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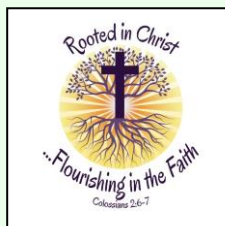
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District Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Spokane, Washington



38th Biennial LWML

Convention

"In Praise to the LORD"

June 20-23, 2019

Mobile, Alabama

Greetings from LWML Washington-Alaska District PRESIDENT Marie Chow



It is just a few weeks before we have our biennial district convention June 15-17 in Spokane! I am looking forward to an exciting time! Our servant events will be putting together blessing bags and making greeting cards. We will open the convention with a communion worship service Friday night, our voices joined in singing and praising God, our ears listening to the message from our Northwest District

President Paul Linnemann. Saturday and Sunday's schedules are filled. We will have a Bible study led by Jan Struck (she's been the Humorous Interrupter at the last few LWML conventions — see the video where she played Katie Luther at the 2017 LWML Convention: www.lwml.org/2017-convention), the LWML report from LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui, and presentations from speakers from organizations that received our mites. We will have business too when the delegates will vote on the mite goal, select mission grants and the Sunday convention offering, and elect officers and Nominating Committee. During Saturday lunch and dinner, the district's 75th anniversary will be celebrated. This convention too marks the end of my term as district president.

I want to share a poem that Meeting Manager Edie Norris read at a host convention committee meeting recently. She received it 26 years ago from the LWML Ohio District newsletter, *ODE*.

Chosen to serve, though sinner I be.
How can I handle this job placed before me?
What if I fail? What will they say?
So I took a deep breath and I started to pray.
My fears melted away and my confidence grew.
This job wasn't something I couldn't do.
For I'm not alone, He is right by my side.
And if I need help, I know He'll provide.
Serve Him with gladness, that's just what I'll do.
I can hear Him saying, "That's why I chose you."

Our district theme for 2016-2018 is "Gifted to Serve" based on 1 Peter 4:10, 11b: *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.* We all have gifts to share. There will be jobs that people will ask us to do. Remember the poem above as you prayerfully

See **Greetings** on page 2.

DISTRICT COUNSELOR

Rev. Timothy Winterstein, Senior Pastoral Counselor—East

It's a little hard to believe that it has been almost four years already. I had only been back in the district for a few months when I was elected as your pastoral counselor for the east side of the state, and it's been a whirlwind ever since. In particular, I enjoyed the national convention in Des Moines and the two district retreats that the Christian Life Committee organized. Thank you for your good will, humor, graciousness, and joy in serving in the various vocations where God has placed you.

What a grace-full word St. Paul gives us in 1 Corinthians 15, at the end of his great teaching on the resurrection, when in light of that very resurrection, he tells the Corinthians and us to always be steadfast, immovable, overflowing in the work of the Lord, knowing that — no matter what we see of the fruits of our work — our labor is not empty, not in vain, because it is carried out in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58). So it is as I finish this part of my labor, and so it will continue to be for you as you serve in the LWML, in your families, in your congregations, and wherever the Lord has you. God bless you all in Christ.

Greetings from page 1

consider taking the job. And remember to use your time and talent at church, at work, at home, and in the LWML, as together we serve and share His love with others to His glory. It has been an honor to be your district president these last four years. Thank you for being such a blessing!

Serving Christ with You,

Maria Chew

Archivist-Historian

Nancy Wyckoff

Our History Back “In the Day”



The LWML Washington-Alaska logo was designed and drawn by Sue Stoltz of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chugiak, Alaska. Carmen Nagel gave some input regarding the flowers. The flowers are the Alaskan Alpine Forget-Me-Not in blue, the white Syringa for Idaho, the yellow Oregon Grape, and the pink Washington Coastal Rhododendron. These state flowers represent the four states located within the district.

The logo design was first used as a button pin and worn at the 2003 convention in Oklahoma. **Does anyone have one of these pins to donate to the archives?**

The next appearance of the logo was spring of 2005 on Washington-Alaska District shirts. It was then used in the *Evergreen Echoes*, on district letterhead stationery and reports, on banners, and elsewhere in the fall of 2005. The district has been using this logo ever since then with no changes!!

[The district newsletter uses the logo on the first page of this newsletter as part of the banner heading.]

