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District Retreat

Sept 29- Oct 1, 2023

Clover Island

2023 LWML Convention

June 22-25
Milwaukee, WI

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What a blessing it is to worship, grow through Bible studies, and fellowship with my sisters in Christ! I have been so blessed to attend some Fall Rallies and worship with fellow LCMS congregations in recent weeks. I saw firsthand how “prayer changes things” as the Lord touched the hearts of women to come forward to serve the Lord in various positions in societies and zone ministries. Change. Change can be exciting and positive, like the birth of a new child or grandchild; a new position; or a move to a new community. Change can hurt, like the loss of a dear friend or relative; a new position with unfamiliar routines and co-workers; a move to a new community where you know few people, need to find a new church home and become familiar with new stores and roads.

The one stable thing in our lives is our Lord, our Rock, our Fortress, our Redeemer. The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He holds us close and guides us in those anxious times. He rejoices with us as we accept and risk changes that serve Him in those unfamiliar times.

Be encouraged to welcome those changes that honor and serve Him. Support and encourage your sisters in Christ who have taken new responsibilities in serving the LWML.

And, as always, serve the Lord with gladness!

Love in Christ,
Carolyn

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District Counselor
Pastor Kevin Schubkegel
Counselor – West (Senior)

It's worth it. Praying for your family, friends, and neighbors is worth it, not only alone with Jesus in your prayer closet, but also while you're taking a walk or driving by or just remembering someone you have seen and met that may need a call. (You only know by calling.) Every person needs to be loved, we are to stay alert and pray always, perhaps even subconsciously.

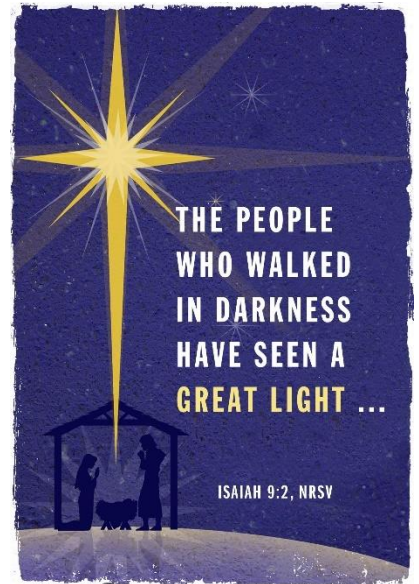
Mission involves eye contact and a smile. We pray as we watch and as we listen. We discover their needs, even if they don't say it in so many words. Isn't that why we are still here and not already in Heaven? We're here to serve. We care. One by one we listen to each one, looking for the next step. Jesus' eternally precious sacrifice and gift of life animate us. This love works and sacrifices because He did. He is worth it. So are those that He came to seek and save. We were enlisted in Baptism and given His Spirit. We're encouraged when we get together and talk about it. Let's do!

We really have exciting work to do today and every day. It's a joyous work and mission because it's inspired and led by King Jesus. It's joyous because He is with us. It's exciting because He puts us in the right place at the right time for His divine plan and purpose.

It is a joy to serve with you Lutheran Women in Mission. Let's go!



Vice president of Gospel Outreach Ruth Ann Shimoi presenting Pastor Mark Gause of New Hope Lutheran Church the LWML WA-AK District Convention Sunday morning check. The check was in the amount of \$2,384.96. These funds will be used to improve and upgrade the storage facility of the New Hope Algona/Pacific Food Pantry.



Loading the car with the 15 baskets of donated items for Vision House.



Special Focus Ministries

Pam Rafferty , Vice President

Heart to Heart Sisters for Winter 22 EE

According to the LWML website, "[t]he Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations program is an intentional effort to ensure that multicultural women participate in a life of service as Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)."

