



# Evergreen Echoes

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**LWML Washington-Alaska District  
 President Carolyn Holbrook**

As I look out the window today, the sun is Ashining, and the sky is a beautiful blue. Such joy sunshine brings unless you also happen to either go outside or catch a glance at the temperature. Then you realize that winter is still here. We know how quickly time passes. Before long, even summer will be here! Are you dreaming of your summer vacation? Have you thought about joining with women across the nation in the "Heartland" to worship with your Sisters-in-Christ at the LWML Convention? The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial LWML Convention will be held June 26–29, 2025, in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme is "Growing in God's Grace" (verse 2 Peter 3:18 *But growing the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*).



As always, the best of the best in speakers, music and worship will contribute to the event as the business of LWML is conducted, mission grants are chosen, and offerings will be given to support worthy organizations. And, of course, the exhibits and shopping at the LWML Shop! Join with your old friends and make new friends as we experience "Nebraska Nice!"

Most of the details are in the most recent *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Winter 2024 in the "centerfold". Registration begins online March 1 st. Once you are registered you will receive a link to the hotels with the special convention pricing. There will be a free trolley for many of the hotels to transport you to the CHI Convention Center. Join us for an inspiring adventure!



**Characteristics of a Good Leader**  
**Lucy Leader**

Dear Lucy Leader,

I've been leading my LWML group for years, and up until now everyone has been satisfied. Now my members say they want to do something new and different. Help! I need ideas!

Susie from Samesville



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Dear Susie from Samesville,

First of all, let me say "thank you" for leading your LWML group for years. Thank you for being open to trying something new!

LWML has resources that can help you with this. May I suggest Creative LWML Events? This wonderful resource can be found at [www.lwml.org/posts/leadership/event-planning](http://www.lwml.org/posts/leadership/event-planning). It offers fun new ideas and themes for your gatherings.

May God bless your planning!

Lucy Leader

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**Special Focus Ministries**  
**Pam Rafferty, Vice President**

The Special Focus Ministries, consisting of the Heart to Heart Sisters and the Young Woman Committees, has been focusing on the upcoming LWML Convention in Omaha, NE June 26 through June 29, 2025. Our department will host a live and silent auction at our next Board of Directors meeting in March to raise funds for registration and travel for our district's Heart-to-Heart Sisters and young women attending our national convention. I urge you to encourage young women and women of cultural diversity in your churches to attend your local group activities and discover uplifting fellowship and faith enriching Bible studies that are part of your LWML. Please read the articles from our Chairman Kelsie Ingham with the Heart to Heart Sisters, and Chairman Gracie Holdbrook with the Young Woman's Committee for more information on these important groups.



### **How can we shine a light on missions?**

That was the question I asked at a recent zone presidents meeting and I was overwhelmed with wonderful ideas. Some LWML groups highlight an LWML mission, using a story and devotion published on [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) during each monthly meeting; some groups post a “Mission of the Month” on their bulletin board, using the posters available on [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org); some have a periodic visit to the congregation from a caped “Mighty Mite” who points to how God uses the mite box to support His missions; some use a “Loud” mite offering in metal buckets to “drum” up support for missions; some put short mission descriptions in their church bulletins on the Sunday they collect mites; some include specific missions in their congregation’s prayers of the church. Through our mite offerings and the ministries they support, we participate in sharing the gospel throughout the world! Praise the Lord! *And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15).

### **How can we proclaim Christ and serve others in our everyday lives?**

We are made to be God’s hands and voice – and that means right where we live. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works*, (Ephesians 2:10). You probably have your own ways to recharge your batteries and dedicate your days to the Lord. Maybe a routine of quiet time with your Bible and prayer, Portals of Prayer devotions, or the morning email with LWML Mustard Seed devotions. As I wake up each morning, I ask God to let me be a blessing that day – that He use my hands and intellect and speech to do His work. Of course, some days I’m not as useful as others! Pride, sin, and laziness get in the way! But because of Jesus, every morning I can start anew – praying and putting myself in His hands! *Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do his will*, (Hebrews 13:20-21).

### **Do you need ideas for expanding your faith and serving others?**

Joyce Berger added a new resource to the [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org) home page. A Year’s Worth of Mission Service Activities – Sharing Jesus’ Love through Action in 2025. It is a calendar developed by the LWML Gospel Outreach Committee with suggested monthly activities to grow your faith and share it with others. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another* (1 Peter 4:10a).

