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Michigan District LWML Convention

July 9-11, 2010
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Dearborn, MI



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Theme Verse: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion "Your God reigns!"
Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

Convention Goal: Knowing God our Savior reigns, we are His "beautiful feet" and messengers of His love.

Convention Objectives:

Attendees are inspired by God's Word.

Attendees are equipped to bring Good News.

Attendees proclaim peace and salvation to the ends of the earth.

Highlights include:

Rev. Carl Gnewuch, Proclaimer

Ida Mall, Keynote Speaker

Linda Reiser, Bible Study Leader

Cindy Gnewuch & Katie Priskorn, Song Leaders

Servant Events Special Teen Activities Breakout Sessions

Interactive Displays by MI District Committees

Saturday Entertainment - Jan Struck

Check out Michigan District LWML website www.mi-lwml.org
for more details and registration forms!

Hosted by: Crossroads, Franconian & Saginaw Valley zones



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Convention Information Available on the Web



Michigan District's LWML web site has valuable information about the upcoming 2010 Convention. Go to: <http://www.mi-lwml.org/> and click on "2010 Convention" for information and forms.

Application forms for the Panama and Guatemala Mission Trips and the Mission Grant subsidy form for receiving financial assistance to attend these trips are also available on the web site.

Keep checking the web site for more convention information as well as a lot of other items of interest.

Gifts of Love

Gifts of love are items collected by the ladies in each society and brought to the convention. For the 2010 convention, Gifts of Love will be given to:

Lutheran Child and Family

Services: diapers, body wipes and school supplies

Westwood Nursing Home: socks, deodorant and lotion

R.S.V.P. – Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County wants socks to give to persons in shelters, so let's sock it to them!

Disaster Response Kit (details at www.mi-lwml.org)

Items needed for Convention Servant Events

Servant Opportunities Coordinator, Kathy Mundt, reports that the following items are needed for Servant Events during the convention.

1. Clean, used, white, cotton sheets
 2. Clean, used men's ties
 3. New or used soft-covered Bibles
- Please bring these items to the convention.

Cheri's Sharings



Music has always been a very special aspect in my life. Over the years, I've been in vocal choirs, handbell choirs and I've even directed choirs and taught classroom music. I look forward to worship so that I can experience the joy of singing hymns and hearing the congregation raise their voices in praise. Attending concerts and hymn festivals has been something that my husband and I enjoy doing together. I have a sun catcher on the window in my office that says, "God gave us music so that we can pray twice." How true!!

I experienced a concert on January 31, held at Faith, Troy, that rivaled any I have ever attended. It was the Michigan District sponsored, Christian care concert, "Touching Lives – Giving Hope." This was the first event of its kind in the district and one that I would anticipate being repeated. The recipients of the proceeds from this concert were organizations that were identified as Christian care organizations. Ingatherings were received for eleven different care agencies.

Five choirs performed for about an hour and a half – Lutheran City Ministries Boys and Girls Choir, Detroit Urban Lutheran School Choir, Lutheran High North Choir, Billie D. Brooks Memorial Lutheran Choir and Arborsong from Concordia Ann Arbor. Each of these choirs performed a repertoire of three pieces. There was something for everyone – the innocence of children singing, "This Little Light of Mine"; the strains of "Cantate Domino"; the joy and vibrancy of "O, Worship the King"; and the moving words and melody of "In Christ Alone" – culminating in a combined choir piece, "Go Into All The World."

Following the concert, refreshments were served while attendees could view displays of the care organizations and agencies which were recipients from this concert. WillieMarie Henry, Vice President of Caring Ministries, served on the planning committee. LWML was well represented by women who volunteered their services for set-up and ushering. Ivy Thompson, Christian Materials Coordinator and a member of the Billie D. Brooks Memorial Lutheran Choir, sang three moving solos as a part of that choir's repertoire.

Thank you to the Michigan District and to our LWML participants who worked to make this a truly wonderful event. It is my prayer that more of us can experience this opportunity again next year!

