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Official Program for She Leads Wisconsin Arise and Shine Gala 2025



**6:00pm- Registration, display
tables, mingle, dinner service
begins**

Music by Remnant

Presentation of the Flags

**Thank you, veterans for your
service to our Country.**



The Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the National Anthem:

Edward Scott VerHalen

Growing up in a small town as the oldest of four, music captured my heart early. I spent countless hours playing guitar with my twin brother and eventually joined my first rock band in high school. Touring in the 80's, I chased the dream of music until life and faith took me a new direction. When my mother fell ill, I came home to take care of her, and through her gentle request to take her to church, God began a transformation in my heart. I gave Jesus my life and discovered I had a new reason to sing.

Today I continue to write, sing, and share the gift of music to glorify the Lord, grateful for the journey and the people God used to bring me here.



7:00pm- Sandy Warwick Executive Committee Member gives Welcome.

**7:05pm-7:15pm- Elizabeth Doyle Founder of She Leads America,
Addresses the audience.**



*Elizabeth Doyle
Founder*



<https://sheleadsamerica.com/>



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Founder and Executive Director, a Michigan/Ohio native, began her speaking career on the war-torn streets of Belfast, N. Ireland in 1972. There she met her husband, Syd, and they went on to pioneer and pastor three churches in southeast England.

After 25 years in the UK, the Doyle's moved to the USA, where they started Nations Light Ministries to travel and train leaders globally.

At this time Liz also founded Releasing Daughters of the Last Days that has taken her to 55 countries on 6 continents empowering and equipping women to see their nations transformed through the love of God.

Liz has been actively engaged in motivational speaking and community outreach work over the years. She has initiated several movements to bring healing and reconciliation throughout society including Heal Our Land UK, Who's My Neighbor?, Shine, and the "Love" initiatives with "Love Leicester", "Love London", "Love Cornwall".

Liz and Syd have two grown children and six grandchildren.

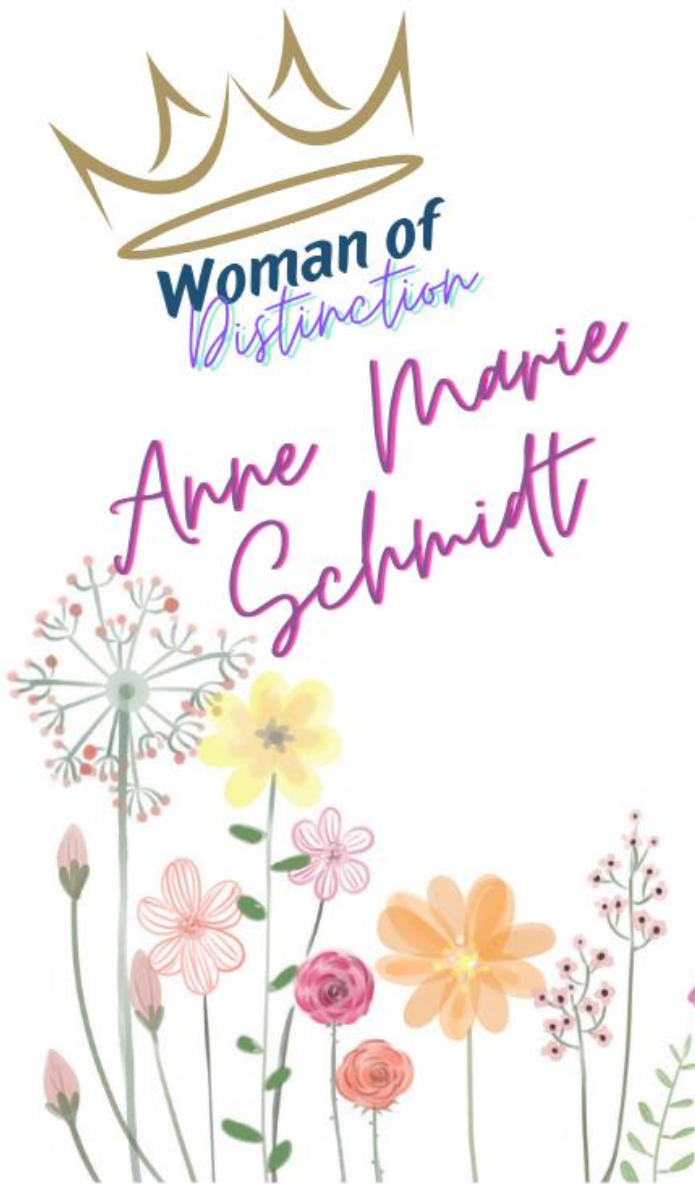
Elizabeth Doyle

7:15 Introduction to She Leads Wisconsin Founder

Anne Marie Schmidt

Elizabeth Doyle and State Representative William Penterman present
State Recognition to Anne Marie Schmidt