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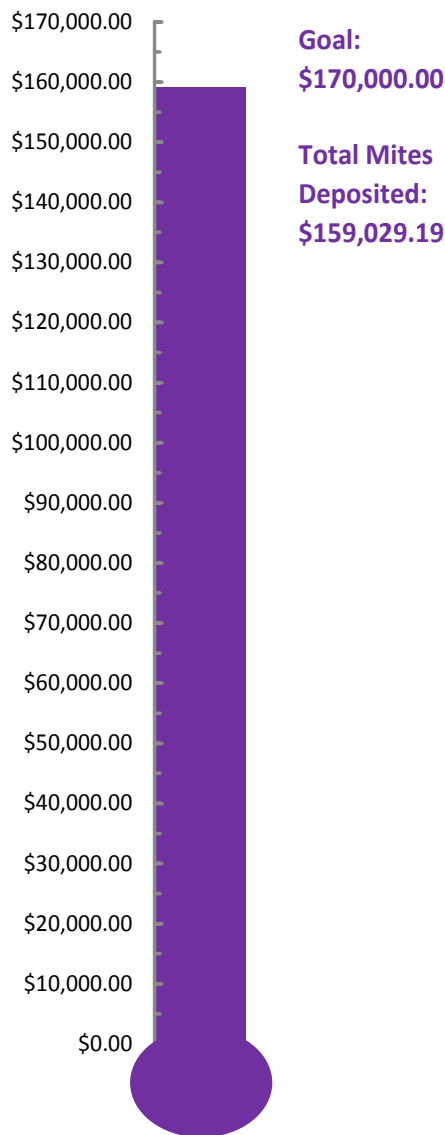
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Donna Chow

Mission Servants Committee

Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

2016-2018 Mites as of March 31, 2018, the end of the biennium



The Mission Servants Committee gives thanks for the many food items collected for Second Harvest–Spokane at the March board of directors meeting in Spokane. Board members brought nearly 200 cans, boxes, bags, and jars of meats, fruit, vegetables, pasta, rice, beans, sugar, and flour. Blessings abound!

The district convention brings three more opportunities to serve gladly the communities in which conventions are held:

♥ **Gifts from the Heart Ingathering** is focused on the work of Life Services of Spokane, which is dedicated to the sanctity of life at conception. Convention participants are asked to bring the following items to the Audubon Room on Friday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, from 7 to 8 a.m.

- Infant clothing
- Baby toiletries
- Diaper bags
- New car seats
- Maternity clothing (including large and extra-large maternity jeans)
- Nursing bras
- “Mom” toiletries
- Gift cards (Target, Walmart)

♥ **Love in Action Servant Event #1** — “Refresh” Bags

Fill bags with personal care items, socks, snacks and a “Mustard Seed” to be given to the homeless men through House of Charity. Supplies will be provided.

♥ **Love in Action Servant Event #2** — Greeting Cards

Construct a variety of greeting cards, which will be taken back to home churches to give to nursing home residents and shut-ins so they have cards on hand to send to others. Supplies will be provided.

The committee members are joyfully anticipating the gathering together in convention to share the Lord’s love.



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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.

Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

Two of the young men, who were receiving scholarships from the LWML Washington-Alaska District while they attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, have graduated this spring and have received calls to serve congregations in the LCMS.

Evan Scammon has received a call to serve two parishes in Connecticut — First Lutheran Church in Greenwich and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byram.

James Pierce has received a call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Anaconda, Montana.

The Scholarship Committee has received scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The recipients will be announced at the 2018 district convention and in the next issue of the *Evergreen Echoes*.

Your prayers and your gifts help encourage our students as they prepare to serve the Lord.

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

Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

Allison Akahoshi, Chairman

Excitement is growing as the plans are finalized to meet the new Heart to Heart Sisters at the district convention in Spokane, June 15-17. The Heart to Heart Sisters will begin their sessions on Friday, June 15, at 3 p.m. Convention registration, all food, a shared room, breakfast, and other items are free of cost to the new Sisters. If you have any questions, contact Chairman Allison Akahoshi.

The Sisters look forward to visits by LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach Angelina Jauregui and by District President Marie Chow during the sessions. Heart to Heart Sisters information, multicultural objects to view, and giveaways will be at the committee's display table.

If you attend the convention, please greet the new Sisters (who will be wearing purple scarves). Stop to talk to them and be blessed as you will be a blessing to them.

