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Evergreen Echoes

LWML Washington-Alaska District President Carolvn Holbrook

The 2024 District Convention in Everett is now in the history books. What a blessing for so many as we studied the Word with Donna Snow, were touched by the keynote address of Kim Wagner, enjoyed our friends, and saw how much our mites do in reaching mission

grants around the world. Of course, the purpose of the convention is to conduct the business of the District: amend bylaws, select the mission grant proposals for the next two years, elect our officers, and we did. Our delegates voted to fund 16 Mission Grants totaling \$80,000. See the complete list on page 12 and on our District Website, and begin now to pray for each one. Our dimes and dollars will make such a difference in bringing the Lord through our

At the convention, District Officers were elected. Our new Vice President of Gospel Outreach is Solveig Schick. Vice President of Christian Life is Ruth Zellar. Recording Secretary is Linda Davelaar. Treasurer is MaryLynn Huntwork. Our new Pastoral Counselor, West, is Rev. Roger Stites. Members of our Nominating Committee are: Jayne Bowes, chair; Sandra Hall, Vikki Paulovic, Judy Peraino, and Waverly Peterson. Please keep these members in your prayers as

Some have asked why our District, which includes the states of Washington, Alaska, and part of Idaho, doesn't have a "central convention" location. With eleven zones in our District, without considering Alaska, likely Yakima would be the "central spot." It would be difficult for our zones to plan and put on a convention as we try to share the responsibility by having it "Eastside, Westside, and Central" to somewhat share the load among the zones. The three zones who will host the 2026 District Convention are East Inland Empire, Inter-Valley, and Blue Mountain. Even that is a stretch as that covers Spokane, Yakima, and the Tri-Cities. We are grateful for the technology which now allows us to meet via zoom. As we begin to plan, we encourage you to think about possible ways to get your members to Spokane in July 2026. Carpool. Rent a van? How can you assist your members join the adventure? Let's begin our planning NOW!

Blessings as you serve the Lord with gladness! Carolyn



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Structure Committee Reports on ByLaws

Hello! The 2024-2026 bylaws are now on the district website after having the amendments approved at the district convention. Please reach out to the Structure Committee if you have any questions about the new bylaws or what was amended at the convention.

The 2024-2026 Procedures manual is currently being worked on and will be posted to the district website since it is approved at the fall Board of Directors meeting.

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Are Officers Needed? Lucy Leader

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 <u>www.lwml.org/posts/handbook-resources/group-</u> <u>structure</u>.

To learn about specific officer guidelines, go to <u>www.lwml.org/officers-and-committee</u>s.

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



Gospel Outreach Solveig Schick, Vice President

At the district convention in June, LWML women from across our Washington-Alaska District shared their hearts and faith in Jesus, joyfully reaffirming their commitment to service and missions in His name! Praise the Lord!

Mission Grants

The convention approved an \$80,000 goal for 16 new missions that serve the Lord within our district, our nation, and the world.

The Friday mite walk raised \$2,015 and the Friday opening worship mite offering raised \$2,508 for these new missions!

Together with mite offerings from across our district since April, we were able to send mission grant funds of \$7,000 to help pay for the Pastor Parsonage at Funny River, Alaska in time for the latter-part of the 2024 building season. We continue to pray as volunteers give of their time and talents to build housing so that a resident pastor can be called to serve at Funny River Community Lutheran Church.

The next district missions to be funded by your mites are for:

- 2024-2025 LWML WA-AK District Scholarships for Grace Macduff, Justin Chester, Benjamin Oesch, and Matthew Both; and
- Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck ministry in Republic, Washington. This mission grant will enable Trinity Lutheran Church in Republic to provide three or four food trucks to feed hungry families in Ferry County, helping many in need of food assistance.

A prayer list of all the 2024-2026 LWML WA-AK District Mission Grants approved by the convention can be found on <u>page 12</u>. Please consider keeping this list handy for your ongoing prayers! God is mighty and through our prayers and our mites we can spread the love of Christ throughout the world!

