

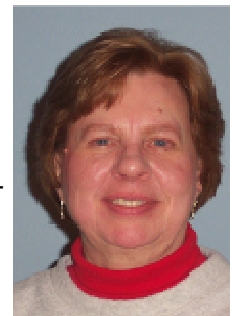
# Evergreen Echoes

Winter  
2007

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## DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELAINE NELSON

Fall events are over and by the time you read this, Thanksgiving and Christmas may also be past. It was a wonderful time for your president to be with you at your fall events. Finally, I have been to every zone at least one time. What I have found is that you women are amazing!! Your events are Christ – centered and fun. You are generous in your in-gatherings and offerings. You cook really good food and you enjoy being together. I see past leaders mentoring new leaders as they take on new tasks and I see leaders training and encouraging others to take on responsibilities so that they can someday be the leader. Women in leadership roles do not do the tasks, but they mentor, encourage and empower others to do them. That is how we grow and develop as a district in our service to the Lord. To me, leaders are like mother hens in that they train and teach others to step out and do a task. Then, like the mother hen, they sit back and watch their children and feel so pleased with them.



Our convention in Everett is June 20 -22. You will see some new women there. The Heart to Heart Program will be initiated here in our district at this convention. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors approved spending some funds to enable women of different ethnic groups to attend the convention. We will have “hands on” displays where you will have fun and learn something new. Missionaries Claude and Rhoda Hogue will be there to share their work in East Africa. Watch for other exciting details as we get closer to June. In this issue, you will find the call to the convention.

May God bless your service, your doing and your leading to His glory!!  
Serving Christ with you,  
Elaine

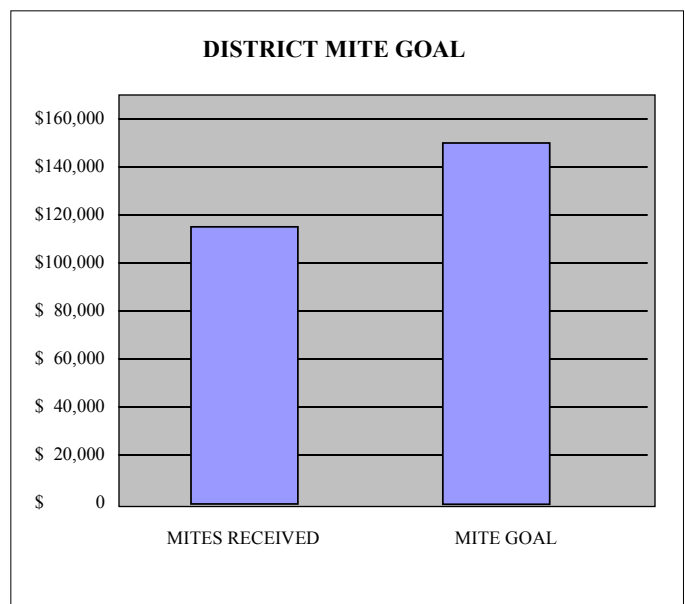
## WA-AK DISTRICT LWML MITEY MITES

Mavis Waarvik, Treasurer

Ladies, you are fantastic! As of October 24th we have received \$114,720 in mites. Our Mitey Mite goal for this biennium is \$149,250. This means we have reached 77% of our goal and we are 79% of the way through the biennium. Our biennium goes from April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2006 to March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2008.

At our District Retreat the end of September, the Mite Jar held \$232.90 and the Sunday Mitey Mite offering was \$1,227.46.

Praise God for blessing the ladies of our District so that we may share those blessings with others.



**DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNSELOR EAST  
REV. DUDLEY NOLTING**



Shoes! Shoes! And more shoes! One of the earliest memories of my Aunt Elvera was the fact that everyone talked about how many shoes she owned. Aunt Elvera, my father's last living sibling, went to be with the Lord in early October. Now my Dad is the last remaining member of his family of origin.

A big smile, a solid handshake, ever the encourager and everyone's friend -- that was my Uncle Norman, my mother's oldest brother. He died suddenly while mowing his lawn just a few weeks ago and now he is with the Lord in Glory.

A respected educator of those with special needs, a good friend to many and a caregiver for those we dearly loved -- this was my wife's close friend and fellow Special Education teacher, Susan. She went to be with the Lord this past month following a brain aneurysm.

