



Elaine Engelman
President
Kansas District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Elaine Engelman is blessed to have been elected president of the LWML Kansas District for 2024-2028. She was born and raised in Arkansas City, Kansas, where her mother was active in her local LWML group. She married her husband David in 1977, graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 1978, and began attending local LWML events with her mother-in-law when their family moved to southeast Kansas. She and David own and run a commercial cow-calf herd on their ranch; David is also a semi-retired real estate appraiser. Elaine worked as a preschool teacher for several years before choosing to be a stay-at-home mom. Together they raised four children - Amanda, Adam, Andrew, and Aaron. When all four children were in school, she went back to work as a paraprofessional in a classroom for special needs preschoolers and now in retirement, she serves as the substitute for the SONshine Preschool at Zion Lutheran Church. Elaine and David are happily spoiling seven grandsons: Thomas, Peter, Garrett, Gabriel, Avriel, Hiram, and Royal.

Elaine was asked to serve on a Kansas District committee in 1992, and she was able to accept because her mother-in-law told Elaine "Her gift to the LWML was to take care of her children" when she needed to go to meetings and conventions away from home. She was not able to continue after those first four years because she was needed at home, but her dear friend JoAnn Meyer kept in touch, asking at every convention she attended if she was ready to come back to work on a District committee. When their youngest child was a junior in high school, Elaine was able to return to District activities to serve the Lord with gladness in a more visible role again. That lasted until 2021 when she was asked to serve as a member of the LWML Group and Leader Development Committee.