It ensures that all of us — already sisters in Christ — incorporate our own cultural background into our mission while discovering, appreciating, and including our sister's unique values and cultures. Though we all have different norms and traditions we unite to celebrate Jesus as the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). It is He who gives us this opportunity to learn from each other. We are still looking for one or two committee members. Some of our goals for this biennium include creating a page on the WA-AK District website, developing a program to be used by zones and societies, and sending speakers to each zone to hype this program. If any of this piqued your interest, please prayerfully consider serving on our committee. If interested, please contact Pam Rafferty or Kelsie Ingham; their contact information can be found on the WA-AK District Directory and the end of this issue.

Kelsie Ingham, chairwoman
Judy Ikert



Young Woman's Committee Pam Rafferty

We're calling young women ages 22 to 35 to apply as a Young Women's Representative to represent the Washington-Alaska District at the LWML Convention in Milwaukie, WI June 22-25, 2023.

Please encourage a young woman in your church to complete the application in this article and submit it by January 31, 2023. All expenses for the selected candidate are covered by the district. You can also find the application on our website: wa-aklwml@lwml.org

Pam Rafferty

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 January 31, 2023, to:

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VP of Christian Life

Ruth Zellar

Our Fall Retreat on Sept 29-Oct. 1 is coming together. The Retreat will be held at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick, WA. The theme is "Are you a Missionary?" and we will have a missionary do our Bible study on Romans 10:14-15. There will be skits, games, free time and lots of fellowship with other Lutheran women.

The other things I have been doing is keeping up with the prayer request. If you want to send in a prayer request please use this email:

lwml.wa.ak.prayer.request@gmail.com



Nomination Committee

Michele Misener, Chairman

The Nominating Committee has been busy. Zoom meetings have been a blessing, allowing us to "get together" to assign tasks and ask questions.

It is never too early to start thinking about the next slate of candidates. Please start prayerfully considering nominees for the following positions: VP Christian life, VP Gospel outreach, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Pastoral Counselor (West) and Nominating Committee members (5).

"...remembering you before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you" 1Thes. 3-4 (ESV)

Michele Misener Chairman

Donna Josephson, Emmi Mihalcin, Jacque Morner, Nancy Wyckoff





Quarterly Manager

Judy Jeffery

Letters of renewal were sent on October 11, 2022. Please return the remittance and bottom of the letter before January 10, 2023. If your society has not ordered the Quarterly in the past year, feel free to contact me and place your order. The cost is \$7.50 per issue up to 9 copies. If ordering 10 or more, the price drops to \$6.00 per issue for the year.

Judy Jeffery, Quarterly Manager
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Structure Committee

Marjorie O'Rourke, Chair

Hello from your trusty Structure Committee!

We have been hard at work reviewing the new society and zone bylaws that have been coming our way.

Here are a few tips we would like to share with you while your society or zone begins the process of updating your bylaws:

1. Check out the sample Zone and/or Society bylaws on the Downloads tab of the WA-AK LWML website. We use the sample bylaws to verify if any category or wording is missing from your bylaws.
2. Please send us a **redline** version of your draft bylaws. This helps make your edits easier to find in the document.
3. You can submit a list of the proposed changes if you prefer. It is not a requirement to send the document, though.

Please feel free to reach out to us via our chairman, Vice President of Organizational Resources Marjorie O'Rourke. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Vice President of Organizational Resources, Marjorie O'Rourke,

Ella Kunkel, Committee Member

Amanda Larson, Committee Member

VP of Organizational Resources

Be still and know that I am God. - Psalm 46:10a (I have seen this verse a lot lately, so I am leaving it right here. Maybe God is trying to tell me something.) Where in the world is this year going? It is hard to believe that it is time to write another article for the Evergreen Echoes. Anyways...

The Structure Committee is off and reviewing the draft zone bylaws it has been sent. See their article for some helpful tips about drafting the bylaws for your society and/or zone. Please send the committee your drafts so we can help you make sure your bylaws are updated to date.