President Cheri

Special Guests for the Convention

We are so excited to have some very special “beautiful feet” coming to take part in making the convention experience inspiring and uplifting for each of us.

We are indeed honored to have our present national president, **Janice Wendorf**, as our national representative. President Jan brings her vision for the LWML of “being in the Word, of the Word, and in daily walk with our Lord” along with her leadership. She will bring greetings to us and share how we can be “beautiful feet” together as sisters in the LWML.

The Proclaimer will be the **Rev. Carl Gnewuch**. He will “proclaim peace” and “proclaim salvation” at our Friday evening worship service. He is presently serving as the administrative pastor at Our Shepherd, Birmingham. Pastor Carl served as the national LWML pastoral counselor from 2005-2009.

Our Bible Study leader is **Linda Reiser** whom you will probably remember as our immediate past national LWML president from 2003-2007. She was in Michigan representing the LWML at our convention in 2004 at the Hyatt Regency. She will use her “beautiful feet” to “bring good news” through leading our Bible study on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Ida Mall, past national president from 1991-1995, will bring her “beautiful feet” to our stage as our keynote speaker on both Saturday and Sunday. She is no stranger to Michigan and we look forward to hearing her words of wisdom and encouragement.

We all know and love **Jan Struck** who has been sharing her special sense of humor with women throughout the LWML for many years. We are privileged to have her in Michigan serving as our humorous interrupter as well as being a part of our entertainment on Saturday night!

You won't want to miss out on seeing these wonderful people being “beautiful feet” for their Lord!!



“Beautiful Feet Keep Walking for Lydia’s Legacy”

Mark your convention registration form if you want to participate in the walk/run on Sunday morning. Pledge forms will be mailed/ emailed to you with your registration confirmation. Join the fun and help raise money for Lydia’s Legacy!

Convention Break Out Sessions

Session #1: “No Matter How Bad It Gets, He’s Got Your Back”, **Dr. Ingrid Draper**

In today’s economic and social situations, parenting and education are tough. Dr. Draper will provide her expertise, as a consultant in the Detroit School District and as a Christian educator, to provide practical guidance in parenting and educating our children.

Session #2: “Financial Planning for Women”, **Sandy Worner, CPA, CFP**

Sandy is Vice President and Director of Financial Planning with TriStar Trust Bank in Frankenmuth. She will use her “beautiful feet” to share the importance of financial planning and offer suggestions and advice to educate women in the area of planning for the future.

Session #3: “LATINO Mission Society”, **Rev. Greg Lorenz and Deaconess Teresita Rodriguez**

Rev. Lorenz and Teresita will share how the members of the LATINO Mission Society are “beautiful feet” bringing the message of eternal life in Jesus Christ to the Hispanics in Michigan.

Session #4: “Beautiful Feet on a MOST Mission”, led by **Mission Trip Team Members**

You will see how many women of the Michigan District LWML were “beautiful feet” “bringing the good news” to the various countries over the past ten years on the MOST Mission trips.

Session #5: “What is the LWML?”, **Panel Discussion**

National President, Jan Wendorf; Past National President, Linda Reiser; Past National President, Ida Mall; and WillieMarie Henry, District VP of Caring Ministries will share how they use their “beautiful feet” to do the work of the LWML. Questions and answers will be shared.

Session #6: **Teen/YWR Hands-On Scrapbooking**

This session is especially for our Teens and Young Woman Representatives. It will give them the opportunity to do some scrapbooking activities and to interact with each other.

Session #7: **Teen/YWR “The Beauty of A Promise”, Tina Matro, R.N.**

Designed especially for teens and young women, this sectional will provide an opportunity for them to hear about the importance of chastity and decency in a world where promiscuity is rampant.

SPRING ACTIVITIES AROUND THE STATE

March 26-27

Spring LWML Retreat: Camp Lutherwald, Howe, IN; Cathy Hardy, "Journaling Your Prayer Journey"

April 6

Thumb Zone West: St. Paul, Linkville; 6 p.m.

