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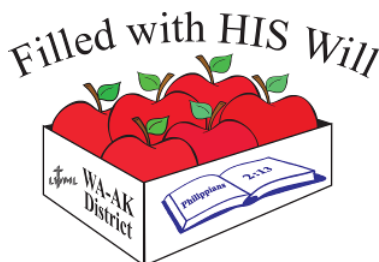
LWML Washington-Alaska District

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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

This is a busy year, and it's flying by quickly. My dream to someday go on a Mission became a reality this past summer. I felt God would send me to Haiti or Nairobi or Liberia. Little did I know that He wanted me on a mission closer to home— just a little north.



As LWML WA-AK District President, I was privileged to travel to Tok and Tanacross, Alaska, with Pastor Todd Roeske and the Alaska Mission for Christ. The AMC is a great resource to the people of Southwest Alaska and Alaska's Interior. They cover hundreds of miles with very few missionaries to share with others the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. AMC Missionary, David Grosz, travels to Southwest Alaska. Using the help of two Alaska state troopers David and I traveled to villages along the Kuskokwim River, meeting with village leaders, educational personnel, local law enforcement, other religious leaders, medical personnel, and the people of Southwest Alaska.

Being able to travel a few days with the LCMS Northwest Board of Directors was an honor. We visited almost every LCMS church in Alaska, sharing a meal, asking what they needed as a Lutheran Church, their challenges and what was working for their congregations. We ended that segment by celebrating Anchorage Lutheran's 75th Anniversary. What a wonderful experience sharing the love of Jesus, my passion for LWML, and preparing the way for future believers.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus commands us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

How wonderful it is to be co-missioned with the Triune God. Whether we are at home, abroad or "just a little north," we are Lutheran Women in Mission. Serving the Lord with gladness. Enjoy this harvest season and blessings for the coming Advent season.

Your sister in mission,
MaryLynn Huntwork





Some of the participants at the LWML WA-AK District retreat.



Devotional walkers in the rain.



Michael Plagerman shared his musical talents with the group.



Carol Bowe created many laughs in her portrayal of "The Middle Wife."



Valerie Cook presented the Rainier Zone's mite auction item.



Convention Host Committee presented a "Family Feud" welcome to the LWML WA-AK District Convention in June, 2014, skit.

Janet Rust, co-chair of the 2014 Convention portrayed the host of the Family Feud skit.



The meals at the retreat were yummy.



Past & Present District Presidents: L-R: Carol Coerber, Charli Hamaker, MaryLynn Huntwork, Current DP, Adeline Stern, Marjorie Longan

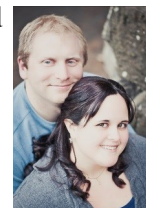


Julie Onken, Rhonda Ries, Cheryl Beyer—members of the Christian Life Committee.

Young Women's Committee

Top Five Reasons Young Women Should Attend the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention in Wenatchee on June 20-22, 2014

1. Enter God's presence and be *Filled with His Will!*
2. Learn about the mission projects LWML Washington-Alaska District supports. The details of the way God uses our mites to minister to many is guaranteed to touch your heart!
3. The Young Women's Committee is planning fellowship activities and Bible study opportunities for women 22-35 years old. Get to know other young LCMS women from Washington and Alaska (and Oregon and Idaho)!
4. Our district is looking for enthusiastic women who would like to participate in LWML at the zone or district level. Learning more about how LWML works may help you find a place to plug in and serve!
5. Special gifts, prizes and yummy treats await you! Bring your sweet tooth!



More information on how to register for the convention will be available soon. We hope to see you there! Not 22-35 years old? Please invite a young woman from your church to attend. We encourage societies to sponsor a young woman's registration. Many young women who attend district events leave feeling more excited about participating in LWML.