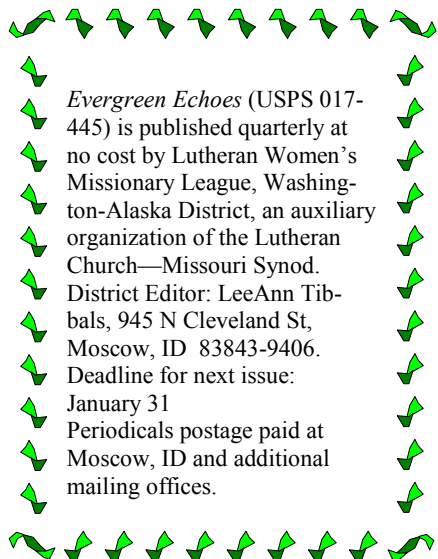
One common thread that connected these people was their relationship with Jesus Christ. All of them were baptized into Jesus when they were little ones, therefore making them saints in the Kingdom of God for time and eternity. All three continued in the faith throughout their lives and now they are in the presence of their Savior and the saints who have gone before, for all eternity. They will be missed by those who loved them, but all who knew them were enriched by having these people in their lives.

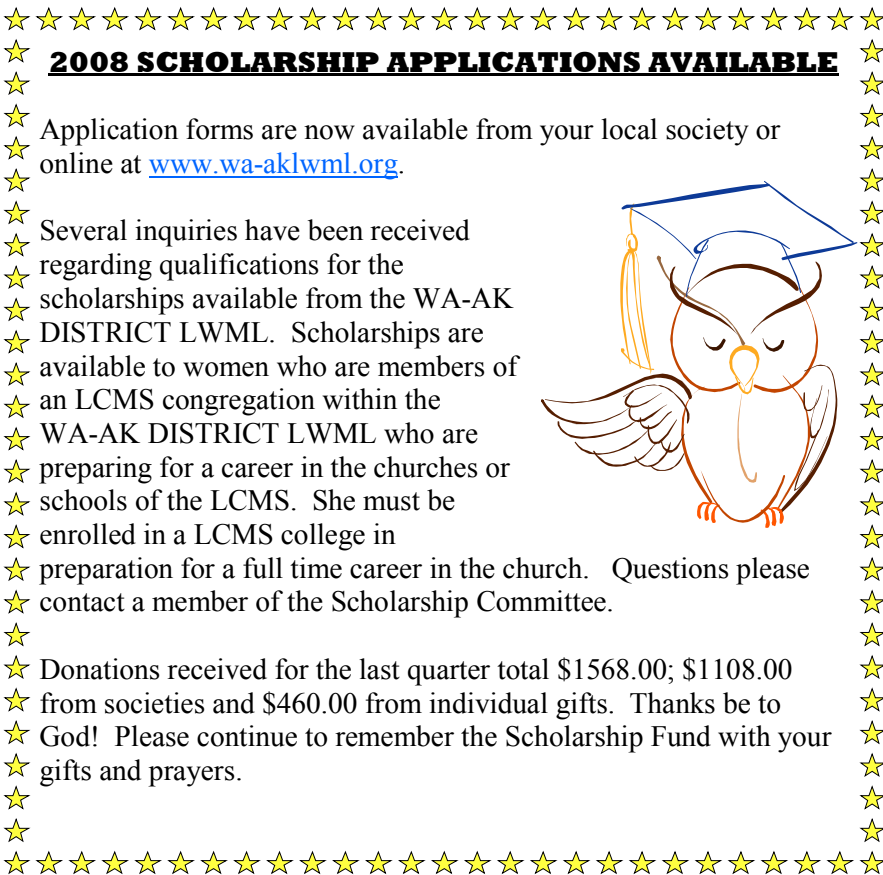
On Sunday, November 4th, most, if not all of our congregations, celebrated All Saints Day. On this day we remembered those good people in our lives who impacted us in many and varied ways. I'm sure these people are flashing on to your mental screen right now. Some of what they gave us positively changed the way we look at life -- this one and the one which is to come.

As we continue our remembrance of the saints of God in our lives, we rejoice in God's provision that the Gospel will not be left without witness as we continue to proclaim with our mouths and with our actions the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Proclaiming Christ with You, *Pastor Nolting*

Dear LWML Friends,  
I would like to thank each and every one of the "Powerful LWML Ladies" for the many, many prayers and words of encouragement during my husband's recent illness and surgery. Thanks be to God for his speedy and full recovery! Now, it's back to work for me!!  
LeeAnn, District Editor


  
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**2008 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Application forms are now available from your local society or online at [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org).

