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TIME FOR CONVENTION!

Planning for this 2026 Rocky Mountain District Convention began many months ago. In fact even before the 2024 convention in Greeley, plans were being made for Colorado Springs as the next convention location.

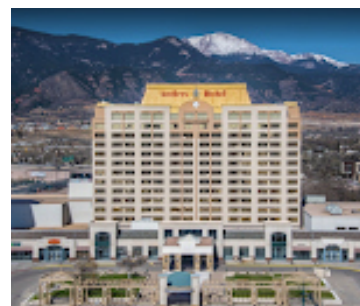
Women in the host zones have been busy making centerpieces and table favors for the convention. Our convention coordinator has been busy dialing in the accomodations and menus for our convention. Our Mission Servants Committe has been busy determining what organizations to feature for the ingathering. Zones have been busy making banners and choosing representatives such as the YWR's or Teens. The Events Planning Committee has also be busy with the many details that make a convention successful.

If you haven't already done so, please register and make your reservations to attend. You can find the forms and links as well as information about activities and convention personalities in the *Tidings* Archives found on the LWML RMD website. The Mission Grants we will be voting on are included on the website also.

Please come to Colorado Springs, Colorado and join Lutheran Women in Mission across Colorado, New Mexico, and maybe even a few from Texas, Arizona, and Utah in finding out how our Faith Can Move Mountains. The convention webpage can be found at <https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/>

Meet us at the Antler's Hotel,
June 5-7, 2026.

Don't miss out!



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Shelley Stewart

PRESIDENT

WHY GO TO CONVENTION

Our district Convention is almost here. If you haven't signed up to go, why should you? One word: fellowship. You can't put a price on time spent with others in the Word. Hebrews 10:24-25 says "**...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...**". Also remember that in Matthew 18:20 Jesus said, "**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them**".

I bet Jesus wants to come to Convention, why deny Him? On a more earthly level, won't your friends miss your presence?

At Convention we vote on new missions to support. Don't you want to see where our MITEs have helped, and where they will help in the future? We dive into the Bible with our Pastoral Counselors in Bible Study. We hear from local missions through our enrichment speakers and breakout sessions. We are encouraged and built up by each other.

This is the Superbowl of the LWML biennium. Why wouldn't you go?

JOIN YOUR LWML SISTERS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Rocky Mountain District
Convention June 5-7, 2026

More info at lwmlrmd.org



FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS



The theme verse for our upcoming District Convention talks about faith and mountains and having faith to move mountains. Our hope is that you are on your way to the convention to hear more about this through our Bible Studies, worship services, speakers and general conversation all weekend long.

In the LWML we talk about mustard seed faith and how it's not about the size of your faith, but having faith. Hebrews 11 tells us that **faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen**. We can't see it, if we could, then it wouldn't be faith anymore. It's something we have to take at someone's word. God's Word is certainly something that we can believe and trust in and so having not seen what we hope for, we take it on faith. Additionally we put faith and trust in the One who has given us hope, Jesus. Especially during this triumphant Easter season we reflect that Christ has defeated all our enemies and given to us what we hope for, eternal life. It is ours through our baptism, where we died and rose with Christ in order to become new creatures in Him.

They say less is more, so I will wrap up this article. Here is our theme verse for the convention from Matthew 17: *Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out? He (Jesus) said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.*

Please take some time before you come to Colorado Springs this summer to meditate on this text. Where is your faith right now? Is it squarely on Jesus, the Redeemer? Where would you like it to be? Meditate and come experience the convention. Maybe your questions will be answered. Continue to rely on God for everything and He will give to you all things. Remember, nothing is impossible for God.

God's blessings!
See you in June!

Nathanael
Biberdorf
JUNIOR
PASTORAL
COUNSELOR





MISSION GRANTS MITE PROGRESS

| | GRANTED | PAID |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Mt. Zion Lutheran, Boulder, CO | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Concordia Lutheran Radio Ministry, Sud-Est, Haiti | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Concordia Seminary Food Bank/Re-Sell It Shop | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Concordia University Acts 1:8 Fund | \$6,500 | \$6,500 |
| CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Kitchen Renovation at God Cares About You | \$8,000 | \$8,000 |
| Mission Evangelical Luterana Confesionalen Honduras | \$6,500 | \$6,500 |
| LHF Bible Books for Ghana's children | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Lutheran High School Missions (LuHi) | \$8,000 | \$8,000 |
| MOST Ministries Feet on the Ground | \$6,000 | \$6,000 |
| Orphan Grain Train Shipping Container | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Set Apart to Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Math Curriculum/ Manipulatives Trinity Lutheran | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| | Total \$80,000 | \$80,000 |

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GOSPEL
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MISSION GRANT UPDATE

The good news is that we have reached our goal and funded all of our mission grants for this 2024-2026 Biennium.

