



Evergreen Echoes

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2011

DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARYLYNN HUNTWORK

God is already there! It doesn't matter which path we take. Life is filled with paths, directions, dead-ends, round-a-bouts, one-ways, and two way streets. We have so many choices to make and daily decisions. In *Colossians 2:3* Paul tells us that "*in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*"

When we acknowledge the Lord as our guide in making our daily decisions He will smooth our path in His wondrous way. Whether that direction is smooth and pleasant or painful and uncomfortable, He is always with us; giving direction.



While traveling recently I sat beside a young man, Billy, away from his family since Christmas. He shared that the company he worked for made a job offer and moved his family to Tennessee. However the job didn't work out leaving him to travel back and forth from Las Vegas to Nashville. When I offered to place him and his family on a prayer chain with 250,000 Lutheran Women in Mission he was amazed. He said God was good! They hadn't been without anything they needed. He thanked me as we walked off the plane for uplifting them in prayer and believed that everything would work out with that many women praying for them!

In *Proverbs 3:5-6* we are guided by "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on our own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*" Don't worry about which path to take, what to say to a stranger or which corner to go around, make worry-free decisions for tomorrow, in all you do and say, because God is already there.

In observance of this Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter Sunday we are reminded of Thomas talking with our Lord. "*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.* With the Savior's guidance we will find the way. He will show us the path.

As you "Follow Jesus..." remember our missions with mites and prayer, enjoy fellowship and Bible study with those around you, mentor the young women and teens in your societies, thank the congregations and pastors for their continued support of the LWML and "...Walk the Path."

Walking the Path together,
MaryLynn Huntwork
LWML WA-AK District President

The Mite-y Mite races to the finish!

Here are some simple and fun suggestions to inspire your joyful mite giving:

1. Count your blessings
 - ◆ Years of life or marriage
 - ◆ Number of children or grandchildren
 - ◆ How long you've been employed or retired
 - ◆ How many years you and your best friend have been friends
2. Round it up for LWML
 - ◆ Round up your change to the nearest dollar
 - ◆ Fill that mite box with the change
3. Buy LWML a Cup of Coffee
 - ◆ Commit to "buying LWML a cup of coffee" for a week, a month, or a year
 - ◆ Use the money to support LWML mission grants
4. What's in your closet?
 - ◆ Count your shoes or handbags or purple items
 - ◆ Determine an amount to give per item of choice
5. Thrivent Choice
 - ◆ Eligible Thrivent members who have Choice DollarsSM, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership, may direct their Choice DollarsSM to LWML, by selecting "International Lutheran Women's Missionary League." Go to www.thrivent.com or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."



1, 2, 3... 100, 101, 102...

Thank you for your mite contribution to Lutheran Women in Mission. Please make checks payable to "LWML." Thank you for your generous support. — Paraphrase from LWML "Finish" Piece

HUMAN CARE—TEEN LWML

Greetings to all of you that I have been blessed to know, and to those of you I have yet to meet!

My name is Trudy Hawn and I have been blessed to help Sandi Hall in the Human Care Dept, as the Teen LWML Chairman. I will do all that I can to learn and serve in this position. I only ask for your patience with my efforts as it is truly a learning experience for me! I joyfully accept responsibility for Chairman and look forward to meeting and to working with everyone. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions!

Blessings to all!
Trudy Hawn
Teen LWML Chairman
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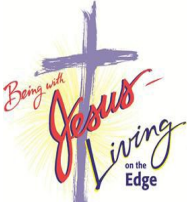
Introducing “Flat Jan”

