



Evergreen Echoes

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*LWML Washington-Alaska District
President Carolyn Holbrook*

Four plus years ago, I was asked to run for the office of district president. For several months, I prayed, "What do you have in mind for me, Lord?" His response was always, "trust Me". I never anticipated I would serve Him in

this position. When praying for the theme verse, He said, "Be strong and courageous! I am with you." And He was faithful to His promise. What a journey this has been! As I now prepare to leave this office, I look back to the many blessings, the new friends, and the commitment to "SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS".

LWML Washington-Alaska District has accomplished much. This biennium we met the financial goal as our mite giving passed \$145,000.00. We paid Scholarships to assist young people as they prepare for service to the Lord. We paid all our 2024-2026 Mission Grants. We enjoyed the District Retreat in Kennewick and look forward to the District Convention in Spokane in July.

The devotion of the "Purple Ladies" to serving the Lord and others is impressive. You creatively raised funds through Tea Parties, bake sales, crafts, and servant events. You encouraged each other in Bible studies, skits, and as you shared Christ with the hurting and the needy. Looking to the future we know there is much yet to do. Together we will do it as we hear His voice calling, "Who will go for Me?" Be ready to answer, "Here I am! Send me."

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you serve Him with all your heart, mind and soul.

In His Service,
Carolyn Holbrook, President
Washington-Alaska District
Lutheran Women in Mission

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Greetings from the Structure Committee! The proposed bylaws amendments for approval by the convention body at the July convention have been sent out to the convention delegates. This time, there is a lot of housekeeping and the moving of two special convention committees to the district procedures manual from the bylaws.

The committee is available to answer any questions the delegates may have about the bylaws.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ruby River Hotel in July!

Are Officers Needed?

Dear Lucy Leader,

Does a women's church group need officers to be classified as an active LWML group in their district?

Leaderless in New Jersey

Dear Leaderless in New Jersey,

You ask a good question. The answer to your question depends upon the needs of the women involved. The very minimum requirement is to have a contact person that can keep the information flowing between the local group and the zone, and thus between the local group and the district. This person's responsibilities include keeping members informed of, and encouraging participation in, LWML activities and submitting mite offerings to the designated LWML district financial officer. Larger groups generally have a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer who have specific assigned duties. Some groups may decide to work with coordinators instead of officers.



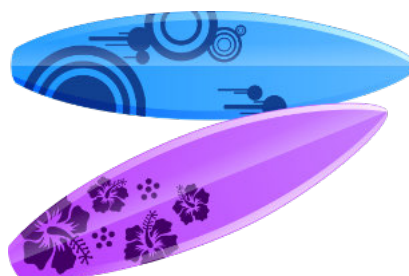
LWML groups may be structured in different ways.

To learn more about LWML structure, go to www.lwml.org/posts/handbook-resources/group-structure.

To learn about specific officer guidelines, go to www.lwml.org/officers-and-committees.

The important thing is to keep Christ as your leader. May Christ bless you and your work!

Lucy Leader





God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5b)

Your delegate's vote for **2026-2028 LWML Washington-Alaska District Mission Grant Proposals** at our July 10-12th LWML district convention can help shine Jesus' light and love into areas of need in our communities and our world! The twenty-one mission grants on the 2026-2028 biennium ballot can each allow the Gospel of Christ to illuminate the lives of others, banishing fear and the darkness of despair. Paragraphs describing these missions will go out to voting delegates before the July convention to help them determine how to allocate the proposed budget of \$80,000 in district mites for missions. Through study and prayer, these delegates will have the privilege of voting for seven proposals at convention. If your representative asks you to prayerfully consider these missions and provide feedback, please do so, knowing that your input is valuable and, in these votes, can lie the working of the Holy Spirit.

Through our **LWML District Scholarships for Church Workers**, we encourage faith leaders who spread Jesus' message of hope and redemption; our **LWML Short Term Mission** grants allow LWML women in our district to become foot-soldiers for the Lord; our zone and district **Ingatherings** provide a tangible witness to Jesus' charge to care for others. As we collect mites for missions, we strengthen our own faith through service, while touching others with the light and truth of the Gospel.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Through your faithful prayers and donations of mites, **all sixteen of our 2024-2026 LWML Washington-Alaska District Mission Grants have been funded**, allowing the Gospel's light to banish darkness in many corners of the world! As one LWML member said to me recently: just as raising the blinds to the sun illuminates a dark room; when we open the window to the Light of Christ, darkness doesn't flee, it is just GONE! Praise God for His light and His abundant mercy!