Nominating Committee

Linda Einspahr, Chairman

The Nominating Committee has been working to present a slate of candidates for the upcoming district convention. The current candidates' credentials are found on pages 6-8 of this newsletter. While many individuals have answered the call to be a candidate, a few positions remain available for nominations. Prayerfully consider how you or someone you know may serve the Lord in one of these capacities. The Nominating Committee will contact the names submitted to get their approval.

The Nominating Committee is still accepting nominations for the following positions:

- ♦ **Vice President of Organizational Resources**
- ♦ **Vice President of Special Focus Ministries**
- ♦ **Pastoral Counselor – East**
- ♦ **Nominating Committee**

If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please contact one of the committee members of Judy Peraino, Marilee Griffith, Lorna Williams, or Clare Snoozy. See contact information on the roster page.

Additional nominations for elected officers and Nominating Committee may be made from the floor of the convention, provided written consent of the nominee has been secured and the candidate meets the stipulated qualifications for the office. It is requested that the Nominating Committee and the District President are each notified of the nominations before the convention starts Friday, June 15, at 7 p.m.

31st 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 Short-Term Mission
Don Sundene, Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest

Read the biographies of these personalities
which were included in the winter bulk mailing and
on the www.wa-akml.org website!

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



Meet Friday, June 15, at 4 p.m. on the patio.

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



Convention Committee

Carolyn Holbrook, Co-Chairman
Linda Isaacson, Co-Chairman

Greetings from Spokane! “We’ve been working on convention....” Remember the song in 2016 when you were invited to Spokane to celebrate at the 31st Biennial LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention? We are ready for you! We are so excited to welcome you as we celebrate the district’s 75th anniversary at the Saturday evening banquet and all the special events which will occur during the weekend.

The theme: “Rooted in Christ ... Flourishing in the Faith” will help us all grow and blossom in our faith as we learn from Bible study leader and keynote speaker Jan Struck, and we worship with sisters in Christ. So many blessings are coming our way!

CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

PRESIDENT



Sandi Hall – North Columbia Zone

Sandi has been an active member of LWML for 21 years. In her society, she has been the President, Vice President, Christian Life/Growth Chairman. In her zone, Sandi has been the President and Vice President. At the district level, she has served as the Vice President of Human Care, a member of the Short Term Missions Committee, and as Public Relations Committee Chairman. In her church, Sandi has been attending Bible study weekly on Sunday and Friday, involved with Crossings Ministries, cooked at Camp Ortoha Lutheran Camp and involved in servant events. She has volunteered at Second Harvest Truck twice yearly, delivered items to shelters and Care Net, and volunteered at Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 68 (Christmas, Easter, and fundraisers), and American Legion Auxiliary. She is proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher.



Marilee Ryan – Mount Baker Zone

Marilee has been in LWML for 20 years. In her society, she has served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Christian Life. At the zone level, Marilee has been President, Christian Life Chairman/ Event Planner, and Treasurer, and been on the host committee for the 2016 district convention. At the district level, she has served as Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Christian Life, Young Women Committee Chairman, and a committee member for Retreats and Gospel Outreach. She has also served as a convention delegate and the chairman for Charter Buses/Trains for the 2009 LWML Convention. Marilee presented training at zone and district events. She has attended LWML Leadership Training in St. Louis. In her church, Marilee has served as Council Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Preschool Chairman. She has attended Bible studies, helped with Vacation Bible School, quilting, Altar Guild, and Fellowship Committee. Marilee has worked with children of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), and volunteered at Providence Gift Shop. She has been a former English as a Second Language tutor and tutor trainer, and received a volunteer award from Alaska Adult Education Association. She is skilled on Windows 8, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, Quicken, and PrintMaster (graphics program).

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES



Pam Rafferty – Inter-Valley Zone

Pam has been active in LWML for over 20 years. In her society, she has been President, Vice President, and Treasurer. At her zone, she has served as President and Vice President. At the district level, Pam has served as Nominating Committee Chairman, Financial Secretary, Meeting Manager, and Convention Floor Manager. She also served as a member of the host convention committee at the LWML Sioux Falls convention. She has been involved with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, part of Church Council, and has been the Evangelism Committee Chairman at her church. She has also been a Bible Study Fellowship Leader. She is proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel, and website maintenance.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES



Carolyn Holbrook – East Inland Empire Zone

Carolyn has been an active member of LWML for 48 years. In her society, she has served as President and Secretary. At the district, she has served as the 2018 district convention co-chairman. Carolyn has served as the Fellowship Committee Chairman, a board member for the church's preschool program, and has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She has also assisted with various projects such as food distribution for Second Harvest, and a Bite to Go program, which provided food for needy children over the weekends.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Elizabeth Cook – Rainier Zone

Elizabeth has been active with LWML for nine years. In her society, Elizabeth has served as President, Vice President, and Bylaws Committee member. Elizabeth has been the Secretary Pro-Tem and on the Bylaws Committee in her zone. She has served as the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Young Women Committee Chairman at district and a Young Woman Representative at the LWML convention and at a district convention. She has been active in Bible studies, as a leader and participant. Elizabeth is proficient in Office applications. She has been an Accounts Receivable Clerk and has done General Ledger data entry. She currently is an Accounts Payable Supervisor.



