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Events & Information

- April 21-22, 2006
District Convention @
Oakwood Activity
Center, Enid
- May 6, 2006 OK Dist-
rict Board Meeting @
Holy Trinity, Edmond
- August 5, 2006 OK
District Board Meeting
@ Immanuel, King-
fisher
- November 4, 2006
Children's Christian
Concern Society
Convention @ Holy
Trinity, Edmond
- June 21-24, 2007
National Convention,
Sioux Falls, South
Dakota

Shine Like Stars-Oklahoma Style

Excitement mounts as April draws near! Our Oklahoma District Convention in Enid will be on Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2006 and promises to be where LWML sisters will Shine Like Stars!

The Host Committee is working hard to roll out the red carpet

for all of you and give you a royal welcome! The Convention Planning Committee has been putting their ideas together to give you great programming. As an attendee to this con-

vention, you can look forward to:

- LWML OK District President Patti Ross will lead our convention!

- LWML National President Linda Reiser will encourage you!
- Humorist Jan Struck will WOW you!
- Interest Sessions to inspire and train you!
- Focus on LWML mission outreach!
- Special Activities for Young Women Reps (YWR's)!
- More about our TEENS program!
- Child care with programming designed just for them—both days!
- Worship Communion Service for attendees and open to all, with childcare!
- Inspirational Bible study by Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Barry Henke on Friday!
- LWML Store stocked with wonderful new products for you!
- Uplifting music throughout!

- Oklahoma District grants will be selected by our delegates!
- Officer elections for our board, and their installation!
- Prayer!
- Heart-to-Heart sisters (and brothers) will be a part of everything!

Are you excited yet? This is just a sampling of what is in store for you at convention. The love of Christ will be shared, new friends will be made, and old friendships renewed. The Holy Spirit will abide with us as we make decisions, enjoy the festivities, sing praises to our great and glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Mark your calendar now and send in your registration. Bring your pastor and his spouse, so they too can enjoy the Purple Passion of our wonderful LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission!

Bev England, LWML OK District Planner



All Star Team!

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Official Call to Convention

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Oklahoma District, will meet in convention on April 21-22, 2006 at Oakwood Activity Center in Enid, Oklahoma. Three or more delegates, according to membership, who shall have voice and vote at this conven-

tion, shall represent each society. The names and addresses of these delegates, plus an equal number of alternates, are to be listed and certified by the Society on the certification form that is provided.

This is to be mailed to Convention Registration Chairman Karen Meyer no later than the **March 18, 2006 deadline.**



“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden”

Oklahoma District Convention Registration Forms are available on the website, www.oklwml.org

Hills and Valleys-Pastor Stoll

At the last Board of Directors meeting, Pastor Henke and I talked shop, as pastors do all the time. I asked Pastor Henke what theme he was going to use for the season of Lent this year. I told him I was going to use the valleys of Lent, to which he responded, “Oh, I try not to go into the valleys, I prefer to stay on the hills and the mountains.”

His point is well taken. As Jesus tells His disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matt. 5:14) In spite of where we might be in our life, going through trials and tribulations, we are always the light of the world. In spite of the valley

we might be walking in, we are always that city on the hill which cannot be hidden, because your hope in Christ are rays of light cast into the valleys for other lost souls to look upon and walk toward for refuge and for care, but most importantly for love.

We gather together as we travel through Lent and look at the light God has given to us in Christ, the light that seemingly went out for a moment in time. We also gather together to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. But we gather together with that hope as the light given to each of us to share with the world and to light our way.

As the women of the LWML gather for convention as the lights of Christ, that you are, individual stars in the dark night combine to be that city on a hill in Enid, Oklahoma. In convention you will shine like stars with the rays of God’s hope in Christ visible to all the world. In convention you will serve as the light of Christ to which the world looks as the Lord draws all nations unto Himself for refuge, and care, and love. Let us shine brightly for the Lord, together on the Way!

