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FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

One hundred seventy two delegates, teens, pastors, former presidents, and guests met June 5-7 in Colorado Springs for the 2026 Rocky Mountain District convention.

The convention incorporated many wonderful experiences including a procession of banners, worship, Bible study, speakers from our missions, interesting exhibits, a book exchange, a raffle, clothing and other items in the LWML store, a message from Eden Keefe our national LWML president, mite bingo, servant activities, as well as a banquet with entertainment.

You can read about the success of our ingathering on page 10, see the new officers on page 5, and photos from the convention mixed throughout this issue. Four offerings were taken: for Mites, Grace Place, Colorado Springs Rescue Mission, and Grace Lutheran Church in Moab.

One of the most powerful parts of the convention for me was the planner activity organized by Becky Meyer. Armed with fabric, markers, and Bible verses, participants designed banners which reflected a prayer, an emotion, or a verse related to the mountain/faith theme. The next day we spent time doing sort of a prayer walk around to pray and reflect on the banner designs.

Belinda Burmeister invited everyone to the Fall Retreat to be held September 10-12, 2027 at the Cathedral Ridge Retreat Center in Woodland Park, CO. Donna Snow will lead a study of Daniel.

You will notice our new officers are already on board with preparing reports for the *Tidings*. Also we have dates for our Fall Rallies on page 11. Get your calendars out and save some dates!

Blessings to all and send me photos and articles about your group.

Sue Giddings, *Tidings* Editor

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Christina Bean
PRESIDENT

NEW BEGINNINGS

Hello everyone!

At this year's convention I was voted in as your new district president. Thank you for the honor of serving in this role! I also want to thank everyone for all of the support I have received!

We had four young women representatives and four teen representatives at this convention! If you are involved with any of these young ladies please give them some encouragement and mentorship as they decide what path to take in their future with the LWML!

We also voted on a new batch of mission grants! I am so excited to see how our mites make a difference over the next two years! We will be getting the information out about them soon!

We had many wonderful speakers including Shari Miller from National LWML! She shared a video from President Eden and that video was sent out to the

email list but is also available on our website for those who didn't get to see it or would like to share it with others in your group.

Your executive committee is actively working on planning the next convention and retreat. As more details are available we will share them with you!

I am also going to be appointing individuals to committees in the next several months. If you have particular interest in joining a committee or if you would like to serve but aren't sure what your best fit is please contact me or one of the executive committee members and we will do our best to find the best role for you!

I'm so excited to be on this journey with you all as we move forward as the Rocky Mountain District Lutheran Women in Mission!



Above, LWML Rocky Mountain District President Christina Bean.

Right, the Pecos Zone attendees have fun at the convention photo booth.



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION SUNDAY 2026



Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on Supporting Missions. This theme is based on the texts: Ecclesiastes 3:9–15, Galatians 2:1–10, and Mark 10:35–45.

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts. 2026 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Rev. Mark Maas, will be available soon.

About the Author

Rev. Mark Maas, LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor, serves King of Glory Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he lives with his wife Cheri. An LCMS pastor for almost 40 years, he's held multiple roles in LWML and the Wyoming District, including 1st Vice President. He directs "Project: Pastoral Education West Africa" and enjoys Wyoming's outdoors for hunting, hiking, and fishing.





MISSION GRANTS MITE PROGRESS

	GRANTED	PAID
Ysleta: Bringing the Gospel to Mexico Missions	\$10,000	
LVR City to Sanctuary Foster Kid Camp Fund	\$5,000	
Mercy Meals of Colorado Springs	\$8,000	
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for At Risk Children	\$5,000	
Lutheran High School Parker Missions Program	\$10,000	
Child of God Lutheran: Expanding Access to Special Ed.	\$10,000	
CTSFW Food Co-op Freezers	\$10,000	
Lutherans in Medical Missions: Wellness and Gospel	\$10,000	
Phil's Friends Care Packages/Cards of Hope	\$5,000	
Giving Honor to the Least of These	\$7,500	
Lutheran's for Life Ministry Development	\$4,500	
	Total \$85,000	