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District Convention Sunday Offering

The LWML WA-AK District Convention voted Mirror Ministries of the Tri-Cities, Washington as our Sunday Morning Offering recipient. This organization was also the Gifts of the Heart recipient at the 2023 district retreat in Kennewick. A check was sent from the district to Mirror Ministries in the amount of \$1,555.14 and a thank you was received from Executive Director Tricia MacFarlan:

Thank you so much for supporting the ministry to domestic minor sex trafficking in Tri-Cities and throughout the area, as we bring Christ's love to victims and survivors. Our supporters have brought freedom to over 500 local victims of sex trafficking since 2014 through outreach like that going on today--reaching out to hotels, motels, and attendees at the hydroplane races to be on the lookout for missing teens and women. We have had great success at reducing trafficking instances at these large events, and numerous missing children have been reunited with family through similar and previous efforts!



Mission Grants Goal Aletha Voges Financial Secretary

Mites Goal 2024-2026

Keep those mites coming. We are on target to make budget. Let's make August a successful month also.

Month	Received	
April, 2024	\$5,57	3.43
May, 2024	\$5,23	1.90
June, 2024	\$7,11	2.05
July, 2024	\$6,87	1.11
August, 2024	ş -	
September, 2024	ş -	
October, 2024	ş .	
November, 2024	ş .	
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August, 2025	\$ -	
September, 2025	\$ -	
October, 2025	\$ -	
November, 2025	s -	
December, 2025	s -	
January, 2026	s -	
February, 2026	ş -	
March, 2026	\$-	
Total	\$24,78	8.49
Goal	\$146,07	5.00
Percent to Goal	16.	.97%
Mites Needed	\$121,28	6.51



Financial Report

2024-2026 Mites as of July 31, 2024						
	Goal: \$146,075					
\$160,000.00						
\$150,000.00						
\$140,000.00	\$121,286.51					
\$130,000.00	Needed to reach our goal					
\$120,000.00						
\$110,000.00						
\$100,000.00	\$24,788.49					
\$90,000.00	Mites collected					
\$80,000.00						
\$70,000.00						
\$60,000.00						
\$50,000.00						
\$40,000.00						
\$30,000.00						
\$20,000.00						
\$10,000.00						
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Junior Pastoral Counselor – West Pastor Roger Stites

This is Who I Am

My name is Roger. Since the day I was born, same as my father before me, my name has been...and forever will be...Roger.

Roger Staubach. Roger Maris. Roger Moore. Roger Ebert. Roger Federer. Roger Clemens. (Louder) Roger Rabbit! (Louder still) Mr. Rogers!

Also, to signal when you are done speaking on a walkie talkie or other portable radio, what do you say? ROGER! This is not an exhaustive list, but I hope you are starting to see a trend. 11 times it is on the page in front of you, so far.

My name is Roger.

A while ago, I was at a fast food restaurant. At the end of my order the cashier asked me my name, so they could call it out when my food was ready. I said, "Roger. Like the Rabbit." She smiled. Then I looked and my receipt and saw R-O-D-G-E-R. I pointed it out to her and she said, "Isn't it all the same?" NO. My name is not RODGER! That is not who I am. Similar is not the same. Close is only good enough in hand grenades and horseshoes. Spell my name correctly. It matters. (And if you're curious there are way more "Roger"s than "Rodger"s. Google it).

My name is Roger.

Roger is the name my parents gave me. Roger is the name that was spoken over the waters of my baptism. Roger is the man Autumn married. Roger is Ryan and Abbie's dad. Roger is the name on my diplomas, my driver's license and on my call papers to be a pastor. Roger pays his taxes.

Jesus suffered on the cross for Roger. Christ died for Roger. Christ conquered sin, death, and the devil by rising from the dead on Easter morning...for...Roger. Are you starting to see why it matters? Buddha did not suffer for Roger. Mohammed did not die for Roger. Joseph Smith will not get Roger to heaven. Roger did not do that stuff for Roger either...it was Jesus. That is why it matters. Close is not good enough.

Jesus saved me.

Christ redeemed you.