Several inquiries have been received regarding qualifications for the scholarships available from the WA-AK DISTRICT LWML. Scholarships are available to women who are members of an LCMS congregation within the WA-AK DISTRICT LWML who are preparing for a career in the churches or schools of the LCMS. She must be enrolled in a LCMS college in preparation for a full time career in the church. Questions please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Donations received for the last quarter total \$1568.00; \$1108.00 from societies and \$460.00 from individual gifts. Thanks be to God! Please continue to remember the Scholarship Fund with your gifts and prayers.





LWML Washington – Alaska District  
Office of the President

## **June 20-22, 2008 Biennial Convention Official Call**

TO: All LWML WA- AK District members,  
pastors, and friends

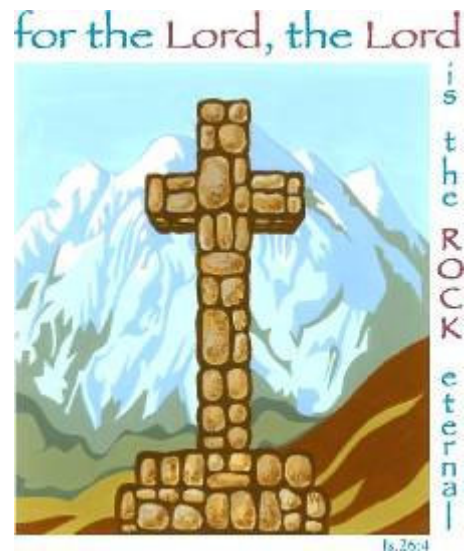
FROM: Elaine Nelson, District President

RE: LWML WA-AK District Convention

DATES: Friday, June 20, 2008, 7:00 pm  
Opening Worship through  
Sunday, June 22, 2008 Closing Service

PLACE: Holiday Inn  
3105 Pine Street  
Everett, WA 98201  
Phone: 425-339-2000

THEME: The Lord, the Lord, is the Rock Eternal  
Isaiah 26:4



**GOAL STATEMENT: In the sure knowledge that Christ is the living Stone, I seek to serve Him by reaching out to others in the precious Name of Jesus.**

**OBJECTIVES: All convention attendees are:  
Affirmed in their faith and thankful for this unearned gift of the Holy Spirit;  
Empowered to use their talents and gifts in dedicated service to Christ;  
Demonstrate a renewed intensity to share the Good News of Christ's  
love and His sacrifice with those both near and far.**

Watch the Evergreen Echoes, our website, your email and the church office next year for special mailings and get all the latest information

Elaine Nelson  
LWML WA-AK District President

## District Convention 2008

Interest Sessions are being planned for our 2008 convention in Everett. These will take place on Friday afternoon. Plan to come early and take advantage of this opportunity to learn some new things. The topics for the sessions are listed below; more details will follow:

Teen LWML  
Leader Development  
Heart to Heart Program  
Archivist/ Historian

Chairman for the Committee that will be handling the Displays and Exhibits at the 2008 convention is LaDonna Schrank. If you have any questions or want to have an exhibit, please contact LaDonna at [Ladonna.schrank@comcast.net](mailto:Ladonna.schrank@comcast.net) or her home phone 360 – 354- 1245. She is available after work. The list of exhibitors is approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting in March.

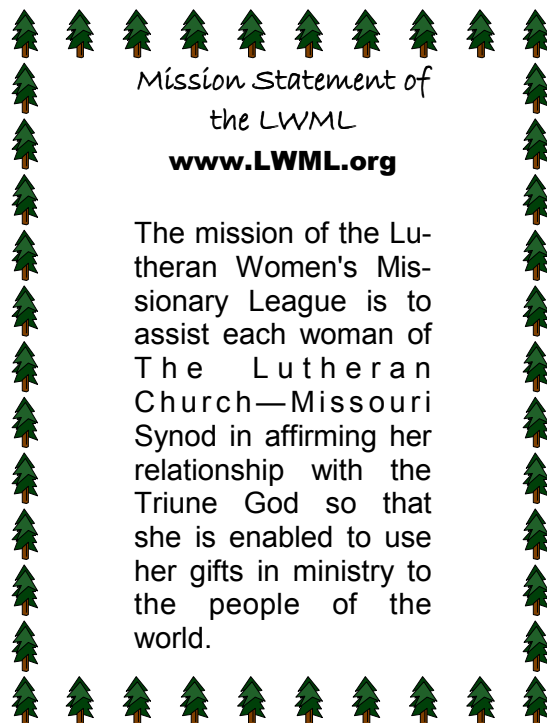
### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is March 15, 2008 and the deadline for donations to the scholarship fund is March 31, 2008. Please remember both in prayer as the need is great for both workers and funds to help our young women prepare to serve the Lord in the LCMS churches.