Your Young Women's Committee,
Amanda Haan, chairperson
Chris White, Heather Selset, Andromeda White

Friends Into Sewing Him (R)

Do the Convention Rap

School's Out! Whatcha' gonna' do?
Whatcha' gonna' do for a day or two?
Hop in the car with a lady or three
and head down the road to Wenatchee!

You could spend your summer just tanning
your bod,
or you could spend three days Serving God!
So get off the couch and get ready
to head down the road to Wenatchee!

Get on out and serve the Lord!
You'll have a ball and won't be bored.
There's pool time, socials and Bible Study
all when you're on the road to Wenatchee!

So be on the lookout for more info!
When you see it you'll want to go.
So go to church and find a purple lady
and she'll get you on the road to Wenatchee!
—Julie Funfar, Chairman



President, MaryLynn, takes time out of her busy schedule for a bit of recreation while on a mission trip to Alaska.



Human Care Dept.

Greetings to all!

With the approaching Thanksgiving time have you been watching for those random acts of kindness? If you have, please contact me so we can recognize them in upcoming articles.

I spent a wonderful two weeks cooking for the campers at Camp Ortoha this summer. It is my annual short term mission. I love being there, and the kids are just great!

The Human Care committee has been busy planning the Gifts of the Heart Ingathering and Servant events for the 2014 convention in Wenatchee. Have you marked your calendars for June 20-22 yet? Please watch your bulk mailing for a flyer for Solomon's Porch.

If you missed the retreat at Gig Harbor, please plan on attending the next one. It was a wonderful experience, and we had a most successful Gifts of the Heart Ingathering. The recipients of Matthew's Meals at King of Glory church in Gig Harbor were almost speechless when they saw the gifts from all of you wonderful ladies.

I am looking for two more ladies who would like to be blessed to serve their Lord with gladness on the Human Care Committee. Please contact me. Remember many hands make the work light.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas!
Blessings to all! —Sandi Hall, VP Human Care

Random Acts of Kindness

It has been a thrill for me to read the random acts of kindnesses that are being done in the LWML WA-AK District. It is my prayer that these random acts will inspire each of us to look around for opportunities to be "Jesus in People Skin." The ideas will be shared with only an initial or anonymously. —Sandi Schauer, Editor and Member of the Human Care Committee.

1. I was having lunch at a fast food place. A young mother with three young children, two playing in the play area and the third in her arms was trying to move beverages, diaper bag etc to the play area. A simple, "Would you like some help ma'am?" was all it took for her to accept my offer to carry the beverages for her. J.
2. Recently, I felt a nudge from Jesus to take a neighbor a casserole. He lives alone and has few friends. He does have five dogs. When I got out of the car, one of the dogs with wet and dirty paws, jumped into the car. The other four jumped on me. One inflicted an injury on my arm. Sometimes love hurts, but it's worth it. S
3. One of those plastic chairs was lying in the middle of the road. We checked for traffic, all clear, stopped, plopped it in the car and drove on. From a distance it looked like a large white garbage bag. J.



Short Term Missions Committee

Greetings from the Short Term Mission Chairman

I had the pleasure of going to Richland Redeemer Lutheran Church to a regular LWML meeting and sharing about my experiences in Africa and with the Burmese families.

I also had the opportunity to go to Zion Lutheran Fall Rally in Snohomish and share about my time in Africa and other mission work I do. I had the chance to talk to the ladies about the importance of understanding that mission work is not only about going someplace far away, but also it can be done in your backyard. The sharing in both places was fulfilling, and I look forward to doing more. God bless our work.

Traci Blank, Chairman Short Term Missions

Leadership Development

GREAT MEETINGS



Now that we are into our fall schedules, and everyone's calendar begins to fill with events and meetings, how can we make our LWML meetings stand out in the crowd? Let's look at some ways to make those meetings inspiring, encouraging, and meaningful.

