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Dates to Remember:

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Winter Issue DEADLINE:
 October 31, 2019 to
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District Retreat
 September 27-29, 2019
 Red Lion Richland Hanford
 House
 Richland, Washington



District Convention
 September 25-27, 2020
 Great Wolf Lodge
 Grand Mound, Washington

Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marilee Ryan



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
In Praise to the LORD! Mobile, Ala., was filled with joyful praise to our Lord during the 2019 LWML convention in June.

Thirty-one people from the Washington-Alaska District attended the convention. There were also a few former district members there as well.

Our district delegation consisted of 10 zone delegates, two YWRs, and our Junior Pastoral Counselor. After many travel delays, canceled flights due to weather, and overnight airport stays, there were 3,104 people in attendance including 81 Young Woman Representatives, and 14 Heart to Heart Sisters. Fifty kids, from nursery to high school, attended Camp Insta Friend.

The convention started Thursday evening with a communion service led by Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. as Proclaimer.

We heard from many mission speakers during the convention, including Laura Davis Hemminger of Hood Canal Zone from Lutherans For Life (Y4 Life). Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor was our song leader, and he also spoke at a luncheon that I was privileged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Brian Smith was the keynote speaker. Donna Pyle led an inspirational Bible study. Humorist Interrupter Jan Struck as Glory May had us laughing with her convention observations. One in particular — because I grew up in Minnesota — Glory May thought there were a bunch of gamblers in attendance because she kept hearing strange people say “you betcha!”

New bylaws and a mite goal of \$2,100,000 were approved. Also approved were 21 mission grants in the amount of \$1,470,000. Eight hundred forty-eight people took part in the very early Mission in Motion pledge walk led by the Excelsior Band of Mobile. The walk collected \$59,612.79 for mites. The Tee Up for Mites golf scramble brought in \$9,346.60. Our first convention offering of \$43,798 also went to mites. What a great beginning for our mission goal!! Mite Boxes with the new logo are now available.

New LWML officers were elected: President Debbie Larson, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Deaconess Betty Knapp, Treasurer Karla Koehler, and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Brian Noack. **Congratulations** to our Past District President Marie Chow who is now LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources. Our district thanks you for your great work with LWML, Marie. I wish God’s Blessings for Marie and all the officers of LWML.

Young Woman Representatives and Heart to Heart Sisters (with help from many others) carried flags from 76 countries during the Saturday morning processional. These 76 flags represented countries where LWML mites have helped in missions. In Praise to the LORD!

See **Greetings** on page 2

DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Richard Loppnow, Junior Pastoral Counselor – East

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:23-24).

Thus was our theme verse in Mobile, Ala., at the LWML convention. We had much singing there, told of His glory, and declared His salvation. We were also able to fit in some work amongst all that. We elected national officers and chose mission projects for the next two years that will tell of Christ's salvation and declare His glory. All while we also did marvelous works among many peoples — thus passing along the love found in Christ!

Further into that chapter: *Then all the people departed each to his house, and David went home to bless his household* (1 Chronicles 16:43). So we returned to our own communities with the same charge — be a blessing among our neighbors. More importantly, we returned home with the eternal benefit our Lord guarantees through the One Whom He sent.

I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for Me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son (1 Chronicles 17:10b-13a).

Greetings from page 1

Joe Castillo created his inspirational and awesome sand art pictures for our Friday night entertainment. The VOICES of Mobile, a singing group from the University of Mobile, praised the LORD with Christian music for us on Saturday evening.

I encourage you to go to www.lwml.org and click on “News and Events” and then on “Convention Central” for links to the Live-stream sessions, photos, newsletters, etc.

May your work with LWML be blessed as we go forth with Praise to the LORD!

Marilee Ryan



Look throughout this issue for the red maple leaves. They mark places where the nominating committee has left a special request or announcement.

