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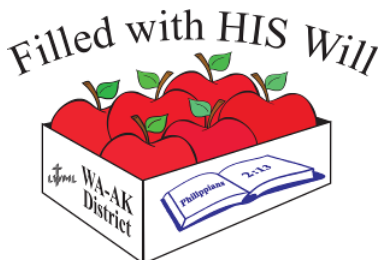
LWML Washington-Alaska District

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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

It is time for greetings from the middle of our District. Do you ever ask yourself, "Where has the time gone"? Since the beginning of time, we are reminded of its importance. Many versions are printed beginning with Genesis 1:14 *And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years.* Time appears in the Bible 683 times.



Time is so important to our way of life. Did Jesus concern himself with time? Did his disciples worry over making their way to the next city on time? Did they have communication with the next town as to the time when they would arrive? Angels appeared to many people many times, sometimes two or three times. Genesis 22:15 *And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven.* After the birth of Jesus in Matthew 2:7 *Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.* Herod was concerned about time; the wisemen understood and went a different way home, avoiding Herod this time.

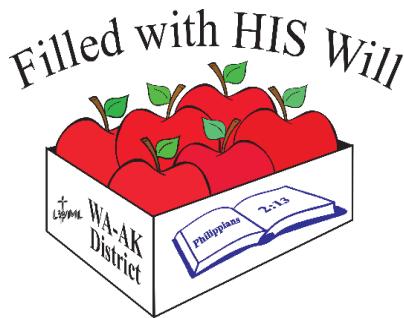
When Jesus foretells his death three times; did the disciples understand that time factor? Time raises many questions. God tells us not to worry about time; *that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.* Ecclesiastes 3 He tells us His eyes and heart is with us for all time. Nothing is too hard for Him. However, God tells us *to be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.* Mark 13:33 and to write it down *that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.* Isaiah 30:8.

We are preparing the way to be **Filled With HIS Will**. District convention takes a huge amount of preparation time. Volunteers are called to help. They use their time and talents to ensure convention attendees enjoy their time in Bible study, singing, service, devotions, worship and fellowship with sisters and brothers in Christ all to the glory of God. See you in Wenatchee.

Serving Him together,

MaryLynn Huntwork





LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention
JUNE 20-22, 2014
WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER, WENATCHEE, WA
REGISTRATION FORM
Submit ONE form PER registrant

Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

Email _____

Zone _____

Fees (due May 15 for discounted Registration fee):

Registration (waived for clergy) _____ \$65.00

Meals (lunch and banquet) _____ \$55.00

Dinner Guest _____ \$35.00

Mite Walk (Friday 4:00 pm) _____ \$10.00

Registration (Postmarked after May 15) _____ \$75.00

Total Remittance \$ _____

_____ Yes, I will arrive by commercial transportation and will need a ride to the hotel. Please specify mode of transportation:
_____ Air, _____ Bus, or _____ Train. **Arrival time and place** _____

Special physical or dietary needs: _____

Please make a copy of this form for your records
Make check payable to **LWML WA-AK District Convention Fund**
Mail this form with your check to:
Lyla Becker, 1611 Alderwood Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801-7525

If you wish to receive your confirmation and other convention information by mail, please enclose a STAMPED self-addressed number 10 (4 1/8 x 9 1/2) envelope with your form and check. Otherwise, the information will be emailed to you. If an email address or self-addressed envelope are not provided, you will not receive a confirmation notice of receipt of registration form and check.

Registration Fee is Non-Refundable and must be paid in full at time of registration.
No refunds on meals after May 15. Please register early!

Questions? Registrar: Lyla Becker at (509)663-6430 or lyla.becker@gmail.com
Registration Committee Member: Joan Symonds at (509)888-0895 or riverbendtravel@ncidata.com

Check appropriate category (only **one**)

_____ General Registration

_____ Voting Delegate*

_____ Alternate Delegate

_____ Voting Board Member*

_____ Past District President*

_____ Young Woman Representative

_____ Teen

_____ Heart to Heart Sister

_____ District Committee Member

_____ Pastor

_____ Exhibitor

*Voting Member

Is this your first District Convention?