Karen Mann

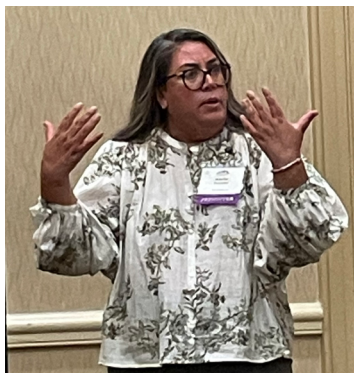
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MISSION GRANT UPDATE

These 11 grants were selected during the 2026 LWML Convention entitled "Faith That Can Move Mountains". Together they add up to our new Grant Mite Goal of \$85,000. There are four RMD grants, six that spread the Gospel within the United States, and one international grant. You will notice we have continued our support of some missions and have added some new grants.

If you would like more information about these grants, please visit our website, lwmlrmd.org/missions for descriptions of each Mission Grant. I ask you to keep these ministries and the people that they serve in your prayers as they share God's mercy and grace.



Convention interest session speaker, Carla Gonzales, from Ysleta.

KEEP FILLING THOSE MITE BOXES



NEW RESOURCES

CONVENTION! We had a wonderful, fun, and spiritually uplifting time; we were able to greet long-time friends and meet new ones! We recognized our outgoing officers for their dedication and work in the LWML Rocky Mountain District for the past four years, and we welcomed and saw the new district officers installed for the next two biennia.

From the Christian Life Department, we thank all those who helped in any way with the devotions, worship services, Bible studies, special speakers, the LWML Store, and the LWML booth. We worked together to promote and enhance understanding of our convention goal: "trusting in the Mountain Mover" and providing opportunity for the uplifting and strengthening of our faith.

Now, as we return to our homes and daily activities, we can remember and put into action, trusting in Jesus to move us through, around, up, or down the "mountains" in our life and others' lives as well. The "where, why, what, and how" of the "mountains" of life are in God's hands. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). We have

His sure promise that we are His redeemed children, and He will care and preserve us in all situations! Thanks be to God!

As we look toward the fall, we know that the Fall Rallies are being scheduled and organized. The plan is that each zone will have some resources from the LWML Store for purchase at their rally.

We also have resources to rent from our district: Bible studies with DVDs, devotions, and books available. Available for purchase in our district inventory, are: Donna Snow's Bible study books - *Chosen, Meant for Good, Strong and Courageous, Forgiveness, Without This Ring*, and others; Deb Burma books: *Joy: A Study of Philippians, Beautiful Feet, and Stepping out to a Life on the Edge*. We have the two widows' devotion books written for LWML: *Life After... and Life Continues On....* Please remember that many, many devotions, Bible studies, litanies, and sketches are accessible free for download from the [lwml.org website](http://lwml.org). Click on the "Word" tab.

The Christian Life department is on hand to help, if needed, as you plan your Bible studies, devotions, litanies, and other spiritual nourishment for your group meetings, rallies, and gatherings. Thanks for all you do.



SYLVIA BEAN

INTERIM
CHRISTIAN LIFE
VP

**Pastor Meissner installs
new officers. Left to Right:**

Christina Bean, President

**Paula Evans, VP Servant
Resources**

**Susan Paxton, Nominating
Committee Chairman**

**Karen Mann, VP Gospel
Outreach**

**Nathanael Biberdorf, Sr.
Pastoral Counselor**





Paula Evans

**SERVANT
RESOURCES VP**

GOOD TIDINGS

Good tidings, new beginnings, and a new face. Convention just ended and I am already learning about what it means to be a VP of Servant Resources.

I learned about the LWML at the age of 7 when I was eager to engage with the other ladies at my home congregation in Clinton, Missouri. My mom, aunt, and grandmother were going to an LWML gathering together. My Aunt said "She's too young to be with the LWML ladies" and said I could stay with my grandpa. In turn, my Mom replied, "Then you pull her off my leg!" My Mom said to me, "If you go with us...you sit quiet!" I replied, "OK, I PROMISE!" Off to LWML, three ladies and me. I have always enjoyed music and they sang hymns, and they also had the most delectable desserts. Almost 3 decades later, I was chosen to be the Young Woman Representative for the KC South Zone 1996 convention, quite an honor. I tried to attend monthly meetings, and at different points was president and later treasurer of my local society and then treasurer of the zone.