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<https://www.adorationabode.com/>

<https://geneandanneschmidt.com/gs/>



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Volunteer Founder of She Leads Wisconsin and Executive Officer for Adoration Abode which is the umbrella ministry for She Leads Wisconsin, Christian Leaders Co-alition of Wisconsin, House of Hope, Hope Outreach Center (home of Geno's Pantry), and the newly shut down and converted Strip Club to a community event space, Hope Center.

For over three decades, Anne has been deeply involved in humanitarian work, particularly in Romania, where she served on the Board and devoted three decades of her life to supporting orphans by establishing sponsors stateside and spearheading an initiative to keep Romania's elderly warm called "Love Covers". One of those special orphans has come full circle and married into the Schmidt's family. (handofhelp.com)

Her heart for missions and advocacy led both Anne and Gene to establish Adoration Abode, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bridging resources for those in need providing essential support of food, housing, and discipleship through a Christ centered holistic approach to care and spiritual growth in their local community. (adorationabode.com)

As a worship leader, Anne brings depth and sincerity to every gathering, guiding others into the presence of God through heartfelt music and prayer. Her life's work-whether in song or in service, is marked by compassion, creativity, and unwavering faith.

Anne's life is rooted in both faith and family. She and Gene are proud parents to three grown sons, Moriah, Kendrick, and Logan-all of whom have served or are still serving in the United States Air Force-and are now joyful grandparents to four grandchildren.

Anne Marie Schmidt

7:25 pm

Anne Marie Schmidt recognizes She Leads Wisconsin's Legislative Partner William Penterman.

Wisconsin State Representative William Penterman

Assembly District 38



**State Representative
William Penterman**

7:25pm-7:35pm William Penterman addresses the crowd.

7:35pm-7:45pm Anne Marie Schmidt thanks the Executive Committee Members

Sue Ellison, Cindy Christofferson, Misty Detjens,
Sarana Stolar, and Sandy Warwick.

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6. Our Daily Bread
7. Robert's Specialty Meats
8. Hope Fellowship of Wisconsin Dells
9. Reform Landscaping

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What is She Leads Wisconsin?

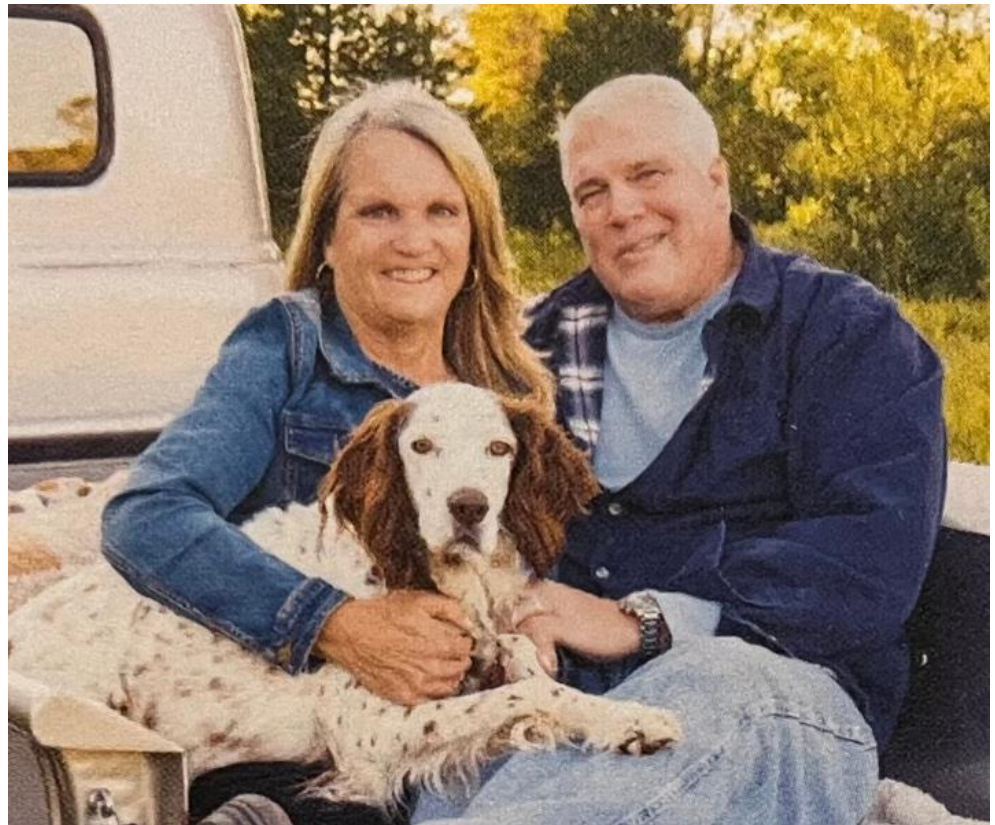
She Leads Wisconsin's mission is to honor exemplary Christian Women Leaders who have made a significant impact in their culture, communities, giving recognition in conjunction with our legislative partners. Through networking the intercessors with the innovators, we envision women from every sphere of culture being encouraged, uplifted, and empowered to fully walk in their God-given purpose, for the glory of God. We are also a platform for divine connections and inspiration, meeting the demands of our communities, culture, and state with faith-based solutions and more importantly, prayer.

