

Women's Christian Ministry

Handbook

How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity.

Psalm 133:1



**Immanuel Lutheran Church
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MEETINGS

Our society holds six meetings per year. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Each meeting begins at 7:00pm and is held in the overflow room at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Meeting dates & times are subject to change with prior notification.

COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES – Plan activities and programs for the year. The President does this.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Coordinate donation of altar flowers by congregation members who have signed up for the weekend or arrange for other means of flowers. Sandy Thompson is the altar flower coordinator.

AUDITING – When needed, this committee is appointed by the President.

BAPTISMAL BANNERS – Make banners for those being baptized. Doris Horn coordinates, and Taryn Niemeyer & Ann Frank help her with this.

FUNERAL DINNERS – Coordinate volunteers to help serve at the funeral dinners for members of Immanuel. Also, touch base with the family about the food. Diane Hoffmann coordinates this and has a willing committee to serve.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – This committee will hold Health & Wellness screenings for members & guests following the church services, normally 4-6 times per year. Linda Harbison, Sharon Osterhage, & Linda Bommarito coordinate this.

MEMBERSHIP – Recruit and welcome new members to the Women’s Christian Ministry (LWML) of Immanuel Lutheran Church. All members are on this committee, and are encouraged to invite others throughout the year.

NEWBORN DINNERS – Coordinate delivery of home cooked meals to Immanuel families who just had a new baby. The ladies on the delivery rotation list are contacted. Barb White coordinates.

NURSING HOME SERVICES – Assist with church services at Oak Hill Nursing Home by assisting residents to the service. Sharon Osterhage coordinates the volunteers.

PURCHASING – Purchase items needed and stocking of items for sale by the Women’s Christian Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Treasurer or President does this.

RETREATS – This committee varies depending on the type of retreat that is being planned at the time. The President coordinates this committee.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to promote Christian growth and fellowship among the women of Immanuel Lutheran Church in accordance with God’s Word and to assist in the various charitable endeavors of Immanuel Lutheran Church, our community, and the LWML.

ALL GLORY TO GOD

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

THE LWML PLEDGE

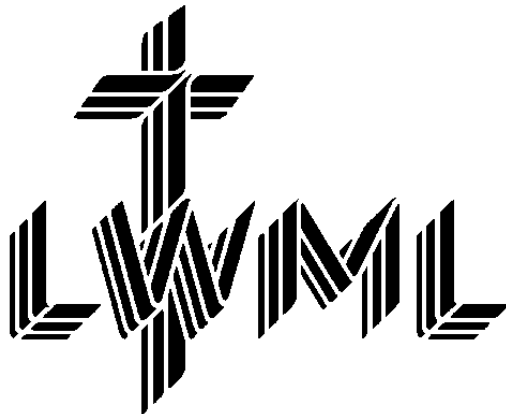
In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He hath need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

LWML LOGO

The LWML logo was adopted at the 1991 convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

LCMS CROSS The official logo of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

LWML The Lutheran Women's Missionary League—women with a mission—pointing others to Christ.



MITES

The Story of the Widow's Offering

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4

In the spirit of the widow's giving, we contribute mites to support the mission work of the LWML.

WCM'S LOGO

On our Handbook and Constitution covers.

CROSS The cross of our Risen Savior.

RAYS He is the light of our salvation.

WCM We are at the foot of His cross to praise and serve Him.



ORGANIZATION

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML) is composed of individual women and women's societies within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS), on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings.

The LWML is organized into districts which are organized into zones which consist of individual women and women's societies from LCMS congregations in their geographical areas. Districts and zones shall conform to LCMS district and circuit lines where possible.

- ❖ *Individual women members of a congregation form a unit; the congregational unit may be comprised of one or more affiliated organizations.*
- ❖ *Units within a given area form a zone.*
- ❖ *Zones within a given area form a district, basically according to Synodical districts.*
- ❖ *Districts united for International.*

International, districts, zones and units have their own bylaws. All officers and committee members serve on a voluntary basis.

The ladies of the Women's Christian Ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Illinois, form a unit within the Metro South Zone of the Southern Illinois District of the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

“Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11

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