

Evergreen Echoes

Fall
2010

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I want to thank you again for the honor of being your LWML WA-AK District President. Thank you all for the prayers, love and support.



Recently I observed first hand “homelessness”. Webster’s definition dated 1615 is “having no home or permanent place of residence”. So, by this definition we are all homeless. Aren’t we all here temporarily? Adam and Eve left their permanent place of residence. Naomi, Ruth and Esther, said goodbye to family and friends and moved from their permanent place of residence. Jesus asked the disciples to leave their homes, families and friends to follow Him.

My son and I were coming back from Wenatchee a few days ago. We stopped at Rock Island for drinks. Outside the store were two young men; one sitting on the sidewalk, the other in a wheelchair. The signs they held said “hungry” and “Spokane”. After a short conversation with the men we went inside to buy drinks and sandwiches. On the way out we stopped, gave the young men the sandwiches, a few dollars and told them to trust in God, that if they followed Him, He would lead the way. Michael told them God would find them a house, because after all He was getting us a new one.

Are we homeless? Thankfully by God’s grace we are never homeless in any situation. We as Christians have a home with Christ eternally. God already found us a home in heaven. We just have to be willing to follow Him.

*Love in Christ,
MaryLynn Huntwork*

The Gavel of Leadership is passed from Elaine Nelson, outgoing District President to MaryLynn Huntwork, the new District President.



“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith” Hebrews 12:1a-2a

Calling All Young Women!

If you are between the ages of 22-35, love the Lord, and want to get to know more about, or serve in new and deeper ways with LWML, apply to be a Young Woman Representative from the Washington-Alaska District to the 2011 National Convention in Peoria Illinois June 23-26. If you know a young woman who may be interested, be sure to talk with her about it. This is a life-changing experience! The time to worship, and work together to do the work God has for the National LWML is amazing, and beyond simple descriptions. Every one of the 69 YWRs to the National Convention in Portland said they had a new understanding and excitement for Serving the Lord with Gladness. Check out the application, (soon to be posted) and submit it by December 10, 2010 to be prayerfully considered.



YWR Convention Report

What a blessing it was to serve on the Young Women Committee for the 2010 District Convention in Spokane! We had nine young women from all sorts of walks of life join us at the Convention celebrating how “We are God's Tapestry”. They got a chance to help with the Servant events, see all the business sessions, and have special time together. Thanks to Sandi Hall, our Recycling Queen, we had a pizza feast the first night, with Deaconess Sylvia Johnson (the National LWML representative) joining us. We also got to hear about the Distance Learning Program for Deaconesses from Lorraine Roach, who is currently enrolled in it. We had a lovely time of conversation and discussion, then we did some special devotions on the Fruit of the Spirit.

We also got together on Saturday night to discuss the business sessions, to see if there were any questions. The young women were all very comfortable with the convention to that point, one had even gotten up to ask the question she had at the time that she had it! We then planned what we would do for the short devotion we held for the Convention Assembly Sunday morning. We used the Fruit of the Spirit to weave in the theme of all being God's tapestry, and how the Fruit that is most evident in our lives works to make our individual threads all the more vibrant. Each young woman had one (and one had 2) fruit that they spoke about. They told us what the fruit meant to them and how they saw the different fruit as very important.

Thank you to all who sent YWR's to this convention! The young women really brought a beauty to our interactions and thoughts during our time to meet and plan for the next biennium. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a YWR to the next district convention in Olympia June 22-24, 2012.



Marjorie O'Rourke
Young Women Committee

QUARTERLY RENEWAL FOR 2011 !!

Society Presidents:

Yes, it's time to think about our *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (LWQ)* magazine renewal for 2011. Forms will be mailed the first part of October to each active and inactive society. Please watch for this mailing, read the info carefully, and respond before the December 15, 2010 deadline.

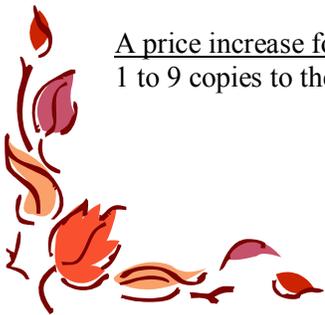
Did you know that Braille, large print, or cassette tapes are available "free" from: Lutheran Blind Mission, 7550 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63119-4409, or by calling 1-888-215-2455.