Blessings, Pastor Stoll Jr. Pastoral Counselor

Why Go To Convention?-President Patti

Oklahoma District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Bylaws state in Article V, Sec. 1, “A district convention shall be held biennially in even-numbered years for the purpose of transacting the business of the District.” Our convention is our big “business meeting” where we make decisions affecting our organization. What is the business that we do? We elect officers to carry on the various functions of our district. We set a mission mite goal for the next two years and we select from mission grants submitted from Oklahoma and around the world which ones we will fund. And, finally, we make any changes to our

bylaws to make our district operate efficiently. That is the official purpose of convention.

I can think of many other reasons to go to an LWML convention. My main reason, personally, is to be uplifted and excited by the people at convention and how they share my enthusiasm and vision for the LWML and its mission.

Many of us come from churches which are small or remote, or even big and uninterested in LWML. We need our gathering together at District Convention to be affirmed in our work in LWML and affirmed in our faith. To see where we fit as part of a bigger whole.

Hearing our national presi-

dent, Linda Reiser inspiring us to live out our mission statement always refreshes me and I leave for home more enthusiastic. When we come together we see more easily how we are STARS, Sisters in Christ, Teamed for missions, Active in prayer & service, Redeemed by Christ.

Come to convention expecting something! You won’t be disappointed! Come to convention ready to share your enthusiasm, ideas, and friendship with your sisters and they will not be disappointed! Come to convention to worship, sing and glorify God and go away ready to “serve the Lord With Gladness”!

Human Care-Chris Lee

The Human Care Committee is proud to host speaker Muriel Greene at the Oklahoma District Convention, April 21-22, 2006. Muriel has been our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) contact for many years. She will speak at two of the breakout sessions.

The Human Care Committee is proud to host the first-ever Fair Trade Fair at the District Convention. This is another project that comes under the LWR umbrella. LWR has partnered with SERVE International, and non-profit organization, to offer products from

around the world. If you are familiar with the LWR catalog offering Handcraft Project products, it has been renamed *A Greater Gift*, and their motto is "hope and justice with every purchase".

We will offer many products, hand-crafted or grown, by artisans and farmers from various countries. The artisans and farmers receive a higher percentage of the profit, making a better life for their families. Come prepared to find wonderful gifts for your family and friends.

The LWR Coffee Project will also



be featured. It was a big hit at our Fall Fests in 2005, so we will have coffees available for purchase at the Convention. Order forms also available.

Stop by the Human Care booth and register for a door prize too!

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Leave a Footprint-Marilyn Laramy

Sometimes a large number of memorial gifts are given in memory of a certain person. That's the case with past District President and Special Gifts Chairman, Thelma Kamman. How did she touch so many lives? Surely, she left a legacy, a footprint.



What kind of footprint are we leaving? Do our tracks clearly show, as stated in the convention

Bible verse Philippians 2:16, we "shine like stars as we hold out the word of life?"

A memorial and gifts campaign is planned to coincide with our Fall Festivals. In this join with our LWML sisters to glorify our Lord who has given us the Light of salvation.

The Special Gifts Fund had a balance of \$20,476.59 as of December

31, 2005.

Memorial gifts were given for: George Schoelen, Travis Kremeier, Emil Maass, Duane Moore, Freda Schroeder, Lydia Boydston (niece of Ron & Esther Bersche).

Birthday remembrances were given for Rev. Harold Klawitter.

Questions may be directed to Marilyn Laramy, 31 Stoneridge Rd. Ponca City, 74604-3418

Gifts may be sent to the Oklahoma District Treasurer, Audrey Aiken, 516 SW 63rd Terrace, OKC, 73139

Hermanas De Corazón de Corazón

Thirty women of Cristo Rey, Oklahoma City, and Good Shepherd, Tulsa met for fun, fellowship and Bible study on



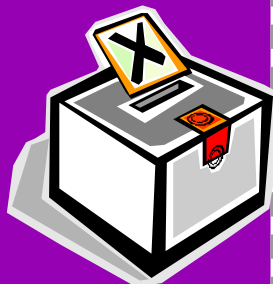
November 19, 2005 in Tulsa.

