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JAN STRUCK - PRESENTER

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The retreat will focus on the blessings of God's constant, unchanging care for us. This is a great opportunity to get "anchored" in Christ, encouraged by the Word and Spirit, and "buoyed" by the fellowship of other Christian women. Enjoy the seaside setting of Gig Harbor, across the new Narrows (toll) Bridge. Laugh and learn with Lutheran humorist, **Jan Struck**, our special presenter.

Space is limited. Get your registration in today!!

Check-in at the Wesley Inn is Friday after 3:00 PM

Activities begin Friday night at 7:00 PM and continue through Sunday noon.

Join us!

REGISTRATION FORM—one form per person

All registrations /checks for one room must be mailed in one envelope

YES! Reserve a spot for:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Accommodation Choice (check only one):

_____ 4-person room. Includes two nights lodging and four meals*\$130/person

_____ 2- or 3-person room. Includes two nights lodging and four meals*\$190/person

_____ Sessions only. No hotel. Includes Saturday lunch and dinner\$100/person

**Meals include Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast*

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please provide names of roommates. (Note: Roommates will not be assigned. Their names must be included on this form.) _____

Mail form with check payable to WA-AK District LWML to Judy Jeffery, 12 View Drive, Grangeville, ID 83530

or email airieffery@gmail.com with registration questions. **Registration must be postmarked by**

August 10, 2009. For registrations postmarked between August 11 - 15, 2009 include a \$20 late fee.

No registrations accepted after the August 15, 2009 postmark.

President's Report – Spring 2009



Can you feel the excitement in the air? The LWML convention is going to be in Portland and we are involved. What a privilege.

It is my prayer that many of you will not only be working at this convention but that you will also be attending and experiencing an LWML convention.

Here are some things to be aware of:

- ⇒ WA-AK District Caucus will be Thursday, June 25, 4:00 pm. Room assignment will be posted.
- ⇒ WA-AK District Photo will be taken Saturday, June 27, at 6:00 pm in Hall A. Be there a few minutes before to be included in the picture.
- ⇒ Your society has the opportunity to be involved by making puzzle piece pins. I hope that you all received the information in a mailing sent to every society.
- ⇒ You may attend the Opening Communion Worship Service without registering for the convention.
- ⇒ We, the WA- AK district, are being asked to bring items to be used for the Servant Events at the convention. The items will be used for the transitional school for homeless children. The list was in the last mailing from the Convention Host Committee or you can look on-line. Please get these to Portland by May 20th or send to the next committee meeting in May with someone who is attending.

It is truly with praise and thanksgiving that the LWML Mission Goal was met by the end of March. God has instilled in His people a love for missions and the spreading of the Word. Thank you to all who gave an extra gift to see that this goal was met.

It is also time to start making plans to attend the WA-AK District Retreat September 25 – 27 at the Wesley Inn in Gig Harbor. The theme is “Anchored by His Grace.” Jan Struck will be leading this retreat. You will see her at the convention in Portland. Once you have experienced her, you will want to do so again. Get your registrations in soon to secure a place at this retreat.

We need to have some funds in our scholarship fund. Please consider a special offering or a fundraiser to help this fund grow. The cost of attending college is high so any help that we can give our future female church workers is greatly appreciated.

May the Lord bless you in all you do to share the message of salvation with all people. Look to the Hills!! God Reigns!!! See you in Portland!!!!



News from our Recycling Queen”

Wow! You Recyclers are awesome! We have surpassed our goal of \$12,000.00 ahead of schedule. The current total is \$12,159.03. From the bottom of my heart **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!** Keep up the good work. Let me know if you think we should raise our goal just enough to increase the challenge a bit. Maybe you have some ideas on how we could encourage others to join in the efforts, like contests, a prize for the most cartridges, etc.