Marilee Griffith – East Inland Empire Zone

Marilee has been active with LWML for nine years. She served as President and Secretary/Treasurer at the society level. She has served as the district convention treasurer. At the district level, Marilee has served as the Mission Servants Committee Chairman and Nominating Committee member. Marilee has also been the Treasurer and Secretary at her church. She has helped with bulletin folding and doing book inventory at SonShine Preschool. Marilee is proficient at the keyboard, calculator, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher. She has been a Construction Loan Clerk, an Administrative Assistant in Payroll Calculations, State Grant Billings, Accounts Payable/Receivable, and Personal Leave Calculations.

PASTORAL COUNSELOR – EAST



The Reverend Matthew Gulseth

Pastor Gulseth graduated from University of Idaho in 2007, and from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2016. He has served at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Clovis, California from July 2016 to August 2017. He then accepted a call to Concordia Lutheran Church in Pullman, Washington, where he currently serves. Pastor Gulseth has served as a zone counselor in Fresno, California. He was on the Lutherhaven Ministries Board of Directors and served the community by being involved with the Chamber of Commerce and being on the Community Hunger Task Force. Pastor Gulseth feels that the most important activities for LWML is to support missions done by laity and equipping the church to reach the lost with the Gospel. He envisions his role as District Counselor as always keeping Christ at the heart of all things, and reminding the saints of their goal in Jesus.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Patrice Cornelius – Inter-Valley Zone

Patrice has been an active member of LWML for 20+ years. In her society, Patrice has served as Secretary. At her zone, she has served as Vice President, Secretary, and Secretary-Treasurer. At her church, she is the organist/pianist, and has served on the Board of Education, as a choir member, and a Sunday School teacher. Patrice is a retired teacher, substituted in elementary schools, volunteered at her church preschool, and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa (women educators' sorority).



Sandy Geisler – Inter-Valley Zone

Sandy has been active in LWML for 40 years. In her society, Sandy has been the President, Vice President/Christian Growth Chairman, and Secretary. In her zone, she has been the Vice President and Secretary, as well as on the Registration Committee for the district convention. She has served as the Vice President of Organizational Resources and Structure Committee member in the district. She is active at her church being the Secretary, teacher in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Confirmation. Sandy has also been a member of the Board of Education, Building Committee, Board of Evangelism, and Stephen Ministry. She has been involved with Girl Scouts, Parent Teacher Association, and Court Appointed Special Advocates. Sandy is computer literate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE continued



Betsy McDarment – South Columbia Zone

Betsy has been active in LWML for six years. In her society, Betsy has been the substitute Hospitality Devotion leader and was the 2014 Convention Committee Secretary. Her church activities are or have been with Hospitality, prayer group, help with coffee hour, Advent and Lenten dinners, Joyshop, Fall Conference, Convention, Choir and SIS (Sisters in Spirit). In the community, Betsy is involved with Bible studies, Chelan/Douglas Republican Women Club Membership Committee 2018, is retired from BSA Scouters Group, a supporter of Sunrise Rotary and co-owner of Ridgeline Graphics. She is skilled on Word.



Betty Rich – Mount Baker Zone

Betty has been active in LWML for 20 years. In her society, she has served as President and Treasurer. In her zone, she has served as Secretary. Betty has taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. She has served as Chairman of the Compassion Circle that serves a luncheon after memorial services. Betty has also served on the Altar Guild. Betty was an elementary school teacher for 30 years and she has good computer skills.



Sandi Schauer – North Columbia Zone

Sandi has been active in LWML for 50 years. She has served as President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer in her society. In her zone, she has been the President and a member of the Human Care and Short Term Missions Committees. She has been on the Human Care and Scholarship Committees at the district level. She has been involved in many church activities. She has been involved with senior meals and invited community and church members to her home for Christmas, Easter, and July 4. She knows Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher.



