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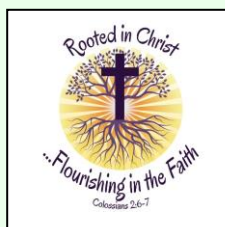
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### District Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Spokane, Washington



### 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML

#### Convention

"In Praise to the LORD"

June 20-23, 2019

Mobile, Alabama

## Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marie Chow



As of March 1, it will be 106 days before the first day of the LWML Washington-Alaska District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention in Spokane, Washington, with the theme, "Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in the Faith"! It sounds like the convention is still a long time away, but the time will fly and the convention

will be here before you know it. I hope you are excited; I sure am!

I am excited to study God's Word, worship and praise God together, see old friends, and make new friends. It will be exciting to hear from the recipients of our mites within and outside of our district. It will be fun to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a district. Of course, there is a little business that we need to accomplish, too! Convention registration form, hotel information, and highlights may be found in this issue. Your society should have received the bulk mailing that includes more details. Invite someone new to attend this event that happens every two years! Make plans now to attend.



In late January, it was my privilege to attend the LWML Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. While I was there, I talked with the LWML representative to our upcoming convention, **Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui**. She is excited to be with us and meet all of you in June.

Join me this summer in Spokane June 15-17!

Serving Christ with You,

*Marie Chow*

## **DISTRICT COUNSELOR**

Rev. Daniel Freeman, Junior Pastoral Counselor–West

In this year of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and in this year of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWML, it is only natural for us to consider our roots. After all, although the Christian faith must be personal, it is never **only** personal. There is a reason we pray “**Our** Father ....” We are in this together, and we are part of a rich heritage following in the footsteps of myriads of faithful witnesses. And that heritage extends further back than 1942, further even than 1517. That heritage extends all the way back to Christ and His Apostles.

The theme for the upcoming district convention is taken from the words of Christ through His Apostle Paul: *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving* (Colossians 2:6-7). As St. Paul instructs us, the only way to “walk in [Christ],” the only way to flourish in the faith, the only way to “[abound] in thanksgiving” is to be rooted in Christ and His doctrines “just as you were taught.” We are taught by those who are our roots extending all the way back to the shoot from the stump — the root — of Jesse, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And so we sing: “Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism’s doctrine plain As Luther taught the Word of truth In simple style to tender youth” (LSB 865, stanza 1) which is simply to sing: “Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.” (LSB 655, stanza 1)

See you in Spokane!

### **Leader Development Committee**

Charli Hamaker, Chairman

#### **How Long Does it Take to Become a Leader?**

Last October, I broke my hip by sliding sideways out of my own shoe and crashing onto my kitchen floor. It took all of five seconds. It quickly changed my life as I recover from a partial hip replacement and the weird sideways waddle I still get when I am tired. Given a choice, the decision to break my hip would have been NOT!

Becoming a leader takes longer than the last five seconds before you make the final decision and say the words of “Yes, I’ll run for this office” or “Yes, I’ll be on that committee.” Being a leader will change your life for the foreseeable future. But, prayerfully, it will make it richer and cause you to grow beyond the scope you are living in now to unknown wonderful experiences.

Leadership develops over time — time when you do not even know it is happening. A person’s leadership skills are being developed in childhood, in your family, in school, and even on the playground. They are built up as you volunteer for tasks or join groups in which you are interested. I remember back when Alice Niemeier, then district president, asked if I would consider being the Public Relations (PR) Chairman. I was pretty new to LWML and unsure yet excited to say, “Yes, I’ll do it.” It was fulfilling to learn the job and so much more about LWML. It was an incredible avenue to lead me (rather God led me) through several other positions on the board and ultimately to saying “Yes” to running for district president in 1998, about 10 years after I first said “Yes” to the PR position.

Taking on a position of leadership or just being on a committee is scary and takes a leap of faith, but remember you have been in training your whole life. Even if it feels like you have just fallen into it, God will bring out the skills He has already planted in you.

[Charli Hamaker was the LWML Washington-Alaska District President from 1998 to 2002.]