### **Is God calling you to a short term mission?**

Apply for short term mission funds! The application form is on [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org). Short term missions can involve any mission undertaken by LWML women at home or away. What if you don’t have a specific mission in mind, but still feel the call? Check out the updated list of short term mission possibilities! *Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!* (Psalm 96:3).

### **Pray for our scholarship recipients as they begin a new semester!**

Justin Chester (Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne), Grace Macduff (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), Benjamin Oesch (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), Isaac Stults (Concordia University, Irvine), and Pastor Matthew Both (Mission Training Center, Irvine) are beginning their spring semesters with LWML district scholarships. We pray that Justin, Grace, Benjamin, Isaac, and Matthew will be strengthened in faith and understanding as they serve Your church!





*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9

I can't focus. I'm distracted. I can't do what I want to do. No matter how much I try to check off my to-do list, my eyes always wander and my thoughts are not focused on the tasks at hand. THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO.

These are strong words from Paul for the church in Galatia, and they have not softened in 2000 years. This is a lofty goal and a difficult to do list: DO NOT GROW WEARY OF DOING GOOD.

You know why? Because that is the first thing that we grow tired of. We poor, miserable sinners want to do good for about 3.2 seconds and then we are selfish. We want to do anything else. We are lazy. We don't have the energy to do good. We are bored. We can't be bothered with the needs of others. Our need comes first and then we sin. We can't do it on our own.

That is how Christ did good (the ultimate GOOD) for us. Our need came first. Jesus did good for us, because we could not. We have eternal salvation in Christ because He did not give up on you.

By the power of the Holy Spirit you can, and will, do good. You will make good choices and God will bring forth fruit from those good choices. We should pray for strength and opportunities to make good choices and put ourselves in situations that help us to do good.

However, you are your own person. Good choices are not always easy. You will get distracted and you will FAIL. You will FALL SHORT. You will make BAD CHOICES. And you know what...God will continue to LOVE YOU, FORGIVE YOU and GIVE YOU another chance to do good.

God's love for you is always there. He is always good (even and especially when we aren't). God has so much to do and He takes care of you. God focused on you, because He loves you. God is GOOD and He does not give up on us.

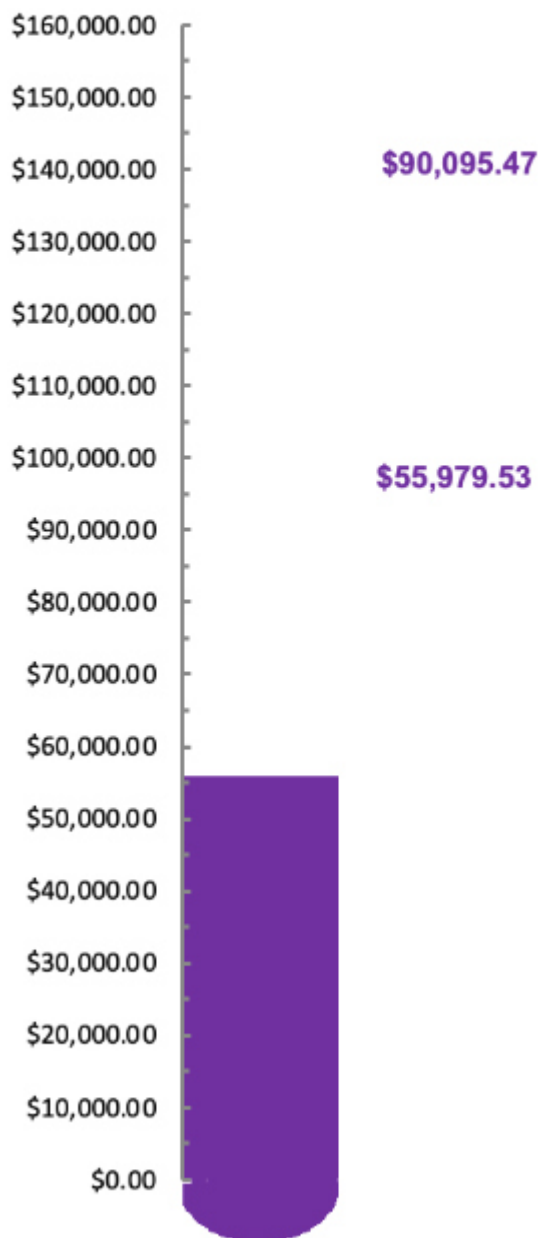




### 2024-2026 Mission Grants Mites Review

2024-2026 Mites  
as of January 31, 2025

Goal:  
**\$146,075**



Group and Zone Treasurers:

- 1) Please make sure that my address is correct: Aletha Voges, 22317 126th Place SE, Kent, WA 98031.
- 2) If you are sending in two months of mites, you can combine them into one check. Saves you money.
- 3) Please send **ONE** Voucher with every deposit. If you are sending money that is not listed, please explain under Other.