- **HONOR** - She Leads Wisconsin is built on honoring those who serve through peer-based nominations. *We build mutual respect.*
- She Leads Wisconsin provides a safe platform for the exchange of ideas with a community of faith-focused, independent thinkers who support and encourage each other, networked together through deep relationships in Christ. *We build trust.*

- **OFFICIAL RECOGNITION** - Those nominated are then recognized by State and, where possible, National Legislators for their accomplishments in their States. *We build affirmation.*
- **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND VALUES** are central to our mission and message. Our focal point is that God's Word unites us. *We build faith.*
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SUPPORT, AND COLLABORATION**
We work to contribute to others' success and celebrate God's faithfulness together. We rally around God's vision as it is given to individual members. We look for ways to contribute to the Lord's work through our members as they reach their community with God's principles and love. We watch the Lord work in deeper and broader ways, well beyond what we could have asked or imagined by ourselves. We build vision.

Executive
Committee
Member
Presenter

Sue Ellison



Sue Ellison is a dedicated intercessor and prayer warrior with a heart for mentorship and marketplace ministry. She helped bring faith into public education through The Good News Club, mentoring youth, and planting seeds of hope. An experienced entrepreneur, Sue has launched several businesses that have served as platforms for discipleship, service, and community impact. Together with her husband John, she leads “Christians at Work,” an initiative that connects business owners and innovators with faith-driven vision. As the mother of six grown children and grandmother to fifteen, Sue lives out a legacy of prayer, purpose, and generational impact.

7:45 to 7:55pm Honoree Jill Briscoe



<https://tellingthetruth.org/>

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Jill Briscoe was born in Liverpool England in 1935. Educated at Cambridge, she taught school for a number of years before marrying Stuart and raising their three children. In addition to sharing with her husband in ministry with Torchbearers and in pastoring a church in the United States for 30 years,

Jill has written more than 40 books, traveled on every continent teaching and encouraging, served on the boards of Christianity Today and World Relief, and founded Just Between Us, a Christian magazine for women. Jill can be heard regularly on the worldwide media ministry called Telling the Truth. She is proud to be called "Nana" by 13 grandchildren.

Jill Briscoe

7:55-8:10-Honoree Kimberly Joy Krueger



Kimberly Joy

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Kimberly Joy is the kind of woman who makes you believe again- believe in your calling, your voice, and the extraordinary life God designed for you.

She's a seven-time Amazon best-selling author, an international speaker, and the founder of The Fellowship of Extraordinary Women (FEW), a growing movement of Spirit-led women living on mission in faith, family, and business.

Since launching FEW in 2014, Kimberly has helped thousands of women discover who they really are, what they're called to do, and how to walk it out with boldness and joy. Through live events, transformational certification courses, a thriving publishing arm, and monthly community gatherings, FEW equips women to lead with both power and presence.

