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Dates to Remember:

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District Retreat

Sept 29- Oct 1, 2023

Clover Island



2023 LWML Convention

June 22-25

Milwaukee, WI



Greetings from

LWML Washington-Alaska District

PRESIDENT Carolyn Holbrook

Come Celebrate! In Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the 40th Biennial LWML Convention June 22-25, 2023. The theme: "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations". *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man* (Psalm 33:12-13).

We will celebrate with worship, praise, and prayer. Learn how our mighty mites are serving Him around the world. Participate in servant activities. Like to golf? Join the Tee Up for 4 Mites at the Western Lakes Golf Club.

Join the Milwaukee Mission Riverwalk for a one-mile walk along the lake. There is a cast of wonderful worship leaders and Bible Study leaders, and, of course, we'll complete the business of our national organization. The delegates will vote on the Mission Projects for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Have you heard the good news? We reached our 2021-2023 Mission Goals! \$ 1,150,000! Praise the Lord!

Check out all the information in your Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Winter 2022, issue. Come Celebrate!

Blessings,
Carolyn Holbrook, President

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Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi, Vice President

Blessings,

As of this Evergreen Echoes writing, 5 Mission Grants have been paid.

Children of the Nations: \$5,000

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food CO-OP: \$2,000

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Logos Bible Software: \$4,000

Mission Central, Missionary Support for Johanna Heidorn: \$5,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries: \$7,500

To all Societies, thank you for submitting your Mites. God is at work in these grant recipients and the work they are doing. Seven more grants to go. You can follow the progress of the Mites and the grants on the LWML WA-AK District website.

Now in preparation for the 2024-2026 Biennium, the Mission Proposal forms are on the website. Please get the word out. Proposals are due by October 31st. Remember the organization asking for a grant has to be a 501c3, and a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Our grant limit is \$10,000.

Ruth Ann Shimoi

LWML WA-AK District Vice President Gospel Outreach



VP of Organizational Resources

Marjorie O'Rourke, Vice President

Looking for the bylaws for your society or zone? The National LWML has draft bylaws you can start to start the process. Here is where you can find on the national website:

1. Visit lwml.org
2. Go to the About tab in the upper right-hand corner
3. Select Structure from the drop-down menu

This will take you to the Structure page where the draft bylaws can be found.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Structure Committee with any questions you may have. We are here to help you every step of the way.

Marjorie O'Rourke, Vice President of Organizational Resources

Ella Kunkel

Amanda Larson



Heart to Heart Sisters Kelsie Ingham

H2H Evergreen Echoes Spring 23
Judy Norton committee member
Kelsie Ingham committee chairman

While we develop our webpage for the WA-AK District website we want to provide our members with links to available information:

- Archived resources including articles from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Bible studies: H2H Archives - <https://www.lwml.org/h2h-archives>
- Short video with an introduction to LWML and the Heart to Heart Sisters: <https://www.lwml.org/posts/h2h/the-heart-of-it-all>
- The Heart to Heart Sisters main page on the LWML website: <https://www.lwml.org/heart-to-heart>



VP of Christian Life Ruth Zellar, Vice President

Mark your calendars for our Fall Retreat that will be held at Clover Island on **Sept 29-Oct1**. We are busy making plans for everyone to have a great time with Bible Study, Fellowship, games, time for a walk and many other exciting events. Pastor Todd Roeske will be leading our Bible Study. The theme is: Are you a Missionary? With focusing on Romans 10:14-15. Hope to see you there.

Please take a look at our page on our website. I will be putting some Lent Devotion on there for you to enjoy. Hope that you will take advantage of this.



LWML Washington-Alaska District Retreat

Theme: Are you a Missionary? Romans 10: 14-15

7 pm Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1

435 Clover Island Dr.

Name _____ Are you under 35? _____ or under 18? _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Church _____ Zone _____ First Time Retreat Attendee? _____

Retreat Registration Fee \$80 per person

*****Early Bird Special – postmarked/paid by July 25, 2023, pay only \$70 per person*****

- ❖ **MEALS:** Your retreat registration fee includes two meals- Saturday lunch and dinner. Friday dinner is on your own. (Saturday and Sunday breakfast are provided by the hotel and included in the room reservation.)

Please list any Medically required dietary restrictions or allergies: _____

Retreat Registration deadline is September 15, 2023.

Please make checks (\$80.00 or **early bird special \$70** per person) payable to LWML Washington-Alaska District. You will receive a confirmation email or letter which will include a map, a list of items to bring, and other important information.

No retreat registration refunds will be given out after September 8th.

- ❖ **HOTEL:** the retreat registration fee does **NOT** include hotel room lodging.
You are responsible for making your hotel reservations! Get your hotel reservations early so you and your roommates can take advantage of our special block room rates and availability. The block room rates start at \$104.00 + tax per night. Your total price for two nights will depend on how many people are sharing your room. If you need help finding a roommate, contact the registrar. The registrar will do her best to assist you.

Room Reservations: Please call the Clover Island Inn at 509-586-0541 to make your reservations. Give them room block "Lutheran Women's Conference" so you get our special rate. Our room block will be released on September 15th. Please make your reservation early so you can obtain a room.

- ❖ **TRAVEL INFO:**

_____ I will be traveling by car with _____

_____ I will be traveling by plane

Send registration form and payment to:

Jayne Bowes

PO Box 214

Okanogan, WA 98840



Young Women
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Young Woman Representative Application

LWML Washington-Alaska District

Date: _____

Convention Location: Milwaukee, WI June 22-25, 2023

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed. Return the completed form to your district president.

