

Evergreen Echoes

Fall
2008

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELAINE NELSON



Fall is rally time and I trust that you and your zone have made some great plans for your celebration gathering this fall. What a wonderful time we had in convention in Everett as we celebrated that the Lord is our Rock Eternal. From the opening communion worship service until the closing service with the installation of officers, we celebrated. You will find some pictures of the convention in this issue of our Evergreen Echoes but you will also find more on our website. Our life as Christians is a life that is to be celebrated at all times – even when we really don't feel like it. We have an eternal home and we know that this life is temporary.

Chow, has picked the "Are God's Tapestry." A tapestry is usually all woven together to make something beautiful in our new biennium, let us celebrate our wonderful things that God allows us to do for Him Celebrate!!!

Celebrating Him with you,



So we celebrate. Our Planner, Marie theme for this biennium to be "We made up of many colors and threads beautiful. As we work around this theme beautiful differences and the wonder-together. The Lord is Our Rock - Let's

By the time you read this the Olympics will be well under way. In previous Olympics representatives from Christian ministries have been sent to share the gospel in a mission field that has frequently been ripe for harvest.

If you know much about China, then you know the field in Beijing will also be ripe, but evangelistic efforts won't be nearly as overt due to China's official ban on foreign missionaries. Making the field even more challenging is the fact that China recently deported hundreds of foreign nationals for participating in religious activities not permitted under Communist law. Additionally, only Chinese chaplains approved by the Chinese government will be allowed to minister in the Olympic Village.

Published reports indicate the Chinese government-approved church plans to distribute 20,000 Bibles in English and Chinese to Olympic athletes and visitors. One Christian group that has traditionally been quite involved with the athletes is, as you might imagine, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Even this group though will have severe limitations placed upon them and their 'athlete witnesses'.

"God's stripped us down, simplified things," said Dan Britton, FCA's senior president of ministries. "But the work of the Lord has always been person-to-person, not program-to-person. [China's restrictions] allow us to be creative. Coaches and athletes are going to rise up. God's story is going to be told."

As members of the LWML you have consistently needed to be 'creative' in the ways you carry out the goals of your mission society. Actually, that's part of the fun – trying to find out ways to share the gospel 'person-to-person' and through various mission projects. When challenged, you put your heads and hearts together and ministry gets done. God's story is told.

Keep up the good work and enjoy yourselves in the process.

Dudley Nolting





Mission Grants for 2008-2010

1. Aid to Seminary Students	\$ 8,000
2. Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 5,000
3. The Morning Star Girls Club and Mentoring Program Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.	\$ 5,500
4. African Immigrant Outreach Ministry in Seattle	\$10,000
5. Production of <i>Portals of Prayer</i> in Braille— Lutheran Blind Mission at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA	\$ 4,000
6. Church Roofs in Republic of Guinea— LCMS World Mission	\$ 6,000
7. Puppet Ministry in Myanmar for Children and Families	\$15,400
8. Kitchen/Food Bank Renovation Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, WA	\$ 5,000
9. The Lutheran Church = The Teaching Church: Translating Luther's Small Catechism for Kenya	\$ 4,500
10. Ghana Seminary, Ghana West Africa— LCMS World Mission	\$ 7,000
11. Scholarships for the Themba Trust-Siyathemba Girls' High School of Dirkiesdorp, South Africa— LEMS World Relief/Human Care	\$ 7,450
12. Catechism for Mexico from Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, Tijuana, Mexico (partial)	\$ 2,150
 TOTAL Amount of Mission Grants	 <u>\$80,000</u>

Vice President of Gospel Outreach LeeAnn Tibbals

Wow! Your delegates at the District Convention in June had their work cut out for them. The list at the left shows what our Mites will be supporting for this biennium. Now it's everyone's turn to step up and make these happen!

The \$80,000 in grants will be our highest goal ever for our district but I know we'll make that goal. Keep filling those little boxes, have special collections and fund raisers and we'll meet this goal in no time.

I have received several notes from some of these recipients already. From one of our Seminary student recipients, James Matthews, "With the costs of a pastoral education ever increasing, gifts and grants, like the LWML grant are greatly appreciated."

From Nancy Amundson at Lutheran Hour Ministries for the Puppet Ministry in Myanmar (grant #7), "In light of the recent disaster and the recovery efforts going, this is additional proof that God's timing is always perfect."

From Dan Legler of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (grant #8), Thanks...for LWML and all the good thing you all do everywhere. It's amazing the power of the Mites collections."