First and foremost, we need to PRAY. Ask the Lord to keep our meeting plans in His will, to guide us to good resources, and that what we do will glorify Him – and help others glorify Him too. LWML offers us so many of those good resources. The latest issue of *Follow the Leader* emphasizes the “less is more” concept. To find it, go to the LWML homepage – under “Resources,” click on “Developing Leaders,” and then click on the link to the fall 2013 issue. You will find great tips in the first article for planning and conducting successful and efficient meetings. The second page introduces “Meetings 101.” Among the ideas included here is “How to put PIZZAZZ in your meetings.” Another publication, *The Planning Zone*, is not just for zones – societies and districts can also benefit from it. The article highlights the importance of agenda planning and communication skills. Both programs can be accessed and downloaded from links in the articles.

May the Lord grant that LWML events are not just one more entry in a busy calendar, but are a vital part of the spiritual lives of the women in our congregations.

Your District Leader Development Committee,
Margaret Ebert
Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman

Structure Committee

Rest from Labor...



Every quarter you read about bylaws in this publication. Redoing or updating bylaws is probably not high on your list. Would you like a rest from the burden this might impose on you? You can have it! Simply submit your zone or society bylaws including your proposed changes to the district Structure Committee.

We will review them to make sure they are in line with district and LWML bylaws, concise, and understandable (with suggested format changes if applicable), send them back to you for finalization (and possible resubmit) and you are done! Whew! Now you can rest before the major holidays that will have you on-the-go. A blessed season of thankfulness and giving from us.

Your District Structure Committee,

Sandy Geisler
Ruth Ann Shimoi
Marie Chow, Chairman

Counselor's Chat Corner

Joy to you,



A Thoughtful Question: Where do sinners go? One might be inclined to say to “hell.” Another answer is “they go to church.”

Christians are sinners. They have weaknesses, wrongful desires, moments of unkindness etc. They go to church to celebrate the forgiveness they have through Jesus. The forgiven ones, through Jesus, have the gift of heaven. Christians understand the need for God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. This is the reason Church is important.

Going to church is not a mark of being superior to others, but a humble acceptance of God's forgiveness and thankfulness to Him for this gift. It has been said that “a church is a hospital for sinners and not a club for saints.”

—Pastor Ken Schauer, Sr. Counselor East



Mission Grants Update

The "Mite-y" hand of God is working wonders through you in reaching our mite goal!

As of Oct 31, **ten grants** have been ***Paid in Full*** and **five have received partial payment**, for a **total paid of \$62,834**. Five months to go, Dear Mite Givers, until the end of this biennium, March 31, 2014. Thank you for continuing to *Think Inside the Box*.

The retreat auction, \$5 bags, and offering brought in over \$4,383.50! Awesome!

As I write this, I have received twenty-three grant proposals for consideration at our district convention next summer.

The deadline for submitting convention offering proposals is Jan 31, 2014. Please submit your proposals to me. You can get a copy of the proposal form on the district web site.

My thanks to you this Thanksgiving.

Bless you for your generous hearts.

Marilee Ryan, VP Gospel Outreach



Recycling news

The Funding Factory has made some changes as of 9/1/13. Ink cartridges now must have a printer head, no plain ink boxes and the Just Label Bonus was discontinued although we can still use the labels. Everyone who has sent in boxes, please send me the tracking number so your zone gets credited for the contest. If you didn't copy the number try to remember when the box was sent so I can match it with one of the shipments.

A Funding Factory contest is running from August 1, 2013 to January 31st, 2014. For every \$100 we can choose one of six \$10 gift certificate choices. As of October 23rd we had \$110.10. A gift card will be chosen at the BOD meeting in November.

Continue to advertise this fund-raising project to your congregation and friends – even when it seems repetitive. Make sure to mention all the items that can be recycled. You can pack digital cameras, laptops, IPODS and GPS systems and cartridges together so the box has at least 20 items or is between 20 and 40 lbs. Pack devices to prevent them from being damaged and to protect them from ink leakage. Go to www.fundingfactory.com for more information.



