

# The Eastern District LWML

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Women in Mission



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Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness  
For  
70 Years



There seems to be a guarantee in life; that **change** will happen. **Change** is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control. As it is with my personal life and family, my career and my service to the Lord are in constant flux. With all this **change**, the good news is that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* [Hebrews 13:8] Alleluia!

As some of you already know, we have had a **change** in the Executive Committee (EC) this Fall. Due to personal reasons, our elected District Treasurer, Darlene Byrns, resigned from her position. This left a big hole in our District, as well as, in my heart. On behalf of the entire Eastern District (ED), I thank Darlene for her many years of service and pray the Lord will bless her and give her peace in all her future endeavors.

In accordance with our bylaws, the EC is charged with appointing replacements for any EC vacancies, except the President. The EC appointed Donna Coleman, Genesee Zone, to fulfill the term of District Treasurer. Donna has served the ED in many positions over the years including Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and VP Communications. We welcome her back to the EC after a few years of leave and thank her for her willingness to serve!

In November, I had the privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the LWML ED to the Central NY South Zone at their Fall Rally in Wellsboro, PA. I was asked by Zone President, Marti Clark to lead a roundtable discussion on "LWML 101." It was a learning experience for us all as we talked about LWML past, present, and future.

I'd like to share a couple of facts from **WINGS; Women IN God's Service**, (by Marlys Taege, 1991) that show our history of mission work even before our 1944 LWML District Charter:

1837 - Walter Gunn from PA requested funding through a Hartwick Synod meeting in Cobleskill, NY. The Women responded with pledges of money and to encourage women in their home congregations to support the education of Mr. Gunn for missionary work. NOTE: 107 years before the LWML ED charter!

1916 - Concordia Ladies' Aid Society of Pittsburgh, PA was organized to help an orphanage and "old folks" home and to "promote interchurch sociability among Lutherans..."

For the present, **The Time is NOW** to embrace our LWML past and to be: in the Word, service oriented, mission minded, and in fellowship with the women in our lives. The newly elected LWML President, Patti Ross is focusing LWML with a new thrust "Engage Encourage Equip Enjoy LWML."

I believe that the key to the future is to hold on to these core values and recognize the **changes** in culture and needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Aha! There is that word "**change**" again. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* [Joshua 1:9] The "C word" (Christ) can make the "c word" (change) less worrisome, don't you agree?

*Walking with you in His Light,  
Kathy Pavelock*

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Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2



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***And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:51 ESV)***

I appreciate how my congregational members are concerned about me in a loving way after Christmas. They inquire how I am doing, desiring to know if I have made a "full recovery" and returned to some kind of "normal" equilibrium in life.

It is true that the season is very busy for pastors - and for most of us - and we definitely need to slow back down to a more manageable pace. But when I consider all the blessing that Christmas is for us spiritually, I certainly don't want to "recover" from it.

Our prayer would be that the Babe of Bethlehem would make an indelible mark on our hearts and lives the whole year long.

I love the way St. Luke twice states how Mary "treasured up" all that was happening by the power of God's love in her life. The first time was after the shepherds came to see the Savior at the bidding of the angels. The second time was when Jesus was twelve years old and finding him in the temple teaching to the amazement of all.

How amazing it must have been for Mary - the mother of God. Who can conceive of it? Who can wrap their minds and hearts around it? We know our hearts and minds are so tiny we completely miss so much of the mysterious truth of Christmas. And yet, how beautiful are even the crumbs of truth we CAN fathom? What a blessing it is to take time to "treasure it up in our hearts." How deep and wide and inexplicable is the love of God that he should throw off the garments of heaven and be born naked and wrapped in swaddling cloths. For you and me. Born to live literally "for"us. Born to most assuredly die "for" us.

So... if you haven't already taken the tree and the Christmas lights down... when you do... say a prayer... Treasure all these things that have happened. Keep them close to your heart. Forever. Whatever you do, don't ever recover from Christmas.

**Pastor Bjornstad**



**YWR'S NEEDED FOR 2016 LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION**

We are looking for mature young women from each zone, in the age range of 22-35 from an LCMS congregation that might be interested in being a Young Woman Representative to the 2016 Eastern District LWML Convention in Binghamton this June. She should have a strong relationship with her Lord and have some knowledge of LWML. The necessary application form can be found on page 10 of this LINK. The detailed guidelines can be obtained from Kelly Gilbert, your Zone President or the Eastern District LWML Website [east-dist-lwml.org](http://east-dist-lwml.org).

Below is the timeline:

**January 31- February 15**, all societies need to turn in their applications to their Zone Executive Committee.

**February 15 - 23**, Zone Executive Committees review and make their final selections .

**March 1**, Final selections should be given to Kelly Gilbert so she can present them at the March BOD Meeting.

Any questions or concerns please contact Kelly at 315-820-4006 or [kelly.gilbert1@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly.gilbert1@yahoo.com). Please send final selection to: Kelly Gilbert, 8696 NYS Route 13, Blossvale, N.Y. 13308

**GIVING TUESDAY RESULTS FROM DECEMBER 1**



If you received a postcard in the mail, saw and shared Facebook and Twitter posts, made a donation, and checked out the updates online to see how much we raised in one day, you were part of LWML's very first Giving Tuesday.

LWML encouraged donations online throughout the day on Giving Tuesday, December 1. On this one day of social media donations, LWML received \$7,140.00. Thank you to all who were part of this effort.

## News from VP—Gospel Outreach and Organizational Resources—Dee Grzyb



**WINTERTIME** - "To everything there is a time and season, and to everyone there is a season of Winter" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)



When winter comes to your life, it will not be the first season. God will not allow winter until after He has given you a refreshing spring, a great summer and a bountiful fall! Then winter arrives. Our lives are like a tree planted by the rivers of waters and even when there are no leaves on the limbs, remember our roots are deep in His Work and prophesy for our lives. Time will cause winter to pass and the limbs will bear leaves, the blossoms will bear fruit and more often, much fruit. Remember into every life some rain must fall, and into every life winter must come, for the new and greater harvest. And don't forget, "All sunshine all the time makes for a desert." If your winter is unusually long, as some winters and springs are given to be, understand that your roots grow even deeper, stronger and more fruitful.

**Taken from "The Winter of Your Life" by Dr. James David Manning**



### DEFINING LEADERSHIP

#### ARE LEADERS BORN OR MADE?????????

At our 2015 LWML Retreat in September, the theme was "Laborers In The Vineyard" Matthew 20. We who volunteer for LWML (as well as other organizations) are really Laborers for Christ. Yes, there are leadership roles but we still are Laborers in the Vineyard.

Many times people think that they are not capable of volunteering for a leadership/laborer position. They believe that leaders are born not made. I was researching online and found an interesting article on this topic.

**"Are leaders born or made? Both**—While some leaders may have inherent leadership skills, Christian leaders can be developed. In Psychology Today there was an article that discussed leaders born or made. The best estimates offered by research is that leadership is about one-third born and two-thirds made. The fact that leadership is mostly made or developed is good news for those of us who never felt like leadership material - leaders can indeed be developed. Yet there is some "raw material," some inborn characteristics, that predispose people to be and become leaders. Research suggests that extraversion is consistently associated with obtaining leadership positions and leader effectiveness. Does it mean that an introvert will not make a good leader? Certainly not. Remember, most of leadership is made, not born. So, if you aspire to positions of leadership, then the best course is to embark on a leader self-development plan."

**Why are people afraid of leadership?** Some people hesitate because they do not want the responsibility of decision making; but in LWML you are not alone. Your Sisters in Christ are there to help you. Some fear failing. Failure is not the end of the road, it is just a step on the way to success. Others may not fully understand what a leadership position entails. Without researching and understanding what the position is, we may be shortchanging ourselves as potential leaders/laborers.

#### What does it take to be a Leader/Laborer in LWML?

- ♦ ***It takes you to think of yourself as a seed, not just any seed. God has made you a quality seed. He has planted you in rich soil, fertilized and watered you to help you grow. He has given you spiritual gifts and talents as he fashions you into a LWML laborer/leader in the vineyard.***
- ♦ ***It takes you to look at your God given talents and gifts, and use them accordingly.***
- ♦ ***When you hear God calling you to serve in some capacity one of the first things to do is to pray. Pray that you would be open to hear in which direction the Holy Spirit is guiding you.***
- ♦ ***Do not to be afraid of God's calling to use you.***
- ♦ ***It takes vision, integrity, passion, humility, good spiritual life, courage and commitment. Remember these characteristics are within us whether we are born with them or they are developed.***
- ♦ ***It takes you to be self-motivated to research what LWML opportunities are available to you as a leader/laborer in the vineyard.***



## The Time is NOW! NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 LWML ZONE & SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

I need your help!!!! The time is now to submit names for nomination for the following District offices:  
VP of Communications, Recording Secretary,  
Financial Secretary and Pastoral Counselor to be  
elected at the June 2016 Convention.



A society member or society may submit a nomination to the Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination, or encouraging someone from your society or zone to accept a nomination for one of these positions. Nomination and Consent Forms and the complete descriptions of the duties of office may be obtained from Dee Grzyb, Committee Chair who can be reached at 56 Hanover St., Lancaster, N.Y. 14068 (716-393-3670) or via email [d\\_e\\_grzyb@msn.com](mailto:d_e_grzyb@msn.com).

The Nominations Committee also includes Rebecca Bessell (Genesee Zone) [rlb54@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rlb54@rochester.rr.com) and Vivian Tatem (Central NY South) [moma597@yahoo.com](mailto:moma597@yahoo.com).

**(For complete descriptions, contact Dee Grzyb)**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION** - Attend the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Receive correspondence from Editor and Public Relations Director. Prepare a written report for all members attending the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Coordinator of the Communications Department, which includes the Editor and Public Relations Director. Contact and coordinator of all copyright information for use of music at all district events with reference to our CCLI license. Attend District Convention. Prepare a statistical report for yearly Spring Board meetings including number of societies in each zone and number of new societies. Prepare a written report for the convention manual submitted by the convention manual deadline. Publicize news from national LWML. Maintain mailing lists. Verify the accuracy of the number of Quarterlies for each zone. Confirm with the treasurer the number that is billed from national. Reconcile if needed. Contribute articles to the Eastern District LWML District Newsletter, Keep accurate record of Quarterly needs of their society, increasing or decreasing accordingly. Send copies of all correspondence generated by the Vice President of Communication to the President. Perform duties of President in her absence if the Vice President Christian Life/Special Focus is unable to do so; and any other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual

**RECORDING SECRETARY** - Attend the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings as well as the District convention. Record the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and District Convention. Write any correspondence needed by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors pertaining to the work of the LWML Eastern District. Record the list of delegate's credentials prior to the District Convention. Keep District Convention ballots until instructed to destroy them. Prepare cards as necessary for circulation at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings for members with need; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** - Attend Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Prepare a written report for all members attending the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Receive all monies from zone treasurers, including mites, memorials, honor gifts, LWML Quarterly contributions and miscellaneous funds, deposit the monies and keep an accurate record of them. Attend the District Convention. Prepare a written report for the Convention Manual to be submitted by the deadline. Send a monthly report of deposits to the President, Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources and the Mission Grants Chairman. Send to the Vice President of Communications a copy of the quarterly contributions made at the fall and spring Executive Committee meetings. Serve as a member of the Budget Committee, which prepares the Mission Goal Work program for adoption at the District Convention. Submit books for fiscal review at the end of each biennium. Ask the person to write a letter and send to the president (sample in convention manual). Consult with Recording Secretary on motions reflected in Executive Committee or Board of Directors' meetings minutes that may necessitate changes in Standing Rules and/or Bylaws; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

**COUNSELOR** - Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Serve the District LWML in an advisory capacity; attend all District LWML Conventions, attend the National LWML Convention as directed by the Executive Committee; submit articles to the Editor for publication in the Eastern District Newsletter, submit a written report for the Convention Manual; serve as the spiritual leaders for the Board and Executive Committee and help with the services at retreat and convention when possible; and any other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

**Please keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers.**



## News from VP—Christian Life/Special Focus—Karen Devan



As I sat down to write this article I was also getting ready to decorate our Christmas Tree with my husband Dave. The ornaments are ready to hang and I noticed one that has been on our tree forever. A tiny box all wrapped with a pretty bow that has never been opened. A poem is attached to the box and it tells you that God's love is wrapped inside. I've decided that that tiny box shouldn't be packed away when the decorations come down. What have I been thinking all these years? I have a place where that box is going to sit this year.

A place where I can see it each day and be reminded of God's precious love on those days when I'm too busy, or too late, or in a hurry, or tired, or upset, or when something negative is trying to creep into my day. I want to embrace that love and in return, share it, live it and be an example to others. My prayer for each of you this year is that you too will embrace God's love. Wrap yourself in His protective arms and then share with others the wonderful gift that we have all been given. You really don't need a tiny box all wrapped up to remind you of God's love but we do need to remember the wonderful blessing of that love. So have a joyous 2016 and let the "Son" warm you each and every day.

**Serving Him with Gladness,**

**Karen Devan**

**Vice President of Christian Life / Special Focus**

## GRANTS IN ACTION

### Update on Safe Harbor Easton Conference Center



We are very happy to say that we have completed the Safe Harbor Conference Center/Flex Space and it is currently in use! Our last task will be to add white trim around the base of the room. The space, which previously consisted of a very inefficient hallway and office (occupied by a female staff member who had to enter the men's dorm to access her office), now consists of a much bigger room used for meetings, consultations, and vital administrative work. New ceiling tiles, drywall, and stone floor tiles were installed, along with a fresh coat of vibrant purple paint (as purple is the color of homelessness). This project was made possible by funding granted to Safe Harbor Easton by the local Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

This space has become the first thing that people see when they walk in the front door. As such, it is home to our wonderful administrative specialist, Liz, our resident and day program mail system, and our copier machine. A large glass table and chairs create a place for ICMs (intensive case managers) from various local agencies to meet with their clients in privacy, and access the copier to send referrals via fax. Our Free Clinic nurses and PAs use this space to copy and organize vital medical records, and Northampton Country Mental Health holds consultations in our Conference Center for individuals in need of psychiatric medication that cannot access them due to lack of health insurance.

