

Evergreen Echoes

Winter
2006

DISTRICT PRESIDENT, ELAINE NELSON



The leaves have been beautiful and the days have been crisp. The rallies were inspiring and our God was praised. Many new presidents and a few second-timers are on the Board of Directors. We have fresh, new ideas coming from our committees. It is an exciting time. I love fall and now I look forward to the activities of the coming months.

to see what she was doing.

The women in the LWML seemed to be friends. I wanted to be a friend also. Where else can you be involved with helping to share God's love with so many here and around the world?

We can do things together that we cannot do alone.

I wanted a regular Bible study with other women.

I like their purpose and mission. They seemed to have fun together.

We need to focus on the upcoming spring events, delegates to our convention in Sioux Falls, SD, selection of our Young Women Representatives and a district banner for the convention. In this issue of the Evergreen Echoes, you will find information on these items. Do your part; become involved in these activities.

While visiting your rallies, I asked many of you why you are involved in the LWML. It was very heart-warming to hear the reasons:

My mother was involved and loved it. I wanted

Do any of these fit your reason? Whatever it is, I would like to encourage you in your service to God and His people through the LWML. Be thankful for the opportunities that God gives you to serve and be thankful for those you serve with you. Then worship the Baby Jesus with a heart full of joy and peace as you receive Him again this Christmas.

Serving Christ with you,
Elaine

From the Queen of Recycling:

WOW! We have collected \$8172.88 in cell phone & cartridge recycling for the WA-AK District! We have almost reached our original goal to collect \$10,000 before the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland, OR. With your continued efforts, we can easily surpass that amount. Thank-you!

If you are currently using the "Just Labels" shipping method, I would encourage you to continue as our district receives bonus points for using our own boxes. If you would prefer to order boxes for inkjet cartridges, you may now request a "Super Box" which holds 3 times as many cartridges as the previous shipping box. We will receive bonus points for using the "Super Box" since it saves on shipping costs. If you can fill a box in less than 6 months, request a "Super Box" when ordering.

Finally, please remember to send in the required number of cartridges and cell phones per box in order to maximize our points and reduce unnecessary expenses for the Funding Factory. Please do not ship re-manufactured or damaged cartridges because they have no point value.

Pam Rafferty, Recycling Coordinator



District Pastoral Counselor – East

Since we live in the Northwest the following story will make more sense to us than to those in other areas of the country. Some of you may be familiar with the man who goes by the name “Winter”. This man has been on a mission for several years. His goal? To visit every Starbucks in America, Britain and Japan, over 5,000 stores. Though Winter is doing well, his quest will keep him busy for some time, because Starbucks opens an average of ten new company operated stores around the world each week. As we know, they even have several stores in one building in Bellevue.

Winter’s quest began in Plano, Texas in 1997. He wanted to do something unique and obviously he has succeeded.

After visiting a few Starbucks, Winter was hooked. Winter’s self-imposed rules require him to drink coffee at each store, so he usually asks for half a cup. Though he sometimes gets tired of the taste of coffee, Winter says Starbucks is his life. He adds, “There’s no way to be finished unless Starbucks goes out of business or changes its name. Those are two scenarios under which I would essentially be done. But there’s really no such thing. The best I can hope for is to keep up. I

can’t foresee myself stopping. It’s too rewarding of an experience.”