April 17

Lakeshore Zone: Christ, White Cloud; Linda Bruski & Brandi Bucholz, "Beautiful Feet...Bringing Good News"; 8:30 a.m.

Gateway Zone: St. John, Burr Oak; Zone Christian Growth Committee, "Beautiful Feet"; 9 a.m.

Rapid Waters Zone: Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta; Carly Stevens, MOST Ministries Executive Director; 9 a.m.

Irish Hills Zone: Redeemer, Jackson; Trudy Gatz, "In the Foot Steps of Paul", 9 a.m.

Thumb Zone East and West Retreat: Schuerer Professional Center, Pigeon, 9 a.m.

April 18

Greater Detroit Zone: St. John, Detroit; 3 p.m.

Grand Rapids Zone: Our Savior, Grand Rapids; Suzanne Hall, Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism, 4 p.m.

April 20

Timberline Zone Prayer Service: Faith, Prescott

April 22

Monroe Zone: St. John, Waltz; Rev. Paul Clark, "Current Life Issues in the Light of Scripture"; 6:30 p.m.

April 24

Evergreen Zone: St. John, Rochester; Pastor Gregory Lorenz, "Ministry in Guatemala"; 8 a.m.

Battle Creek Zone: St. Michael, Portage; Beth Siefert will tell of her experiences in fostering Burmese youth. Attendees are invited to wear a vintage apron; 9 a.m.

Blue Water Zone: Christ, New Baltimore; Raeann Kusch, "Does the Glass Slipper Still Fit?" 9 a.m.

Mid-Michigan Zone: Prince of Peace, Clare; Linda Bruski, "MOST Trip to Poland" 9 a.m.

Saginaw Valley Zone: Nativity Church, St. Charles; 9 a.m.

Dearborn-Downriver Zone: Guardian, Dearborn; 9 a.m.

Crossroads Zone: Christ, Goodrich; Carol Caswell, "Humor in the Bible", 9 a.m.

April 25

St. Joseph Zone: Trinity, Berrien Springs; Kathleen Butler, MOST Ministries Trip to Poland, 2 p.m.

Northern Lights Zone: Immanuel, Leland

April 28

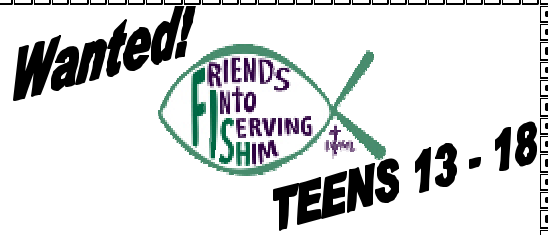
Franconian Zone: St. Paul, Millington; Elaine Bickel, 6 p.m.

May 1

Multi-Lakes Zone: Good Shepherd, Lake Orion; Tom Donnelly, "Firmly Rooted"

May 15

Timberline Zone: Our Savior, Gladwin; Carol Caswell, "Using Money Wisely"



To attend the MI District LWML Convention

When: July 9th - 11th, 2010

Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI

Come with your Mom, Grandmother or Aunt!

**Special Interest sessions
and events just for you!**

**Ruth & Naomi Luncheon
with special speaker!**

(No Cost to the TEEN!)

Find out what
"Friends into Serving Him"
is all about!

Be Sure to Visit the
Hallelujah Trail
at Convention

Each Vice President and their Committee will have an interactive booth for you to check out. There will be things to do and make so that you can learn more about how to use your "beautiful feet" to serve the Lord with Gladness.

Watch for more information in the June issue of LWML in Action!

Zone Banner Assignments

Each zone banner prepared for the convention is to reflect the theme of the convention "Beautiful Feet", Isaiah 52:7. Banner size should be 3 feet by 5 feet with accommodations at the top so that they can be hung on a pole. The name of the banner designer and maker, as well as the zone, should be on the back of the banner. The Zone will supply the banner rod and cording to hang the banner. (The banner rod and cording can be donated to the recipient or just used during the convention and taken back by the supplying congregation). The convention committee provides the pole for the processional, as well as the stand, to display the banner during convention.