Our Conference Center also provides another space to hold vital group programming and Bible studies. Previously, all such programming was facilitated within our Recovery Center on the second floor. We are fortunate to have so many community members interested in providing group programming that we did not have room to accommodate all of the meetings and Bible studies in the Recovery Center alone. Our new Conference Center allows us to offer even more constructive group support to our residents and day programmers. We are very excited at the prospects that our new Conference Center has created and are grateful to have such a bright, welcoming, versatile space at the Harbor. In a small building where space is a rare commodity, having a room that does it all is a blessing.

## Mission Grants

There are just two more months to fund the grants for the 2014-2016 biennium; let's be sure to reach our Mite goal!! We want to fund these last two grants: our Eastern District scholarships for church workers and Hope Rochester's outreach to the needy hungry families around them.

Give generously to Mites so we can pay all our grants.



MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) sent the following message after receiving the 217 witness bracelets assembled in one of the interest sessions at the Fall Women's Retreat: *"Thank you for your donation of bracelets to MOST. Your partnership in ministry is a blessing to us."* For those interested in helping this organization, check out the website: [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org).



## Take my Hand And Lead me!

Ps. 25:4-5 — "Teach me your ways, O Lord...you are my God... I always trust in you."

### 36<sup>th</sup> LWML Eastern District Convention

June 10-12, 2016

Holiday Inn, Binghamton, New York

Hosted by the Central New York South Zone

Ruth Mueller, convention chairman, 607-797-8453/rdvmm@aol.com

It's that time! Our district convention is just 5 months away. Our past national president Kay Kreklau will be our Keynote speaker at convention! If you didn't hear her message of love at the past conventions, don't miss the opportunity this year in "your own back yard". We will also be joined by LWML National Representative Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator.

This year it is also important to send your registration EARLY as there are two conventions in Binghamton June 10-12; you will want a room reserved for you.

Please advise us on what interests you in "ON YOUR OWN LEISURE" and we will include brochures in your registration confirmation.

You will enjoy a morning Mite Walk along the Chenango River, easy to walk terrain immediately behind our hotel; gather your pledges and bring them with you!



**The Lord will be our guide, our comfort, and our strength as we request that He . . .  
"TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME"!!**

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Ruth Mueller—Chairman  
Anita Getty—Co-Chairman  
Ruth Schian—Secretary  
JoAnn Walz—Treasurer  
Bev Wicher—District Liaison  
Kathy Pavelock—District President  
Rev. Cory Eckstrom—Pastoral Counselor  
Ed Mohring—Banner/Logo  
Vivian Tatem—Displays/Exhibits  
Nancy Warner—Entertainment

Anita Getty—Favors/Decorating  
Ruth Nearpass—Hospitality  
Marian Miller—Music  
Penny Vangen—Nurse  
Angie LaCoe—Photographer  
MaryAnn Wolpert—Prayers  
Evelyn Neebe—Properties  
Martha Clark—Registration  
Joe Campanella—Tote Bags  
Nancy Warner—tours  
Lynn Walz—Ushers



Riverwalk Trail where our Mite Walk will be

**Watch for packets coming in the next month from  
your Zone President**

**Included will be:**

**Registration Forms**

**Mite Walk Information**

**Gift From the Heart information**


**On Your Own Leisure activities**

**And other pertinent information related to the convention**


**Register early**



Confluence Park, facing west towards the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers

		<b>REGISTRATION FORM</b> Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League <b>36th Biennial Convention--June 10-12, 2016</b> Holiday Inn Binghamton 2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York 13901 <a href="http://www.holidayinn.com">http://www.holidayinn.com</a> (607)722-1212		<b>"Take My Hand and Lead Me"</b>  Psalm 25:4-5	
Name:		LWML Zone:			
Address:		Home Church:			
City:		Church City & Zip:			
State:		E-mail:		Phone: ( )	
I will be serving as a: <i>(please circle all that apply)</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>Delegate</span> <span>Alternate Delegate</span> <span>Clergy</span> <span>Exhibitor</span> <span>Choir</span> <span>Guest</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>Speaker/Special Guest</span> <span>Young Woman Representative</span> <span>Conv. Committee</span> <span>Board of Directors</span> </div>					
<b>REGISTRATION (Deadline: April 30, 2016)</b>					
\$ 35.00 Registration Fee <i>(required for all registrations)</i>				\$ 35.00	
\$ 45.00 Late Fee <i>(additional fee for all registrations received after April 30, 2016)</i>				\$	
<b>Total Due for Registration:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>LODGING (Please circle choice of lodging)</b>					
Room Rates <i>(includes taxes &amp; fees ):</i>		I will be staying:			
1 person per room	\$120.00 per person per night	___ Thursday Night		\$	
2 people per room	\$ 60.00 per person per night	___ Friday Night		\$	
3 people per room	\$ 40.00 per person per night	___ Saturday Night		\$	
4 people per room	\$ 30.00 per person per night	Spouse attending: No ___ Yes ___			
4 people per suite	\$ 45.00 per person per night	Spouse's name:			
Roommates: _____					
<i>Note: Roommates will be assigned if none specified; 2 or more people per room are requested.</i>					
<b>Total Due for Lodging:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>MEALS &amp; HOSPITALITY</b> Please note Special Dietary Requests on page 2 Meal Prices include gratuity and taxes, as well as hospitality refreshments provided during meetings.					
___ Friday Dinner Buffet		\$25		\$	
___ Saturday Breakfast		\$13		\$	
___ Saturday Lunch		\$16		\$	
___ Saturday Banquet & Entertainment		\$28		\$	
<b>Please select one:</b> ___ Stuffed Chicken		___ Pork Tenderloin			
___ Sunday Breakfast		\$10		\$	
<b>Total Due for Meals:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>"ON YOUR OWN" LEISURE (For planning purposes please check your interests)</b>					
___ Servant Events @ Holiday Inn					
___ Binghamton Zoo & Discovery Center [abt. 2 miles (40 min. walk/7 min. drive)]					
___ Phelps Mansion Museum [< 1 mile (12-13 min. walk)]					
___ Roberson Museum & Science Center [< 1 mile (12 min. walk)]					
___ Shopping [within 1-4 Blocks]					
<b>Total Due for Registration, Meals &amp; Lodging:</b>				<b>\$</b>	



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<b>MITE WALK:</b>	____ YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. <i>(Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.)</i>		
<b>CHOIR:</b>	____ YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: ____ SOPRANO ____ ALTO		
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS:</b>	We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form. <i>Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:</i>		
	Medical Condition(s) convention committee should be aware of:		
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.). Specify:		
	Handicapped Accessible Room		
	Interpreter needed for (circle one):      Hearing Impaired      Spanish Language      Other:		
	OTHER:		
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>	If you require transportation between an airport, train, or bus station and the convention, <i>please indicate below ARRIVAL &amp; DEPARTURE information.</i> Transportation details will be sent to you.		
<b>AIRLINE INFORMATION:</b>		<b>BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Airport:</b>		<b>Station:</b>	
Airline:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:	
Arrival Date:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:</b> Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.			
_____ Signature		_____ Date	
Subtotal for Registration, Lodging & Meals		\$	
Less amount paid by District (for YWR/Speaker/Board only):		\$	
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE:</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>Make checks payable to : LWML Eastern District 2016 Convention</b> <b>*MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM, FULL PAYMENT, and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED</b> <b>Business size ENVELOPE or email address (for return confirmation) to:</b> Martha Clark, Registration Chairman      2 Thresher Place, Freeville NY 13068 <a href="mailto:clarks@breadandbuttersilver.com">clarks@breadandbuttersilver.com</a> 607-227-2681			
<b>For Registration Chairman only:</b> Received on:      Check #(s):      Amount:			





## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS—BETH QUINN

Greetings and blessings for 2016. I thank you for your prayers and well wishes during my surgery in August 2015 and subsequent recovery. I had a benign growth removed from my facial and ear nerve. Surgery was followed by 2.5 weeks in patient rehab and then 2 months outpatient. The growth impacted my hearing in the left ear and balance. I have regained my balance but the hearing could not be saved. One of the devotions while I was in rehab talked about

Paul's thorn. My father commented about my challenges. I responded we all have thorns some big and some small. However through it all God is with us. He is the great healer. Through my trials I have grown closer to Him. He has really blessed me. May 2016 be a year where we all can grow in our relationship with Jesus and be a shining light to the world.

**Rejoicing with you as we grow in the Lord!**

**Beth Quinn – 610-761-0263 – [beth@quinnfamily.net](mailto:beth@quinnfamily.net)**

### QUARTERLIES

Several of you have contacted me above decreasing or increasing the number of Quarterlies you need. Below is some information I'd like you to pay attention to regarding the Quarterlies.

**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It's time to review the LWML Quarterly subscriptions. In January, I will send the Zone Presidents and Treasurers a list of the societies/individuals that receive Quarterlies. I am asking them to contact each society (or individual) in their zone to confirm the information concerning the number of Quarterlies a society receives and to make sure the mailing address for the LWML Quarterly is correct. After each zone has verified their lists, I am requesting that they return the confirmed list to me. The deadline for submitting these lists is **MARCH 1, 2016**. Meeting this deadline helps me meet the national deadline of April 1, 2016. **Decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year. **Increases and changes of address** can be made any-time during the year. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).

**LWML QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:** Societies/individuals are still asked to send in their donation for the LWML Quarterly to their **Zone Treasurer**. The rate for the LWML Quarterly is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the Quarterly plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML LINK newsletter.

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world*



### THE LINK

One copy of the LINK is emailed to Society Presidents. Society Presidents are asked to share the District

LWML LINK with their members either by making copies available, posting a copy at church, or forwarding the LINK via email. If you currently are getting hard copies mailed to you, we'd appreciate emailing as this saves money for the LWML. Send your email address to Bev Wicher at [lwmlink@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlink@gmail.com). The LINK can also be used to glean LWML news to include with church publications. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants!

### Directory Updates

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me all changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers to me as soon as possible. Directories are published in February (even numbered years)/March (odd numbered years) and are distributed at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as soon as they occur allows me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

**Eastern District Young Woman Representative Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The LWML Motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
  
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
  
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
  
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?
  
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
  
- 6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?
  
- 7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. Do you intend to participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, "Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?" Have them attach this answer on a separate sheet of paper along with their name and relationship to you.

**Please send final selection to Kelly Gilbert, 8696 NYS Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308**

# News From Around The Zones

## ANTHRACITE ZONE

**News from Faith Easton**—The LWML of Faith Easton has had a busy month. We formed a Thrivent Action Team to make lunch for the Safe Harbor drop-in center. Some of our ladies made salads, cupcakes and rainbow jello as their donation to the luncheon. Others shopped and prepared the hot dogs & beans and 3 ladies, along with 2 husbands, took all the food to Safe Harbor and served lunch to over 60 people. We also had the chance to see the new conference/Bible Study room and hear how much this room means to them.

At our October meeting, Bill Carner and his wife Carol, shared their mission at Safe Harbor telling us more about how important this new room from the LWML District Grant has improved the services there. His enthusiasm was inspiring!

Now we are busy preparing Christmas stockings for men in a local nursing home, and getting ready to bake cookies for the shut-ins of Faith. We package them along with a Christmas remembrance and a mustard seed devotion and preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child.

(Photo includes Bernie & Nancy Smith; Judy & Lance Nordell & Linda Hasz)



## BUFFALO ZONE

**Buffalo Zone:** We had our Fall Rally on October 4th at Faith in Elma. Ruth Wurster shared her time at the Alaskan Indian Ministries. It is a part of LAMP where they have volunteers lead VBS and teach sewing and wood working skills. They have around 100 volunteers a year. We had an ingathering of hats, scarves, and fleece for them to make blankets. After the presentation we had a business meeting where we discussed changes in our by-laws and planned our year ahead.

On January 10th we will enjoy our Sunday Funday at Faith. We will have a wonderful afternoon of playing games and visiting with each other. This is a day we always look forward to. Hopefully it won't snow.

**Karen Blackmon**  
Buffalo Zone President

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

Happy New Year to all! We pray that your Christmas Season was filled with love and joy as you celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Fall Rally included the Philadelphia Zone English District ladies was held at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA on Sat. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. There



were 55 people in attendance! The theme was "Rejoice and Be Glad" based on Matt. 5: 1-12. Pastor Fred Hoover led the worship service and our Pastoral Counselor Rev. Marcus Sims led the bible study. Rebecca Bessell spoke to us about Planned Giving. The ladies of Christ Memorial fixed a

delicious lunch. The ingathering was cleaning & maintenance items for Shepherd of the City. Deaconess Melissa DeGroot was our guest speaker telling us about the history and work of deaconesses in the Lutheran Church.

We will have a Philadelphia Zone board meeting on Sat. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. Our Spring Rally will be Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup> at a location yet to be determined. Watch the Spring LINK for more details.

We are looking forward to a great LWML Eastern District Convention in Binghamton, NY, June 10-12. We hope to see many of our LWML sisters there!

**Susan Bell**  
Philadelphia Zone President

## PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Fall Rally was held on October 17, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Murrysville, PA. The ingathering was taken for the local food bank -- "Loaves and Fishes." The guest speaker was Rev. Herb Schumm, former pastor of St. John, Millvale, PA, who now represents the Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Indiana. He gave an informative presentation about its purpose, goals and mission outreach. During the business meeting Rev. Dan Hahn, St. John, Millvale was elected new Counselor, Linda Bogan was re-elected as Treasurer and Mary Lehecky to the office of 1st Vice President. Special thanks was given to Rev. Sean Walters and Mrs. Linda Bright who served as Counselor and 1st VP respectively for two terms. The 2016 Prayer Service offerings will be given to the "after school program" -- directed by Rev. Reholma McCants at Unity Community Lutheran Church, Brushton, PA. The Spring JoyShop/Rally will be held at Zion, Accident, MD --perhaps the last Saturday of April.

