

# Evergreen Echoes

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2010

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## DISTRICT PRESIDENT MARYLYNN HUNTWORK

Will you follow Jesus? On the surface following someone isn't so difficult; you only have to stay focused a few feet ahead, just to keep up. I realized following someone is more difficult than others when my 12 year old decided he wanted to push the grocery cart. Our adventure started with Michael in the lead. I stayed behind him for one aisle until he stopped not knowing which way to go. He didn't know what I wanted or what we needed. So I moved in front and began again. We stopped only a few times after that first aisle. He still pushed the cart as he followed me, turned the way I turned, stopped when I stopped and slowly moved through the store to the check-out stand.



When we try to lead ourselves without the grace, support, love and guidance of Jesus Christ we make wrong turns, come to dead-ends and face impossible obstacles in the path. When we make the commitment to follow Jesus our faith and trust in Him will keep us on the right path. We trust His guidance to turn, stop and move towards the goal of eternal life with Him in heaven.

Jesus made the commitment to walk the ultimate path for us, to save us from death and destruction. We make the commitment to follow Him, to partner with Him to spread the good news to others. Many become loyal followers of Christ and come to the knowledge of salvation.

Christians are loyal followers, practicing every day to become what God desires. Music, books and sports have loyal followers. Songs make a top ten list. Books have a best seller list. Loyal outstanding athletes are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Christians have many reasons for following Jesus. Here are a few at the top of "Yes I will follow Jesus" list:

Free stuff! Just ask! Generations of Christians! Heaven! He'll make you a nicer person! He'll give life new meaning! Freedom! Trust in Him! True love of a best friend! And the #1 reason to follow Jesus-He deserves it. Worthy is the Lamb!

Thanksgiving Day with family and friends is over for another year. The turkey sandwiches are all eaten. The pumpkin pie is gone. The advent season has begun. Christmas Day and Jesus' birthday celebration is almost here. Houses are decorated with lights and Christmas trees. The nativity scenes are dusted and set out on the shelf. The hustle and bustle of finding that perfect gift for someone special on your list is almost complete. It is my prayer that as we follow Jesus walking the path, we remember to thank and praise the Lord for all we have and are. Continue to pray and support the LWML District and LWML Mite® giving. Keep our missionaries at home and abroad uplifted in prayer. Love one another as He has loved us and keep our eyes focused on the goal of eternal life with Him.

In His Service together,  
MaryLynn Huntwork, LWML WA-AK District President

### *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.

Letter from Mike Miller, Reformation Day 2010

Dear Ladies of the Northwest LWML,  
My wife, Becca, and I are both so thankful for the support that you have pledged over the remainder of my seminary training! This is such a great help for the expenses of this calling. Each year of my seminary training, I have our Lord's continuing provision. Just as it was for Israel in the wilderness, there were many lean times when the Lord tested Becca and I, and every

time He faithfully provided just what we needed at the proper time! Again we see His hand in your support. We thank Him for His providence for the men he calls and their families. Becca and I also thank you for the service you have given as I train to become a servant of the Gospel, and bring others the eternal riches that God has bestowed on us through His Son. May the Lord continue to guide and establish your work!  
Peace to You In Christ,  
Mike and Becca Miller

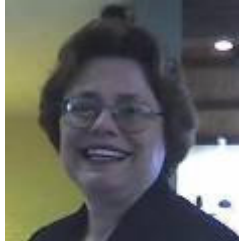
### Scholarship Committee Recipients

Our five scholarship recipients from our June convention in Spokane will be featured in this and the next few issues of the Evergreen Echoes. Scholarships are awarded every two years at our WA-AK LWML District Convention to women who are studying at one of our LCMS Synodical Schools for a career in full time church work. The money that is awarded is not from any mites, but strictly from donations, gifts and memorials to the Scholarship Fund. One of our 2008 recipients, Serena Little, has just started serving the Lord through LCMS Missions in Macau, China. Our financial support and prayers encourages these women to keep their eyes on Jesus as they look to Him to guide them into service for Him, wherever He may lead them. Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor.



Our first beneficiary featured is Beth Albrecht.

Beth is from St. John's Lutheran Church in Spokane. She is in her second year at Concordia University in St. Paul, MN. For over ten years she has developed and used her musical gifts of singing and piano in various church ministries. Graduating with a degree in music and finding a place to teach music in a Christian school is her desire.