Special Focus Ministry

Pam Rafferty, Vice President

With the 2026 Washington-Alaska District Convention quickly approaching, our Young Women and Heart to Heart Sisters Committees are excited to have you join us for an enriching experience. The venue is located along a beautiful stretch of the Spokane River and the theme from Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am, Send Me" promises to be an encouragement to all. Thank-you to our local LWML groups for supporting your Young Women and Heart to Heart Sisters with their participation. See you in Spokane at the Ruby River Hotel, July 10 – 12, 2026.

Christian Life
Ruth Zellar, Vice President



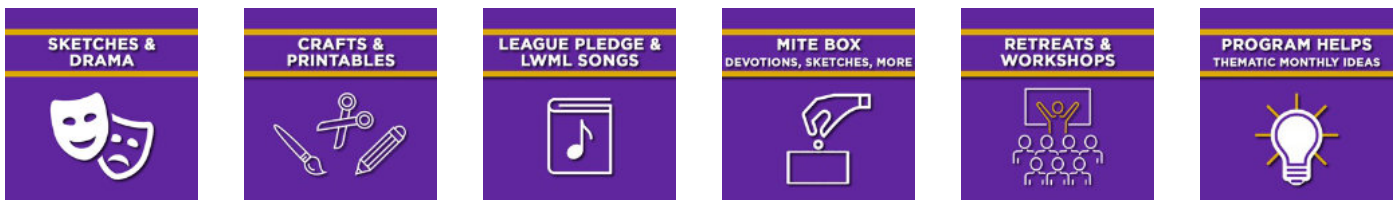
Our Fall Retreat is currently scheduled for September 24–26, 2027. The District Executive Committee voted to have the Fall Retreat at Black Diamond Camp in Auburn, WA. Since then, we found out that the group that is staying there this year on September 25-27, 2026 has first choice for that same week end for 2027. They do not have to commit until October, 2026, which would be very late for us to have to make alternative plans.

Please pray with me that the Lord will guide us to the location that is best for us. The theme for the 2027 Fall Retreat is “Who is your Neighbor” (Mark 10:25-37)



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.



**Senior Pastoral Counselor – East
Pastor Brian Bowes**



Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I write this final article for Evergreen Echoes as your senior pastoral counselor, I do so with deep gratitude—and just a bit of reluctance. Serving alongside you, the women of the WA-AK LWML, has been a joy, where faith, fellowship, and mission come to life in meaningful ways.

I'll carry many memories with me: a convention service where communion wine found its way onto my alb (a vivid reminder of grace, in more ways than one), a simple pencil used to illustrate what a life shaped by Christ looks like, and—yes—the unforgettable moment I somehow found myself demonstrating a “pointing dog” yoga pose at a district gathering. Through it all, there was always laughter, always joy, and always the steady work of the Gospel.

And that's what stands out most. You have shown me what courage looks like—not just in big moments, but in faithful, everyday service. Gathering mite offerings, supporting mission grants, planning, encouraging—these may seem small, but the Lord uses them in mighty ways.

The Lord's words to Joshua still speak to you: *“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”* (Joshua 1:9). And like Isaiah, who said, *“Here am I! Send me”* (Isaiah 6:8), you continue to respond with willing hearts—not because everything is certain, but because Christ is.

So, keep going. Keep gathering. Keep giving. Keep saying “yes.” What seems small in your hands is never small in His.

And thank you—for your kindness, your partnership in the Gospel, and yes, for graciously accepting a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flop-wearing, skit-loving pastor. I hope it served as a reminder that the joy of the Lord is not stiff or distant, but lived, shared, and sometimes a little colorful, chaotic, and bordering on the edge of control.

You have been a blessing to me, and I thank God for you. The Lord who has been with you will continue to guide you.