In the children’s book *Flat Stanley*, Stanley Lambchop is accidentally flattened during his sleep one night. Flat Stanley has a special advantage now because he can visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope. In 1995, the *Flat Stanley Project* was established to provide school children a project similar to pen pals. Many of your children or grandchildren have enjoyed mailing a Flat Stanley to friends and family around the world and then receiving photos of where he has been. To learn more about the Flat Stanley Project, please visit www.flatstanley.com. In the spirit of Flat Stanley, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League now introduces our much loved President, Janice Wendorf, in the form of “Flat Jan.” In the next few weeks before the LWML Convention in Peoria, “Flat Jan” will be visiting LWML friends around the country. “Flat Jan” is traveling to bring awareness to the *Mite Marathon* to meet the 2009-2011 mite goal. Please consider sending a special mite donation for each mile Flat Jan has traveled to get to your district, or make a guess at how many total miles she will travel, and send a donation to arrive in March before the end of the biennium to help meet the goal. Let’s help “Flat Jan” reach Peoria with her mite box OVERFLOWING.

Send mite donations to: Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, PO Box 411993, St. Louis, MO 63141-1993. Please note the contribution “Mite Marathon – Flat Jan.”



Flat Jan will be in Washington-Alaska soon.

	<p>LWML 34th Biennial Convention Date: June 23-26, 2011 Location: Peoria, Illinois</p>
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Christian Life

It’s the end of January as I write this. I was going to say, “Hopefully by the time you read this, there will be a touch of spring in the air. Are flowers starting to peek above the soil? Are trees starting to bud?” But my flower bulbs are already 2-3 inches high. I moved from Alaska – that doesn’t happen until April...May? So as you enjoy the re-growth and rejuvenation of spring, as you walk around outside, what is the beauty and joy around you? What is the joy inside you as you walk in your Christian Life? Our biennium theme is “Follow Jesus...Walk the Path.” And our retreat theme is “GPS...Going Places with Our Savior.”

At this time in the church year, Jesus is *going to the cross*. Walking with the burden of our sins. As His children, we follow Him to the cross and to the grave. Our death to sin is not only because He died, but also, most importantly, because He rose and lives always. Yes, even though we are sinners, our sins are dead through Christ’s death and resurrection. We live forever by following Jesus and walking the path, by going places with our Savior.

Jesus is ever present with us – leading us, walking beside us, and carrying us. He takes us to places we wouldn’t have imagined on our own – even to a simple garden, sprouting flowers in January. Praise God. What an exciting journey it is with Jesus as our “GPS” - leader and companion!

Marilee Ryan, Vice President, Christian Life





Corresponding Secretary

I am in a constant process of updating the District Roster which includes information from all Zones and Societies. If you have not sent in your updated roster of officers, please do it soon so I can have it up-to-date by the March Board Meeting. You can find roster forms for both Zone officers and Society officers on the District LWML website.

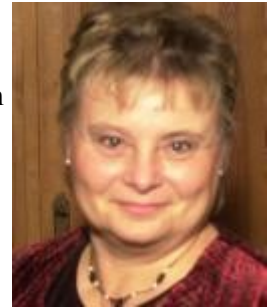
Linda Miller , Corresponding Secretary



Human Care

I am so pleased to announce an awesome first time ingathering event of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves at my first BOD meeting as your new Human Care VP. Thank you so much to all of you contributors.

The next ingathering will be March 18. It is at the BOD meeting again and will be for the Life Options center in Sunnyside/Grandview WA area. This is a Christian-based crisis pregnancy center. If you have questions, please email me at sandrahall1918@msn.com. The next Ingathering & Servant Event will be in Peoria! Hope to see all of you there!



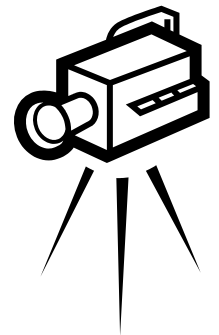
Sandi Hall, VP Human Care



LWML Plays in Peoria – The 34th Biennial LWML Convention, held from June 23-26, 2011, in Peoria, Illinois, will be the site of an inspirational opening worship service with Rev. Ken Klaus as the proclaimer. Under the convention theme “**Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge,**” Rev. Klaus, the speaker of The Lutheran Hour, will share many insights for what it means to “live on the edge.” The host congregation for the worship will be Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria. Visit www.lwml.org for more details.