Gail Ludvigson is our next receiver of scholarship funds. She has been a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Seattle for the past ten years. God has been planting the path to where she is now. Growing up in Chicago, Illinois, Gail earned a BA at the University of Illinois. She later earned a law degree (JD) and is a former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (federal prosecutor). Her adult life experiences have led her to different parts of the world, and because of this background and a talent for learning new languages; she would like to pursue mission work after she graduates. She is in her second year at Ft. Wayne Seminary in the deaconess program.



### LWML 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

Date: June 23-26, 2011

Location: Peoria, Illinois

Theme: "Being With Jesus – Living on the Edge"

Scripture Verse: They realized that they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)

OOPS! A correction to the last issue of the Evergreen Echoes. The convention Humorous Interrupter was misnamed. **Gracie** Threadgood, from St. Louis, is not to be confused with the Goodthreads of WI.

A quote from Gracie – "May all your quilts and all your projects mirror the good threads of God's Grace, Mercy and Love – shining the Light of Jesus Christ wherever you are."

Joy to you,

Passwords have become an integral part of our culture and everyday life. I have several because different account only accept certain types of passwords—numbers and letters, or at least 10 characters etc. Passwords are to keep our personal business safe and provide peace of mind. In spite of the passwords, identities still get stolen.

All this may cause us to wonder, “What is the password that gets us into heaven.” Nothing of the sort. There is no password for our entrance into heaven. Heaven is open to all who have faith in Jesus. Instead of keeping this a secret, pass His Name around that heaven may be filled. Your identity as a child of God will not be compromised by proclaiming Jesus.



*“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to [people] by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

Ken Schauer  
LWML East Side Counselor

## Are You a Young Woman?

If you replied “yes,” read the next paragraph. If you replied “no,” weren’t you once? Did you see any young women in your congregation on Sunday? Yes or no, read on.

This article is for you! The LWML has some resources set up specifically for the Young Women Representative program. These resources are not for the exclusive use of young women who have been representatives to the national LWML convention, but also for the reaching out to young women through our congregations.

*Impressions* is a newsletter specifically aimed at women in the 22-35 age range. This newsletter can be found by going to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and clicking on the Resources->Young Women link. From there, you can access any copy of the newsletter from their archives. If you are a young woman, please take some time to read this newsletter and see what the LWML at the national level has in mind for us. If you are outside of this age range, take a look at this since there are articles that may of interest to you also. And if you happen to see any young women in your congregation on Sundays, why not print out the most recent copy of *Impressions* to give to her?

Young Women Committee  
Elizabeth Cook. Chairman  
Sarah Werzner



*Why Save LWML Society Minutes?* Because they are your official documents of the happenings at your meetings. Also it helps when you want to trace your LWML History. A personal note: One of the ladies in our congregation recently passed away, and her granddaughter was so grateful that I was able to give her a little written history of how her grandma began our LWML society, had been our first president, etc. This information was gleaned from our early minutes!!

Nancy Wyckoff, District Archivist-Historian



# Save the Date



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

Going Places with  
our Savior



GPS



*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)

A Huge Thank You!

Many, many thanks for all the love, prayers, cards,  
gifts, and support since our house fire! God Bless!

John and MaryLynn, Mickey and Michael Huntwork

## Calling All Young Women!

If you are between the ages of 22-35, love the Lord, and want to get to know more about, or serve in new and deeper ways with, the LWML, apply to be a Young Woman Representative from the Washington-Alaska District to the 2011 National Convention in Peoria, Illinois June 23-26. If you know a young woman who may be interested, be sure to talk with her about it. This is a life-changing experience! The time to worship and work together to do the work God has for the national LWML is amazing, and beyond simple descriptions. Every one of the 69 YWRs to the National Convention in Portland said they had a new understanding and excitement for "Serving the Lord with Gladness." Contact Elizabeth Cook (see roster for her contact information) for more information or an application and submit the application by December 10, 2010 to be prayerfully considered.

## Human Care Department

The Human Care Committee had a very successful Ingathering at the WA-AK District Board Meeting in Nov. We had several hundred hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves donated to the Nike Manor in Kent, WA. This is a low income housing / shelter for those in need and victims of domestic violence. There were so many that Mary Gonzales said she would distribute some of them to the senior housing as well. Thank you to all who helped in this wonderful event. It made me feel very blessed as a first time district officer.

At the meeting in November we also designed and made plans to make the district banner to be carried at the LWML convention in Peoria, Ill. by our district president, MaryLynn Huntwork. Please plan to join us at the convention in June 2011!