And from Rev. Dr. Don Johnson of the LAMP ministries (grant #3), "Working together with you and the Holy Spirit, we will indeed one day succeed in bringing Christ's Kingdom to Every Native American Nation."

May God continue to bless our Mite Giving!

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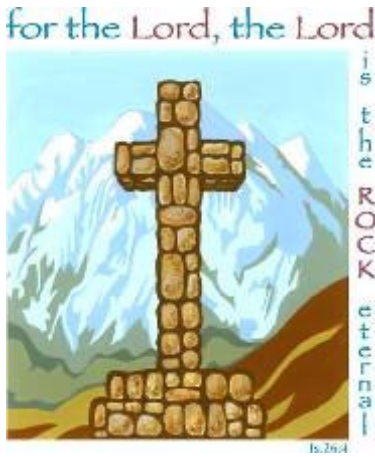
Margaret Ebert, Olympic Zone



Mission Statement of the LWML

www.LWML.org

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.



District Convention 2008

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



MAGnificent Stretching

HEART TO HEART SISTERS

Thanks to all of you who so warmly welcomed the Heart to Heart Sisters at our recent convention. They know they're loved, and loved being a part of the convention. Their notes say it all:
"It was such an amazing experience for me, and I wish more women from our church had attended.... It was a renewal of Faith and was much needed in my life. Thank you again for your welcome and hospitality."
"When I stop worrying I let God to do miracles right? That was the lesson. The convention was such a blessing, and I thank you for helping me be a part of it."

Seven scholarships were awarded at our convention at the Holiday Inn of Everett.
Krista Freitag from LC of St. Paul in Graham WA received a scholarship to Concordia/Mequon. She is a freshman preparing to be a secondary education teacher.
Rebekah & Sarah Adams from Bethlehem LC in Hermiston, OR will be juniors preparing for careers in elementary education. **Brittany & Kimberly Closner** from Mt. Olive LC in Yakima, WA are completing their education as a DCE. **Serena Little** from Zion LC in Auburn, WA is junior preparing to be a secondary education teacher.
Cathy Green from Mt. Olive in Yakima, WA is a senior preparing to be a DCE. All are attending Concordia/Portland. Please keep these women in prayer as they prepare to serve our Lord in our LCMS churches and schools.

I have enjoyed serving on this committee and getting to know these women. Please continue to support the scholarship fund in prayer and with your gifts.

Marianne Bell, Chairman
 Scholarship Committee



Young Women Representatives

We had a successful program for the ten young women who attended the district convention in Everett in June! What an inspiring group of young women! We hope to see every one of them at the LWML convention in Portland!

If you were at the convention, hopefully you have given the application papers for being a Young Woman Representative to the 2009 LWML convention in Portland to a young woman you know and are encouraging her to apply. If you were not at the convention, the documents can be printed from the Washington – Alaska district website www.wa-aklwml.org.

Also, if you were at the convention you met our youngest LWML member, Lois Barton, the seven week old daughter of Lizz Barton. Lizz was one of our Young Women Representatives at the Sioux Falls, South Dakota LWML convention. We will look forward to watching Lois grow in her love for the Lord and in her involvement with the LWML!

"He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken." (Psalm 62:2)
 Sarah McKinley, Young Women Committee Co-Chair



Human Care



Reflecting on the Human Care Dept over the past two years, a realization suddenly came to me. Am I doing my job? While talking with the President of a host committee for a zone rally in our district and discussing the need for an ingathering at their rally, she shared with me that they just couldn't find someone who is needy. They just didn't know any organization that needed anything, that maybe I could make a phone call, send out an email or letter to find someone, an organization who needed something? I asked myself "Is that what I've been doing? Have I helped others find those who need help in some way?" This committee needed the information and they knew to call the Human Care/TEEN LWML department.

All this reflection made me think of what God did for us through Jesus. He put Him there for all because we need Him. We need Jesus. God provides for our every need. It fits His plan. We don't have to look, it's already there. No phone calls. No emails. No letters. We just need to reach out and take it.

Maybe you know military personnel, elderly, teens, children, women, men, fire victims, flood victims, homeless, hurricane disaster victims, or veterans who need help. Send us that information so we can pass it on to those who can help.

So, Yes I am doing my job, and with the Lord's help I will get better. Please don't hesitate to call, write or send messages when you need the help and or prayers of the Human Care Department. Thank you all for the past two years and I look forward to the next biennium.

