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LWML Convention

June 24-27, 2021

Lexington, Kentucky

District Convention

July 8-10, 2022

Wenatchee, Washington

He Is Risen!

Spring has sprung - a new beginning. April showers bring May flowers showing God's beauty all around.

Last month Mike and I spent ten days at our log home in Wisconsin on the Clam River. What a wonderful, peaceful, quiet, time visiting with friends and family and wandering through the forest.

"Peace Like a River."

Now back to the real world of finalizing plans for our LWML convention in Lexington.

Convention registration – check. Airline reservations – check. Delegates confirmed – check.

I am excited to visit that part of our beautiful country, get together with LWML sisters and brothers, and worship in communion with inspirational, encouraging people.

I know of 30 people from our district who are attending the convention. There may be more.

Fifteen of us will be seated at our WA-AK delegation tables! *And that includes two Young Woman Representatives!* I cannot wait to meet them. Allyssa and Erin's biographies are included in this newsletter. For those of you not attending the convention, you may have a chance to meet them at our district retreat in September.

May the Peace of the Lord through Christ's resurrection fill your hearts with joy!

Risen Indeed!

Marilee Ryan, District President

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District Counselor

Rev. Richard Loppnow
Senior Pastoral Counselor – East

I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people (Leviticus 26:12).

We have done a whole lot of unmanaging these past 14 months. Ecclesiastes' 3rd Chapter does not list that as one of our in/out of seasons, maybe in part because I just made the word up. But it does fit the spirit of the passage. Health duty to neighbor has properly called for separation during this time.

But that season is coming to its end, with spreading inoculations and at least one promising treatment now visible in the rearview mirror and happily gaining ground. We as an LWML District thus prepare for another retreat. Leviticus 26:12 will provide the theme.

God is always among those who call on His name, so has likewise been all through the pandemic. We are and have been His people whenever we act in a love that publicly points to Christ. Including when such love calls for an avoidance that supports and protects our neighbor's bodily need (Luther's Explanation to the 5th Commandment).

Communing together makes for a much more joyous time. Many of us will have opportunity to do so in Lexington at the National LWML Convention. Before then flowers and Joyshops will spring up among our local gatherings. The Spirit has guided us to God in faith. Continue to heed his call and Word, He will see us through all earthly things to the heavenly eternal ones.

I am the LORD your God (Leviticus 26:13a).



Special Focus Ministries

Carolyn Holbrook, Vice President

The Washington-Alaska LWML District is delighted to have two amazing young ladies to represent our District at the National LWML Convention. Our Young Woman Representatives are Erin Black and Alyssa Burrows. We look forward to their participation in the Convention and as they become involved in the work of the LWML in our District!

The Special Focus Ministries continues to search for committee members and chairpersons for the Young Women Committee and the Teen Committee. The young women of our congregations benefit from the support and encouragement these committees provide. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of these essential ministries.

I will personally participate in a Heart-to-Heart training program prior to the Convention in Lexington. I look forward to sharing new ways to make this ministry even more effective in our LWML societies.

Carolyn Holbrook, VP Special Focus Ministries

LWML Young Woman's Representatives



Hello, my name is Allyssa Burrows. I have been attending Messiah-Lutheran Church in Marysville, Washington since 2008. The church congregation has become my second family, and spending time at the church has become such an important part of my life. When I was younger, I was very active with my church's youth group. I always enjoyed planning our annual fundraisers, attending various events, and spending a week at Higher Things each summer.

My senior year of high school I started teaching a Sunday school class which has been my favorite way to give back to the church and become involved within our congregation.

I am now serving as Messiah's Sunday School Superintendent as well as serving on our church council as the board of education chairperson. I have enjoyed finding new curriculum, organizing our Christmas program, and coordinating with our Sunday school teachers. I am currently focusing on trying to keep our families involved and supply them with activities until we can be together for Sunday school again.

Outside of my time at church, I work as a barista at a local coffee stand and as a preschool teacher. I just completed my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and obtained my Washington State teaching certification. When I am not at work, I love to spend time with my family, my four siblings and parents, and my two dogs. In my free time, I love to spend time outside by the pool, on a walk, or reading a book.



My name is Erin Black. I was born in Seattle, Washington, and grew up in the Seattle suburb of Kenmore. I had always wanted to go to church as a child and finally started going on my own when I was 17. I first visited a Foursquare church, but it was not at all what I thought a church service should look like!

So next I visited a nearby Lutheran church, and was blessed with a wonderfully loving congregation, and a pastor who very helpfully answered all my many questions, and even gave me a few books and other resources. I was baptized less than two months later, and I was confirmed four months after that.