Watch for information regarding servant events and ingatherings at the convention and future gatherings in the district. Remember our giving is an outreach tool that we use in our church, community, zone, district, national and the world! Let us spread our arms wide as Jesus did for us!

I am pleased to also announce that we have a Teen LWML committee forming. So far we have a chairman and 3 committee members. More info on this at a later date!

Blessings to all!

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Sue Gebel, Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S., recently sent an update on the ministry of the Morning Star and Mentoring program. Our district supported this



ministry with a grant in 2008-2010. She sent along an article written by Rosemary Sternbeck telling of the girls recent mission trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Circle of Life Lutheran Church in Muddy Cluster, MT. After being contacted for information about starting their own Girls' Club, the girls raised money and made a trip to Montana in August to personally help the new group get started. It was a wonderful exchange between these young women from two tribal cultures!

Our Zone and Society Corner is devoid of articles! Be sure to send in updates on what you are doing locally! Pictures are great too! We'd all LOVE to see what you are doing!!!



Zone Presidents at the Fall 2010 Board of Director's Meeting

(left to right) **Tina Gilkey**, Inter-Valley Zone: **Julie Onken**, Mount Baker Zone: **Terry Strege**, Blue Mountain Zone: **Aletha Voges**, Lake Washington Zone: **Lisa Davis**, East Inland Empire Zone: **Chris White**, Hood Canal Zone: **Linda Miller**, South Columbia Zone: **Jan Lillquist**, North Columbia Zone: **Margaret Ebert**, Olympic Zone: **Marianne Bell**, Rainier Zone. Not Pictured: **Linda Gerdes**, Alaska Zone.

## RECYCLING QUEEN

Hello, my name is Judy Peraino and I was crowned the new Recycling Queen by outgoing queen Sandi Hall in November. Did you know that \$14,659.65 has been earned since 2003? Not only has the District LWML benefitted, but so has the earth from unnecessary landfill.

Remind your congregation that we are collecting and recycling cartridges and phones. When you ship your cartridges and use your own boxes, a minimum of 8 cell phones, 8 laser cartridges or 18 inkjet cartridges (no remanufactured or damaged items) is required. Two dollars extra is earned when using Just Labels and your own box. You can order Just Labels from me: [judy-peraino@gmail.com](mailto:judy-peraino@gmail.com).

Prepaid Funding Factory Boxes packing tips: Inkjets: newspaper at bottom, 20-24 cartridges (don't wrap individually), newspaper at top. Cell phones: 12+ wrap individually. Laser cartridges: sent in original packaging or in newspaper or bubble-wrap. One label per box, If using a pre-labeled Funding Factory box do not use a yellow label, those are used on your own boxes.

We can earn a one-time \$10 business referral credit from each congregation: Register your congregation as a business supporter: 1. [www.fundingfactory.com](http://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

## Christian Life...& Love

On February 2, 2010, ten weeks before I moved from Alaska, I had my hair cut. It is now the middle of October, as I'm writing. I didn't just have a bad hair DAY, I had bad hair! So with apprehension, I looked through the phone book and online for a hair salon near my home. Yes, apprehension. I mean, I had been going to "my person" for many years. She knew my hair.

Well, I made the appointment and arrived not knowing how I wanted my hair cut but knowing that I needed something done. My stylist washed and conditioned my hair we got to talking. She asked me how long I had been married (22 years) and said that she and her husband just celebrated their first anniversary. They were also expecting a baby in a few months. Then she asked me what advice I could give her for a successful and happy marriage.

OK, I thought, I can answer that. After all, I'm very happy in my marriage. I know that my husband loves me. Unconditionally. I told her communication and honesty were very important. She answered in agreement – she had love and honesty. Don't be afraid of disagreements, I told her. It's OK to be upset with one another once in a while.

I was an insecure, young person in a marriage once. It's no fun not sharing your thoughts and letting your wants be known or being worried about expressing yourself. "He might not like me." Oh, yeah, young and insecure.

Communicate, be honest, respect one another, laugh and love. We all know that the greatest is love.

"However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Eph 5:33 NIV

How wonderful it is to declare our love and to do so everyday to those we love. Words are important. Actions are even more important. We must show our love in the kindnesses we do for others. Always remember and never forget...we love because Christ first loved us....

We can trust and be secure in Christ's unconditional love. We should hope to trust and be secure in the love of a spouse.

I don't intend to leave any one out. This message is not just for married people. As children of God, we all need to treat others with honesty, respect, and loving kindness.