Your most humble, Recycling Queen, Sandi Hall





LWML 33rd Biennial Convention

June 25 – 28, 2009

Portland, Oregon

Counting Down to Portland 2009

Two thousand nine hundred days ago (approximately), many of us were in San Jose, CA, attending the 2001 LWML Convention - where the invitation to hold the 2009 convention in Portland was accepted. Now, in less than thirty days, host workers from around the Northwest will roll out the Purple Carpet for guests from across the USA. We will gather to “Look to the Hills” and proclaim that “God Reigns.”

The early registration deadline has passed. However, late registration and one day registration are still available.

Those who cannot attend the entire convention – or even one day – are invited and encouraged to join thousands of sisters and brothers in Christ for worship at the Opening Festival Communion Service, on Thursday evening, June 25th. The service will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, located in downtown Portland, and can be accessed on the MAX light rail line.

Music will begin at 6:30 pm and the service begins at 7:00 pm. There will be a 300 voice choir, the Columbia Brass, and a hand bell choir, as well as an outstanding organist. Members of the Makah people from Neah Bay, WA will also participate, as will members of other ethnic groups. Northwest District LCMS President Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher will be the Proclaimer and Northwest District LCMS Vice President for Oregon Rev. Tyrus Miles will be the Celebrant. Convention registration is not required to attend the service. Invite all of the members of your congregation, family, friends and neighbors to join us for this awesome worship service. It will truly be the *experience of a lifetime!!!*



WA-AK LWML RETREAT

September 25-27 2009

Gig Harbor, Washington

SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAY EVENING

EACH ZONE WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE
a song - skit - reading, etc. Plan something inspirational, humorous
and/or witty.

Have fun with it and remember, only five minutes.

A form can be found on the District Website at:

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Greetings from the North Columbia Zone!

On April 16 we held our "Bundles of Joyshop". After a delightful soup & salad supper, we had presenters Angel Ross and Dottie give us a presentation about CareNet (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center). After a wonderful uplifting account about the function of their agency, we surprised them with a baby shower. They were so surprised and grateful for the wonderful baby items donated by each society in our zone. During the opening of the gifts we served the traditionally decorated "baby shower cake". A great time was had by all 26 of the attendees.



Pictured are: Dottie, Angel and Judy Visser oogling over all the cute items!

Sandi Hall, North Columbia Zone President

Did you know that the LWML is giving away free watches to societies as a perk for ordering Quarterlies? Call the 800 number and ask for yours. You must order 10 or more copies to receive any watches. The number is 1-800-252-5965. You don't have to buy anything to get these. You can use these watches to encourage Young Women or Older Women to join LWML, give as gifts, etc



President's Challenge

At the Spring District Board of Directors' Meeting in early April, the president issued a challenge to all attendees. This same challenge could also be taken back to the zones as a challenge to each zone, society and/or individual.



The challenge is: By the next Board of Directors' Meeting in the fall, tell someone about Jesus and/or find someone who is in need and help them. With many people out of work, this should be a very easy challenge. Each member is to report at the fall meeting.

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Buried! My perennials that is. Underneath old leaves and other debris. But, not anymore. Thanks to the nice weather (finally) I've been removing all the 'dead stuff' that has been covering my emerging flowers.

Buried like a hostas underneath a bed of old leaves I uncovered this disclosure in Matthew's gospel: "Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him – but some of them *still doubted!*"

Three years of miracles wasn't enough. Nor were forty days at the Resurrection Retreat Center. They'd seen Him vacate tombs and dictate weather patterns, but they *still doubted*

We find unusual comfort in the lingering doubts of the disciples. For we still have our own. And so we wonder, does Christ have a word for those of us who still linger with nagging doubts?

Do you remember what Jesus said to his doubting disciples shortly after his resurrection? "Wait." Before you go out, stand still. "Stay here in the city (Jerusalem) until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven" (Luke 24:49).

So they do. "They went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying...They all met together continually for prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus (Acts 1:13-14). The disciples have good reasons to leave...but they don't. They stay. And they all stay together. "They all met together continually." As many as 120 souls huddle in the same house. One day passes. Then two. Then a week. For all they

know a hundred more will come and go. But they aren't leaving. They persist in the presence of Christ.