Ruth Ann Shimoi – Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann has been active in LWML for 48 years. She has been a Society President. At the zone level, she has served as President, and has been a district convention leader and volunteer. At the district level, Ruth Ann has been a member of the Structure Committee and Nominating Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

**Rooted in Christ, Planting Our Feet,
While Walking Together for Mites**

Cristina McAnulty

Gigi Lutz, **Mission Grants Committee** member

Bring the mite walk pledge sheet and mites collected to the “Mite Walk Registration” in the Audubon Room between 1 and 3 p.m. on Friday, June 15. The mite walk begins at 4 p.m. on the Patio. Refer to the map in the convention packet. The mites will be a “Walking Start” on money for the new grants being adopted for the 2018-2020 biennium. See the proposed mission grants on the following pages and in the recent bulk mailing.

Washington-Alaska District Board Meeting

Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington

March 16-17, 2018



2018-2020 Mission Grant Proposals

1. **Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund \$18,600**
District scholarship funds are used to aid students from our district, who are studying to be pastors, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, teachers, and other ministry positions in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
2. **Camp Courage – A Place of Hope and Healing – LCMS \$4,000**
Funds will help support a vacation Bible school type camp and is designed for children in the church and community who have been impacted by a recent traumatic event, and it teaches them how to live a life of faith even in the midst of disaster.
3. **Care Center Outreach, Seattle/Puget Sound Area – Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest \$2,700**
[Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]
Funds will be used to facilitate expansion of the care center outreach by providing materials to equip 10 additional care center ministry teams to bring the Christ-centered nursing home ministry (song services and individual visitation by request) to a total of 20 different locations.
4. **Classroom Addition – Sterling Lutheran Church, Sterling, Alaska \$5,000**
Funds will allow for purchasing of furnishings, carpeting, tables, chairs, white board and display boards, and storage cabinets for a new classroom in a church that has no classroom.
5. **Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Student Support \$3,500**
Funds will help Concordia Seminary's program of forming global students prepare them to carry out the Great Commission because there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education in the majority of these countries.
6. **Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field – LCMS \$4,000**
Funds will help LCMS Deaconess Ministry work to assist, advise, facilitate, and coordinate deaconess training with LCMS partner churches around the world with Lutheran women in Kenya, Liberia, Latvia, Philippines, South Africa, India, Latin America, Russia, and many other places. Deaconess assistance is also needed for mercy mission trips, both national and international, at times of natural and man-made disasters, theological retreats, youth camps and conducting vacation bible schools.
7. **Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel \$5,000**
Funds will help Bethesda Lutheran Communities (Bethesda) focus on sharing the Gospel with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) that need support.
8. **Expanding the Dominican Republic Disability Ministry as God's Word and Jesus's Love is Shared – LCMS \$8,000**
Funds will be used to minister people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Dominican Republic by the LCMS Dominican mission team and the Dominican Lutheran Church by providing transportation for members to the two government institutions for people with IDD, one for children and one for adults, so members can develop relationships with these children of God and the staff, and share His Word with them.
9. **Every One His Witness Special Focus Modules – LCMS \$4,000**
Funds will allow for continued module development, various media formats created and other resources in multiple languages and applying to specific witnessing contexts with special focus on circumstances, such as during Disaster Response, for the *Every One His Witness* evangelism program.
10. **Kayla Hoem Missionary in Spain – Mission Central \$5,000**
Funds will help Kayla share the Good News in the language of the people she serves and works for and will be able to reach more and more people in Spain through her many talents of teaching, sharing and enrichment activities at the first LCMS church now underway in Spain.
11. **Learn and Play – Messiah Lutheran Church, Prosser, Washington \$12,000**
Funds will help provide the staff with enhanced training to learn how to better manage challenging behaviors in toddlers and preschool children. The purpose of this ministry is to prepare children ages three to five years for Kindergarten and school age children up to age 12 in a setting where they continually hear about Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- 12. Kenyan Christian Arts – Western Kenya \$9,800**

Funds will help with the renovation and expansion of a larger shaded work area and additional stone cutting equipment for the artisans. As the artisans work mainly in the hot sun, the large shaded work area and additional stone cutting equipment will allow them to be more efficient and work in a healthier environment and provide Christian education to the orphans, ill, and destitute people of the Kisii area.
- 13. Ministry Applied Practice (MAP)-West Coast – LCMS, Northwest District \$5,000**