The *LWQ* is the official publication of the LWML and is published four times a year – spring, summer, fall and winter. Enjoy great Bible studies (includes a Spanish Bible study), messages from LWML officers, feature stories, young woman and teen topics, mission grants, and much more. Please order an extra copy and use as an outreach tool for gals in your church who are not active in LWML – this magazine is informative and tells all about LWML. "Individuals" may also order directly from the *Quarterly* Manager if their church doesn't have an LWML.

A price increase for the *LWQ* will take effect with the Spring 2011 issue as follows:

1 to 9 copies to the same address: \$6.50 10 or more copies to same address: \$5.00

Sonja Frazier, *Quarterly* Manager



Wow! I can't believe it has been almost 2 months since the Spokane convention. I am excited to be your new VP of Human Care.

I have received many prayer requests. I am looking for a few people to help serve on the Human Care committee. I especially need to fill the position of chairman for the Teen committee. We really need to nurture these young ladies as they are our future, the future of LWML. If you would be interested in supporting our future and helping it grow please contact me by email or phone: sandrahall1918@msn.com, 253-221-0904 (cell) or 509-775-2147 (home).

I will also need help on the Human Care committee, Sandi Schauer, the coordinator, can use help with all of the many events that we have over the next 4 years. These events include servant events and ingatherings at various meetings and conventions. We also will be working on ideas for the Peoria convention banner.

Remember that many hands make the work load light! A few can make it seem like many when we work in service to our Lord.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help on the Human Care committee. Meetings are minimal and you can probably do most of it from the comfort of your home and email.

Sandi Hall, VP Human Care

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Gospel Outreach



Once again the ladies of the Washington-Alaska District LWML have stepped out in faith and voted a Mite goal of \$163,000 for the 2010-2012 biennium! That's a lot of nickels, dimes and pennies! Of that goal, \$85,000 will go toward our Mission Grants for the biennium, \$47,250 goes to the national LWML, and \$38,750 to our own inreach.

I have heard back from several of our new Grant recipients. They are thrilled to have been one of those grants elected at convention and look forward to using those funds to further their ministries.

We've made a small dent in our funding already. Our biennium began on April 1, 2010 so many of you have already begun sending in those Mites. Keep those boxes handy and fill them regularly! Our Mission Walk at Convention added \$4096.94 as well as a beautiful walk through Riverfront Park in Spokane. Consider having your own event at your church to add to those Mites!

If you have some original ideas for raising Mite funds, please send them to me so that they can be shared with others in our district. I know there are some pretty creative ladies in our district and I'd love to hear from you!

Blessings,
LeeAnn Tibbals, Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Is summer going by too quickly? I hope that you are enjoying safe travels and good health.



We're getting settled into our home in Marysville and it has been fun and exciting to open boxes and rediscover my treasures that were packed up for months. Some are still in hiding as I still have things to go through.

It's also been fun to work in the gardens and discover what plants and trees that we have. I even made a dessert from my own cherries and blueberries. We planted some vegetable seeds and can see our vegetables growing every day.



I put a sign the garden that reads:



"Who plants a seed beneath the sod and waits to see believes in God."

How true! And how amazing is God's design.

Please take the time from your busy schedule to "smell the roses" (yes, I have many rose bushes, too). God's handiwork is all around for us to enjoy – from the smallest seeds growing into plants to the beautiful night sky.

Take joy in God's world and praise Him always for the awesome blessings that we receive.

To God be the Glory,
Marilee Ryan
VP Christian Life





**Washington-Alaska District LWML
2010 Zone Rallies**



Zone	Date	Church	City	Comments
Alaska	Fri, Oct 1 – Sun, Oct 3	Star of the North Lutheran Church	Kenai, AK	Rally and Retreat Theme: Clothed in God's Grace
Blue Mountain	Sat, Sep 25 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Kennewick	Theme: Matthew 28:19-20
East Inland Empire	Sat, Oct 9 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	St. John's Lutheran Church	Spokane	Touring new church
Hood Canal	Sat, Oct 9 10:00 am	Faith Lutheran Church	Sequim	Theme: Morning Star, Shine Through Us
Inter-Valley	Sat, Oct 16 9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Calvary Lutheran Church	Sunnyside	Theme: "Weeding Your Spiritual Garden"
Lake Washington	Sat, Oct 9 8:15 am – 11:00 am	Hope Lutheran Church	Seattle	Mission speaker
Mount Baker	Sat, Oct 2 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Messiah Lutheran Church	Marysville	Theme: Reformation Blessings
North Columbia	Sat, Sep 18 9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Okanogan	Theme: The Great Commission Mark 16:15
Olympic	Sat, Oct 16 9.30am	Lamb of God Lutheran Church	Seattle	Guest Speaker: Rob and Eshinee Veith, LBT
Rainier	Sat, Oct 16 9:00am - 2:00pm	Trinity Lutheran Church	Olympia	Theme: "In the Word"
South Columbia	Sat, Oct 2 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Zion Lutheran Church	Grand Coulee	Theme "Lydia leading you daily into action"

