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38th Biennial LWML Convention

"In Praise to the LORD"

June 20-23, 2019

Mobile, Alabama

District Retreat

September 27-29, 2019

Red Lion Hotel

Richland, Washington

District Convention

September 25-27, 2020

Great Wolf Lodge

Grand Mound, Washington

Greetings from

LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



Thank you for your support and encouragement in honoring me as your new district president. I am truly humbled.

I was born and raised in Moorhead, Minnesota, along with two older brothers. I lived in Washington for eight years before moving to Anchorage, Alaska, where I lived for thirty-two years. I became involved with LWML through the guidance of wonderful lifetime friends and mentors. I served as Alaska Zone President for two separate terms before being elected as Washington-Alaska District Vice President of Christian Life and then Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

In Alaska I worked as a mortgage banker and as a tutor/trainer and officer manager at the Alaska Literacy Program. In 2010 my husband Mike and I moved to Marysville, Washington, as we followed our children and grandchildren to the Lower 48. We now have nine grandchildren in Washington and Idaho and one in Pennsylvania.

This summer has gone by so quickly. A few days after the convention in June in Spokane, I was able to attend the LCMS Northwest District convention in Portland, along with the LWML Utah-Idaho and the Oregon District presidents. A few days after that, I was on the road to Minnesota for my 50th class reunion the next weekend. My husband and I then spent two weeks at our log home in Wisconsin. It was a very fun and busy time with a huge, three-day Ryan family reunion with 69 of Mike's immediate family and all our family joining in the activities and never-ending food.

A few Sundays ago at church, I became a little choked up as we sang "Here I Am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?" Because, YES, it IS I. And there is no "if" about it, He is leading.

I am pleased to say that the district executive committee (EC) members and I communicated during the weeks while I traveled, and we managed to get some business done. I was excited to spend time with the EC in retreat in August as we planned for the biennium, enjoyed fellowship, and bonded with each other. Thank you for your continued prayers for your district leaders in doing the work God has planned for us.

With the wonderful women and men of the LWML, I continue to be mentored, encouraged, supported, loved, and hugged. And I promise to pass these along to all the people I serve and meet.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Marilee Ryan, President

DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Matthew Gulseth, Junior Pastoral Counselor – East

I thought I would briefly introduce myself by way of a short devotional thought. My name is Matt Gulseth, and I am the newly elected Pastoral Counselor – East for the LWML Washington-Alaska District. My wife Natalie and I live in Pullman, Washington, with our 16-month-old son, Paul. This past July we took our first vacation since we moved to Pullman and was also our first vacation as a family.

We spent a few days on Bainbridge Island, Washington, and thoroughly enjoyed our time that was relatively unscheduled. When Saturday night rolled around, our extended family was sitting around a campfire and the inevitable question of church the next morning came up. Naturally, my family looked to see what my cue would be. It would have been too easy to sleep in, although not much ‘sleeping in’ happens with a toddler. But you know what I mean.

In any other career, you don’t go visit other people in your profession on vacation. CPAs don’t go check out other accountants’ spreadsheet software; nurses try to avoid hospitals on vacation. Pastors and Christians are different. We love church. I would argue that Christians love church wherever they are. So, we went to church. There was not an LCMS church in the area so we tried out something totally different. It was nice, and it made me appreciate our Lutheran theology even more. While we knew we would not stay in a church like that, it was good to be edified by God’s Word and His people.

Proverbs 22 begins by giving some good advice and sharing how we, as followers of our God, operate. We look for the favor of God, act prudently, fear the Lord, and meet together. All of these things are fueled by God’s Word as we hear it in the community of church. Since it is almost a year until we all go on vacation again, I would like to challenge all of us to consider how we can be formed by His Word even while we are away from our homes.

I know for sure that next summer we will be worshipping at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Washington, at least once for sure. Where will you be?

Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff



In June at the LWML Washington-Alaska District convention, the district celebrated its 75th anniversary!!