Funds will be used to build upon and enhance the successful MAP-West Coast program that continues to expand and grow each year. This grant will assist with travel costs for pastors in remote areas, and also help the MAP Wives purchase curriculum and study materials.
- 14. Musical Instruments for Native Youth Program in Neah Bay – Lutheran Indian Ministries \$6,500**
 [Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]

Funds are needed to purchase musical instruments for youth to take lessons and practice on and use in worship at Makah Lutheran Church since there is no musical arts program offered at Neah Bay High School. Music lessons are offered which help develop discipline, purpose, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging, but few students have their own instruments.
- 15. Opportunity Mission Outreach – LWML Washington-Alaska District Short Term Missions Committee \$6,000**

Funds are for financial assistance for LCMS women in our Washington-Alaska District to participate on a short-term mission trip.
- 16. PB & J for the Homeless \$4,000**

Funds will help the group of Christian volunteers at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Milton, Washington, purchase supplies of peanut butter, jelly, and Ziploc bags, to make 500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches weekly to serve the homeless.
- 17. Project JOEL – Outreach to Youth in Latin America – Lutheran Hour Ministries \$5,000**

Funds will assist in training and equipping young people with practical information and preventive education regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, promiscuity, and the consequences of these actions (teen pregnancy, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases), while sharing the Good News of salvation through Christ as the foundation for a solid and productive life.
- 18. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love – Lutheran Braille Workers \$6,000**
 [Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]

Funds will be used to help with the cost of opening a work center to produce the ESV Bible in 14-point font to be distributed to visually impaired people who are incarcerated throughout the United States.
- 19. Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan – Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$5,000**
 [Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]

Funds will allow seminary experts to develop a challenging three-year curriculum plus a one-year vicarage to those committed to become good pastors. A challenge has been that the Sudanese seminarians have no money at all and there is no way they could pay to travel to other countries.
- 20. Sharing the Love of Christ in Lima – Lima, Perú – LCMS \$5,000**

Funds will assist a new missionary in Lima as Volunteer Coordinator and Communication Specialist for two years. She will also cover events and mission news in Perú to maintain ongoing communication between missionaries, supporters, and the community.
- 21. Southeast Alaska Travel Fund – Alaska Mission for Christ \$10,000**

Funds will be used to pay for the costly travel via air and ferry to the remote communities of Southeast Alaska. Pastor Aaron Spratt is Alaska Mission for Christ's sole missionary to the over 70,000 square miles area of Southeast Alaska and will be responsible for the faithful implementation of this proposed mission.
- 22. Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories – Lutheran Friends of the Deaf \$5,000**
 [Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]

Funds will help create Spanish translations of the American Sign Language Bible Stories created by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, for the graphic design of books and Spanish voiceover and captioning of videos.

23. Trinity HOPE – Haiti \$5,000

Funding of Trinity HOPE will assist Lutheran Churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children who attend their schools by more adequately meeting their physical needs through providing a daily nutritious meal.

24. Vehicle for Elliot and Serena Derricks – Lutheran Bible Translators \$10,000

[Recognized Service Organization of LCMS]

Funding of a vehicle is needed to transport the Derricks family, the translation team, and the equipment and materials needed to do the translation work in Cameroon and bring God's Word to all people in the language of their hearts. When Elliot Derricks and the translation team finish a first draft of a book of the Bible, they travel many hours on very rough roads to different villages to read the draft to the community.

25. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families – LCMS \$3,000

Funding will assist the rising need of wellness training and support to our military chaplains and wives. Ministry to the Armed Forces wants to expand the existing program to include Chaplains wives. The Worker Wellness Retreat for Chaplain Families would provide a real break from the hectic and stressful ministry lifestyle and provide a time for renewed energy and joy in ministry.

2018 Sunday Convention Offering Recipient Proposals

1. Center for Prayer and Renewal
2. Kitsap Rescue Mission
3. Matthew House
4. Mission Community Outreach Center

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Janet Rust, Director

CONVENTION SHOPPER ALERT!

The LWML Store at the district convention will be in Riverfront Ballroom D, and you will not want to miss out on some fun! Enjoy shopping with your sisters and find something special to take back to your society or for yourself. You will find notepads, new LWML logo pens, LWML socks, jewelry, district polo shirts, Bible studies, devotions, and much more.

Something new this year → tables will be available for you to relax and visit with friends. Also, do you like crafts? You can buy and decorate a visor in purple or lavender with all proceeds going toward mites. You might want to decorate one early for the Mite Walk on Friday!