After high school, I went to Cascadia Community College where I studied elementary education. I was going to transfer to Concordia University—Portland, but I realized I could not afford the tuition, so I took a few years off to work before I transferred to Western Washington University. There, I studied elementary education and psychology.

I currently work as a para educator in the Bellingham school district and at a Haggen grocery store. I plan on going back to school at some point and getting my teaching certificate for elementary education. I would love to teach fifth grade! In my free time, I enjoy visiting my family, reading, writing, going for walks, and watching movies.



Gospel Outreach

Ruth Ann Shimoi – Vice President

What a year!! The 2020 Convention, in which voting was done by mail, resulted in 8 Mission Grants. The LWML WA-AK District website has the list and description.

Soon... October 31, 2021 will be upon us. This is the deadline for new Mission Grant Proposals to be submitted! The directions and the application for submitting a mission grant on also are the website. It would be great if proposals could be submitted before the 31st as this then truly does give the committee time to review and gather information.

Our Mites are Mighty and have supported many missions. Please continue to gather and send in the Mites, pray for the current grants and truly be in prayer for the grants that will be coming in for the 2022 LWML WA-AK District convention (June of 2022).

Probably because of the yet uncertainty of travel, there have been no requests for short-term Mission funds. Please do reach out to us if something “local” comes up. We will review and determine if Short-term funds can assist.

Ruth Ann Shimoi

LWML WA-AK District Vice-President of Gospel Outreach

Structure Committee

Pam Rafferty, Vice President

Do you know the difference between a news release and a press release or how to correctly write the LWML motto: *Serve the LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2)?

How about the proper use of the LWML logo? There are answers for all things written in LWML in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Style Guide located on the LWML website under ABOUT, then Logos and Style Guide.

<https://www.lwml.org/logos-style-sheet>

If you need further assistance, you are welcome to contact the Structure Committee through the contacts link on the Washington-Alaska District website. Select send mail on the upper right-hand side of the page. If you do not have access to the internet, contact your zone president to reach our committee.

Happy writing!

Ella Kunkel, Aletha Voges, Pam Rafferty



Leader Development Committee

Pam Rafferty, Chairman

During the pandemic, are you having trouble staying connected to your LWML society? Many of us cannot yet hold meetings in person and not everyone wants to and knows how to use Zoom. What is a good LWML leader to do? Yes, all of you are leaders! Even if you do not lead meetings, you lead others to Christ: by your participation in mission servant activities, by giving your mites, by your words, and by your actions.

One idea from Lucy Leader on the LWML website is to ask group members to join you in a moment of prayer — everyday at 3:16. The time reminds us of John 3:16. It seems so simple, yet it draws all of us together no matter how socially distant we find ourselves.

Another idea is found on the leader development page of our district website. The “Prayer Walk” is designed so it may be done virtually from home or in person with your group or zone. It is found at: [Leadership Development \(wa-aklwml.org\)](http://wa-aklwml.org).

If you or your group participate in a prayer walk, we would love your feedback.

Kelsie Ingham, Michele Misener, Pam Rafferty









Nomination Committee

Jayne Bowes, Chairman

Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light (your gifts, your blessings) *shine before others*, that they may see your good deeds (gifts and blessings and thereby be blessed) and glorify your Father in heaven. (emphasis mine)

And with that, the Nominating Committee has dived head-long into the process of receiving nominations for the open offices for the 2022-2024 biennium of the WA-AK District. We are kindly asking that you consider putting forth your name or that of an LWML sister in Christ, or pastor, as a nominee.

The following offices are open:

-  **President**
-  **VP of Organizational Resources**
-  **VP of Special Focus Ministries**
-  **Financial Secretary**
-  **Nominating Committee (5 positions)**
-  **Pastoral Counselor – East**

If contacted for a nomination, please give it prayerful consideration (*you were nominated for a reason* 😊).

If you have a name to put forward, please do so – quickly! If you need information regarding these positions, please reach out to Chairman Jayne Bowes - jfoinspire@hotmail.com

Thank you for your much needed prayers, support, consideration, and help!

Nominations deadline is March 1st, 2022



Scholarship Committee

Judy Ikerd, Chairman

Annual scholarships of up to \$1000 a year for undergraduate students and \$2000 a year for postgraduate students are given by the LWML Washington - Alaska District.

The Scholarship Committee has received six applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. These applicants are planning to become Ministers, Directors of Christian Education and Deaconesses and are enrolling at Concordia University in Irvine, California, the Mission Training Center near Irvine, and St Louis Seminary. We have supported one applicant, Kurt Hellwig, for the last three years and, after completing his final year in 2021-2022 at St. Louis Seminary, he will be ready to serve the Lord as a minister.

The Scholarship Committee reviews the applications with required documents and recommends which students should receive a scholarship. The recommendations are sent to the District Executive Committee for a final decision.

