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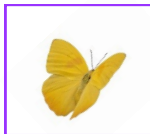
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DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARYLYNN HUNTWORK

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LWML

THE MISSION OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE IS TO ASSIST EACH WOMAN OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD IN AFFIRMING HER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRIUNE GOD SO THAT SHE IS ENABLED TO USE HER GIFTS IN MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

How to plant a butterfly garden!

Spring is a wonderful season. Winged insects take flight looking for food and water. Among the most delicate of creatures are butterflies. They flutter about, dance in sunlight, pose gracefully on petal tips, sip their favorite sweet elixir--nectar. Encouraging butterflies to visit the garden a habitat of flowers rich in nectar and a water source must be created so as to persuade them to stay.



God provides us with food and water, persuading us to stay in His yard. Through the Father's careful planning Jesus was born to provide us with His life-saving body and blood. We come to the Father through Holy Baptism, our life's water source. When butterflies are fed, watered, and nourished, they stay in the garden so we enjoy the beauty. Through His grace, God provides food and water needed to receive eternal life. Nourished in the Word, His children are welcomed home to the garden of heaven created just for us.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:4

There are many ways to share God's grace and love. Maybe your zone is collecting "Gifts from the Heart" for the LWML Convention in Peoria. If so, share a short story and a photo that captures "The Faces of LWML" and send it to the LWML Human Care Committee and the LWML WA-AK website. Continue to support missions with your monthly mite donations. Attend the fall district retreat "GPS-Going Places with the Savior" and the event of the biennium, 2012 district convention "Follow Jesus...Walk The Path!" Use the opportunity to share God's love with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, to give of your time, talents and treasures in many exciting ways.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Serving Him together,

MaryLynn Huntwork
LWML WA-AK District President



LWML Board of Directors' Meetings (BCD)

Historic LWML Board Meeting Conducted Online

During the first weekend of February, 2011, the United States experienced one of the most widespread snowstorms in decades. Peoria, Illinois, located in the center of the country, was at the heart of this powerful storm. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Board of Directors meeting scheduled for this same weekend on February 4-6, 2011, in Peoria was cancelled due to the weather conditions. After working out legal issues, the online board meeting was called to order by President Jan Wendorf. She stated: "I am thankful that the Lord has provided ways to communicate that help us to get information out in a timely manner."



LWML WA-AK Board of Directors' Meeting was held in Sunnyside, WA March 18-19. The children of Calvary Lutheran Pre-school sang a couple of songs for the group. The children received a huge applause.



Carol Drager's puppet friends presented her nominating committee report in a fun way.



Gifts of the Heart Ingathering at the LWML WA-AK Board of Directors' Meeting

The gifts of baby clothes, toys, diapers, money and more were presented to the director of Life Options, a Christian-based pregnancy counseling/crisis center in Sunnyside and Grandview, Washington, at the Holy Communion service on Friday evening. The director of the center cried as she received the plethora of gifts of the Ingathering.

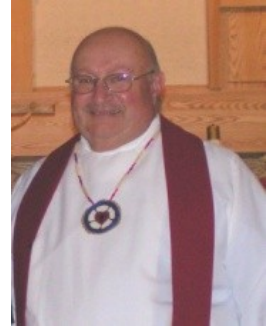


LWML WA-AK District Counselor East

Joy to you,

When you take a holiday or travel to some place, do you buy souvenirs? Why? I look back and remember some of the souvenirs I bought. They now collect dust and maybe could even be called clutter. Why did I buy them? I guess they were supposed to remind me of where I had been. If I would have the money I spent on souvenirs, I could take a very nice trip to see our grandchildren. Then, I think of the souvenirs that I gave to others. Why? Do I want them to remember the trip I took?

The neat thing is that our Lord does not keep our sins around as souvenirs. Through Jesus, they are gone. God says in Isaiah 43:25 "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Furthermore, we are not just souvenirs in the household of God, but we are His treasures. Each person is precious to God.



Ken Schauer

Recycling News

After a slow spell the cartridges are coming in again. There is \$266.40 so far that will be added to the \$14,767.65 that has already been collected. These funds will be used for the District LWML Convention in 2012. Had a good question last month: "Why don't they collect the cell phone accessories? I hate to throw them away." Answer: "The materials used in making those do not contain the contaminants that are present in cell phones." Instead of throwing them away, take them to Best Buy and they will take care of them and not throw them into the trash.