Want a picture of yourself with your new friends? Come to the photo booth in the LWML Store area, dress with a little 75th anniversary jazz, and SMILE!!

Concordia Publishing House will not be attending any district conventions this year, but it is offering a discount to all convention attendees. Check out the convention newsletter in your registration packet for details when you sign in at the convention.

Be on the watch for the Time Capsule in celebration of the Washington-Alaska District 75th anniversary!

[Going to the 2019 LWML convention in Mobile, Alabama? Order forms will be available to order the LWML polo shirt early.]

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 revised contact information is found on the roster of this newsletter.

Please copy this issue for the women in your church!

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ZONE NEWS

East Inland Empire Zone

Heather Selset, President

On the beautiful spring Saturday of April 21 in Spokane, Washington, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 64 of God's children met for worship, fellowship, Bible study, and service projects at the joyshop. The theme focused on being rooted and "Grounded in Love" (Ephesians 3:17-19), a nod to the district convention. The ladies put together items for convention attendees (no spoilers!) and tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

In late February, East Inland Empire Zone Secretary LaWana Holden was called home to the Lord following a car accident. The ladies in the zone donated \$301 to the LWML Endowment Fund in her memory.

Additionally, the ladies collected a mite offering of \$218.29 with another \$83 raised for mites from chances to win a basket of purple goodies that was put together by the zone's board of directors. The ingathering recipient, GraceSon Housing Foundation, took back a car completely filled with items to bless the teen moms and moms-to-be whom it houses, provides care, and ministers. Thanks be to God!

The ladies of East Inland Empire Zone are ready and eager to be part of the host zones for the district convention! We hope to see you there!



Hood Canal Zone

Susan Abbe, President

A wonderful joyshop was hosted by the ladies of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, Washington, Saturday, April 14. Thirty-four people attended including District President Marie Chow and Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Dr. Robert Stroud. With the theme, "I Am a Child of Jesus," Pastor Patrick Lovejoy of St. Matthew presented the sermon and communion service as Pastor James Wilbur assisted. The sermon theme centered around the most important number "1," Jesus Christ, Who is the One Who is always with us, the One Who saved us, the One Who loves us.

President Marie delivered her report with emphasis on the upcoming district convention in Spokane this June. Guest speaker Cathy Benzler of Hope House Ministries talked on how she and her husband Tom serve the Native Americans of the Olympic Peninsula through their Hope House Food Closet Ministry and Bible studies. An ingathering of food items and monetary gifts were presented to the ministry. Natalie Maxson from the Makah Lutheran Church in Neah Bay will take over the food closet in June. Cathy presented gifts of gratitude to various officers. President Marie Chow was wrapped in a beautiful blanket with orca motifs.

A delightful lunch was served by the ladies of St. Matthew. A hands-on project had the ladies make Joyful Brooches to wear or give away. The brooches featured words of fellowship, faith, and encouragement. Zone Christian Life Chair Barbara Paul gave a closing short devotion and prayer.



L to R: Anna Noble, Short Term Missions
Chairman Twyla Mitson, and Barb Cody

Inter-Valley Zone

Pam Rafferty, President

At the zone joyshop on April 28 at Calvary Church in Sunnyside, Washington, the ladies were treated to an exceptional program by Short Term Mission recipients Anna Noble and Barb Cody from Bethlehem Church in Kennewick. Barb and Anna shared the passionate story of their trip to Guatemala this past February with four other ladies. Their story of hosting Bible lessons with young children and high school aged youth, and home visits with needy families touched the hearts of the women. We were encouraged to pray for Guatemala, sponsor a child, or consider going on a short-term mission trip ourselves. The oldest lady who went in February is 77 years young! The zone was blessed to have Past District President MaryLynn Huntwork and Short Term Missions Committee Chairman Twyla Mitson in attendance. District Treasurer Doris Wurl presented greetings from President Marie.

North Columbia Zone

Sandi Hall, President

Spring has finally sprung here in the north central valley of Washington. The spring joyshop “Sew for Life Sow for Joy” was at Hope Lutheran Church in Havillah, Washington, on April 7. The ladies enjoyed an inspiring and motivational presentation from the “Sew For Life” in Bukeeka, Uganda, mission team. Three of the four women were granted \$1,000 each from the district as part of the Opportunity Mission Outreach mission grant. Additionally they were able to hold fundraisers to earn enough money to help with travels, sewing machines, fabric, and miscellaneous notions for the mission.