Love in Christ

Mary Lynn Huntwork

Vice President of Human Care

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please Himself. Romans 15:1-3a

Christian Life

Stella still checks to be sure that I'm wearing her bell and her baby sister Iris's bell. In June when she looked them over carefully she decided that she'd rather have Iris's bell. I patiently explained again how I had hers since she was a baby at which time she had put it in her mouth and I reminded her that Iris had put her bell in her mouth on our last visit. I also told her that hers was bigger because she was the big sister. Stella continued to look at them and suddenly grabbed both bells and put them in her mouth. I wonder if she was covering all her bases.

Isn't that what we do when we talk about lucky coins, crossing our fingers or keeping a rabbit's foot in our pocket? The problem with ignoring superstitions or false teaching is that we might be leading ourselves and other people away from the truth. We might think of it as only a silly game but others may think of it as the truth. We know that the only true way to salvation is the belief that Christ the only Son of God, who died for our sin, rose again and lives with God the Father in heaven. We are also tempted to think that our good works and diligent Bible study will add to our chances for heaven or for a better place in Heaven. Thus we must constantly remind ourselves that. "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his (God's) sight by observing the law. Thus God's grace means that righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." Romans 3:20, 22. Also remember Ephesians 2:6 "...it is by grace you have been saved."

Before I end this article I thought you might like to know that Stella thought I should wear race cars for the twin boys, not bells.

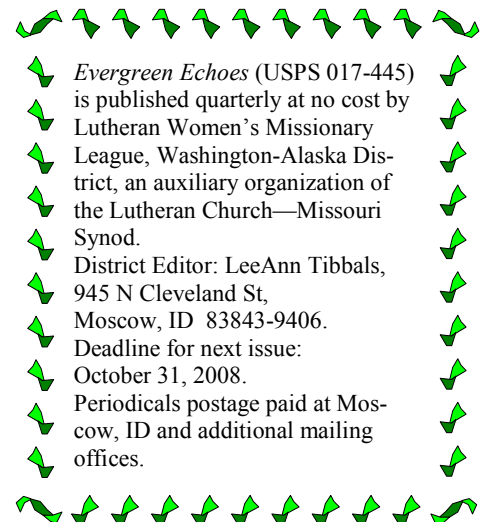
I was extremely fortunate to work with wonderful, wonderful people on the Board and on my committees.

Retreat Committee Aletha Voges (Chairman), Marilee Ryan, Nancy Wyckoff
Christian Life Committee (Skits) Andrea Mangold (Chairman), Pat Eskam,
Joyce Baade

May God Bless you and keep you well.

Love, Carol Lee Drager

Past Vice President of Christian Life



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News from the Zones

Greetings to all from the North Columbia Zone. Our LWMLers were busy preparing school kits for convention and our communities. We had an inspiring Spring Joyshop with 35 attendees. Pastor Ken & Sandi Scauer led us in a Bible study on "Taking Risks for Christ". Hope you had a great summer! Sandi Hall, President

MT. BAKER ZONE JOYSHOP
 The Mt. Baker Zone Joyshop was held on April 5; hosted by Concordia, Oak Harbor. Our program was "God's Amazing Grace!" based on Eph. 2:8,9. Pastor Palm, our zone pastoral counselor, led our Bible Study and small group studies. Fellowship was enjoyed by 54 ladies who also gathered for singing, a fun skit and lunch. Our zone was happy to have our District President, Elaine Nelson, and her husband participate in our Joyshop. We had an ingathering for the local Child Protective Services - Foster Care Program. Over 40 duffle/gym bags were collected to hold the child's belongings when they need to be removed quickly from a situation. The Joyshop was a blessing to all of us as we took home a better understanding of our Lord's truly amazing Grace!
 Mt. Baker Zone Fall Rally is Sat. Oct 4 - registration starts 8:30 - at Immanuel Lutheran/ Everett. Speakers are the Rahn's sharing about the Haiti Mission. Lunch provided.

The Blue Mountain Zone Spring Joyshop was held on April 19 at Faith, LaGrande, Oregon. The theme was "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Ps34:8 A Bible Study was held on trust and the afternoon was spent with a mini Chocolate Boutique where we made chocolates and thank you cards.
 Blessings
 Linda Einspahr
 Blue Mountain Zone President



- The Puget Sound Zone held its annual Day of Prayer Service on February 22, hosted by the Resurrection Women's Fellowship in Des Moines, WA.
- The service, "I Step Out in Faith to Declare His Praise and Serve Others", authored by the Reverend Barry J. Keurulainen, gave the 28 members in attendance an opportunity to worship the Lord with the emphasis on stepping out in faith, declaring His Praise and serving others.
- After the service, District President Elaine Nelson gave her report. A wonderful luncheon was served to the participants. The offering taken in the service was sent to District for mites.