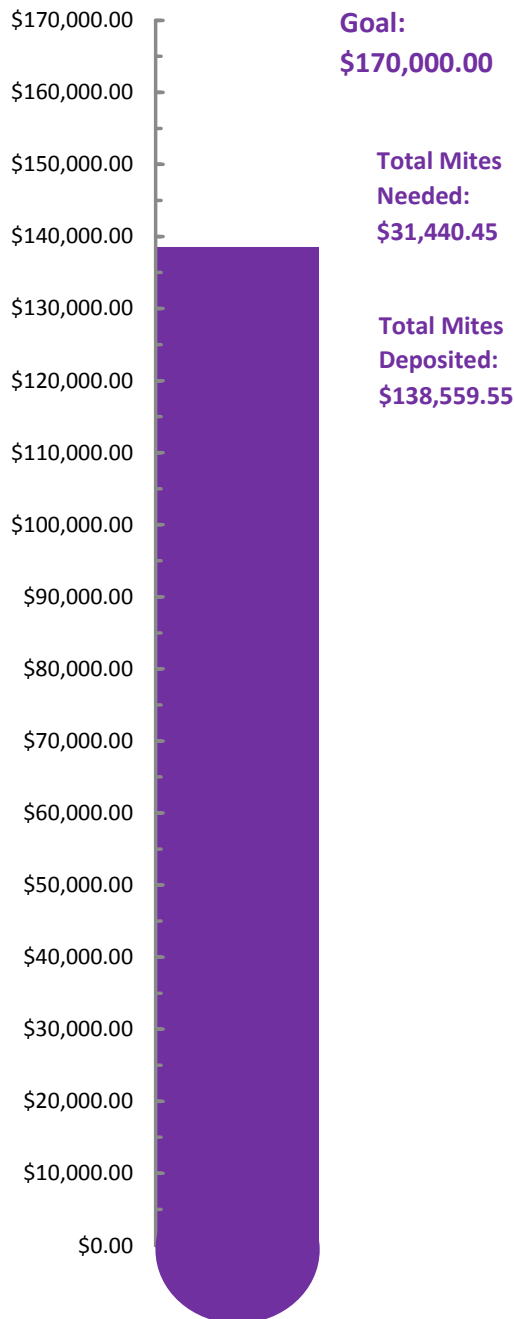
# FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Donna Chow

# Mission Servants Committee

Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

## 2016-2018 Mites as of January 31, 2018



The LWML motto, “Serve the Lord with Gladness,” is what we in the LWML do and who we are. The Mission Servants Committee is joyfully looking forward to serving at the Washington-Alaska District Convention on June 15-17, in Spokane, Washington. Mission servant events at convention reach out to Christian service agencies and individuals in need. Those who participate in the events help others, serve the LORD, have fellowship, and have fun.

The Gifts from the Heart ingathering recipient will be Life Services of Spokane, a Christ-centered organization offering hope, truth, medical care, and support for those who face or have faced a crisis pregnancy. A list of needs for this agency and its clients will be published with convention materials.

Two servant events will be held on Friday, June 15, from 1-4 p.m. The first event is compiling hygiene kits for the homeless and those at homeless shelters. Each zone is being asked to supply specific items for the kits, which will be assembled during the event at convention. The second is card making. The completed greeting cards will be given to nursing homes and shut-ins so that the residents may have cards to send to others. During this event, LWMLers will construct greeting cards for a variety of occasions. Supplies for making the cards will be provided.

May the Lord bless the LWML’s service for Him, and may we continue to share blessings with others.

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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.

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# Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman



Members of the Scholarship Committee are using their binoculars and magnifying glasses to seek far and wide, high and low for funds for scholarships. A mission grant has been applied for and, if granted, will help pay for scholarships. In addition, donations made directly to the scholarship fund by individuals, societies, congregations, or others can enable more students to receive help in becoming full time church workers.

The committee is also looking for applicants. The deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year is March 15, 2018. Applications are available from society presidents or on the LWML Washington-Alaska District website at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org). Click on the Downloads tab at the left. If you missed the deadline this school year, LOOK ahead for next year.

## Spotlight on a Scholarship Recipient

Rick McCafferty, one of the current LWML Washington-Alaska District scholarship recipients, is enrolled in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. This online program allows individuals to take classes in preparation for ministry while serving in a congregation and working with healing and outreach programs in the community. Once a year participants travel to the seminary to interact with their professors and other EIIT classmates.



