



Evergreen Echoes

*LWML Washington-Alaska District
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

God's blessing to you all! As we start a new biennium, your new president also has a new broken shoulder! I ask for all of your prayers as I try to negotiate one-handed. This is where we remember to, "give thanks in all things!

I recently heard a podcast that mentioned "sacrificial involvement." We are to be involved in our work as witnesses to the Word, and that witnessing might involve sacrifice. Our example is Jesus Himself – He spent His life telling others the truths of Scripture (the Old Testament). He told those around Him that the OT was all about HIM, the promised Messiah! And as He involved Himself with the needs of others, always looking to the cross where He would sacrifice Himself for the sins of all the world. Our lives as witnesses will be "sacrificial involvement," too. Let us pray for each other that we have many opportunities to tell others about our Savior, even if it is uncomfortable for us.

My prayer for the next four years in the LWML WA-AK District is that we have opportunity to meet together, love each other, care for each other, and have the joy of serving the Lord with gladness!

In Christ,
Ruth Ann Shimoi

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This is my first official communication to everyone as the new Vice-President of Organizational Resources. I have lots to learn in this office so please bear with me. At the end of our WA/AK District Convention, Marjorie O'Rourke gave me multiple boxes of materials for this office. I am slowly going through all the information in them. As I look through our District Procedures Manual and the District Bylaws Manual, I have lots of information to digest in this new office. At the Convention we passed some bylaws amendments that I'll be updating in the days to come. There are also some updates for the Procedures Manual as well.

The VP of Organizational Resources serves as an assistant to the President and performs the duties of the President in her absence or at the request of the President. I serve as the coordinator of the Department of Organizational Resources and Leader Development Committee and serve as the chairman of the Structure Committee. As an elected officer, I report at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors' meetings. If you look in the current District Procedures Manual, you'll find my new position is described on pages 27-33. This will take me a while to digest all this information so please be patient with me.

Our WA/AK District Website has important information for all the groups when they are looking at updating their bylaws. Please check <https://www.wa-aklwml.org/committees/structure-bylaws>. I will be updating some of that information in the near future.

Structure/Bylaws

The purpose of the Structure Committee is to keep the bylaws and related resources flexible, while maintaining the legal status of the organization.

Process for Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

The following is a summary of the process. See the detailed process which includes how many copies need to be sent, etc. by using the "Bylaw Amendment Process" tab.

- Once you have your proposed amendments to your bylaws, submit the changes to the District Structure Committee Chairman for review and approval.
- The District Structure Committee will review your bylaws within a two-month time frame. If all is well, then approval is given.
- After the proposed amendments to your bylaws have been approved, you can present them to your society or zone to vote for adoption.
- After adoption, send the amended bylaws to the District Structure Committee Chairman. You are free to call or write to me.

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But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way (1 Corinthians 14:40 NIV).





Where and to Whom is God Sending You Today?

What a joy to be uplifted by the messages of our district's 34th Biennial Convention July 9-12th on the theme "Here I am! Send Me" (Isaiah 6:8)! As Bible Study Leader Deb Burma pointed out, Isaiah, like so many of us, initially felt unworthy before the Lord to carry His Word to the world. Through God's Grace and in the refining fire of the burning coal, Isaiah was cleansed of his sin, giving him the freedom to boldly proclaim "Here I am! Send Me," trusting in the Lord to equip him for service.

For me, this brought to mind our district's 2024 convention verse *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might* (Ephesians 6:10). Don't be afraid to be sent! God equips us with strong "UnderArmour" (thank you, Reverend Von Behren!) – the strength of truth, salvation, peace, and guidance that is always with us, present wherever and whenever we're led by the Spirit to share the Gospel and Jesus' love with others (Ephesians 6:10-20).

Deb Burma gave us practical step-by-step encouragement in answer to the question, *Where and to whom is God sending you today?* Initiate relationships and invest time (Colossians 4:5-6) with those you see each day; by God's Grace, others will see Jesus through you (Matthew 5:16) as you listen and love them in the name of the risen Christ; the Spirit will prompt you to identify mission moments (1 Peter 3:15) and God will give you the words and peace you need to speak (to God be the glory!). He may prompt you to ask others to join you in Christian fellowship (Galatians 6:9 and Romans 10:14-15) – invite them to your next LWML gathering and Sunday worship!