Nominating Committee

Sandi Schauer, Chairman
Patrice Cornelius
Betsy McDarment
Betty Rich
Ruth Ann Shimoi

Seeking people willing to allow their names to stand on the 2020 ballot for the following positions:

Vice President Christian Life
Vice President Gospel Outreach
Treasurer
Pastoral Counselor — West
Nominating Committee (7)

Societies and Zones:

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

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

Carolyn Holbrook

The question is sometimes asked: Why does the LWML have Special Focus Ministries? Aren't we just one LWML?

The answer is that we are one LWML organization within LCMS congregations. Our mission statement includes our desire to assist each woman in affirming her relationship with our Lord so she may use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. The Special Focus Ministries is comprised of three groups: Teen Committee, Young Women Committee, and Heart to Heart Sisters Committee. The goal of the Special Focus Ministries is to reach out to our teens, our young women, and our women of diverse cultures. In our rapidly changing world these groups are often overlooked. We seek to encourage and celebrate these women as we invite them to participate in LWML.

The teens and young women are often busy with life at this stage: school, sports, activities, perhaps raising young families, often working part or full-time outside of the home. Social media is a significant part of their communication. They are often not interested in "meetings" or lack time to participate in typical LWML functions. LWML women need to reach out, invite, and show them activities which will be meaningful in their busy schedules. We need to develop the social media skills which will reach and include them. They are the future leaders of LWML!

The Heart to Heart Sisters is our ministry for women of multicultural backgrounds who attend our churches. Our nation is having a crisis in division of cultures. LWML has been serving diverse cultures in missionary efforts since its establishment 76 years ago. Our mission field also is here at home in our own backyards and communities. This group celebrates the variety of cultures, shows love, and grants acceptance. What better way to affirm a relationship to our Lord than to invite and welcome all into our organization?

While attending the LWML convention this summer in Mobile, Ala., it brought such joy to my heart to see the growing number of young women participating in our LWML! The Heart to Heart Sisters participated in dressing in native clothing — adding such color and richness to the assembly. These groups are a part of LWML. I encourage each one to pray for these women as we serve the Lord with gladness!



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If you have been asked to allow your name to be placed on the ballot for one of the offices of the Washington-Alaska District LWML, please return the Nomination Response Form either accepting or declining the nomination.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the people who have accepted nomination to office and agreed to allow their names to be on the 2020 ballot.



Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Cristina McAnulty

Joyce Berger, **Mission Grants Committee** member

I pray that you all had a wonderful summer with family and friends and were able to enjoy some travel locally and/or abroad.

I would like to remind everyone that the **2020-2022 Mission Grant Proposal Application Form and Instructions are available to view, download, and print from the “Downloads” page on our district website www.wa-aklwml.org. The deadline for the 2020-2022 Mission Grant Application is October 31, 2019, so please make sure to get your application submitted by then!**

As we continue to collect mites for our district grants, let us not forget that if every LWML member from our district donated just \$10 per month, we would have all of our mission grants funded for the 2018-2020 biennium. Wouldn't that be such a blessing to our missions we're supporting? We've got a lofty goal for mission grants this biennium, so please continue to come up with creative ideas in your societies and zones to raise mites or consider having bake sales or silent auctions. We've paid over \$47,000 towards mission grants thus far and will be sending additional payments on a few more mission grants in the coming months. Thanks be to God and you for making this all possible!!!

Our district mission grant 2018-2020 biennium theme is: “Let Your Mites Be a Beacon of Light for Grants.”

All grant information, grant highlights, and prayers can be found on our website at www.wa-aklwml.org. Please use this information to spotlight collection of mites at your churches.

An important reminder: ALL MITES collected in your societies and zones MUST be sent to the **District Financial Secretary Elizabeth Cook**. Her mailing information can be found on the roster at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure to pass this information on to the treasurer of each society/zone.

Your dedication to help our mission grants is truly a blessing to many, and we're so very thankful for your continued prayers and support.

We pray everyone has a wonderful autumnal season. For those with children attending school in the fall, prayers for a wonderful start to a new school year.

CORRECTION: in the summer 2019 *Evergreen Echoes*, the verse contained in the Heart to Heart Sisters article should read as follows:
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).