The world would like you to think that religion is all the same. People suppose that one spiritual man (or woman) is as good as the next. To them it is. To society it does not matter. But I know...

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me..." (John 10:14)

The words of the Easter hymn are so meaningful...bringing comfort in a world of uncertainty.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Verse 8)

He lives all glory to His name He lives, my Jesus, still the same

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my redeemer lives!

We now live in a world in which we no longer have certainty. Things that we once thought would always be there...are not. The world would have you think that being a good person is enough. Yoga and meditation (neither of which are bad) are being hailed as substitutes for prayer. Being spiritual is portrayed as close enough to having a relationship with Jesus. It is not. Close is not good enough. Similar is not the same. Jesus is your Savior. (Say this out loud). JESUS DIED FOR ______ (say your name). THIS IS WHO I AM!

Sisters in Christ, I pray you find Jesus your certainty in an uncertain world. May Jesus be your rock. May Jesus define your life, as he died to save it. May you know who you are...Jesus does. My name is Roger. Jesus died for me. This is who I am.

Pastor Roger Stites Faith Lutheran Church Sequim, WA

Christian Life Committee Ruth Zellar, Chairman

Our committee had a great time at our district convention in June. We had bags to give away to the winners of the Ring Toss Game. I hope you were able to get your bag.

The skit we did was a lot of fun, with Pastor Brian demonstrating our exercises for Planet Finest. Ingrid Rolfs did a great job writing it.

A reminder that our next fall retreat will be at Clover Island, (as far as I know) on September 26-28, 2025. Please mark your calendar for this special event. The Executive Committee has approved the theme of "Calming Life's Storms" from Matthew 8:23-27.

If there is anyone that would like to be on the Christian Life committee, please give me a call or text at 907-232-3823.

Christian Life Committee:

MaryLynn Huntwork Twyla Mitsen Sandi Hall Ruth Zellar- Chairman



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Mission Service Committee

We were blessed at district convention by Galina Volchkova, who spoke movingly about the needs of Ukrainian refugees served by the Gibson Center in Everett, our Gifts from the Heart recipient. Thanks to all of you at the convention and at home who contributed to this important mission. Galina wrote Ruth Ann Shimoi, VP of Gospel Outreach 2022-2024:

Ruth Ann, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, for your kind hearts and generosity! Your gifts mean the world for those refugees who are trying to recover from trauma and handle the chaos of their first steps in the US. I am touched by your mission, and your effort to help people in need.

Ukrainian refugee families are resilient and have many strengths, but they are very vulnerable at the beginning of their new journey here. Your support will brighten many lives!

I've attached our flyer here; please share, if appropriate, with anyone who might be interested in any further support.

Many blessings to you and LWML 🎔 Galina Volchkova

The district convention voted Mirror Ministries of the TriCities, Washington as our Sunday Morning Offering recipient. A check was sent from the district to Mirror Ministries in the amount of \$1,555.14.

Many thanks to Joanne Hopper for her faithful service as Chair of the Mission Servants Committee, as she steps down from this position and serves the Lord in other ways!

Heart to Heart Sisters Young Women in Mission

Young Women

more active."

their experience.

Kelsie Ingham and Judy Norton,

Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Erin Black and Gracie Holdbrook.

Young Women Committee Pam Rafferty, VP of Special Focus Ministries

the LWML. Some comments they shared included:

"Thank-you for being welcoming."

"There are many kinds of groups we can be a part of."

"I learned where our Mites go and how much we give!!!"

Short Term Missions

 ∇ ou may have seen the convention display of short term missions undertaken by our LWML district women throughout the 2024-2026 biennium. See page 13 for excerpts from the mission report written by Jahna Polluck describing their June 2024 Nunapitchuck Mission.

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Many thanks to Patrice Cornelius for her faithful service as Chair of the Short Term Missions Committee. She will be stepping down from this position, but is available to help in the transition for the next Short Term Missions Chair.





Teen Rory, President's Page Our committees thank the local groups who supported these women and encouraged them to attend.