In Christ,
your slightly underdressed but grateful pastor –
Rev. Brian Bowes, outgoing Sr Pastor Counselor



Short Term Ministry Committee
Judy Norton, Chairman



Summer 2026 has brought us new opportunities to share with our fellow LWML members and consider embarking on a short term mission. At the WA-AK District convention, July 10-12 in Spokane, the short term missions committee will have a display with applications and information. Funds are available to help with mission costs. If you are not able to attend the convention, the district website, wa-aklwml.org, has a colorful page highlighting short term missions. On the site, go to: committees, short term missions, then scroll down to tabs for STM opportunities, and application/request for funds.



Mission Servant Committee
Ruth Ann Shimoï, Chairman

This biennium of 2024 -2026 has been 4 years with "big" giving. From Board meetings, retreats, and conventions and the outreach of each of your Zones has gone far and wide in the District. We know from the receiving organizations the thankfulness they have expressed and the learning that has taken place for us when we hear the story behind the organization. We do not know the impact these donations have had on the recipients but we know God does. We have answered His call to feed, cloth, and provide. May the next biennium continue in the same vein as we "Serve the Lord with gladness" and with servant hearts.



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Young Women
IN MISSION

Spring is here and alive, active and creating beauty all around us. It is such a happy time bringing many smiles and much joy. The same goes for our Young Woman Committee. In the recent months they have been busy preparing activities and brainstorming ideas for their part at the district convention in Spokane this summer. After hashing out ways to bring the young women of our district together and build relationships, they have been able to set forth a plan ensuring clear transfer of information, the learning of LWML's history, and instilling fun for all. One of the ways the committee plans to share all that has been accomplished this biennium is through a display board. If there is anything your young women have done and want to share, please send it to Megan Vogel via email (gwaphin12@verizon.net) to be a part of it. Pictures or brief explanations of a 2-3 sentences are encouraged.

The Women of Rainier Zone are now 6 months into a book club with 7 girls active. Getting together monthly to discuss Christian books has led to enlightening and encouraging conversation. Additionally the fun treats shared over catch up conversations has been a simple and easy way for God to bring sisters together to love and support one another in prayer. What are you doing in your groups? If you would like to be apart of this book club unperson or over video you may reach out the Megan Vogel to be included.

We look forward to seeing many of you at convention this summer and pray the Lord grant you every good and perfect gift as he leads you down life's paths until then.



Nomination Committee Jayne Bowes, Chairman



Here I am! Send me

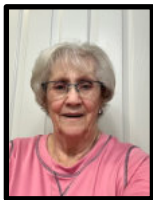
The nomination committee is thankful and honored to present the following nominees for this year's elections. The complete biographies of each nominee is included in the Convention Information email that was sent separately, and in the Convention manual.

Thanks be to God.

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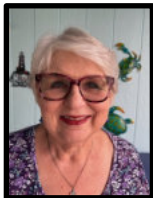


Ruth Ann Shimoi
King of Kings
Renton, WA



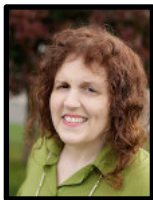
Ruth Zellar
St Johns Lutheran
Palmer, AK

Candidates for Vice President of Organizational Resources



Karen Williams
St Johns Lutheran
Spokane, WA

Candidates for Vice President of Special Focus Ministry



Kelsie Ingham
Shepherd of the Hills
Snohomish, WA

Candidates for Financial Secretary



Emmi Mihalcin
All Saints Lutheran
Redmond, WA

Candidates for Junior Pastoral Counselor, East



Rev Jim Pierce
Emmaus Lutheran
Pasco, WA
Messiah Lutheran
Basin City, WA



Rev Todd Schroeder
Redeemer Lutheran
Richland, WA

Candidates for Nominating Committee



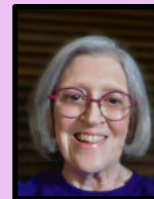
Susan Allen Abbe
Faith Lutheran
Kingston, WA



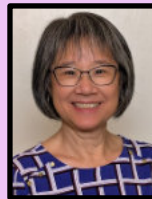
Jacque Morner
Beautiful Savior
Anchorage, AK



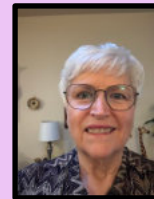
Tracy Brown
Lutheran Church of
the Cross
Renton, WA