Other Meetings			
EC Retreat	Sat, Aug 28th 10am—3pm	Our Savior Lutheran	Ephrata, WA
WA-AK LWML EC/ BOD	Fri –Sat, Nov 5-6	Bethlehem Lutheran	Renton, WA

2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Beth Albrecht from St. John's, Spokane. Beth is studying Music Ed Teaching at Concordia St. Paul.

MacKenzie Carpenter from Zion in Tacoma. MacKenzie is studying Family Ministries at Concordia Portland.

Krista Freitag from Our Savior in Tacoma. Krista is studying Education at Concordia Mequon, WI.

Ellyn Hanson from Shepherd of the Hills in Snohomish. Ellyn is studying at Concordia, Irvine, CA.

Gail Ludvigson from Messiah in Seattle. Gail is studying to be a Deaconess at Ft. Wayne, IN.



2010 District Convention in Spokane June 2010



Thursday Evening Worship Service—Past Presidents receiving Holy Communion



Thursday Evening: District Leaders responding to Pastor Lineman's service



Early Morning "Mitey Risers"

The Past District Presidents lead in the LWML Pledge



Saturday Evening Banquet: Executive Committee members ready to eat!



YWR's tell us is about the "Fruit of the Spirit"



2010 District Convention in Spokane June 2010



Convention Chairman Mavis Waarvik introduces the hardworking convention committee—”Thank you Ladies! Great Job!



Marilee Ryan—
Humorous Inter-
rupter “Dorothy
ThreadGood”

Not the
ThreadGoods of
Wisconsin



Heidi Floyd served as our Keynote Speaker on Saturday morning. She told her amazing story of going through treatment for breast cancer while expecting her fourth child. Heidi is also a spokesperson for the Vera Bradley bag company whose foundation supports cancer research in this area. It was wonderful to hear Heidi’s story of faith.



BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT on Saturday evening by Four over Par, a barbershop quartet from Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Spokane. They were joined by Becky Lucke on a couple of songs.

The sound system was provided by Neil Oliver using equipment from Shepherd of the Hills in Rathdrum.

Steve Brown ended the program with “How Great Thou Art” on the Bagpipes.

Pastor Nolting served as our emcee for the evening, keeping us entertained as always!

I am blessed and a little overwhelmed to be your new Financial Secretary. We had so much fun at the convention.

The Friday night offering was \$2261.51 that went to the LWML Scholarship Fund. The Sunday offering of \$1915.80, went to Mt. Drum Lutheran Childcare and Development Center in Glennallen, AK to purchase needed equipment.

Take Care, Deb Jones

Our **2012 convention** will be held at the Red Lion in Olympia, WA, June 22-24. Our co-convention chairmen are Sharon Westman, Rainier Zone and Marjorie O’Rourke, Lake Washington Zone. Mark your calendars!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

District President:

MaryLynn Huntwork

Vice President of Servant Resources:

Marie Chow

Vice President of Human Care:

Sandi Hall

Financial Secretary:

Deb Jones

District Counselor—East:

Rev. Ken Schauer

Nominating Committee:

Carol Drager, Chairman

Linda Miller

Jan Lillquist

Mary Abdi

Karen Schuster

Mission Grants for 2010-2012

1. Aid to Seminary Students (four)	\$16,000
2. Sudanese Mission at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Renton, WA	\$ 7,000
3. Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA	\$ 6,000
4. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, Ouanaminthe, Haiti	\$15,000
5. Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Ft. Wayne, IN	\$ 5,000
6. Fountain of Hope Day school Kitchen, Bukeeka, Uganda, Africa	\$ 7,000
7. CROSSings Ministries, N. Central / NE Washington, USA and S. Central BC, Canada	\$ 5,000
8. Wardrobes for the Lutheran Home for Students, Zacapa, Guatemala	\$ 5,000
9. Matthew's Meals, King of Glory Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, WA	\$ 6,000
10. Tacoma Seafarers' Center, Tacoma, WA	\$ 5,000
11. Deaconess Training for Mission Outreach In Idaho County, ID	\$ 4,000
12. Olympic Peninsula Mission Start, Port Angeles, WA	(partial) \$ 4,000
TOTAL MISSION GRANTS	<u>\$85,000</u>

THANK YOU!