Heart to Heart Sisters

Young Women

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Heart to Heart Sisters and Young Women *Committees* Thrive at Convention

he Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations, and the Young Women of the district were well

Snohomish participated as first time convention attendees. Young women Ababa and Victoria from

We were blessed to have them! Please encourage them to participate in your local groups and share

Heart to Heart Sisters Hong from Faith in Sequim, and Lupe from Shepherd of the Hills in

"I am new to LWML ... I want to get more involved and get my local group

"I would like to encourage other young women to be strong in their faith."

L represented at the District Convention in Everett, WA this past June.



Hood Canal Zone Soveig Christenson, President

Seven women from the Hood Canal Zone joined their sisters in Christ at the LWML WA-AK District 34th Biennial Convention in Everett June 21st -23, 2024. We were blessed with Bible study (Donna Snow), inspiration (Kim Wagner and others), Christian fellowship, mission speakers, worship, and music. We voted in sixteen new district missions for the 2024-2026 biennium and participated in the mite walk. Hood Canal Zone District Convention \$50 scholarships were awarded to:



Judy Norton, Hong Nguyen, Melinda Wickert



Peggy Streeter and Bettie Smith

Women of the Hood Canal Zone met for Christian fellowship in a "Coffee with Me and Thee" luncheon event at the Black Bear Diner in Sequim July 24, 2024. The next LWML Hood Canal Zone coffee will be January 15, 2024 at the Chestnut Cottage in Port Angeles.

Our Joyful Jamboree (combined Joyshop and Fall Rally) will be held October 5, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sequim. According to Google, a jamboree is "a noisy celebration" and we will meet that day for a truly joyful (dare I say noisy!) celebration of Jesus! Through God's grace, we are Strong in the Lord, equipped to honor God by serving others.



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Rainier Zone Edie Norris, President

The LWML Rainier Zone was blessed to have four Young Woman Representatives join their delegation in attending the 34th Biennial convention of the LWML Washington-Alaska District June 21-23, 2024. One of the YWR, Megan Vogel, whose infant son John, attended with her shared, "I had a great time getting to be surrounded by so many Lutheran women. There was a lot of love, joy, and gratitude pulsing throughout the entire weekend. I particularly enjoyed the presentation about the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. I was surprised about the grant process and how much money we give as a district, as well as nationally!! Amazing! Thank you for encouraging me to come.





Iris Church and John Vogel - flash forward in a couple of decades?

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Inter-Valley Zone Pam Rafferty, Past Zone President

The joint Spring JoyShop for the Blue Mountain and Inter-Valley Zones was held at Bethlehem, Yakima, May 18, 2024. With 30 in attendance, the ladies learned about the ministry of Swan Enterprises to indigenous youth in White Swan, WA. The company has a graphic design division (Swan Graphics) and an agricultural division (Swan Seed Co.). Speakers Susie Maxfield and Tollie Nail shared stories of how the Lord has impacted the lives of their employees who are taught employment and life skills and regularly hear the good news of the Gospel. Beautiful, screen-printed tea towels were made for attendees by the Swan Graphics employees with the theme verse *we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ (NIV,* 2 Corinthians 2:15). Blue Mountain Zone member Kris Hulvey shared a devotional on "The Fragrance of Flowers," adapted from The Preacher's Corner online. District President Carolyn brought district greetings and shared about the upcoming convention. The zones held separate business meetings and elections. Nicole Knutson was elected as the new president of the Inter-Valley Zone.





Leadership

Zone Presidents Corner



Leadership Focus

Lutheran Women in Mission FOCUS on Jesus is a series of presentations about Lutheran Women in Mission based on the mission statement of the LWML. This information can be shared with a woman new to the congregation, a woman in the congregation unfamiliar with Lutheran Women in Mission, or as a refresher at local, zone, or district events.

To learn more about this program visit us at <u>LWML.org</u>

All the videos are less than 10 minutes long. This is a wonderful resource for societies/groups looking to re-connect with LWML.



Zion Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash.



What a joy and blessing it was to have six Lutheran Women in Mission from Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma attend the 34th biennial LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in June.

