

## PATTY'S PONDERINGS

# Time to register for convention!

“Celebrate the Lord of the Nations” is the theme for the 40th Biennial LWML Convention, to be held June 22-25 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. The winter edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* (LWQ) and *lwml.org/2023-convention* has the information you need to plan your trip.



**Patty Peters**  
LWML South Dakota District President

Registration will be done online. Please see *LWQ* for guidance. Please ask for help if you don't use a computer or if you're having difficulty registering. Early registration will be from Jan. 9 to March 14 and the cost is \$160. Registration is \$180 from March 15 to May 10. Late registration (May 11-June 10) is \$205.

The registration fee covers the sessions, evening activities and entrance to the exhibit hall.

We will have a bus traveling from South Dakota to Milwaukee. Information will be available at *sdlwml.org*. Those who ride the bus will have hotel reservations made for them. Otherwise, hotel reservations can be made on the online convention registration form.

Tours of Milwaukee and the surrounding area will be held. There will also be fun programs and events for children.

We will worship God at the opening communion service, participate in Bible studies, hear Mites in Action reports, vote on the new mission goal and mission grants, and have fun with our friends in the exhibit hall and during the evening activities. It is such a great joy to sing praises to our Lord with several thousand

fellow Lutheran women and men. Talk to your friends and make plans to attend the convention. May God bless our time together.



## Zone reports are due

It's that time of year!

Group presidents and secretaries, please send your completed officer reports to your zone secretary by Jan. 13.

Zone presidents and secretaries, please complete both the Group Officer Compilation Report form and the Zone Officer Report form and send them to me by Feb. 1. I look forward to hearing from you!

The forms can be found at *sdlwml.org*. Go to “Resources,” and select “Officer Report Forms” from the drop-down menu. Choose the appropriate report(s) for your group/zone and enter the information. My contact information is on the forms.

Thank you.

**Luann Zuercher**  
LWML District Secretary

## CHAMBERLAIN ZONE UPDATE

The Chamberlain Zone held its Fall Rally on Sept. 24 at Messiah, Murdo. Rev. Ray Greenseth led the Bible study, emphasizing “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it!”

Yours truly was elected president. The other zone officers are:

- ▶ Leanne Zirpel (Zion, Presho), vice-president
- ▶ Patti Greenseth (Messiah, Murdo), secretary/treasurer

Rev. Marcus Ring, pastor of St. John's, Gregory, serves as zone counselor. Hope Lutter, a member of Zion, Chamberlain, will be the zone delegate to the

LWML convention in Milwaukee in June.

St. John's, Gregory, LWML will host the zone spring event.

Our zone had the pleasure to work at the Puppet Place at the South Dakota State Fair on Sept. 3, and help celebrate its 50th anniversary. We had volunteers from St. John's, Gregory; Zion, Chamberlain; and Messiah, Murdo.

Let's keep our eyes focused on ways “To Serve the Lord with Gladness!”

**Susan Swanson**  
Chamberlain Zone President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

# NEW DAY, NEW YOU!



**B**lessed new year to all of you! With all the new year's resolutions floating about, I would like to emphasize something to you that new-year celebrations often bring to my mind. Whether you know it or not, you are a new person. In fact, you don't have to wait for a new year to be a new person. Every day you are new because of what Christ has done for you.

In Eph. 2:10, Paul reminds us of something that I want you to keep in mind, alongside all your new-year goals. You are God's workmanship in Christ, made for good works that the heavenly Father has set aside specifically for you.

From this I want you to hear two things. First, I want you to hear that God created you newly in Christ Jesus. Because of your Baptism, you have been united with Christ in death and more importantly in life. That means you are a newborn Christian every day. As you rise, Christ clothes you with His

righteousness, covers your old sins and makes you a new person to serve in His kingdom.

And second, as Christ has covered you and made you new, God has prepared tasks for you to complete. Paul calls them good works. God loves you enough to prepare the way for you to work for Him. So you are a new person with your work all laid out and ready for you. God created you on His divine workbench and set up your own bench to work with.

That is an awesome reality that is brand new each day. Daily you rise as new people, and God sets up new tasks for you to do for the benefit of His kingdom. You are new! Your sins are forgiven, and your mistakes are left in the past. You are daily God's workmanship, rising to do His work in His workshop. This year I want you to resolve to remember and live that reality.

God makes you new each day by the work of His Son, and He uses your work to extend His workshop, His kingdom. So every day this year, remember it's a new year and you're a new you, with new and wonderfully blessed things to do!

We pray: Lord, make us new every day. Give us the faith and confidence to do your work that you lay out anew for us daily. Amen.



**Rev. Clint O. Thorson**  
LWML District Counselor

## Zion honors 80 years of LWML

Fall was a joyous time for the women of Zion LWML, Avon, who celebrated 80 years of LWML in various ways.

Zion celebrated LWML Sunday on Oct. 2 by displaying a new banner representing the theme, "For Us and With Us." LWML ladies served coffee and an 80th anniversary LWML cake following worship services, and attendees received bookmarks. Mite boxes were made available for the Sunday-school children. The ladies acknowledged the day as "Honey Sunday," making order forms available for honey from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

In addition, the ladies set a goal of collecting 80 nonperishable food items for the Bon Homme County food bank. In all, 95 food items were delivered to the food bank on Oct. 6.

Praise God for 80 years of the LWML!



Among those who delivered food to the food bank were, from left, Debbie Brandt, Carol Swier, Lyla Brandt, Brenda Fathke and Margaret Poppe.