Thank you to all who have faithfully given their Mites towards spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to all the nations.

We have also been able to contribute to the National Mission Grants for the 2025-2027 Biennium.

Keep filling those Mite boxes or giving your mites online!!



AROUND THE CORNER!



Christina Bean

SERVANT
RESOURCES VP

Convention is around the corner! I look forward to seeing you all soon! Convention allows us time to get together and get to know one another! Please talk to the ladies in your group and see if anyone is interested in attending with you! This is a great opportunity for you to mentor someone and show them what happens at conventions and how important our work is. Mentorship is very important at any level and part of mentoring others is encouraging them to grow and expand.

Convention is a wonderful opportunity to help expand your mentee's knowledge on how things work on the district level and what opportunities exist for them to serve. We work together to support missions and each other. Please, invite someone to attend with you and give them the opportunity to grow.

CONVENTION RESOURCES

For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you (Matthew 17:20b).



SYLVIA BEAN

CHRISTIAN LIFE
VP

Convention is nearly here! Are you packed yet? Are you still deciding what to bring? The Christian Life Committee has been working to help provide you with resources for group and/or personal Bible study which will be available at convention in the LWML Store. Come see us at our booth and sign up for Donna Snow's Bible study: *Strong and Courageous* and Deb Burma's: *Stepping Out to a Life on the Edge*. There's new LWML clothing and other LWML items to help you in your faith walk. Available in the LWML Store will be: new LWML mugs, sweatshirts, vests, hats, and shirts. We have a great supply of devotion booklets, Bible studies, new kinds of coloring art, as well as notepads, pens, and other LWML supplies.

Now is the time to invest your time and interest in LWML by attending the LWML RMD Convention in Colorado Springs at the The Antlers Hotel. Lots of planning has been going on for two years to prepare for you to come and be nurtured in your faith through the Bible studies and Worship Services to be shared at this convention. It's also a time to meet new friends and greet long-time ones. It's a time of service to others as there will be servant events in which to participate. It's a time to welcome-in new district officers and offer your support by volunteering to serve on a district committee.

This may seem that a lot will be happening at convention, and you'd be correct. But with all the "happening," we are surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ while being spiritually fed, emotionally nourished, and "moved" by the power of the Holy Spirit to share our faith in Christ with others by the things we do and say. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of the "happenings" at convention, which is only, every two years. I look forward to seeing you there!



INVITE PASTORS

Let's Get our Pastors Involved!

As plans for convention and excitement builds, the District Board of Directors would like each LWML group to consider inviting their pastor to attend along with them. Our pastors are a vital part of joyfully proclaiming Christ, supporting missions, and equipping women to honor God by serving others.

Debbie Larson

CONVENTION
CO-CHAIRMAN

The pastor's convention registration will be complimentary, but the cost of lodging and meals may be preventing him from considering attending. If local groups could help their pastor with financial assistance it may be the incentive they need to attend.

Open your pastor's eyes to the joy of LWML!

OPENING WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION

Can you help give rides? Do you need a ride?

The Friday opening worship service with communion will be at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 120 N 31st Street, Colorado Springs, at 7:30 p.m., June 5.

If you have a vehicle and can provide rides for any other participants from the Antlers to Rock of Ages, please meet in the main lobby of the Antlers in front of the elevators at 6:45 p.m. and we will match up riders with willing drivers. You would provide a ride to Rock of Ages and back to the Antlers for the same person/people.

All those willing to drive are asked to register on the LWML national website at https://lutheranwomensmissionaryleague.formstack.com/forms/transportation_release_driver

Please have your driver's license and insurance cards ready. You will be asked to upload photos of both documents. This releases the LWML from any responsibility in case of accident.

If you need a ride to Rock of Ages, please meet in the main lobby of the Antlers in front of the elevators at 6:45 p.m. and we will match you up with a driver going to Rock of Ages and returning to the hotel.

If you have concerns or questions, inquire at the registration desk.

Need a Ride?



HERE I AM SEND ME

Can you answer the call at the 2026 Rocky Mountain District LWML Convention?

In Isaiah 6:8, the prophet hears the voice of the Lord asking, *"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"* Isaiah responds with simple, faithful courage: *"Here I am! Send me."* This powerful moment of willingness and trust sets the tone for the 2026 Rocky Mountain District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention.

As women of faith gather from across the district, this convention becomes more than a meeting—it is a time of prayerful discernment, joyful fellowship, and renewed commitment to God's mission. Rooted in Scripture and united in purpose, attendees will reflect on how God is calling each of us to serve in our homes, churches, communities, and around the world.

One of the most significant responsibilities of this convention is the selection of mission grants for the upcoming biennium. Through the mites faithfully gathered over the past two years, God has already been at work preparing the way. To assist in this important process. Detailed mission grant information will be

posted on the Rocky Mountain District LWML website by May. This will allow delegates and attendees time to thoughtfully review each application prior to the convention.