At convention, sixteen district mission grants were accepted by the voting delegates, with a district mite goal of \$80,000 for the 2026-2028 biennium. A new Mission Grant Prayer List is available on wa-aklwml.org and in the Fall *Evergreen Echoes* for posting on your LWML bulletin board! Fall scholarships have been sent to help fund the education of those dedicating their lives to church work within the LCMS.

Mites collected for missions through the mite walk and convention donations totaled \$6,227.88. Faith Lutheran Sequim's Showers of Blessings was selected for the Sunday offering of \$1,793.98. Short Term Mission opportunities were displayed at convention and Gifts from the Heart were blessed. Thank you for your generous donations of art items for Christ's Kitchen, glasses for MOST ministries, and crafted items to share God's love with others! Through your efforts and enthusiasm, the women of the Washington-Alaska District join together to serve the Lord with gladness!





I was hoping that I would have more news for you about the location of our retreat in September 2027. The place we voted on at our April EC meeting was not available. Soooo we are looking for a new venue for our retreat. If anyone has any suggestion we would be happy to check it out to see if it would work for us. I would like to have our retreat on the west side because we have had it in Kennewick for the last two retreats.

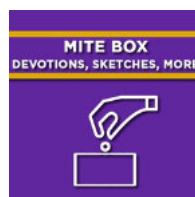
With Jacque Morner becoming our new Nominating Committee Chairman we are looking for another member for the Christian Life Committee. Let me know if you are interested. Many thanks to Jacque for all the work she did on our committee.

Hope you have had a better summer than we have had in Alaska.



Christian Life Project Ideas

Ever wondered where you could find some great ideas for a Christian Life project? Click on any of the links below and find great ideas that are available on the LWML national website.





I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Vice-President of Special Focus Ministries. During the Spokane convention a few of you thanked me for being willing to serve in this role. I felt so honored by that experience each time! I had never considered this role as anything but a privilege, an opportunity to bring glory to God, and a way in which to Serve with Gladness.

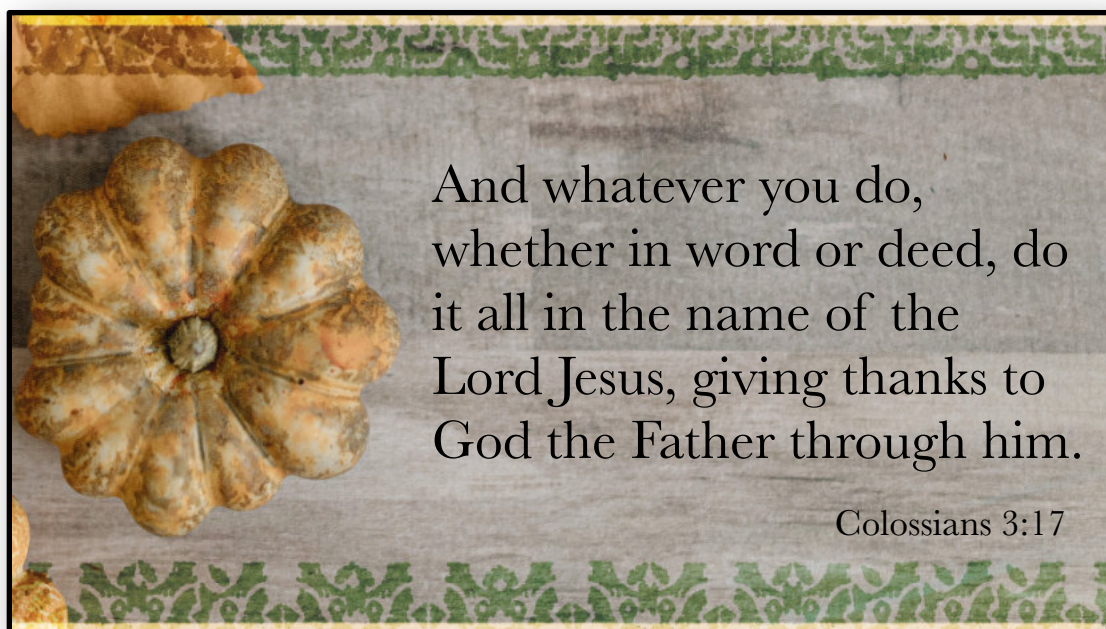
Special Focus Ministries currently includes two committees: Heart to Heart Sisters and the Young Women's Committee. At the national level they are creating a third committee simply called "Special Ministries" that serves LWML members who are blind, deaf, and developmentally challenged. Once that committee takes off, I'd be thrilled to help create a district level version and get it added to our bylaws.