The Leadership Committee is a work in progress. I hope to have it up and running by the spring. If equipping the women of the district to be the leaders God wants them to be, please feel free to reach out to me at mjourourke9@gmail.com or call me at 406-422-2609. I am in the process of getting this committee organized.

I was one of the district representatives of the Assembly of Leaders in October. It was amazing.

Thank you to everyone who is considering working on the Leadership Development committee.

Sincerely,
Marjorie O'Rourke
Vice President of Organizational Resources





Alaska Mission Trip with Short Term Missions

Joy in the Journey

Greetings from Missionaries visiting Alaska, the Last Frontier, Thanks to a grant from Short Term Missions, funds from members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Ephrata, WA, and Ruth Zellar, Alaska Zone President, and Vice President Christian Life I was able to journey on an LWML Alaska Mission.

Ruth Zellar, Kim Collins, Scholarship Committee Chairman, and I combined God-given talents to visit, encourage and spark interest in Lutheran Women in Mission. We traveled over 2500 miles, spoke with over 200 brothers and sisters in Christ, shared prayers, LWML Joy in the Journey, Bible Studies, devotions, prayer walk ideas, and shared the love of Jesus.

We were privileged to gather in eight churches, three homes, and four restaurants sharing LWML updates, ideas on how to spark interest in LWML, how to increase membership, mentor others, and hold leadership training within their societies. Several Pastors and Deacons were included in open discussion on how to help find that love of LWML and pass it on.

From a song, we sing in church, Pass It On, words and music by Kurt Kaiser, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it, you spread his love to everyone on; you want to pass it on."

If you would like to hear about this Alaska Mission Trip, I would be happy to share my experience with you. May

God bless you as you find Joy in the Journey and pass it on to others.

In Christ, MaryLynn Huntwork
LWML Washington-Alaska Past
District President,
South Columbia Zone President

*And how are they to hear
without someone
preaching? and how are they to
preach unless they are sent?
(Romans 10:14-15)*