Looking Back — The Archivist-Historian display table had several cloth bags sewn by host zones, (Remember making all those bags?), some memorabilia, and a large poster depicting the district from 1970 onward. It was such fun for me to research all the pictures of the past presidents, the themes, and the banners. I had the idea for the display, and my talented daughter, Mo Kutschara, drew the tree and the roots, cut the leaves, and labeled everything! My only job was to put the components all together.

Looking Forward — A time capsule was filled by representatives from all zones as well as others who brought meaningful memorabilia for safekeeping. As the archivist, I am honored to be the keeper of the capsule, **which will be opened at the district’s 100th anniversary.** Since I am likely not to be around for the 100th anniversary, the capsule will be passed on to my successor.

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2018 CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS

President: *Marilee Ryan*

Vice President of Organizational Resources: *Pam Rafferty*

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: *Carolyn Holbrook*

Financial Secretary: *Elizabeth Cook*

Pastoral Counselor (East): *Reverend Matthew Gulseth*

Nominating Committee: *Sandi Schauer, Chairman, Betty Rich, Patrice Cornelius, Ruth Ann Shimoï, Betsy McDarment*

Many thanks to those who completed their terms in June 2018:

President: *Marie Chow*

Vice President of Organizational Resources: *Sandy Geisler*

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: *Elizabeth Cook*

Financial Secretary: *Donna Chow*

Pastoral Counselor East: *Rev. Timothy Winterstein*

Nominating Committee: *Linda Einspahr, Chairman, Judy Peraino, Marilee Griffith, Lorna Williams, Clare Snoozy*

Young Women Committee

Marilee Ryan, Immediate Past Chairman

Seven young women attended the 31st Biennial Convention of the LWML Washington-Alaska District in Spokane, Washington, as Young Woman Representatives (YWRs). Most were first-time convention attendees. On Friday afternoon there were servant events and the mite walk in which to participate as well as the opportunity to visit the various display tables. Friday evening the women met for pizza dinner in the young-women suite. President Marie Chow and LWML representative Gospel Outreach Vice President Angelina Jauregui met with us. The young women received their YWR pins.

LCMS Northwest District President Rev. Paul Linnemann and his wife Cindy joined the YWRs and the committee members bright and early for breakfast Saturday morning. Late in the morning, the YWRs were in the opening processional, and in the afternoon they led the flash mob surprise!

Sunday morning we met again for breakfast and to put the finishing touches on our convention presentation. With Bible studies, games, and fellowship, it was a busy and fun weekend for all participants.

Thank you to the societies who sponsored a young woman as a convention participant!

And a very special **thank you** to committee members **Amy Young** and **Grace Macduff** for all the planning and work you did to ensure a great success for the young women in attendance!

Please pray for all the young women of the district that each may be rooted in Christ and that their faith continues to flourish.

*Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for believers in speech, in life, in love, and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV).*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Elizabeth Cook

2018-2020 Mites

Goal: \$181,270.00

Mites deposited by July 31, 2018: \$21,684.11

Additional mites needed by March 31, 2020: \$159,585.89

Donna Chow, Immediate Past Financial Secretary

Time flies, doesn't it? Its hard to believe the district convention in Spokane was just a few months ago. Here are the monies that were received during the convention.

Mite Walk	\$4,353.20
Friday Night Worship Offering	\$2,721.00
Mites from LWML Store	\$ 306.91
Convention Decorations for Mites	\$ 95.00
Sunday Convention Offering for Matthew House	\$2,520.83

*It has been great serving as the Financial Secretary these last four years. Although I will miss receiving the mites in the mail, **please send your mites and scholarship donations to Elizabeth Cook, the new Washington-Alaska District Financial Secretary.***

Mission Servants Committee

Linda Davelaar, Chairman

Marilyn Schaefer, Immediate Past Chairman

On Friday morning of the district convention the Mission Servants Committee separated and sorted the items from the zones for the Mission Servant Events and Gifts from the Heart ingathering. Grateful thanks go to everyone who helped with opening boxes, organizing, and counting items. By the start of the servant events in the afternoon, all was ready!