## **Helping Others**

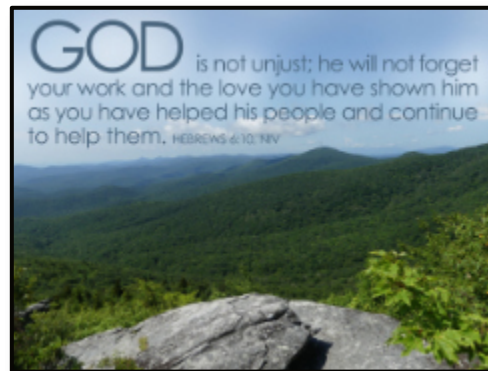
Dear Sisters in Christ and of LWML WA-AK District.

*God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.* (Hebrews 6:10 NIV)

**Y**ou have planned your Joyshops and possibly included an organization for your Mission Servant ingathering. The above Bible passage certainly can be an encouragement. Praying for your gatherings and the giving. We know the “joy” expressed by the recipients.

Please do get the name of the organization you had your ingathering for and a picture. I will do my best to then create a collage of these pictures for the 2026 District convention.

Blessings,  
Ruth Ann Shimoi



## **Short Term Ministry Committee**

**Judy Norton, Chairman**

**I**saiah heard the “call” while at worship. Jesus’ disciples received the “call” directly from the Savior’s lips. Paul was confronted by Jesus and made to stop and consider the “call”.

These Biblical examples are ways that people have heard and responded to the call to be sent in Jesus’ name. But there are current of examples of this same “call” going out. The winter edition of Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly contains articles by women like Tiffany Smith who was called to Tanzania; Carole Halter to China; Shelley Moeller to working in LWML leadership positions; Desiree Davis to her family; Patricia Beck within her church family and beyond.

Can you hear Jesus calling you? Isn’t he saying, “Who will go?” and “Go (in My authority) and make disciples”.

Spring is a perfect time to consider newness. Perhaps this can be a time for your group or you personally to heed God’s call and leave your comfort zone to reach out with the Good News. It can be as near as your community or as far as Africa.

There are several calls to answer on the [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org) website under Short Term Missions. There are funds available for your mission that can be accessed using the form on the website.

Perhaps you can hear God’s “go” in one of them. And you can answer with Isaiah, ...“Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8





***Working in His Kingdom!***

**Y**our mites are making a difference in God's Kingdom! Check out [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org) to keep up-to-date on the district missions we have funded! Since the last newsletter, your mites were sent into God's Vineyard for the following missions:

- Lutheran Braille Workers' Seeing Christ Through Dots of Love Ministry was funded in the amount of \$5,000. Through this mission grant, your mites help fund an LBW project to share the Word of God with people in Africa who are blind, through the production and distribution of Braille volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages. These Braille books may be some people's first experience with the Word of God, a blessing that can enable them to live in the Light of Jesus! We pray that God continues to guide the hands of those who create these books and that, through these materials, many who live in darkness may know the love and perfect peace of our Savior! See the Mission Poster on [wa-aklwml.org](http://wa-aklwml.org)!



- Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW) Food for Seminary Students Ministry was funded in the amount of \$1,000. Through your mites and others, the Food Co-op at CTSFW is able to purchase perishable items for the use of seminary students and their families who may be experiencing financial difficulties as they study for the ministry. Nearly 60% of students are married, second career, with families. The Food Co-op is currently able to supply between 80% and 85% of their food needs each month at no cost to the student. We pray for those called to the ministry. Ease their worries about the daily needs of their families through this mission grant as they prepare to minister to our congregations and spread the Gospel as God leads!



Remember to check out [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) to see the where your mites are working for Jesus through our LWML national grants! Stories, Devotions, Prayer Guides, and Bulletin Inserts can be found for each Mission Grant at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)! Consider using these resources as you plan your group gatherings!







### ***LWML Fall Retreat***

Our Christian Life committee has been working on our fall retreat. We had a zoom meeting with the EC to approve the budget and set the price for registration. Hoping you plan on attending the Fall Retreat. The theme is “Calming Life’s Storm” . Our own Pastor Brian will be leading us with the Bible Study.

