



# *Sing for Joy*

*Satisfy us in the morning  
with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy  
all our days.*

*Psalms 90:14 NIV*

## *WMF Day 2022*

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022  
Association Retreat Center (ARC)  
Osceola WI*

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## WMF Day Schedule

9:00 am Welcome

Devotions "Behold Our God" by Karen Floan, Anne Presteng, Gwen Berge and Wendy Westlake

Praise and Worship led by Andrew Hanson

Workshop 1 "Sing for Joy...In the Morning" by Andrew Hanson

Stretch break

Workshop 2 "Sing for Joy...All our Days" by Rachel Mattson

Offering

Memorial Service "The Perishable Art of Leaving a Godly Legacy" by Vicki Johnson

Lunch

Welcome Back Sing Along

Workshop 3 "Sing for Joy...While we Wait" by Jan Strand

Prayer Time

Stretch break

Business Meeting

### **Reports**

President's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasure's Report

### **Old Business**

### **New Business -**

2023 Proposed budget

Nominations/Elections: counting help?

Resolutions (Paper and pen ready)

### **Adjournment**

## Theme song:

### **Joyful. Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Hail Thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Bloss'ming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother-  
All who live in love are Thine:  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father-love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother-love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Tunemelody from Ninth Symphony, : Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1824

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## **2022 Prayer List**

*This list is current as of June 1, 2022.*

*Please visit the display tables to receive details on these ministries.*

Pray for our AFLC leaders that they would be open to God's guidance and that God's will would be sought and followed. Pray His name would be glorified in decision making with a continual stand on His Word. Pray especially for our Annual Conference this week as we will be electing a new AFLC President.

### **WMF**

Lavonne West, President  
Ann Presteng, 1st Vice President  
Liz McCarlson, 2nd Vice President  
Linda Hensrud, Communication Secretary  
Karen Floan, Recording Secretary  
Margie Lee, Treasurer  
Local and District groups  
Local and District officers

### **Home Missions**

Home Missions Committee, especially as they seek a new director  
Julia Albright, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Jeff Swanson, Alaska Coordinator  
Dr. Kevin Lee, FLAPS

### **Church Planters/Pastors and Congregations**

Rev. Gideon Johnson, Hope Free Lutheran, Killdeer, ND  
Pastor Holmes Zhao, Living Stone Chinese Lutheran Fellowship, St. Paul, MN  
Rev. Matthew Ballmann, Trinity San Antonio, San Antonio, TX  
Rev. Tom W. Olson, Hope AFLC, Enderlin, ND  
Pastor Brady Arneson, Waikiki Beach Gathering, Honolulu, HI  
Pastor Eric Johnson, The Source, Mesa, AZ  
Hilltop Christian Fellowship, Naknek, AK  
Rev. Matthew Pillman, preparing to plant a church in Ankeny, IA

### **Church Planting Assistants**

Heather Hansen, Naknek, AK

### **Alaska Missionaries**

Rev. Jeremy and Lacy Crowell, FLAPS Pilot  
Rev. Bob and Margaret Lee, KAKN Radio  
Josh Fish, Maintenance

### **Alaska VBS May 25-July 18, 2022**

Zach & Katy Kupser and Jessica Nikunen, with Heather Hansen

(continued)

## **World Missions**

Rev. Earl Korhonen, Director  
Jon Nelson, Journey Missions  
Support Staff: Wanda Jacobson and Madison Greven  
World Missions Committee

### Missionaries

Rev. Paul and Becky Abel, Brazil  
Rev. Jonathan and Tamba Abel, Brazil  
Rev. John and Hannah Lee, Brazil  
Jonni Silver, Brazil  
Rev. Matthew and Ednay Abel, Paraguay  
Rev. Todd and Barb Schierkolk  
Rev. Nate and Rhoda Jore, Uganda  
Rev. Brent and Emily Raan, Uganda  
Michael Rokenbrodt, Uganda (*currently in the USA for summer  
Bible Camp and continuing seminary in the fall*)