- 1) The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
- 6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Please ask someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, to answer the following question, “Why do you feel this woman would make a good LWML Young Woman Representative?”

Ask this person to answer on a separate sheet of paper and include their name and relationship to you. Attach their sheet to your application form.

Send the completed application by February 25, 2023, to:

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Yakima, WA 98908
pbrafferty@gmail.com

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Chairman Young Women's Committee
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Bellingham, WA 98255
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Short Term Missions

Patrice Cornelius, Chairman

CAN WE HELP YOU??

Are you looking for somewhere to serve the Lord? Have you thought of a short-term mission? The LWML WA-AK District Short Term Missions committee is ready and willing to help you. We have a budget of \$6000 to be used over the 2022-2024 biennium to fund short-term missions. \$500 to \$1000 will be available to each applicant. Two mission trips were funded this past summer.

Applications are available on the district website: wa-aklwml.org

When you have completed the form, send it to: patrice.cornelius@gmail.com or 'snail' mail to 803 Dayton Drive, Sunnyside, WA 98944. Our committee will review it and determine how we can help you.

If you have any questions, Sandi Schauer or I will be happy to try to answer them. This is a wonderful way to serve in the mission field and we are excited to be able to help you. Serve the Lord with gladness!!

In His Service,
Patrice Cornelius, Chairman
Sandi Schauer
Short-Term Missions Committee



Dear LWML WA-AK District,

This letter is to thank you for the Mission Trip Grant you provided to my group on a recent trip to Houston, Texas.

This past summer we went to Houston for the LCMS National Youth Gathering. We took a group of twelve that included nine teenagers and three adult chaperones. Our group traveled to Houston a week before the gathering to complete a mission trip.

Youth Works arranged for a place to stay, and servant events to participate in. For five days we volunteered with two amazing organizations.

First was Houston Food Bank. They are the largest food bank in the distribution in the United States, serving eighteen southeast Texas counties. We helped put together food boxes, peeled onions, and sorted donated food.

The second was an organization called Bread of Life. Their mission statement is:

"Tackling barriers together with compassion to restore hope to Houston." We worked in the warehouse organizing donated products and building boxes to be given out at monthly events. These boxes contained \$400.00 of self-care items: shampoo, sunscreen, razors, plus other donated items. It was very hot and sweaty work for a group of Alaskans! We looked forward to our evening shower time.

Some grant money was used to make kits for each of the trip participants. I filled a pencil box with travel items like a toothbrush, toothpaste, stain remover, ear plugs, deodorant, ibuprofen, breath mints, and some cash. Your help was invaluable and extremely appreciated!

Thank you so very much.

Amber Ewart

St. John Lutheran Church

Palmer, Alaska

Financial Secretary

Aletha Voges



National LWML has met their goal. WA-AK has not. We still have a way to go. With 45.8% of the time elapsed, we have only met 35.5 % of our goal. KEEP THOSE MITES COMING. Thank you.

Society News

Country Christmas

The following is a group of photos from Faith Lutheran Sequim LWML women's Country Christmas Party with singing, devotions, skits, line dancing, and fellowship.



St Matthew Port Angeles' LWML women packing Christmas boxes for Tacoma Seafarers Center. Over 100 wrapped boxes



Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Everett WA made butterfly pillows for Providence Hospice.



Scenes from the Ladies Aid Tea on September 8, 2022



LWML Rainier Zone

The LWML Rainier Zone Fall Rally was held on November 5, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington under the theme “I am the Heart of LWML”, highlighting the Scripture verse *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* (Matthew 6:21)



The opening worship service was led by Rainier Zone Counselor, Rev. Sam Schuldheisz, and Zion Lutheran host pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Ries. As the zone continues to work at reorganizing after the challenging years of Covid 19, it was a blessing to have 31 people in attendance.

Since Marjorie O'Rourke had resigned as zone president, following her election as Vice President of Organizational Resources to LWML Washington-Alaska District, Edie Norris was elected to serve as president for the remainder of the zone president's term. Charli Hamaker was appointed to serve the remainder of Edie's term as zone secretary.



The rally speaker, Keith Galbraith, from Family Renewal Center in Tacoma, WA, shared the amazing work being done at the shelter that gives confidential support to victims of domestic violence.

Rally attendees brought many items for the ingathering to help with the work of this organization that provides hope to over 200 women and children each year.

Following lunch and installation of officers, Rev. Schuldheisz led the closing devotion from Martin Luther's *Treasury of Prayer*.



Zion LWML Tacoma WA

The women of set a couple of challenges for the 80th Anniversary of LWML in 2022. Each year the society the congregational project "Christmas in September" providing items to fill the Christmas boxes given to Marines through the Tacoma Seafarers. The goal of Christmas boxes was surpassed at the packing party boxes were completed.



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During the wrap and pack party for the Seafarer Christmas boxes, the second LWML 80th anniversary challenge met by the Zion LWML Quilters was shared with a display of some of the 80 comforters and quilts that were made during 2022 for distribution to various service organizations in the Tacoma area.

2022-2024 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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Financial Secretary
Aletha Voges

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Rev. Kevin Schubkegel

Counselor – East (Junior)
Rev. Brian Bowes

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2022 - 2024 Theme

"Be Strong and Courageous"

"...be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)