Kim Helleson presented a wonderful Bible study based on 2 Chronicles 9:10-13. Although an inch of snow fell during the meeting, the ladies still had a great time and enjoyed a delectable lunch by the ladies of Havillah.

The ladies of the societies in the zone have been working on crocheted plastic mats for the homeless in Spokane. The mats were brought to the joyshop and will be taken to Lutheran Charities in June during the district convention. The ladies of the Havillah church have made over 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief this past year. Trinity Republic ladies have made quilts for the homeless in the community, baby quilts for Care Net in Omak, and denim totes filled with items for mom and baby for Care Net. North Columbia Zone keeps busy “Serving Our Lord with Gladness.”



At left are picture boards from the “Sew for Life” team members. Look for these displays and more at the Short Term Missions Committee display at the district convention in June. Come learn how easy it is to go on a mission!

South Columbia Zone

MaryLynn Huntwork, President

Zion Church in Grand Coulee, Washington, hosted this year's joyshop with the theme of “God's Love Grows” (Ephesians 3:16-19). Pastor Neider gave the opening devotion, and Pastor Loppnow led the Bible study and closing. Ingathering items were dedicated to Care Net of Grand Coulee. Rachel Harris talked about how the items would be given to the patrons, about how relationships are built, and about the ministry.

Attendees at this event were treated to a fun painting ministry, “Cross My Art,” presented by Heather Selset with assistance from husband Lee. A goodwill offering was collected to help with that ministry. Heather also represented the district and gave the President's report. St. Paul's women shared a mite devotion, and the offering was gathered. MaryLynn shared Albuquerque convention highlights and Jan Struck's skit as Katie Luther. All in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ, South Columbia came together to grow in fellowship, laugh, eat, and share ideas.



SOCIETY CORNER

Priscillas

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington
Mount Baker Zone



Left: Kim Wagner (R)
with Mary Miller (L)
Above: Thanksgiving table

By tradition on the first Sunday in May, 117 women and girls of Trinity gathered for the Priscillas Ladies Spring Luncheon, a potluck of salads and desserts. With the theme "Celebration of Life," each table setting represented a different life celebration — baptism, confirmation, marriage,

Christmas, Easter, and other occasions celebrated throughout the year. Pampering was done by kind gentlemen of the congregation who came to clear away the dishes and do kitchen clean-up while the ladies were entertained in the sanctuary.

It was a day to celebrate with Trinity's own Kim Wagner, a motivational humorist and wife of Pastor David Wagner of Trinity, who has been speaking and writing professionally for 16 years. She is also a songwriter, vocalist, and musician. Despite being diagnosed in 2011 with Stage 3 breast cancer, Kim defines herself as an authentic celebrator of life! Her book, *Saying Goodbye to the Girls: A Light Look at the Dark Side of Cancer*, was released in May 2015 and is a must-read for anyone dealing with cancer. Kim Wagner's message to the overflowing crowd at Trinity was that there is joy in the cancer journey, laughter in the tears, and a realization that life is too precious not to celebrate. Priscillas co-President Terry Peterson presented Kim with a vase of pink roses.

Reported by Mary Miller, Priscillas Secretary

Zion LWML

Zion Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Washington
Mount Baker Zone



The LWML Society at Zion Lutheran Church is busy making quilts every Wednesday morning along with the Project Linus group. The quilting group sent 185 quilts to Lutheran World Relief in early May.

The Project Linus group has made hundreds of quilts for children and babies who have faced traumatic situations. Created by loving hands, all of the blankets provide warmth and comfort.

Everyone is encouraged to come and help. You do not even need to be a quilter to participate!

Reported by Rosemary Randall



LWML

Trinity Lutheran Church, Olympia, Washington
Rainier Zone

The women of Trinity Lutheran Church have supported Habitat for Humanity for many years by supplying 14 to 20 sack lunches each month for workers at the building sites.

When one of the members of Trinity LWML had a friend who was excited to be moving into a Habitat house, the group decided to make the relationship more personal. The new homeowner was invited to attend a housewarming party. They listened to her story and gave her over \$250 in gift cards along with a number of other useful gifts. The gifts included a "moving day bag" with useful items on moving day such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cutlery, rags, hand soap, hand towels, a tape measure, plastic cups, and a coffee mug.

What a privilege to be able to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" in this way! Reported by Judith Ikerd, President

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following the district
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