Leader Development Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman
Michelle Misner, **Committee** member



Who likes treasure hunts? I certainly do. There's an excitement that arises from being the first to discover a previously hidden "gem." You may wish to consider having one at your next group or zone event. There are several new resources available on the

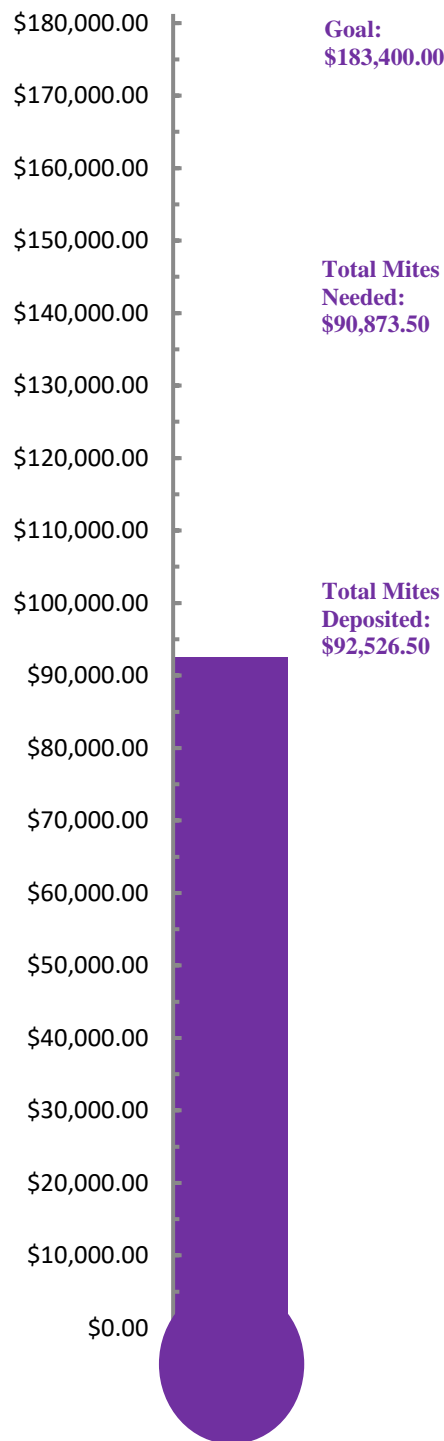
LWML website to add interest to your Bible study, fellowship, or general meeting. With internet or cell phone service, you can challenge participants to locate different resources on the website.

With just a few minutes of searching, I located LWML's playlist on YouTube which has 13 videos covering various topics, find it at www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKUFlq_Un4h12Lgu9_AZPWDEllEuGNe.

Additional resources can be located at the Assembly of Leaders 2018 page www.lwml.org/aol.

Have fun and happy treasure hunting!

2018-2020 Mites as of August 5, 2019



Please copy this issue for women in your church!

For black and white copies, print the pages in grayscale on a copy machine.

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

This Fall 2019 issue of the *Evergreen Echoes* is the final district newsletter that will be mailed through the postal service.

Many of you get a colored copy through your email address. Future issues will be emailed only.

Your help is appreciated in getting the issues that you receive either emailed or copied for others in your zones and societies. Please also encourage others to join our email list. The newsletter is posted on our district website at www.wa-aklwml.org.

Thank you very much,
President Marilee

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.



Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

The purpose of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee is to motivate, equip, challenge, and provide mentoring opportunities within LWML; witness to the world; and grow in relationships. It is open to women from all over the world who did not grow up in the Lutheran faith.

At the LWML 38th Biennial Convention, June 20-23, 2019, in Mobile, Ala., fourteen Heart to Heart Sisters were commissioned to represent the countries of India, Italy, Columbia, Liberia, Jordan, Jamaica, and Germany. Six ladies were from the United States. Thirteen LWML districts were represented: Missouri, Texas, Chesapeake, Minnesota South, Michigan, North Wisconsin, Rocky Mountain, Montana, South Dakota, New Jersey, Kansas, Gulf States, and Atlantic.