Katie Stam, Miss America 2009, will be the inspirational speaker; and entertainers, Sibling Harmony will rock the house on Friday evening, June 25, 2011.

Registration begins March 1st for both the convention and hotels. Be a part of those attending who will praise the Triune God, encounter Him in His Word, and live boldly as His children. Be sure to visit www.lwml.org often for all the details.



Scholarship Committee Recipients Update



In this edition of Evergreen Echoes I want to let you know a little more about the last three recipients of scholarships from last year's convention in Spokane. I thank you for keeping these recipients in your prayers as they pursue their schooling and individual ministries. Also, continue to remember the Scholarships Fund in part of your giving. We will be seeking new applicants this fall. If you know of someone who is attending or will be attending a synodical school for a career in church work, ask her to apply.

Ellyn Hanson is a student at Concordia University in Irvine. She is from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Snohomish, Washington. She has been active not only in ministries on campus, but also off campus with the Homeless in Santa Ana and the like. It was through a trip to Kenya with her family that she felt God's direction in pursuing church work. She has had more opportunity to travel as she was with a group that studied abroad in the fall, 2010 semester. Part of their work and study was in missions working in slum areas, as well as in schools and churches around the world from Argentina, to the Middle East, to Africa and China.



Mackenzie Carpenter is in her freshman year at Concordia University in Portland. She is from Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington. Her ministry experience has been working with youth, helping to develop programs to encourage youth in finding how they can serve the Lord through their own God given talents and abilities. Her own journey of growing in this desire to serve has inspired others.



Krista Freitag is our recipient who received a previous LWML Scholarship in 2008. She will be finishing her schooling this year at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. She is working toward a teaching degree and has been involved in many experiences with children and youth through Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, mission trips and other related experiences. Sharing the love of Jesus with children and their families through teaching in a Lutheran school is her desire. Her home church is Our Savior Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington.

Sarah Edwards, Scholarship Committee Chairman

WA-AK LWML Counselor West

Have you ever given any thought to the words you use when describing the nature of Christ or His work to others? Recently, my daughter who is allergic to peanuts watched as I made a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. She looked at me and asked, "What does peanut butter taste like?" Her only experience with peanuts has been in candy, quickly followed by breathing treatments and trips to the emergency room. So how does one describe the taste of peanut butter? A simple explanation that it tastes like peanuts isn't helpful especially to a five year old. Since most of my experience with peanuts and/or peanut butter comes by way of candy and cookies, and not much in the way of sandwiches, I finally responded with, "It's sticky, smooth or chunky, and tastes nutty. Not a very good description I know."



This got me thinking about how prepared we are to speak of who Christ is? Many of us, sometimes me included, use words like loving and forgiving. We might even say, He (Jesus) is there for us. As God's people and ladies of the L.W.M.L. (plus a couple of pastors) what is our bold confession? What words do we use or say in clearly confessing Christ and His wondrous deeds for people? It is true Jesus loves and forgives us, and that He is there for us – no doubt about it. But, look at the Words of Scripture, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World." "You have the Words of Eternal Life." "You are the Christ." In the Gospel of St. John, He is the vinedresser, the shepherd, the door, the way, the truth, and the light, just to name a few.

At the end of the day, Christ is everything! We confess Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – our sin. Jesus is our Savior, Messiah, and Redeemer. As we prepare to enter into the Lenten Season, "Let us ever walk with Jesus." Let us remember and be mindful of our Savior, and confess Him for who He is and what He comes to do – to save. As we walk with Jesus throughout the Lenten season, and then walk with Him to the Hill of Calvary, remember that each step He took is for us. Each drop of blood was shed to give forgiveness, life and salvation. There is no uncertainty about who Christ is and what He did for us. He is revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments, He is the Jesus who saves. Let us speak about Christ with confidence, hope, and conviction that we as God's people stand on the rock of salvation.

