



# Filled with His Will



## Evergreen Echoes

LWML Washington-Alaska District

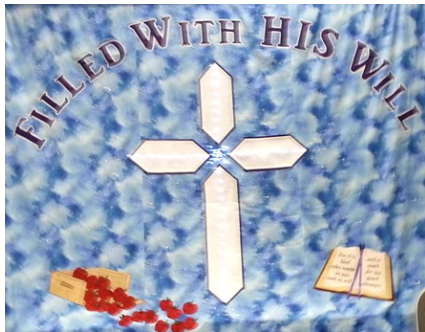


Fall, 2014

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**EVERGREEN ECHOES WINTER**  
**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2014**



### Mission Statement of the LWML

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.

### Greetings from the LWML WA-AK District President

Thank you so much for the honor to serve you and our Lord as the president of the LWML Washington-Alaska District.



Many of you may be wondering—who is Marie Chow? The first LWML district convention I attended was as a Young Woman Representative in the 1990s, but I really didn't get involved until a few years later in my own society. During this time, I was asked to help a friend with her district officer's duties like typing a newsletter or being part of a sketch. That got me hooked! I later became the zone secretary-treasurer. At the district level, I was Nominating Committee Chairman, Recording Secretary, Planner, and Vice President of Servant Resources. It was a privilege to work on the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland, as the Publicity Committee Chairman for the Host Committee. Currently, I am serving as the LWML Meeting Manager with my term ending in June 2015.

The main reason I stay involved with LWML is because this organization is focused on the Word and missions. LWML encourages women to use their time and talents to expand God's kingdom. Sharing all the hugs and smiles is an experience in which I love to participate at every LWML event.

Raised in Seattle, I am single and the oldest of four daughters. Sunday mornings will find me attending Christ the King in Bellevue, Washington. Employed at Liberty Mutual Insurance, I am a Principal Software Developer where I support the personal lines claims system. When not busy with LWML and work, I love to travel, go out to eat, and spend time with my niece and two nephews!

As this biennium begins, please think about where God is leading you and where He wants you to be as you walk with Him. I pray that you find a place in LWML where you can use your time or talent as we together work as God directs in helping to expand His kingdom.

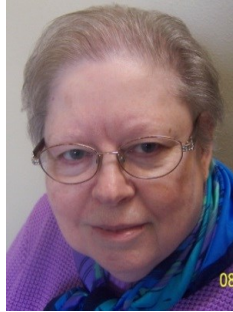
Serving Christ With You,  
 Marie Chow

## CONVENTION RECAP

*We said “Hello” to newly elected LWML WA-AK District officers, and*



**Marie Chow**  
District  
President



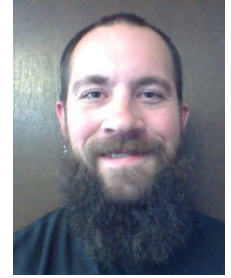
**Sandy Geisler**  
Vice President of  
Organizational  
Resources\*



**Elizabeth Cook**  
Vice President of  
Special Focus  
Ministries\*\*



**Donna Chow**  
Financial  
Secretary



**Pastor Tim  
Winterstein**  
Pastoral  
Counselor, East

The convention delegates approved bylaw changes for two of the Vice President titles.

\* Formerly Vice President of Servant Resources

\*\* Formerly Vice President of Human Care

### Nominating Committee



**Pam Rafferty**  
Chairman



**Judy Ikerd**  
Member



**Judy Jeffery**  
Member



**Cristina McNulty**  
Member



**Marilyn Schaefer**  
Member

*“goodbye” to elected officers who completed their terms.*

### ROSES TO EACH OF YOU!!



Past District President .....	MaryLynn Huntwork
Past Vice President of Human Care .....	Sandi Hall
Past Financial Secretary .....	Deb Jones
Past Nominating Committee .....	Lee Ann Tibbals, Vicky Druge, Tina Gilkey, Sharon Westman
Past Pastoral Counselor East .....	Pastor Ken Schauer





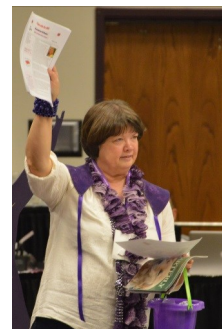
## 2014 Convention Co-Chair Wrap Up

We are in the process of wrapping up items from the LWML WA-AK District 2014 Convention. We had our last Convention Committee meeting in Wenatchee on August 23. It has been wonderful to work with ladies from our Lutheran churches in our host zones—Alaska Zone, North Columbia Zone, and South Columbia Zone. Not only have we made new friends, but also we have gained knowledge of their talents and proficiencies. We want to thank all of you for attending the three-day convention and hope that you are, as a result, Filled With HIS Will!