A small gift was given to each participant by the District.

Two Heart to Heart interest sessions will be offered at the District

Convention. Nelly Castaneda will share information about LWML and how to strengthen an existing group or start a new group. The second session will be a servant event to prepare for a mission trip to Mexico in June 2006.

Reminder:
Oklahoma District:
LWML financial books close for the biennium on February 28, 2006.
All mites, bills, and payments must be in to Treasurer Audrey Aiken by February 28, 2006.



Not all candidate bio's were available at the time of printing. Please check the website www.oklwml.org for more information

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is available on the national website www.lwml.org

Candidates-Recording Secretary

Beth Schoeling is a member of Zion, Alva. She has served as zone president and district Young Women Representative chairman. She is current vice-president of Servant Resources for her zone. In her local society she has served as secretary, vice-president and president. She has been a Sunday School and VBS teacher for many years, and has served as Sunday School superintendent. She has been church treasurer, and served on nominating and auditing committees.

Beth works at the Dacoma Farmers Cooperative, and is serving as the 2006 District Convention Chairman.

Beth and husband Gary are self-employed farmer/ranchers. They

have one son who will graduate high school in May. She enjoys reading, baking and going to her son's activities.

Gloria Bozarth is a member of Messiah in OKC. In her local society she has served as president, vice-president, secretary, and Christian Growth chairman. She has served as zone president and District Planning Facilitator. In her congregation she has served as secretary and on the following boards: Education, Youth, Stewardship, and Membership. Currently she is a Bible study leader.

Gloria has worked in the VA Medical Center as a Clinical Audiologist since 1971, specializ-

ing in the late deafened adult, working with cochlear implant patients and in oral rehabilitation. She received an award for Outstanding Clinician from the OK Speech, Hearing, & Language Association, of which she has been secretary and treasurer.

She has served as president and vice-president for the OK Academy of Audiology and on the board of directors for the Central OK Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

Gloria has a married daughter and three grandchildren. She enjoys genealogy, reading, travel, and spending time with her grandchildren.

District Convention April 21-22, 2006

Oakwood Activity Center, Enid

Candidates-VP of Communication

Helen Kromanaker is a member of Good Shepherd, Midwest City. She served on the Hospitality Committee for the LWML Convention in OKC 2003. She served as Bible study leader through the years. In her local society she currently serves as vice-president, and is a past president and treasurer.

Helen was Mother-Daughter Banquet committee chairman for six years, member of the Health and Wellness committee, sang in the choir, and as a member of the Caring Team, arranging for greeters and providing publicity. She holds a monthly Bible study in her home and is unofficial custodian of the church library.

Helen's husband Jerry is retired from the Air Force. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Helen worked at Tinker Air Force Base for 25 years. She is skilled in MS Office and MS Publisher. She spends her spare time caring for the homebound, gardening, reading, and visiting the grandchildren.

Candidates-Treasurer

Cindy Boster is a member of Trinity, Sallisaw, where husband Kory is pastor. Cindy has served as zone president. In local societies she has served as president and secretary. She has been Sunday School superintendent and teacher, VBS teacher, women's Bible study leader and children's choir director. Cindy received her BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1984 and worked as an engineer for American Airlines from 1986 to 2001. Her duties included making presentations before groups, writing sections of technical manuals, and interaction with officemates and vendors. She has a working knowledge of computers, the internet, e-mail, etc.

Cindy and Kory have one son and two granddaughters. She enjoys reading, sewing, cooking/baking, gardening, working with children and singing in the choir.



Lisa Graf is a member of Trinity, Guymon. She has been zone Christian Growth Chairman while living in Texas. She was treasurer for the Texas District Convention in 1997. In her congregation she has been Sunday School and VBS teacher, congregational secretary, Evangelism chairman, Christmas program coordinator, sang in the choir and played in the bell choir. Presently she is chairman of the Family Enrichment Committee and on the Altar Guild.

Lisa and husband David have four grown children. She was raised in Milwaukee but lived in Texas most of her adult life. They have lived in Guymon about 1 1/2 years. She enjoys gardening, music, reading and sewing.