Her voice has reached audiences around the world, including in Africa and across the U.S., and her passion is contagious. Whether she's training authors, equipping entrepreneurs, mentoring leaders, or praying over a room full of world-changers, Kimberly is known for igniting clarity, confidence, and Holy Spirit purpose.

At the heart of it all, Kimberly is a deeply devoted follower of Jesus, a proud mama of 11, a joyful Noni to 12, and a relentless champion of women who are ready to rise.

Kimberly Joy

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Presenter Melissa (Misty) Detjens

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*Misty
Detjens*



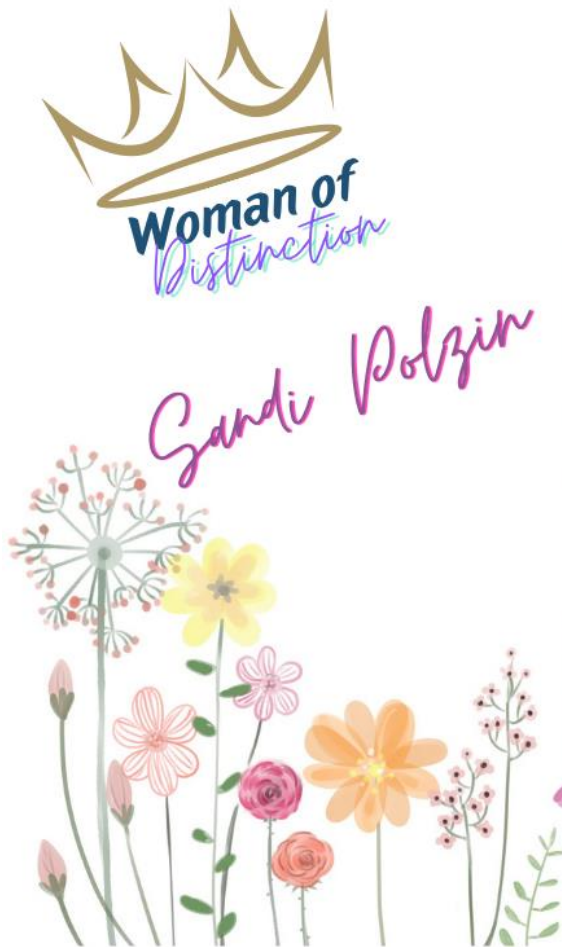
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Melissa (Misty) Detjens

Misty is a certified life coach, devoted wife, mother to three grown sons, and proud grandmother of two. A former business owner, she has dedicated her life to what matters most-faith, family, and community.

For over 30 years, Misty has been actively involved with Moms in Prayer, finding deep joy and purpose in interceding for the next generation. She has led numerous Bible Studies and organized impactful prayer summits, always with a heart to encourage, equip, and connect women in their walk with God.

8:10-8:20pm Honoree Sandi Polzin



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<https://www.hopegospelmission.org/>

<https://www.hopegospelmission.org/our-stores/>



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Sandi Polzin has worked for Hope Gospel Mission since 2009 serving as the Executive Director. Sandi came to Hope Gospel Mission with 25 years of experience leading teams of over 120 employees at one time. As an entrepreneur and visionary she shares ideas on how to help the mission itself excel in internal and external communications. She hosts large groups and attends public meetings to enhance such communications and encourages the people she meets to learn more about Hope Gospel Mission and how they can get involved and make a difference. Under Sandi's leadership, HGM is successfully reaching the hurting, the lost, the broken and individuals ready to begin again with a beautiful redo. She feels humbled and blessed to work with some of the most caring individuals she has ever worked with. She is a member of the nationwide organization called Citygate that educates and supports all leaders in rescue, recovery missions and homeless shelters.

Additionally has led numerous large groups of Mission teams to the country of Haiti, serving those in desperate need. The goal of these trips have been to teach skills needed for survival to the families and people of Haiti and to assist with self sustaining practices and to also feed those in great need. Medical Clinics are also hosted with the groups Sandi has led which provides medical care for 1000's of people in the 3-5 days timelines in which they are allowed to come in and serve.

Sandi and her husband John, also are the Founders Down to Earth Garden Centers in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. They have been in business since 1993 when founding their first company which led to two more organizations that they have founded. Sandi enjoys people and loves to serve where the Lord places her. She and her husband have two grown sons, Ben and Chase, and are adoptive parents to four more Mazie, Schneider, Millie and Mercie, from the birth country of Haiti. They are also grandparents to two boys and one girl; and couldn't be more proud.