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter**  
Pittsburgh Zone President



## KEEP SAVING THOSE STAMPS

### CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMP PROGRAM - Canadian Bible Society

Eastern District societies are encouraged to continue to collect cancelled postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society, which is currently focusing on the distribution of Bibles to prisoners across Canada. Simply cut off stamps from preferably light-colored envelopes, leaving 1/4 inch around the entire edge of first class, commemorative or foreign stamps (do not collect "pre-sorted" or bulk mailing stamps) then bring them to the next zone or district event. Try to avoid sending the stamps to the co-ordinators - to save postage-- as they will eventually get them!! Questions? Call Trudy Sallach or Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter.



### 2016 LWML Prayer Service

#### "Wanted: Workers in God's Harvest Field"

The 2016 LWML Prayer Service  
"Wanted: Workers

in God's Harvest Field" written by Pastor John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor, expands on the themes of "Sow • Nourish • Reap" from the Des Moines LWML Convention. Whether it is the thousands of acres farmed in Iowa and other states, our own backyard, or the field our Heavenly Father allows us to tend and nourish with and through His means of grace, this service offers a time of worship revolving around the various tools needed to bring about a bountiful harvest.

The service offers opportunities for:

- Singing;
- Learning a little bit about farming practices through the ages;
- Confession and Absolution;
- Small group discussion; and
- Prayer.

You can download the service from [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) or can write to LWML and they will send a copy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>March 11-12, 2016</b>	Board of Directors Binghamton, NY
<b>June 10-12, 2016</b>	Eastern District LWML Convention-Binghamton, NY
<b>Sept. 16-18, 2016</b>	LWML Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 22-25, 2017</b>	LWML National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah

### Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

September 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Mites: \$43,687.31

Memorials given in remembrance of (from September 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015):

Barbara Speer  
Shirley Gaupp  
Gene Murphy  
Erica Briffa  
Eleanor McFadden  
Whitney Denman  
Josephine Clemens  
Gladys Lemcke  
Mary Ann Hauck

In Honor of (from September 1, 2015-December 31, 2015):

All those serving the Lord Christ

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.

### RECYCLING



Please keep saving ink cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cell phones, etc. Please bring to any zone or district event. A special thank you to Niagara zone especially Kathy Laird-Burkett and Alice Pfonner who gave us seven huge boxes of items for recycling. Any questions on our recycling program, please contact District Recycling Coordinator Claire Carlson at 716-649-4678 or [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com). Thank you.

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April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

**Deadlines to submit articles:**

**March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1**



## Christ's love shining through you

### Eastern District Legacy of Love

#### GIVING IS GOD'S BUSINESS

It's no coincidence that each calendar year ends with a seasonal focus on generosity.

The Christmas season reminds us that giving is indeed God's business! Christians are confident that the baby Jesus was God's gift to the world, promised in the defiance of Adam's independence. God didn't just give us a baby; He gave the world a Savior!

Jesus Christ was and is the expectation of the ages. The implications of God's generosity in giving His own Son ushered in hope and made possible immortality for all. St. Paul wrote, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself." This little baby was the 'Year of Jubilee' in the flesh! All debts are forgiven and all are called to freedom from an eternal grave!

God's Holy Word says that we were created in the likeness or image of God. It shouldn't surprise us then that as God is a generous God, so we are to be generous people. Have you reflected on, or recognized this God-given desire to be generous and willing to share in your heart? Is it fully understood, defined and documented?

God's generosity is emulated wherever the Gospel takes root in cultures and in our lives. This shouldn't surprise us since God is in the giving business. His desire for blessing his people lives in us.

The next time you plan your gifts to the people and ministries you love, remember that this is God's reflection within you showing itself as a witness to others. The LCMS Foundation has been helping LCMS Christians discover their **lifetime plan for giving** to bless the people and ministries they care about for almost sixty years. If you would like to experience this personal and unique spiritual stewardship journey, we can help from start to finish.

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For  
70 Years



## Are you ready?

[Jesus said] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!" **Luke 12:35-38 ESV**

As you know, we are entrusted with important service for the Lord. In only a few months the women of the Eastern District will come together to celebrate God's blessings on our past missionary work and to prayerfully choose mission grants for the 2016-2018 Biennium. The 2016 Convention Planning Committee members, through the leadership of Ruth Mueller and the many willing servants from the CNY South Zone are "dressed", have "lit the lamps" at the Holiday Inn Binghamton and are "waiting" for you, the delegation and guests, to arrive on June 10. The committee has taken the convention theme to heart as they have taken His Hand and allowed Him to lead them. Will you take His Hand and let Him lead you, too?

I recently had the opportunity to look through our Mission Grants Ledger, 1950-present and thought you might like to hear some statistics. Many of you know that I just love numbers! Through our mighty mites the LWML Eastern District has provided over \$600,000 for 174 mission grants. We give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on us and pray that He will continue to lead us in His ways.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter article, there is nothing more constant than change. And, so I have another change to inform you of. Donna Coleman resigned her appointment as Treasurer for the remaining term of 2014-2018. We do not worry or be sad, but rather trust in the Lord, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord ..." **Jeremiah 29:11**. We pray God give Donna peace and blessings in all that she does. The Executive Committee (EC) has appointed Beth Scholl, CNY North Zone, as the Treasurer for the remaining term. We thank God for Beth and welcome her to the EC. Please keep all our elected officers and appointed personnel in your prayers.

I am eager to see you all in Binghamton on June 10-12 as we continue to *Serve the Lord with Gladness!*

**Walking with you in His Light and READY to greet you in Binghamton!**

**Kathy Pavelock**

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**Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**

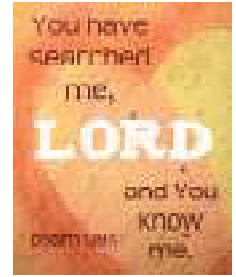


## COUNSELOR'S

## Why, Why, Why, Why, Why?

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The Psalmist in **Psalm 139: 1-6** says: "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain." By the time you read



this, the Easter story will be fresh in your hearts and the difficult times of Good Friday will be replaced by joy. The world still has questions though, even today. Did you know there are those who believe any problem can simply be understood by the problem that stands behind it? Toyota Materials for example requires their line workers to assess any problem back upon itself five times: not four, not six, exactly five. If the situation is seriously thought through you will have your answer. I noticed though, that their solutions had to do with the condition of tools and physical placements of things that slowed their production. What is slowing the apostles and other disciples after the Resurrection? Why are they hiding behind a door? The answer to all their questions is the Messiah Jesus. Are they merely afraid of the Jews, or is a problem with many versions that is now currently stopping them from witnessing? The Messiah was present with the Father and the Spirit in the beginning, during David's life, and certainly with us today. He is the One with the answers for our societies, our District, and National Mission Grants. God sees us and our churches so differently that we do. With Jesus and His mission at our heart, we do not need to fear the world and its views on us. God is pleased to love us and that is enough to melt any doubting heart of stone. Thank You Lord God for loving us so we can in turn be a blessing to others and share the hope You have freely given to us! God bless your witnessing, mite collection, prayers, and every action God has planned out for you to do. Praying for you all....

**Pastor Cory Eckstrom, Senior Counselor**

## News from VP—Christian Life/Special Focus—Karen Devan

## "ARE YOU LISTENING?"



Have you ever said something to your child and realized they're not listening to you? Have you ever taught a class and looked at your students and realized half of them aren't listening? How about when you're in a conversation with others, let's say about a favorite recipe, and all of a sudden someone in the group says, "Boy, has anyone seen that new movie about...?" Do you feel discouraged when this happens? Do you think those offenders are being rude or maybe that you're not interesting enough for others to listen to. Now how about when you find yourself not listening? What if someone is telling you about their illness and you're thinking, "Don't they need to be somewhere else?" Our human nature wants people to be interested in what we say. It shows us that we are not always good listeners either.

listeners either.

Thank you Lord that You are always listening. You know our concerns before we even know them. You know everything from our smallest hurts and frustrations to our major difficulties. 1Peter 5:7 tells us to, "Cast all our cares upon Him because He cares for you". What a blessing to know that God will listen to us whenever we call upon Him. He will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5) and He will give us the peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). May we practice better listening so that we can be better witnesses for Christ in our lives. Happy Listening!!!

**Serving Him with Gladness,  
Karen Devan**

**Vice President of Christian Life / Special Focus**



## 36th LWML Eastern District Convention

June 10-12, 2016

Holiday Inn, Binghamton, New York

Hosted by the Central New York South Zone

### It's Convention Time with God!

Are you ready?!? We're so excited about June!

† Sharing the love of Christ is what it's all about †

♦ **Servant events**— include assembling walker bags for the county nursing home and assembling Witness Key Packs ♦

♦ **Displays**— by organizations associated with LCMS, who they are and what they do, what we can do ♦

♦ **Songs of praise**—together to our GOD ♦

♦ **Mite Walking**—on the Binghamton River—Susquehanna & Chenango--Walk early morning or midafternoon with birds, chipmunks, fish and flowers of red and pink, yellow, white, and blue (I walked last June; I saw them all!) and more ♦

♦ **Speakers**—Our Keynote Speaker Kay Kreklau, National LWML Rep. Cheryl Mattil, and other speakers with ideas and answers as well as questions for us ♦

♦ Best of all: worshipping our LORD through Word and Communion♦

♦ This is our opportunity to be renewed and strengthened. Let's not miss this opportunity to grow in faith!!♦

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30—DON'T DELAY!

Contact: Ruth Mueller 607-797-8453/rdvmm@aol.com /3600 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850

(Special note: register early as VFW will also be in convention and you do not want to miss your room reservation!)

### Grants, Grants and more Grants!

Last September we were concerned. Are we going to get any grant proposals? God heard our prayers and has brought us many and varied proposals to consider: for individuals, congregations, community outreach, beyond our neighborhoods and national borders. What a blessing! This convention is your opportunity to be heard as our LORD guides your heart.

Come and cast your vote; submit your delegate application through your zone president.

We promise to update you on all the grants which we have worked on over the past two years.



### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network is an organization dedicated to making change in the health outcomes for others, infants and families. The Binghamton office is located near one of the larger housing sites in Binghamton. Their Parents As Leaders (PAL) program has daily hours offering parent classes supervised visitation,

and meals in a large room with a play area kitchenette area, classroom and children's clothing closet. The Binghamton site, although developed by the NYS Department of Health, relies on community donations to fulfill its commitment to the families in the program and the community. There is no charge to the families for all these services.

### ITEMS NEEDED

♦diapers ♦baby wipes ♦diaper genie refills ♦non-perishable foods ♦craft supplies ♦cleaning supplies

♦newborn to size 8 children's clothing all kinds ♦Fisher Price Dollhouse furnishings

♦Barbie & Ken clothing for the learning center/playroom.

Monetary donations will also be accepted

Please make your check out to "LWML Eastern District 2016 Convention"



## CONVENTION SPEAKERS



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER—KAY KREKLAU—PAST LWML PRESIDENT

We are excited to have Kay Kreklau, 17th President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) as our keynote speaker. Kay knew she wanted to be a part of the LWML after attending her first Assembly of Leaders in 1992. The fellowship, seeing the "big picture," and the Bible study on Moses stirred a curiosity to learn more and become more involved.

Throughout her work with the LWML, Kay anchored her efforts in the words of St. Paul from **Philippians 4:13**, *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. These words bring Kay comfort knowing that all tasks the Lord requests of her will be supported by His strength.

Kay has held many LWML positions including all local offices, most zone offices, and many district offices including District President and Recording Secretary. On the national LWML level, she has served as Recording Secretary and on the Leader Development committee. In 2011 at the Peoria convention, she was elected LWML President. Kay was blessed to travel to three international missions while she was president of the LWML. Those missions were the Dominican Republic, Philippines, and Eurasia.

As a member of a small congregation in the North Dakota District, Kay has served in many roles including teaching Sunday school and helping with the Sunday school Christmas programs, to name a few. Kay continues to work fulltime at KodaBank, Drayton and Minto, North Dakota.

Kay is a widow with three children—a son, Chris and his children Lexi; Trevor; and Paxton; a daughter, Leah and her husband, Tim; and a daughter, Nicole. In her spare time, Kay enjoys reading, gardening, counted cross stitch, and attending her grandchildren's events.



### NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE—CHERYL MATTIL

We welcome Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator as our National Representative. Cheryl hails from the Texas District and proudly promoted the 1995 national convention in Kansas City at the LWML Texas District convention prior to that by dressing as a cow!

To Cheryl the LWML is all about the woman sitting in the pew of her local congregation reaching out to those around her and beyond like ever-increasing concentric circles. She reflects on Acts 1:8 where it says, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth, and she sees those concentric circles active in the mission focus of the LWML today.

Cheryl describes her husband, Mike as her amazing best friend. Rev. Mattil has served as LWML pastoral counselor on all levels of the LWML. They have three married daughters and four grandchildren who bring joy and blessings to them each day.

Serving in a variety of positions on all levels of the LWML including president, vice president, treasurer, song leader, YWR, writer and editor on the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly staff, and now as the Strategic Plan Facilitator, Cheryl joyfully helps wherever the Lord calls her.

Cheryl believes the words of her favorite Bible verse, Trust in LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

## ENTERTAINMENT



Our entertainment for Saturday night will be the worship band CrossFire. CrossFire is a band/music ministry based at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Endwell, NY. They are a 6 piece, versatile music group that performs Christian music in a variety of styles; contemporary praise, gospel, country and rock. Our band members come from a variety of musical back grounds but share a love of Jesus Christ. The core of the group has been together since 2000 and have performed at music festivals, youth events, coffee houses and worship halls all over New York state. Our ministry is to share the love and joy of Jesus Christ with others, support other ministries and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice through service. We accept no fee and dedicate all to help build His kingdom here on earth.

## MISSION GRANTS ON THE CONVENTION BALLOT

The Board of Directors approved the following mission grant proposals. They will be placed on the ballot for the 2016-2018 biennium and voted upon at the 2016 District LWML Convention.

**Grant A**—Request for funding to replace hymnals lost in church fire on May 18, 2015.

**Requested by Margaret Lindstrom, Grace Lutheran LWML, Vestal, NY, CNY South Zone \$5000.00**

**Grant B**—Request to provide funding for Jeanne Moise of Lutheran Church in Les Cayes, Haiti to educate Haiti women in Bible Study, personal health and leadership.