Upon learning of these committees, many people ask some version of "why do we need that committee? Aren't they just part of Lutheran Women in Mission?" Every woman who belongs to a LCMS congregation automatically becomes a member of LWML. However, many of us face challenges with the "we've always done it that way" style.

We need Heart to Heart Sisters because some of us need Bible studies written in other languages while others want to bring our family's favorite French sablé to a Christmas cookie exchange.

Young women are the future of LWML: without them we are done. Many young women have very limited time because they are busy with college, starting their career, raising young children, getting married... they don't have two hours to spend in a meeting that simply reviews upcoming events. (And trust me, I checked with several young women before penning this article).

If you are interested in serving on either committee please contact me: my information is listed on the district roster near the final page of this issue. You may also contact me through the website.



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Serving the Lord with Gladness: Introducing Pastor Jim Pierce

The Psalmist writes, "Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" (Psalm 100:2). The first part of that verse is the motto for the LWML. Serving our Lord with gladness is a worthy, God fearing, aspiration. I have a similar guiding statement that has helped form my eight years of ministry: Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Each morning, I recite those incredibly encouraging words, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Those words are a reminder for me that each day God provides is an opportunity to joyfully serve my neighbor.

One opportunity to serve began in the summer of 2014 when my dear wife Suzanne and I packed up our earthly goods, left our home of twenty-seven years in Seattle, and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where I attended Concordia Seminary. What a wonderful four years we had at seminary, being shaped by God, formed for doing the ministry of healing souls with God's Word and Sacraments. God sent us from seminary to Anaconda, Montana where we joyfully served Redeemer Lutheran for five and half years before He returned us to our home state of Washington in 2024 when I accepted the call to serve dual parish Emmaus Lutheran Church (Pasco) and Messiah Lutheran Church (Basin City). Suzanne and I rejoice and are glad that God has led us to serve God's people in the Tri-cities area!

I am thankful to the dear Lutheran ladies of the LWML Washington-Alaska District for selecting me and giving me the opportunity to joyfully serve you as your junior counselor for the Inland Empire. Let us together rejoice and be glad that our wonderful Savior has given us a new day to serve Him through glad service to one another.





2026 Convention Offerings

Praise God for all these blessings as we begin our new biennium!

Convention Friday Night Offering: Mites	\$3,041.14
Convention Mite Walk	\$3,178.74
Convention Sunday Morning Offering: Showers of Blessings	\$1,793.97
Decorations for Mites	\$83.00
Convention Ingathering: Christ's Kitchen	\$125.00
Total Gathered at Convention	\$8,221.85



Short Term Ministry Committee Judy Norton, Chairman

News Flash – Short Term Missions is a Mission Grant for 2026-2028!

“Here I am! Send me! – this phrase burned in our hearts in July at the convention in Spokane. Over 150 of us were challenged and through us you are also challenged to respond.

There is no season for sharing Christ. It is possible any time. How about a winter event? Would spring give you time to prepare? Next summer? Will you go by plane, train, car or foot? Will you plan for a week-long VBS? a month clean-up effort? a day Bible study and interaction? Will you go with a group of 2? Or more? Alone? Let the Spirit lead and pray for an open heart.

Download a Short-Term Mission application form from the WA-AK LWML District website and let us support you with a grant.

To paraphrase Dr. Seuss: Oh, the places you’ll go when you hear God’s call- a land far away? Or somewhere near? Where the pall of sin covers all.

You have been washed! You can share the Good News- all can be cleansed and made new like you! So, get on your feet! Look around for where and when; and plan to go with help from your friends.