Love in Action Servant Event #1: Refresh Bags for House of Charity of Spokane

The zones provided basic needs items for homeless men of Spokane. After filling zippered bags, the event supplied the center with 141 completed bags (with the following items and a hotel-sized soap bar) plus additional 250 band-aids, 50 toothpaste tubes, 20 toothbrushes, 50 lotions, 35 chapsticks, 45 washcloths, 55 granola bars, and 250 pairs of socks. House of Charity representatives were very grateful and mentioned that all of the items they received from the LWML had been in short supply.

Love in Action Servant Event #2: Creating Greeting Cards for Many Occasions

Materials for the card makers were provided by Marilyn Schaefer and her daughter Melinda. An assortment of five assembled cards were placed into a larger envelope. Before the Sunday worship service, 50 card sets were distributed to district members to take to their churches. The sets will be given to nursing home residents and shut-ins so they will have cards to send to others.

Gifts from the Heart Ingathering for Life Services of Spokane

This organization is dedicated to the sanctity of life at conception. Requested infant and mom items were given generously. The totals of items received during convention were: 785 infant clothing pieces, 71 baby toiletries, 4 diaper bags, 1 new car seat, 39 baby bottles, 10 pacifiers, 129 maternity clothing items, 100 nursing bras and pads, 2 nursing pillow supporters, 44 mom toiletries, and 20 gift cards. Life Services of Spokane representative Kendra Fischer wondered aloud if everything donated would fit into her little car. Everything did fit, although she might not have been able to see out her back windows!

Following is the text of an email received by LWML Washington-Alaska District Past District President Marie Chow shortly after the June district convention about the items from the Love in Action Servant Event Refresh Bags.

Dear Marie Chow,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your district's generous donation to the homeless men and women at the House of Charity in Spokane, Washington. During their recent conference hosted at the Red Lion Hotel [*sic*] here in Spokane, the ladies gathered much needed items such as socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and other various hygiene items.

I was blown away by the sheer volume of the donation; it filled up my entire SUV! I was so honored to meet a few of the women responsible for organizing this particular event, and so grateful for their thoughtful attention to detail. The items donated are much needed, and will go to great use. Donations such as these allow the House of Charity to fulfill its mission by welcoming anyone in any condition, and giving them the dignity of a shower and hot meal. We are so glad that so many people care for the vulnerable in our community, even those who do not live in the area.

I'm so glad I got to learn a little bit about your organization, it sounds as if it is a wonderful opportunity for women to gather together combine their talents for the benefit of others. Thank you for your service in this organization, and for including the House of Charity as one of your appreciative recipients of your generosity.

Many blessings,
Cassandra Tuttle
Community Outreach Coordinator
House of Charity



For distribution on the district prayer chain,
send prayer petitions to: ***lwml.wa.ak.prayer.requests@gmail.com***.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE Rhonda Ries is moderator of the prayer chain.

Quarterly Manager

Judy Jeffery

Renewal letters for the 2019 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* issues will be mailed in October to church addresses. Renewal orders are due by December 12. Those subscriptions not renewed by the deadline will not receive the spring issue in March. Contact the *Quarterly* manager as soon as possible if the renewal letter is not received by the end of October. See the manager's contact information on the roster page of this newsletter.

This is the only time that a subscription order can be decreased, although increases can be done throughout the year. Many societies order extra copies to give to ladies in the congregation who are not active in LWML or give copies to friends or business acquaintances.

Additionally, *Quarterly* issues in Braille, large print, or taped can be ordered from Lutheran Blind Mission, 7550 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63119, or by calling 888-215-2455. These special format issues are free and would be a great item to take to members who might have trouble seeing.

Selected articles from the *Quarterly* are available on the LWML website, ***www.lwml.org***. Be sure to watch for information on the LWML convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019.

Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

At the district convention in June 2018, delegates voted to fund scholarships with a grant of \$19,000.

Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have an LCMS home congregation in the district, plan to become full-time church workers, are enrolled in an LCMS synodical seminary or university, and have demonstrated a financial need. Currently, the award is no more than \$2000 per year for post-graduate students and \$1000 per year for undergraduates. Tuition often exceeds \$25,000 per year.

Two of last year's recipients, **Evan Scammon** and **James Pierce**, graduated in May 2018 and have accepted calls to serve as ministers. Evan Scammon will serve two parishes in Connecticut — First Lutheran Church in Greenwich and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byram. James Pierce will serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Anaconda, Montana.

The following three applicants received scholarships last year and are continuing their educations, having been awarded scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Rick McCafferty is enrolled in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program which is largely online but requires some time on the campus at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hannah Freeman is enrolled at Concordia Lutheran University at Mequon, Wisconsin. She plans to become a parish musician.

Michele Musegades Doel, married in early June, continues her studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to achieve her goal of becoming a deaconess. She is currently serving her deaconess internship year at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbus, Indiana.

The following two new applicants were awarded scholarships for the 2018–2019 academic year:

Ben Maxson is enrolled in the Specific Ministry Program (SMP) online with Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and attends classes on campus a short time each year. He plans to become a minister.

Kurt Hellwig graduated from Concordia University in Irvine, California, this spring and is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the fall. He plans to become a minister.

In addition to assisting these students with tuition, the members of the LWML Washington-Alaska District pray for and encourage them as they obtain the education needed to serve the Lord in full-time church work.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV).

Alaska Mission Trip Bible Study

I was privileged to be a part of mission trip recently, partially funded with a grant to Opportunity Mission Outreach and partially with funds from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ephrata, Washington. Alaska Mission for Christ hosted Alaska Zone President Ruth Zellar and me for a week-long daily Bible study in the Copper Center area. We were privileged to have eight women attend.

Every day Ruth drove the van, traveling to the local villages offering rides to the women. They enjoyed the study and the crafts. We made ceramic coffee cups and mosaic crosses.

It is a blessing when God sends us to the women who are in need of hearing His Word. Usually these women aren't willing to participate or discuss with outsiders. However, being able to visit with them one-on-one and being there daily helped with increased participation.

Many people in areas such as this suffer from alcoholism, drug addictions, sexual abuse, and homelessness. We used a Bible study by Deb Burma titled *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*, with God's Word to show that help comes from the Lord. This study uses COFFEE as a means of discussion.



Time spent in Bible study can help groups or individuals to be filled to the brim with the Good News. I encourage others to step out in faith and shine in the Light of the Lord. Whether it's in Alaska, China, Puerto Rico, or your own backyard, go on a mission trip to share Jesus with others.

Many thanks are given for the grant, the support of the members of my home church in Ephrata, and Alaska Mission for Christ that made this mission trip possible.

In Christ, *MaryLynn Huntwork*

LWML Washington-Alaska District Past District President

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Cristina McAnulty

Gigi Lutz, **Mission Grants Committee** member

The 31st Biennial Convention of the LWML Washington-Alaska District at the Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park was a memorable one for us all! The delegates approved a mite goal of **\$181,270** with sixteen mission grants adopted for **\$98,700** of the overall mite goal. [Note: A returned previous year's mission grant balance of \$2,368 was added to the new mission grant goal of \$96,332 to total the \$98,700.]

More than 50 women joined the fun at the "Walking Together for Mites" walk around Spokane Riverfront Park. The event gave mites a wonderful start with **\$4,353.20** in contributions. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the mite walk!

Also collected was **\$2,721** from the Friday convention offering for district mites, **\$306.91** from the LWML Store for mites, and **\$95** from convention decorations for mites. The Sunday offering of **\$2,520.83** was collected and sent to Matthew House in Monroe, Washington. **Total mites received at convention were \$7,476.11. Praise God!!!** This is such a wonderful start to funding the district and the new mission grants.

