

Celebrate 90 Years of God's Blessings with Thankful Hearts



In the 1920s, women from independent LCMS churches coordinated their efforts by uniting in state and regional leagues. The first Lutheran Women's League (LWL) society was established at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Apache, under the direction of Ida Hrbacek, President on January 17, 1923. This led to the movement and establishment of the first district, the Oklahoma District LWL to be organized on February 8, 1928, at Zion Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City. It took more than a decade before the LCMS approved the establishment of a national Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) organization.

The first Mite Box was created as a vehicle for collecting funds. Those contributions have totaled more than \$100 million for mission work, supporting Christian outreach in 71 countries on 5 continents. The blessings of the LWML, goes far beyond the millions raised for missions. Its benefits can be seen in faith deepened through Bible studies and leadership training, befriending of career missionaries, in blankets and clothing gathered for the impoverished, in food shared with the hungry, in the friendships nurtured, and above all, the lives changed by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

In honor of the LWML Oklahoma District's 90th Anniversary, our members are invited to assemble a replica of the first OK District Mite Box. Convention Go-ers are encouraged to fill their 90th Anniversary Mite Box with coins, bills, and checks, then bring your Mite Box with you to Convention and donate your offerings during a special event.

In continuing to follow through with our commitment, love, and support for missions, in honor and thanksgiving of God's abundant blessings, we have the opportunity to support many mission endeavors in the Oklahoma District with our 90th Offering. These are the missions that the funds will be divided among to assist with their mission and outreach.

Clayton Mission – Rev. Glenn Meyer, Trinity, McAlester and the work with the Clayton Mission, in rural Clayton

Comfort Dog Ministry – Rev. Mark Eler and the work with the Comfort Dog ministry through St. Mark, Edmond

Hispanic Mission Outreach – Rev. Bernardo Rangel and the work with Hispanic Outreach through Good Shepherd, Tulsa

Islamic Outreach Ministry – Rev. Nourreddine Bennai, with the Islamic Outreach ministry through Holy Trinity, Edmond

Karen people of Burma – Rev. Mark Wescoatt, and the Outreach ministry to the Karen people of Burma through Trinity, Guymon

Bring your offerings to the LWML Oklahoma District Convention, held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton, April 13 and 14, 2018, to be a part of our history and celebrating God's faithfulness for our past, present, and future.