There was a Heart to Heart Reunion at the Friday noon info gathering and an invitation-only dinner Friday evening. Heart to Heart Sisters manned a booth where they met and answered questions from attendees. The Heart to Heart Sisters also participated in the flag procession carrying the colors of their countries! We're looking forward to participating with the Heart to Heart Sisters at the 2021 convention.



Structure Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman

Carol Coerber, **Committee** member

Aletha Voges, **Committee** member

Chris White, **Committee** member

Our committee has received several requests to review bylaw changes. Thank you for doing an excellent job on an important task. Some of the societies in our district have smaller, ancillary groups or *circles*. Our committee thought it would be helpful to point out a portion of the information from the LWML website about circles. This information may assist groups who face attendance challenges. The complete article is located at <https://lwml.360unite.com/posts/handbook-resources/group-structure>.

THE CIRCLE PLAN

A circle is a group within the LWML local group (core group) that meets regularly to accomplish a specific purpose.

- The core group holds regular meetings or general assemblies monthly or quarterly with an LWML emphasis and gathering of mites. All women in the church are encouraged to take part in these meetings. The core groups choose leaders who meet regularly as an executive board to take care of business that does not need to be brought before the general assembly and to coordinate circle activities.
- The number of small groups or circles is determined by the goals adopted. Circles choose their leaders/officers, meeting frequency, time, place, and special projects or service activities. "Participation," rather than "membership," is to be emphasized.
- Some successful groups with circles suggest women should have the option of being part of the core group without being a member of a circle. They also have women who want to contribute mites and receive copies of the district and LWML official publications, but do not want to come to meetings. These members are counted as associate members or members-at-large. A large Mite Box in the church narthex on predetermined regular Sundays can allow all women, men, and children of the congregation to contribute.

CORRECTION: in the Summer 2019 *Evergreen Echoes* Structure Committee article, it was requested that future bylaws updates submitted to the Structure Committee include a change of the term "societies" to "groups." This is not a requirement. No change in this wording needs to be made at the district, zone, or society level. This change was implemented at the national level only.

Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

The LWML Washington-Alaska District scholarship recipients for 2018-2019 bring a wide range of skills to their studies. Two are in special programs that allow them to pursue their education while serving a local congregation. Both plan to become pastors. A third scholarship recipient is also studying to become a pastor. Another scholarship recipient is following the road to become a deaconess. Yet another plans to become a parish musician. All five students are enrolled in the LCMS Concordia system. .

Richard McCafferty is continuing his studies with Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology program which is largely online but requires some time on the Concordia Seminary campus in St. Louis. While participating in this program, he continues his work in Native American communities addressing issues such as domestic violence and sexual abuse. He currently serves as liturgist, preacher, and Bible study leader. He plans to become a pastor.

Ben Maxson is enrolled in the Specific Ministry Program online with Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and attends classes on campus a short time each year. He is married and has six children. Ben leads weekly worship, preaches, and serves as music leader in the Makah Lutheran Church. He teaches Sunday school, leads the Sunday Night Youth program for the community, and is involved in community outreach programs. He is employed by Lutheran Indian Ministries to pastor the congregation, and it will assist him with some of the costs for his studies.

Kurt Hellwig is in his second year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He has done well in his classes. During January, Kurt took an intensive elective on church planting and revitalization. He visited new churches and churches that had turned around with revitalization. Kurt served 40 hours as an assistant chaplain at a senior living facility near the seminary.

Michele Doel (née Musegades) married in June 2018 and is at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis studying to become a deaconess. She has taught Sunday school, led youth group activities, visited shut-ins and other church members, and participated in LWML activities.

Hannah Freeman is in her final semester at Concordia Lutheran University at Mequon, Wis. She plans to become a parish musician. Involved with the symphonic wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, and pep band, she has participated in numerous concerts.

Please remember these students in your prayers.



Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes.
Praying for you to consider running for a district office.



Young Women Committee

Grace McDuff, Chairman

Greetings from the Washington-Alaska District Young Women Committee. We were so blessed to have our two YWRs represent our district at the national convention this year in Mobile, Ala. The theme for this convention was "In Praise to the LORD!" All attendees were encouraged in their personal walk with God, worship of God, and relationships with other people. A fresh vision of Jesus was given throughout this convention! Our YWRs were among eighty-one YWRs that attended the convention. Below are their reports on their individual experiences, how they were encouraged, and how they saw God working throughout the convention. Please consider inviting one of these young women to come and speak at one of your upcoming zone events!



Reflections from Carla Church

What an honor and a privilege it was to serve as one of your Young Woman Representatives for the national convention in Mobile, Ala. I've had the opportunity to attend a couple of national conventions in the past, but this was my first as something other than truly just an "interested bystander." Since I had a bit of a rough start with cancelled flights; spending the night in Dallas, Texas; and lost luggage; I missed out on some of the beginning events for the YWRs. Thankfully my fellow YWR Michelle kept me in the loop and I was able to hit the ground running once I finally arrived in Mobile! We were kept quite busy with events, info sessions, and, of course, the main meetings. We had the privilege to meet many of the speakers and national officers even having a special dinner for just the YWRs with President Patty, humorous interrupter Jan Struck, and Bible study leader Donna Pyle.

It would be easy to talk about all the speakers, events, and meetings; or all the amazing grants on which the delegates voted; or even getting to hear "Mites in Action" speakers and learn how our mite money has gone on to support so many amazing ministries both nationally and internationally — those were all amazing! But the biggest take away for me personally? Fellowship. There is no good way to describe what it feels like to worship, pray, praise, and dive into the Word with several thousand other women (and men) who are all likeminded ministry-oriented people. Or to sit at a table with a few young women and hear about the work they are doing in their congregations. Or to meet people who have traveled from countries across the world to personally share how mission grants have directly impacted them. I made connections with women young and old. I was recharged and inspired to continue the amazing work of LWML, leading within my home congregation as well as my home district. I also made some life-long friends with the other young women who, like me, will carry LWML into the future and continue to do God's good work. I am comforted and encouraged knowing that these women are also praying for our ministry and they are just a phone call away when I need to brainstorm ideas or receive a word of encouragement. I've always had a big heart for mission work and representing you all at the convention was an honor. But more so, I want to thank you for providing me this opportunity to "relight the fire" in my heart for mission work. I am recharged and full of new ideas for our ministries!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for ideas for engaging young women in your societies and zones. Let me know if you'd like me to speak about my experiences. I look forward to seeing you and serving with you. I am excited for what the future of LWML looks like and I look forward to continuing the good work of our district. [Ed. Note: Contact Carla through Young Women Committee Chairman Grace MacDuff. Grace's contact information is found on the district roster.]

Reflections from Michelle Chase

The LWML convention in Mobile, Ala., was an experience I will never forget. For a start, just getting there was a challenge — and I did not have the hardest time of the women from our district! When I left Sea-Tac Airport, the flight was delayed. I missed my connecting flight in Houston, Texas, by minutes — even though I ran through the Houston airport. Luckily, I was able to get on the stand-by list and made the last flight from Houston to Mobile. When I got to the hotel, I was exhausted after the day of travel.