_____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to sing in the Choir?

_____ Yes _____ No

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District Convention June 20-22, 2014 Hotel Reservation Information

The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel
121 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801

To ensure availability and the convention rate, you must make your hotel reservation by telephone by **Tuesday, May 20, 2014**. After that date, prevailing rates and availability will apply. Make your reservation early!

Telephone numbers for reservations: **1-800-663-1144 or 509-662-1234**

When calling for reservations to get the convention rate, please reference:
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District

All hotel reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

All rooms are \$97.00 per night
Rate does NOT include taxes or \$1.00 nightly city assessment fee.
Be sure to confirm the room rate when you make your reservation.

Room Choices:

Single/Double/Triple/Quad

If applicable, inform Hotel Reservations that you need a handicapped accessible room or of any other specific needs. All rooms are non-smoking.

Check in time: 3:00 p.m.
Check out time: 12:00 noon

If you wish to have the room bill split between roommates, please ask to do so when you check in.

Note: If your room will have roommates, determine which person with a credit card will call The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel to make the hotel reservations to ensure that you will not be billed for more than one room.

Friday, June 20, 2014

More details in the bulk mailing

8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration Open
10:00 a.m. Exhibits/Displays/Stores Open
1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Love in Action* Servant Events
1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Two Break-Out Interest Sessions
1 p.m. Delegate Orientation-All Delegates must attend
4 p.m. Mite Walk
6:30 p.m. Opening of Convention/Processional (EC, Zone Presidents, Clergy)
Communion Worship Service



Saturday, June 21, 2014

8 a.m. Registration Open
Exhibits/Displays/Stores Open
6:45 p.m. Dinner Banquet – Appleaires Entertainment

Sunday, June 22, 2014

11:30 a.m. Closing Worship Service with Installation of Officers



**Check your bulk mailing for a
other important information!**

Lutheran Tellers!!

I've been selected to be a teller at the convention in June. (This is where the Lutheran part comes in!) *What does this mean???*

One of the important jobs at the convention in June will be to count the ballots when we vote for officers, mission grants, etc. In order to count these ballots, President MaryLynn will appoint tellers. These tellers are delegates who are coming to the convention. Only delegates may be tellers.

After MaryLynn selects the tellers, they will receive an email (or snail-mail) from the Parliamentarian, Carol Coerber. She will send them samples of the ballots and the teller forms. Please study these, so that when we meet, you may ask questions about the procedure, but we should be able to have a quick initial meeting. During the counting, the Parliamentarian will be close by in case there are any questions.

The tellers will meet twice – on Friday afternoon, there will be a teller's meeting, and after the session on Saturday afternoon, we will meet to count. You will not miss any of the convention. You will miss some of your free time, but it is an honor to do this important job, so please don't mind missing your free time! (Also, you will know the results of the voting before everyone else, so you need to be able to keep a secret!)

Blessings as you prepare for the convention,
Carol Coerber, Parliamentarian



**Stop!
Don't Miss the
Applesires at the
LWML Convention in
Wenatchee
June 21, 2014!**

The Wenatchee Valley Applesires proudly support the arts in the Wenatchee area and strive to provide music enjoyment to the community. From its roots as a Sweet Adelines group in 1978, the Applesires have grown to more than 50 members. In addition to their annual home concert in September, the group performs at Christmas and throughout the year at various local events. In the spring they are part of the International Choral Festival which features Canadian and Washington State groups. Local fund raising activities throughout the year provide funds for a college scholarship to local students in music education.

Human Care Department

I hope all of you have had a blessed Christmas and have a blessed New Year to come.

Are you ready to be "Filled with His Will" at the 2014 district convention in Wenatchee? Please join us as we fill our hearts with His will!