I am still working on getting online registration up and running. Keep watch on the District website. It should be done in a couple of weeks. In the mean time, the registration form can be found on [page 16](#).

We will have skits, a silent auction and a live auction, free time for a walk or a nap. I look forward to seeing everyone there . The dates for the retreat are September 26-28, 2025.

Blessings from the Christian Life Committee.



### ***Mission Grant Committee*** **Solveig Schick, Chairman**

**Pray for Proposals!** *How can our mites be used to share the love of Jesus?*

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- The ministry reflects the vision and mission priorities of the LCMS.

What ministries do you feel called to support in our 2026-2028 Biennium? Send in a Proposal.

Jesus, guide Your LWML servants as they propose ministries in need of our district mite funds. Lend discernment to those proposing and evaluating these missions, that God may guide them in their work. In Your Name we pray!

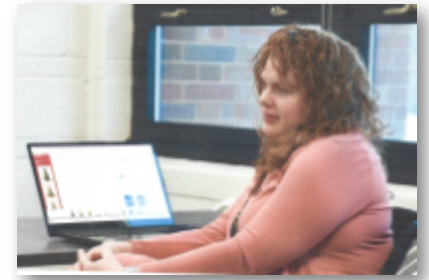
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### ***Congratulations Grace***

**W**e have one of our scholarship recipients to congratulate. After February, Grace Macduff will have graduated and will be a Deaconess. If you see her, know her, or have her phone number, call to congratulate her. If you see her invite her to one of our gatherings. She is showing us one of our blessing from the Lord.



Grace Macduff



### ***Nomination Committee*** **Jayne Bowes, Chairman**

We're under way! Time to get those nominations in! The committee had a zoom meeting recently and each of the members were assigned to 2 zones. The intention is to get the societies excited about the election and to get the nominations rolling.in! The positions up for election are:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| President                   | VP Special Focus     |
| VP Organizational Resources | Financial Secretary  |
| East Pastoral Counselor     | Nominating Committee |



### ***Heart to Heart Committee*** **Kelsie Ingham, Chairman**

**O**ne of the nine fruits of the spirit is kindness. I teach preschool and something I always ask my three- and four-year-old students is “was that a kind thing to do?” At that young age, they answer honestly ... if they threw a toy at a classmate, they will confess, “no, that wasn’t kind.” Sometimes they will even make it a point to tell me, “I helped clean up the crayons: I was very kind.” As we become adults, some of those simple acts of kindness aren’t as easy for us to do.

Most cultures see kindness differently. Some societies tend to view kindness as something extra that one person does for the other that isn’t expected. In more community-focused societies, kindness is expected from everyone and is often done as a group effort. Our congregations are the latter type – if one of our members experiences a loss and is overcome by grief we, collectively, make meals for them, do housework for them, go to their home and visit with them, and so forth. Members of our congregation and religion, regardless of wealth, age, ethnicity, marital status... are part of our Christian family: bound together by our holy baptism into Christ.

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***District Zoom Coordinator/  
Zone President Zoom Meetings  
Karen Williams***



It was decided at one of our EC/BOD meetings in 2023 that it would be beneficial for our Zone Presidents to meet periodically outside of the regular District meetings to discuss subjects that were common at the Zone level. We started off with quarterly meetings. The Zone Presidents were enthusiastic about the past zoom meetings and encouraged by the request, they voted to hold monthly meetings. Each Zone President (in alphabetical order by zone name) presides over the one-hour session that is basically on one topic. The host Zone President decides on the topic.

The Board voted to establish an annual Zoom account for the district. President Carolyn appointed me the WA/AK District Zoom Coordinator this past October. The district is now the proud owner of a Zoom account that can be used for Zoom meetings.

Our first monthly Zoom Zone meeting was held October 2024 with Kim Collins, Zone President of Alaska, hosting the meeting. Because it was our first official monthly meeting, each member was given five minutes to share briefly about themselves as a “get acquainted” and then one or two goals which she hopes to focus on during the next biennium.

Wilma Gardner, Blue Mountain Zone President, hosted the November 2024 meeting. We discussed “How do you find the best ways to communicate with your own church ladies and then with the ladies in your zone?” We also discussed, “If you wrote an autobiography what would be the title?” Unfortunately, a few of the participants were unable to join us due to the terrible wind storms on the West side of the state. Power lines went down, Internet connections were up and down (mostly down), as well as Cell phone carriers were spotty at times.