### Missionaries On Loan

Steve and Glenda Kvale, Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA  
Rev. Andrew and Alexis Olson, Lutheran Bible Translators, Tanzania  
Ruthie and Josh Wagner, Lutheran Bible Translators, USA/Tanzania project

### Missionary Assistants

Ellen Dalagar, Brazil, Miriam Home (until July 1)  
Casey McLoughlin, Brazil, Miriam Home (future)

### Journey Missions Trip to Uganda June 22-July 13, 2022

## **Christian Education**

### Parish Education

Marian Christopherson, Director  
Support Staff: Diane Brubakken and Scott Olson  
Board of Publications and Parish Education

### Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary

Rev. Wade Mobley, FLBCS President  
Rev. James Molstre, Seminary Dean  
Rev. Adam Osier, Bible College Dean  
Staff, Faculty, and Students  
Board of Trustees  
FLBC Summer Teams May 23-August 6

## **AFLC**

Rev. Lyndon, C. Korhonen, President  
Rev. Terry Olson, Vice President  
Rev. Micah Hjermstad, Secretary  
Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Assistant to the President  
Directors and Support staff  
Coordinating Committee  
Corporations and Boards

## President's Report

To the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the AFLC, meeting at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, Wisconsin on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Association Retreat Center. "But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble." Psalm 59:16 NIV

Our WMF theme is: **Sing for Joy**

"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." Psalm 90:14

And speaking of Psalms, our Bible study for 2022 is Behold Our God by the Snipstead sisters. Anne Presteng, Karen Floan, Gwen Berge, and Wendy Westlake. Whether we are overwhelmed by joy or overtaken by sorrow, God hears the cry of our hearts. He draws us to Himself, and His presence changes us. The Almighty God lovingly commands us to praise Him for our good and His glory. I know this study will be a blessing. Thank you to all who helped with editing. Countless hours are devoted to present a Biblically sound and accurate, as possible, Bible Study. Editors for this year were: Pastor Pete and Mary Ward, Gwen Haugen, and Pastor Wes Langaas!

The WMF has a page in The Lutheran Ambassador. This is an opportunity to read about the various activities of the WMF. The WMF website is updated often. Devotionals are available as well as a note from me. We have links there to our projects. We publish two issues of our Helping Hand each year. Copies are sent to each church or WMF president and Pastor's wife in hopes that it is copied and/or shared with all women in the church. We have a Facebook page with over 500 friends and our Instagram has been set up. I can't thank you enough for being willing to write for me when called upon. We pray these publications are helpful on a practical level; but most of all, pray that they always point you to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We work diligently to update the Resource Manual. Do you know where your church's copy is? Information in the WMF Resource Manual is not copyrighted so copies can be made as needed. We also hope you have seen our Promotional DVD. If not, you can view this at [www.aflc.org/women](http://www.aflc.org/women).

My heart is full as I picture the women across the AFLC in their WMF meetings. It has been over 59 years of women meeting to pray, give and "go ye into all the world." With gifts given to the various ministries we bless the workers in the harvest fields. This year your contributions are disbursed for these areas.

**Christian Education:** Parish Ed, Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC), Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS)

Parish Ed: Support received goes towards printing volume six of the AFLC Heritage Series, an AFLC history written by Pastor Robert Lee. Pray for Director Marian Christopherson and the Board of Publications.

FLBC: The FLBC funds will continue to cover dorm improvements. Pray for our student body, and staff, Dean Rev. Adam Osier and the FLBC school board.

FLS: Supporting each full-time seminarian and intern with \$100 each semester for books, a Lutheran Ambassador subscription, and the remaining funds toward scholarships. Pray for our seminary and Dean Dr. James Molstre and the FLS school board.

At this point we also want to remind you that we have a resource for you to use for parents of new babies. Our Cradle Roll packets contain biblically-sound brochures with encouragement to raise a child in the Word of God. Packets can be ordered through WMF Executive Secretary, Dawn Johnson.