Last fall, Rick worked with Pastor Tim Norton leading a five-day seminar in Navajo, New Mexico. Rick plays a key role in “Beauty for Ashes” training in Anchorage, Alaska, which works primarily with Native American victims of abuse. He has been to Lawrence, Kansas, several times, working with Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry staff and volunteers who minister to Native American students and their families. Rick is instrumental in training facilitators to become more proactive in preventing suicide among teens in Native American villages in Alaska and on reservations. He is also involved with “Finding Lost Daughters,” a program that works with women in prison who often are dealing with the effects of alcoholism, domestic violence, child neglect, and abuse.

The financial assistance Rick receives from the LWML Washington-Alaska District helps him continue on his path to become an ordained minister.

Please keep the current scholarship recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year in your prayers.

**Hannah Freeman** — Music Program at *Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin*

**Rick McCafferty** — Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) Program at *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri*

**Michele Musegades** — Deaconess Program at *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri*

**James Pierce** — *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**Evan Scamman** — *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*



## Nominating Committee

Linda Einspahr, Chairman

The Nominating Committee is still in the process of receiving nominations for the open offices of the 2018-2020 biennium for the Washington-Alaska District. Everyone, please consider placing your name or that of another LWML sister in Christ or pastor as a nominee.

The following offices are open for nominations:

- ✚ **President**
- ✚ **Vice President of Organizational Resources**
- ✚ **Vice President of Special Ministries**
- ✚ **Financial Secretary**
- ✚ **Pastoral Counselor – East**
- ✚ **Nominating Committee (five members)**

If you have been contacted for a nomination, please prayerfully consider this way of serving the LORD in His harvest field. If you would like to submit a name to be placed in nomination, please do so.

If you would like any information regarding these offices, please feel free to email Chairman Linda via her contact information given on the roster page of this newsletter. Responsibilities of the offices are listed in the district bylaws which are available on the district website.

The committee has sent a thank-you note to each nominee who has already accepted. Thank you so much for your prayers and help.

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## Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff

### Our History Back “In the Day”

I was just looking through my own society minutes about our beginnings (1962), and then my mind began wondering about other societies and when they began. I was surprised to see that the earliest documented societies began in the 1940s. There were **33 societies** then, and now **17 of these societies are still active!** Below are the remaining active societies listed by inception date.

Zion Ladies Aid, **Snohomish** 5/13/1942 — 42 members

Zion LWML, **Auburn** 3/11/1943 — 30 members

Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid, **Everett** 6/16/1943 — 40 members

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid, **Bellingham** 7/1/1943 — 25 members

Trinity LWML, **Mt. Vernon** 1/22/1944 — 26 members

Bethlehem LWML, **Yakima** 2/7/1945 — day – 22 members; evening – 29 members

Hope Lutheran Ladies Aid, **Tonasket** 12/20/1945 — 17 members

Anchorage LWML, **Anchorage, AK**, 5/2/1946 — 37 members

Faith Lutheran LWML, **Oroville** 4/8/1948 — 10 members

United Women of Redeemer, now Women in Mission, **Spokane** 5/2/1948 — 120 members

Redeemer Lydia Guild, **Richland** 5/12/1948 — 46 members

Calvary LWML, **Sunnyside** 8/25/1948 — 30 members

Messiah Ladies Guild, **Olympia** 2/1/1949 — 50 members

*If a society would like to know when it began between 1950 — 1969, email Archivist-Historian Nancy at the address given on the roster page of this newsletter. If a society began after 1969 and the date is known, let Nancy know for the records.*

## Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

**The time of convention is soon to be here!** Are you aware of a multicultural lady in your congregation or in another Lutheran congregation who would benefit from attending this June's LWML Washington-Alaska district convention in Spokane? This is the only time her attendance will be of no charge to her.

The Heart to Heart Sisters program has a limited amount of spaces available; **so act now!** Please contact Chairman Allison through her contact information given on the roster page of this newsletter. An application packet will then be sent. The convention sessions will begin Friday, June 15, at 3 p.m. to approximately noon on Sunday, June 17. (To be eligible for this offer, any attendee would need to be present for the entire convention and participate in the Heart to Heart Sisters program.)

## Teen Committee

Elizabeth Cook, **VICE PRESIDENT of SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES**

Spring break! Prom! Finals! College applications! Summer programs! All of these items may be on the minds of the teens in your congregation as the calendar moves from spring to summer.

