



**LWML Washington-Alaska District
34th Biennial Convention
June 21–23, 2024
Delta Hotels by Marriott – Seattle/Everett
Convention Personalities**

Opening Worship Service Proclaimer



Rev. Mike Von Behren will be serving as the President of the Northwest (NOW) District—LCMS in May of 2024 after nearly 20 years of serving as Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington. Pastor Mike has passion for equipping servant-first individuals to lead for the sake of the mission of Christ and he is eager to support the efforts of Christ’s servants throughout the NOW District.

Pastor Mike’s wife, Jennifer, will join him at the opening worship service.

LWML Representative

Karol Selle, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, first became involved with LWML while she and her husband Carl moved to Louisiana for his first pastoral call. Ida Mall, serving as a zone president at the time, influenced and encouraged Karol to be involved with LWML. Karol says “Her support helped me say ‘yes’ to serving as LWML Public Relations Director during her presidency. I’ve participated ever since and am honored to be surrounded by intelligent, creative, and servant-hearted women!”

Within the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, she has served on all levels of the organization. Most recently she served as chairman of the Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations Committee in 2021–2023.

Karol is the author of the 2019 LWML Bible study, *A Missionary? Me?* and the 2023 Bible study, *A Missionary? Me? No Passport Needed*. She also wrote devotions for the 2023 *Life After ... a Devotion for Widows* book.



Bible Study Leader



Donna Snow is no stranger to LWML or to the LWML Washington-Alaska District! An active member since 1997, Donna has held many LWM local, zone, and Texas District offices. She led us through two online Bible studies during the pandemic which enabled us to stay connected to each other in community and the Word across the nation. Donna was also the Bible study leader and keynote speaker at the 2016 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention.

Donna's seventh traditionally published Bible study from Concordia Publishing House, *Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph*, was released on April 11, 2023. Her fifth video-based Bible study, *Unshakable: Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard*, was released through LWML on June 21, 2023.

Keynote Speaker

Kim Wagner has been writing and speaking professionally for over 18 years, 10 of which, she was a member of the National Speakers Association. She challenges and motivates with unforgettable messages that promise to inspire! This year's convention theme, "Strong in the Lord," is especially fitting for her during this particular season of her life.

Kim was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011, and this past January, it was discovered that the cancer had metastasized to her bones. Having a Stage 4 diagnosis has caused her to pause to truly reflect on the importance of today and believe that Jesus (and His mighty warriors) are in control.



Mites in Action Speaker



Andrea Krook felt powerless when she could not help six brothers who just lost their mother, their only parent, to AIDS during a 2006 trip to a Kenyan slum. Determined to do more, she received a 2014 Masters of Arts degree in International Community Development from Northwest University. Since starting at Children of the Nations, Andrea as the Community Relations/Church Development Manager, has raised close to one million dollars and inspired many to get involved in providing effective care to children who will one day transform their nations.

Children of the Nations (COTN) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to raising children out of poverty and hopelessness so they can become leaders who transform their nations. The organization currently serves in Sierra Leone, Malawi, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

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Rev. Dr. Paul A. Krueger has served in parish ministry for 31 years, ranging from mission-developer to Senior Pastor of a vibrant multi-staff parish. In addition to thriving parish ministries, he has worked with multi-denominational organizations in Youth, Leadership, and Disaster Response prior to beginning a role as Senior Development Officer for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, an organization helping nearly 2100 at-risk children and their families from across the nation find hope and healing in Christ each year. He is the recipient of numerous community leadership awards and brings these experiences to “help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ” through the ministry of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.



LWML Senior Gift Planning Counselor



Linda Gage is a Christ follower and passionate about helping people discover and use their God-given gifts to serve God and grow His kingdom. She is LWML’s Senior Gift Planning Counselor and helps people share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry when they are called home to heaven.

Linda’s career spans more than 35 years with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and she has vast experience in gift planning, gift development, and Christian leadership.

Saturday Night Entertainers

Trinity Trio Plus One (Rebecca Mañalac, Kim Wagner, Kelli Horst, and Mary Jo Peterson) from Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Washington, will share personal stories pertaining to the songs they connect with — some sung as solos, duets, trios, and quartet format. Perhaps they will include a hymn or two. You are sure to enjoy the gift of music they will be sharing with us.