### World Missions

Contributions will be distributed toward missionaries' monthly support at the discretion of the members of the World Missions Board. Pray for our missionaries and their families, Director Pastor Earl Korhonen and the World Missions Board.

## Home Missions

Support received goes toward the underwriting of the Church Planting Retreat; we also pledge to support the summer teams. The remainder given will be used at the discretion of the Home Missions Board as deemed necessary. Pray for our home mission churches, pastors, wives, their families and church planting assistants. Also keep the Home Missions Board in your prayers.

## General Fund

The general operating fund also needs your offerings of support in order for the National Board to continue the work of the WMF. Operating expenses include: printing and mailing newsletters (Helping Hand), resource manual updates, welcome packets, salary of the executive secretary, stipend for the president and treasurer, convention expenses, on-line meeting expenses, office equipment and supplies as well as WOC (women's outreach coordinator) travel. At this time our board members are meeting this need and there is some money still available from a grant designated towards this. Every effort is made to keep these expenses as reasonable as possible. This year we are grateful for a grant to cover printing expenses. We have been able to share at several Re-awakening conferences. We want it to be impossible for ladies not to know about WMF... Women's Ministry is alive and well across the AFLC. Thanks be to God!

Pray for your WMF board. Contact me at [low2667@gmail.com](mailto:low2667@gmail.com) or give me a call on my cell (406)249-1605 or (406)892-2667 at home in Montana.

The offices of First Vice President and Recording Secretary are up for election today. Both incumbents have served one term and are eligible for re-election. If you are contacted about running for a WMF board whether local, district, or National, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you. We all have busy schedules, but it is amazing to see how God provides for us when we are willing to be available for tasks in His Kingdom's Work.

Thank you to the Association Retreat Center family and Minneapolis District churches for all your work in hosting this year's conference! We appreciate your help in making this WMF Day happen!

Thank you to my teammates – Margie, Karen, Anne, Liz, Linda, and Dawn. I could sing their praises as our theme suggests. They are a joy to work alongside. And I am grateful for our executive secretary who continues to let the Lord use her in this very crucial office.

Ladies -2022!! – We choose to Sing for Joy! This is such a great anthem. As you know I lost my sweet mother-in-law Bonnie Upton last year whose life theme was **Look for Joy**. She even had in on her license plate. In the months since her passing the Lord has lovingly reminded me that there is joy to be found everywhere; I only need to look for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavonne West

# WMF DAY SUMMARY 2021

*WMF Theme – Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You (1 Timothy 6:20-21)*

*Theme Hymn – “I Stand Amazed” AH 540*

One hundred-eight-seven women registered for the Women’s Missionary Federation Day on June 16, 2021 at the Association Free Lutheran Schools, in Plymouth, MN. Lavonne West, President of the National WMF opened the day with a welcome and prayer. Ruth Rautio President of the Minneapolis District WMF, gave a welcome to the women and Tamba Abel gave a greeting from the church and women in Brazil.

Bible study writer, Mrs. Jeanette Berntson, shared devotions based on the WMF, “Guard the Deposit” from Timothy 6:21-21. Jeanette shared how the “deposit” (God’s Word) which we have been given, has not changed, and that we need to keep its message until Jesus comes again, much like a soldier does. We are not to add to the deposit or to remove anything from it.

After Jeanette’s devotions, a praise and worship time was led by the 2021 Ambassadors.

**Workshop 1** was presented by Mrs. Marian Christopherson along with PE & Publications board members Leeanna Lunn, and Susan Tietjen. Leeanna presented a lesson from a handout based on the new Ten Commandments Sunday School materials. Marian shared the What, Why and Then for being “Entrusted for Entrusting” in regards to the Gospel. They also presented some specials regarding books and materials available from their department.

**Workshop 2** was presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Ward. She spoke on “We too, Must guard What Has Been Entrusted to Us”, reminding the women about the responsibilities involved in guarding and protecting what has been given to us. We are to guard God’s Word and make sure we ‘keep it’s teachings pure’ and be aware of any false teachings. Mary Ann had the ladies meet in small groups and share false messages that we are dealing with in our world. We need to protect our families and churches.