How exciting to begin a new biennium of missions that spread the Gospel and Word of God to our communities, our nation, and our world! District mission grants selected at the 2026 LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in Spokane for the 2026-2028 biennium (see the Mission Prayer List!) will be funded in the order determined by the votes of convention delegates as mites are collected by LWML groups, zones, and congregations, with District Scholarships and Short Term Missions funded as needed throughout the biennium.

Fall 2026 Scholarships of \$1000 have been sent to colleges of scholarship recipients in our district dedicating their studies to future church work. Please keep these scholarship recipients in your prayers as they begin their fall semester, that the Lord bless their studies and increase and strengthen their faith to His glory: Eric Breidert, Ryan Stites, Isaac Stults, and Kelsie Wiley.

You are funding missions through your mites! The following district mission grant is the next to be funded by the LWML Washington-Alaska District:

Worker Wellness for Chaplain Wives/Families – Twice a year, LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces hosts chaplain training events that provide worship, fellowship, theological study, and guidance on religious liberty issues. These gatherings strengthen chaplain wellness, keep them connected to their church body, and prepare them to better care for military personnel and their families. Recognizing the vital role of chaplain spouses, MAF has expanded these events to include them. Chaplain wives face the dual challenge of military life and church-worker isolation, often without strong peer networks. Participation in this retreat provides encouragement and Christ-centered fellowship with other spouses who share their unique calling, strengthening this vital mission to the Armed Forces. This \$5,000 grant will help cover travel expenses so spouses can share in the Worker Wellness program for chaplains, allowing this retreat to benefit the whole chaplain family.





Young Women
IN MISSION

Let no one despise you for your youth... (1 Timothy 4:12)

Greetings in the name of Jesus. It's a new year for our district, but the same mission for the young women. We had a fun turn out of young women at the district convention in Spokane this summer. With new faces getting the chance to learn more about the LWML, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind us what the Young Woman Committee does.

The Young Woman Committee is designed to involve and encourage younger women of the LCMS in the activities and service of the LWML. The committee is chaired by the Washington/Alaska District Young Woman Representative, beginning a two year term at the Biannual National Convention. She appoints members to the committee to accomplish the following tasks: develop communication lines with the young women, promote participation at the district retreat and convention, and encourage engagement at zone and local levels. Additionally, the Chair is a voting member of the board of directors and attends the board meetings.

The Young women committee is a great way to ease into the life and functions of LWML allowing space for questions, empower newer members to take up leadership roles with the help and guidance of seasoned members, and gives the opportunity to love and serve the Lord with gladness. As young women who often don't see many other younger faces in the organization, this committee is unique in providing chances to have fun and bring others into it. We are not only the future of the organization, but the present.





I come this year with a joy-filled and at the same time, heavy heart. My time as President is winding down. So much has happened over the past four years as Zone President. As Zone President, I have been truly blessed by meeting all the wonderful LWML ladies at rallies, meetings, and at local group meetings, as well as district and national conventions. The EIE Zone has nine active LWML groups, ranging from Deer Park in the north to Pullman in the south, with three groups located in Idaho to the east and four more in the Spokane area. These Christ-filled ladies have all worked diligently for the benefit of others, making quilts, hosting dinners, collecting items and money for a variety of organizations, and special ministry events for their churches and communities.

I have been privileged to represent them as a delegate at LWML conventions in Milwaukee and Omaha, the District Conventions in Everett and then this year in Spokane. I pray that I have proven to be a good example as a representative to my fellow delegates at all levels of LWML. My past four years as the Zone President has been a learning experience as well. I have so enjoyed getting to know all the other Zone Presidents at our Zoom meetings and at our District Board of Directors meetings. My job as the District Zoom Coordinator has kept me busy scheduling Zoom meetings for the Zone Presidents, Convention committees, as well as various District committees.

Our Zone was extremely involved in the preparations for this year's District Convention along with Blue Mountain Zone and Inter-Valley Zone. I loved sharing an introduction to my hometown of Spokane Washington to the Convention body. I had the privilege and blessings of being chosen to serve as the Music Leader and Choir Director at the Convention once more. Music has always been a large part of my life, and I feel blessed to be able to share this passion for celebrating and praising our Lord Jesus Christ through music.

The East Inland Empire Zone will be having their Fall Rally on October 17th at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spokane. We will be voting for a new Zone President and Zone Secretary. I am sure the Lord will place the need on someone's heart to fill these two important positions.