Here are some of the comments the women used to describe the event:

- "I was blown away by the many things the women can do."
- "It was incredible to witness the success of LWML in the presentations."
- "This weekend showed me, yet again, how much can be accomplished for God's kingdom when people work together."
- "It was inspiring to listen to the presentations about the programs we support, and the work God is doing all over the world."
- "I was amazed at everything that these women did in the name of Jesus. I was humbled to hear from past grant recipients, and moved to hear what the mites would do these next two years."
- "The convention was such a joyful event. It was a delight to see women of all ages celebrating what God has done through the efforts of many."

Bethlehem Lutheran, Kennewick, Wash.

The LWML ladies of Bethlehem Lutheran, Kennewick LOVE their school teachers and staff! What blessings from God they are! Bethlehem School is a preschool through 8th grade Lutheran school with over 230 students. The teachers and staff work hard as they focus on both academics and sharing the love of Jesus with the students.

Our LWML ladies chose to honor them near the end of the school year for their dedication, faithfulness, tireless efforts, and abundant love for each and every child.



We also blessed the school staff with a "bouquet" of gratitude-inspired postcards with hand-colored pictures (from the LWML website) and notes of love with scripture verses. Pictured here are the BLS teachers, school secretary, admissions director, principal, Eric Haan, and three faithful LWML members."



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Zone Fall Rally Schedule

Zone	Date	Time	Church	Locations
Alaska	Saturday, Oct. 5		Star of the North Lutheran Church	Kenai, Alaska
Blue Mountain	None Scheduled			
East Inland Empire	Saturday, Oct. 5	9:30 AM	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Spokane Valley, WA
Hood Canal	Saturday, Oct. 5	9:30 AM	Faith Lutheran Church	Sequim, WA
Inter-Valley	None Scheduled			
Lake Washington	TBD			
Mount Baker	Saturday, Oct. 5	9:00 AM	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Bellingham, WA
North Columbia	Saturday, Sep. 14		Trinity Lutheran Church	Republic, WA
Olympic	TBD			
Rainier	Saturday, Oct 12	9:00 AM	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Tacoma, WA
South Columbia	TBD			

Zone Fall Rally Schedule

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Gifts of Love Ministry

One of the wonderful blessings of being a part of LWML is the reunions. At conventions I look forward to seeing special LWML family from other parts of the country such as Albuquerque, Boise, New York, Sioux Falls, as well as the Pacific NW.

One very special reunion took place at the '05 Tampa Convention. While standing in line for registration, I turned at the sound of a familiar voice. There was Rosemary! We recognized each other instantly even though 25 years had passed. We spent the rest of our free time at the convention catching up with each other. Just recently, I learned that Rosemary had received her crown of glory. I was saddened to learn of her passing but then smiled as I imagined that she was enjoying a reunion with beloved friends from our home church in California.

In Acts 20, St. Paul bids a tearful goodbye to his beloved church leaders from Ephesus. The elders thought that they would not see Paul again on earth. But they would see each other again in heaven. Likewise, joyous heavenly reunions take place as those who have received the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit reunite with those who were instrumental in sharing the Good News with them. That's an important part of the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry. Through this ministry which began at the 2007 Sioux Falls Convention, joyous reunions occur. The Lord has blessed this ministry of providing a vehicle for our LWML sisters and their families to share their God-given blessings with the ministries they are passionate about and provide for ongoing mission outreach ... and reunions.

Contact me through LWML Washington-Alaska website's <u>contact page</u> or through your zone president for more information about LWML's Gifts of Love Ministry.

Pam Rafferty Gifts of Love Ministry Advocate LWML Washington-Alaska District

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2024-2026 Mission Grants

Adopted June 22, 2024 LWML Washington-Alaska District Biennial Convention, Everette, WA

Below is a list of the Mission Grants adopted at the convention in June, 2024. Descriptions of each Mission are available on the <u>WA-AK website</u>.