Candidates-Pastoral Counselor

Reverend Barrie E. Henke was born in Stillwater, OK and raised in the small town of Orlando, where his father owned and operated a Texaco service station. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's, Orlando. He graduated from Orlando High School; St John's College, Winfield, KS; Concordia College, St. Paul, MN; and Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL. He was Ordained into the ministry on June 24, 1973 at Christ Lutheran, Perry, OK. On April 20, 1975 he married Patricia Gunderman

from Fulda, MN. They have one son. Reverend Henke has served as pastor at Holy Trinity, Edmond, since September 1991. He has served as Counselor for the OKC Circuit since 1993. He has led Bible studies at two OK District LWML Conventions, and was appointed Senior Counselor of the Oklahoma District LWML in 2004, completing a vacated term. Both Reverend Barrie and Pat have been quite active in LWML in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Oklahoma, taking on local, zone, and district responsibilities.

Candidates-VP of Christian Life

Debbie Tabisz is a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool. She has served as vice-president in local LWML, on various boards in education and outreach, as Sunday School superintendent, and on teams to start a Day School and a mission congregation. Debbie led several mission teams to Honduras and Guatemala.

Husband Rick is pastor of King of Kings, a new Lutheran church in Oklahoma. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Her special interests are gardening, her grandchildren, and their faith walk.

Susan Copen is a member of First, Muskogee. She has served as zone secretary. In her local society she is currently president, and past vice-president. Susan is Director of Young People in her congregation, a post she's held for 20 years. She has served as youth leader for the Jr. and Sr. High, and most recently elementary youth. She is also past congregational secretary. Susan is single, a Registered Nurse, and Patient Safety Manager for the VA Medical Center in Muskogee. She has been with the VA for 27 years. She enjoys spending lots of time with her nieces, reading, singing, playing the flute, and sharing her faith with others, especially children.

Candidates-VP of Gospel Outreach

Shirley Graumann is a member of St. John's, Moore. She has served as vice-president of her zone, is currently president of her society, and past vice-president and secretary of her society. She served thirty years as youth counselor, sings in the choir, VBS director and teacher, is a retired school teacher and now serves as a substitute teacher. She is presently a Life-Light leader. Shirley is widowed and has three grown children and three grandchildren. She has been an active LWML member for 45 years. She enjoys church work and working with and teaching children.

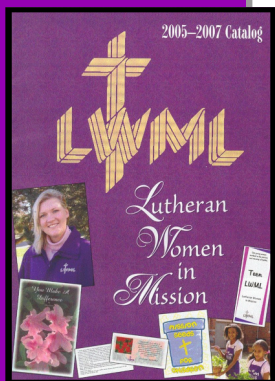
Nancy West is a member of Holy Trinity, Edmond. She presently serves as the Networker and Mission Coordinator in her local society. Nancy is a Sunday School teacher, Youth Mentor Yahweh Sisterhood, Tripoli Program and serves on the Altar Guild.

She is a board member for the Children's Christian Concern Society, an RSO of the LCMS that provides scholarships and teachers' salaries for about 12,000 children in 15 countries. She and husband Tim live on 80 acres, raise Labrador Retrievers, and have two grown children.

Zone Reports

Due to space constraints, the zone reports have been omitted from this issue of the Voice of Service (VOS). All zone reports will be posted on the Oklahoma District website www.oklwml.org. If you are unable to access the internet and require a hardcopy of the zone reports, please call Marci Beikmann, VOS Editor @ 405.641.0462

Resources Now LWML Store



The catalog is available on the web at www.lwml.org

Charity Internet

Search Engine

www.goodsearch.com

has LWML registered as a choice. If you use them as a search engine, LWML receives a penny per hit.

Nominations may be submitted to **Bonnie Schulze,** Nominating Committee Chairman

There will be a new LWML store at the Enid convention. It's so much more than a Christian bookstore. You'll find items for everyone in your family, and friends, too.

