

Evergreen Echoes

Spring
2008

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELAINE NELSON



He is risen!!! He is risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!! Soon those words will be heard in our churches and on our lips. We love to say these words as they remind us of the eternal life with God that we, as Christians, anticipate. They are comforting and assuring words. We enjoy speaking such words to one another.

We have another great opportunity to speak good words to one another. It is our 26th Biennial Convention in Everett at the Holiday Inn, June 20 – 22. We will praise God together, we will worship Him together, we will fellowship around God's table together, we will build each other up with our conversations and with our doing the business of our district together. We will be encouraged by speakers and missionaries as they share their stories with us. This is a special time that you will not want to miss out on. Information has been sent to each society in a bulk mailing as well as there is information in this issue of the Evergreen Echoes. You

can also find information on our website.

Plan now to speak good words to one another at Easter, at our convention and every day so that the kingdom of God would come to everyone. Our good words make a difference.

And news just in: We will be hearing the Good Words from Jesus at the opening worship from our LC-MS District President, Rev. Warren Schumacher.

Sharing Jesus with you,
Elaine

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DISTRICT DU NORD – EST
November 27, 2007:



Dear Vice President Betty Alm,
Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.
Thanks al lot one more time, for this wonderful *Four Wheel Drive Vehicle* you, the President Elaine Nelson and Washington-Alaska LWML provide to me as a necessary equipment for the evangelization program in Haiti.
Thanks ever so much and, God Blessing to you and your missionary work.
May this New Year 2008 be a blessing for you and all LWML members.
In Him,
Rev. Daniel Paul

**As reported in the Winter *Evergreen Echoes*, the WA-AK District provided \$10,000 in addition to the approved grant money for the Gospel Proclamation in Haiti from an unused and returned grant in the previous biennium.

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DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNSELOR WEST

Dear Friends in Christ.

We are in the middle of the Lenten Season, observing the passion and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a forgotten season in much of American Christianity today. Folks want to have joyful celebrations, uplifting praise filled worship, events filled with happiness and who can blame them. As Lutheran Christians we also greatly enjoy the joy of Christmas, the victory of Easter as God overcomes sin, death, and the power of Satan for us, and we as his people receive salvation, hope, and blessing upon blessing.

Lent is the season that reminds us where we came from. It is a season that is a reality check in our worship life with God. It is a season that reminds us that we do indeed suffer, illness, despair, depression, and the consequences of other people's sin as well as our own. It is an introspective time.

Luther in his small catechism developed some questions to help prepare us for the joy of receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. He wanted us to know who we were and what we are doing when we go to meet Jesus in this special event. Some of his questions are:

Do you believe that you are a sinner?
How do you know this?
Do you hope to be saved?
In whom then do you trust?
What has Christ done for you that you trust him?
What are the words of institution?
Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?



Luther does this so that when we go to the sacrament we are aware of what is being given and what is received in the blessed event. As we prepare our hearts and minds, confessing our sinfulness and our need for a Savior before coming to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, so Lent is a time of repentance, introspection, and confession preparing us for the joyful victory we celebrate at Easter.

The Law shows us our need, our inadequacy, and that our lives are not what God intended them to be. The Gospel brings us the forgiveness and victory won by Christ for us. We have truly been set free from the consequences of our sin, we have full and free forgiveness in Christ and the resurrection is the proof of it all. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Yours In Christ
Rev. Mark Griesse
LWML Pastoral Counselor (West)

Mission Statement of the
LWML
www.LWML.org

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.

Sandi Hall, District Recycling Coordinator

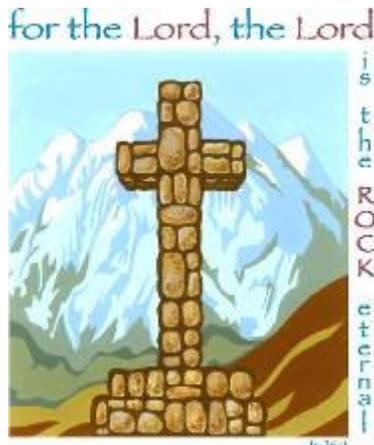
Wow it has been almost a year since I was appointed your recycling coordinator and we have earned a grand total of \$10,312.00 in our account since the beginning!

Just a word of caution, there has been quite a bit of damaged phones and cartridges received by funding factory. Please make sure they are packed properly. If you need suggestions about this you can go to www.fundingfactory.com. Click on the "Just Labels" and you can get some info on the box sizes and packing info. You don't have to log on to the account for general info. They also have some info on which phones and cartridges that are acceptable. Please **DO NOT** send copier toner cartridges, they are **NOT** recyclable at Funding Factory. Keep up the good work recyclers!