During the offering time, a missionary video was played with greetings from all AFLC missionaries; (offering boxes were stationed in back areas with no offering baskets passed).

Jan Strand led a memorial service based on 1 Thessalonians, reminding us that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Jan shared promises of hope through various hymns having the ladies sing the choruses after each promise. She read about 38 ladies names as sent in from various WMF’s to be remembered.

After lunch the ladies were welcomed back with learning the song “Come People of the Risen King”, led by Anne Presteng.

**Workshop 3** - “Guard the Treasure”, by Rebecca Moan, began with her testimony and some nostalgic pictures from her young farm life. She reminded all ladies that we can only guard the treasure with the Holy Spirits help. Rebecca had several young ladies from her church (Alaina Rautio and Hannah Mobley) share scripture verses they memorized. Rebecca also had one of the FLBC teams share a VBS song, “It’s True”.

Following Workshop 3, the women broke into prayer groups and prayed for the 2021 Prayer List: AFLC leaders; WMF Officers; Home & World Missions; Missionaries; Christian Education departments (Parish Education and the AFLC Schools).

Total offering for WMF day was \$3685. Offering was designated to be split between Christian Education (PE & Schools) and General Fund of the WMF.

After a stretch break, door prizes were given out and the business session began.

## **AFLC NATIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING**

President Lavonne West called the women to order for the WMF Day business session held Wednesday afternoon at the AFLC Schools new Student Life center gymnasium. She opened with prayer and shared designations for offerings. WMF Day to Christian Education and WMF General Fund, with the Mission Service offering going to WM and HM. The 2020 President's report was reviewed with highlights read.

MSC to receive the Presidents report.

The 2020 Recording Secretary report was reviewed by Karen Floan with highlights given; MSC to receive the Recording Secretary report.

Treasurer's report was shared by Margie Lee. MSC to receive the treasurer's report.

### **Old Business:**

An amendment change to the constitution was MSC to ratify the change. It reads, *"Newly elected officers shall officially assume their duties at the All Boards meeting following their election."*

### **New Business:**

Discussion on last years suggestion to update names of AFLBS to FLBC and AFLTS to FLS in the constitution as friendly amendments. Ruth Rautio suggested to add wording after each: FLBC (formerly known as AFLBS) and FLS (formerly known as AFLTS).

Discussion on proposal of suggested change for WMF Zones. MSC to use just one zone and go with the suggested zone rotation for the four giving projects.

Treasurer Margie Lee presented the 2020-2022 report with proposed and actual budget. Income for WM, HM and Christian ED would be given as received and not included in the proposed budget for \$60,650. MSC to accept.

Nominations for President and Communication Secretary. The following were elected unanimously:

**President** - Mrs. Lavonne West

**Communication Secretary** – Mrs. Linda (Papillon) Hensrud, Grafton, ND

The 2021 WMF Resolutions were presented. It was MSC to accept them. Thanks to the WMF committees who served for 2021.

The 2022 Resolutions Committee and 2022 Nominating Committee were announced.

A thank you was given to outgoing WMF officer Deanna Larson.

The business session was adjourned. Rev. Robert L. Lee who presided as parliamentarian gave the benediction and closing.

\*Following the WMF Business meeting the Advisory Committee met (which consisted of NWMF Board and district representatives). The day was reviewed and ideas and comments shared.

### **No WMF Breakfast took place in 2021.**

### **Mission Festival Service 2021**

The 2021 FLBC Ambassadors gave a prelude of songs, and Mrs. Marian Christopherson was pianist. WMF President Lavonne West began the service by welcoming everyone. Pastor Earl Korhonen, World Missions Director led the service and opened with prayer followed by having the audience sing hymn "Lift High the Cross".

The WM Missionary Video greeting was presented with all the attending missionaries recognized.

Home Missions Director Pastor James L. Johnson presented two churches that have graduated from HM status, (Village Bay in AK and Immanuel Lutheran of Springfield, MO).