My next four years will be filled with more joy and hard work as the new Vice-President of Organizational Resources. I ask for your prayers as I am entering this new part of my LWML life.

I appreciate all the love I have received over the past four years from all my LWML sisters. Love serves as a divine blessing, enriching our lives and nurturing our spirits. Each act of love, no matter how small, becomes a source of joy and fulfillment for giver and receiver. Love is a force that unites us, inspiring acts of kindness and compassion. By recognizing and practicing love, we fulfill God's purpose for our lives. This gift brings us closer to God, because the more we love, the more we change our hearts to resemble Christ's heart. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the world around us.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Rainier Zone
Eddie Norris, President



Attendees from the Rainier Zone joyfully attended the Lutheran Women in Mission Washington-Alaska District convention held at the Ruby River Hotel in Spokane in July. Many of them expressed how much they enjoyed the worship, mission speakers, as well as the interaction with New Vision Lutheran women who shared a special dance on Saturday night.



A special thank you to Megan Vogel for her efforts and work with the Young Women Representatives who enjoyed learning more as they took part in the daily events and activities. It was a blessing that four of the five YWRs who attended were from the Rainier Zone, as well as future YWR little Amora.

Plans have begun for the Rainier Zone Gathering that will be on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Peace Lutheran Church in Chehalis. The theme for the day will be “Let the Children Come” based on the Scripture verse Matthew 19:14, *Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*





Nine women from the Hood Canal Zone attended July's 35th Biennial LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention. Group delegates Janice Moored (Faith Lutheran, Sequim) and Kathy Peterson (St Matthew, Port Angeles) gathered information from LWML women in their congregations before attending, and participated in district voting on the 2026-2028 biennium district mite goal, district mission grant proposals, election of officers, and Sunday offering recipient. The choices of Hood Canal Zone women also informed Zone President Solveig Schick's voting during the convention. Incoming president of Faith Lutheran Sequim's LWML, Darlene Smith, represented the zone in the convention processional that began our Saturday meetings, echoing her representation of Hood Canal Zone when she was zone president banner-bearer twenty years before. Mariah Schick attended as our Young Woman Representative and participated in YWR-led devotions; Krista Johnson attended from Faith Lutheran, Sequim and was instrumental in driving members to Spokane; and Judy Norton, Short Term Missions Chairman, set up an interactive display featuring opportunities for district women to serve in short term missions. Autumn Stites attended with her husband Reverend Roger Stites, now Senior Pastoral Counselor Westside, along with their family – Ryan, our new district scholarship recipient (attending Concordia St Paul for Theology/Pre-Seminary) and Abbie, who was President Carolyn Holbrook's page for the duration of the convention. This district convention was the last official duty of Susan Allen Abbe of Faith Lutheran, Kingston, before vacating her post as District Meeting Manager, yet she will remain active in the district after her election to the district's nominating committee. If you see these women, please thank them for their able representation of our zone, keeping alive the opportunities for faith and service that LWML provides!

Upcoming events: October 10th at 9:30 am, Hood Canal Zone women will gather for Christian fellowship, worship, reflections on our theme "Here I am! Send Me," and luncheon at our Joyful Jamboree. Our next Coffee with Me and Thee event will be held September 28th at 11:30 and our LWML Prayer Service is scheduled for February 13th, 2027. Watch Hood Canal's News from the Zone Newsletter for details on these gatherings!

Join us for LWML Hood Canal Zone's Joyful Jamboree!  Here I Am! Send Me And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8 Reflections, Fellowship, Luncheon October 10, 2026 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Faith Lutheran Church 382 West Cedar Street, Sequim		Coffee with Me and Thee <i>We Gather Together in Christ</i>  September 28th at 11:30am TBD (Checking on Dahlia Cove Tea House) All women are welcome to join in Christian fellowship and coffee or tea!
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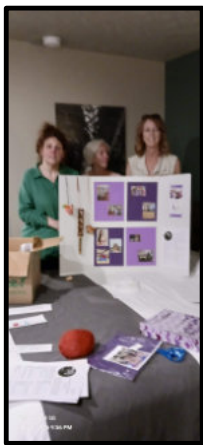
Missions, One Can at a Time