Linda Miller and Janet Rust

**Thank you,  
Linda and  
Janet!!!**

## Memories in Pictures







**Convention Pictures.** Lorna Williams has pictures she has taken on a disc. If you are interested in receiving a disc, please contact her at 360-943-1477.

**Mission Grants  
2014 – 2016  
LWML WA-AK District**

1. Aid to the WA-AK District Scholarship .....	\$17,800
2. Clean Water and Mattresses for Malagasy Lutheran Hospital .....	\$ 7,500
3. Alaska Mission for Christ .....	\$ 7,500
4. Elwha Ministry—Hope House .....	\$ 4,000
5. Concordia Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne .....	\$ 5,000
6. Opportunity Mission Outreach, LWML WA-AK District .....	\$ 5,000
7. Trinity/HOPE Feeding Program in Haiti .....	\$ 5,000
8. Coffee 4 Kids Honduras .....	\$ 7,500
9. Mighty Fortress Mercy House, Lima Peru .....	\$ 5,000
10. Lutheran Heritage Foundation Sunday Sermons for South Africa .....	\$ 4,250
11. Bethesda Lutheran Communities .....	\$ 4,000
12. Lutheran Library for the Blind .....	\$ 5,000
13. Rev. Dave Horn: Burning Bush League .....	\$ 4,000
14. Transforming Campus Ministry .....	\$ 4,000
15. Light of Christ Community Garden—Federal Way .....	\$ 3,450
<b>Mission Grant Total .....</b>	<b>\$89,000</b>



**What a Wonderful Convention in Wenatchee!**

Thank you mite walkers and mite givers—because of your generosity, “Walkin’ Wenatchee” brought in \$4,619.00. We collected \$2,751.13 for mites during the Friday convention offering. **Total mites collected at convention were \$7,370.13!** A check for \$2,743.66 was collected during the Sunday offering and was sent to Immanuel Lutheran Social Ministry in Puyallup—Freezing Nights.

This is a fantastic start to funding our district and our new missions.

The mite goal set at convention is \$170,000 for the 2014-2016 Biennium. This includes \$89,000 for district grants, \$42,500 (our 25%) for LWML mites, and \$38,500 for inreach (district operations).



**Mission Possible** ...*all things are possible with God* Mark 10:27 (NIV).

With the adoption of bylaw changes, the Gospel Outreach Department consists of the following four committees: Mission Grants, Scholarship, Mission Servants, and Short Term Missions. Please pray about submitting your name for consideration as a committee member.

God bless you as we continue into the next biennium.

Marilee Ryan  
VP Gospel Outreach



## Corresponding Secretary

### Reminder - Roster Updates

Please remember to send in your Society and Zone updates when you have an election. Keeping the district information updated is very important. Please use the form because it includes information that is sometimes forgotten when the information is sent via email. For example, number of members is often overlooked until it is time to send in your travel equalization; many emails do not include the name of the Zone. It is very difficult to find one society out of ninety-seven if this information is not included. If the officers remain the same, just note that fact and update only those that have changed. A date at the top is helpful. Forms can be found on the District Website at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org)

Linda Miller, Corresponding Secretary

## Christian Life

### Maybe vs. May Be

We say, maybe I'll dye my hair green. Maybe I've done enough. Maybe I'll have enough money. Maybe I'll be happy. Maybe maybe maybe....

Jesus says, *"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy **may be** in you, and that your joy **may be** full"* John 15:11 (NIV).

"In holy conversation we speak to God in prayer, and at His invitation our deepest thoughts we share. We come, His will obeying, as children bringing needs; and to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations begin in childlike ways; we bring our supplications and words of thanks and praise. With care our Father listens to every thought expressed, then answers our petitions in ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation, in silence or by word, in every situation through Jesus we are heard. So let us pray securely, expressing hopes and fears with confidence that surely our Father ever hears." LSB 772

Your Sisters in Christ,  
The Christian Life Committee  
Cheryl L. Beyer, VP Christian Life

### SAVE THE DATE!

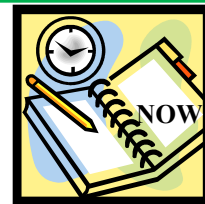
#### WA-AK District Retreat

**When:** September 25 – 27, 2015

**Where:** Leavenworth, WA

**Best Western Plus Icicle Inn at the Icicle  
Village Resort!**

**Think about your favorite hymn!  
Come join us for Bible Study,  
Fellowship, Music, and Fun!**



### The Time Is NOW!

The time is NOW to share what LWML means to you with the women in your life and assist them to use their gifts to serve the Lord. Take a pledge and receive "2-Minute Tuesday" email tips to share. Go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and click on the "The Time is Now" logo to sign up.