Our December 2024 meeting was hosted by me representing East Inland Empire Zone. My discussion topics were “If you could change something about LWML, what would it be?” and “Have you ever invited your Pastor to join in one of your LWML meetings, zone rallies, etc.?” We had some great ideas from everyone during our time together. A variety of meeting schedule possibilities and how to encourage our younger women in the congregation were discussed. We all seem to keep our pastors abreast of what we are doing.

Solveig Shick, Hood Canal Zone President, hosted the January 2025 meeting. The topic of discussion centered around Missions. One of the questions posed was “How can we tie Mission Grants and Mite offerings together with our call to be Missionaries for Christ?” We also discussed “How can we better publicize the resources available at <https://www.lwml.org/> and our own district website [www.wa-aklwml.org](http://www.wa-aklwml.org)?”

Our next Zone Presidents meetings are hosted by Nicole Knutsen, Inter-Valley Zone President (February 2025); Julia Sinclair, Lake Washington Zone President (March 2025); Judy Peraino, Mt. Baker Zone President (April 25); Sandi Hall, North Columbia Zone President (May 2025); Mary Abdi, Olympic Zone President (July 2025); Edie Norris, Rainier Zone President (August 2025); Mary Lynn Huntwork, South Columbia Zone President (September 2025)

It was decided to not have a meeting in June due to the national LWML convention in Omaha. Please keep your Zone Presidents in your prayers. They are a group of hard-working ladies.



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**Lake Washington Zone**  
**Julia Sinclair, President**



*Zone Presidents Corner*

**Zone Rally In Bellevue, WA**

Lake Washington Zone had the zone rally on November 9, 2024, at All Saints Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington. Nineteen women and one zone pastoral counselor attended, representing the four active local groups. The rally opened with a delicious brunch, provided by the women of All Saints. Aletha Voges presented the district president's report, since District President Carolyn Holbrook could not attend. The highlight of the rally was a Bible study led by Aletha Voges on "Giving Thanks in All Circumstances."

The recipient of the ingathering of snack food, paper towels, and disposable gloves (for distributing the snacks) was All Saints Early Learning Center. At the Learning Center, the students (majority are from South Asia and are Hindu) learn of Jesus for the first time.

Julia Sinclair was elected President and Marie Chow was elected Secretary, each serving a two-year term. Ruth Ann Shimoi was elected Vice President, serving the remaining one-year vacancy of a two-year term. They join Treasurer Joanne Hopper on the zone executive committee.

The zone joyshop will be on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Kent, WA.



Pictured (left to right): Joanne Hopper, Treasurer; Marie Chow, Secretary; Ruth Ann Shimoi, Vice President; Julia Sinclair, President



**North Columbia Zone**  
**Sandy Hall, President**

**Spring Joyshop at Immanuel Lutheran**

Greetings to Everyone,  
Well it is definitely winter! We have been hibernating looking forward to our Spring joy shop! You are all invited to Immanuel Lutheran in Havillah, WA to join us on April 26, 2025.







## **Hood Canal Zone Activity Report**

**W**omen from the Hood Canal Zone gathered in Christian fellowship for Coffee with Me and Thee at the Chestnut Cottage in Port Angeles on January 15, 2025. What a blessing to be together! Our zone’s executive committee voted to provide \$100 scholarships to the first three women of the Hood Canal Zone who:

1. register to attend the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, and
2. ask Solveig for scholarship help!

We are excited to use the funds raised during our fall Joyful Jamboree for this purpose.

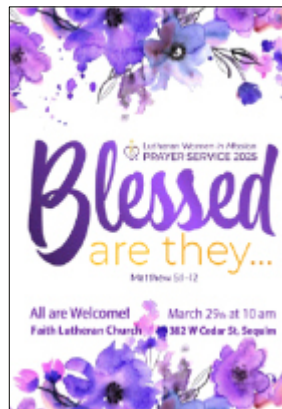
In addition to having our group presidents spread the word, a News from the Zone newsletter went out in the end of January to encourage young women of our congregations to apply for the Young Woman Representative program before the February 15th deadline. The newsletter also publicized news of our 2025 LWML Prayer Service at Faith Lutheran Church in Sequim on Saturday March 29th at 10:00 am.

Our next Coffee with Me and Thee gathering will be Tuesday, April 29th at 12:30pm. Watch for more information: it will be at the Old Mill Café in Carlsborg.

Women in the Hood Canal Zone continue their work to bring Christ into the lives of others: sharing Christmas stockings and Valentine’s cards with shut-ins, hosting a Birthday Dinner for the congregation (all those with the same birthday month sit together!), leading Bible Study in a nursing home, creating quilts to be given in love. At our zone presidents’ monthly zoom meeting, we shared an LWML Devotion Let God Use You and prayed “O Lord, thank you for using me today to share Jesus’ love.” God uses us all to be a blessing to others! Praise the Lord!