Brittany Closner and Hannah Klumb are both seniors at Concordia/Portland preparing for a career in education.

Brittany is a member of Mt. Olive in Yakima and is planning to become a DCE. She transferred from Yakima Community College in her junior year. Her sister Kimberly is also a student at Concordia. Scott Coerber (Carol's son) was the DCE at her church and had a big influence on her decision to become a DCE.

Hannah Klumb is a member of Faith Lutheran in Lacey, WA and is preparing to be an elementary school teacher. She has been active in her home church, teaching Sunday School and VBS when she was at home. While attending Concordia she has served the homeless at the Portland Rescue Mission and volunteered in Lutheran elementary schools. Her mother is a teacher in an LCMS church school and she attended Lutheran schools.



Mission Statement of  
the LWML

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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.



The South Columbia Zone held its Fall Rally on September 12, 2007 with 40 in attendance. They were celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Gary Thies from LCMS Mission Central in Iowa was their mission speaker. Pictured with Gary are Zone President MaryLynn Huntwork and Past Zone Presidents Lynda Reimann, Bernice Schmidt, Lorraine Goetz, LaVonne Grashius and Eileen Tanke.

A supper and evening session was also held with 70 in attendance to listen to a presentation by Dr. Theis as well as music by ladies from Our Savior Lutheran, Ephrata.

## **ADDITIONAL FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE HAITI MISSION FIELD**

The WA-AK District delegates at the June 2006 convention voted to fund the mission grant of *Gospel Proclamation in Haiti—Four-Wheel-Drive Vehicle* at \$5,000. The description of this grant from the convention manual read, “Reverend Daniel Paul lives and teaches at the Lutheran Seminary in Port-au-Prince in southern Haiti. He also serves the northwest section of Haiti. Bus travel takes a couple of days, and car travel can be dangerous. With a four-wheel-drive vehicle he will then be able to be more efficient with his time and resources as well as transport other people and materials.” The grant of \$5,000 has been paid.

After learning at the District Board meeting in September that the original funding was not nearly enough to purchase a vehicle, the Board voted to grant an additional \$10,000 to this endeavor. Funds used came from an unused \$10,000 grant that had been returned to the District. This money has been sent to Reverend Paul in Haiti.

As Vice President of Gospel Outreach, I received a congenial letter from Reverend Paul this summer. He was very thankful for the initial grant amount. It was interesting to read his postscript, “In my district there is no mail delivery, no internet access, no fixed telephone, no electricity, no potable water.” This is really touching to my heart. The grant from our WA-AK District was certainly valued and well placed.

The stateside contact for this mission is Pastor Wiseman in La Grande, Oregon. Pastor Wiseman knows Reverend Paul personally because they were classmates at the Seminary. He said of Reverend Paul, “He began this ministry from scratch. Before him, there was no Lutheran presence. He has purchased land and built the church. In his ministry, he is caring for 30-40 people. Reverend Paul works diligently to be a good steward of funds given.”

The day I spoke to Pastor Wiseman, Reverend Paul was in Port-au-Prince doing the paper work to acquire children for an orphanage he is starting there as well.

### **ANOTHER IMPORTANT MATTER**

If your society or zone has suggestions for a recipient of one of the 2008 Convention offerings, please submit to it to the MAG (Mission Advocacy and Grants) Committee by January 19, 2008. The form is now on the WA-AK District website. Guidelines and address information is given. Complete the requested information about your suggested recipient, and mail the form by the deadline.

Blessings in Jesus Christ,  
Betty Alm, VP of Gospel Outreach, WA-AK District LWML

### **Mission Eyes**

Tears. Tears of Joy. Tears of Sorrow. Tears of Laughter. Tears of Sadness. Tears of Freedom. Tears of Bondage. Tears of Pain. Tears of Bliss.



Life is full of tears. Tears can flow like a river or drip like a faucet. Tears are present at weddings or funerals. Dance recitals or football games. First days of kindergarten or graduation days. First steps or last steps. Waves of ‘Hello’ or waves of ‘Goodbye’. Broken bones or mended hearts. Tears of knowing Jesus, Tears of sorrow for those who don’t know Him.