## Young Women Committee



### We are Young Women... Filled with His Will!

The Young Women Committee and our nine Young Woman Representatives had an amazing experience at the district convention in Wenatchee. In addition to participating in most of the business meetings and activities available to the convention body, our Young Women assisted with the Ingathering and spent time tying 14 fleece blankets that were donated to Freezing Nights in Puyallup. We met each morning for devotions as well as in the evening to review the day and spend time in fellowship with one another. On Sunday morning, each of our women spoke about the way the Lord used our weekend at convention to “fill them with His will.” Below are some of their thoughts about their convention experience:

*“This experience encouraged me and helped me grow in God’s Word more than I ever thought it could.”*

*“I really enjoyed seeing all of the missions that have been helped, as well as meeting other young women from our district.”*

*“The best part of being a YWR was getting to talk and share stories with each other. I don’t get to spend time like that with Christian women very often.”*

*“I feel service to others is my calling, and I feel like the LWML is how I can accomplish this.”*

Thank you to all who invited or encouraged a young woman to attend our convention, and to all who shared encouraging words with our young women in Wenatchee.

Up next for the young women in our district is the opportunity to participate in the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, from June 25-28, 2015 as a Young Woman Representative. Young women ages 22-35 are encouraged to apply by December 12, 2014. For more information, visit the Young Women page on our website:

<http://www.wa-aklwml.org>

Amanda Haan, Outgoing Young Women Committee Chairperson



**Upper Left:** Young Woman Reps and the Young Women Committee.

**Upper Right:** Selfies were a big part of this convention.

**Lower Left:** Young Woman Reps help with the Ingathering for Solomon’s Porch.



Two teens attended the convention: Cheyanne (left) and Patience (right).

## Leadership Development

### Convention Leadership

Thanks be to God for the blessing of our 2014 LWML WA-AK District Convention in Wenatchee! We of the Leader Development Committee are especially thankful for the inspiring examples of faith-filled leadership evident at the convention.

- We witnessed six of our past District Presidents serving the Lord, and our district, with gladness.
- Our retiring president, MaryLynn Huntwork, shared her love of the Lord, and the mission of the LWML in exciting and colorful ways.
- Our newly elected president, Marie Chow, served faithfully (and in detail) as the district Vice President of Servant Resources.
- The Zone Presidents and the other members of our district Board of Directors worked together to provide a great convention.
- Linda Miller and Janet Rust, convention co-chairmen, led the Convention Committee in planning and presenting a marvelous and meaningful event. We, as a district, are blessed with great leadership!
- The Leader Development Committee display presented a variety of ideas for leaders to use in putting more “zip, pizzazz, and spice” into meetings and events. Programs to encourage and assist the building of leadership skills ranged from the basic “Meetings 101” to the “Mentoring Kit” that includes several activities and meetings. Many visitors examined the downloadable materials on display.

Always remembering that the Triune God is our Leader – working in us, filling us with His will – we place all we do in His hands!

Your Outgoing Leader Development Committee,  
Margaret Ebert; Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

## Counselor's Chat Corner

Greetings to the Washington-Alaska District of the LWML!

It is an honor and a privilege to begin my term as the junior Pastoral Counselor. Thank you for the opportunity both to serve you and to serve alongside you.

To briefly introduce myself: I am well acquainted with the Northwest District of the LCMS since I was born and raised in Olympia, WA, graduated from Concordia University in Portland, OR, and have been back to visit my parents (many of you know my mom, Kathie) numerous times before moving to East Wenatchee last October. It's new to me to live on the east side of the mountains, but we are enjoying it so far (although, I will admit, I do miss the rain!). I have been married to Tennille for 13 years and we have four children: Lucia (10), Jonas (7), Salem (5), and Cyrus (3). I spent my first six years as a pastor in Fisher, MN, a small town just on the Minnesota side of the border with Grand Forks, ND. We enjoyed our time there, but we are happy to be back in the Northwest.

I love the idea of vocation, the idea that each of us has a *unique* web of relationships in which to serve our neighbors. As mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, members of the LWML and pastors, we each have a specific place in which to serve, and they are all good and pleasing to God, because, in Christ, *we* are all good and pleasing to God. We can do whatever our hands find to do, and the Lord blesses it because we are covered with the blood of Christ. I look forward to thinking more about our various and God-given vocations during my time as counselor. Thank you and see you soon!

Pr. Timothy Winterstein



## Human Care

Praise be to God! We made it through these past four years, two district conventions, numerous Ingatherings and Servant Events. I do hope all of you enjoyed the convention in Wenatchee as much as I did. Yes, I was tired at the end but so "Filled with His Will" that it didn't matter! The joy I felt when I saw all of the wonderful donations to Solomon's Porch—we sent them home with 69 hygiene kits, 16 school kits and separate items to make hygiene kits totaled 200 pieces, not to mention the wonderful donation of gift cards and monetary donation of \$500. We put together about 50 bags of hope and caring for Phil's Friends and a \$200 donation.