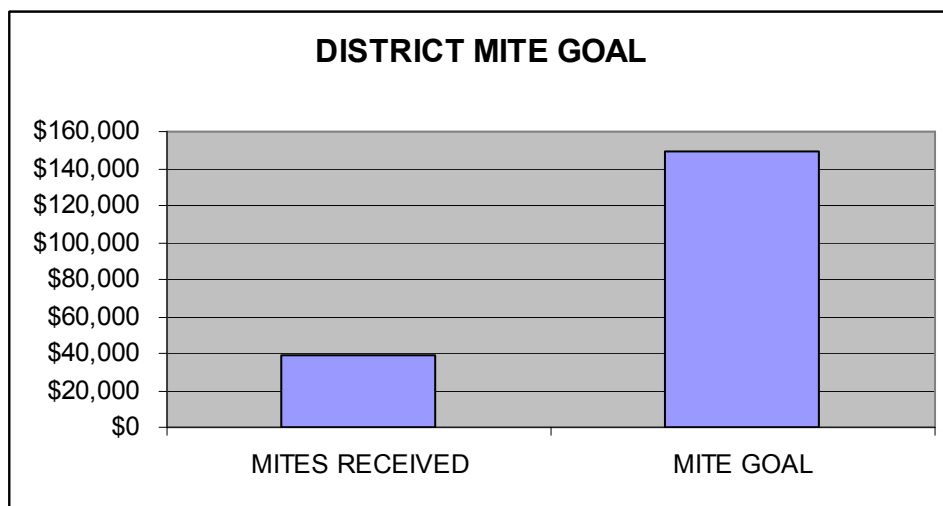
Now that’s dedication! It’s one thing to be dedicated, but it’s quite another to be dedicated to a worthy cause. To me, that describes those of you who are actively involved in the mission of the LWML – dedication to a worthy cause.

When I was a young boy growing up in rural Northeast Nebraska my mother would go to St. Paul’s Lutheran once a month for LWML meetings. I was never really sure what she did there, but she seldom missed. It wasn’t until I was in full-time ministry that I understood what Mom and other LWML ladies were doing – carrying out Christ’s mission work in very tangible ways. And that’s still what you are doing!

As the newly appointed Pastoral Counselor, East, I am honored to be walking alongside you as you carry out the long tradition of fulfilling the mission of Christ in the future with even greater success than in the past.

Pastor Dudley Nolting
Concordia Lutheran, Pullman, Washington

Our District mite goal for the 2006 – 2008 biennium is \$149,250. This goal was approved at the 2006 District Convention in Portland. We are presently 28% of the way through our fiscal biennium and we have received \$38,152 mites or 25.6% of our goal. Mavis Waarvick, Treasurer



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Portland 2009 ~ The Excitement Begins

The preparations for hosting the 2009 LWML Convention have begun!!!

Each society in the three Northwest LWML Districts has received a letter from 2009 Host Committee Chairman Julia Riess, together with a Spiritual Gifts survey and a Host Committee Members Volunteer Application. This application is for members and chairmen of the committees who will assist in planning and coordinating the convention. These applications are to be returned **before February 01, 2007.**

There will be another application (distributed later) for the many workers (women, men, youth) who will be needed at the convention.

The Host Committee Bible verse, from Ecclesiastes 4:12, reflects the cooperative nature of our efforts: ***"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."*** It will require the participation of **EVERY-ONE** in our three districts to be that strong "*cord of three strands*" that binds the entire endeavor into a God-pleasing event that will be a blessing to all.

How will **YOU** participate? The very first step is to put **Portland 2009** on your personal prayer list. Ask our Lord to guide and bless our plans and preparations. Then, fill out a volunteer application (if you haven't already done so) and send it in. And, plan to **ROCK!** in Sioux Falls, June 21-24 at the 2007 convention, where you will have the opportunity to be a part of the official invitation to **Portland 2009!**

Grant Payment Procedures

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission Grant program. It's overwhelming to think what we are accomplishing together as a district in support of the eleven grants which will be funded this biennium. The district Executive Committee has made some adjustment in how the grant moneys will be distributed.

All grants will be fully funded, as voted on by the delegates at the convention. The change involves the timing of the payments. All grant recipients have been asked to fill out a *Form to Request Funds*. On this form they are indicating when they are ready to receive their grant funds. They may request their grant in partial or full payments as needed. The exception to this will be the Seminary students, who will be paid seven times during the next two years.

Payments will be made as funds are available. If more than one of the recipients request money at the same time, we will disperse the grant moneys in the order the grants were chosen by the delegates. With this procedure, grant recipients will receive the money when needed in an amount that will enable them to actually do the task for which the money was requested.