What may not be on their minds is how the LWML may be gearing up for a final hurrah before summer break or may be preparing for an ongoing mission project to fill the summer months. Whatever your society has going on, consider whether it might be of interest to the teens in your congregation. If it is, or if you even think there is a possibility that it might be, invite them to join you.

You might be surprised at the level of energy teens bring to something that seems routine to you. Help them see how we in the LWML serve the Lord with gladness.

## Young Women Committee

Marilee Ryan, Chairman

The Young Women Committee of Chairman Marilee and members Grace Macduff and Amy Young is planning exciting events for the young women attending the district convention in Spokane in June. Young women will bond with each other through fellowship, Bible studies, and servant events. Of course, they will also learn what LWML is all about. They will be able to see and hear how mites impact people all around the world — through the mission speakers and through the grant presentation on proposed grant recipients, from which will be those chosen for the 2018-2020 biennium.

And a surprise event is being planned for all attendees to enjoy!

Please encourage and support the young women in your congregations by inviting them and providing them with the awesome opportunity to attend the convention. See you in June!





# LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please print — one form per registrant  
Your registration confirmation will be sent via email when possible.  
Please make a copy of your completed form for your records.

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fees: (due May 15 to avoid late charge)

Registration Fee (waived for clergy) \_\_\_\_\_ \$85.00  
Meals: Saturday lunch & evening banquet  
Meal package—both meals \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00  
or Saturday Lunch *only* \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00  
or Saturday Banquet *only* \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00  
Mite Walk Friday, 4 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00  
Late Fee (postmarked after May 15) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Check Appropriate Category:

\_\_\_\_ General Registration  
\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegate \*  
\_\_\_\_ Delegate's Alternate  
\_\_\_\_ Young Woman Representative  
\_\_\_\_ Voting Board Member \*  
\_\_\_\_ Non-Voting Board or  
Committee member  
\_\_\_\_ Past District President \*  
\_\_\_\_ Pastor  
\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor  
\* Voting members

Is this your first Convention?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Would you like to sing in the choir?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Special Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic meal  
\_\_\_\_ Dairy Free \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free  
\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

No nuts will be added to any meals.

**PLEASE  
MARK  
ONE!**

\_\_\_\_ I prefer an electronic registration receipt to the above email address, including attachments of inserts.  
\_\_\_\_ I prefer a paper copy of the receipt and have enclosed a **legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope**.

Please make checks payable to: **LWML WA-AK District Convention Fund.**

Make a copy of this form for your records.

Mail this form and your check to:

**LeeAnn Tibbals**  
**2018 Convention Registrar**  
**945 N Cleveland St**  
**Moscow, ID 83843-9406**

### Questions?

Registrar: LeeAnn Tibbals  
(208) 310-9418  
mygrandmaleeann@gmail.com

**Registration Fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full. No refunds on meals after May 15. Please register early!**

Please make your own hotel reservations by phoning 1-800-RED-LION.

Refer to: Group Block number 20180614.

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# 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial District Convention

June 15-17, 2018      Spokane, Washington

## 2018 District Convention Personalities

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*

Mites in Action Speakers  
*Laura Davis, Lutherans For Life - Y4Life*  
*Anne Gonzalez, LCMS Mercy Medical Team*  
*Don Sundene, Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest*

Read the biographies of these personalities which were included in the bulk mailing!

## 2018 District Convention Agenda Highlights

**Friday, June 15, 2018**  
*Love in Action Servant Events*  
*Choir Practice*  
*Delegate Orientation*  
*Mite Walk*  
*Opening Communion Worship Service*

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
*Bible Study — Jan Struck*  
*Mission Grants Presentation and Vote*  
*Keynote Speaker — Jan Struck*  
*LWML Report — Angelina Jauregui*  
*Mites in Action Speakers*  
*Proposed Bylaw Amendments*  
*Election of Officers*  
*Dinner Banquet*

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
*Mites in Action Speaker*  
*Installation of Officers*  
*Closing Worship Service*

## Societies:

**Be sure to send the completed  
Delegate Information Form  
to President Marie Chow  
by April 13, 2018!**

**Rooted in Christ, Planting Our Feet,  
Walking Together for Mites  
On Riverfront Park Streets**



**2018 Washington-Alaska District Convention**

**Friday, June 15, at 4 p.m.**

**Sign up on the district convention registration form.**

## Convention Hotel Information

**Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park**  
**303 West North River Drive**  
**Spokane, WA 99201**

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League**  
**Washington-Alaska District Convention**  
**June 15 – 17, 2018**