There are some HOT bargains, too. You will want to sport some new short sleeve tops when spring arrives. Those beautiful purple polo shirts are \$15, That's a dollar off the catalog price, and you don't have to pay shipping! Sparkle pens are 4 for \$1 (prizes for your next event???)

The popular 3/4 sleeve shirt is available in purple or white, windbreakers, cozy fleece pull-overs, mock turtlenecks, and short sleeve t-shirts. Then there's the new LWML wrist-watch—it's purple too!

A large selection of greeting cards with OK ties will be featured. The watercolor artwork is by DeeDee Wescoatt of Guymon and Christian text by Erika Hauer, who grew up in Blackwell.

Here's a few more of the new items: devotional books, ear-

rings, license plate covers, charms, and an LWML membership pen, just to name a few.

Oh yes, those familiar LWML husbands will be on hand to help you with your purchases. You can return home with some LWML items to show off at your next society meeting.

So bring cash or a check and have a look around at the many items on display. But don't wait too long, because some of those items might just sell out!

For Such A Time as This

Seemed to be the theme of the Mission Grants chosen by the Oklahoma LWML. The first few years the children of the orphanage and the students at St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas were the recipients of our love and concern, with canned foods and washed clothes.

As time passed, many new mission churches opened around the state and a grant of \$500 was given to each

mission church for chancel paraments. These grants have been increased to \$1,000 in recent years.

During the war years (1941-45) gifts were presented to servicemen centers around the state and to European war orphans. An increasing interest in women's higher education that developed during the war years led to scholarships for men and women studying to become church workers.

This continued to be a popular and ongoing project, growing to \$7,000 per biennium.

Sponsoring missionaries and collecting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) became important service rendered after the war and continues today. Projects were earmarked for many places around the globe, including Alice Brauer Missionary Nurse in India for more than 30 years.

Nominating News

The Nominating Committee is gearing up for convention with a slate of officer candidates. But there are still a few gaps, including another candidate for each of these offices: Vice-President of Communication, and Pastoral Counselor.

Do you know an LWML sister or

pastor who would be perfect for one of these positions? Maybe you've wondered if you could further God's work in LWML by serving as an officer. Of course you can! God equips each one of us to do His will. He is just waiting for you to use His gifts. Should we doubt God's ability to

work through us and enable us to serve?

Please prayerfully consider bringing forth a candidate for this biennium, and pray for our current candidates, our convention committees, and the success of our convention.

Lutheran Women in Mission

1. Alaska Mission for Christ - Matanuska-Susitna Valley Mission Outreach 6,000
A grant that would provide the Good News of Jesus Christ to the native villages and white communities in this remote Alaskan river valley through worship services, super Sundays and Vacation Bible Schools.

2. The Good Shepherd Children of Immigrants Scholarships - Tulsa, OK \$10,000
A grant that would continue and expand the efforts started by an endowed scholarship fund helping provide children of low-income, immigrant families a quality Lutheran education.

3. Help Trinity Hope Feed the Children in Haiti \$5,000
A grant that would expand the efforts of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gallatin, Tennessee to feed the bodies and minds of children in Lutheran schools in Haiti. Currently Trinity Hope feeds approximately 3,000 of the 17,000 students in 124 Lutheran schools.

4. Help Safe Net Services Inc. Build a Domestic Abuse Shelter - Claremore, OK \$5,000
A grant that would continue the money raising efforts to build an 8,600 square foot shelter with 12 bedrooms and the ability to house 30 women and children in a safe, secure environment.

5. Bread of Life Community Outreach Center - Garber, OK \$2,500
A grant that would help cover utility and maintenance costs in keeping this community center open. Currently it operates on the donations of citizens and is maintained by volunteers. It houses a Christian Resource Center and is used throughout the year for Christian organizations.

6. Curriculum Sponsorships for the Churches of the Latin American Lutheran Mission \$3,000
A grant that would purchase Spanish curriculum for about 10 churches that currently do not have sponsors. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico now has 33 mission stations/churches that receive no funding from any church synod or denomination.

