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We just completed the 35th LWML Oregon District Biennial Convention and all of us came away with a renewed faith, new friendships, and a desire to “Fan the Flame” that we have been given through the Holy Spirit.

I do not know about you, but I found our time together in Roseburg, OR uplifting and joyous. What a great few days as we gathered in worship, Bible study, and conducting the business of the Oregon District.

The voters approved the 2026-2028 Mission Grant Goal of \$88,000. \$66,000 remaining in the Oregon District to fund the 12 Mission Grants that were selected. \$22,000 will go to support the LWML Mission Grants. The Lord has richly blessed us indeed!

We listened to mission speakers who brought news of happenings at Wilderness Trails in Medford, OR and the continuing work of the Orphan Grain Train throughout the United States.

We met a new missionary, Evy Cepeda who shared her story of working in Peru. Naomi Brown shared with us the work she is preparing for as a Deaconess and how the LWML Oregon District Special Gift Fund has helped support her costs.

Dustin Kunkel, Keynote Speaker from the LCMS Northwest District, spoke to us about what we need to start a fire. We were reminded that we need “fuel, ignition and oxygen” to start and keep the fire burning. Our faith needs the same sources.

And Wendysue Fluegge led us in songs throughout the Convention and gave us challenging Bible studies where we spent time sharing with one another.



St. Paul Lutheran Church and School provided us with outstanding hospitality all throughout the weekend.

The food was amazing and it was encouraging to sit at various tables filled with men and women of faith.

Thank you to Pastor Beck and Pastor Westhafer who led us in worship Friday evening and to the other eight pastors who joined us as we processed in while singing “Lift High the Cross.” The convention banner, along with the Oregon District banner, graced the sanctuary throughout the entire convention.

Thank you to Lauren James, and the Nibblett family members who led us in the Saturday night fun entertainment session. Having Nancy Niblett sing along with the family was truly uplifting.

We also met “Keeper” the Companion/Therapy dog.

And we have a new LWML member – Pastor Westhafer’s mother-in-law’s tortoise attended convention!



Zone Presidents



Convention Banner



Mite Walkers



Bible Study/Song Leader Wendysue Fluegge



President Deb



Past District Presidents



LWML Oregon District Officers, Nominating Committee and Pastoral Counselors 2026-2028

So, what is next?

We will continue to “Ignite” the Oregon District and to “Fan the Flames” of our faith throughout this next biennium. See you in Lincoln City June 23-25, 2028!

To God be all the glory!

President,

Deb Weaver