Ideas for increasing your collecting: 1. **Inkjets**: check your local libraries, computer labs, small businesses and friends. 2. **Laser cartridges**: banks, accountants, larger companies.

Cell Phones: individuals, businesses. No accessories.



Interesting statistics about recycling: 1. Recycling decreases toxic waste in landfills (we don't want toxic waste in the Lord's earth). 2. Eight cartridges are thrown away every second. 3. Eighty-six percent of inkjets are NOT recycled (that leaves a lot for us to collect). 4. Enough laser cartridges are destroyed that could circle the earth. 5. Forty-five percent of people still throw inkjet cartridges in the trash. 6. Seventy percent of Americans don't know cell phones can be recycled. More information about the Funding Factory at www.fundingfactory.com

Judy Peraino, Recycling Coordinator



EVERGREEN ECHOES FALL DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2011



WASHINGTON-ALASKA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL FORM

DEADLINE: October 31, 2011

**Application form may be obtained on the LWML WA-AK website:
www.wa-aklwml.org**

SEND TO: LeeAnn Tibbals, Vice President of Gospel Outreach,

Friends Into Serving Him®



I am so blessed to be a part of the WA-AK District and to be able to work with you to involve teens in LWML. Friends Into Serving Him® groups function both independently and with your society. Forming a group gives the teen girls a chance to make LWML a part of their life both now and in the future and also gives the ladies in your society a chance to mentor and be part of the ‘village’ to help form the teens of today into the LWML leaders of tomorrow. So... how do you form a Friends Into Serving Him® group? Go to LWML.org and click on ‘Teens’ to learn more or you can contact me. I will be happy to help you form a group or come and talk at your zone rally about what Friends Into Serving Him® is all about.

Julie Funfar, Friends Into Serving Him Chairman

Christian Life

Jesus loves me! He will stay - close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.



Jesus guides us through each day, He will show us all the way,
Reaching sheep that have been lost, His precious blood has paid the cost.

Alleluia and Amen! Words cannot describe the awesomeness of our God. He is indescribable. Yet, we are to be ready to share the reasons for our hope “... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...” (1 Pet 3:15 NIV). That’s a daunting order. I pray constantly that the Spirit will guide me and provide me with the right words to say at the right time. Do you sometimes feel that you are defending your faith when speaking with a skeptic? Or should I say, “sound defensive?” That should never be. We are to share the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness, planting the seeds of faith along our way. Yes, Jesus loves me...and you, and you, and You!

In Christian Love and Service,
Marilee Ryan, VP Christian Life

Gospel Outreach

FUN IN THE SUN: Summer is such a great time; picnics, warm weather, fun in the sun, vacations! We love to have some time to relax and enjoy some time off. Many of our societies suspend meetings during the summer too. As we enjoy our ‘time off,’ please don’t take time off of our Mite giving! Keep filling your Mite box over the summer too! I found that those cute little snack pack cans of treats make a great Mite box for the car. You can buy little cookies or crackers in a small plastic cup. When those snacks are gone just cut a hole in the lid for coins. It fits nicely in the cup holder and you can drop change in during your summer travels! Give the kids some sharpie markers and they can even decorate it for you!

I have received many notes from our various grant recipients recently. The new windows are going in at the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, **(See page 10)** Tacoma Seafarer’s has purchased new materials in several languages for the men who visit their facility. Our seminary and deaconess students continue their studies. Shawn Neider graduates in May and will receive his first Call! Please continue to pray for all of our grant recipients, especially those who we have not been able to fund yet – hopefully, as those Mites roll in, we’ll get those funds out to everyone still waiting!



May the Lord bless your summer travels, near and far,
LeeAnn Tibbals, VP Gospel Outreach

Young Women Committee



Introducing Amanda Haan as our District's Young Woman Representative at the LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, in June, 2011....



{Amanda and her family}

Amanda lives in Kennewick, Washington, with her husband, Eric, and their two children Linnea (5) and Benjamin (3). Currently, a stay at home mom, she is a licensed teacher and has also worked as the program director for an agency that worked with teenagers returning home after being in jail. She currently volunteers at her church, Bethlehem Lutheran, as the nursery coordinator and also serves on her church's mission board. She volunteers at her daughter's school both in her classroom and as the head softball coach for the middle school. Last summer, Amanda went on an eight-day mission trip to Jacmel, Haiti, with Forward Edge International. Their team helped with rebuilding projects as well as a local feeding program for about 250 children. In her free time, Amanda enjoys

reading, working out and baking. In July, she will be participating in a 12-person, 200 mile race near Seattle.