**Requested by Sharon Wolff, St. Paul Lutheran, Batavia, NY LWML, Buffalo Zone \$5000.00**

**Grant C**—Request for funding to ship supplies and food by the Orphan Grain Train to Latvia.

**Requested by Susan Bell, Christ Lutheran, Malvern, PA LWML, Philadelphia Zone \$5000.00**

**Grant D**—Request for funding for development of Medical, Ministry and Family brochures to be distributed within the Eastern District.

**Requested by Bethesda Lutheran Communities, LCMS RSO \$5000.00**

**Grant E**—Request for replacement of keyboard lost in church fire on May 18 2015.

**Requested by Jean Henssler, Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal NY, CNY South Zone \$4000.00**

**Grant F**—Request for funding for creating Christian Book Library for children K-5 for before and after

**school day program at Salem Lutheran Church, Buffalo NY Requested by Circle of Friends, Salem Lutheran, Buffalo, NY Buffalo Zone \$1600.00**

**Grant G**—Request for funds for Children's Bibles and book THE STORY for new preschool children in weekday ministry

**Requested by Sharon Bressler & Sharon Sefter, State College PA, Pittsburgh Zone \$2500.00**

**Grant H**—Request for funds for crafts, supplies and food for encouragement of elderly and dementia clients.

**Requested by Laurie Bauch, Trinity Lutheran LWML, Lockport, NY, Niagara Zone \$4500.00**

**Grant I**—Request for funds for personal hygiene bags for people in low income community in Rochester, NY

**Requested by Living Circle Society & LINC Rochester, NY, Genesee Zone \$2500.00**

**Grant J**—Request for Spanish language Bibles, hymnals, etc. for Spanish mission congregation in Rochester, NY.

**Requested by Scarlett Aeckerle and Rev. Javier Florez, Kendall, NY \$5000.00**

**Grant K**—Request for promotional items, books and mailing items to support mission work in Center City, Philadelphia, PA

**Requested by Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, Rev. Kiesselowsky, Philadelphia Zone \$3700.00**

**Grant L**—Request for funding to replace playground equipment Trinity Lutheran School, West Seneca, NY

**Requested by Kathleen Fretthold, principal, Trinity Lutheran School, Buffalo Zone \$5000.00**

**Grant M**—Request for funds for classroom tables, chairs and supplies for Camp JOY Day Care Camp at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo, NY

**Requested by Barbara Glover, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo NY, Buffalo Zone \$4525.00**

I'M JOINING IN  
GOD'S MISSION THROUGH  
*Stamps for Mission*

### CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

"The stamp program is still flourishing and Bibles are currently being produced for our Prison Ministries.

There were approximately 78 institutions that received the 'Key to Freedom Bibles' this past year. We really do appreciate all of LWML Eastern District's support and encouragement as we continue to see that the Bible -- The Word For Life -- be available to all people."

Contact persons remain the same: Trudy Sallach and Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter

Please continue to bring (NOT send) cancelled postage stamps (first class or commemorative -- NO re-sorted) -- to the rallies, retreats, conventions. Thank you.



### 5 YWR'S TO ATTEND THE 2016 CONVENTION

We are excited to have the following Young Women Representatives (YWR) attend the 2016 convention:  
They are:

**Amy Prince - Philadelphia Zone**  
**Allison Young - CNY North Zone**  
**Karen Berry - Genesee Zone**  
**Margaret Klees - Anthracite Zone**  
**Emma Ruppert - Pittsburgh Zone.**

## 2016 EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

The Nominating Committee is privileged to present biographies for the nominees who if elected, have consented to serve the Lord in the Eastern District LWML for the 2016-2018 term of office

### VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION:



**Cheri Briggs, Niagara Zone**—Cheri Briggs lives in Lockport and is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Lockport, NY. She has an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Niagara County Community College. Cheri is employed as a Budget Analyst for the Niagara County Department of Mental Health. She and her husband Stuart have two grown children Scott and Julie and five grandchildren.

Cheri has served Immanuel Lutheran as Chairman of the Board of Education, Youth Group, Pastor Search Committee and Director of Vacation Bible School. Presently she is an Usher, Reader, Altar Guild Member and Offering Counter. Cheri was a delegate in 2006 for the LWML Convention in Lockport, NY. In 2013 she, along with her daughter Julie, were volunteers at the LWML National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Cheri served on the 2015 LWML Retreat Committee. She currently serves as the LWML Zone Corresponding Secretary.

Her interests include travel, photography, scrapbooking, all types of crafts including church banners, genealogy and spending time with her grandchildren.



**Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone**—Beth Quinn is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, Pa. She and her husband Randy have two children, Maureen and Victor. Beth holds a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service and International Politics from Pennsylvania State University- College of Liberal Arts and a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership from Immaculata University. She currently works with The COAD Group as the Mental Health First Aid Program Coordinator and as Adjunct Professor at Eastern University in the College of Business and Leadership.

Beth is an active member of the LWML Christ Memorial Society where she has been President, Secretary, Program Committee and Membership Committee. She has served as Zone Christian Growth Chairman. She has been on the District Structure Committee, Planner and helped with Publicity at the 2012 District Convention. Currently Beth is fulfilling the unexpired term as VP of Communication from 2014-2016.

Beth has volunteered at the Women's Resource Center, helping women to become gainfully employed, and in the Mental Health First Aid field.

Beth's hobbies are reading, travel, gardening and she is interested in mental health.

### RECORDING SECRETARY



**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone**—Susan Bell lives in Downingtown, Pa and is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, Pa. She and her husband Jim have two grown sons Brian and Brett and two grandchildren. Susan has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Kansas State University and a Masters in Music Education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. Susan has a Realtor license and is currently employed as a real estate agent.

Susan has served Christ Memorial as Worship Director, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Council member. She has been a LWML Society President and 2012 District Convention Chairperson of Music/Entertainment. Currently she serves as Philadelphia Zone President and District Financial Secretary.

Susan enjoys music, reading, and bowling.



**Sharon Wolff, Buffalo Zone**—Sharon Wolff is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Batavia, NY. She and her husband John live in Batavia and have three children, Amy, Natalie, and Dineen. They also have 5 grandchildren. Sharon is a graduate the School of Radiologic Technology at Strong Memorial Hospital. She worked as a Senior Staff Technologist at an Orthopedic office until she retired.

Sharon serves St. Paul Lutheran in Batavia as President of the congregation, sings in the Praise Band, plays in the Bell Choir, is an Usher and Greeter. In the past Sharon has served on the Ministry Team as Worship Chair, and has designed the contemporary worship service for 7 years. Her service to the LWML includes President of St. Paul Lutheran Church Society.

God has led Sharon to serve in Haiti on mission teams four times. The first mission trip in 2010, the year of the earthquake, she went with First Trinity in Tonawanda, NY to the Children of Israel Orphanage in Les Cayes and subsequently went back there two more times. Each of the trips to Les Cayes included Vacation Bible School where they ministered to upwards of 500 children. In 2015 she traveled with a smaller team lead by Jenna Fretthold to Maniche and conducted Vacation Bible School with 75 children and a Women's Bible Study.

Sharon enjoys mission work, reading, singing, gardening, running, and travel.



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

**Judy Morrison, Genesee Zone**—Judy Morrison resides in Hilton and is a life-long member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hilton, NY. She attended Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY and received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies. She is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant in the Information Technology Department at MVP Health Care, a health insurance company. Judy and her husband Clyde have one daughter Kelly.

Judy teaches Sunday School, plays in the bell choir, is an Usher Captain, has held elected offices at St. Paul as Congregational Secretary as well as Chairman of the Youth Board.

When she was younger Judy was a National Youth Convention attendee. She was the Zone Delegate for the National LWML 2015 Convention in Des Moines, Iowa as well as serving as her Society Delegate in 2014 for the District Convention held in Buffalo, NY. Judy has served in various volunteer positions with the Adella/LWML for over 30 years at St. Paul Hilton and currently is Corresponding Secretary for Adella/LWML.

Judy's interests are reading, quilting, and walking.



**Ruth Schian, Central New York South Zone**—Ruth lives in Owego, NY with her husband Aaron, a called Pastor to Zion Lutheran Church in Owego. Ruth serves as church organist and 2nd & 3rd grade teacher at Zion Lutheran School. Originally from the Midwest, she is a graduate of Concordia University in River Forest, IL. The workers in the college mailroom could easily recognize (and comment on) the LWML care packages sent to the students. She is currently working on a Masters in Educational Design and Technology through Concordia Wisconsin's online program. In 2010 when Aaron was on vicarage in New York, Ruth served as a YWR to the District Convention in Pittsburgh. Currently she is serving the LWML as Vice President of the New York Central South Zone and as Secretary for the 2016 Convention Committee. By attending

LWML meetings and events with her mother at a young age, Ruth has continually seen how we all can "Serve The Lord With Gladness".

Ruth enjoys hiking, exploring g wineries and waterfalls in the Finger Lakes.

**PASTORAL COUNSELOR**

**Rev. Dennis J. Krueger, Buffalo Zone**—The Reverend Dennis J. Krueger lives in West Seneca, N.Y. He is the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church located in West Seneca. Pastor Krueger holds an A.A. degree from Concordia, Ann Arbor, a Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from SUNY at Buffalo, and a Master of Divinity at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. He and his wife Ruth Ann are the parents of four children, Michael, Sean, Adam and Jill. They also have 10 grandchildren. His service to LWML has been as Niagara Zone LWML Counselor, Eastern District LWML Pastoral Counselor and New Jersey District LWML Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Krueger enjoys his children, grandchildren, walking, hiking, golf, chess, classical music, plays the guitar, reading, and movies.



**Reverend Sean G. Walters, Pittsburgh Zone**—The Reverend Sean G. Walters serves as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in New Castle, PA. He and his wife Angela live in New Castle, and have raised 2 sons, Seth and Zachary. Reverend Walters has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma as well as a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He currently serves as the Pastoral Counselor for the Pittsburgh LWML Zone.


Pastor Walters enjoys hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, swimming and camping


**The Nominating Committee wishes to thank all of our candidates for being eager, willing and ready to "Serve the Lord With Gladness". We ask all members of the LWML to keep each of the nominees for election in your prayers. We also ask all delegates to prayerfully consider each nominee before voting.**

**Thank You,**

**The Nominating Committee Dee Grzyb, Rebecca Bessell and Vivian Tatem**

***Serve the Lord With Gladness***

		<b>REGISTRATION FORM</b> Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League <b>36th Biennial Convention--June 10-12, 2016</b> Holiday Inn Binghamton 2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York 13901 http://www.holidayinn.com (607)722-1212		<b>"Take My Hand and Lead Me"</b>  Psalm 25:4-5	
Name:		LWML Zone:			
Address:		Home Church:			
City:		Church City & Zip:			
State:		E-mail:		Phone: ( )	
I will be serving as a: <i>(please circle all that apply)</i> Delegate    Alternate Delegate    Clergy    Exhibitor    Choir    Guest Speaker/Special Guest    Young Woman Representative    Conv. Committee    Board of Directors					
<b>REGISTRATION (Deadline: April 30, 2016)</b>					
\$ 35.00 Registration Fee <i>(required for all registrations)</i>				\$ 35.00	
\$ 45.00 Late Fee <i>(additional fee for all registrations received after April 30, 2016)</i>				\$	
<b>Total Due for Registration:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>LODGING (Please circle choice of lodging)</b>					
<b>Room Rates (includes taxes &amp; fees):</b>				<b>I will be staying:</b>	
1 person per room	\$120.00 per person per night	_____ Thursday Night		\$	
2 people per room	\$ 60.00 per person per night	_____ Friday Night		\$	
3 people per room	\$ 40.00 per person per night	_____ Saturday Night		\$	
4 people per room	\$ 30.00 per person per night	Spouse attending: No ___ Yes ___			
4 people per suite	\$ 45.00 per person per night	Spouse's name:			
<b>Roommates:</b> _____					
<i>Note: Roommates will be assigned if none specified; 2 or more people per room are requested.</i>					
<b>Total Due for Lodging:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>MEALS &amp; HOSPITALITY Please note Special Dietary Requests on page 2</b>					
Meal Prices include gratuity and taxes, as well as hospitality refreshments provided during meetings.					
_____ Friday Dinner Buffet	\$25	\$			
_____ Saturday Breakfast	\$13	\$			
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$16	\$			
_____ Saturday Banquet & Entertainment	\$28	\$			
<b>Please select one:</b> _____ Stuffed Chicken		_____ Pork Tenderloin			
_____ Sunday Breakfast	\$10	\$			
<b>Total Due for Meals:</b>				<b>\$</b>	
<b>"ON YOUR OWN" LEISURE (For planning purposes please check your interests)</b>					
_____ Servant Events @ Holiday Inn					
_____ Binghamton Zoo & Discovery Center [abt. 2 miles (40 min. walk/7 min. drive)]					
_____ Phelps Mansion Museum [< 1 mile (12-13 min. walk)]					
_____ Roberson Museum & Science Center [< 1 mile (12 min. walk)]					
_____ Shopping [within 1-4 Blocks]					
<b>Total Due for Registration, Meals &amp; Lodging:</b>				<b>\$</b>	

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<b>MITE WALK:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. <i>(Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.)</i>	
<b>CHOIR:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: <input type="checkbox"/> SOPRANO <input type="checkbox"/> ALTO	
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS:</b>	We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form. <b>Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:</b>	
	Medical Condition(s) convention committee should be aware of:	
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.). Specify:	
	Handicapped Accessible Room	
	Interpreter needed for (circle one):      Hearing Impaired      Spanish Language      Other:	
	OTHER:	
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>	If you require transportation between an airport, train, or bus station and the convention, <b>please indicate below ARRIVAL &amp; DEPARTURE information.</b> Transportation details will be sent to you.	
	<b>AIRLINE INFORMATION:</b>	<b>BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:</b>
	<b>Airport:</b>	<b>Station:</b>
Airline:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:
Arrival Date:	Airline:	Arrival Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Departure Date:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Bus/Train #:
		Arrival Time:
		Departure Time:
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:</b>	Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.	
	_____ Signature	_____ Date
	Subtotal for Registration, Lodging & Meals \$	
	Less amount paid by District (for YWR/Speaker/Board only): \$	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$</b>	
<b>Make checks payable to : LWML Eastern District 2016 Convention</b> <b>*MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM, FULL PAYMENT, and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED</b> <b>Business size ENVELOPE or email address (for return confirmation) to:</b> Martha Clark, Registration Chairman      2 Thresher Place, Freeville NY 13068 <a href="mailto:clarks@breadandbuttersilver.com">clarks@breadandbuttersilver.com</a> 607-227-2681		
<b>For Registration Chairman only:</b> Received on:      Check #(s):      Amount:		