Updated grant information can be found on the district website at www.wa-aklwml.org along with the mission grant descriptions and the mission grant prayers. Please use this information to spotlight mite collections at your churches over the biennium. **Mites collected need to be sent to the newly elected Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook.** Her contact information is on the roster page of this newsletter.

May God bless you all as the district moves forward in this biennium!



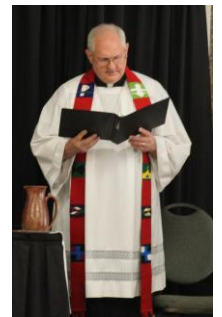
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District **Mission Grants for 2018-2020**

1. Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund	\$19,000
2. Southeast Alaska Travel Fund – Alaska Mission for Christ	\$10,000
3. Opportunity Mission Outreach – Washington-Alaska District	\$ 6,000
4. Vehicle for Elliot and Serena Derricks – Lutheran Bible Translators	\$10,000
5. Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Student Support	\$ 3,500
6. Classroom Addition – Sterling Lutheran Church, Sterling, Alaska	\$ 5,000
7. Camp Courage – A Place of Hope and Healing – LCMS	\$ 4,000
8. Musical Instruments for Native Youth Program in Neah Bay – Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$ 6,500
9. PB & J for the Homeless	\$ 4,000
10. Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel	\$ 5,000
11. Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan – Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$ 5,000
12. Care Center Outreach, Seattle/Puget Sound Area – Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest	\$ 2,700
13. Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field – LCMS	\$ 4,000
14. Trinity HOPE – Haiti	\$ 5,000
15. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love – Lutheran Braille Workers	\$ 6,000
16. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families – LCMS	\$ 3,000
Total	\$98,700

31st Biennial Washington-Alaska District Convention

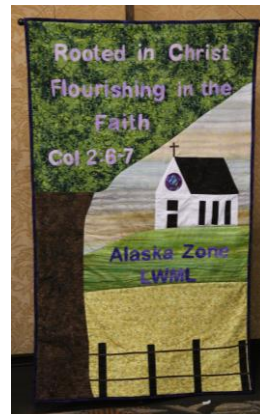
June 15-17, 2018

Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park
Spokane, Washington

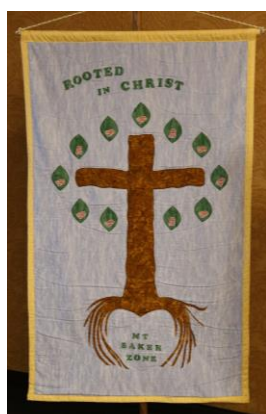


LWML Representative
Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Angelina Jauregui
Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker
Jan Struck
Friday Opening Worship Service Proclaimer
LCMS Northwest District President
Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann





Zone Banners



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk with him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).



The next district convention will be **September 25-27, 2020**, at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, Washington.



2018-2020 LWML Washington-Alaska District Officers
(Rev. Matthew Gulseth pictured below right.)



More photos are available on the district website www.wa-aklwml.org.
Click the bar at left titled "2018 Convention."

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Janet Rust, Immediate Past Director

Are you flourishing? What a wonderful district convention in Spokane! Thank you co-chairs, Linda Isaacson and Carolyn Holbrook, and thank you to your convention committee for the excellent organization and staging of the convention activities planned by the executive committee and board of directors. Because you are rooted in Christ, your faith is flourishing. Sharing Christ with attendees will encourage firm anchoring of each attendee's roots in Christ, so they too will continue to flourish. All praise be to God for that valuable and enjoyable weekend.

A note from the LWML Store: The mites collected from the "decorate a purple visor for mites" project was \$200. Added to the mites collected from extra convention water bottles and backpacks remaining from the 2018 mite walk and a few donations, the total mite collection was \$306.91. Thanks to all who participated in this mite collection. An LWML Store reminder: There is a good supply of the beautiful aubergine purple and the pink-bloom colored district shirts. Have a board member or zone president pick one up for you at the next board meeting in November so you can wear it at your next zone function. The shirts will be a striking addition to the sea of purple.