Pastor Mario Ancira, WA-AK LWML Counselor West

Encourage Young Women In Your Congregation

I don't know another force on earth as compelling as love. People will do things for love that they would never dream they will be able to do. They will move to places they swore they'd never live. They'll take jobs they thought were the worst possible fate. They will stay through the most difficult struggles of a loved one's life. And everything that people do for love is nothing compared to what God did for the love of a broken world.

A contemporary Christian song includes these lyrics in the chorus: "It's gotta be, more like falling in love, than something to believe in. More like losing my heart, than giving my allegiance..." What a beautiful statement of what Jesus calls to us with. He calls us to fall in love with Him. The LWML was founded with the purpose of helping those around us in this fallen world hear that call.



LWML continues to make it a priority to reach out to Young Women. They want to know what the next generation thinks and feels... and to have that fresh perspective. That perspective from those who are, who have recently fallen out of, or still dream of falling in love. That newness. The beauty. The challenges. It's never as easy to fall in love as we would like. It takes time, energy, and looking out for the other person. Yet, Jesus calls to us.

Take a look around on Sunday after church for five minutes and find a Young Woman to introduce yourself to or to say "hi." If you don't know her, ask her about herself. If she is there the next week, take another five minutes. Get to know that Young Woman a bit better and tell her about something that your society is doing soon that you think she might enjoy. Issue a challenge to the women of your society to have each of them find one young woman at church to bring to the next society gathering. If you don't have that many at your church, challenge one another to sweep the young women you have at church off their feet and get them ALL to your next event. The beauty of falling in love is knowing that the other person finds you so valuable, so worthwhile, and so important to them, that they put the time and effort into convincing you to spend time with them. Let us set ourselves the goal of showing the young women in our congregations that Jesus is pursuing them with that level of determination and devotion, and help them see how the LWML tries to show that love to them and others all over the globe. Tell me how it went. We want to hear the stories and pass them on.

Your Young Women Committee Chairman,
Elizabeth Cook

**BE SURE TO COPY
THIS ISSUE FOR THE
LADIES IN YOUR
CHURCH!! IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO RE-
CEIVE ISSUES VIA E-
MAIL, PLEASE
CONTACT THE
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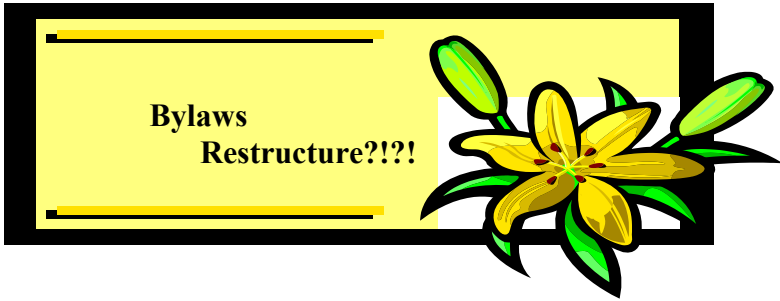


Heart to Heart Leadership Training for District Leaders

The Heart to Heart Sisters program is an exciting one that reaches out to ethnic women and invites them to participate in the life and work of the LWML.

Training will be in Peoria beginning Tuesday, June 21 at 3 p.m. and continuing through the convention. You will experience the convention with your heart to heart sisters.

If you are interested in receiving special training as a district leader, please contact President MaryLynn Huntwork



As you review your bylaws, note that there is no need for a constitution anymore.

According to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR), it states that "it is now the recommended practice that all of a society's rules of this kind be combined into a single instrument, usually called the bylaws,..." [RONR (10th ed.) p. 12, l. 7-9]

In order to be consistent with LWML and LWML Washington-Alaska District, we ask that, if your

society or zone has a constitution and bylaws, that you would combine them into one document and name it bylaws.