Theresa Peterson
Trinity Lutheran
Bellingham, WA



Marie Chow
Joy Lutheran
Bellevue, WA



Elaine Steege
Bethlehem Lutheran
Kennewick, WA



Megan Vogel
Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Tacoma, WA



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All the East Inland Empire Zone LWML groups have all been busy this Spring. I have tried to keep abreast of all the emails necessary to send out to my groups to keep them informed of the pertinent information, announcements, conventions, and assorted communications on the local, zone, district, and national level as best I can. There is always a new LWML Mustard Seed devotion, Servant Leader Chat, 2 Minute Tuesdays, and the like to send out to all my group Presidents.

Along with my responsibility as the Zoom Coordinator, I am often busy scheduling Zoom meetings for a variety of groups. These groups include the Monthly Zone Presidents meeting, 2026 LWML District Convention meeting, District Nominating Committee, Heart to Heart Committee, District Endowment Committee, Christian Life Committee, Mission Grant Committee, as well as any special EC & BOD Meetings.

As Convention Song Leader/Choir Director I will be busy soon. Convention songs have been finalized. Soon I will know the number of choir members and will be ordering the music and mailing songs to all the choir members. **I HEARTILY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE CONVENTION CHOIR.**

In March I attended the LWML Hawaiian High Tea at Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Spokane Valley. The event featured excellent tea and tasty refreshments, and guests enjoyed a raffle for gift baskets. Authentic Hawaiian dancers provided lively entertainment, making it a delightful occasion. All the proceeds from the event went to Mites.

One of the joys of being a Zone President is having the chance to meet so many new people because of the Zone Rallies and Joy Shops in my Zone. This has been a wonderful experience for a lady who has been a member of LWML for less than 5 years. God has certainly blessed me with so many experiences since becoming an active LWML member. I cherish all my many LWML friends and thank them all for coming into my life.

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13*



*Peace,
Be Still*

Mark 4:39





The Lake Washington Zone gathered in joyful fellowship on April 11, 2026, for its Spring Joyshop at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Renton, Washington. Thirty-one women and one zone pastoral counselor attended, representing all four active local groups, making it a wonderful time of connection, reflection, and shared purpose.

The day began on a delightful note with a beautifully prepared high tea, lovingly provided by the women of King of Kings. Additionally, jam tarts, finger sandwiches, and scones came from The British Pantry Ltd. in Redmond, Washington, a shop owned and run by a British family that came here in the 1980s. This warm hospitality set the tone for the Joyshop, which included the 2026 LWML Prayer Service. It was especially meaningful to see participation from all four local groups, united in worship and prayer. Aletha Voges shared the district president’s report on behalf of District President Carolyn Holbrook, who was unable to attend.

A highlight of the gathering was the presentation of Gifts from the Heart to the King of Kings Food Bank. The women generously donated cold cereal—one of the food bank’s most-needed items. Food Bank Director Kim Petz gave an overview of the food bank’s mission and expressed heartfelt thanks for the donation.

The Spring Joyshop was a beautiful blend of fellowship and service—truly a joyful reflection of the Lake Washington Zone’s commitment to “serve the Lord with gladness.”

Our fall rally will be in the morning of Saturday, October 17, 2026, at All Saints Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington.



***Hood Canal Zone
Solveig Schick, President***



Zone President Corner

Both women and men of the Hood Canal Zone gathered March 14th for the LWML Prayer Service B.P.R.A.Y.E.R., with Reverend Roger Stites presiding at Faith Lutheran Church in Sequim. Through Bible readings and hymns, we reflected on the importance of prayer to our Christian faith and came away enriched and empowered by the Word. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18).

April 29, 2026, Hood Canal Zone women from Faith Lutheran Kingston, Faith Lutheran Sequim, and St Matthew Port Angeles gathered for Coffee with Me and Thee. A potluck was shared in a private home, where we enjoyed Christian fellowship and the beautiful sunny day granted us by the Lord! We look forward to meeting with our sisters in Christ at the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in Spokane July 10-12!