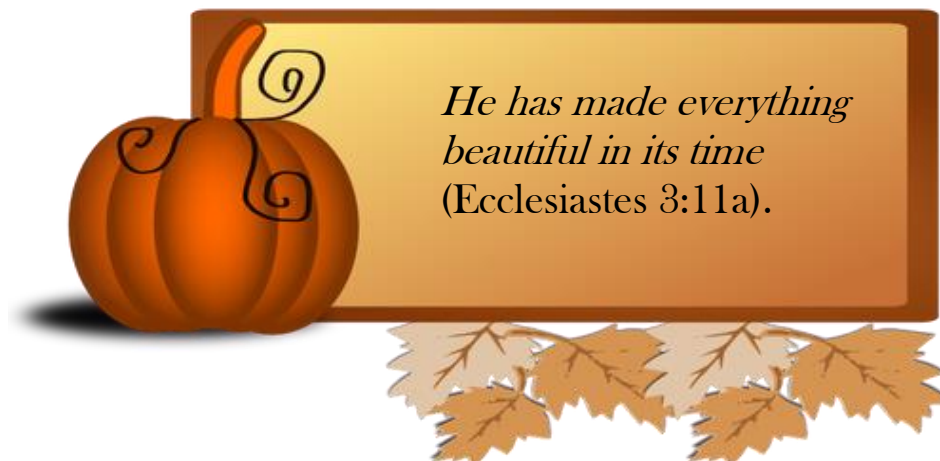
Unfortunately, Carla Church, the other YWR, had to spend the night in the Dallas airport so I took her shift with the Gifts of the Heart the next morning. I greeted people and took their donations of gift cards and towel kits while also getting to know some of the other YWRs.

After that, I did my servant event. There was a lot from which to choose, but my LWML society has talked a lot about the Lutheran Braille Workers. When I saw a station for them, I went there to help. It was a fun experience helping make the braille books of the Bible. We organized the pages and then put them through the machine that pressed them with braille.

Later was the meet-and-greet with other YWRs. That evening was the big church service. It was amazing to see that many Lutheran women in one place! I also liked seeing so many pastors who came out for the occasion wearing their vestments.

The rest of the days were a blur of meetings and get togethers. I enjoyed the meeting to hear from the Mites in Action speakers. It was interesting to hear how thankful they were to receive the money and what they have done with it.

In the evening, we were entertained by a sand artist and the local college choir. There was also one night the YWRs got a break and a bunch of us went out to a local slushie bar and then came back and hung out at the hotel. The fun trip unfortunately had to come to an end. It was a wonderful experience to get the opportunity to go to the convention. I thank you all for your support and prayers.



*He has made everything
beautiful in its time
(Ecclesiastes 3:11a).*

2019 LWML CONVENTION PHOTOS

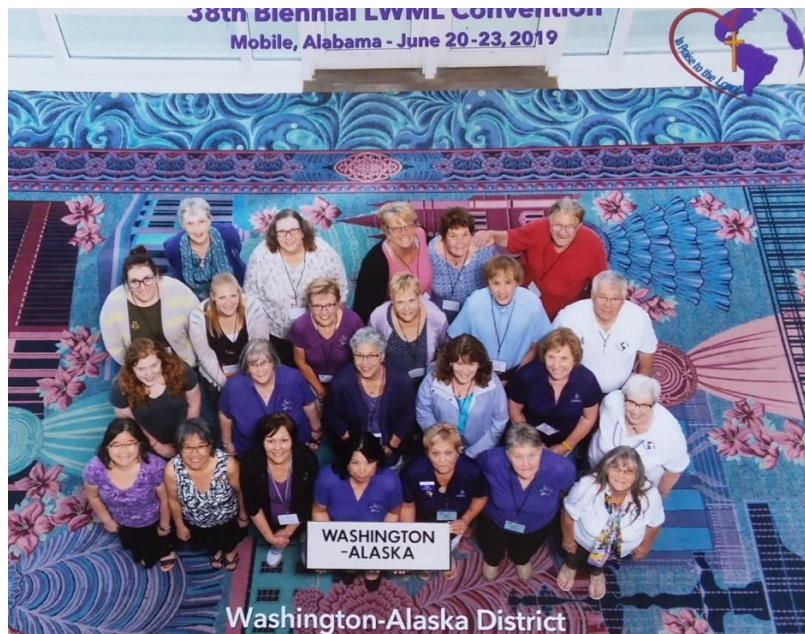


Photo pages by President Marilee Ryan



Convention hotel welcome



Mardi Gras started in Mobile -
A mural made with beads



Donna and Marie Chow
with a Southern Belle



YWRs Michelle Chase and Carla Church
with District President Marilee

THANK YOU,
Judy Jeffery
for creating this
beautiful banner!!