Our Gifts of the Heart Ingathering recipient this year will be Solomon's Porch in Wenatchee. This is a Christian-based shelter for homeless teens. You can learn more about it at their web site: www.acts512.org Look for the flyer with a list of needs in the next bulk mailing.

I need workers for the Servant Events. Please contact me if you would like to help show attendees how to tie quilts, make cross bookmarks, cards for shut-ins, and many more. We have lots to choose from this year!

See you in Wenatchee,

Sandi Hall, VP Human Care

Random Acts of Kindness

I am inspired by a Mustard Seed Devotion that I read. I want to ask each of you to continue the Spirit of Christmas all year long. Pay it forward spreading blessings inspired by the blessings you have received. I am also inspired by a couple in my community who do not have much, but they always have time and squeeze their funds to make sure one family in the community that would not have Christmas has what they need to make Christmas blessed for them. It is very touching to know they must give up some of life's pleasures to do this. I am inspired by all of those around me that I see doing special things for others. Please let's keep this happening all year not just at Christmas. This random act of kindness is the kind we want you to send to myself or Sandi Schauer.

This is my goal and I pray it will be yours. Keep sending in those random acts of kindness that you witness in your community.

Sandi Hall

LWML WA-AK District VP Human Care

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding Proverbs 3:5

Young Women's Committee

The Young Women's Committee (YWC) is very excited to be planning for the district convention at Wenatchee this June! This is an invaluable experience for young women of the church. During our time together at convention, the young women will learn what LWML does in ministry and spend time with other young women. We will have Bible studies and service projects. We will be blessed to worship God with everyone in attendance!

We would love to see lots of young women at the convention and get them motivated to be active in their congregations, serve their community, and show Christ to the world. The YWC is offering an incentive! The society that sends the most Young Women Representatives (YWRs) to the convention will have the opportunity to have me (Heather) come speak at one of their LWML functions! For those who don't know me, I am one of the YWRs who attended the national convention in Pittsburgh. I am also the vice president of the East Inland Empire Zone, and the vice president of my society. I'll come speak at a LWML event of your choice, and I will even prepare goodies!

Announcements and registration forms will be coming soon! Please encourage the young women in your congregation to attend! We're looking forward to it!

In Christ,
Heather Selset, Young Women's Committee Member; Chris White, member;
Andromeda White, member; Amanda Haan, chairperson



Teen LWML

Have you asked a teen to join you at convention? Why not? What's in it for your teen? Bible studies, learning the heritage of LWML, seeing the bigger LWML picture, fellowship and fun!

What's in it for you? You can mentor a teen and teach her how to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission. You can touch the future of LWML. —Julie Funfar, Chairman

Christian Life

"My Sheep"

Along with thousands of other people, I drive past these sheep almost every day. I look forward to seeing them. I feel like I know them. However, when I stopped to take their picture they would not even look at me? ***"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*** (John 10:27 NIV) popped in my head. These sheep don't know me. I only wanted to "take" from them. I have nothing, no food, water or safety for them. In contrast Jesus says, ***"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*** (John 10:11 NIV). ***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*** (Psalm 23:1 & 6 King James)

Jesus knows us, He provides us with His Word and Sacrament – His life and salvation and all that we need to support this body and life. He is right there with us every day in all things leading us with his voice. He knows us, in response, according to his will, we listen to his voice and follow him. ***"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."*** (Philippians 2:13 NIV) We look forward to seeing you all at the district convention in Wenatchee in June! We are "Filled with His Will!"

Easter Blessings Everyday!

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



Leadership Development

GIFTS FROM GOD

What is the best gift we have ever received? Of course, it is God's gift of His Son, Jesus, who frees us from our sins. We also are blessed with many other gifts from God – among them are spiritual gifts. What do we know about spiritual gifts? The LWML Bible study, "Gifted for Service," is an inspiring program to use for regular society meetings or a workshop. It is also an uplifting personal Bible study.