LWML Eastern District 2016 Retreat  
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.  
September 16-18, 2016



"Love, Joy, Peace" Galatians 5:22  
Speaker: LWML ED Pastoral Counselors  
Hosted by the CNY North Zone

Name:	Phone: (     )	
Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Church:	Church City & Zip:	

PART-TIME	<b>PART-TIME</b> Registration Fee:	\$10.00	\$
	Day use Fee (no-overnight stay):    Fri.    Sat.    Sun.    _____ # of days X \$10.00		\$
	Lodging (check one)    Friday    Saturday    _____ # of days X \$43.00		\$
	<i>Please provide your room preference below.</i>		
	Meals:	Friday Dinner \$ 15.00	\$
		Saturday Breakfast \$ 9.00	\$
		Saturday Lunch \$ 11.00	\$
		Saturday Dinner \$ 15.00	\$
		Sunday Breakfast \$ 9.00	\$
		<b>Total</b>	\$
Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)		Additional Cabin Fee	\$
Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2016		\$25.00	
		Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$

**NOTE:** A \$25.00 deposit is required with a part-time registration.

FULL-TIME	<b>FULL-TIME</b> Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals and Linens)	\$150.00	\$
	Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
		<b>Total</b>	\$
		\$25.00	
		Payment Enclosed	\$
Late fee if postmarked after September 1, 2016		Balance Due	\$

**NOTE:** A \$50.00 deposit is required with a full-time registration.

LODGING	<b>Standard Cabins</b>		
	Founders Court (Cabins 17-28- 2 single beds, 2 occupants required)		
	Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 10 bunk beds)		
	<b>Deluxe Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>		
	Founders Court 1 (Queen Bed) 2-4 (Queen Bed+Futon)		
	Founders Court 5-8 (Queen Bed + 1 Bunk bed)		
	Family Court A (Queen Bed, Bunk Bed) Handicap Accessible		
	Family Court B-C (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Bed)		
	Family Court J,L,N (Double Bed)		
	Family Court K,M,O (2 Bunk Beds)		
Family Court P (1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a double on the bottom)			
<b>Woodland Cottages (Extra \$150 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>			
Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 (Each Cottage -1 Double Bed and 2 sets of Bunk Beds) (Minimum 4 per cottage)			
ROOMMATE _____		CHURCH/GROUP _____	

SPECIAL NEEDS	Wheelchair: _____	Scooter: _____	Lower Bunk: _____	Hearing Impaired: _____
	other: _____	Dietary: _____		

**NOTES:** Registration deadline is September 1, 2016. (postmark no later than Sept. 1)  
Balance due must be paid (postmark) by Sept. 1, 2016 or incur a \$25 late fee.  
All requests are on a first come, first serve basis.  
No registrations accepted before May 1. (Must be post marked no earlier than May 1)

**CANCELLATIONS:** The \$50 full-time/\$25 part-time deposit is non-refundable. CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE:** A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

**\*\* Please make Checks or Money Orders payable to: LWML Eastern District \*\***

Mail completed Registration Form, Payments and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size Envelope to:

**Karen Devan • 6438 Lakeshore S. • Canastota, NY 13032**

(email) dpdevan@aol.com • (home phone) 315-761-4004 • (cell phone) 315-527-6738

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you prefer your Confirmation to be emailed (must include email above).





**LWML EASTERN DISTRICT FALL RETREAT**  
**September 16-18, 2016**  
**Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola, NY**

**Host: Central New York—North**

**Love, Joy, Peace**



**Galatians 5:22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law*

**Speakers: Eastern District LWML Counselors**

*Come and experience the  
 "Fruits of the Spirit"*

**LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION**

A few full-time campships are being offered for the Fall 2016 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campship in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campship is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campship and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat.  
 Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2016** to:

Mrs. Kathy Pavelock  
 8200 State Route 13  
 Blossvale, NY 13308

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's  
 Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district 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*

# News From Around The Zones

## ANTHRACITE ZONE



At their Spring Workshop May 7th the Anthracite Zone is excited to have Lutheran Bible Translator's (LBT) speaker Alvina Federwitz. LBT is committed to the Scriptures as God's primary means for bringing about life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ. To be effective, the Word of God must be accessible in a language and media that people most readily comprehend.

Alvina and her late husband, Rev. Dale Federwitz, have been working with LBT and the Liberian people for 40 years. She will share some of her story with us.

**Faith Easton**—At the March meeting, the Chaplin from the Northampton Prison Ministry will be the guest speaker. We've been busy marking the 4 cases of Bibles donated by a member of our congregation, and will give them to Chaplin Santos at the meeting. The prison gives out on average 47 Bibles a month, so this is a vital ministry.

**Faith, Herndon**—The LWML women of Faith Lutheran Church, Herndon, Pennsylvania, hosted their annual Baby Shower for Lifeline Pregnancy Center of Millersburg, Pennsylvania. They reach out to a tri-county area. The shower is held in conjunction with Sanctity of Life Sunday. This event is co-sponsored by Thrivent/Action Team. Thrivent promotes to inspire others to live a life of generosity. The Lifeline Center is always in need of formula, diapers, wipes, and any other baby items. This event was held January 17, with 12 people attending. We have an actual baby shower where games are played and snacks are served. The items were delivered Tuesday, January 19, to the Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Again we give God the glory!

**Dawn Corbin, Anthracite Zone President**

## BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone met in January for a Sunday Funday. We had a wonderful afternoon playing our favorite games and learning new ones. Luckily the weather held out so we had a great turnout.

One event we are looking forward to is the Spring Workshop on May 14th. Our plan is to present Chocolate Café. I heard it is a wonderful moving study using chocolate as an analogy to Christ's life. We should have a great turnout for that, too.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## GENESEE ZONE



**Genesee Zone's** Spring Event will be April 9 at Pinnacle Lutheran Church starting at 9. Our theme will be Healing Hand of God—Luke 9:2 *"and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick"*

Rita Nickel will be our guest speaker. We will hear about Rita's work with Lutherans in Medical Missions, dig into God's word through devotions to see how we are called by the Great Healer to reach those in need and minister to them, enjoy a delicious lunch and do a fun project

**Rebecca Bessell, Genesee Zone President**

## NIAGARA ZONE

Since our last report the Niagara Zone has continued to flourish with activity after some much needed rest! We were happy to host the 2015 Retreat at Pioneer Camp and thank the ED Executive Committee for selecting such a wonderful speaker! Donna Pyle.

Our fall Rally Day was held on Sunday, October 11th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lockport, NY. Our guest mission speaker was Mrs. Sharon Wolff from St. Paul, Batavia, NY who gave a presentation on her trips to Haiti. Pastor Keith Knupp, Pastoral Counselor also installed our newly elected officers: Barbara Williams, President Kathy Burkett, Treasurer and Margaret Stoelting, Recording Secretary.

The Niagara Zone will host their annual spring Christian Life gathering on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The event will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church (North Ridge) Lockport, NY. The theme for the day is "Bread of Life." Our day will include a time of Bible Study with the topic of "I Am the Bread of Life" based upon John 6:35. We once again give special thanks to Pastor Keith Knupp, our Zone Pastoral Counselor and Christian Life Chair, Laurie Bauch for using their special skills and talents to develop this time of study for us.



We will also be having a business meeting, lunch, and special guest in the afternoon to share an inspirational topic with us. Mr. Chet Fery, otherwise known as the "Bread Man" in the Rochester, NY area will be joining us to entertain and inspire us with his presentation on "Bread Time Stories and More". He will provide an overview of his "Free Bread"

project and share his many experiences

**Barbara Williams, Niagara Zone President**

### PHILADELPHIA ZONE

During this season of Lent, we remember our sins and the one who saves us. May your Lenten season be cleansing and may your Easter Celebration be joyous!

We had our Philadelphia Zone Board Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. We were so thrilled to have 3 members from Christ Assembly in attendance!

Our Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 9th at Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. We are so happy that they volunteered to host this event! Our Liberian friends will share their food and style of worship with us as Pastor Boymah leads us in worship. Our pastoral counselor, Rev. Sims will lead the bible study. The theme is "His Favor is for a Lifetime" from Psalm 30:5b. The text is Psalm 30. The Director of



PLM, Rev. Kieselowsky will be our guest speaker telling us all about the ministries of PLM in Philadelphia. If you are in the area, please come!

We are looking forward to a great LWML Eastern District Convention in Binghamton, NY, June 10-12. We hope to see many of our LWML sisters there! We have a YWR this year! Her name is Amy Prince. She is a music therapy student in the area and a long time Lutheran from South Dakota. Please welcome her!

**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

### PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Spring JoyShop / Rally is planned for Saturday, April 30, 2016; registration begins at 10 a.m. at Zion, Accident, MD. The



agenda will include possibly two mission speakers -- a representative from the Orphan Grain Train, Baltimore, MD and, Rev. Ed Naumann, local son of Pittsburgh (Oakmont), who has been assigned to the mission field in Sri Lanka; IF he has not left for his assignment, he will share the forthcoming details of his call. The mission ingathering for the Rally is a monetary donation for buying school supplies for the needy children in the Accident, MD elementary school. Also, recently our Spiritual Counselor Rev. Dan Hahn, St. John, Millvale sent an email message to all the zone societies about our MITES and how they are fulfilling the goals of the current grants. He encouraged us to "keep up the good work" for the Lord as He works through us to complete His endeavors.

Pittsburgh Zone's Young Women Representative attending the District Convention is Emma Rupert, from Trinity, Monroeville.

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter,  
Pittsburgh Zone President**

### NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH QUINN



Thank you everyone who provided updates to the District Directory and changes to the Quarterlies. Many hands make light work. Continue to provide changes to me as they occur so I can keep the Directory up-to-date.

Regarding the Quarterlies most Zones reported a decrease in Quarterlies or stayed the same. **Pittsburgh Zone** has two active societies (Faith and St. Luke) who will receive Quarterlies and increased their quarterlies overall in the Zone. **Central New York North Zone** (CNYN) increased Quarterlies by 1. Hope Community (English District congregation) Syracuse, NY is receiving a Quarterly and contributing mites. CNYN now has 4 active societies. Hope Community will receive their charter at our June 2016 Convention in Binghamton, NY. Praise the Lord for all His blessings!



Are you coming to the Convention June 10-12, 2016? Do you have 2 delegates from your society coming and more women attending as guests? See the exciting Mission Grants our delegates will vote on in this LINK issue. Praise the Lord for our full slate of officers the delegates will consider as our District LWML continues to serve the Lord with Gladness. The hotel is great - right along the Chugnut and Susquehanna Rivers. Very peaceful!

Check out our website to learn more about ways to support the Eastern District LWML – Thrivent Choice Dollars (supports Mites) and Amazon Smile (supports Operating Costs).

**Take My Hand and Lead Me O Lord as you are the God Almighty. Amen.**

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Our Faith**

Family love runs deep. It often defines a person's priorities.

The Apostle Paul asked the Corinthian Christians to consider this question; "What do you have that wasn't given to you?" 1 Corinthians 4:7.

Being part of a family frames a person's sense of security, respect, hope and service, or the lack thereof. Parental influence is well documented. Its significant impact cannot be denied. Parents provide the key factors in a person's values and attitudes.

Among the many designs our Creator gave, He also gave us His Word about His intent for families. A family home is the place where children are to be nurtured, admonished (encouraged) and instructed to help them know God and learn to be stewards (managers) of all of life. The family unit provides the best opportunity for a person to grow in loyal love and grateful service.

Jesus showed us that God is our heavenly Father. Jesus, as our brother, understood his eternal identity and left us His example as a testament to exhibit all the power and wisdom that our eternal Father wants for us and our spiritual family.

With this picture of 'family' in view, a question arises—When we leave this earth, what will others remember about us? What will the example of our own lives tell others? Will our own last will and testament reflect our connection with our family of faith? Will it point to the priorities that we held as faithful Christian stewards? Will it give witness to our prayer that, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth, as it is in heaven?" Or will we leave no documentable trace of such a legacy?

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<b>June 10-12, 2016</b>	Eastern District LWML Convention-Binghamton, NY
<b>March 11-12, 2016</b>	Board of Directors Binghamton, NY
<b>Sept. 16-18, 2016</b>	LWML Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 22-25, 2017</b>	LWML National Convention

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell**

April 1, 2014 – February 29, 2016

Mites: \$50,945.52

Memorials given in remembrance of (from January 1, 2016 – February 29, 2016):

Laurel Schultz  
Billie Aul

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



**Offerings**

**CONVENTION OFFERINGS**

It was decided at the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors Meeting in March that the offerings for the 2016 Eastern District LWML Convention will be as follows:

1. Eastern District LWML Treasury
2. Interpreter's fund for hearing impaired church workers for conferences, retreats, etc.
3. St. John's Soulful Stitchers, Macedon, NY

**All checks should be made out to Eastern District  
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## On to the next two years of the Adventure. . .

The last two years have been an exciting yet humbling experience. You probably remember that in 2014, our convention theme was "Walk in His Light." At that time, I had no idea what the Lord had in store for me, but I was willing to take on this adventure. Now I can say thanks be to God for this opportunity to Walk in His Light with my Sisters in Christ.