7. Lutheran Braille Center - Tulsa, OK \$3,000
A grant that would purchase book covers, boxes, paper, tape and other needed supplies for this only Braille work center in Oklahoma. It operates out of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Tulsa and produces 3 different books of the Bible in English and Swahili then mails them to all parts of the world.

8. Poland Rainbow Camp/Education - Poland \$6,250
A grant that would train lay religion teachers in methods, Biblical content and right moral conduct so that they may teach Sunday school, camps, special meetings,

etc. The Rainbow Harvest Camps are dedicated to those children who are most in need physically, emotionally and spiritually.

9. Puerto Rico Evangelism Outreach - Mayaguez, Puerto Rico \$5,900
A grant that would help Pastor Matthew Prince serve God as a missionary in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. This money would be used in particular to purchase instructional kits, Bible story props teacher lesson materials, etc. as Pastor Prince uses these monthly "Kids Club" to build bridges into the community.

10. Thailand Training Curriculum Development - Bangkok, Thailand \$3,750
A grant that would support the translation of curriculum into the Thai language to better serve the LCMS World Mission church plants in Bangkok.

11. Guinea Medical Training - Kountaya Refugee Camp \$3,750
A grant that would help the Guinea Lutheran Church train and place healthcare units in the Kountaya refugee camp. Sharing the healing Gospel of Jesus may help save many children from death by malaria, diarrhea, respiratory illnesses and malnutrition.

12. Lutheran Bible Translators - Student Missionary Training \$8,280
A grant that would provide pre-field training for two student missionaries allowing them to acquire a practical understanding of how languages work, equipping them to undertake a Bible translation project.

13. Shadow Mountain Behavioral Health System - Owasso, OK \$5,000
A grant that would provide computers, software and work stations for children who live at Shadow Mountain 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With this added help it is hoped that residents will acquire academic skills through approximately the sixth grade level.

14. Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship - Norman, OK \$3,000
A grant that would provide six scholarships of \$500 each, enabling some who wish to have a Christian education for their children to do so.

15. Oklahoma District Ministerial Students Grant \$10,000
A grant that would provide a monetary gift to men in our seminaries who are preparing to enter into full time service in the pastoral ministry. The money would be divided equally among all eligible students at \$5,000 per year in the biennium.

16. Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund \$10,000
A grant that would provide assistance to men and women from Oklahoma who are receiving an education from one of our synodical schools and planning to become a professional church worker.

17. King of Kings Sound and Music Equipment - Glenpool, OK \$4,000

A grant that would provide sound and music equipment to King of Kings Lutheran Church. This new mission church began services in September 2005 and are working to reach the unchurched in the Glenpool area.

18. Hispanic Vacation Bible School Program \$2,500

A grant that would provide a 1week VBS program as an evangelism tool to reach out to Hispanics. The Vacation Bible School would be provided in Spanish by the Hispanic staff of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church under the leadership and cooperation of a local congregation in our district.

19. Oklahoma Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Summer Training \$2,000

A grant that would enable \$1,000 to be used each year to help defray the travel costs and other expenses to get our District participants to and from the Summer Training site for the years 2006 and 2007.

20. Teen LWML Assistance to Attend 2007 LWML Convention \$3,000

A grant that would give financial assistance for teens (12-19) that wish to attend the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 2007. We are seeking younger women to become knowledgeable and involved with the work of LWML, educating them in the mission and service provided by LWML.

21. Soup Kitchen - Ardmore, OK \$3,500

A grant that would allow the Ardmore Soup Kitchen to replace the flooring in their facility. For five years, the Soup Kitchen has served a hot meal, five days a week, to an average of 45 people a day. This is done solely by grants and the generosity of citizens and local congregations.

22. Hope Pregnancy Center - Guymon, OK \$2,000

A grant that would help Hope Pregnancy Center to purchase equipment and supplies. This center offers Christian counseling, educational services, referral services and pregnancy testing to those who are unwed or live in poverty. Women receive supplies like baby beds, diapers, wipes, clothing, etc.