Amanda is looking forward to learning more about LWML and meeting ladies from all over the LWML WA-AK District. She has been a member of her church's society for about a year, so there are many things to learn! She is especially interested in hearing about the unique ways our societies and zones are reaching out to our church members and communities.

Your Young Women Committee Chairman,
Elizabeth Cook

Nominating Committee

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them... Romans 12:6 (ESV)

The Bible tells us that we have all been given gifts and that God will be with us and guide us as we use them to further the work of His Kingdom. However, God doesn't tell us that what He has asked us to do will be easy, but He tells us He will be with us when we call upon Him.

Your Nominating Committee is searching for women and men willing to call upon the gifts our Lord has given them to work as an Officer in the WA-AK District LWML.

On the Ballot at the 2012 District Convention:

*Vice President of Christian Life *Vice President of Gospel Outreach

*Treasurer *Recording Secretary

*Nominating Committee (7) *Pastoral Counselor – Westside

Please send your suggestions to caroldrager@gci.net or 4812 Potter Crest Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99516

Blessings and Love!
Carol Lee Drager



PLEASE COPY THIS ISSUE FOR THE LADIES IN YOUR CHURCH!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ISSUES VIA E-MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT The CIRCULATION MANAGER, DENISE CRAWFORD.



What Do We Do For Our Next Meeting?



Many of the completed Leader Development Committee surveys show that our societies are looking for new ideas in two major areas: programs for meetings and activities, and ways to attract new and younger members to LWML. While we are compiling your responses to our survey and plan on how to meet your needs, we would like to share some of the wonderful resources that are available right now from LWML.

Check out the 2010 – 2011 LWML Catalog. Pages 15-38 have an abundance of ready-to-use materials. “Helping You to Serve” (page 17) offers programs to help your society grow and serve. Pages 26 and 38 have program helps on CD for you to print and use. Page 26 begins an alphabetical listing of program helps that you can order, and the same materials are listed by topic beginning on page 33. Be sure to order enough copies for all participants, e.g., 3 “readers” = 3 copies.

You can also go to www.lwml.org on the internet. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page – under Resources, click on Program Helps, where you will find these same materials available to print and/or order. We don’t have to “reinvent the wheel” to help our meetings and activities be better than ever. Let’s make use of the resources we have, to “follow Jesus, and walk the path.”

Your District Leader Development Committee
Marilyn Schaefer and Lynn Cooper



I'm Gonna Write Our Bylaws

(Tune: "I'm Gonna Write a Song" sung by Andy Griffith)



I'm gonna write our bylaws,
They'll be about the workings of our society, zone, or district,
They'll be about officers and their duties, committees and their duties
I'm gonna write our bylaws, so the whole society, zone, and district can know how we
run.

(Sing the song "I'm Gonna Write Our Bylaws" and make it fun as you review your bylaws and propose your changes!)

Please go to <http://www.wa-aklwml.org/structurebylawspage.htm> to get the sample bylaws for your society or zone to use when updating your own. If you don't have access to the internet, contact Marie Chow for a copy. We are ready and willing, and need to hear from you for your proposed amendments to your bylaws!

Your District Structure Committee
Marie Chow, Sandy Geisler, Ruth Ann Shimoi



Human Care

He is Risen! Alleluia!! I hope you have all had a very joyful Easter.

I have been busy with prayer requests and planning for the next two events. God sure does keep us busy, but it is all in His service, right? That is our mission—To Serve the Lord with Gladness, whenever and wherever He sends us. Please remember that our service is more than at home but we also need to spread the Lord's Word all over the world. Remember this as time draws near for the Peoria convention. If you have items you want transported to the convention, contact me and I will find a way to get them there. I will be leaving for Peoria on June 21st from the Seattle airport so I will be happy to meet you and pick up whatever. My personal mission is to make our WA-AK District stand out in service to God! I will be asking for your help on the zone and society levels as we get ready for the Post Falls Retreat Ingathering and 2012 District Convention Ingathering and Servant Events! Please watch for info in your bulk mailing coming soon! Keep the prayer requests coming and serve our Lord with gladness. See you all soon at Peoria or Post Falls!