All rooms are \$119.00 per night + hotel/local taxes = \$135.40 per night

**The following information will assist you in making your hotel reservation when you call in.**

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

All names of individuals occupying a room must be included at the time of reservation.  
 (#1 should be the name of person making reservation)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Room Preference:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Double, Double**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **King**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap Access**

**All Rooms are Non-Smoking**

Address of #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card of #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code Number \_\_\_\_\_

(Note this credit card is to guarantee the room. If you wish to have the room bill split, please ask when you check in. This may slow down your check-in.)

Check in 3 p.m.                      Check out 12 p.m.

There is no coffee provided in the guest rooms. Free coffee is available to hotel guests in the lobby. You may bring your own coffee maker if you wish.

For reservations call: **1-800-RED-LION (800-733-5466)**

When calling for reservations please refer to: group block code 20180614

Be sure to verify the rate when you make your reservation.

**Cut-off date is Tuesday, May 22, 2018.**

**After that date, prevailing rates and availability will apply**  
**Make your reservation early.**

If you are arriving by air, the Hotel RL does have a free airport shuttle.  
 Please call 509-326-8000 and select '0' when you arrive to arrange to be picked up.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Janet Rust, Director

### WHAT IS THE TIME?

- TIME** for the 2018 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention.
- TIME** to praise, worship, study, and be “Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in the Faith” (Colossians 2:6-7).
- TIME** to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the LWML Washington-Alaska District.
- TIME** to dress up for the Saturday night banquet and wear something **PURPLE!** (Bling and anything sparkly is encouraged!)
- TIME** to be together for fun and fellowship.
- TIME** to share the faith.
- TIME** to preserve some history of the district. **TIME** preserved in a **TIME** capsule!!



**TIME** today to register for the 2018 convention on June 15-17 in Spokane, Washington.

All the convention registration and hotel information can be found on the district website, [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org) and in this issue of the *Evergreen Echoes*. On the website, also see information for the Heart to Heart Sisters program, the Young Woman Representatives program, and the Mite Walk. Scholarship applications for returning and new student applicants can be downloaded.

## VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Cristina McAnulty

Gigi Lutz, **Mission Grants Committee** member

The LWML Washington-Alaska District Mission Grant biennium theme is “75 Years of LWML Mites in Motion.” Currently, \$82,350 of the district 2016-2018 biennium mission grant goal of \$90,000 has been paid. Updated grant information can be found at the district website, [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org), along with grant highlights and prayers.

**All MITES** collected in societies and zones **MUST** be sent to the District Financial Secretary Donna Chow. Her mailing information can be found on the roster at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure that this information is shared with the treasurer in each society and zone.

The Mission Grants Committee received over 20 mission grant proposals for the 2018-2020 biennium. The proposals and information to be presented at the district convention in June 2018 for the delegates' voting will be known by societies and zones later this spring.

Cristina and Gigi hope each convention attendee plans to participate in the Mite Walk during the convention in Spokane this June. Additional information regarding the Mite Walk will be available soon. Those participating at the Mite Walk will receive a gift.



# ZONE NEWS

## LWML Washington-Alaska District 2018 Spring Zone Events

Zone	Date	Location	City, State
Alaska	May 5	Lamb of God Lutheran Church	Wasilla, Alaska
Blue Mountain	April 21	Pendleton Underground Tour	Pendleton, Oregon
East Inland Empire	April 21	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Spokane Valley, Washington
Hood Canal	April 14	St. Matthews Lutheran Church	Port Angeles, Washington
Inter-Valley	April 28	Calvary Lutheran Church	Sunnyside, Washington
Mount Baker	April 21	Zion Lutheran Church	Snohomish, Washington
North Columbia	April 7	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Havillah, Washington
Olympic	April 15	St James Lutheran Church	Bothell, Washington
Rainier	April 28	Peace Lutheran Church	Chehalis, Washington
South Columbia	April 14	Zion Lutheran Church	Grand Coulee, Washington

[Lake Washington Zone held its spring zone event on January 20.]

### Alaska Zone

Ruth Zellar, President

The Alaska Zone will be hosting its spring joyshop on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Wasilla, Alaska. “Fan into Flame” will be the theme with Bible study on the example of Naomi and Ruth. Learn how women can help pass on the faith through mentoring of younger women, or through young mothers seeking out older women as mentors.