After the district convention the zone banners will be sent to mission churches right here in Michigan. Zone presidents will receive information about the church their banner will be sent to at the March 6 board meeting.

Each zone will be responsible for supplying a shipping box and paying postage to send the banner to the recipient or making arrangements for personal delivery of the banner. Cost of materials for banners and construction is covered by each zone.

Heart to Heart Sisters and Mentors

Heart to Heart Sisters are culturally diverse women within our congregations who have not been a part of a Michigan District LWML Convention or any other convention of the LWML. We are looking for candidates for Heart to Heart Sisters and also mentors who can commit to all 3 days of the District LWML Convention 2010. Forms are available from your zone president/chairmen or by going to www.mi-lwml.org.

As a perk to have been chosen as a Heart to Heart Sister or mentor your registration and food package, set up by the convention committee, will be paid. The number of Heart to Heart Sisters accepted into the program is limited so early registration is suggested. If you know of any ladies who may qualify please contact Vice President of Mission Outreach, Linda Bruski.

"Beautiful Feet" Dance for Joy in Jesus

More than 1000 people are expected to gather in Dearborn at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to sing praises and glorify the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - at the Michigan District LWML Convention Opening Worship and Communion Service on Friday, July 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. Past national LWML Counselor Reverend Carl Gnewuch will proclaim the good news to all attendees as they gather to celebrate Jesus Christ and His love for all.

Other highlights:

Communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ
hosted by

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hemlock, MI

A brass ensemble from Concordia University,
Ann Arbor under the direction of
Professor Matthew Wolf

LWML Choir

under the direction of Katie Priskorn

All these participants and more will lead the convention attendees in thrilling praise to our awesome God who gives our feet beauty, joy and stamina so we may tell the good news of His love throughout our sin-sick world.

*For more information see the
Michigan District LWML web site,
www.mi-lwml.org.*

2010 Michigan District LWML Mission Trips

**MOST/LWML Mission Trip
to Panama
for Eyeglass Clinics
July 16-24, 2010**

Contact Carol Stuhr,
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or call 989-539-7910 or
go to webmaster@mi-lwml.org
for more information or to register.

**LWML In-state Mission Trip
LATINO Mission,
Detroit, MI
July 24-30, 2010**

Contact WillieMarie Henry
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or call 313-933-6429
for more information or to register.

**MOST/LWML Mission Trip
to Guatemala for
Women's & Children's Ministry
November 12-20, 2010**

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for more information or to register.

Three District Mission Grants for 2008-10



MOST Ministries
Interpreters for the
Mission Field
\$15,000

These funds pay for interpreters who accompany MOST mission teams enabling the teams to communicate and share the Gospel message with the people they are serving.



MOST Ministries
Michigan Women in Mission
\$20,000

LWML has provided opportunities for women of the Michigan district to experience the joy of serving the Lord through mission trips. This grant helps off-set the cost for women to be a part of the mission teams.



Outreach Centers for the Blind
Flint & Ann Arbor, MI
\$10,000

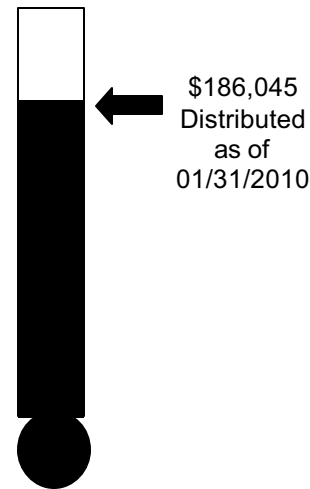
Lutheran Blind Mission seeks to share the words of Jesus Christ to those who sit in spiritual and physical blindness. This grant helps fund the opening and training of workers of the two outreach centers in Flint and Ann Arbor, Michigan