Zion Lutheran Fairbanks, AK



Sterling AK



Homer, AK



Anchorage, AK



Denali Park



Our Redeemer, Chugiak, AK



Mt. Drum Lutheran, Copper Center, AK

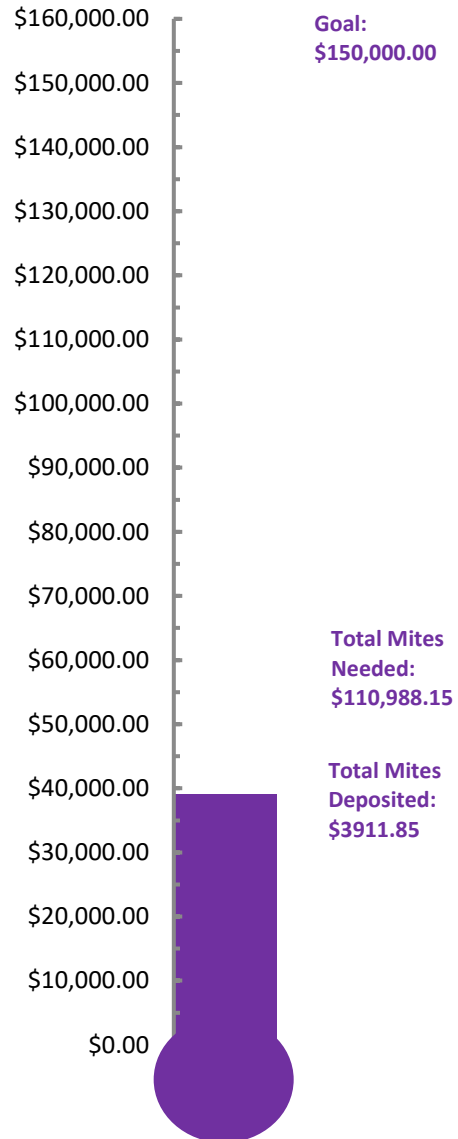
Financial Secretary

Aletha Voges



Month	Received
	\$
April, 2022	7,760.90
	\$
May, 2022	3,196.07
	\$
June, 2022	2,941.35
	\$
July, 2022	10,184.13
	\$
August, 2022	2,902.56
September, 2022	\$
	5,517.28
	\$
October, 2022	6,509.56
November, 2022	\$ -
December, 2022	\$ -
January, 2023	\$ -
February, 2023	\$ -
March, 2023	\$ -
April, 2023	\$ -
May, 2023	\$ -
June, 2023	\$ -
July, 2023	\$ -
August, 2023	\$ -
September, 2023	\$ -
October, 2023	\$ -
November, 2023	\$ -
December, 2023	\$ -
January, 2024	\$ -
February, 2024	\$ -
March, 2024	\$ -
	\$
Total	39,011.85
	\$
Goal	150,000.00
Percent to Goal	26%
	\$
Mites Needed	110,988.15

2022-2024 Mites
as of October 31, 2022



Hi from the Scholarship Committee,

Judy Ikerd stepped down as chair and I took over. RuthAnn Shimoï was able to find me a committee member in a past scholarship recipient, Greta Bernhardt. I am sure she will be very helpful for me. The Lord is Good.

Kim Collins
Scholarship Committee Chair



Short Term Missions

Patrice Cornelius, Chairman

Summer is just around the corner. Are you dreaming of being part of a short-term mission group or serving individually next summer? The LWML Washington-Alaska District Short Term Mission Committee has some funds available to help LCMS women make their dreams a reality. Contact Patrice Cornelius for an application. 509-840-2581 patrice.cornelius@gmail.com

The deadline for the application to be received by the Short Term Mission Committee is February 15, 2023.



Zone News

MT. BAKER ZONE

Mt. Baker Zone Fall Rally

October 15, 2022 at Trinity Bellingham.

Theme: Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. 1 John 2: 10a

Pastor Dave Wagner led a Bible study of Luke 10: 25-37 (story of the Good Samaritan) entitled "Mercy". The gospel changes how we look at others and how we treat them. Who is our neighbor? How can we better show our compassion to those in need? Speakers from The Lighthouse Mission's "Agape Home" (for women and children) gave us an in-depth account of the history of Agape Home - a clean and sober safe house. Their Mission statement: Healing homelessness with Christ's power and love. Psalm 19:105

New officers elected are Judy Peraino, president (Trinity, Mount Vernon) and Traci Willingham, treasurer (Messiah Lutheran, Marysville).

The twenty-nine ladies who attended generously provided many items for birthday presents and for the Move Out baskets the ladies receive when they move on from Agape Home. Forty-six quilts were also donated by the Trinity Bellingham quilters. Each client receives a quilt that she can keep.