Oh, yeah. After my haircut, my husband greeted me with a big smile and said, "I really like it!" Don't forget the compliments!

Marilee Ryan  
Vice President of Christian Life

## Help! What Works For You?

There are many excellent LWML resources available for societies to assist each woman in her walk with the Lord and in support of LWML: through the website [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), the LWML Catalog, or consulting with our Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant. We want to tap another resource - our societies. So, coming soon, each Zone President will distribute surveys to their societies, asking members' input about special activities, regular meetings, guest speakers, and/or ways to share LWML with the congregation. With your help, the WA-AK District Leader Development Committee will assist societies by providing resources or information that have been successfully used by other societies in the WA-AK District. Please be ready to bless us with your ideas - help LWML WA-AK District reach out to more women in our congregations.

**Leader Development Committee**  
**Marilyn Schaefer, Chairman, Mount Baker Zone**  
**Lynn Cooper, East Inland Empire Zone**

**P.S., Even though our committee is called "Leader Development Committee," one of the areas of responsibility is to encourage, equip, and enrich women. That is what we are working on during the 2010-2012 biennium.**

## 2010-2012 LWML Washington-Alaska District Roster

<b><u>President</u></b> MaryLynn Huntwork	<b><u>Archivist-Historian</u></b> Nancy Wyckoff	<b><u>Webmaster</u></b> Julie Onken	<b><u>Scholarship Committee Chairman</u></b> Sarah Edwards
<b><u>Vice President of Servant Resources</u></b> Marie Chow	<b><u>Corresponding Secretary</u></b> Judy Jeffery ( <i>Temporary</i> )	<b><u>2012 District Convention Co-Chairmen</u></b> Marjorie O'Rourke ( <i>Lake Washington Zone</i> )  Sharon Westman ( <i>Rainier Zone</i> )	<b><u>Short-Term Missions Committee Chairman</u></b> Heidi Penkert
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<b><u>Counselor - East</u></b> Rev. Ken Schauer	<b><u>Quarterly Manager</u></b> Sonja Frazier		
	<b><u>Recycling Coordinator</u></b> Judy Peraino		

Could your Society or Zone use some revitalization? Contact Edie Norris, our Mission Ministry Vision Consultant for information. She still has some dates open in 2011! Feb 12, 2011, March 26, 2011, April 16, 2011, May 14, 2011.



***Ingathering of Hats, Gloves, Scarves at the Fall 2010 Board of Directors Meeting for the Nike Manor in Kent, WA.***

### MITES, MITES, MITES!

LWML's biennium ends on March 31, 2011. Currently, a little more than \$600,000 is still needed to make the national goal. Won't you consider a special Mite collection around the holidays?

Send your mites to Deb Jones soon to count into the current biennium! To God be the Glory!



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**You Have Updated Your Bylaws...What happens next?**

The revised bylaws cannot be adopted until it goes to the District Structure Committee for approval. The District Structure Committee will review the proposed changes to ensure that there is no conflict with the district bylaws or LWML bylaws. The District Structure Committee will respond back with the approval, any recommended changes, or changes needed before they can be approved. You would make your changes to the bylaws as the District Structure Committee directed and present them to your society or zone for approval as indicated in your bylaws. After approval and adoption, you will send a copy of your bylaws to the District Vice President of Servant Resources who is also the Structure Committee Chairman.

To submit your changes to the District Structure Committee, make your changes based on the current bylaws. Strike out the deletions and underline the additions. Give a date that you needed it by, but it must be **at least two months** from the time you mailed or e-mailed the changes.

You can submit the proposed bylaw changes to Marie Chow. Her contact information is in the *Evergreen Echoes*.

It is highly recommended that the proposed changes be submitted by e-mail (so it can be forwarded to the other members). If not, then you will need to mail four copies of the proposed changes.

It is also highly recommended that you e-mail an electronic copy of the revised adopted bylaws (that is in Microsoft Word). In that way, the District Structure Committee has an electronic copy and can print a copy for the records. Also, as the Structure Committee already experienced, societies or zones do not have their most recent bylaws and asked the Structure Committee for a copy. It is easier and cheaper to do it via e-mail.

A more detailed bylaw amendment process will be e-mailed to society presidents and will be in the spring bulk mailing. If you would like to get an electronic copy of sample society or zone bylaws, e-mail Marie Chow.

Blessings,  
Your District Structure Committee  
Marie Chow, VP of Servant Resources and Committee Chairman  
Sandy Geisler  
Ruth Ann Shimoi  
Carol Coerber, Parliamentarian

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