God's Blessings to all! Sandi Hall, VP Human Care

Washington-Alaska Zone and Society Corner

The Olympic Zone had a surprise guest at its spring board meeting on April 9, 2011, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Seattle Washington. In honor of Flat Jan being in the Pacific North West (but having a full appearance schedule) and the Mites Marathon, "Tiny Flat Jan" attended our board meeting—all 13 inches of her!. We also collected a special mite offering. Tiny Flat Jan also attended the Olympic Zone Joy Shop on May 1, 2011, at St. James. Joy, Cheryl Beyer



Margie Longan,
Cheryl Beyer,
Karen Scott,
Mary Abdi,
Brenda Wilber
Sandy
Tollefsen,
Margaret Ebert
& Millie Woepfel

(*Permission to publish is granted by all in the photo.)



Velda Kinkade (third from left), her daughter, Arlis Marcel; granddaughter, Stacie Bryson, and great-granddaughter, Nicole Bryson

Grace Lutheran Everett:

Twenty-one daughters attended the Spring Daughters of Grace Brunch on April 16 at Grace Lutheran in Everett. A few granddaughters attended with grandmothers, and there was also a four-generation family! Carol Davis and Marilee Ryan prepared salads, and Jackie Fanin made a wonderful strawberry cake. Carolyn Matson made the butterfly vases. Games, devotions, handouts and singing...Thank you Kathy Lawson for leading the songs and playing guitar. Everyone was encouraged to take home a plant in an eggshell. All who attended helped to make this a very nice brunch. Submitted by Marilee Ryan.

Roses, Roses, Roses to all contributors of this issue. You are awesome! So many of you got your articles in days before the deadline, and all the articles were in by the deadline. Thanks for considering space limitations! —Sandi Schauer, District Editor



Washington-Alaska Zone and Society Corner Cont.

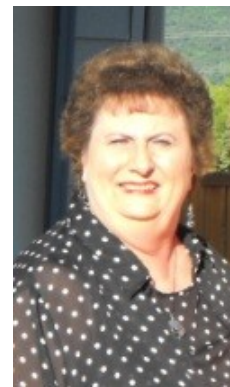


JOY, JOY, JOY IN ALASKA LWML WA-AK District Alaska Zone

Joy, Joy, Joy is what it is all about when we call it a Joyshop. At Zion Lutheran Church, in Anchorage Alaska, the Alaska LWML women had a wonderful Joyshop on April 2, 2011. We had 58 women from all over the state of Alaska come together and praise the Lord. The theme was "Rooted in the Garden of God's Love," presented by Nancy Cross. The Bible verse used was "May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love..." Ephesians 3:17b TLB. The ladies of Zion made a wonderful lunch for us at noon. Pastor Brandt Hoffman, from Zion gave us a wonderful message about giving and serving the Lord and then we had communion. I personally thanked all the members who helped serve and for all the hard work they did to make the Joyshop a success.

Our mission project was to put Easter baskets together for children of all ages. We ended up with 150 baskets which went to Lutheran Social Services in Anchorage. We all worked together as a great team. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Blessings always to all,
Linda Gerdes, Alaska Zone President



✝ Save the Date ✝

September 30 - October 2, 2011
WA-AK LWML District Retreat

Going Places with
our Savior



*YOU are
invited to
come along!*

Our District Retreat will be
at Ross Point Camp and
Conference Center,
Post Falls, ID

Please mark your calendar and
plan to attend this Great event

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:5 - 6 (NIV)

Save The Date!

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105*



**LWML Washington-Alaska District
Convention
Red Lion Hotel
Olympia, Washington
June 22 - 24, 2012**



LWML WA-AK District Retreat

7 PM September 30 – Noon October 2, 2011
 Ross Point Camp and Conference Center
 Post Falls, Idaho

Name _____ Are you a teen? Y N

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Church _____ Zone _____

Lodging styles and information:

- ◆ Hotel-style lodge rooms (These rooms have 3 single beds, private bathroom, bedding provided, and sleeps 2-3 people.)
- ◆ Cabin (Each cabin sleeps up to 12 people on bunks with one shared bathroom. **You must bring your own bedding and towels.**)
- ◆ There are four handicap accessible rooms with 2 beds. Please indicate below if you need one of these rooms.
- ◆ The camp terrain is a bit rocky and uneven in spots, so if you have trouble walking, a lodge room might be better for you.
- ◆ There are a limited number of lodge rooms. If all of the lodge rooms get filled prior to receipt of your registration, you will be assigned a cabin. You will be refunded the difference in price.