Back of the banner



LCMS President
Matthew Harrison



YWR Michelle helping with the
ingathering

Mission Speaker Laura
Hemminger



Linda Davelaar and Betty Rich



Aletha Voges and
MaryLynn Huntwork



A sea of yellow pledge walkers

WA-AK Delegation



YWRs receive their pins



Sand Art



President Patti Ross



Doris Wurl and MaryLynn



President Debbie Larson
and VP Marie



President Debbie and MaryLynn



Marie and Donna Chow



Twins?!
Our Chris White (R) gets mistaken for Jan Struck (L) quite often



VOICES of Mobile

Always dancing in the aisles at convention!



Mike Ryan is a HWAAK!



The city of Mobile lit up the sky with purple!
A very warm welcome for LWML!

Zone Fall Events

Fall 2019 Zone Events			
ZONE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	CITY/STATE
Alaska	Fri./Sat., Oct. 11/12	St. John LC	Palmer, Alaska
Blue Mountain	mini mtg end of Sept.		
East Inland Empire	Sat., Oct. 19, 10 A.M.	Faith LC	Deer Park, Wash.
Hood Canal	Sat., Oct. 12	St. Matthew LC	Port Angeles, Wash.
Inter-Valley	Sat., Oct. 19 11:30 A.M.	Bethlehem LC	Yakima, Wash.
Lake Washington	Sat., Oct. 19	King of Kings LC	Renton, Wash.
Mt. Baker	Sat., Oct. 19	Trinity LC	Mt. Vernon, Wash.
North Columbia	Sat., Sept. 14	Hope LC	Tonasket, Wash.
Olympic	Sat., Oct. 12, 9:30 A.M.	Messiah LC	Seattle, Wash.
Rainier	Sat., Oct. 19, 9 A.M.	St. Paul LC	Graham, Wash.
South Columbia	Sat., Oct. 5	Faith LC	East Wenatchee, Wash.

Society Corner

Redeemer Society

Blue Mountain Zone

Ladies from **Redeemer** Lutheran Church in Richland, **Bethlehem** Lutheran Church in Kennewick, and **Trinity** Lutheran Church in Pasco and serving Basin City joined together to enjoy high tea on May 19 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The ladies wore hats and gloves, brought tea sets to display, and enjoyed the music of guest harpist.



Shepherd of the Hills Society

Mt. Baker Zone

Working with Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMSN), our society has made monthly visits to Brookdale Monroe a local assisted living facility. We visit on the second Tuesday of every month to sing hymns, share a devotion, and chat with residents. This wonderful program provides large-print hymnals and other materials. The residents really look forward to our scheduled visits.

Another program of LMSN is providing care packages to give to homeless people. With the help of the craft group at our church we are knitting and crocheting hats and scarves for the care packages.



Promotion of Mites Bulletin Bytes before LWML Sunday

MITES FOR MISSIONS – On Your Mark, Get Ready, Save! We will be collecting mites on LWML Sunday, October 6th. Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

LWML Mite Boxes – What Does This Mean?

Over the years, many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district, and local ministries. Women all over, raise funds through voluntary offerings. Instead of "Mite Boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." Place your Mite Boxes in visible areas so that we are reminded every day to give thanks for all His blessings.

- Put your offering in the Mite Box at the end of each day.
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the Mite Box weekly.
- Put a dollar in the Mite Box for every pair of shoes you own.
- Pay for items with bills and then empty your coins that have gathered in your wallet each day into your Mite Box.
- In thanksgiving, put a dollar into the Mite Box for every family member.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML's mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Times and Mite Boxes Change

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — *offerings* above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

The Widow's Mite:

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-43).

Above is one of many free downloads available for LWML Sunday. Find this and other informative downloads at www.lwml.org/lwml-Sunday.

2018-2020 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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