A thank you also goes out to Lisa Davis who has designed and edited the last two years of *Evergreen Echoes*. This is Lisa's final issue as *Evergreen Echoes* Editor. Thank you, Lisa!

How *Evergreen Echoes* Connects

The following was sent to the Editor by Mary Miller of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Washington:

*Thank you for editing the **Evergreen Echoes**. We had a student from Western Washington University attend our church service one Sunday. Jeanette Stroming (a greeter) asked her how she found Trinity, since she was not from Bellingham. She told Jeanette that her mother gets the **Evergreen Echoes**. The student's mother remembered reading about the LWML society at Trinity in Bellingham and told the daughter to go there. I thought you would like to know that [the **Evergreen Echoes**] directed a young lady to worship at Trinity.*

ZONE NEWS

LWML Washington-Alaska District 2018 Fall Rallies

Zone(s)	Date	Location	City, State
Alaska	September 28-29	Mt. Drum Lutheran Church	Copper Center, Alaska
Blue Mountain	September 22	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Kennewick, Washington
East Inland Empire	October 20	Christ the King Lutheran Church	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Hood Canal	October 13	Peace Lutheran Church	Bremerton, Washington
Inter-Valley	September 29	Mt. Olive Lutheran Church	Yakima, Washington
Lake Washington	October 6	Pilgrim Lutheran Church	Bellevue, Washington
Mount Baker	October 13	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	Snohomish, Washington
North Columbia	September 15	Trinity Lutheran Church	Republic, Washington
Olympic	October 7 (Sun.)	St. James Lutheran Church	Bothell, Washington
Rainier	October 13	Zion Lutheran Church	Tacoma, Washington
South Columbia	October 20	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Wenatchee, Washington

Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi, President

Lake Washington Zone had five delegates, one Young Woman Representative, and two Heart to Heart Sisters at this year's district convention. Those attending had so much fun. The consensus of the delegates was that it was a **GREAT** convention.

The ladies enjoyed Jan Struck's Bible study time, meeting friends, and making new friends. The mite walk was a good time to meet sisters on the same mission to raise money for the mites.

Lake Washington's Young Woman Representative is ready to do more LWML. One Heart to Heart Sister commented on the Bible study of women of the past and how we can learn from other sisters in Christ from the past and make a difference in the community.

The Lake Washington Zone fall rally will be held Saturday, October 6, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington.

A personal note from Ruth Ann:

Thank you to all the delegates for the leap of faith with the increased mite goal and for the votes to approve the mission grant for Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest, a service agency for which I have a personal interest and service. The money will be a great help to the ministry outreach to the care centers of Seattle/Puget Sound area.

Pictured are Don Sundene, Executive Director of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest, and Ruth Ann Shimoi.



South Columbia Zone

MaryLynn Huntwork, President

Twenty South Columbia Zone members attended and enjoyed the district convention in June in Spokane. Some of those attending included Pastoral Counselor Pastor Richard Loppnow, Zone President and Past District President MaryLynn Huntwork, and society delegates Twyla Mitson, Linda Rushton, Betsy McDarment, and Sharon Richmond.

Participating in Bible study, singing, enjoying fellowship, and sharing our passion for LWML are inspirations to encourage others to 'serve the Lord with gladness.' Visiting with keynote speaker Jan Struck, LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui, and LWML Canada Alberta-British Columbia District President Linda Horton were some of the highlights of the weekend.

Several members had gathered at Lee and Heather Selset's home for an open house with food, drinks, and craft-time Thursday evening prior to the official start of the convention. The ladies made purple fascinators [hats] to be worn during Saturday night's 75th anniversary celebration to add flair to the request to "wear something purple to the banquet."

South Columbia Zone's desire to promote missions will be evident in its fall rally. A mission fair is planned to hear and see what is being done in local areas. You are all invited to attend. May God bless you in your mission goals.