"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." Psalm 24:1

Recycling Coordinator – Judy Peraino



SAVE THE DATE!

*Be sure to plan and mark calendars for your 2014 vacation days (why Not?)
in Wenatchee, June 20-22 for the*

LWML WA-AK District 2014 Convention.

Easy drive to the center of Washington State.
Learn what it means to be "Filled With HIS Will,"
the theme of the 2014 Convention.

Get in on the afternoon Mission Walk (no early rise for next year's Walk).

Stroll down the beautiful Columbia River walk
with paved paths and see flowers, lawns,
and artwork in bronze, steel, and rock.

Take in Wenatchee's mountains, rivers, and sunshine.
Join your LWML sisters and friends for fellowship and
encouragement in your Christian walk and service.

Learn about LWML missions and grants.

Register early for savings—registration information coming soon.

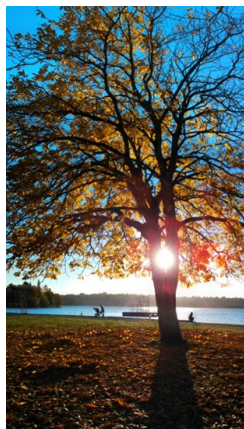
—Linda Miller and Janet Rust, Convention Co-chairs



Convention Logo

Christian Life

The Son Shines Through



"But I trust in you, O LORD; I say; "You are my God." My times are in your hand: ..."
Psalm 31:14-15a ESV

As we celebrate All Saints Eve, I hearken back to last Saturday when I attended the funeral of my dear friends' son, 27 year old Cory. My heart broke as I saw the anguish in his loved ones' eyes as we celebrated the joyful life of Cory with certainty that Cory loves Jesus and we would see him again in heaven. God our Father understands our broken hearts. His Son, Jesus, died the horrible death we deserved. God the Father buried his only Son for our sins so that we all may be called the children of God. But thanks be to God! Jesus rose again and we like those who have gone before us can say with confidence: The Lord Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

As we end one church year and begin a new... let's give Joyful Thanksgiving that Jesus shines through all our gloom with a bright and certain future. We have no need to fear, our times are in His Good and Resurrected hands. *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."* Luke 2:10 NKJ. Let's sing with the angels this Christmas, *"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"* Luke 2:14 NKJ

*Advent Bible Study 2013 will soon be posted on the Web at <http://wa-aklwml.org/downloadpage.htm>

The grace and peace of Jesus be with you all.

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



Nomination Form

June, 2014

I would like to place into nomination:



Mail form to:

WA-AK District Nominating Committee
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Moscow, ID 83843
mygrandmalecann@gmail.com

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Address _____

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To run for the office of: (Check office below)

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Vice President of Human Care

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Pastoral Counselor – Eastside

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LeeAnn Tibbals - Chairman,
Lynn Cooper, Vicky Druge, Tina Gilkey,
Sharon Westman

Signed (Person who is nominating) _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Pastor Tim Winterstein was installed at Faith Lutheran Church on October 20, 2013. The LWML WA-AK District Board of Directors was well represented.

Pictured L-R: Gigi Lutz, President MaryLynn Huntwork, Pastor Tim, Kathy Winterstein (Mom), Ella Kunkel, and Jan Lillquist.





Mt. Baker Zone

Traci Blank, LWML WA-AK District Short Term Mission Chairman and Reverend Doug Wagley from New Vision Lutheran Church in Spokane were the featured speakers at the Mt. Baker Zone Fall Rally on October 12 at Zion Lutheran Church in Snohomish. Traci spoke to the group of 65 women about her mission trips to Africa as well as her work with a Burmese family here in Washington. Reverend Wagley gave an in-depth look at the work of New Vision with Burmese tribal refugees. This mission was the recipient of a district grant for the 2012-2014 biennium.