23. Camp Lutherhaven at Knowles Lake - Knowles, Oklahoma \$5,000

A grant that would help purchase and equip a new kitchen at Camp Lutherhaven. Realizing the value of outdoor ministries, the Oklahoma District has purchased property at Knowles, Oklahoma. The camps biggest need is a fully equipped activity building with commercial kitchen equipment.

24. Camp Lutherhoma Scholarships - Tahlequah, Oklahoma \$5,000

A grant that would be used to help children attend Camp Lutherhoma that might not

otherwise be able to attend because of limited funds.

25. Heart-To-Heart Sisters Convention Expense \$1,000

A grant that would use money to encourage women of all cultures to share in the LWML experience by helping to pay registration and travel expenses to the Oklahoma District Heart-to-Heart Sisters event.

26. The Servant's Heart - Amatitlan, Guatemala \$4,200

A grant that would help purchase furniture, clinic supplies and food for these people on the edge of the dump in Guatemala City. The ministries provided through this location include: a Lutheran Day School, after school tutoring and Bible Study, adult women Bible study, economic skill development, medical clinic and human care (food/clothing).

27. International Ministry - Oklahoma State University \$1,500

A grant that would help purchase Bibles and other related materials so that international student attending Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma would be able to learn about the Christian faith by reading God's word in their own language.

28. Oaks Indian Mission - Oaks, OK \$5,000

A grant that would be used to purchase furniture and appliances. The mission is currently remodeling an old building that will be used as a residence for 12-16 children and the cottage parents. These children, mostly abandoned, orphaned, neglected or abused, will be sent to local schools, encouraged with their lessons, and required to attend worship services.

29. MEND'S Medical Clinic/Pregnancy Resource Center - Broken Arrow, OK \$5,000

A grant that would be used with other grant money from Focus on the Family to purchase a much-needed new ultra sound machine. MEND'S has shown that when women in the early stages of pregnancy can see the unborn baby, 80% will change their mind and chose to have the baby.

30. Redeemer Lutheran High School \$5,000

A grant that would be for the purpose of obtaining computers and software for the new Lutheran High School of the Greater Oklahoma City area. In August 2006 grades 7th, 8th and 9th will begin. In the fall of 2007, 6th and 10th grade will open with one grade added each year until 2009.

31. Day Camp Support Program - Oklahoma City \$3,000

A grant that would help Immanuel Lutheran Church to continue reaching into the community with their Summer Heights Day Camp. Currently over 40 children are enrolled and the church operates this program on its own.

Attention Banner Makers!

Please submit banner designs for the 2007 convention at your Fall Fests this year and have your zone president bring the winning design to the November board meeting.

This year there are some requirements for inclusion on the banner:



- Use colors of the convention (forest green, terra cotta red, royal blue)
- Have the theme words on the banner (ROCK! Rest On Christ the King)
- OK District LWML and either “Lutheran Women in Mission” or our LWML logo
- Sioux Fall, 2007
- 3’x5’ required size

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Teen LWML Goes Greek!!

32nd Biennial Convention

The concept of “Teen LWML”, introduced at the 2005 Tampa convention, has changed names. The new name is *Gamma Chi Delta—Teens in Christ’s Service*.

Why the name change?

- A unique identity under the LWML umbrella
- An accurate description of the group’s purpose—teens working in service to the Lord

Why Greek?

- A sisterhood of girls together for a common purpose (sorority)
- Its ability to remain timeless in a changing world

Why Gamma Chi Delta? (ΓΧΔ)

- Gamma—for the word “gyne” meaning woman
- Chi—for the word “Christos” meaning Christ
- Delta—for the word “diakonos” meaning servant

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June 21-24, 2007

Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

ROCK! Rest On Christ the King

Scripture: “In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.” Psalm 31:1-3

Goal Statement: Secure in Jesus, my rock and fortress, I step out in faith to declare His praise and serve others.

Objectives: All convention attendees

- Rejoice in the security they find in God’s Word and love
- Celebrate the oneness found in Jesus, our King
- Confidently and boldly share the Gospel message
- Are led and guided by the Lord to their personal avenues of service