***Blue Mountain Zone
Wilma Gardner, President***

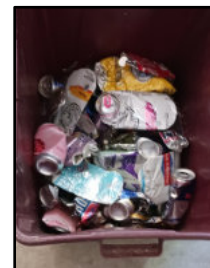
Blue Mountain Zone had a combined Joyshop with the Inter-Valley Zone on May 16, 2026 with the theme “Sent to Serve”. There were 34 ladies in attendance and our guest speaker was from the Tri-Cities Alliance for the Unhoused. The very special guests at the Joyshop were five ladies from our soon to be new LWML local group from Walla Walla. Left to right: LeAnn Breza, Marsha Clausen, Kathy Sandeen, Sandy Morgan, Zone President Wilma Gardner and Nona Fincher."





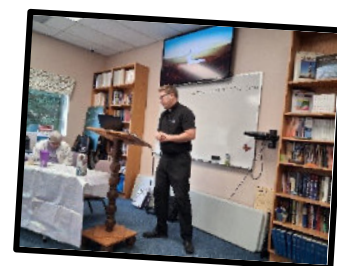
Missions, One Can at a Time

My neighbors were asked to bring their aluminum cans to me. I recycle the cans and donate the money to mites. I shared with them several of the current mission grants. Today a neighbor stopped me and handed me \$10. "I don't have any aluminum cans, but it's for a good cause." Let your neighbors know what you do as a Lutheran Woman in Mission so they, too, can serve the Lord with gladness.



Rainier Zone
Edie Noris, President

Lutheran Women in Mission of the Rainier Zone welcomed Spring at the Zone Fellowship gathering at Light of Christ in Federal Way. The day began with an inspirational Bible study led by Rev. Sam Schuldheisz titled "So that you may believe: Jesus' I AM sayings in John's Gospel," which including slides of an artist whose artwork is free on the website www.fullofeyes.com.



During the business session it was a blessing to have three women receive \$100 each from the special zone fund allotted by the district to assist with the registration fee for the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in July.

All attendees enjoyed speaker Linda Hultman of Light of Christ, who facilitates support groups for FUSION., a family center providing transitional homes and a 31-room shelter. The Pete Anderson Shelter, which houses seventy-six children, had a fire in January. There was smoke damage, and all the toys were destroyed. The Gifts from the Heart ingathering of the day was toys and activities for children 2-12 to replace some for the items lost in the fire.



A fun game of Biblliate Party Trivia offered fun, laughs and education for all. Following the game the LWML group, Ladies in Christ's Service, from Light of Christ delighted all with a beautifully decorated Tea Luncheon with lovely tea sandwiches and sweet treats.



**Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Coeur d'Alene, ID**

Christ the King LWML has continued stay busy throughout the year. One of our members completed an extensive project to create our Christ the King handbook. The document, introduced during our September gathering, features a comprehensive calendar of LWML events, a directory listing board members and chairwomen, as well as details about active members, including their contact information and birthdates.


In February we hosted a “Wine and Plant” party (with sparkling cider for younger guests) which brought together multiple generations of women. It was a time of games and laughter with the wine and plants being the prizes. We also hosted the first Lenten dinner with soup and salad.

In March we opened applications for our local grant requests. We are currently preparing for our Quarterly Meeting on May 2, where we will vote on these grants and elect our new board members.

This April we performed a “deep clean” and reorganization of the church kitchen and the LWML closet. This effort has significantly improved our storage efficiency for the Recovery Group and Love Pantry, which also share this kitchen with the LWML.

We continue to prepare for the District Convention in Spokane this July. We currently have eight members registered and attending. The registration will be our function at the convention.

While we have grieved the loss of several dear members of CTK this past year and served many families through funeral needs, we remain grateful for the ways God has used this group to serve. Christ the King has stayed busy, and we have truly enjoyed the work. God blesses us richly!