So, where has this adventure taken the LWML Eastern District over the past two years? I am sure that by now you have all heard of the "Now is The Time" initiative. We are truly blessed to be in the word, mission minded, service oriented and in fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ:

- ♦ "In the Word" through Bible studies at society gatherings, rallies and retreats;
- ♦ "Focused on missions" by providing seven (7) district grants and supporting the \$2 million LWML mission goal;
- ♦ "Oriented toward service" with a multitude of servant events at society gatherings, rallies and retreats; and
- ♦ "In fellowship with our Sisters in Christ" with new and revitalized societies and partnerships.

I have personally been blessed to meet and come to know many of you through retreats, zone rallies, and society gatherings from Genesee to Niagara to CNY (both North and South) to Philadelphia and to Buffalo. I have traveled to St. Louis and Des Moines on behalf of all of you, where I have met and come to know many other LWMLers from across the United States. What a joy it is to witness Lutheran Women in Mission!

A few months ago, I attended a worship service led by Rev. Edward Meyer. During his sermon he relayed to us a story of a boy and a grandfather walking down a path during the evening with a flashlight. The young boy notice that the flashlight only lit the path a short distance. The older man urged his grandson to keep following that beam and assured him that it would take them where they need to go. This message reminded me that I must rely on Him. His light will lead me where I need to go. Time and time again over the past two years, I have faced an unlit path. A true adventure where I was unsure of the plan and not sure of the outcome. But asking for His guidance and with the Holy Spirit providing the beam of light, He has lit the path and led me to serve Him sharing His Light and His Love with so many.

And where do you suppose He will lead us over the next two years? I believe the path is lit with three main focus areas: "Nurturing Faith in Christ", "Making our Mission Meaningful", and "Sharing Encouragement." By **helping women** find opportunities to be nurtured in Faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to discover her unique gifts to God's Family. By **challenging and equipping women** of all ethnicities and ages to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, helpless and unbelieving people we can make our mission meaningful. And, by providing friendships, support and opportunities to grow in faith we can **share encouragement to the women** in our lives. Notice the words that I have highlighted, **helping, equipping and encouraging**. This is my passion, my motivation, and my mission. Over the next two years, I hope to meet and greet many more of you at events and gatherings especially in the Pittsburgh, Cattaraugus-Allegany and Anthracite Zones. I plan to better equip all our Zone Presidents to assist the women of their zones to engage them in LWML. And, with the help of President Wicher, I would like to strengthen our partnerships with our pastors ... all for the sake of Serving Him.

The path is lit for you, too. We only need to Take His Hand and let Him lead us. A pastor once taught me that everyone needs a personal invitation. So, I personally invite each of you to take His hand and allow Him to lead you, as we continue the adventure and **Serve the Lord with Gladness**.

Kathy Pavelock  
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## COUNSELOR'S

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## Hand Holders

**Editor's Note: Our counselors continue to encourage us to be in the Word. Here is an LWML devotional for your use:**

*Heavenly Father, let us always be aware that Your hand is outstretched to us. It is up to us to reach out and hold Your hand as we daily go about our tasks. With You by our side we are assured of Your peace, Your forgiveness, Your unconditional love.*

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel (Jeremiah 18:1-6).*

Hands are such an important part of our bodies. What a wonderful creation God has wrought when He made us and created us with hands. Take a few moments and look at your hands. Think about the many things our hands do in a day ... in a lifetime.

My godmother was very special to me. She had no children and as she grew old there was no one to care for her, and I gladly accepted this task. When I took her to church she would hold my hand, and I would look down on the wrinkled, leathery skin which had seen so many decades of extremely hard work. The fingers were bent from crippling arthritis that had planted seeds, picked corn, and milked cows in bitter cold Nebraska weather. The fingers had sewn a memorable sky blue dress with smocking and dainty embroidered flowers for me when I was barely three years old. Those hands had canned thousands of quarts of food and picked hundreds of bouquets of beautiful flowers from her carefully tended garden. Hands folded in prayer as she taught me to pray and hands which finally lay still in the peace of death when God called her home.

God tells us in Jeremiah how He formed us like a potter forms his clay, and how even though we are marred with the guilt and burden of our sins, Jesus was able, through His suffering and death, to form us into something precious and perfect in His sight.

Focus on your hands. Think of the many times you have held the hand of someone: the curled fingers of your first-born child; the chubby hand of your grandchild; the weathered and gnarled hand of a parent or elder loved one; the strong, powerful hand of your beloved husband. The holding of these hands is an extension of our Lord holding onto your hand throughout your lifetime ... in every situation, from the moment of your conception until your entrance into His heavenly kingdom. We are being safely led by our Savior. As we fold our hands in prayer, soothe a fevered brow, comfort the sorrowing friend, our hands are indeed an important part of our ministry of Christ. In Luke 23:46b even He said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" as He died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. As we say to the child as we approach a possibly dangerous situation, "Hold onto my hand." Jesus tells us to hold onto His hand, and He will see us safely through this world into His heavenly kingdom.

Our contributions to God's kingdom are very important. While we work, take care of the children, serve church and school committees, and do the mundane chores of this world, we must never forget, God formed us with His hands. He gave our hands to be used for His service.

*... fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).*

Lord, never let me fear what you have chosen as my life's work. Allow me to always revere Your unending love in the forgiveness of sins. Keep me in Your Word and grace. Show me the way to be an example for Your love, and when I feel weary or distraught, let me remember that you will raise me up on eagles' wings. In Jesus' name. Amen.

All Scripture references are from the ESV. *Written by:* Norma Jean Wilber, Norfolk, NE

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### STONE TO BE SET AT PIONEER CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



We are excited to let you know that the stone we purchased for the Eastern District LWML is finished and ready to be set. This is a picture of what it looks like. Make sure you look for it when you are at retreat in September.





# Convention News

"Take My Hand and Lead Me" based Psalms 25:4-5—"Teach me your ways, O Lord...you are my God...I always trust in you." was the theme of the 36th Biennial Convention of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) Over 170 delegates and guests gathered at the Holiday Inn, Binghamton, NY, June 10-12, 2016



Highlights of the convention included:



- ◆ Kay Kreklau, LWML past LWML President addressed the body as Keynote Speaker.
- ◆ Cheryl Mattil, Strategic Plan Facilitator extended LWML greetings from the National level.
- ◆ Our Gifts from the Heart" Ingathering Project for Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network in Binghamton. Many items were collected for this worthy cause. In addition, \$930.94 was also collected to support this mission.



- ◆ A morning and afternoon Mite Walk was held along the Riverwalk near the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers. \$2,869.04 was raised to go toward our new Mite Goal
- ◆ Saturday afternoon enrichment sessions were conducted along with a Pastors' Event.
- ◆ Entertainment for the Saturday evening banquet was provided by Crossfire from Endwell, NY.
- ◆ A new Society Charter was presented to Hope Community Lutheran Church in Syracuse, New York.

The ladies from Hope Community entertained us with a song in their native tongue.

- ◆ Servant event participants made 31 walker bags, 6 lap robes and 1 quilt for Willow Point Nursing Home in Vestal, NY and assembled 70 Key Witness Packs.

Offerings received at convention benefited the LWML District Treasury (\$1,267.00), an Interpreter's fund for hearing-impaired church workers for conferences, retreats, etc. (\$1,013.67) and St. John's Soulful Stitchers, from Macedon, New York. (\$1,112.55)

We were happy to have six Young Women Representatives with us for the weekend. They were:

Margaret Klees—Anthracite Zone  
Allison Young—Central New York North  
Erica McKendree—Central New York South  
Karen Berry—Genesee Zone  
Any Prince—Philadelphia Zone  
Emma Ruppert—Pittsburgh Zone

## Mission Grants

Delegates voted to fund 7 grants for a total of \$29,671.70 from our Mite offerings.

Grants to be funded included:

- \$4500** Funding for crafts, supplies and food for encouragement of elderly and dementia clients at Trinity Lockport, NY
- \$5000** Funding for Jeanne Moise of Lutheran Church in Les Cayes, Haiti to educate Haiti women in Bible Study, personal health and leadership.
- \$5000** Funding to ship supplies and food by the Orphan Grain Train to Latvia.
- \$5000** Funding for Spanish language Bibles, hymnals, etc. for Spanish mission congregation in Rochester, NY.
- \$3700** Funding for promotional items, books and mailing items to support mission work in Center City, Philadelphia, PA
- \$4525** Funding for classroom tables, chairs and supplies for Camp JOY Day Care Camp at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo, NY
- 1946.70** Funding for personal hygiene bags for people in low-income community in Rochester, NY



## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH QUINN



What a fantastic convention we had in Binghamton, NY June 10-12, 2016. Thank you women and men of Central New York South Zone. You are great hosts!

It has been my pleasure to serve the unexpired term of VP of Communication these past two years. I am looking forward to continuing to serve you in that office for the next four years. Congratulations to our new officers – Ruth, Susan, and Pastor Sean Walters.

My parents were away on a trip and they offered the use of Mom's car as we have four people working this summer and two cars so it has been quite the juggling act. I teach Mental Health First Aid classes in my county. This is an 8-hour program educating men and women on the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to be that first aider when someone is in a crisis or developing a mental illness. While I was doing training at a local university, my co-facilitator commented on the Women on a Mission license plate tag on my car. She thought it was cool! I agreed. We are women on a mission – serving in our families, congregations, and our communities. We are seed planters of the gospel for our Lord to harvest in His time. Have a blessed summer.

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## NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN—CHRIS GASSLIEN



When Kathy Pavelock asked me to take over the Archivist/Historian position I thought how hard could this be? Was I wrong! I thought just separating reports and putting them in folders would be a breeze; again how wrong I was. I did not know there is a certain criteria you have to following. Like all reports have to be on white paper and no staples in the report etc. I did, however, get in contact with the national Archivist and she helped me a lot and gave me what I needed to perform this job. I must say this has been an experience I will never forget and I want to thank Kathy Pavelock for the opportunity to serve the LWML and our Lord and Savior. Reading the past reports from years ago I must say I have learned a lot about LWML that I didn't know. Again, what a

privilege it is to serve the LWML.

Grants  
in ActionGrace Mary Martha LWML—Canastota, N.Y.  
Update on our grant

Now that we have some new grants to fund for the next biennium I'd like to share the progress of the grant we received at the 2014 Convention. It was for our local food bank and community Human Development center. Called the "Opportunity Shop" and located in the village of Canastota, it has been the recipient of



our grant throughout the past year. They have received money for their food bank, for Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas baskets of food, clothes, hygiene items and gifts, school backpacks, etc. Not only have they been blessed with our support but we have been blessed to see how your grant money was used for so many in need in our area. One hundred and seventy two children (newborn – age 12), seventy two families, older siblings of some of the younger children, and many on a day to day basis have benefitted from the "Op Shop" and our grant. We give thanks to the District LWML and we praise and thank God for His continued blessings upon us and those who have been assisted through our grant. To our 2016 Convention grant recipients, may you feel God's presence as you use your grants to work in His vineyards. God's richest blessings to you.

In His Love,

Grace Mary Martha LWML, Canastota, N.Y.



## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE 2016 EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION



**Vice President of Communication:** Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone

**Recording Secretary:** Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone

**Financial Secretary:** Ruth Schian, Central New York South Zone

**Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. Sean Walters, Pittsburgh Zone



The officers were installed at the closing service on Sunday with current officers Kathy Pavelock, President, Karen Devan, Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus, Dee Grzyb, Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Bev Wicher, Editor; Claire Carlson, Public Relations; Gretchen Putzman, Parliamentarian and Rev. Kristian Bjorstad, Pastoral Counselor.

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank all our candidates for being eager, willing and ready to "Serve the Lord With Gladness." We ask all members of the LWML to keep each of the nominees for election in your prayers. We also ask all delegates to prayerfully consider each nominee before voting. Thank You.

We wish to thank outgoing officers Beth Quinn who fulfilled the unexpired term of Vice President of Communication, Ruth Wurster, Recording Secretary; Susan Bell, Financial Secretary, and Pastoral Counselor Cory Eckstrom for the time they have given in service to the Lord through the LWML.



## Mothers & Babies



from the Heart" donations. They collected & donated so many items including children's clothes, diapers, toys, art & crafts, food, household items, and more! A special thank you to local Vestal Chapter Chairman Ruth Mueller and Co-Chairman Anita Getty! Your kind and generous act will be appreciated by a great many families in need!

A quote from Linda Phelps to Ruth Mueller, the day of convention: "I was so upset. There was so much and I wanted to say 'thank you' but I was afraid I would cry and you would think it wasn't good. But it is wonderful. Your ladies brought so much for us."

A Very Big Heartfelt Thank You to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District (<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/>) for their "Gifts



In addition to the items we also donated a check for \$930.94.