We dedicated our quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, April 27. Our LWML Quilters, The "Peace Makers", completed 70 quilts. We also provided 54 school kits. We also made quilts for our graduating HS seniors.
 Linda Miller, President
 St. Paul's Lutheran LWML - Wenatchee



More Zone News

Mt Baker Joyshop

Over 40 bags were collected for use by the local Child Protective Service—Foster Care Program. They will be given to children who must be removed from their homes on short notice.



Trinity LWML, Olympia, September 8, 2007

Pictured above: New society officers Laurie Sheppherd, Secretary; Judy Ikerd, President; Lois Hauge, Treasurer; Rev. Ted Kriefall, Installing Pastor.



LWML 33rd Biennial Convention June 25 ~ 28, 2009 Portland, Oregon

Summer has come and gone! The LWML convention is less than one year away!

The *chance of a lifetime* – being involved with the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland – is what you need to plan for....right now!

Join your sisters and brothers in Christ, from throughout the Northwest District, as together we host the 2009 LWML convention in Portland. Be an usher, a hostess, or a greeter. Work with child care, assemble packet materials, or assist with set-up and clean-up. We have a job just for you! Sign up now! Fill out a Call for Workers form and send it in today!

Start planning NOW:

Pray for the convention.

Set aside some funds for your expenses to make it easier next year.

Get your wardrobe ready by ordering your 2009 convention shirt if you did not purchase one at the district convention.

Sign up to be a worker at the convention. If you work at least eight hours at the convention, you will be eligible for a \$70 discount off the convention registration fee. What a deal!

Talk to your friends and family so you will be sure to fill a car and a room.

You will find lots of information about the convention by going to the 2009 Convention Host Committee web page available on your district's website. On this page, there are tidbits about the convention, prayer requests, forms (e.g., Call for Workers form, convention shirt order form), and pictures of people who are behind the scenes working, together with you, to make this convention a blessing. Check this website at least once a month for the latest news.

If you do not have access to the website, then ask your district president for more information.

YOU are wanted and needed to help us "Roll Out the Purple Carpet" for our guests!

Experience the *chance of a lifetime!*

A Gala Reception celebrating the ground breaking for Concordia University Portland's new Library & Learning Center. and to Commemorate President Charles and Mrs. Patricia Schlimpert's 25 years of service to Concordia University was held April 10-11, 2008. It was a wonderful event. Gloria Edwards, Past LWML President was the Master of Ceremonies and Portland Mayor Tom Porter thanked the University for being a good presence in the community. President Schlimpert talked of when they tried to close the Portland campus many years ago, "but we just bought a new refrigerator" was the reply. In their third year of the nursing program the first to graduate in her class received a 100% on her Board Exam. The choir sang, with an ensemble playing. Good food, good fellowship, new friends and a parting gift of a white spruce seedling labeled "grow with us" rounded out the evening. Concordia University is growing and needs our continued support.



Left to right--Kelsie Lutz (daughter of MaryLynn Huntwork), Laurie Legler, Human Care committee; MaryLynn Huntwork, VP of Human Care, Bobbi Kindred, District Financial Secretary, Julia Riess, 2009 Host Committee Chairman and Edie Norris, District Meeting Manager.

FALL ZONE RALLY DATES

Alaska Zone Land's End, Homer, AK	October 3-5
Blue Mountain Zone Paradise, Othello, WA	September 20
East Inland Empire Zone Shepherd of the Hills, Rathdrum, ID	October 25
Hood Canal Zone Peace, Bremerton, WA	October 4
Inter-Valley Zone	TBD
Lake Washington Zone	TBD
Mt Baker Zone Immanuel, Everett, WA	October 4
North Columbia Zone Hope, Brewster, WA	September 13
Olympic Zone Epiphany, Kenmore, WA	October 11
Puget Sound Zone Beacon, Seattle, WA	TBD (Oct)
Rainier Zone St. Paul, Graham, WA	October 11
South Columbia Zone Coulee City, WA	September 17

District Roster of Officers and Committees

WA-AK District LWML Officers and Committees

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Society Presidents: Please watch for 2009 *Quarterly* renewal forms to be mailed in early October. Read directions carefully, decide the number of copies you need, and please fill out the form promptly and return to the *Quarterly* Chairman. Order extra copies to share with shut-ins or friends who are not members of LWML. Thank you, societies, for being prompt and meeting the December 2008 deadline in a timely manner.

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Sonja Frazier – *Quarterly* Chairman