Washington- Alaska District Convention Lutheran Women's Missionary League June 20-22, 2008

Please refer to the packet you received at your church for full convention information.
If you did not receive this mailing, contact your Zone President for copies of the information.



**Can your society sponsor a young woman?
Will you invest the time and money to help a young woman learn about the LWML and grow closer to the Lord?**

It's time to think about the WA-AK district convention "For The Lord, the Lord is the Rock Eternal" happening June 20th – 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Everett.

The YWR committee would love to see each society in our district sponsor a young woman to attend the convention.

Why not offer to pay the \$48 registration fee, and if possible the cost for the hotel room also?

Better yet, make plans to attend the convention yourself and share the cost of the room with your young woman representative!

Or if that's not possible, connect with another society in your zone and see if your young women could share a room together and split the costs.

In the January bulk mailing each society should have received a YWR information sheet for any young woman interested in attending the convention to fill out and return with their registration form. If your society has more than one young woman who is interested in attending (that would be awesome!) feel free to make copies of the form.

So ladies, go and spread the news about the LWML and about what an experience a young lady would have at the district convention! What do you have to lose?

In Christ,
Sarah McKinley
YWR Committee Co-Chairman

Gifts from the Heart

Children's Back Pack Kits:

For children K-5

- Back Pack
- Notebook
- 24 crayon box
- Pencils
- Kid friendly scissors
- Glue Sticks

Crime Prevention and Safety Program:

- For children age 6 and up
- Bicycle Helmets



Family Resource Center South Everett Neighborhood Center

6315 Fleming St. Everett, WA 98203
425-355-6005

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

OUR MISSION: Lutheran Community Services Northwest partners with individuals, families and communities for health, justice and hope.



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Washington-Alaska District LWML Convention June 20-22, 2008 @ Holiday Inn---Everett, WA Registration Form

Please print---one form per registrant.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Church: _____ City: _____
LWML Society: _____ Zone: _____

Fees: (due May 15th to avoid late charge)
Registration Fee (waived for clergy) \$48.00
Meals
 Saturday Lunch & Banquet \$45.00
 Lunch Only \$20.00
 Banquet Only \$30.00
MAGnificently Stretching (Saturday 6AM) \$10.00
Late Fee (postmarked after May 15th) \$5.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Arriving by air & need ride to Holiday Inn:
Airline _____ Date/Time of Arrival _____
Special Physical or Dietary Needs: _____

Is this your first convention?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to sing in the choir?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please check one:	
<u>Voters</u>	
Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voting Bd. Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past Dist. President	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Non-Voters</u>	
Alternate (will vote if replacing delegate)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Women Rep.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
LWML Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest, Friend	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pastor, Pastor's Wife	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make a copy of this form for your records and make checks payable to **WA-AK District LWML Convention**. Mail this form, a 4" X 9" self-addressed stamped envelope, and your check to:
Delores Gookstetter
17632 Fales Road
Snohomish, WA 98296-8107

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

Please make your own hotel reservations using separate housing form provided and send to Holiday Inn or call 425-339-2000. Block of rooms are reserved. (Code: LWL)

Questions? Delores Gookstetter (360-668-5458)
Julia Bach (425-337-1747 or julialbach@hotmail.com)

All units must also send an Information Sheet with Delegates and Alternates to Corresponding Secretary Judy Jeffery by May 1, 2008

Hotel Reservation Form

**Holiday Inn
3105 Pine Street
Everett, WA 98201**

**Washington- Alaska District Convention
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
June 20-22, 2008**



All rooms are \$109.00 per night + 10.6 % hotel/local taxes
Only one reservation request per room.

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Names (#1 should be the name of person making reservation)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Check Room Preference:
Queen ____ **(2) Queen** ____
King ____
Smoking____ **Non-smoking** ____
Handicap Access____

Address of #1 _____

Credit Card of #1 _____ Card Type _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature of #1 _____

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

Check in 4:00pm Check out 12:00 noon

If requested room type is not available, reservations will be made in alternate accommodations.

For reservations call: 425-339-2000 OR fax to: 425-789-5946

When calling for reservations please refer to code # LWL

Cut off date is May 19, 2008.

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

Rainier Zone will hold their Rally at Light of Christ in Federal Way on April 5.

News from the Zones

Puget Sound Zone held a Day of Prayer Service on Friday, February 22, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Des Moines, WA.

The North Columbia Zone will be holding their Spring JoyShop on March 27, registration begins at 5:00, supper at 5:30 at Faith Lutheran in Oroville. We are planning a great joyshop, everyone is invited!