I just want to thank every one of you who participated in all of the Human Care activities the past four years. You are truly God's servants, and He is smiling.

A special thank you to my committee, Sandi Schauer, Judy Jeffery, and Betty Alm. You have no idea how much easier you made my job. Thank you for the wonderful gift! I will treasure it always and think of you every time I look at it. I will miss being with all of you as the Vice President of Human Care.

Blessings to all,  
Sandi Hall, Past VP Human Care

## Financial Secretary

WOW!!! What a wonderful convention we attended in Wenatchee!!! I have been so blessed to serve as your Financial Secretary for the last four years. I am waiting to see the next task that He has for me!!

### Here are the figures from the 2014 LWML WA-AK District Convention:

Friday Night Offering—LWML WA-AK Mites.....	\$2,751.13
Mite Walk.....	\$4,889.00
Banquet Centerpieces—Mites .....	\$ 299.20
Purple Prez Mites .....	\$1,074.15
Sunday Offering—Immanuel Lutheran Social Ministry—Freezing Nights, Puyallup .....	\$2,743.66

Blessings,  
Deb Jones, Past Financial Secretary

## Structure Committee

The convention was great! You are fired up for the next quarter of LWML activities. So, what do your bylaws tell you about those activities? Are the bylaws up-to-date? Or are they written on a purple master and run off on a ditto machine? Do you still have a Christian Growth Chairman? When WERE your society's bylaws last revised?

Your bylaws are there to help your society/zone run efficiently and with little conflict. The national organization and our WA-AK District have changed the names of some positions, and duties of some offices have changed. You may want to keep up with the terms to make it easier to understand what is happening. For more information and to find a template for society/zone bylaws go to the District Web Page and look for the "Structure/Bylaws" button on the left side of the webpage.



Your District Structure Committee,  
Ruth Ann Shimoi  
Sandy Geisler, Chairman

## *Zone Rally Information*

### **Alaska**

September 19-20  
Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Chugiak, AK

### **Blue Mountain**

October 4  
Trinity Lutheran  
Pasco, WA  
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Theme:** “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”

### **East Inland Empire**

October 18  
Redeemer Lutheran  
Spokane Valley, WA  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Hood Canal**

October 18  
Peace Lutheran  
Bremerton, WA  
9:30 a.m. Registration  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **Inter-Valley**

September 27  
Mt. Olive Lutheran  
Yakima, WA  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Theme:** “Hooked on Jesus.”

### **Lake Washington**

October 4  
Peace Lutheran  
Covington, WA  
8:15 a.m. Registration  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

### **Mount Baker**

October 11  
Trinity Lutheran  
Bellingham, WA  
9:30 a.m. Registration  
**Speaker:** David Grosz  
**Topic:** Alaska Mission for Christ

### **North Columbia**

September 13  
Hope Lutheran  
Brewster, WA  
9 a.m. Registration  
**Speaker:** Peggy Fend of Shared Hope International  
**Topic:** Human Trafficking Awareness

### **Olympic**

October 11  
Epiphany Lutheran  
Kenmore, WA  
10 a.m.

### **Rainier**

October 18  
Light of Christ Lutheran  
Federal Way, WA  
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Speaker:** From Seafarer Center

### **South Columbia**

September 27  
Zion Lutheran  
Grand Coulee, WA  
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Theme:** “Jesus Christ, Recipe for Life.” John 6:35  
**Bible Study Leader:** Pastor Howard Neider  
**Speaker:** Sue Neider  
**Topic:** Malaria Project



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## 2014-2016 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster



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#### Organizational Resources

Sandy Geisler

### Vice President of Christian Life

Cheryl L. Beyer

### Vice President of

#### Special Focus Ministries

Elizabeth Cook

### Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Marilee Ryan

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Donna Chow

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### Counselor - East

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### Webmaster

Julie Onken

### Heart to Heart Sisters Committee

#### Chairman

TBD

### Leader Development Committee

#### Chairman

TBD

### Mission Servants Committee

#### Chairman

TBD

### Nominating Committee Chairman

Pam Rafferty

### Scholarship Committee Chairman

Sarah Edwards

### Short Term Missions Committee

#### Chairman

TBD

### Teen Committee Chairman

TBD

### Young Women Committee

#### Chairman

TBD



***Please send mites to the new Financial Secretary, Donna Chow, who was elected in June. New forms were emailed to your zone president. Order mite boxes from and send any roster changes to Corresponding Secretary, Linda Miller.***

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Convention candle is extinguished!

Goodbye. . . Farewell.



This is my last issue as your editor. It has been a great joy for me to serve my Lord and you in this capacity. I have especially enjoyed meeting many wonderful people involved in the LWML WA-AK District. The cooperation I received from the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors was super. I am grateful.

Sandi Schauer  
Editor