There are so many people to thank for helping make the 27th WA-AK District LWML Convention a great success. It isn't possible to name everyone but these are some of the main accolades that I want to do.

First, we appreciate and thank everyone who came to Spokane from all over the District. We hope the cool temperatures and the light rain did not discourage you from taking in some of the interesting sights and places to visit while you were in Spokane.

Thanks also to missionary speakers that were with us and informed us about the many mission opportunities that we have available right here in our District.

I received many compliments from the ladies that the convention was great and ran smoothly and I want to thank the Properties Committee for a great job which was a major contributor for the smooth running convention.

Then there was that great Registration Committee. They did a terrific job and weren't those tote bags beautiful? Our registrar, LeeAnn Tibbals, went above and beyond the call of duty in performing the many tasks that she did.

I can't forget Judy Jeffery, our Meeting Manager, who did a great job with all her signs and coordination with the hotel and a myriad of other tasks.

Thank you to PDP Elaine Nelson for allowing me to serve as the 2010 WA-AK District Convention Chairman. It was a definite challenge and an honor and I thank God for serving as the chairman.

To everyone from the East Inland Empire Zone who helped in anyway, **THANK YOU.**

Mavis Waarvik, 2010 Convention Chairman



 * The **Heart to Heart Sisters** came back from the convention *
 * full of excitement and enthusiasm. They have now started *
 * their own circle at King of Kings and are bringing in *
 * MITES. They are planning to get more women to attend the *
 * convention in Olympia in 2012. They have also increased *
 * their desire to learn how to speak more fluent English. May *
 * God continually enrich the lives of these women as they *
 * serve him. Thanks to each of you who made them feel wel- *
 * come. Look around your congregation. Who could you ask *
 * to become a part of the Heart to Heart program in *
 * 2012? Aletha Voges *

NEW SOCIETIES

Sarah Circle of Blaine, WA

Funny River LWML, Funny River, AK

What a wonderful response to the Servant Events. We enjoyed three great activities to choose from and so little time. All the zones in our WA-AK District brought quilt tops to convention so the attendees could be part of God's Tapestry - putting those quilts together-46 quilts! The recipient Care-Net is absolutely pleased. Hope Sparks' children will have an extra surprise this year in their backpacks. Fifty gift bags were decorated and filled by Tapestry Servants. Items included coloring books, crayons, bracelets, barrettes, toy cars and trucks, picture of Jesus, books, etc. And Praise God! Our survival kits are finished - 105 of them. Washington State Department of Disaster Preparedness under the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA), located at Camp Murray, Washington will use the kits when needed. It took two years to finish the kits. Thanks to all of you for your participation in this project. Here's hoping you'll never have to need one.

In His Service, Tapestry Servants
Human Care Dept.—Disaster Relief

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

The convention ingathering items for the Lutheran Community Services included:

95 Shampoo
72 Bubble Bath
88 Body Wash
125 Christian Bedtime Books
53 Pajamas
18 Slippers
110 Hair Accessories
43 Lotions
876 Misc Items

For Care Net: 46 Baby Quilts

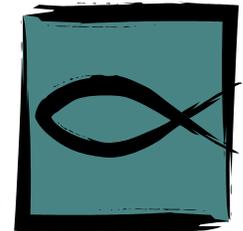
For Hope Sparks: 50 Children's Gift Bags

To the Washington State Dept. of Disaster Preparedness in Ft. Murray, WA:
105 Emergency Survival Kits

Deaconess Sylvia Johnson, the LWML Vice President of Human Care, served as the LWML representative to this convention. Sylvia showed a video from LWML about the primary targets for this biennium: Growing in the Lord, Embracing our Diversity and Sharing the Heart and Identity of LWML. It was wonderful having Sylvia with us for this convention.