Betty Alm
VP Gospel Outreach

LWML MISSION GRANT UPDATE

Sept. 30 marked the 18-month point or 3/4 of the way through the national LWML biennium. Mites received at that point totaled \$1,135,877.30 or 70% of the biennium goal of \$1,625,000.

From the LCMS e-news 11-1-06

Quarterly prices have increased, beginning with the Spring 2007 issue: 1 to 9 copies to same address - \$5.50 per year; 10 or more copies to same address - \$4.00 per year. Renewal letters have been sent to each society. All subscription orders for the Quarterly should be returned to Quarterly Chairman by December 20, 2006.

Large print or an audio tape may be ordered directly from: Lutheran Blind Mission, 7550 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63119-4409; phone 888-215-2455; or email Lynne.Borchelt@lcms.org

Sonja Frazier, WA-AK District Quarterly Chairman

Vice President of Christian Life, Carol Drager

"I did it!!!"

Our two year old granddaughter, Stella, visited us in August. What a joy to have a little one in the house again. The house was cluttered again with toys and odds and ends. She was busy exploring and investigating. After each new accomplishment, such as climbing out of her crib, carrying her chair to another room, finding more toys hidden in the closet, putting round toy people in round holes and square people in square holes she'd yell I did it! The chorus of "I did it" filled the house and cheered us all. She had a very receptive audience of proud parents, grandparents and aunt and uncle. After she left, the house was quiet but the air seemed to still hold the sounds of "I did it". Shortly after she left I started to find my own "I did it moments". When I netted my husband's 18 lb. Silver salmon (I've lost more of his fish in the past than I've netted). I caught my own smaller but frisky silver salmon. I made my annual (hated) doctor's visit. I forwarded my first email, I retrieved a lost email, I made an email address list. I started feeling that I could do anything I set my mind to. That's when it hit me.

"He did it!!!"

Christ did the one and only thing that would lead to my Salvation. The only thing that really, really matters in life. Christ died for my sins and for the sins of the whole world. He died for each of us so we could spend our lives with him in paradise.

While he paid the price, I still need to spread the word of His life and death for each of us to my family and friends just like my parents shared His story with my brother and me and then we shared His story with our children and now they are sharing His story with their children.

I wrote this before our Retreat planning meeting and didn't think of it again until several days after the meeting. I was truly surprised when I read again that the Retreat theme fit so well with what I had written.

Theme
Plant a Seed
Tell the Next Generation
Psalm 78:6

2007 WA-AK Retreat
September 28 - September 30, 2007
Ross Point Camp & Conference Center
Post Falls, Idaho

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY

June 2008 is really not that far away. We will need a slate of candidates for Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and seven Nominating Committee members. Please keep our committee in your prayers as we begin searching for our leaders to serve in 2008. Watch for information in the District's future mailings. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to encourage fellow sisters in our District to use their spiritual gifts to serve our Lord. Any questions feel free to contact me via email, snail mail or phone.

Romans 8:28

Doris Wurl
Nominating Committee, Chairman



HELP WANTED:

The following positions are in need of one of you wonderful, talented, and dedicated ladies to fill them! Please contact Elaine Nelson if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

District Corresponding Secretary – must have good computer skills for working with databases and lists.

Member of the Leader Development Committee

Recycling Coordinator - (Queen!) coordinates inkjet cartridge, etc collections, order boxes and labels, requests funds from Funding Factory.



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The Public Relations Department wants to pay your registration fee* for the fall 2007 retreat in Post Falls, ID!

We want to encourage you – and all the women in your church – to be there! So, everyone in your society is invited enter our drawing for a fully-paid registration! But there will be **one** winner.*

We also want to discover just how you feel about the delivery of your personal copy of our official publication, *Evergreen Echoes*.

In exchange for your response to our opinion survey below, you are eligible to win this great prize.* Here's how to enter:

- ✓ Read the opinion survey below.
- ✓ Choose the response that most suits your opinion.
- ✓ Fill in the corresponding circle.
- ✓ Mail your response to our District Editor.**

So hurry! The absolute deadline for all entries is March 1, 2007***. Spread the word!