Your registration includes 4 meals. Meals include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.
****Each attendee needs to send in a registration form. All registrations/checks for one room/cabin must be mailed together in one envelope. Roommates will not be assigned for the lodge style rooms.**

Please check your lodging choice:

_____ **Lodge** \$140.00 per person
 Roommate #2 name _____
 Roommate #3 name _____

_____ **Handicap accessible lodge room** \$140.00 per person
 Name of roommate _____

_____ **Single room** \$225.00

_____ **Cabin** \$105.00 per person

_____ **RV site** (There are 6 sites available and they include water & electricity) **Contact Registrar for pricing**

_____ **Day sessions only** (no overnight lodging, includes Saturday lunch and dinner) \$65.00 per person

_____ *Do you have special dietary, mobility, or other needs? If so, please indicate here.*

Registration deadline is August 24th. Make checks payable to Washington-Alaska District LWML. You will receive a confirmation email or letter which will include a map and a list of items to bring. No refunds will be given after August 24th.

Send registration forms and payments to Registrar Julie Onken at 6705 67th Dr NE Marysville, WA 98270.
 Questions? Call Julie at (360) 659-6038 or email at onken@clearwire.net

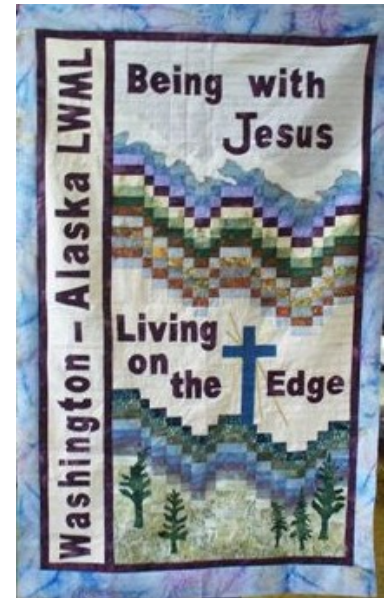




LWML 34th Biennial Convention
Date: June 23-26, 2011
Location: Peoria, Illinois

PASTOR KEN KLAUS—PROCLAIMER
BIBLE STUDY LEADER—DR. REED LESSING
DEB BURMA—KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KATIE STAM, MISS AMERICA 2009—
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
SIBLING HARMONY—ENTERTAINERS
HOST CONGREGATION—
TRINITY LUTHERAN, PEORIA
MISSION SPEAKERS, GIFTS FROM THE HEART
AND SO MUCH MORE!

Go to www.lwml.org for more information.



Sneak pre-view of the WA-AK banner for the Peoria Convention made by Judy Jeffrey. Thank you, Judy.

The Mite-y Mite Marches On: Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM)

The new hurricane resistant windows for the House of the Lambs of God Girls' Orphanage in Ouanaminthe, Haiti were purchased with a portion of the grant funds allotted at the 2010 LWML WA-AK District Convention. The NEHLM supports both the proclamation and social ministry of Pastor Daniel Paul and of the orphanage. Go to www.wa-aklwml.org for more information.



2010-2012 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster



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Mission Grants for the 2010-2012 Biennium

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| 1. Aid to Seminary Students (four) | \$16,000 | \$ 8,713 |
| 2. Sudanese Mission at King of Kings Lutheran, Renton, WA | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| 3. Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 4. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, Ouanaminthe, Haiti | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| 5. Concordia Theological Seminary Co-op, Ft. Wayne, IN | 5,000 | |
| 6. Fountain of Hope Dayschool Kitchen, Bukeeka, Uganda, Africa | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| 7. CROSSings Ministries | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 8. Wardrobes for the Lutheran Home for Students, Guatemala | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 9. Matthew's Meals, King of Glory Lutheran, Gig Harbor, WA | 6,000 | |
| 10. Tacoma Seafarers' Center, Tacoma, WA | 5,000 | 2,500 |
| 11. Deaconess Training for Mission Outreach in Idaho County, ID | 4,000 | 2,400 |
| 12. Olympic Peninsula Mission Start, Port Angeles, WA | <u>4,000</u> | <u>4,000</u> |
| TOTAL MISSION GRANTS | <u>\$85,000</u> | <u>\$57,613</u> |