Coffee with Me and Thee  
Chestnut Cottage, Port Angeles, WA





### Christ the King Church, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

LWML - Love Circle supports Safety Net and our church too. Assistance for foster care youth ends at age 18 when they are released with a bag of clothes; Safety Net is there to help. Our Circle raised money with another church to purchase a car for this family of five (ages 19, 17, 16, 10 and 9) who are trying to stay together. They have an apartment and the oldest has a job.

Some of our Circle ladies received Thrivent grants. Safety Net has a warehouse like Goodwill where they can choose things to set up an apartment. Their need include: household items, hygiene items, car repairs and bicycles. School and job training is offered. Funds are needed for emergencies and unexpected needs. Cash cards are great in smaller amounts. They accept Amazon Smile for online purchases by choosing Safety Net as the beneficiary or organization. All things to start an independent life. Any and all support is welcome.

Funds, gift cards and other help can be donated by reaching out to Safety Net at 509-863-9431 or mailing Safety Net at PO Box 13706, Spokane Valley, WA 99213 or by calling 208-952-9665 in Post Falls, ID.



Purchased car for a needy family



### Shepherd of the Hills, Snohomish, Washington

On December 9, 2024 we hosted Advent by Candlelight. Twenty four women of our congregation attended the "Let There Be Light" program: enjoying a special dessert made by the table hostess, singing Christmas carols, and finding their new prayer partners. The program started with the Creation of light, went through the Light of our world, and finished in the book of Revelation. We also collected diapers and baby wipes as a Gifts of Love project for a pregnancy center.



Advent by Candlelight

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## Spring Zone Events

Zone	Date	Facility	Location
Alaska	May 3, 2025	Faith LC	Homer, Alaska
Blue Mountain	May 17, 2025	Mount Olive LC	Yakima, Washington
East Inland Empire	April 12, 2025	Christ the King LC	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Hood Canal	April 29, 2025	Old Mill Cafe	Carlsborg, Washington
Inter-Valley	May 17, 2025	Mount Olive LC	Yakima Washington
Lake Washington	April 12, 2025	Church of the Cross LC	Kent, WA
Mount Baker	May 3, 2025	Concordia LC	Oak Harbor, Washington
North Columbia	April 26, 2025	Immanuel LC	Havillah, Washington
Olympic	None planned due to many illnesses in the Zone		
Rainier	March 29, 2025	Trinity LC	Olympia, Washington
South Columbia	April 26, 2025	Our Saviors LC	Ephrate, Washington







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Yours in Christ,  
Solveig Schick – VP of Gospel Outreach





**LWML Washington-Alaska District Retreat**  
*Theme: Calming Life's Storms – Matthew 8:23-27*  
 7 pm Friday, September 26 – Sunday, September 28, 2025  
 Clover Island Inn  
 435 Clover Island Dr.  
 Kennewick, Washington 99336

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you under 35? \_\_\_\_\_ or under 18? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Retreat Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Retreat Registration Fee \$85 per person**

- ❖ **MEALS:** Your retreat registration fee includes two meals: Saturday lunch and dinner. Friday dinner is on your own. (Saturday and Sunday breakfast are provided by the hotel and included in the room reservation.)

Please list any Medically required dietary restrictions or allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Retreat Registration deadline is September 1, 2025.**

Please make checks payable to LWML Washington-Alaska District, or register online. Early Bird registration is \$85.00 per person. If you don't register before July 26, you will be charged \$95.00 per person. You will receive a confirmation email or letter which will include a map, a list of items to bring, and other important information.

### **No retreat registration refunds will be given out after September 1st.**

- ❖ **HOTEL:** The retreat registration fee does **NOT** include hotel room lodging. **You are responsible for making your hotel reservations!** Get your hotel reservations early so you and your roommates can take advantage of our special block room rates and availability. The block room rates start at \$124.00 + tax per night for single queen bed and \$134.00 for 2 queen beds in room.

**Room Reservations: Please call the Clover Island Inn at 509-586-0541 to make your reservations. Give them room block "Lutheran Women's Conference" so you get our special rate. Our room block will be released on September 1<sup>th</sup>. Please make your reservation early so you can obtain a room.**

- ❖ **TRAVEL INFO:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be traveling by car with \_\_\_\_\_  
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