When I first heard the word "by-laws", I thought it was something specific to LWML. If, however, you look up the definition, it's simply rules to follow. But it sounds intimidating: By the Law! As we heard at the convention from Marilyn, you should read your bylaws and update at least every 3-5 years. If we looked at what was written in 1946 when the LWML was founded, what if it has something regarding 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 and Head Coverings? That just might need to be updated. Check your bylaws: Does it say all LWML women should wear purple and yellow at all times in prayer and especially keep their heads covered in purple and yellow? (Joking!) But you should check just in case!

Looking forward to learning and sharing more about Servant Resources and Ladies—bring your children no matter what age—you never know what little ears are picking up on. Serve the Lord with Gladness every day.

Your sister in Christ, Paula Evans – RMD
VP Servant Resources.



Teens, Mission
Servants, and
pinning a Young
Woman
Representative at
the District
Convention.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 5-7, 2026

MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS



Save the date for the 2027 National
LWML Convention in Oklahoma City,
July 8-11, 2027!


**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**


Romans 12:2

MIGHTY MITES BINGO

How to Play MIGHTY MITES BINGO

Marie McQuarrie - 2025



- o All players bring **MITES**; nickels, dimes and quarters. Greenbacks!!!
- o **Needed:** boxed BINGO game.
 - Print off Bingo cards provided from boxed sheets. Best to have sturdy stock to hold coins.
 - For this **MITEY BINGO** game one card is needed as it will be cleared and used throughout the games.
- o **Prizes:** Enough for number of games being played.

FIRST: To begin the game...Let it be known How to Play...

- o When a winner's card has filled the chosen "Fill In" numbers for that game, they will call out "nice and loud"...**MITEY BINGO**. They must take their card to the **CALLER** to make sure all called numbers are covered. The winner places their MITES in the **MITEY MITE** provided container and proceeds to pick the prize of their choice.

SECOND: Pass out the game cards.

- o The **CALLER** decides how the "Card in Play" will be played...

FILL-INS:

- one row straight up/down
- from corner-to-corner
- across the bottom
- across the top
- an X through middle of the board
- fill in entire card
- or any other possible "call"

- o As a **MITEY BINGO** number is "called," each player places a coin on that called number.
- o When a player fills the appropriate "**FILL-IN CALL**" and shouts "nice and loud"... **MITEY BINGO** - the game comes to a halt with everyone clearing their coins into a MITE container in close proximity to players.
- o The next "**FILL-IN CALL**" is chosen by **CALLER** and played in the same manner.
- o When a number of games have been played, it's time to "COUNT" the **MITEY MITES**. Everyone can help, otherwise the Treasurer will go "**crazy !!!**"

HAVE FUN!!!

Suggestion

Option

Provide small bags or piles of coins - nickels, dimes, quarters to equal \$1.00. Some players may use all their Mites to fill spaces on their **MITEY MITES BINGO** card quickly.

However, if a player wishes to continue, an opportunity is provided: player presents "greenback(s)" of a \$1.00 and/or upward to the cashier. In return they receive the correct amount of **MITEY MITES** change to continue!

HAVE MORE FUN!!!



LINDA HARSH
MISSION
SERVANTS
COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN

MOUNTAINS OF GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Ladies, you outdid yourselves! Piles of *Gifts from the Heart* started flowing into the Mission Servants room on Thursday before the convention even started. Committee members, Linda Ballenthin, Florence Seis, and the YWRs did the lion's share of the sorting, counting and packing for each of our three recipients, one from each of the host zones. Here's the tally:

Four Corners Zone

We collected 148 Art Kits and 5 boxes of miscellaneous art supplies for **Navajo Lutheran Outreach**. Such an outpouring that Heidi Norton needed to round up all the ladies living anywhere close to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church to help transport the kits. The kits and extra supplies will provide a positive, creative outlet for their youth. We also gathered \$970.00 in Gift Cards plus \$185.00 in cash and checks to help SOTV respond to the many unexpected needs in the community.