Society Corner—

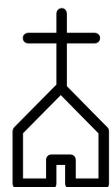
What is your Society doing? Do you have questions or ideas to pass on to other Societies



Write it here!!

"Two families hailing from Kenya have recently come to our church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Washington. Our LWML decided to partner with the women's group at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Nairobi, the home church of one of our new members. We have exchanged several emails and we have sent a group picture of our women to them along with a list of our activities and a description of our Society meetings. Promises have come that we are soon going to receive a picture and a similar description of their group in Nairobi. Together, as Sisters in Christ, we plan to exchange prayer requests, photos, and more. One of our LWML'ers makes crocheted scrubbies out of nylon netting for the Bethesda Group Home gift table at our Zone Rallies. We plan to send some to Kenya (with an explanation, of course!) and maybe some LWML glass crosses or glass angels as found in the LWML Summer 2010 Quarterly. We invite other Societies to share ideas with us as we pursue our Kenya Connection Ministry."

Gayle Lindeblom,
Society President



FAMILY TREES

Joy 2 U,

Some of my friends and relatives have been working on family trees. Often there are surprises in family trees. Sometimes we may wish those surprises would have remained hidden. Even in my own life there are things of which I am not proud, and I would hope these items would not show up on our family history tree.

The Bible lists a genealogy for Jesus. It includes an adulterer, King David, and a prostitute, Rahab. Do you think Jesus was ashamed of some of His ancestors? Emphatically, NO! He loves all; moreover, He adopts us into His family through faith in Him. Should He have a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord, by His power of mercy, love, and forgiveness. Welcome to the family tree of Jesus as St. John says, "How great is the love He has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God."



Ken Schauer
LWML East Side Counselor
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Structure Committee: Bylaws

Bylaws are important for the organization since they would include rules on membership, officers, how and when it meets for business, how many must be present for voting, and how the bylaws may be amended. Bylaws are a permanent document that need to live and breathe, reflecting the organization's thinking and present practice. That is why they need to be reviewed and revised on a regular basis.

Out of a possible 112 sets of bylaws our district has:

- 23 societies and zones have revised bylaws dated 2006-2010.
- 20 societies and zones have revised bylaws dated 2001-2005.
- 14 societies and zones have revised bylaws dated 1996-2000.
- Nine societies and zones have revised bylaws dated 1990-1995.
- Four societies have revised bylaws dated in the 1980s.
- Five societies have revised bylaws with no revision date.
- 37 societies have not sent in their bylaws to District so there is no record of them.

If you have not reviewed your bylaws since 2006, make it an action item this year for your society and zone. If you do have revisions, they must go to the District Structure Committee first for approval **before** they can be adopted by your organization. So, submit your revisions with a lot of time before the date when you want to adopt the revised bylaws.

You can submit the proposed bylaw changes to me. My contact information is in the *Evergreen Echoes*.

But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:40

Leader Development Committee

New on the LWML website (http://www.lwml.org/resources/leader_development/index.htm):

- * *Follow the Leader* – the renamed newsletter produced by LWML Leader Development Committee. The summer edition is all about mentoring and includes a short Bible study.
- * Welcoming New Members – a free updated PDF version of the material on welcoming new members in the church family
- * Gaining, Training, Maintaining LWML Members – a free updated PDF version on how to gain, train, and maintain LWML members

Check it out!

Blessings,
Marie Chow
Vice President of Servant Resources





News from our Recycling Queen

Hello to all of you I am writing this last article to you with some sadness and with much joy. I have loved every minute of my time as your "Recycling Queen", but now it is time to crown a new queen. Please be as kind and supportive to her as you have been to me. You have been wonderful recyclers! Together we have made a great team. I could not have done it without support from all of you. I hope that I didn't let you down!

See you on the Human Care side!
Sandi Hall

Thank you Elaine for your leadership these past four years. We pray God answers prayer for your move to Nebraska. My family and I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the prayers, love and support you have shown us during our recent tragedy. As we slowly pick up the pieces and move on, my heart is constantly with the LORD. He sent me to my sisters of the LWML long ago and together we have grown closer to Him. I love you all.

I remain your Sister in Christ
MaryLynn Huntwork



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“Thank you to each and every one of you dear sisters and brothers in the WA- AK district for all of the love shown me before, during and since the convention. I will miss you.”

Love in Christ, Elaine Nelson

