and serve as a bridge for Gospel outreach. The Center continues to serve over 300 individuals monthly through its weekly food pantry, clothing bank, and outreach events organized throughout the year. Over the past fifteen years, we have remained faithful to the mission of fighting hunger. By helping to close the gap between our community's need for donated food and the amount of food available through collaborative efforts, it's our mission to impact hundreds of families yearly.

### **Phil's Friends Ministry Expansion**

**\$18,000**

After much prayer, St. Paul's, Kankakee will be partnering with Phil's Friends to turn their former school building into a new Phil's Friends Hope Center. The center will provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. The building, empty for most of the past 15 years, needs ministry-essential updates to prepare a friendly and hope-generating space for volunteers to share the love of Jesus. This \$18,000 grant would provide building updates, furniture, and equipment for St. Paul's preparations for the new Hope Center.