Special music was presented by the McCarlson family.

The evening message was given by missionary Rev. Jonathan Abel based on Psalm 126:1-6, Joys and trials in service to the Lord. Pastor Abel shared several stories of lives transformed by Christ in Brazil as well as hardships encountered.

Due to concerns over COVID offering was not taken, but baskets were placed in the back of the auditorium. Total offering for the evening was \$3216 (\$1608 to World Missions and \$1608 to Home Missions).

The service closed with singing the WMF Theme Hymn - "I stand Amazed", followed by the Lord's Prayer and benediction.

Pie was served following the service to honor retiring schools faculty Rev. Robert L. Lee.

Thank you to the Association Free Lutheran Schools for hosting so graciously and providing for our needs during the conference. The next WMF day will be held in June 2022 at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, WI.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Floan, Recording Secretary for NWMF

### Women's Missionary Federation of the AFLC Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021

12/31/2020 Balance Sheet	\$	51,932.68
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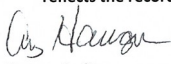
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Bank Accounts

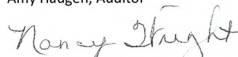
1015 Mission Scholarship Fund	\$	4,505.55
1017 Mission Assistants	\$	2,803.85
1035T Seminary	\$	3,000.00
1040 General WMF	\$	30,926.74
1045 Women's Outreach Coordinator	\$	23,742.79
1081 2018 Foundation Grant	\$	1,474.77
1082 2019 Foundation Grant	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	67,453.70

OVERALL TOTAL 12/31/2021	\$	67,453.70
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Upon completion of the audit, we report that the records were carefully maintained and in good order. It is our opinion that this Balance Sheet accurately reflects the records kept for the year ended December 31, 2021.

  
Amy Haugen, Auditor

3-1-22  
Date

  
Nancy Wright, Auditor

3-1-22  
Date

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Margie Lee, Treasurer

3-1-2022  
Date

## WMF of AFLC Profit & Loss      January 2021 through December 2021

<b>INCOME</b>	1/1-12/31/21	Totals
World Missions	\$ 30,691.52	
W.M. Designated Gifts	\$ 17,692.00	
WM (1/4 Conference offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
WM (1/2 Mission Festival)	\$ 1,608.00	
		\$ 51,429.02
Christian Education		
Parish Education	\$ 7,005.17	
FLBC	\$ 25,414.38	
FLS	\$ 6,421.06	
(1/4 Conference Offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
( 1/2 WMF Day Offering)	\$ 1,842.50	
		\$ 42,120.61
Home Missions	\$ 13,875.78	
H.M. Designated Gifts	\$ 2,307.00	
H.M (1/4 Conference Offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
HM ( 1/2 Mission Festival)	\$ 1,608.00	
		\$ 19,228.28
WMF General Fund	\$ 68,086.60	
WMF (1/4 Conference Offering )	\$ 1,437.50	
(1/2 WMF Day Offering )	\$ 1,842.50	
		\$ 71,366.60
		\$ 184,144.51
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
World Missions	\$ 30,691.52	
W.M. Designated Gifts	\$ 17,692.00	
WM (1/4 conference offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
WM (1/2 Mission Festival)	\$ 1,608.00	
		\$ 51,429.02
Christian Education		
Parish Education	\$ 7,005.17	
FLBC (Dorm refurbishing)	\$ 25,414.38	
FLS (Seminarian Books and designated gifts)	\$ 6,421.06	
( 1/4 Conference Offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
( 1/2 WMF Day Offering)	\$ 1,842.50	
		\$ 42,120.61
Home Missions	\$ 13,875.78	
H.M. Designated Gifts	\$ 2,307.00	
H.M ( 1/4 of Conference Offering)	\$ 1,437.50	
H.M (1/2 Mission Festival)	\$ 1,608.00	
		\$ 19,228.28
WMF General Fund	\$ 55,845.58	\$ 55,845.58
		\$ 168,623.49
Net income (Profit)		\$15,521.02