The study defines a spiritual gift as, "the special ability given by the Holy Spirit to every believer in the Body of Christ, according to God's grace, for use within the context of the body." "Gifted for Service" leads participants to explore eight topics/questions:

1. Why Study Spiritual Gifts?
2. What is a Spiritual Gift?
3. How Many People Have Spiritual Gifts?
4. How do Spiritual Gifts Relate to the Church?
5. What Does the Bible Say?
6. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
7. Seven Steps Toward Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts.
8. What Will Happen if Everyone in Our Church Decides to Discover, Develop, and Use His or Her Gifts?



Each question or topic can be discussed briefly, or expanded to fit the presenter's time frame. A larger group could be divided, with each smaller group addressing one or two of the topics, and reporting back to the whole gathering. In any case, God will be glorified.

"Gifted for Service" is available at www.lwml.org. Under the "Resources" tab at the top of the page, click on "Developing Leaders." Scroll down to "More Resources" and click. There you will find this downloadable, printable PDF file. Many more excellent resources are also listed – pick any that will work for your group and give God the glory.

Your Leader Development Committee,
Margaret Ebert
Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

Structure Committee

LOST: UPDATED BYLAWS

The Structure Committee is looking for updated bylaws. Here is the list of what we are looking for:

- Three (3) zones still need to finalize their bylaws and send them in.
- Eight (8) societies still need to finalize their bylaws and send them in.
- Seven (7) societies still need to revise their proposed bylaws, then send them in for review and approval.
- Two (2) zones have been notified that they need to update their bylaws.
- Fifty-two (52) societies have been notified that they need to update their bylaws.

You know who you are! Work on them while the idea is fresh (like spring) and send them to Marie Chow.

Thanks to the 6 zones and 19 societies who have updated their bylaws since June 2010! If you have any questions about bylaws or amending them, please contact Marie.

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



Mission Grants Update

WOW! I'm so excited!

Three more grants have been Paid in Full.

As of January, \$75,167 has been paid on our grants - \$6,000 to the scholarship fund,
\$3,333 to the House of the Lambs of Orphanage-Haiti
\$2,500 to Tacoma Seafarers' Center



\$11,833 to go. **Mission Possible—Due by the end of biennium, March 31, 2014.**

New grant proposals will be coming to you soon. We will vote on 2014-2016 projects at our district convention in Wenatchee this coming June. It will again be exciting to see where God places our mites in service to Him. Bless you, Dear Mite Givers.

Serving Him, Serving You,

Marilee Ryan, Vice President

Gospel Outreach

Joyce Berger, Christina McAnulty,
Committee Members

**We believe in the
God of the possible!**

Recycling news

Recycling has been a bit slow. From Aug 1, 2013 to January 24, 2014 we earned \$138.80 and will receive one \$10 gift certificate from The Funding Factory. (\$10 for each \$100 earned). Changes to their policies have cut into our earnings: all cartridges must have a printer head (see picture), no bonus for Just Labels although you can still use them.

The contest to see which zone earned the most (per member) with their recycling efforts from April, 2013 to May, 2014 is a bit hard to follow. There are several zoneless shipments. Standings: Mt. Baker - \$56.70, N. Columbia - \$50; Rainier - \$30.70; Hood Canal - \$16.60; E. Inland - \$11.20; Lake Washington - \$5.60. Ephrata also sent in 6 cartridges. My plan to use Office Depot and Office Max for cartridges FF wouldn't take hasn't gone quite the way I thought it would for a couple reasons that take too many words to explain. The best laid plans.... I will be sending a \$20 check in this month.

We will participate in Recycle Rumble again – we will be matched with another organization, and the organization that wins gets 25% more added to its account, plus double from business supporters. Also cash prizes to the top three overall. It goes from February 1 through April 30.

The cartridge on the left has a printer head, the other two do not.



Judy Peraino

PLEASE COPY THIS ISSUE FOR THE LADIES IN YOUR CHURCH! PRINT IT IN GRAYSCALE FOR COPYING ON THE COPY MACHINE OR PRINT OUT ALL THE COPIES IN COLOR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ISSUES VIA E-MAIL, CONTACT THE CIRCULATION MANAGER, DENISE CRAWFORD. THIS IS THE BEST WAY!