According to the LWML Structure Committee guidelines (which is downloaded from the web at http://www.lwml.org/resources/meeting_helps/guidelines_structure-committees.pdf or can be ordered from the LWML catalog, #14430), here are the recommended articles that may be in your bylaws and in this particular order:

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|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Name* | 2. Object* | 3. Members* | 4. Officers* | 5. Pastoral Counselor | 6. Meetings* |
| 7. Representation at Conventions | | | 8. Executive Committee* (and/or Board of Directors) | | |
| 9. Committees* | 10. Finances | 11. Dissolution | 12. Parliamentary Authority* | | |

Amendments*
*RONR (10th ed.) p. 13, l. 5-8, 10

You can request a copy of sample bylaws from Marie Chow (contact information is located in the *Evergreen Echoes*).

Structure Committee Update

The Structure Committee is behind the scenes and at work! In December 2010, based on district records, e-mails or letters were sent out to: 64 societies who have not updated their bylaws before 2000 or district does not have a copy of their bylaws six societies who have had their proposed amendments approved by district Structure Committee previously, but have not sent in their amended bylaws

For those who have not replied at all to the request, a committee member will follow up with your society in March! We, along with our District Parliamentarian, Carol Coerber, reviewed four societies' proposed amendments (actually, bylaws in their entirety) and provided feedback!

We look forward to getting those proposed amended bylaws to review and approve!

Blessings,

Your District Structure Committee

Marie Chow, Sandy Geisler, Ruth Ann Shimoi



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

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.

Washington-Alaska Zone and Society Corner Joyshops and Spreading-the-Joy Mission Projects

MT. BAKER ZONE

Joyshop

Saturday, April 30th @ 9:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, WA
Theme TBD (no guest speaker)

Julie Onken, Mt. Baker Zone President

SOUTH COLUMBIA ZONE

Spring Joyshop

Zion Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Odessa, WA
Saturday, May 14

Linda Miller, South Columbia Zone President

OLYMPIC ZONE

Prayer Service

Saturday, March 5, 2011
Registration 9:30 AM
Service 10:00
Epiphany Lutheran Church, Kenmore, WA

Prayer Service from National Web site
Sandwich smorgasbord for Lunch.

Spring Joy Shop

Sunday, May 1, 2011
Registration 1:30 PM
St. James Lutheran Church, Bothell
DSHS Health Kits - Ingathering.
More info to come later.

Margaret Ebert
Olympic Zone President

LAKE WASHINGTON ZONE

Joyshop

King of Kings Lutheran, Renton, WA
Saturday, March 26, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.
Theme: *Sorrow into Joy: God's Pruning*

Aletha Voges, Lake Washington Zone
President

MARY MARTHA GUILD, MARYSVILLE, WA Celebrating Birthdays at the Shelter

Have you ever thought about how children in shelters might celebrate their birthdays? Their parents may not have the resources to give a present or throw a party. The Mary Martha Guild of Messiah Lutheran, Marysville, WA has been working with the local women's shelter in Everett to help families celebrate their children's birthdays. The kids in the shelter that we work with are often there for a year or two. A few times a year we get a list of the children residing there and their ages to be. We then gather items and present two bags for each child. The first bag is the "party bag" which includes a cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, cups, favors to pass out to the party guests, and other items that could be used to throw a party. The second bag includes a birthday gift or two for the child who is celebrating. These bags have been well received by the shelter and the families that live there. The guild is excited to reach out to others in this small way in thanks for the love God has shown to them in Christ!



RAINIER ZONE

Joyshop

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Milton
Theme: *Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge*
Bible Study led by our new zone
co-counselors,

Marianne Bell, Rainier Zone President

I am the face of LWML

(Submitted by Julie Onken, Society Christian
Growth Chair)

Women of Grace Lutheran, Everett

On Saturday December 18th the Women of Grace Lutheran in Everett, and other LWML friends, met at Marilee Ryan's home for a Christmas brunch and gift exchange. Nineteen women had a great time visiting, eating, playing games and "stealing" gifts from one another. We're planning to make this an annual event.