The LWML Lutheran Women in Mission of the Mount Baker Zone have been busy serving the Lord in many ways blessing their church families and neighbors in need in their communities. Six of eight active LWML groups in the Mt. Baker Zone had delegates and guests at the Washington-Alaska District 35th Biennial Convention July 10-12th. The Recording Secretary, Linda Davelaar and Kelsie Ingham, H2H committee chair are also from the Mt. Baker Zone. They participated in the Mite Walk where walkers were encouraged to share the Witness Bracelets, Love in Action servant events tying squishy pillows for shut-ins and/or making greeting cards, and shared their beautiful voices as part of the choir. They enjoyed all aspects of the convention – friends, fellowship, food, music, Bible studies, Mission Grant speakers and more. Unfortunately, I wasn't organized enough to get a picture of all of us. We are looking forward to our Fall Rally at Messiah, Marysville in October where a new president and treasurer will be elected. My four years of president have been years of growth and while I will miss seeing friends at board meetings and being a convention delegate, it is exciting knowing that another Lutheran Woman in Mission will soon have the honor of leading and representing the Mt. Baker Zone.

All our women serve the LORD with gladness! Psalm 100:2a



Left to right: Our Delegates: Dona Burroughs, Trinity Mount Vernon, Pat Horst, Trinity Bellingham, Cheryl Beyer, Messiah Marysville, Judy Peraino ZP, Linda Davelaar, Recording Secretary, Wendy McCleod, Redeemer Bellingham, Donna Allen, Concordia Oak Harbor





South Columbia Zone was well represented at Convention 2026. We enjoyed the fellowship with our sisters in Christ, Bible study, Mission Walk, singing, laughing and time together. Janet, Linda, Laura, MaryLynn, Sharon and Ella were delegates and alternates.



Give
Thanks





Oh What Fun We Have Had!

The women of Zion in Tacoma have had some fun this summer. In June we held a quarterly group meeting to tend do some business, but then also spent some time in a service project. Clothed in our purple construction hats, arms full of loaves of bread, peanut-butter and jelly, we constructed 150+ peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches in 30 mins. The sandwiches were received with gratitude at the “PB&J for the Homeless” in Tacoma. The organization meets weekly to make about 1,000 sandwiches in one sitting. As of the end of July they had passed out 31,932 sandwiches!

In July five of our members, plus a little miss, attended the District Convention in Spokane. While it was the first convention for some, others had attended many times before. It was a joy to spend time with other Lutheran Women in worship, devotions, meals, and fun. Highlights for the women were the mite walk, the Marshallese women singing and dancing for us at the banquet, seeing old friends and meeting other young women.



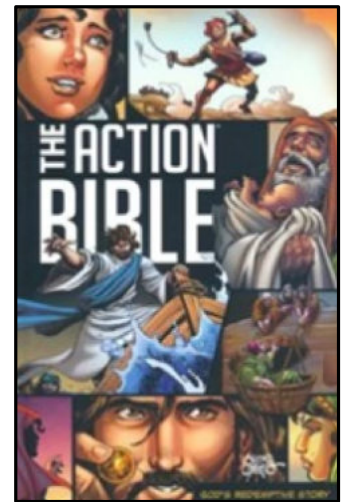
*St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
Port Angeles, WA
Kathy Peterson, President*



Each spring we hold a designated Mission Focus, collecting offerings for a specific mission outreach. This year our focus was Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Our hope was to raise funds to purchase multiple copies of the 'Action Bible', a graphic-designed Bible given to each child coming to the Ranch. Often, new residents at the Ranch have no prior Christian background. The Action Bible is an easy introduction to God's Word.

This was a great opportunity to involve the congregation! Together we raised \$1,548.58, roughly enough to purchase 100 Action Bibles.

Jennifer Rockwell, a representative of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, visited St Matthew on our Mission Focus kick-off Sunday, presenting information on the mission of the Ranch during the Sunday School hour & again for the Children's Sermon. Her presentation during worship helped our children (& adults!) see that God's Light shines through even when we are cracked and broken.