South Columbia Zone meets at Grace in Moses Lake on April 12. Guest speakers are Rev. Margurdt, Master Gardener Eric and Rev and Sandi Schauer leading the Bible Study.



The Mt. Baker Zone Joyshop is being held on Saturday, April 5 - reg. beginning at 8:30 - at Concordia Lutheran - Oak Harbor, WA. Our program is on "Grace".

The East Inland Empire Zone met October 20 with 93 in attendance. On April 19 we will be going to "Camp LWML" at Holy Cross Lutheran in Spokane!

DISPERSION OF 2006-2008 GRANT MONIES

As of 12/31/2007 for biennium ending 3/31/08

	Grant	Paid
Seminary Students (3)	\$10,500	\$9,000
Back to Basics—LAMP	\$1,000	\$1,000
Lutheran Blind Mission, Colville	\$5,000	\$5,000
Puppet Ministry of Cambodia	\$10,000	\$8,572
Cross Country Mission Society	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lutheran Ministries Northwest	\$10,000	\$10,000
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	\$7,500	\$7,500
Ministry to Armed Forces	\$5,000	\$5,000
Gospel Proclamation in Haiti	\$5,000	\$5,000
Library Books for L.S. in Guatemala	\$5,000	\$5,000
WA-AK Hmong Gospel Outreach	\$7,000	\$7,000
Totals	\$76,000	\$73,072

*with Mites sent in from the WA-AK District we (you) have paid all the grants for the current biennium. We do continue to send checks to the Seminary students and the Puppet Ministry Grants as these were requested to be paid quarterly.

DISTRICT MITE GOAL



Vice President of Christian Life, Carol Drager

Stella, 3, started Sunday School last September. She is eager to go each Sunday and often talks about it during the week. One day after Daycare one of her teachers mentioned that they were talking about being special and what they thought was special. That day's question had been "What makes you special?" Various children mentioned something they could do or how they looked. Without hesitation Stella said, "I'm special because God made me special."

She has been saying nightly prayers with her parents since she was a baby and the list of people she prays for has gotten longer and longer. A few days before Christmas she saw a little girl fall and hurt her head. She noticed that while her parents were comforting her, she was still crying. Stella said, "Let's pray for her." So she and her mother immediately said a short prayer.

Her list of nightly prayers has gotten quite long. Included in the list that they are praying for is a baby to adopt. They have been waiting and praying for a baby for over a year. Their prayers were answered last week when they heard that a baby was going to be born in a city across the country and that this baby needed a home. On January 30 baby, Iris Ann, was born. Stella's mother and father had met with the birth mother the week before so she could decide whether they would be the right parents for her baby. The birth mother said that she wanted her baby raised in a church going Christian home. When they returned home they felt that she thought they would be good parents. They asked us to pray that the birth mother would choose them and that she would be at peace with her decision. A week later they returned with Stella to wait for the birth of the new baby. We are so grateful that the birth mother did not have an abortion but loved her baby enough to give her life and look for a family that would nourish her faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

But this was not the only wonderful answer to Stella's prayers. The same night she was leaving to pick up "her baby" she found that her Aunt Christine was going to have twins. She said, "Aunt Teen is having twins for me." Uncle Tim might have a thing to say about that.

The Fall Retreat, "Plant a Seed, tell the Next Generation" was a wonderful reminder to us that we must take every opportunity to make known to others our love for our Savior. God will take our seed and help it grow in ways that we may never know.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

District Roster of Officers and Committees

WA-AK District LWML Officers and Committees

To contact any of the board members below please click on the "Contacts" button on our website. You may email messages from there and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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WA-AK DISTRICT MEMBERS-

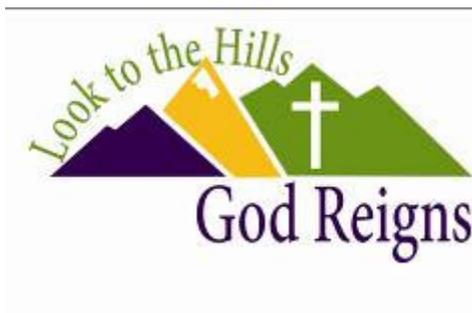
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LWML 33rd Biennial Convention

June 25 ~ 28, 2009

Portland, Oregon

The Chance of a Lifetime

- ◆ Be a part of the "Northwest" District LWML as we plan and prepare for the first LWML convention to be held in the Pacific Northwest in 56 years.
- ◆ Pray for your sisters and brothers that the Lord will continue to guide all of the plans and preparations for this once-in-a-lifetime event.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord's guidance as to how YOU will share your time and talents as a part of this chance-of-a-lifetime event.
- ◆ Check your district website for information updates.