## Proposed 2023 Budget

	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Approved</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
World Missions	\$33,000.00	\$51,429.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
Home Missions	\$15,000.00	\$19,228.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christian Ed	\$17,000.00	\$42,120.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$60,050.00	\$71,366.60	\$60,650.00	\$61,150.00
Total	\$125,050.00	\$184,144.51	\$60,650.00	\$61,150.00
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Salary & Stipends	\$40,000.00	\$40,075.32	\$41,000.00	\$41,500.00
ES Business Expense	\$1,300.00	\$994.80	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Telephone	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,394.81	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lodging	\$1,000.00	\$49.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$6,200.00	\$6,827.79	\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00
Mileage	\$2,100.00	\$813.68	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Education	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Love Gifts	\$1,800.00	\$1,725.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Supplies & Misc	\$3,750.00		\$3,750.00	\$4,150.00
Conference & Office		\$867.29		
Cradle Roll		\$1,756.00		
Evangelism				
Misc		\$305.14		
Evangelism		\$1,036.75		0
WOC expenses	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$60,050.00	\$55,845.58	\$60,650.00	\$61,150.00
World Missions		\$51,429.02		
Home Missions		\$19,228.28		
Christian Ed		\$42,120.61		
		\$168,623.49		

# WMF 2022 Resolutions

**“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad in all our days.” Psalm 90:14**

## 1. ENCOURAGEMENT

WHEREAS God makes His steadfast love clear to His people, and has blessed us with the freedom and privilege to study His word,

BE IT RESOLVED that with joy and gladness, we thank Him for, and ask Him to bless, the writers (Anne Presteng, Karen Floan, Gwen Berge and Wendy Westlake) and editors (Pastor Pete and Mary Ward, Gwen Haugen, and Pastor Wes Langass) of our Bible Study, “Behold Our God”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all women of the AFLC to participate in Bible Study and prayer at their local and District WMF.

WHEREAS God has bestowed many within our WMF with talents in media and communication to develop and maintain resources for the women of the AFLC in the Lutheran Ambassador WMF page, the WMF website ([www.aflc.org/women](http://www.aflc.org/women)) the Helping Hand newsletter, the Facebook page (Women’s Missionary Federation) and the Instagram account, along with the Resource Manual,

BE IT RESOLVED that the women of the AFLC are encouraged to utilize these resources to stay informed and expand opportunities within the local and district WMF.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank and praise God and pray for those responsible for providing and maintaining these resources.

**“Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.” Psalm 25:4-5.**

## 2. MINISTRIES

WHEREAS the focus of the WMF has been on Christian Education (including Parish Education, the Free Lutheran Bible College, the Free Lutheran Seminary and Cradle Roll), World Missions, Home Missions, and the WMF General Fund,

BE IT RESOLVED that we thank God for those who have gone before us and began the work in each of these ministries, and for those who continue to serve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to uphold them in prayer and financial support.

**“Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.” Psalm 96:2-**

### **3. COMMITMENT AND CHALLENGE TO ALL WOMEN**

WHEREAS God has called and equipped women to diligently seek His will and way as they serve in leadership,

BE IT RESOLVED that we give special thanks for our National Board members: Lavonne West, Anne Presteng, Elizabeth McCarlson, Linda Hensrud, Karen Floan, Margie Lee, and Dawn Johnson for their dedicated service, remembering to keep them in prayer for continued wisdom and discernment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that women would prayerfully consider how God is calling each one to serve in various capacities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that women of the WMF encourage and support those who have suffered personal loss and isolation because of the ravages of the epidemic.

**“How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart.”  
Psalm 119:2**

### **4. SPECIAL THANKS**

WHEREAS we are reminded in Scripture to meet together and encourage one another,

BE IT RESOLVED that we give thanks to the Association Retreat Center family and the women of the Minneapolis District for hosting and coordinating this event.