During lunch, the group played a version of "Are You a Missionaire?" with several prizes awarded for correct answers to a dozen questions. New zone officers were elected, Sorena Brousseau - Vice President, and Kay Thomsen - Secretary. We also said a hearty "thank you" to our outgoing officers, Marilyn Schaefer and Carol Coerber. Our time together concluded with a Divine Service, led by Reverend Warrens Berger. —submitted by Joyce Berger



Outgoing officers: Marilyn Schaefer (Left); Carol Coerber (right) Zone President: Joyce Berger.

Joyce Berger, Mt. Baker Zone, President; Traci Blank - WA-AK District Short Term Missions Chairman; Rosemary Randall - LWML Society President, Zion Lutheran Church; Reverend Doug Wagley - New Vision Lutheran Church, Spokane



Shepherd of the Hills, Maltby, Washington

At the LWML September meeting, the women at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Maltby were treated to breakfast, a short devotion called *Love One Another (Who Is Your Neighbor)*, and a wonderful presentation by Linda Dybwad, Director of Family Life Ministry at Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Her talk was entitled *Passing On the Faith As Family* which focused on the countless ministries that are possible within our own church family.

—Joyce Berger



Linda Dybwad with husband, David, in the breakfast line

L to R: Lupe Reifers, Betty Rich, Nadyne VanDamme, Linda Dybwad, Nora Jenkins, Joyce Berger



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North Columbia Zone

Preparing the Way. . .to Convention

LWML WA-AK District North Columbia Zone held a zone-wide yard sale in October to raise funds to help pay expenses for those who will attend and work at the up-coming LWML WA-AK District Convention in Wenatchee on June 20-22, 2014.

Along with downsizing their “earthly treasures,” ladies were able to share the love that Jesus has for all people with shoppers. They were also able to tell about the mission work that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League accomplishes. A total of \$425 was received. —Jan Lillquist



L to R: Ella Kunkel, Barb Dart, Wanda Zacher

Grace, Everett—LWML Sunday



LWR quilts on display



PING Presenters – Amanda Haan,
Pres. MaryLynn Huntwork, Marilee Ryan



Prince of Peace, Lakewood, WA

The ten members of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church group from Lakewood, WA, wore specially made t-shirts at the WA-AK retreat in Gig Harbor, WA. The shirts were designed by one of their members, Sue Jacobson, and made by various members of the group to highlight and spread the word about LWML and Mites.

The women’s shirts said, “Mite I be Hooked on LWML” and the shirt for the lone male member of the group said, “Mite I be Hooked on Supporting LWML.”

Let’s find and share new and different ways to spread the word.

—Dorothy Rogers



2012-2014 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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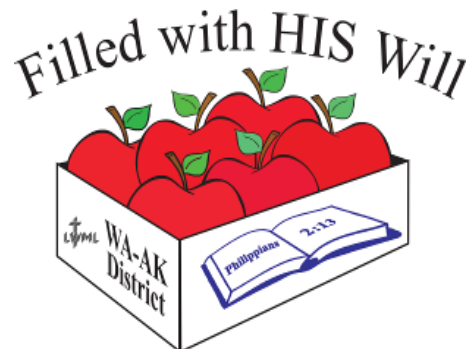
Young Women Committee

Chairman

Amanda Haan



Biennium Theme, 2012-2014



Convention Theme, 2014

***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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Veith's Visit Concordia, Oak Harbor

Concordia's LWML hosted Rob and Eshinee Veith on Sept. 1. The Veiths spoke to our congregation about their work with Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana. Eshinee did a fantastic job of sharing her knowledge in a fun and personal way. Rob entertained and educated us with his musical instruments. What an awesome couple doing God's work! A potluck was also enjoyed by all. We were so blessed to get to know the Veiths and to learn more about this mission project that we have helped to support through our LWML! —Donna Allen



Eshinee & Rob Veith

Mary Mauth
(Concordia LWML
Treasurer), Eshinee
Veith, Donna Allen
(Concordia LWML
President)