Then ten days later power came: "On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

I am confident that when many of us gather in Portland in June the mighty Spirit of God will be present in noticeable, life-enhancing and life-changing ways – strengthening faith, motivating lives in mission and building Christ-centered relationships. What a memorable experience this will be for all of us who are privileged to attend!

Proclaiming Christ with You,
Pastor Nolting



You ladies are the BEST! Keep those mites rolling in! We have paid out most of our grants for this biennium. Wouldn't it be fun to have them all paid by the end of 2009? Below is a status report of where we are in our Grants for 2008-2010. Our biennium ends on March 31, 2010.

	Grant	Paid
1. Aid to Seminary Students	\$ 8000	\$ 3429
2. Financial Assistance to the Concordia Theological		
3. Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 5000	\$ 5000
3. The Morning Star Girls Club and Mentoring Program		
Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.	\$ 5500	\$ 5500
4. African Immigrant Outreach Ministry in Seattle	\$10000	\$10000
5. Production of Portals of Prayer in Braille Lutheran Blind Mission		
at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, Washington	\$ 4000	
6. Church Roofs in Republic of Guinea LCMS World Mission	\$ 6000	
7. Puppet Ministry in Myanmar for Children and Families	\$15,400	\$ 7700
8. Kitchen/Food Bank Renovation Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, WA	\$ 5000	\$ 5000
9. The Lutheran Church - The Teaching Church:		
Translating Luther's Small Catechism for Kenya	\$ 4500	\$ 4500
10. Guan Seminary, Ghana, West Africa: LCMS World Mission	\$ 7000	\$ 7000
11. Scholarships for the Themba Trust-Siyathemba Girls' High School of		
Dirkiesdorp, South Africa LCMS World Relief/Human Care	\$ 7450	\$ 7450
12. Catechism for Mexico from Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, Tijuana, Mexico	\$ 2150	

In June of 2010 we'll be meeting in convention in Spokane, Washington to vote on our next round of grants. We are now accepting applications for Grant Proposals for the 2010-2012 biennium. To print out an application, go to our district website at www.wa-aklwml.org. Requests for consideration at our 2010 convention are due October 31, 2009.

LeeAnn Tibbals
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

“In the beginning God created...God saw that it was good...And God saw that it was good....And God saw that it was good...and good...and good. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”.

God’s creation is now blooming all around us. The awesomeness of Easter’s empty tomb continues in all of us as we watch and wonder at the new rebirth of springtime.

I’m sure many of you have done your spring planting and gardening and are excited by the little sprouts of seeds and perennials. The miracle of God’s design is beyond measure. How can we not see His hand in all that grows? What a perfect opportunity to share the wonders of our God with others – young and old alike.

I was very privileged to be present at the birth of my granddaughter on May 7. My daughter can’t stop proclaiming “she was in my tummy!!” How can that be? Whether in growth, birth or rebirth, God’s plan of creation and procreation, of growing something from seeds or eggs, into something alive is truly amazing!

I have a plaque that says “Who plants a seed beneath the sod and waits to see believes in God.” I pray that is true. However, we are instructed to plant the seed. “The seed is the word of God.” (Luke 8:11 NIV) We can’t always wait to see if it takes root. We pray that the Word falls on good soil. “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” (1 Corinthians 3:3-7 NIV)

To God be the glory in His awesome creation, in the planting of His seed and the promise of our harvest by His angels.

I look forward to seeing you at our district retreat in Gig Harbor September 25-27, 2009. The theme is Anchored by His Grace. Make plans now to attend and get “anchored” in Christ and “buoyed” by the Spirit.

We are privileged to have Jan Struck, Lutheran Humorist, attending. She will also be presenting at the convention in Portland.

Registration form and retreat flyer are included here and will also be available on our district web site, wa-aklwml.org.

