

April 1, 2020



Dear LWML Sisters in Christ,

The theme for our 40th Biennial LWML SID Convention is "**20/20 Vision: All Eyes on Jesus!**" based on the following verses from Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The groups of the Metro Central and Mid-State Zones invite you to attend this convention to be held on **Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2020**. Our Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, retired President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. (Dr. Meyer will be officially retired by the convention.) All activities will take place at **Metro East Lutheran High School (MELHS)** located at 6305 Center Grove Rd., Edwardsville, IL 62025. Registration on Saturday begins at 7:00 AM with opening worship service at 8:30 AM. There will be a morning fellowship with coffee, juice, and lots of home-made goodies. This will be served until about 8:20 AM

This convention is focused on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Our **Convention Goal Statement** is: We will ... Know that Christ has done all the work for our redemption and is making preparations for our heavenly homecoming (John 14:2-3). The **Convention** objectives are: Convention attendees, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will be led to fix their eyes on Jesus and confess Him in their daily lives! The convention will be a time of worship, reflection, and dedication as we look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith!

Our National LWML President, Debbie Larson, will bring us greetings and the latest news from the national LWML. Debbie is from Florissant, Colorado and holds membership in the LWML Rocky Mountain District. Her VISION STATEMENT from the 2019 LWML national convention is: "I see the women of the LWML stepping out in faith, responding to His love with grateful hearts and true joy. As Lutheran Women in Mission share Christ's love and message with the whole world, I see lives transformed for Christ."

Friday evening activities, Mite Market, and fellowship will also take place at the high school. Friday evening activities will begin at 7:00 PM and end with devotions about 9:00 pm. As you know, the COVID-19 (coronavirus) caused the Spring Retreat to be cancelled. Therefore, on Friday evening, the YWR Committee will be presenting their program, "Pack Your Bags and GO" with "our eyes fixed on Jesus". Bring your gently used purses to pack with a few personal items for local women's shelters. Items to bring include toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, body wash, and shampoo. Thank you for supporting this mission work.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Make reservations by August 25, 2020 as for LWML Convention, when booking.

Country Hearth Inn and Suites
1013 Plummer Dr Edwardsville, IL 62025
618-656-7829

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
1000 Plummer Dr Edwardsville, IL 62025
618-692-7255

Standard King \$107.10 Standard 2 Queens
\$107.10-\$109.80

Standard 2 Queens \$129.00

There are lots of restaurants in Edwardsville at which to eat your Friday evening meal before coming to MELHS for the evening activities that begin at 7:00 PM. There is a map with directions enclosed.

Each active group holding membership in the SID LWML is asked to send two women as **DELEGATES** to represent their group in voting for 2020-2022 district grants and officers along with voting on the bylaw changes. Two alternates should also be selected. Registrations for delegates and alternates must be postmarked NO LATER than July 1, 2020. No delegates will be accepted after the convention has opened, and only a designated alternate will be allowed to replace a delegate who is unable to attend. Groups are also encouraged to send at least one **Young Woman Representative (YWR)**, who is between the ages of 22 & 35. The YWR's will have an active role in the convention and will also attend a special fellowship event on Friday evening. More information will be provided to each YWR in August.

Registration fees are:

Delegates:	\$30 with lunch, postmarked by July 1, 2020
Guests (Non-delegates):	\$30 with lunch, postmarked by August 15, 2020
YWRs:	\$30 with lunch, postmarked by July 1, 2020
Pastors/Vicars:	\$15 with lunch, postmarked by August 15, 2020

Bottles of water will be available all-day long.

Soda will NOT be part of the light bagged lunch, BUT we will have soda available for ALL attendees at noon.

Enclosed with this letter are the registration materials, a poster for your bulletin board, map and a form to send in all your officer updates, which need to be done yearly.

All convention registrations should be mailed to:

Marie Voges
7755 St. Leos Road
Evansville, IL. 62242
Phone 618-282-2554
Cell Phone 618-420-2413

DELEGATES ----- IMPORTANT ----- PLEASE READ

Descriptions of proposed mission grants, resolutions, proposed by-law changes and officer candidate resumes will be e-mailed to each delegate by August 15th. If you do not have e-mail, these things will be mailed to you via U.S mail. If you DO NOT receive these items (by e-mail or U.S. mail) by August 25th, please call Deb Albers at 618-978-3770 or Deb Wudtke at 618-830-5071. Well-informed delegates help make a more efficient convention. The time allotted to reviewing the proposed grants at convention will be minimal. A **special convention edition** of the *Newsletter*, coming in late July/early August, will also contain all this information. This special edition *Newsletter* will be on the LWML SID website (www.sidlwml.org) and will be emailed to the person in your group who receives the regular quarterly *Newsletter*.

Convention Manuals will NOT be mailed to delegates. Delegates will receive their manual when they register at the convention.

INGATHERING FOR CONVENTION: Our ingathering will be for Metro East Lutheran High School. Monetary gifts will go toward scholarships for the students. You may also bring any of the following items: **Kleenex, Clorox wipes, post-it notes, pens, pencils, dry erase markers, copy paper.**

“MITE MARKET: Our service to further His kingdom...”

The Mite Market went over so well at the 2018 convention that we wish to do it again. Any group, zone, or individual who wishes to bring something to “sell” may do so, provided all monies earned go to the new Mite goal for the 2020-2022 biennium. So, for instance, if your ladies make jellies or sell candles, you may wish to bring a few items that fit on a 4-foot section of table. The items must be priced, and you may set up Friday evening at 6 PM or Saturday morning between 7-8 AM and all booths must be cleaned up directly after convention is adjourned. Be creative! Your “mission” is to raise mites for the new grants to be selected that weekend.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in September at MELHS in Edwardsville, Illinois!

We are blessed to be serving you,

Debra Albers
LWML SID Vice President of Christian Life
Host Convention Co-Chairman

Carol Oldinski
LWML SID Metro Central Zone President
Metro Central Zone Co-Chairman

Deb Wudtke
Host Convention Co-Chairman

Janet Ferrero
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