Marilee Ryan leading an Advent Bible study



Carol Davis, Society President
Concentrating on a Christmas puzzle



Reflecting on the Bible study verses

I am the face of LWML.

NEEDED: Willing hands and servant hearts to help with servant events in the Washington-Alaska LWML District.

1. Camp Ortoha, contact Licensed Deacon, Brian Bowes, deacon@ncidata.com
2. Tonasket VBS. Contact Pastor Dan Kunkel, asempadan@gmail.com
3. Alaska Mission for Christ—VBS and/or other servant event. Contact Ruth Zellar, ruthzellar@alaskamissionforchrist.org

The Washington-Alaska Mite-y Might Marches ON
(Thank You, God)

Grant Purpose	AMT.	PD
Aid to four Seminary Students.....	\$16,000	\$5,808
Sudanese Mission at King of Kings Lutheran Church,..... Renton, WA	\$ 7,000	\$7,000
Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA	\$ 6,000	\$6,000
Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, Ouanaminthe, Haiti.....	\$15,000	\$5,000
Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op,	\$ 5,000	
Fort Wayne, IN		
Fountain of Hope Day School Kitchen, Bukeeka, Uganda,.....	\$ 7,000	\$7,000
Africa		
CROSSings Ministries, N. Central/NE Washington, USA &.....	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
South Central BC, Canada		
Wardrobes for the Lutheran Home for Students, Zacapa,	\$ 5,000	
Guatemala		
Matthew's Meals, King of Glory Lutheran Church,.....	\$ 6,000	
Gig Harbor, WA		
Tacoma Seafarers' Center, Tacoma, WA	\$ 5,000	
Deaconess Training for Mission Outreach in Idaho County,.....	\$ 4,000	\$1,600
Idaho		
Olympic Peninsula Mission Start, Port Angeles, WA (partial)	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
Total Mission Grants	\$85,000	\$37,408

✠ 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)

The Event of the Biennium

Save the Date!
Follow Jesus...
Walk the Path!

*Thy word is a lamp unto my
feet and a light unto my path.*
Psalms 119:105

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2010-2012 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

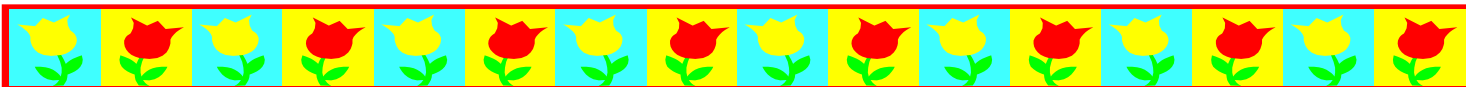
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Recycling

"The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it," Psalm 24 1a. Thank you for all the laser and ink cartridges and cell phones that have been collected – earnings are up to \$14,767.65. Here are some ideas to increase your collecting:

- 1. **Inkjets:** check your local libraries, computer labs, small businesses, friends.
- 2. **Laser cartridges:** banks, accountants, larger companies. **Cell Phones:** individuals, businesses. No accessories. I will practice what I preach by contacting neighbors and local businesses here in Mount Vernon. I'll let you know what happened in the next newsletter.

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.
- 4. Enough laser cartridges are destroyed that could circle the earth.
- 5. Forty-five percent of people still throw away 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



We can earn a one-time \$10 business referral credit from each congregation: Register your congregation as a business supporter: 1. www.fundingfactory.com 2. Click "Become a business supporter" 3. "Register your business today" 4. Complete form 5. Beneficiary ID: 27489 6. First box must be sent in within 6 months.

Judy Peraino, Recycling Coordinator

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