Harvest brings tears of pain, tears of joy already experienced and tears of joy yet to come. Parents have tears for children as they grow and leave home. Tears will be dried up as your reward for bearing and raising children.

Together people will have tears of repentance. As sinners we have tears of love and gratitude, tears of forgiveness. Christians shed tears of joy, love and kindness for one another. We as Christians spill many tears of pain and sorrow for the non-believers just as Christ spilled His blood for us. Tears of death, pain and sadness will be swallowed up in The Sovereign Lord.

God promised to give us comfort from our tears. “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (*Revelation 7:17*)

Shed some tears today if you must and remember God’s promise to those who believe and share this Good News to those He places in your path.

*Love in Christ, Your LWML Sister, MaryLynn Huntwork, Vice President of Human Care*

# WA-AK DISTRICT RETREAT SEPTEMBER 2007



Songs, hugs, Servant Event, Bible Study, Skits, Beautiful Setting and, of course, good food! The Retreat was enjoyed by over 100 women from our district as well as a few from Iowa and Oregon! Be sure to plan on attending the next one in 2009 if you missed it this year!

# PORTLAND 2009: The Excitement Officially Begins!

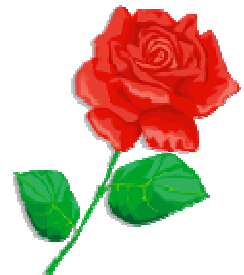
It's finally time! It has been more than 6 years since Portland was selected as the host city for the 2009 LWML convention and the planning has now officially begun! Twenty-eight excited members of the Host Committee from the Oregon, UT-ID, and WA-AK LWML Districts met for the first time at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Portland, on Saturday, November 10. They were joined by three representatives from national LWML, President Jan Wendorf, Convention Programming Committee Chairman Deaconess Sylvia Johnson, and Convention Manager Jan Rueter.

In her opening remarks, Host Committee Chairman Julia Riess stressed that for the purpose of planning for and hosting the convention – during the next 18 months – the three districts will be united as one “Northwest LWML District”.

Committee members spent the morning getting acquainted with each other and the basic responsibilities of hosting the convention. The meeting concluded in the afternoon with a tour of the Oregon Convention Center, where the convention will be held – June 25-28, 2009.

## Look to the Hills...God Reigns

(Watch the next issue for the new convention logo!)



### District Roster of Officers and Committees

#### **WA-AK District LWML Officers and Committees**

*To contact any of the board members below please click on the “Contacts” button on our website. You may email messages from there and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.*

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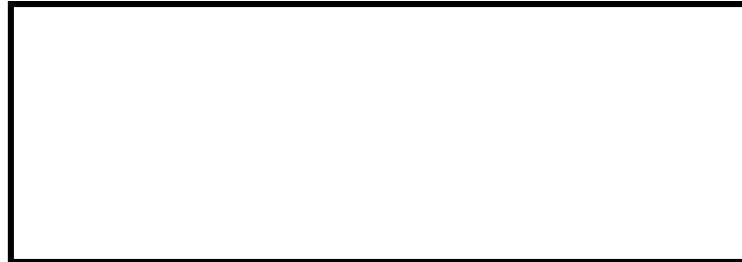
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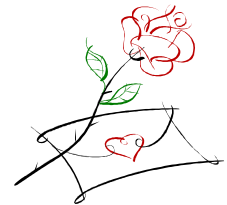
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**Ingathering ideas,**

Share ideas of your Zone or Society, locate resources for **Mission Service** activities:

- Display a Special Tree in your church and collect items to give others: Mitten Tree, Stocking Tree or Angel Tree.
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care; Help the Themba Trust of South Africa, and receive the Themba Girls and Erin Bode CD.
- Keep the people in southern California in your prayers. Pray for those whose lives are in danger, whose homes are threatened or have been damaged. Please also pray for LCMS relief workers and volunteers.
- Your donations are also crucial in assisting LCMS members and their neighbors. LCMS World Relief and Human Care disaster funds are extremely low and financial gifts are essential. To help share Christ's mercy with victims of the fires, make checks payable to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-9810. Mark "California Fire Relief 2007" in the memo line. Or call the toll-free gift line, 1-888-930-4438.



Visit these websites to see how you can help those in need:

LWML, LCMS, Mission Central.US, Adopt a Missionary,  
or Contact Lutheran Community Services