*All Saints Lutheran Church
Bellevue, WA*

The quilters of All Saints Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington, were very busy this year. They made a record 142 quilts during the 2025–2026 quilting year. To help cover the costs of quilt supplies, batting, and shipping to the Lutheran World Relief donation center, the quilting groups hold an annual quilt raffle. One quilt is donated for the raffle, while members of the congregation have also purchased additional quilts for the past five years. These purchases help support the cost of batting and shipping. This year, a total of 136 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief.

The quilt group didn't stop there. They also made a special raffle quilt this year for the Preschool at All Saints to raise money to support the scholarship fund for those families that need help with tuition. This was an outreach to the community by the preschool and was a blessing for the quilt group to be able to help support the preschool.

Praise God for the blessings and talents of these women!



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Showing Appreciation

Dear Lucy Leader,

The women in my group have worked so hard sharing Jesus' love with the women in our church and the people in our community who are hurting. They are always willing to step up and do anything that needs to be done. What can I do to let them know that I really appreciate all their hard work?

Grateful Greta

Dear Grateful Greta,

Praise God that you have volunteers who get the work done! Volunteers can be shown appreciation by a simple "thank you" or by presenting them with a unique and memorable gift.

Formal recognition of your volunteers can be accomplished in several ways. Litanies during a service is one example. Your pastor could also say prayers of thanks for volunteers at worship services. You might want to plan a volunteer recognition banquet.

As an alternate form of recognition, consider making a mite donation in honor of the volunteer you are recognizing. This is a thoughtful way to let the person know that her service and Christian witness has touched your life in a special way.

You can find more information and specific examples of volunteer recognition at www.lwml.org/posts/leadership/volunteers-in-christs-ministry. May God continue to bless your volunteers and your ministry!

Lucy Leader



*Give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's will
for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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	Pray for Missions in Washington, Alaska, America, and the World	Grant
1	Aid to LWML Washington-Alaska District Scholarships	\$16,000
2	Aid to LWML Washington-Alaska District Short Term Missions	\$5,000
3	Worker Wellness for Chaplain Wives/Families – LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces	\$5,000
4	Bringing the Word to Light – Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000
5	Expanding Comfort Dog Ministry – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, Washington	\$5,000
6	Emergency Response Fund for Idaho Comfort Dog Ministry – Christ the King Lutheran Church, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho	\$5,000
7	Hope for Suicide Awareness, Intervention, & Postvention – Lutherans for Life – Word of Hope	\$5,000
8	Equipping and Sending Village Mission Teams with the Gospel – Alaska Mission for Christ	\$5,000
9	House of Mercy Mission – Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest	\$5,000
10	Second Harvest Ministry to Hungry Families in Ferry County – Trinity Lutheran Church, Republic, Washington	\$4,000
11	Healing the Whole Child Bike Path – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	\$2,000
12	Sharing the Light of Christ through Five LCMS Missionaries – Mission Central, LCMS Mission Advancement	\$10,000
13	Changed Lives, Shared Word – Lutheran Bible Translators	\$2,500
14	Christian Library Books for Sunbeams – Lutheran Church of the Cross, Kent, Washington	\$1,200
15	Feet on the Ground – MOST Ministries	\$3,000
16	Mental Health Prayer Book Ministry – Higher Things	\$1,300
	LWML Washington-Alaska District Mite Goal 2026-2028	\$80,000

The Joys and Fun of Convention July, 2026



Christian Life Committee at Convention. Twyla, Jacque, Pastor Brian, MaryLynn, Ruth, and Sandi.



It was great to spend time with Past District President Marilee Ryan and MaryLynn Huntwork



Several of us were able to go to dinner together with special guests from Montana, Cristina McAnulty, Wisconsin, Mike and Marilee Ryan, Alaska, Kim Collins and Ruth Zellar, and Washitonians, Gigi Lutz, MaryLynn Huntwork, Sandi Hall, and Pam and Brian Rafferty.



What a privilege it was to sit with and get to know Debby Yocky, LWML Public Relations Director and Deb Burma, Bible Study Leader and Keynote Speaker.



Deb Burma, Keynote Speaker, reminding us to Invite Them



United in Mission was a beautiful walk thru the park with great friends and sisters, MaryLynn, Twyla, Cristina, Kim and Julia

2026–2028 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster



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Ruth Ann Shimoi



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