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***



# Convention at a Glance

OUR BANNER



OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
KAY KREKLAU



MITE WALK



HAVING FUN



BINGHAMTON RIVERWALK





# More Convention Highlights



YWR REPORT FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION



THE OFFICIAL PICTURES FROM CONVENTION WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE  
[east-dist-lwml.org](http://east-dist-lwml.org)





**LWML EASTERN DISTRICT FALL RETREAT**  
**September 16-18, 2016**  
**Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola,**  
**NY**  
**Host: Central New York—North**  
**Love, Joy, Peace**



**Galatians 5:22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law*

**Speakers: Eastern District LWML Counselors**

*Come and experience the*  
*"Fruits of the Spirit"*

**LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION**

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2016 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat.  
 Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2016** to:

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All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's  
 Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district 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*



LWML Eastern District 2016 Retreat  
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.  
September 16-18, 2016



"Love, Joy, Peace" Galatians 5:22  
Speaker: LWML ED Pastoral Counselors  
Hosted by the CNY North Zone

Name:	Phone: (      )	
Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Church:	Church City & Zip:	

PART-TIME	<b>PART-TIME</b>	Registration Fee:	\$10.00	\$
		Day use Fee (no-overnight stay):    Fri.    Sat.    Sun.	_____ # of days X \$10.00	\$
		Lodging:(check one)    Friday    Saturday	_____ # of days X \$43.00	\$
		<i>Please provide your room preference below.</i>		
		Meals:	Friday Dinner \$ 15.00	\$
			Saturday Breakfast \$ 9.00	\$
			Saturday Lunch \$ 11.00	\$
			Saturday Dinner \$ 15.00	\$
			Sunday Breakfast \$ 9.00	\$
			<b>Total</b>	\$
	Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00	Additional Cabin Fee	\$	
	(To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	\$25.00	\$	
	Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2016	<b>Payment Enclosed</b>	\$	
	<b>NOTE:</b> A \$25.00 deposit is required with a part-time registration.	<b>Balance Due</b>	\$	

FULL-TIME	<b>FULL-TIME</b>	Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals and Linens)	\$150.00	\$
		Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage \$150.00	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
		(To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	<b>Total</b>	\$
		Late fee if postmarked after September 1, 2016	\$25.00	\$
		<b>NOTE:</b> A \$50.00 deposit is required with a full-time registration.	<b>Payment Enclosed</b>	\$
		<b>Balance Due</b>	\$	

LODGING	<b>Standard Cabins</b>			
	_____ Founders Court (Cabins 17-28- 2 single beds, 2 occupants required)			
	_____ Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 10 bunk beds)			
	<b>Deluxe Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>			
	_____ Founders Court 1 (Queen Bed) 2-4 (Queen Bed+Futon)			
	_____ Founders Court 5-8 (Queen Bed + 1 Bunk bed)			
	_____ Family Court A (Queen Bed, Bunk Bed) Handicap Accessible			
	_____ Family Court B-C (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Bed)			
	_____ Family Court J,L,N (Double Bed)			
	_____ Family Court K,M,O (2 Bunk Beds)			
	_____ Family Court P (1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a double on the bottom)			
	<b>Woodland Cottages (Extra \$150 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)</b>			
	_____ Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 (Each Cottage -1 Double Bed and 2 sets of Bunk Beds) (Minimum 4 per cottage)			
	ROOMMATE _____	CHURCH/GROUP _____		

SPECIAL NEEDS	Wheelchair: _____	Scooter: _____	Lower Bunk: _____	Hearing Impaired: _____
	other: _____	Dietary: _____		

**NOTES:** Registration deadline is September 1, 2016. (postmark no later than Sept. 1)  
Balance due must be paid (postmark) by Sept. 1, 2016 or incur a \$25 late fee.  
All requests are on a first come, first serve basis.  
No registrations accepted before May 1. (Must be post marked no earlier than May 1)

**CANCELLATIONS:** The \$50 full-time/\$25 part-time deposit is non-refundable. CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE:** A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

**\*\* Please make Checks or Money Orders payable to: LWML Eastern District \*\***  
Mail completed Registration Form, Payments and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size Envelope to:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you prefer your Confirmation to be emailed (must include email above).

# News From Around The Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone ladies enjoyed their time at the District LWML Convention in Binghamton and were glad to be able to participate in voting on Grants and for new officers. Thank you to the Central New York Zone for a job well-done.



### Picnic

Our next event will be our annual Picnic at Camp Pioneer on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. Games and Fellowship start at 3 and we will have dinner at 6. Bring a dish to pass and table settings for yourself. (Board is bringing appetizers, beverages and desserts.)

Don't forget to bring your treasures for our annual White Elephant Auction!

We will hear a report from the District Convention.

We are collecting Gifts from the Heart ingathering items for Pioneer: broom & dust pan sets, markers, crayons, colored pencils, sharpies, beach toys for children and teens, any type of games for all ages, 1"x2 5/8" Avery address labels, 1/3-cut file folders, reams of copy paper

Come and join in the fun for part of the day or the whole day.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## GENESEE ZONE



**Ladies, energize your passion for God's work and Word.**

**Faith, Penfield, August 11, 6:30-8:30**

- ◇ Learn how to personally study the Bible.
- ◇ Resources for group Bible study.
- ◇ Service project ideas.
- ◇ Information on Holy Yoga.



**Hope to see you there.**

**Rebecca Bessell, Genesee Zone President**

## PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Spring LWML Rally at Zion, Accident, Maryland was attended by 50 plus people, who were given informative presentations by Missionary Ed Naumann, assigned to Sri Lanka and Mrs. Elfie Eberle, who represented the Orphan Grain Train, a world-wide mission outreach warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland.



Societies were encouraged to hold their Prayer Services soon; the offerings will be given to the "After School Program" at Unity Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh.

Several women from the zone will be attending the District Convention and hopefully the Fall Retreat.

The Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Grace, Universal. Speaker will be Rev. R. McCants from Unity Lutheran Church  
**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Pittsburgh Zone President**

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board met on Saturday, Feb. 27th, 2016 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church.

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally was on Saturday, April 9th at Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Their pastor, Rev. Boymah led the opening worship service based on the theme, "His Favor is for a Lifetime," from Psalm 30:5b and the rally text from Psalm 30. Susan Bell led the bible study from the LCMS website bible study for those praying about the upcoming Synodical Convention. District President, Kathy Pavlock, came to extend a welcome from the District and let us know what is going on and especially encourage us to attend the District Convention in June. The ladies of Christ Assembly prepared a wonderful lunch for us! Our guest speakers were from Young Lives in Philadelphia. This is an organization that ministers to unwed teen moms and does a great job! The ingathering was items that could be used at Christ Assembly to assist their ministries. We had a great time of fellowship, worship and sharing God's love with our sisters and others!

We just returned from the District Convention in Binghamton hosted by the Central NY South Zone. It was a great time of spiritual renewal, bible study, new mission grants and new officers! Great job, ladies! The picture is the wonderful themed banner that Dottie Buerger made for us!



We are looking forward to a wonderful Fall Rally with our English District sisters in October. Date and time to be announced! Hope to see you!

**Susan Bell  
Philadelphia Zone President**



## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE/SPECIAL FOCUS—KAREN DEVAN

## A Time To Remember

Our Eastern District LWML Convention is over and we are back to the routine of our daily lives. But what a time we had. God was present 100 %. He was there when we registered. He was there when we worshiped. He was there through our business meeting and when we voted for grants and new officers. He was there during the Mite walks. He was at the banquet and during the entertainment. And He was there when we bid farewell to our LWML family.

But "To God Be The Glory" He was there when we welcomed our sisters from Hope Lutheran Community Church, Syracuse into the Eastern District LWML with the presentation of their charter. What a privilege for me. What a very special time to truly embrace these ladies as part of LWML. What a way to praise the Lord!! I'll never forget how nervous and shy they were when we talked before the presentation. That all disappeared when they began to sing and dance. (A video of their song can be found on the Eastern District LWML Facebook page under visitor's posts) God is good, all the time and the Women of Hope were a wonderful example of that. May we remember the excitement they brought to our convention. May we remember how good God truly is each and every day. He takes our hand and leads us so that we will know His love, joy and peace that passes all understanding. May we all keep on singing and dancing.

In His Love,

Karen Devan

VP Christian Life / Special Focus



## 2017 Convention LWML 37th Biennial Convention

**Date:** June 22-25, 2017

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Theme:** "Jesus Christ Above All"

**Scripture Verse:** *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).*

**President:** Patti Ross

**Convention Goal Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

**Convention Objectives** -- Each convention attendee will be:

- Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

**Come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention  
June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico**



Christ's love shining  
through you  
Eastern District  
Legacy of Love

### Spiritual Foundations of Wealth and Want

Along the journey of our earthly lives, we gather, share and accumulate. We collect or conserve either wealth or want according to the foundation we build upon. While some live with the intent to produce wealth, others could care less if they died broke.

Within the body of believers, there exist these same differences. St. Paul encourages believers about this in the first letter to the Corinthians, chapters 3 and 4. God instructs us that, while we are His fellow workers, we are like different parts of a field or a building.

God wants us to take care in how we build our lives. Whatever the foundation we lay, our work will be revealed. God reminds us to remember that we are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in us. "God's temple is holy, and we are that temple." We manage wealth and want as baptized believers who live on the foundation of Christ.

Is it time to take a look at how you plan for the distributions of what you have received from Him and the management of want within your own life and family? How can we help?

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**Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sept. 16, 2016</b>	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 16-18, 2016</b>	LWML Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 22-25, 2017</b>	LWML National Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

April 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016

Mites: \$3,755.26

Memorials given in remembrance of (from Feb. 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016):

Laurel Schultz  
Billie Aul  
Marian Chatel  
Darlene Strussenberg  
Lynne Packard  
Loretta Bungo  
Doris Mitchell  
Evelyn Johnson  
Roger Gasslein

Monies given in honor of (from Feb. 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016)

Young Women planning to attend 2016 Convention

#### 2016 District Convention

Mites from BOD meeting- \$119.05

Mites from Mite Walk-\$2,803.00

Monetary amount given to "Mothers & Babies" - \$930.94

1st offering – Eastern District Treasury - \$1,267.00

2nd offering Rev. Bryan Smith to assist a hearing impaired deacon in the Rochester area - \$1,013.67

3rd offering – St. John's Soulful Stitchers, Macedon, NY for prayer shawls supplies - \$1,112.55

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.

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Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

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**The next deadline is September 1, 2016**

The Link is published four times each year.

April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1

**Deadlines to submit articles:**

**March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1**

# The Eastern District LWML

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## "Spiritual Toolbox"

I came across a new devotion on the LWML website (<http://www.lwml.org/program-helps>) called "Back to School in the Word" prepared by Gina Franke, Smithville, Texas. Gina is a school teacher and described preparing her "toolbox for teaching" to make a difference in her students' lives. She also explained the need for a "spiritual toolbox," filled with items to help us reach the lost and hurting who do not know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. *"It is important that we take stock of our 'spiritual toolbox' and make sure the tools we use do not become rusty, out-of-date, or lost at the bottom of the box. ... It is important that we grow in our relationship with our Lord and Savior, so that we are educated in Christ and prepared to be His witnesses to a world craving love, acceptance, and forgiveness."*

This devotion reminded me of all the resources available on the LWML website. There are many tools that can be used to fill your "spiritual toolbox" and assist you in reaching the women in your life to be in the Word, Service-oriented, Mission-minded and in fellowship with your Sisters in Christ. Some of the resources that you may find to be useful are:

- "Gifts, Chosen for You" Bible Study (<http://www.lwml.org/bible-studies>)
- Lutheran Women's Quarterly Bible Study Archives (<http://www.lwml.org/bible-studies-quarterly>)
- Servant Event idea - Get a list of college students from your church and select one or two to support for the year. You can send cards of encouragement, pray for them, and send care packages. (<http://www.lwml.org/program-helps>)
- Free one-sided notecards or bookmarks 4/page for you to print on paper, color, and cut apart. Then use them as notes or to include in care packages or meals to brighten someone's day. (<http://www.lwml.org/program-helps-creative-crafts>)
- Status of the 2015-2017 Mission Grants (<http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>)
- Status of the 2016-2018 District Mission Grants (<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/Mission.html>)
- Free download "Putting ZEST into your Zone Events" (<http://www.lwml.org/developing-leaders>)
- LWML YOUTH in Mission. (Formerly known as Teen LWML) (<http://www.lwml.org/youth>)

In addition to these resources, I also want to share with you other news from the District.

- Ruth Schian resigned from the Financial Secretary position due to her husband, Rev. Aaron Schian accepting a call to Michigan. We will miss Ruth and thank her for her service. We pray for blessings as the Schian's pursue their new ministry.
- Judy Morrison has been approved to fulfill Ruth's term. Zone Treasurers please take note of Judy's contact information found in this version of the LINK.
- We have a full board of directors with all Chairs and Co-chair positions appointed.
- We welcome a new Recycling Coordinator, Alice Pfonner and Stamps Mission Project courier, Judy Nordell. We are still seeking someone to oversee the entire Stamps Mission Project. Trudy Sallach and Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter who have been our coordinators for many, many years have needed to step down. We thank them for their years of service in this ministry.
- There was much "Love, Joy and Peace" shared at the Fall Retreat September 16-18. Be sure to ask one of your LWML sisters who attended to share their experience with you. Thanks to Rev. Bjonstad, Rev. Walters, and Rev. Eckstrom for the *lovely, joyful, and peaceful* sessions!

As we move into Fall with Retreats, Rallies, Workshops, and the many society events, I pray that we all check our "spiritual toolboxes" and be prepared for any situation where we can be His Witnesses and share the Good News!

Kathy Pavelock <}}><





## COUNSELOR'S

CORNER



**Gal. 5:22** —*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

May Love, Joy and Peace abide with you as you walk in step with the Holy Spirit that has been so generously poured out upon you.

Indeed, as I am writing this I am looking forward to being with so many of you soon at the Camp Pioneer Retreat. I am eager to be with you as we “put on” Galatians 5:22 and rebuke the sin that so plagues us even to our very core.

But even if you were not able to be with us, speak a prayer as you read this. Speak a prayer that the sins of your fleshly nature would be replaced with Love and Joy and Peace, as they are defining qualities of your relationship with God.

- Put on the most excellent way of Love... the love that is from God - who IS love! (1 John)
- Put on the most excellent way of Joy... even as all of heaven rejoices when even one sinner repents and clings to Jesus for salvation. (Lk. 15)
- And put on the most excellent way of Peace... the Peace that flows from the cross of Jesus... “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” Col. 1:19

Just think... Love, Joy, Peace, and ALL the other fruit of the Spirit... there is NEVER a law against them. There is NEVER a time where they should be banished or be uncalled for. Praise be to God for this assurance because, if you are like me, so many times in our lives we get trapped into thinking that “this time” there is NO room for love or joy or peace. We think that things have “gone too far” and that the love and joy and peace have run their course and something else has to take their place... This is the lie of Satan.

Love, Joy, and Peace are from God - flowing from Calvary's cross and Jesus' hands and feet. According to Jesus there is no end to His Love, Joy, and Peace. If this is true, then there also should be no end to OUR Love, Joy, and Peace. Praise be to God that even when OUR Love, Joy and Peace run out, His does not. It continues to flow into our lives and powerfully overcomes our lacking and our sin.

**Keep the faith! Live Love, Joy and Peace! Pastor Bjornstad, Eastern District LWML Senior Counselor**

## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH QUINN

**Love – Joy – Peace** – Were you refreshed at your time at retreat this year? Didn't make it? Why not try a mini-retreat in your society or zone. It does not have to be lengthy. Any time steeped in His Word and fellowship of sisters in Christ is worthwhile.