Roberta Hilgendorf, Christian Life Chairman



### Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi, President

On Saturday, January 20, 27 ladies, the zone counselor, the guest presenter, and one child met at Zion Lutheran Church in Auburn, Washington, for a combined fall rally and spring joyshop. The fall rally included an update on the District from President Marie Chow and elections of the Vice-President and Treasurer.

The joyshop welcomed Philemon Ngare, the Spiritual Life Director for Bethesda Lutheran Homes of Washington and Oregon. The ladies learned about the need for encouraging the residents of the Bethesda Homes in their faith walks and in their daily prayers. Those present were encouraged for being the hands and feet of Jesus in their societies.

The zone will be back on track with usual meeting dates for 2018 as the Lake Washington fall rally will be Saturday, October 6, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington. The theme will be “Shape.”



## South Columbia Zone

MaryLynn Huntwork, President

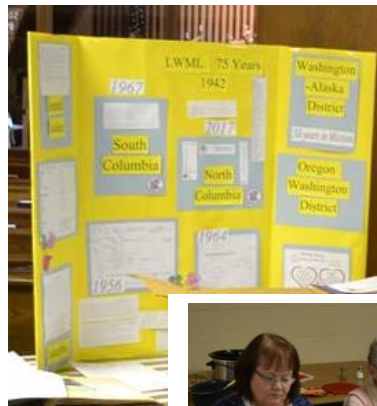
South Columbia Zone was fortunate to celebrate with two rallies this year because of its shared 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with North Columbia Zone. The zone was originally named Grand Coulee Zone at its inception in 1951, then Columbia Zone in 1956, and lastly two separate zones of North Columbia Zone and South Columbia Zone in 1967.

The first rally was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Okanogan, Washington, in North Columbia Zone which hosted the rally on September 16. "Flower Power Lessons Learned from God's Garden" was the theme. [Editor's Note: This rally was reported in the *Evergreen Echoes*, Winter 2017 issue]

The second rally was October 21, hosted by Lydia's Circle at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ephrata, Washington. This fall rally had the theme of "**God Fills Our Cup**" based on Psalm 23:5. The morning Bible study, "My Cup Overflows," was presented by South Columbia Zone President MaryLynn Huntwork. Each member decorated a coffee cup to take home.

The servant event/ingathering was assembling Children's Christmas Boxes from Operation Christmas Child. Each of the 30 people who attended brought several items that were placed in shoeboxes which will be distributed as gifts to children in need around the world. Lunch was served, and afterwards the Ephrata ladies presented a hilarious skit based on fashions from yesteryear!

Twyla Mitson was elected as zone Vice President, and Barb Miller is the Secretary/Treasurer for the next two years. Pastor Loppnow opened and closed the rally. Bingo was played, and the executive board door prize was given.



# SOCIETY CORNER

## Evening Circle

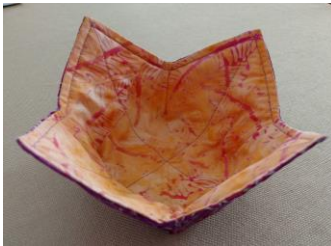
Trinity Lutheran Church, Grangeville, Idaho  
East Inland Empire Zone



On snowy Saturday, December 16, the Trinity Lutheran Evening Circle LWML Society traveled to a member's home for its annual Christmas brunch party. The sixteen members brought a variety of tasty brunch foods to share. Following the meal and activities of Christmas Pictionary and the telling of how an olive-wood Christmas ornament relates to the Christmas story, attendees sang several Christmas hymns.

Each lady received a hand-made quilted bowl hot pad made by a Circle member. Also each received a vintage apron from another member who had made the aprons with her mother in the 1930s.

A collection for the Orphan Grain Train mission which ships food and living supplies to needy places in the world netted \$230.



### Societies and Zones:

When elections are held in societies and zones, **remember** to send a copy of the updated roster to **Corresponding Secretary Linda Miller**. Her contact information is found in 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 Circulation Manager Denise Crawford. Her contact information is found on the roster page of this newsletter.



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



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**Spokane, Washington**

**June 15–17, 2018**

**Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park**



Included in this issue are the registration form, hotel information, and highlights.

**See you there!**