LWML WA-AK District President, Mary Lynn Huntwork, shares the poem she wrote.

The quilt on the screen in the background was given to LWML President, Kay Kreklau, at the Pittsburgh Convention. The quilt lists each of the LWML Districts and the spiritual gift of the DP. Each of the Senior DPs wrote a poem about that spiritual gift and recited it to the Junior DPs at the Board of Director's meeting in St. Louis.

Mission Servant

Always ask the Father the path that
you should take
To be His Mission Servant, with
very few mistakes
Use Encouragement to lead your
District with all heart.
Relax, enjoy, be yourself and
confidence imparts.

Now I must go and leave to you the job
that I do love.

Pray and answer questions for the
Junior...Is it enough?

So much to think about for you are
now a Senior.

Accomplish all the tasks ahead if only
you remember! smile.



GRANT #6 PAID IN FULL. At the LWML Board of Director's meeting in St. Louis, LWML WA-AK District President, Mary Lynn Huntwork, presented a check for \$2,500 to two coordinators of the Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

Pictured L-R: Cindi Bunte; President Mary Lynn Huntwork; Kim Chapman; LWML President Kay Kreklau; LWML WA-AK District VP of Servant Resources, Marie Chow.

Counselor's Chat Corner:

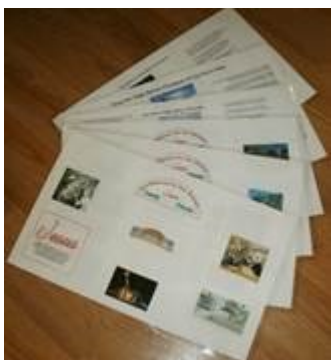
I read this last week during my planning for worship services: "As if the lights are being raised ever-so-gradually in a dark room, the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Epiphany shed a little more light on Jesus and on us." It caused me to pause and to ponder just how wonderful our God truly is to us as we live and serve him in this place we call earth!

As we enter and prepare for the year to continue in the LWML, how totally appropriate it is for us to hear these words I've just shared with you. Through the WORD of God presented in the Gospel, the light of Christ shines in brilliance in our lives if we will just realize it has always been there for us to see. I know I am "speaking to the choir," but as the new day of 2014 begins to open before us could we consider that it is always the time to "crank up the light of Christ," in the LWML? In just a few short months our dear president and many others will be replaced as officers and leaders for the years yet to come. We thank them for their service to God and gear up to follow and support those who will follow in their footsteps as they follow the footsteps that our God has made for them to follow as the LWML continues to serve him in their actions and deeds. With heart and hands and voices know that your work in the Lord will prosper as you work for him. Many people's prayers go with you in your work. God's blessings to you. Looking forward to seeing you in Wenatchee this summer, Pastor Mike Wenzel

Zone and Society Corner

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, WA

Using a banner of baby cloths and baby pictures the women of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lakewood, WA asked their members for donations to help CARENET buy ultra sound machines for their pregnancy centers. The fundraiser ran for the months of November & December, 2013. Over \$1,100.00 was raised to help in this cause.



Advent is a special time of year, and the women of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lakewood, WA do all they can to enjoy it. On December 14, 2013, the women had their annual advent brunch with 37 women and 1 man attending. During this brunch there was wonderful fellowship, good food, a skit, and singing of Christmas carols. However, the most important part was that the women collected toys to give to the local "Toys for Tots" campaign and raised \$70 for Mites by purchasing laminated placemats that had been made by one of their members especially for this and previous years advent brunches.



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for it is God who works
in you, both to will and
to work for his good
pleasure.

—Philippians 2:13 (ESV)



***Please send mites to the Financial Secretary, Deb Jones.
Order mite boxes and complete rosters from the Corresponding Secretary, Linda Miller.***

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www.wa-aklwml.org



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