1.	Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund			
2.	Pastor Parsonage- Soldotna, Alaska			
3.	Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck – Republic, Washington \$6,000			
4.	Aid to Washington-Alaska District Women for Short Term Missions			
5.	Bring Hope, Help, and Healing to Pastors, Ministry Workers, and Spouses Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Arizona	\$3,000		
6.	Seeing Christ Through Dots of Love — Lutheran Braille Workers	\$5,000		
7.	Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op — Fort Wayne, Indiana st	\$1,000		
8.	Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide — Concordia Seminary* St. Louis, Missouri	\$1,000		
9.	Orphan Grain Train — Mercy Meals*	\$10,000		
10.	55 X 55 Initiative – LAMP Ministry, British Columbia, Canada**	\$2,000		
11.	Strip Church Ministries – Seattle, Washington**	\$3,000		
12.	Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest – Adopt a Care Center	\$3,500		
13.	Feeding Haitian Children for the Kingdom – Trinity HOPE	\$10,000		
14.	Concordia International Radio Saves Lives Spiritually and Physically Jacmel, Haiti	\$2,000		
15.	Orphan Grain Train – Reaching Out to Ukrainians	\$5,000		
16.	Walking Together in the Mission Field – Alliance Missionaries LCMS	\$3,000		

- *Denotes a mission organization that tied for 7th place in convention voting.
- **Denotes a mission organization that tied for 10th place in convention voting.



Short Term Missions



June 2024 Nunapitchuck Mission

The Nunapitchuk Mission, supported by LWML WA-AK District Short Term Missions, shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a summer VBS program with village partners who invite us each year and support this annual tradition as a component of ongoing ministry. God sent a team of six missionaries by small plane and boat to a Yup'ik village on the Yukon-Kuskokwim River Delta in SW Alaska this June to share the love of Jesus. VBS curriculum and supplies were purchased with the support of a LWML grant. Our VBS theme was "God's Incredible Gifts" ~ or "Cikiiutet Irrinargelriit Agayutmek" in Yup'ik. Our lessons each day incorporated Bible stories, music, crafts and games to reveal God's Incredible Creation, Forgiveness, Restoration, Redemption, and Love. In all of this, we remember that we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this place, and are grateful to witness the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit as faith is nurtured. We give thanks to God for all His gifts, and we give thanks for the generosity of the WA-AK LWML. The grant was a tremendous blessing! Your love has reached the boardwalks of Nunapitchuk, Alaska, where nearly 100 children have the Word of God in their hands and on their lips, through pictures, print, and song provided by this grant. To God be the glory!



After flying by jet from Anchorage to Bethel, we board a small plane to get to the village. We then travel by boat from the airstrip to the village. There are no roads. This region is very low-lying tundra, so the structures are built on pilings, and you walk on wooden boardwalks.



Daily Bible school for all ages \sim babies to elders \sim included outdoor welcome with snack, indoor music, Bible story, craft, and outdoor games with more snack! The kids love to ride their bikes on the boardwalk, so we always have a bike repair clinic and jamboree one evening.

June 2024 Nunapitchuck Mission In Pictures











Mission In Review

























You can see "this little Gospel light of mine" shining all around Nunapitchuk, up and down the boardwalks. Quyana!

LWML Washington-Alaska District 2024 Convention

The District Convention was held in Everett, WA June 21-23, 2024. It was a wonderful weekend of friends, fellowship and worship. Enjoy just a few pictures from this blessed event. You can see more pictures on the <u>LWML WA-AK District Website</u>.



Susan keeps us all informed



Another Business Session



Enjoying Banquet



Conducting Business





Pastor Brian at Friday Worship



Madame President



Convention Review

Conducting Mission Business



Pastor Kevin Friday Worship



Future LWML Members



Mite Walk Participants



Donna Snow Bible Study



Newly Elected Officers



Past District Presidents



Our "famous" actors



Choir Entertains the Body



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Banquet Entertainment



2022–2024 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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President

Linda Develaar

Treasurer

Aletha Voges

Emmi Mihalcin

LeeAnn Tibbals

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Susan Allen Abbe

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> **Mission Servants Committee Chairman** Joanne Hopper

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Short Term Missions Committee Chairman Patrice Cornelius

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