Southern Zone

Jessie Spehar, the Program Director for **Lutheran Valley Retreat** was barely able to stuff all of our Wish List gifts into her LVR van. They will make good use of the 17 sleeping bags, 37 pairs of rock-climbing shoes, 11 tarps, 155 board & card games, 41 rolls of masking tape, 51 reams of copy paper and 74 boxes of Ziplock bags we donated. Not on the Wish List but gladly accepted were 7 pairs of hiking shoes and \$115.00 in checks and cash.

South Central Zone

One of our MITES in Action speakers, Mike Kozimko the Coordinator for the **Castle Rock Branch of Orphan Grain Train** picked up our *Gifts from the Heart* for OGT. His truck was loaded with 274 Hygiene Kits and 7 boxes of assorted school supplies. He was also thrilled to receive 45 quilts from attendees and \$475.00 in cash and checks to assist with shipping costs. The Hygiene Kits will be shipped to OGT's headquarters in Norfolk, NB to support disaster victims at home and abroad. I picked up 2 bins of communion ware and 2 boxes of Portals of Prayer devotionals that will also be shipped to HQ in Norfolk for distribution.

Thank you! Thank you for the "mountains" of gifts. We know that God has a purpose for each and every gift lovingly donated. May these gifts be received with joy and turn many hearts to faith in their Savior, Jesus Christ who is able to move mountains.



Kay Moeller displays information about Mission Grants.



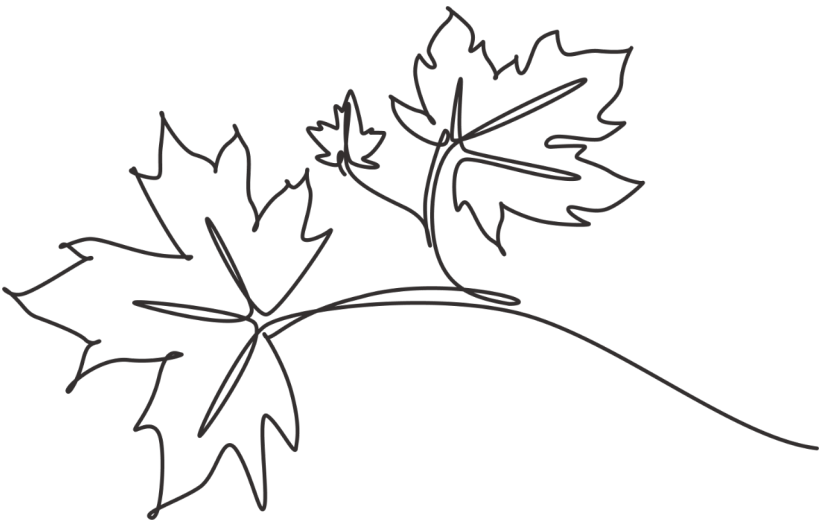
A pick up load for OGT. Mike Kozimko and Louann Nicolaus OGT representatives

FALL RALLY SCHEDULE



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- August 22: Pecos (Grace, Hobbs)
- September 12 Four Corners (St Paul's, Durango)
North Central (Faith, North Denver)
- September 19: Western (Grace Fellowship, Gypsum)
- September 26: Northeastern (Holyoke)
- October 3: South Central (Ascension, Aurora)
- October 10: Southern (Family of Christ, Falcon)
- October 17: Northern (Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield)
- October 24: Northern NM (Christ or Redeemer,
Albuquerque)
- September 26 Rio grande (Trinity Lutheran, Alamogordo)



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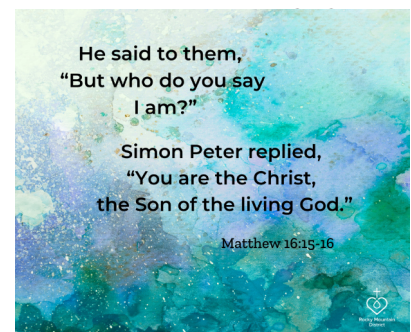
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