Mission Grants

- Hearing with Eyes of Faith 2006-08... \$1,350
- Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships to MI Men in the Seminary...\$25,000; *Paid in full*
- Scholarships for Female Students Pursuing Studies in Professional Church Work...\$14,000; *Pd. in full*
- Support for the Heart to Heart Sisters & their Mentors – 2010 Convention...\$6,000
- “A Time to Grow” – Expansion of Christian Special Education in Detroit...\$20,000; *Paid in full*
- Open Arms Institute...\$15,000; *Paid in full*
- Guinea Missionary Care...\$10,000; *Paid in full*
- Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots...\$20,000; \$6,000 pd
- Trinity/HOPE...\$5,000; *Paid in full*
- Michigan Women in Mission Through MOST Ministries...\$20,000; \$16,030 pd
- Interpreters for the Mission Field, MOST Ministries... \$15,000; \$13,650 pd
- Food & Clothing Co-op for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne...\$15,000; *Paid in full*
- Arch Books for Indonesia...\$10,000; \$7,000 pd
- Opening Two (2) New Outreach Centers in Flint & Ann Arbor, Michigan...\$10,000; *Paid in full*
- Kingdom Literacy for Kingdom Children...\$10,500; \$6,000 pd
- “Worship for Shu&Ins” – Sharing Christ’s Love to Michigan...\$15,015; *Paid in full*
- National Mite Goal...\$7,000; *Paid in full*

Michigan District Mission Grant Goal for 2008-2010 Biennium - \$230,000

Mission Grant Goal
\$230,000



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Counselor's Corner



"Walk like an Egyptian" goes the familiar refrain from the 80's song and I cannot get it out of my mind. The reason I cannot get it out of my mind is my contemplation upon the LWML Michigan District theme from Isaiah 52:7 which says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" as well as my contemplation of the Christian life.



Walk like a Chr-Chr-Christian is what runs through my mind. Walking here means a manner of living, a lifestyle defined by the One whose name we bear, having been baptized into His name. Just as "walking like an Egyptian," as depicted in the video, had a defining characteristic or two, so does our living, our walking as Christians.

Our walking involves bearing the good news of salvation in our God and the confidence that He reigns in all our walks of life. Our words, our actions, our manners, our thoughts, all are part of the walking that bears witness of the beautiful news we have heard and believed.

Our witness is not always in accordance with that. All would be lost were it not for the "beautiful feet" of the Incarnate One. He is the One who took on Himself our human flesh and blood, whose baby feet were likely tickled by His mother, whose feet traversed His creation, whose feet entered Jerusalem astride a donkey. He went, knowing the cross awaited Him whereon His feet and hands were affixed for our salvation.

In His beautiful feet, risen and glorified, His beautiful hands and side, and from His beautiful lips we hear He reigns: "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." (Revelation 1:17b-18)

In His resurrection we have been baptized transforming our feet into "beautiful feet" that bear the good news that our God reigns. We live in newness of life because He lives and has wiped away our sins. So we walk not just to celebrate this good news at convention but to bear it over the mountains, in the valleys, and on the plains of our lives exclaiming our God reigns! God bless your "beautiful feet" as they serve Him with gladness!

Pastor D. Lee Cullen, counselor

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*Serve the Lord with
gladness...Psalm 100:2*

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Sept. 10-11, 2010 - MI District Board Retreat and Meeting (*location to be announced*)
November 12-20, 2010 - MOST/LWML Mission Trip to Guatemala for Women's & Children's Ministry



Pictured are Allison, Traci, and Charlotte Schulz, Lois Moslander,
and Jan Miller. Not pictured, Ruth Balzer and Tess Schulz.

The LWML Group of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, sponsored a project to make and decorate large Christmas stockings. The congregation donated various sizes of socks to fill these stockings. They were then included in boxes of gifts and food prepared by the youth of the congregation and distributed to needy families in the area. A Christian book was put in each box.

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