**Zion Lutheran Church,
Snohomish, WA**

Spring Joyshop

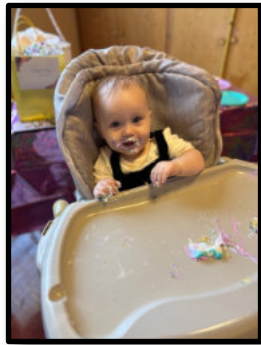
Zion Lutheran Church in Snohomish hosted our Spring Joyshop with the theme "Behold the New Has Come" (2Corinthians. 5:17) on April 11, 2026. Pastor Don Stults led the Bible study. Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center in Everett was the recipient of the ingathering. The guest speaker told us about their mission — a group of professionals responding to concerns of child abuse for children and young adults ages 0-22. It's an amazing organization. Learn more on their website www.dawsonplace.org





Greetings from the Women of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tacoma. We come with word of celebration. It is a good thing to be looking for reason to celebrate and fulfilling a need at the same time. In March, one of our young mothers bought a cake to celebrate the first year of her daughter. The women of the church decided to throw a big first birthday party to go with the cake. With balloons and food, gifts and singing, the afternoon was fun and memorable for our sweet little one. Her mother was beyond appreciative of the congregations generosity and love. Baby Amora loved her cake!!

April brought the gathering of our zone for a joy shop. After an excellent bible study on the “I am’s” of Jesus, a speaker presented the story of The Pete Anderson FUSION Family Center. As a resource for families who are experiencing homelessness, this organization houses and councils families who are without shelter or jobs. When a dryer fire in the facilities basement left damage to the child care room above it, all the toys were condemned. Our zone was quick to respond to the call and replenished their toy chest to an overflowing state! After a delicious tea themed lunch the women voted on the way to divide the special funds from District to aid in convention registrations. Three women will have assistance in getting to the convention in July thanks to the endowment fund!



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The ladies of the Shepherd of the Hills are busy throughout the year. We share the funds that the Lord has graciously provided to us through a variety of fundraising events that we hold during the year. Over the past year we have purchased 206 backpacks for Alaska kids, helped fund the Ladies Bible Study Group, purchased Jail Bibles, funded 11 local missions as well as helping the Quilters Group, we provide Confirmation and Graduation gift boxes, make Easter Baskets for the children., and purchase flowers for the Altar Guild various times during the year.

We provide luncheons for Memorial Services, Baby showers, and bridal showers. At Thanksgiving time, we provided lunch and dinner for fifteen local families. At Christmas time we support the Samaritans Purse Christmas Box project, and provide cookie plates for our shut-ins. We have a Higher Education Fund that we use to support young people in their ministry needs.

We began the Mail Member Program this year and it has been beneficial for our congregation members. We have discussed how we can make more of our congregation aware of mite boxes and how they help. We publish LWML news in the church's monthly newsletter.

Seven of the LWML Ladies are on the District Convention committee. We recently did a tryout of the table decoration which helped us to make slight modifications to them. We were also shown the favors we will be creating for the convention.

We recently held a discussion regarding Mission Projects that we will be supporting in 2026. We decided to help with new charities both local and nationally. We will be supporting the Heifer Project and Safety Net Program.

God has blessed us all.



*Shepherd of the Hills,
Snohomish, WA*

Spring Tea

Shepherd of the Hills in Snohomish hosted a lovely Spring Tea on April 18, 2026. The devotions, decorations, teas and food were all beautifully prepared and presented. Raspberries were one young lady's favorite fruit, she ate them one by one from her fingertips. A future Young Woman in LWML?





Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Washington-Alaska District
www.wa-aklwml.org

Office of the President

35th Biennial Convention

Official Call

To: All LWML Washington-Alaska District Members, Pastors, and Friends
FROM: Carolyn Holbrook, District President
DATES: Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM – Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 12:00 PM
PLACE: Ruby River Hotel
700 North Division Street
Spokane, Washington 99202
THEME: "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

GOAL STATEMENT:

The Lord calls us to serve Him with our heart, thoughts and deeds.

CONVENTION OBJECTIVES:

Convention attendees will hear the Word of the Lord and be motivated to:

- Willingly serve Him as we serve others in thought, word and deed.
- Willingly serve using gifts, talents and treasure as we bring the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

MAY WE JOYFULLY PROCLAIM CHRIST, SUPPORT MISSIONS, AND EQUIP WOMEN TO HONOR GOD BY SERVING OTHERS!





LOVE IN ACTION

*Serve Before the
LWML District
Convention Begins*



FRIDAY, JULY 10TH
1 PM – 5 PM



RUBY RIVER HOTEL
INGATHERING ROOM

Before the convention officially begins, join us for a meaningful time of service supporting Christ's Kitchen.

SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDE:



**No-sew
fleece pillows**



**Gospel bracelets
(for Mite Walkers
to share)**



Card making



**Organizing
craft and art supplies**

DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED:



**Art and
craft supplies
for Christ's Kitchen**



**Eyeglasses
for
MOST Ministries**



**Your time and donations
make a meaningful impact—
thank you for serving with us!**



2026 Mite Walk

35th Biennial LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention, Spokane, Washington

Saturday, July 11, 2026

REGISTRATION / RELEASE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mite Walk will be held on the Centennial Trail next to the Ruby River Hotel.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I will not enter the event unless I am medically able. I agree to abide by all directives of the event director relative to my ability to safely complete the event. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, weather, and all such risks being known and understood by me. In consideration of the safety of all participants, I agree to refrain from any extraneous clothing or apparatus that might be detrimental to the well-being of others.

Upon acceptance of my entry, I release the Lutheran Women's Missionary League; the City of Spokane, Washington; the Public Utility District and Parks Department; the WA-AK sponsors; and their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I acknowledge and agree that LWML is a service agency of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and cannot and does not accept any responsibility for my safety and well-being related to my participation in this event.

I grant permission to the LWML WA-AK District the use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this activity for any legitimate purpose.

Furthermore, I consent to such medical treatment as LWML (or any of its authorized representatives) deems necessary or appropriate in the event of my illness, accident, or other medical emergency. I accept full financial responsibility for fees or expenses relating to any such treatment.

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian (participant under 18): _____

Date: _____



United in Purple, Walking in Missions 2026 Mites Pledge Sheet



This pledge form is not required to participate in our Mite Walk, but is offered for those who would like to include their congregations and community in their Mite Walk donation.

Participant's Name *(Please Print)*: _____

Pledge Information *(please copy this sheet if you need more space)*:

Pledge Name	Address, City, State, Zip, Phone	Pledge Amount	Donation Received
Total Pledges Received:		\$	\$

Participant Signature: _____ Church / Zone: _____



All donations will support the 2026-2028 biennium Mite Goal of the LWML Washington-Alaska District

Please make checks payable to **LWML Washington-Alaska District** and write "Mite Walk" on the memo line.

Thank you for your participation!!!

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Christ Kitchen

a place of hope for women in poverty

Our mission is to help impoverished women heal and overcome critical employment and life challenges such as felonies and reentry into society, lack of job experience, prostitution, human trafficking, physical, sexual and mental abuse, addiction, untreated mental health issues and more. We envision a community where no woman or her children who rely on her for survival, lives in poverty due to lack of skills, abusive relationships, or reliance on government assistance or unhealthy substances. Our program increases family stabilization, grows personal and community economic assets, and builds strong leaders who impact future generations.

Ingathering for LWML WA-AK District Convention. Spokane, WA July 10 –12, 2026

Christ Kitchen is kicking off an Art Program for the women to express themselves through Art thus the ingathering will focus on Art Supplies:

Markers	Colored Pencils
Cardstock, all colors	Tape, double-sided and regular
Watercolor Paper & Watercolors	Embroidery hoops & thread
Post-it Notes	Colored Notepads
Prayer Journals	

In Christ,
Ruth Ann
LWML WA-AK Mission Servant Chair

[Amazon Wish List](#)



LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention



Ruby River Hotel
Spokane, WA

July 10-12, 2026

Bring Your Bags

For this convention, please bring your own favorite convention tote bag (from any LWML convention) to hold information you received from registration, the convention manual, information from exhibitors, and other items.

Since the cost of putting a convention together has increased significantly the Convention Committee thought it best to recycle our old tote bags. You can share stories with old friends and new friends on why the convention tote bag you are using is your favorite one.



We do need gently used convention bags to give to our first-timers at our LWML Washington-Alaska Convention and anyone else who forgot to bring one. Donated convention tote bags need to be clean, and no name written on them. You can give them to your Zone President or any LWML district personnel before our convention begins on July 10, 2026. You can also bring them to the convention before 2 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2026 and drop them off at the Registration table.

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