Sandi Polzin

8:20-8:30pm Honoree Kathy Schwanke



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<https://www.kathyschwanke.com/>



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Kathy Schwanke is a speaker and Bible study author who loves encouraging women in their journey with Jesus through story and the Word of God.

Kathy also serves as Women's Ministry Director, Bible Study leader, Sunday school teacher, and mentor to both youth and women.

Prior to and alongside her ministry, Kathy's propensity for artistic expression and her love for beauty drew her into the world of hairstyling in the late '80's big-hair days. After having her first baby, she left the land of perms and foils, and took up crafting with wood and floral design.

Due to her family's many moves over the years, she found her forté in home-remodeling, and decorating. She also spent nine years running a little gift shop called "Bittersweet Farm" on her farm in Amery, WI, named after the vine growing on her windmill—which she bravely climbed every fall to harvest.

Kathy and her husband Dale have been married 42 years. They currently live on a different little farm in Clear Lake, Wisconsin. They love morning coffee, dinner dates, and spending time outdoors. They especially enjoy time with their growing family. They have two married children who each have six children.

Kathy Schwanke

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Presenter Sarana Stolar

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*Sarana
Stolar*



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Sarana is a dedicated paralegal with a heart for service, bringing both professional expertise and deep personal commitment to her role in the nonprofit world.

Serving in Ministry for over two decades alongside her husband Pastor Ken Stolar, devoted mother of eight, and proud grandmother of fifteen, she understands the power of community, compassion, and perseverance. Whether offering legal support, volunteering her time, or uplifting others through faith and encouragement, Sarana lives to serve with purpose and grace—always leading with love, integrity, and a joyful spirit.

8:30-8:40pm Honoree Cat Morgan



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Cat's passion for social justice was sparked into flame during college after seeing a powerful documentary "Nefarious" about the human sex trade and joining the on-campus organization International Justice Mission. Working with Fierce Freedom gives her the opportunity to speak to thousands of people about the realities of domestic human trafficking. She loves having these conversations which lead individuals to finding their own role in the fight for justice.

She also currently serves as the Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for BeEmboldened Ministries and recently received a Masters of Political Advocacy & Leadership degree through Metro State University in St. Paul, MN. She and her beloved husband live in Eau Claire and enjoy exploring coffee shops, bookstores, and beautiful outdoor spaces. A lifelong learner, she enjoys the diverse range of tasks that each day brings, allowing her the space to grow as she fights for something she deeply cares about.

Cat Morgan

<https://fiercefreesdom.org/>

8:40-8:50pm Honoree Jacqueline Jaske Giles



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JACQUELINE JASKE-GILE Daughter of a King, Wife, Mother, survivor, author, advocate. This tragically true story will prove it's never too late to find your Path and your Voice! Jackie and her 5 year old son fell victim to a dangerous, troubled stranger in a home invasion. They would survive the night but not the fear that would haunt them for years to come. Her personal relationship with Christ saved her, gave hope a powerful voice, and gave Jackie more strength and peace than she has ever known. Most of all, it put yesterday where it belongs, behind them.

Writing and sharing her story, Take Away Yesterday, to help herself and others know healing is possible. Continuing the journey speaking for: 2019 Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference - WI Department of Justice - WI Department of Corrections - The Milwaukee Police Academy - FEW; Fellowship of Extraordinary Women. In 2019/20 she was involved in testimony and press conferences to work toward passing the bill for WI DNA Backlog.

Jacqueline has been collaborating with the WI Dept of Justice for 7 years now with their First Responder Sexual Assault Training, helping equip others to support victims on their path to peace