L to R: Twyla Mitson, MaryLynn Huntwork, Marilee Ryan, Heather Selset



Washington-Alaska District ladies wearing fascinators with Jan Struck (center)

North Columbia Zone

Sandi Hall, President

Greetings! I pray you all had a pleasant and productive summer. I know I did!

The North Columbia Zone fall rally is just around the corner on September 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Republic, Washington. Elections for zone offices will be held. The theme will be "Love, Believe, Live," as presented by Pastor Ken Schauer and based on the book *Good Faith* by Gabe Lyons. The scripture is Matthew 22:37-40. The ladies are looking forward to making bracelets of Christ Colors to put in blessing bags for the homeless as the servant event. Lunch will be served by the LWML society, Trinity Lutheran Ladies League. Please join the rally! Registration begins at 9:45 a.m., and the program at 10 a.m.

Societies and Zones:

When elections are held in societies and zones, **remember** to send a copy of the updated roster to the new **Corresponding Secretary LeeAnn Tibbals**. Her contact information is found on the roster of this newsletter.

Please copy this issue for the women in your church!

For black and white copies, print the pages in grayscale for copying on a copy machine. Or print out all the copies in color!

If you would like to receive colored newsletter issues via email, contact *Evergreen Echoes* Editor Kelsie Ingham. Her contact information is found on the roster page of this newsletter.



SOCIETY CORNER

Priscillas

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington
Mount Baker Zone

Trinity's Senior Pastor Dave Wagner installed the 2018-19 Priscillas officers on June 13 prior to a potluck picnic and brief business meeting. The event ended with prayer requests and *The Lord's Prayer*.

Seven society members carpooled to the district convention in Spokane. Pat Horst was the society's elected delegate. New society President Peggy Lohse contributed convention highlights to the church June newsletter.

At Trinity this year the Priscillas began LWML Mite Box Sunday on the fifth Sunday of those months which have one. A large mite box sits in the narthex on those Sundays for anyone wishing to contribute to "Mites for Missions."

Reported by Mary Miller, Secretary



At convention (L to R): Pat Horst, Terry Peterson, Thea Wilson, Carole Rauch, Jeanne Arntzen, Amy Young, and Peggy Lohse



Installation (L to R): Pastor Dave Wagner, President Peggy Lohse, Vice President Diane Michel, Treasurer Lois Matty, Secretary Mary Miller, Christian Growth Chairman Jeanette Stroming

Ladies Aid

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Everett, Washington
Mount Baker Zone



Ladies Aid from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett, Washington, celebrated 75 years with LWML. The members recreated the meeting from April 1943 when the society voted to join LWML. History and memories of Ladies Aid were shared, and a lunch was served. A skit from LWML was performed, and *Serve the Lord with Gladness* was sung. The event was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Of course, the ladies all wore purple!

Reported by Linda Rodgers, Ladies Aid President

Mary & Martha

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington
Lake Washington Zone



The Mary & Martha Society asked the congregation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Renton, Washington, to bring in either soap, or fabric and thread during Lent this past spring. The ladies packaged everything up and sent it to Lutheran World Relief.

Reported by Dielda Kuhlmann,
Vice President

LWML

Trinity Lutheran Church, Olympia, Washington
Rainier Zone

On July 21 members of LWML at Trinity Lutheran Church in Olympia, Washington, participated in the Craft Fair sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church in Lacey, Washington. The participation fee of \$25 will be used to assist Faith's youth attend the National Youth Gathering next year.

Trinity's LWML made, packaged, and sold cookies, cashew brittle, jam, and small crafts. The LWML will donate the proceeds of more than \$250 to Trinity's youth group to use for attending the National Youth Gathering. LWML members baked so many cookies that some were not sold. These cookies were frozen and given to Trinity's youth to sell during their garage sale in early August.

The LWML received "seed money" from Thrivent which was used to purchase ingredients for the cookies, jars for the jam, and flyers to advertise the annual November Mission Fair.

Reported by Judy Ikerd, President

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