* ***It's a \$125.00 value!***

** ***Do it today!!!***

*** ***It's much sooner than you think!***

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Dear LeeAnn,

- ☐ It is best for me to get our *Evergreen Echoes* by picking up a copy from church. I want to continue getting it this way.
- ☐ Email is the best way for me to get our *Evergreen Echoes*. I would like to start getting *Evergreen Echoes* this way.
- ☐ The best way for me to get our *Evergreen Echoes* is from our website on the internet. I want to get this way.
- ☐ I don't get our *Evergreen Echoes*. But if I did, I'd want to get it this way: _____.
- ☐ Here's an optional opportunity! The PR Committee is partnering with our Retreat Committee to take note of what you expect from our 2007 District retreat. Using this space, please let us know.



MAKE NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS

Prairie schooners probably won't get you there, but you should be booking planes and automobiles (and definitely chartered buses) to attend the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 21-

24, 2007! Plans to carry out the theme "**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King**" are solidly moving forward with on-site servant activities for the King's Servants for Thursday, June 21. At the opening Communion Worship Service on Thursday evening, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, LCMS 2nd Vice President, Sr. Pastor at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minnesota, will serve as worship proclaimer. Stay tuned for more and visit www.lwml.org.

YOUR "GO" GONE?

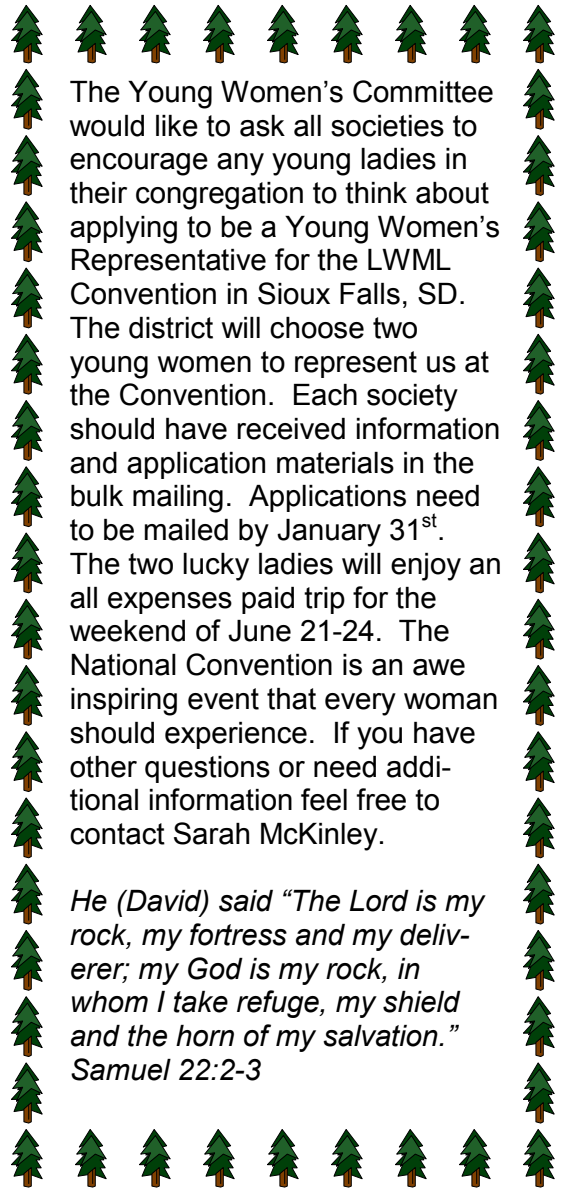
Jesus told us Christians that we were to go into all of the world, and make disciples. We were given the command to **GO!**

That's not news to any of you, I know. But often we don't do it. We don't know how; it's scary; or....(you fill in the blank).

A new committee from your District LWML has been formed to help you see how easy it is to GO.