Marilee Ryan, VP Christian Life

District Roster of Officers and Commit-

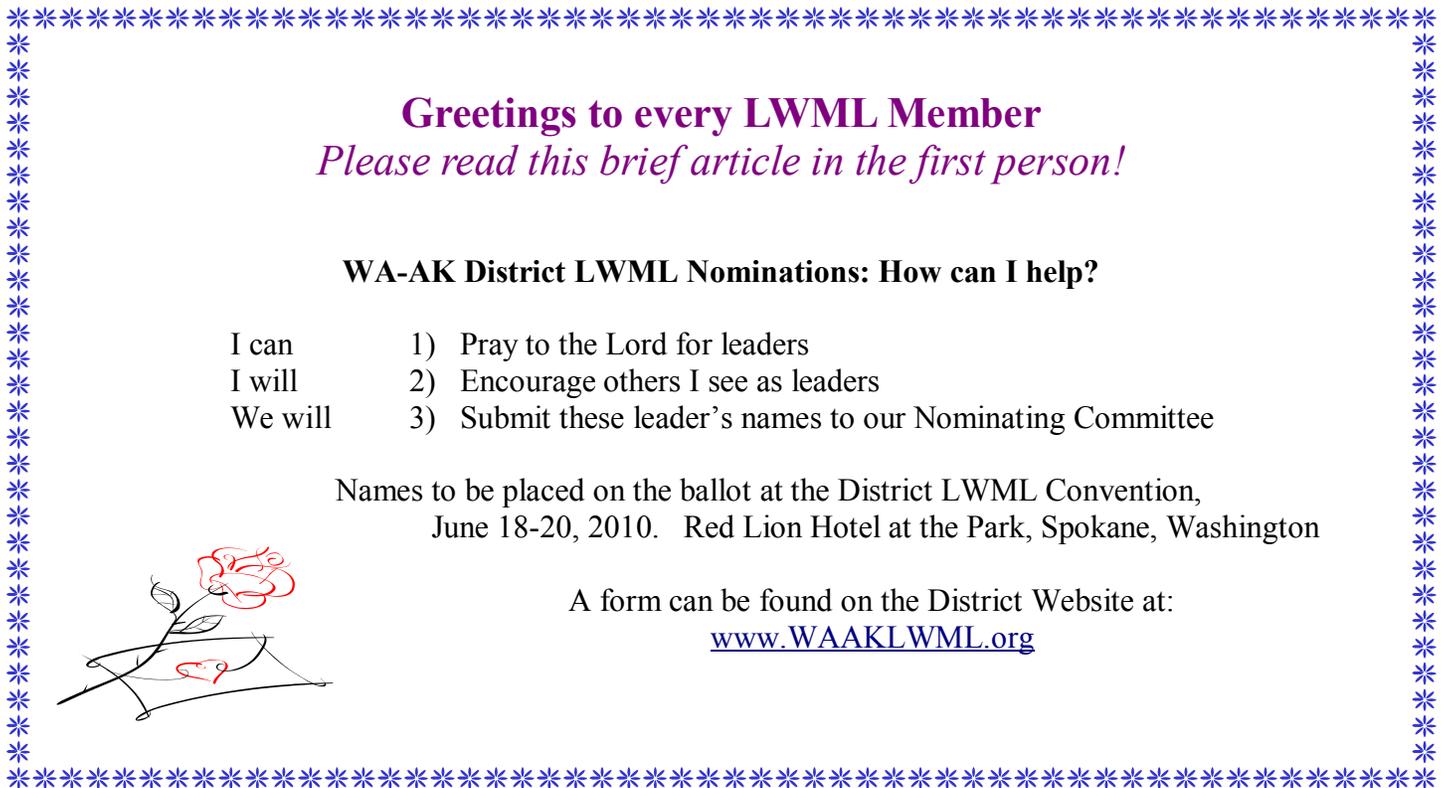
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Greetings to every LWML Member
Please read this brief article in the first person!

WA-AK District LWML Nominations: How can I help?

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|---------|--|
| I can | 1) Pray to the Lord for leaders |
| I will | 2) Encourage others I see as leaders |
| We will | 3) Submit these leader's names to our Nominating Committee |

Names to be placed on the ballot at the District LWML Convention,
June 18-20, 2010. Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington

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