The Washington - Alaska District recognizes the need for workers to proclaim the gospel and realizes the cost of education to be able to serve as full - time church worker can be overwhelming. The scholarship program helps support students and shows students that we care about them. This enables students to serve the Lord with gladness now and in the future.

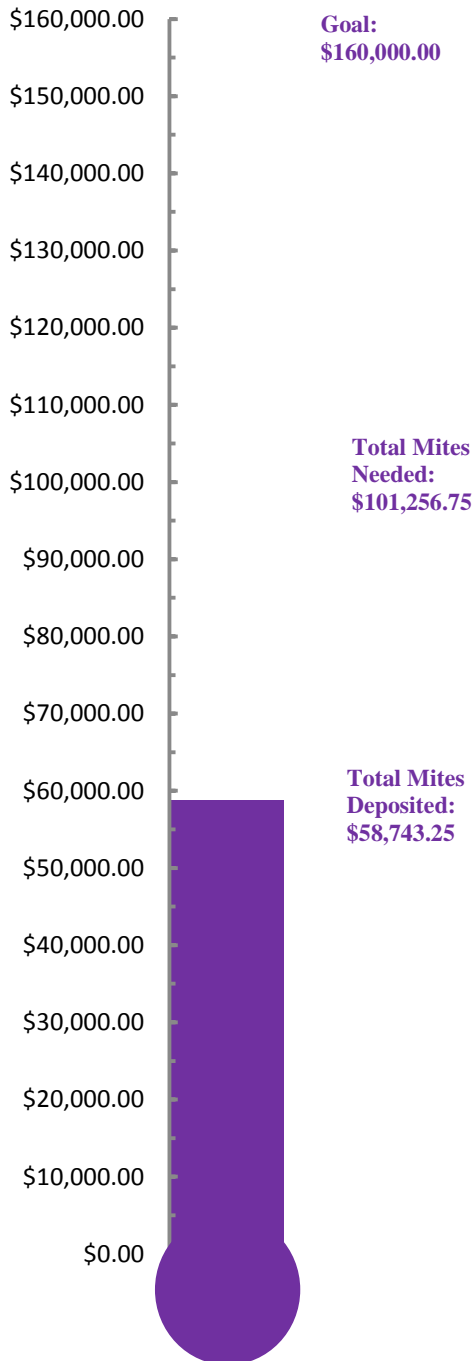


God
Answers
Prayers



WA-AL LWML Store

2020-2022 Mites as of April 30, 2021



Easter Blessings and Joy to all of you!

What items would you like to see in the store for the upcoming retreat in September? The order needs to be submitted by next month, so please send me an email at sandrahall1918@msn.com. I also need to know who wants District Logo Shirts and which style. Is anyone interested in a tote bag with a district logo on it? If you are interested, I will research that as well. Please call or email me with any questions or comments. My phone is 253-221-0904 and my email is above. My deadline for ordering is June 15th. Have a wonderful Summer!

Sandi Hall, Store Administrator





Alaska Zone

Ruth Zellar, President



Alaska Zone was able to have our Joyshop in person. We gathered on April 10, 2021 with 27 ladies in attendance. It was held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Anchorage, AK.

The theme was "Alive in Christ" supported by *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). Bible Study was led by Roberta Hilgendorf, our Christian Life Chairman.

For our in-gathering, we collected items for **Standing Together Against Rape, Inc (STAR)**. Since 1978, STAR has been responding to the needs of survivors of sexual assault, while integrating prevention and education programs with a goal of reducing harm to all Alaskans. The items that we collected were: Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Underwear and Journals. A great time was held by all.

Ruth Zellar, President

Lake Washington Zone

Ruth Ann Shimoi, President



On Saturday, the 20th of March, Lake Washington Zone LWML members met for a "Zoom" Joyshop. We used the 2021 LWML Prayer Service written by Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus. As you can see by the smiles of the 19 present it was a good morning.

President Marilee Ryan joined us. Thank you to All Saints for making the necessary arrangements with Zoom and a big thank you to Marie Chow for knowing how to use Zoom and PowerPoint. I was very thankful for the sharing that took place and the willingness of ladies to read when I called upon them. This was a Joyshop truly blessed by God.

Blessings,

Ruth Ann Shimoi

Lake Washington LWML Zone President

2020-2022 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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Financial Secretary
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Rev. Richard Loppnow

Counselor – West (Junior)
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**Vice President of
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Pam Rafferty (see above)

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
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Teen Committee Chairman

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2020 - 2022 Theme

Go Forth in Peace

*Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you
(Proverbs 4:25).*

*Brethren, I count not myself to have
apprehended: but this one thing I do,
forgetting those things which are behind,
and reaching forth unto those things
which are before (Philippians 3:13 KJV),*