**“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before Him with joyful singing.  
Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.  
For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness  
is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.”  
Psalm 100:1-5**

Respectfully submitted,  
2022 Resolutions Committee (NW MN District)  
Cheryl Aakre, Karen Michalski and Beverly Robertson

## National Officers

### **President**

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## Meet our Speakers



### **"Snipstead Sisters" - Karen Floan, Anne Presteng, Gwen Berge, Wendy Westlake**

Devotions "Behold Our God"

Sister trips have been wonderful connecting times for us "Snipstead sisters". September 2017 found the four of us on a sister's trip to Nashville, Tennessee. We were looking forward to enjoying some of the culture and history of the area but our primary goal was attending the Getty 'SING' conference. We started praying for God's direction and leading in writing this WMF study. How do four sisters from different states write a study together? We remembered the first session of the SING conference gripping us as we listened to Alister Begg share on Psalm 100, "Make a Joy-ful Noise unto the Lord..." The Psalms seemed a wonderful topic for our Bible study.

We rely on the strength God's word has provided in our lives and we share a joy of music. Our blessings include wonderful families, supportive husbands and many wonderful children and grand-children. A decade separates the two "older" sisters (Karen and Anne) from the "little" sisters (Gwen and Wendy). Writing this study together has been a wonderful bonding time for us.

Karen (Wayne Floan) now retired, has served as administrative assistant to AFLC President Lyndon Korhonen. Anne (John Presteng) is a retired Speech Language Pathologist and full time grand-mother. Gwen (Jim Berge) formerly an Elementary Principal at Heritage Christian Academy currently works as their Accreditation and Academic Development Specialist. Wendy (Eric Westlake) is a busy Pastor's wife and gifted artist with paintings featured in multiple galleries across the nation.



### **Vicki Johnson**

Memorial Service Leader, "The Perishable Art of Leaving a Godly Legacy"

Vicki is a Midwest transplant in southeastern Pennsylvania since 2012. Married 40 years this October to her pastor hubby with 5 grown children, 3 daughters-in-law, and 7 grandchildren. She works at 1075AliveFM/WBYN in Boyertown, PA as the radio host of Morning Prelude and Evening Benediction. She prays her radio sign-off from 1 Thessalonians 5:24 would encourage you as much as it has encouraged her - "Faithful is He who calls you, and He will bring it to pass."



### **Andrew Hanson**

Workshop 1: Sing for Joy...In the Morning

Andrew Hanson has served as the Music Director at the Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary since 2008. A graduate of St. Olaf College (Bachelor of Music, Vocal Music Education) and St. Cloud State University (Masters of Music, Choral Conducting), he is grateful to be serving in a setting where students can freely, passionately praise God through music. Mr. Hanson enjoys seeing students gain confidence in their voice, so that they are able to more boldly worship the One Who has given them their gifts. Andrew, his wife Angela, and their two children are members of Grace Free Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, MN.



## **Rachel Mattson**

Workshop 2: Sing for Joy... All our Days

During the summer of 2020, I married my sweet Joel and made the move from the big city up to a small farming town in northern Minnesota. It's been quite the contrast, but I love it! The quiet evenings with a full view of the sunset never get old.

Our little guy Elliot joined us this February and keeps us smiling and laughing all day long. (He must think Joel and I are pretty hilarious as well). I love that God chose me to be his mom.

To fill in the facts before all of this: I graduated from the Free Lutheran Bible College in 2009, headed to Wheaton College for a degree in Piano Pedagogy and Performance, taught for a year at a boarding school in India, came back to the U.S., and worked in the Bible College dorms as a DA, accompanied the FLBC choir, and was the Children's Director at Emmaus Lutheran.

In my free time, you'll find me outside working in the dirt or watching the cows, creating handwritten cards, or trying out new recipes in the kitchen.

God led me on many unexpected paths, but through them all, I've seen His mighty and gentle hand leading me to know Him more.



## **Jan Strand**

Workshop 3: Sing for Joy...While we Wait

Jan Strand is a decades ago graduate of AFLBS. She is a wife, mom, grandma, and a K-4 music teacher. She is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran at Aspelund in rural Kenyon, MN.