Jacqueline Jaske Gile

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Presenter Sandy Warwick

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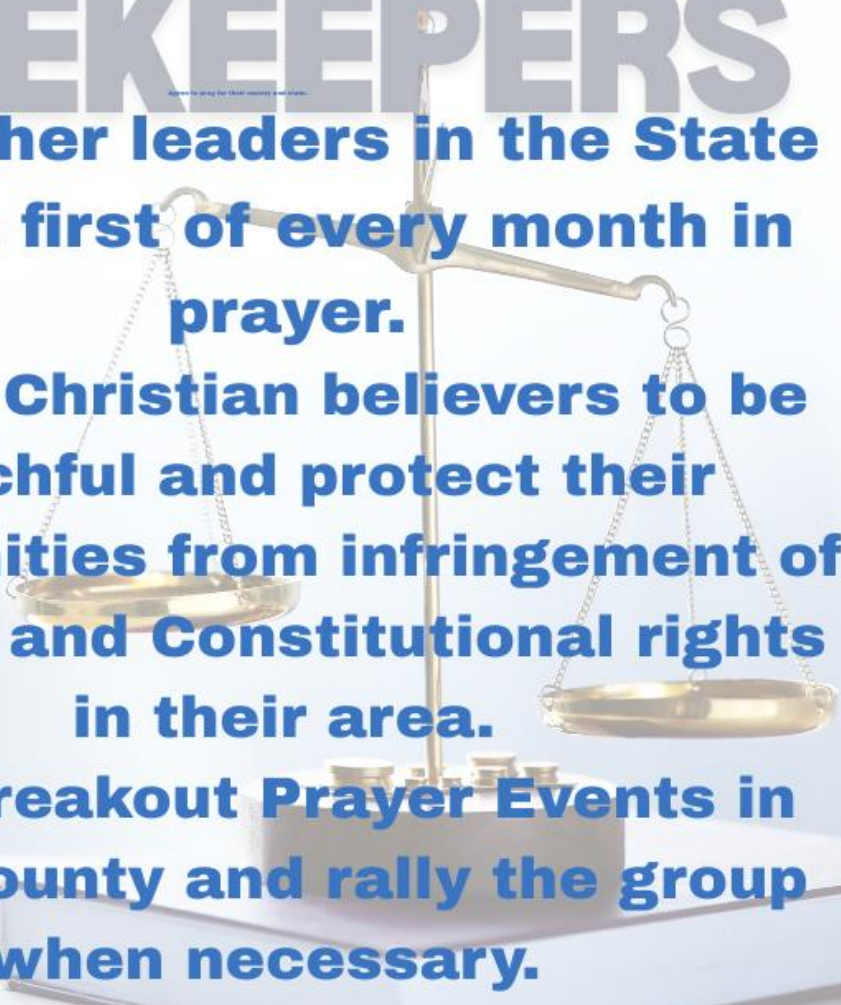
With over 34 years of experience as an educator, Sandy has devoted her life to young minds both inside and outside the classroom. Guided by her faith, she views teaching as a calling—an opportunity to instill character, purpose, and kindness in every child. Her approach emphasizes hands-on, heart-led learning that connects children to the land, their community, and the God who created it all.

Sandy and her husband make their home in Jim Falls, Wisconsin, where they established Warwickshire Flower Farm and Preserve—a tranquil 30-acre sanctuary dedicated to beauty, education, and conservation. They see the farm as a blessing from God and strive to honor that gift by using it to enrich the lives of others. The farm hosts educational classes, seasonal events, you-pick flower experiences, Sip & Snip gatherings, and bouquet bars—all designed to help people reconnect with nature, community, and faith. Every seed sown and bouquet shared is part of a greater mission: to cultivate joy, encourage stewardship, and deepen appreciation for both the Creator and His creation. Together they have two grown sons, and three grandchildren.

8:50-8:55pm Introduction of The Gatekeeper Prayer Initiative for She Leads Wisconsin



GATEKEEPERS



- **Join other leaders in the State on the first of every month in prayer.**
- **Gather Christian believers to be watchful and protect their communities from infringement of Biblical and Constitutional rights in their area.**
- **Host breakout Prayer Events in their County and rally the group when necessary.**
- **Gather annually but pray constantly!**

Special Award Presentation for Intercessor/Prayer Warrior

Honoree: Sue Ellison (see biography and photo on pages 8-9.

Special Award Presentation for Mordecai Men of Valar

Pastor Ken Stolar, Pastor Gene Schmidt, Pastor Ron Auch Jr., and Pastor Andy McGown.

Remnant plays as Prayer Leaders from across the State Gather in a prayer covering for our State.

- 1. Jeanne Wagner: Her Voice MVMT**
- 2. Mary Jo Coleman: Intercessors For America**
- 3. Vicki Gumina: Woman's Aglow**
- 4. Kimberly Joy Krueger: FEW**
- 5. Elizabeth Doyle: She Leads America**

Closing Song: When We Pray

Written by Gene and Anne Schmidt