The Gospel Outreach Committee's purpose *is to motivate, equip and ensure the participation of women from diverse groups, for service and witness to the church and world.*

That means we're here to help you **GO!** Through email, speakers, resources and prayer, we're at your service to help you learn easy and effective ways of outreach. This article is just a short introduction to this Gospel Outreach Committee; more information and ideas will follow. If you have any questions or comments or need a start on **GO**, please contact chairman, Judy Knebel, 4903 - 31st Ave S. Seattle WA 98108, phone: 206.722.3744 or email: jknebel1@juno.com.



The Young Women's Committee would like to ask all societies to encourage any young ladies in their congregation to think about applying to be a Young Women's Representative for the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, SD.

The district will choose two young women to represent us at the Convention. Each society should have received information and application materials in the bulk mailing. Applications need to be mailed by January 31st.

The two lucky ladies will enjoy an all expenses paid trip for the weekend of June 21-24. The National Convention is an awe inspiring event that every woman should experience. If you have other questions or need additional information feel free to contact Sarah McKinley.

He (David) said "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation."
Samuel 22:2-3

GOODSEARCH OVER \$2,200

As more and more LWML members are using GoodSearch to search the internet, mission funds are benefiting. We know that "mites" can be mighty, and now with thousands of searches made each month and a penny given to missions for each search, we've raised over \$2,200 as of Dec. 1! Please visit www.goodsearch.com and type LWML under "I'm supporting" to participate.



*Washington-Alaska District
LWML Human Care*

We are looking for district banner designs-for the LWML 2007 convention. The theme is "Rest On Christ the King" Send design ideas to Heidi Penkert. The deadline for designs is Feb. 1st, 2007.

District Board Ingathering ideas and possible recipients send to Laurie Legler. Deadlines TBA.

Sent Prayer requests and Prayer Chain information to MaryLynn Huntwork.

Teen LWML groups and activities are being formed. Florence Jonen is chairman of this committee.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for letting us be Your servants. You are the rock of our salvation, our refuge and strength. Let all that we say and do be pleasing in Your sight and glorify You. Grant us to live this day in the joy of our salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

In 2007 the following societies have Anniversaries!!
65 YEARS!

HOOD CANAL ZONE

Bremerton, Memorial Ladies Guild
November 12, 1942

MT BAKER ZONE

Snohomish, Zion LWML, May 13, 1942

RAINIER ZONE

Chehalis, Peace LWML, July 1942

RAINIER ZONE

Puyallup, Women of Immanuel, May 6, 1942

60 YEARS!

BLUE MT ZONE

Walla Walla, Trinity Ladies Guild
November 5, 1947

50 YEARS!

PUGET SOUND ZONE

Des Moines, Resurrection Women's Fellowship,
February 7, 1957

There are many societies who are in between the 50-65 mark, so if you are curious to know where you are, just email me.

Nancy Wyckoff, Archivist-Historian

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See "Help Wanted Section"

For now, send rosters to

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WA-AK DISTRICT BUS TRIP TO THE LWML CONVENTION

We are exploring the possibility of chartering a bus to the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, SD this June. The ten-day itinerary would begin on June 18, with overnight stays in Missoula, MT and Buffalo, WY. After the convention, stops would be made in the same locations, returning to Seattle on June 27. Pick up and drop offs could be arranged for Eastern Washington ladies.

Price estimates:

\$320.00 Bus fare, includes gratuity and lodging for the driver
\$150.00 Motels – 6 nights, 4 to a room* (some w/ breakfast)
\$ 75.00 Convention Hotel – 3 nights – 4 to a room*
\$155.00 Registration fee for Convention
\$ 69.00 Meal plan at Convention (4 meals)**
\$769.00

* Room prices will increase if less than 4 to a room

** Meal prices other than convention meal plan are not included



The bus would hold 50 passengers and is from MTR Western, one of the largest motor coach companies on the West Coast. A side trip to Mt. Rushmore is a possibility. Please note that schedule and prices are tentative and for planning purposes only. We need you to demonstrate your interest immediately with a deadline of January 15th. A deposit of \$200 will be due by February 15, 2007.

Please contact Jackie Hanenburg, (253) 845-6416. Mail address is 2106 12th Ave, SE, Puyallup, WA 98372.