This preparation encourages prayerful consideration so that voting may be carried out with clarity, unity, and trust in God's guidance. Each vote cast is more than a decision—it is an act of faith. It is a collective response to God's call, echoing Isaiah's words: *"Here I am! Send me."* Through these grants, the Gospel will be proclaimed, needs will be met, and lives will be touched in Christ's name.

The 2026 convention is an opportunity to be inspired by mission speakers, strengthened through worship, and encouraged by the fellowship of sisters in Christ. But above all, it is a time to listen—to hear God's call and to respond with willing hearts.

As we gather, may we be reminded that God still calls His people today. And may our answer, both individually and as a district, be clear and confident: *"Here I am! Send me."*



Andi Noblitt

GOSPEL
OUTREACH VP





GIFTS FROM THE HEART-MANY OPTIONS

Our **Gifts From the Heart** ingathering will be blessing three LCMS ministries at our *Faith That Can Move Mountains* Convention. Here's a quick recap of the items requested by each outreach:

LINDA HARSH

MISSION
SERVANTS
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- **Orphan Grain Train Castle Rock** - gathers clothing and other aid to meet needs worldwide.
- **Assorted School Supplies**, such as notebooks, markers, pencils, sharpeners...
- **Hygiene Kits**, 1 bath towel & 1 wash cloth (light or medium weight, dark colors preferred), 1 bath-size bar of soap, 1 plastic soap box holder, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, 6 Band-aids (1/2" or 3/4"), 1 small package of tissues, 1 nail clipper & 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord. No additions or subtractions! See March/April Tidings or OGT website, www.ogt.org for complete instructions.
- **Lutheran Valley Retreat** - a year-round retreat and summer camp facility
- **Wish List**, tarps 16 20' or larger, reams of paper, gallon or sandwich size Ziplock bags, board/card games, climbing shoes in all sizes (new or gently used), and sleeping bags preferably 20-degree bags or colder (new or gently used)
- **Navajo Lutheran Outreach** - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, NM
- **Gift Cards**, ranging from \$10 to \$25 from Walmart (most useful), Dollar Tree or Safeway/Albertsons, please clearly mark the \$ amount on each card
- **Art Kits**, watercolors with brushes, colored pencils, fine tip markers, sharpener, eraser, play dough or molding clay, unlined sketch pad and plastic container with lid

The Mission Servants Committee, along with the YWRs and Teens, are looking forward to sorting, counting and packing your donations. Based on past conventions, we're expecting "mountains" of gifts from your hearts. Happy shopping!

FALL RALLY SCHEDULE

You are probably wondering why the dates for fall rallies have not been set.

Although the zone presidents made their fall rally date requests at the Board of Directors meeting in February, President Shelley Stewart is allowing the new president who will be elected in June at the convention to choose the dates. This will assist the new president in planning which rallies she is able to attend in the fall.

We look forward to not only finding out the dates for our rallies, but also to meeting the new Rocky Mountain District President. **Stay tuned!**

BEHIND THE SCENES



ZONE NEWS



Left, a group of women from the Four Corners Zone decorates favors for the District Convention in Colorado Springs in June.

The Women in Mission in the Four Corners have worked hard to complete this labor of love for the convention attendees.

Thanks to Donna Wittwer and Becky Meyer for contributing these photos.



Above, a group of ladies, from the Southern Zone, make centerpieces for the upcoming convention in Colorado Springs..

Lots of work behind the scenes goes into making the District Convention a memorable and relevant experience. Be sure to register soon, so you won't miss out on all that LWML RMD is doing.



FOUR CORNERS ZONE RETREAT

Twenty eight women from around the four corners gathered at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo , NM. It 's a beautiful drive across the varied landscape of the Navajo Reservation; some areas desert like and others mountainous with red rock formations and the remains of volcanoes everywhere.

Pastor Tim and Heidi Norton led us in an ice breaker, song, and a Bible study based on the Easter story. The icebreaker was related to the Navajo custom of introducing yourself based on your clans. Many of the Navajo ladies introduced themselves in this way, while the rest of us talked about our family members, hobbies, or work. At the end of the activity we had learned more about one another and made connections with our LWML sisters. While the ladies from Navajo were preparing lunch, we filled a cross with paper flowers on which we wrote things we are thankful for.

As usual the food was wonderful for both breakfast and lunch. After lunch,



Anita Palenschat got more help decorating the tea towels for the convention.

It was a long day of travel, but very fun and rewarding to greet new and old friends.



**Convention
Connections!**



Do you want to know all the latest
Convention updates?

Are you looking to connect with
someone to share a room with?

Do you want to catch a ride to
Colorado Springs from someone
in your area?

**Then join the
LWML RMD
2026 Convention
Facebook group!**



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*I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121: 1-2



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