LAKE WASHINGTON ZONE

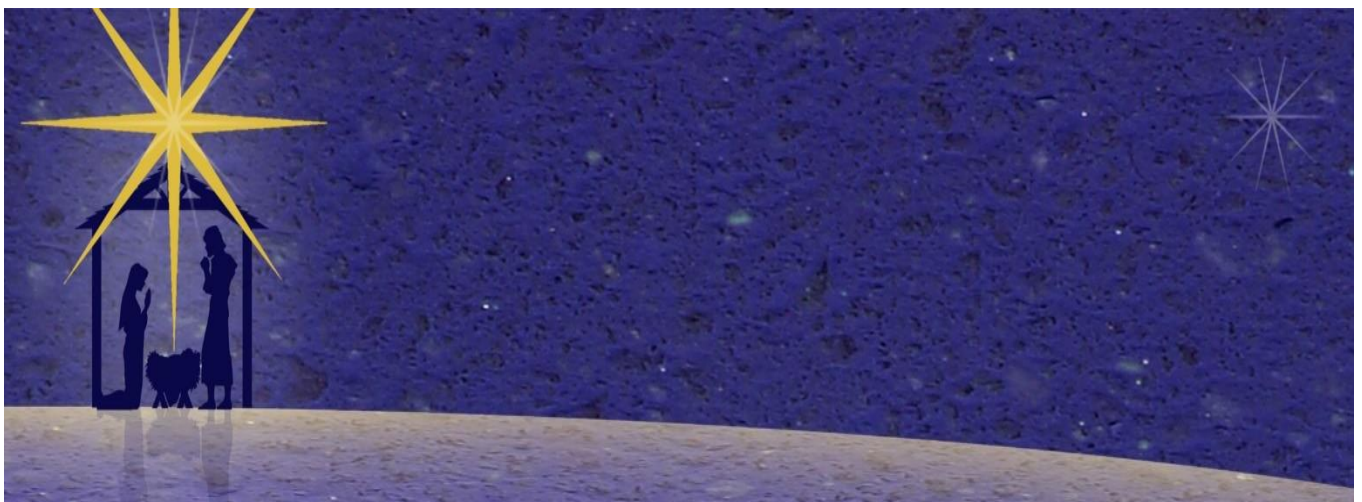
On Saturday the 22nd of October 21 ladies of LWML Lake Washington Zone met. Our theme was, At Table with Jesus, Part 2.

The Rally was held at All Saints Lutheran Church in Bellevue, WA. The Rally opened with prayer, a wonderful brunch and then the meeting. New officers were elected: President Betty Rich, VP Sarah Werzner, Sec, Victoria Cameron, Treasurer Joanne Hopper and Pastoral Councilor Pastor Ben Dolby. Our Ingathering was 80 plus hand towels that will be made into Clothing Protectors for residents of local Care Centers.

Ruth Ann Shimo

LWML Lake Washington Zone

Past President





South Columbia Zone

MaryLynn Huntwork, President

Thirty-three attended the South Columbia Zone Fall Rally October 15, 2022, "Children of God" How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1

Laura Rosentrater from Faith Preschool gave attendees a tour and an update on the preschool that started back in 2009 with 21 students. Bev Wischnofske talked about "Witnessing to the Unchurched" followed by a Bible Study "All I Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten." Ingathering items were books and monetary donations for preschool library.

Pastor Brian and Jayne Bowes' opening devotion from 1 John 3:1-2 "Children of God—Unconditional love" and Pastor Shawn Neider helped with lunch prayer, installation, and closing. "80 and counting." Blessings Bags were assembled for the Servant Event, that will go to Wenatchee Rescue Mission and the Lighthouse. All attendees enjoyed a skit performed by Faith Ladies and Zone President MaryLynn, "80 and Counting" The rally closed with everyone singing the Lord's Prayer. MaryLynn Huntwork was installed as continuing South Columbia Zone President. Pastor Neider agreed to continue as Zone Counselor.

The Fall Rally Door Prize donated by the Zone Board was given to Hollie Olsen, Faith Secretary.

In His Service, MaryLynn





Society Page

OUR $80 \times 3 = 240$!

Concordia Oak Harbor's LWML (Mt. Baker Zone) made handcrafted gnomes for our "What's Your 80?"

Our original goal was 80, but some ladies just couldn't stop! So we made three times 80! A total of 240 gnomes were given to Ruth Ann Shimoi to be distributed by Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest. The gnomes will be added to Christmas packages shared with Seattle area care centers and nursing homes.

It was a fun project and a special way to celebrate the 80 th Anniversary of LWML by sharing with others!

Concordia Oak Harbor

Submitted by Donna Allen, Missions



Mary Martha Society

Renton , WA

In May, the ladies of Mary Martha , Bethlehem Lutheran in Renton put together 80 Personal Hygiene Kits for Lutheran World Relief and collected 80 pair of Socks for REACH here in Renton. This was to honor the 80 years for LWML.



2022-2024 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

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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)