**DIRECTORY CHANGES:** Many of our societies and zones have new officers in the fall or over the summer. Don't forget to send me the changes shortly after your meetings or rallies. This helps keep our Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date. Please send me changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers. Emails are **critical** as we prefer to send you the LINK (this newsy paper) via email. If you currently are getting hard copies mailed to you, we'd appreciate emailing as this saves money for the LWML. Send your email address to Bev Wicher at [lwmlink@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlink@gmail.com). This saves the District LWML money that we can put towards our Grants!

**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The rate for the **LWML Quarterly** is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the **Quarterly** plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML **LINK** newsletter. As a reminder, **decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1. **Increases and changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. If you need more information, contact me.

Please feel free to contact me any time at: Beth Quinn, 558 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312. Email - [beth@quinnfamily.net](mailto:beth@quinnfamily.net), phone contact 610-761-0263.

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.* **Psalm 143:10 NIV**

## Mission Grants

### Eastern District Mission Grants

A mission goal of \$132,600 was adopted for the 2016-2018 biennium. \$29,671.70 will be provided for grants in support of the following projects in the Eastern District:

1. **\$4,500** Crafts, supplies and food for elderly and dementia clients at Adult Day Care at Trinity, Lockport, NY
2. **\$5,000** Educate Haiti women in Bible Study, personal health and leadership
3. **\$5,000** Ship supplies and food to Latvia by Orphan Grain Train
4. **\$5,000** \*Spanish Language Bibles and Hymnals for Rochester Spanish Mission
5. **\$3,700** \*Promotional materials to support inner city mission work through Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries
6. **\$4,525** Classroom supplies for Camp JOY Day Care Camp at Our Savior Buffalo, NY
7. **\$1,946.70** Personal Hygiene kits for low-income people in inner city Rochester, NY

\*NOTE: Grant numbers 4 & 5 will be paid at the same time due to a tie in the voting delegation ranking.

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## Lutheran Women in Mission

2015-2017 LWML

### MISSION GRANTS

1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry, \$50,000
2. Disaster Response Trailers, \$80,000
3. Cancer Care Packages – Phil's Friends, \$50,000
4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings, \$120,000
5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, \$100,000
6. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People, \$75,000
7. Outreach in Refugee Camps – Lebanon, \$72,000
8. Healthy Families, \$60,000
9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative, \$100,000
10. Training Teachers and Leaders, \$100,000
11. Opportunities in Uganda, \$100,000
12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts," \$50,000
13. "We Are God's Workmanship," \$32,500
14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel, \$100,000
15. Helping Hands Initiative, \$100,000
16. Deaconess Training, \$90,000
17. Lutheran Youth Corps, \$25,000
18. Providing Hope for Detroit, \$100,000
19. Rosa Young Academies, \$14,063.94

Learn more about these grants on our webpage:

[www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants)



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### Blessings from VP—Christian Life/Special Focus—Karen Devan

Recently one of our Grandsons got a cell phone from his Mom and Dad. Needless to say he was very excited. He lives outside Baltimore so his first goal was to let all his New York family know about his new phone. He texted and called and talked to us and texted some more. He started filling up his data bank with phone numbers, e-mail addresses, games, photos, etc. He was connected to us even though he was far away. It was an exciting time for him. Then the texting slowed down and the calls basically stopped. Now he texts occasionally and calls when he has a question or needs something. This all made me think about our spiritual life. Do we get excited about spending time with our Lord. Are we filling up our data bank with God's word, with prayer, with ways to serve Him, with love, joy and peace? Do we start our days with devotions and other helps to get us through each day? How easy it is for us to lose some of the excitement of being firm in our faith when our days are filled with appointments, commitments, family, and work. Maybe we need a boost now and then. LWML resources can be a great help. You can add their "Daily Devotions" to your data bank. "Two Minute Tuesdays" can come across your computer or cell phone with an easy sign up. These are just two ideas that are short and yet very powerful. Check out the web site [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) for LWML and you'll see all the helps that are available to you. God bless you as you fill up your data bank.

In His love,  
Karen Devan





## Christ's love shining through you Eastern District Legacy of Love

### Giving Twice Provides Double Impact

Ever wondered how someone could give all their wealth to the family they love, while at the same time giving all of it to ministries that are special to them?

Such planning is not only possible but affordable! It's often more beneficial than you might realize.

Giving twice can be arranged in several ways. One method is to take out an **insurance policy** that would pay a death benefit to family members on the life of a donor, or in the case of a couple, on the life of the survivor. The insurance premiums could come from discretionary assets that are often not used by people during earthly life. At death, estate assets are given to ministry while the insurance proceeds replace that entire amount of the estate and goes to family beneficiaries. They are left with cash, free of tax and probate costs.

Another way to experience the impact of "giving twice" is to set up a **charitable trust** that pays income to family for a period of up to 20 years and then distributes any remainder in a lump sum to ministry. The principal is invested over that twenty-year period in order to replace the income payments. For example, a five percent income distribution over 20 years will distribute the total amount set aside in a charitable trust and,

assuming an annual five percent earnings rate, will preserve the entire original amount for distribution to ministry.

As an additional benefit, the "life income" arrangement detailed above offers a repeating income stream for beneficiaries who may be disposed to spend everything right away. Providing an income flow for certain beneficiaries may bless them rather than bringing the "curse" that their own management could produce.

Whether with created lump sums or structured income over time, charitably minded people have options that result in an opportunity to give twice, doubling the impact of love to family and support for the Gospel.

### Looking Forward to 2017!

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## Eastern District LWML RECYCLES

**Inkjet Cartridges, Laser Jet Cartridges,  
Cell Phones, Laptops, etc.**

**Items may be brought to any zone meeting, rally, workshop or event or any district meeting, event, retreat or convention.**

**The only accepted items are: Name Brand Inkjet and Laser Jet Cartridges such as:** Hewlett Packard (HP), Lexmark, Apple, Dell, Minolta, Canon, IBM, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp, Xerox, Kodak. **AND Cell Phones, Smart Phones, PDAs, Pagers, iPods, MP3 Players, Laptop Computers, GPS Systems, Tablets, eReaders, iPads and notebooks.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The recycling company does wipe all data from cell phones/laptops/mp3 players/ any item they receive that has data on it. If, for some reason, the data cannot be wiped from the device, the device is destroyed.

Please do **NOT** turn in Toner or Toner tubes, Epson Brand ink cartridges, Remanufactured or Refilled ink cartridges, Generic brand names ink cartridges, copier cartridges, printing ribbons, printers, computer monitors, fax machines, portable and/or landline phones, TV remotes or ink tanks.

If you have any questions, please contact **new District Recycling Coordinator Alice Pfonner at [alicepfonner@aol.com](mailto:alicepfonner@aol.com) or 716-873-9377.**

Please note the contact person for only Central New York North Zone is Pat Clark.  
Please contact her at [patsyjeanclark@gmail.com](mailto:patsyjeanclark@gmail.com).

Recycling Companies are becoming more restrictive on their requirements;  
please contact Alice or Pat if you have any questions.



## NEWS FROM THE VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES—Dee Grzyb

## HAPPY FALL



I love this time of year. The leaves begin changing from green to vibrant colors of red, yellow, purple (LWML), orange, and magenta and the Sunflowers are still in bloom. Tall majestic flowers, bright and cheery they have a sun (Son) like appearance that makes them a crowd pleaser.

I happened to be on the internet researching Sunflowers and found that they symbolize adoration, loyalty and longevity. Much of the meaning of sunflowers stems from its namesake, the sun (Son) itself.



**Gospel Outreach** engages, encourages, and equips women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, with people of their communities and the world. God wants you to be yourself when sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He has chosen you, and given you the privilege of sharing that joy and excitement of your faith with others. Being a Christian is a blessing, and the joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident to everyone.

My example of Gospel Outreach is of a woman who I met at a garden club meeting a few years ago. Germaine was battling cancer at that time, going through chemo and yet she was at the meeting, with a big smile and a warm welcome for all. A wonderful woman, always willing to help, always cheerful, brave and determined.

Germaine was famous for her Crackly Ginger Cookies. There were times she didn't feel well enough to attend our meeting but she would have someone bring her cookies to us.

I didn't realize it when I first met her, but Germaine and her family would yearly plant a field of Sunflowers. I loved to frequently drive by the field and look at those beautiful, tall, majestic flowers that God had created. Germaine's Sunflower Field was well known and brought joy to all who visited it. Wedding parties would go there to have pictures taken and she and her husband would be there to greet them. Others would stop to view the flowers and take pictures as well.

This year Germaine and her family did not plant Sunflowers as she was too ill. In August Germaine died and is with her Lord and Savior. At the wake there were beautiful floral arrangements sent as a tribute to her and yes, many of them contained Sunflowers.

I believe that Germaine's Gospel Outreach was her field of Sunflowers, the joy they brought to those who visited, and her gifts of love, kindness, perseverance, cheerfulness, and thoughtfulness. Germaine touched a number of people with her Sunflower field and the way she practiced her faith. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would follow her example? **Dee E. Grzyb**



The LWML Eastern District is requesting applications for YWRs to attend the 2017 LWML Convention June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque. **Applications are due to the Leader Development Chair Krystal Harmon-Burton by January 6, 2017.** These guidelines are suggestions to empower our Young Woman Representative program to have the greatest effect on the young women of our district. The YWR Application can be found on next page.

### What Is a Young Woman Representative?

Any mature young woman who is preferably 22-35 years of age, a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attended a national convention as a YWR may become a Young Woman Representative. A YWR has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention. A YWR will fill out the application completely and honestly, and return it to the district by the date it is due. A YWR is willing to be away from home/work for the entire convention and the travel time involved to attend. A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting with her district delegation, though she will not be able to vote. A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the district, zone or society that nominated her. A YWR will actively seek to be involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.

### Guidelines for Selecting an LWML Young Woman Representative—The YWR should:

Have a strong relationship with her Lord. Everything will flow from this. The significance of the LWML and the convention experience will hold great meaning for her. Her faith will encourage her as she carries out her YWR duties and responsibilities. Have some knowledge of the LWML. She will gain much from her national convention experience if she understands the basics of the organization. Each district should make an effort to provide education and information for the YWR prior to the convention. Know what is expected of her on the district level after the national convention, whether that is speaking engagements, attendance at district events or YWR committee work. Have experience or potential in at least two of the following areas: speaking, leading, recruiting, or encouraging. Since she will be expected to impact others with her convention experience, skills in these areas would be helpful. Have a desire to make a difference. Enthusiasm to learn and be involved is a must! This YWR will be more willing to assume the responsibilities given her by the district and serve in a sincere, dedicated manner.



**Young Woman Representative Application**

June 22-25, 2017  
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church or in your community?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for your district?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
- 6) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?
- 7) The convention will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. Do you intend to participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, "Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?" Have her state her name and relationship to you.

***Serve the Lord With Gladness***

# News From Around The Zones

## ANTHRACITE ZONE

There were a number of ladies from the Anthracite Zone that enjoyed the Speakers and Beautiful town of Binghamton. The hotel was lovely and very friendly staff. Besides the ladies and some husbands our young Women Rep, had a lovely time and made some new friends. She is planning to go to the fall Retreat as are a number of ladies.

We are looking forward to our Fall Rally, Speaker Carsten Bjornstad who served in the mission field for many years. He will be speaking on Changes in the Mission field. Discussing how technology has influenced and changed the work of missionaries throughout the past several decades.

**Dawn Corbin, Anthracite Zone President**

## BUFFALO ZONE

We met at Pioneer Camp in July for our annual picnic. Wendt Shelter was occupied so we met in Hickman Hall. It was a very hot day with no breeze. Thankfully there was a large fan to help us with the humidity. We had a great time and amazing food. The Chinese auction is one of my favorite activities. I love to see what everyone brings. It's also a good way to recycle books.

This will be my last post as the Buffalo Zone president. I will be handing the reins over to the next elected president. It has been an honor to serve this zone. I have grown in confidence and faith. Thank you to everyone for your help, your patience, and your friendship.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## CATTARAUGUS/ALLEGANY ZONE



LWML members from the Cattaraugus-Allegany Zone have been faithful in collecting stamps to be trimmed and changed into bibles! The Erie society has a weekly "trimming party" which is attended by several members. Trudy Sallach continues to be our contact person for the stamp ministry. The photo shows Trudy Sallach and JoAnn Kaufer at our spring rally.

**Robin Swanson, Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone President**

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

We just returned from a wonderful LWML Retreat hosted by the Central NY North Zone.

Susan Bell, Chris Gasslein, Dorothy Koschmann and Susan Morris were able to attend from the Philadelphia Zone. The program theme was Love, Joy, Peace and was presented by Rev. Bjornstad, Rev.



Cory Eckstrom & Rev. Walters. It was so great to be able to have the worship service outside in the chapel facing Lake Erie! Great job, Central NY North!

The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board will meet on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. The Eastern & English Philadelphia Zones Fall Rally will be on Saturday, Oct. 29th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ewing, NJ, home congregation of English Philadelphia Zone President, Cherie Voorhees, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme, speaker and ingathering details are still being formulated. If you are in the area, please plan to attend!

**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

## PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Executive Board Meeting was held August 20, 2016 at Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills. Thirteen representatives, including our pastoral counselor Rev. Dan Hahn were present. Details for the upcoming Fall Rally were discussed. It will be held at Grace Lutheran, Universal on October 15, 2016. The monetary ingathering will be for Concordia Home, Renton. The main speaker will be Rev. R. McCants from Unity Lutheran, Homewood, who will share about the "After School Program" at his congregation.

Election of officers -- for president, 2nd vice president and secretary will be part of the rally agenda. Voting on the recipient for the 2017 Prayer Service offerings will also be decided. Electing our two delegates and alternates for the National LWML Convention will be voted upon as well. Encouragement will be given to "keep gathering those MITES for the Mission Grants and trimming (NOT tearing) those cancelled postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society!" -- both ongoing endeavors of our Eastern District LWML.

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Pittsburgh Zone president**

*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district 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*

### Stamps for Missions

#### PLEASE, PLEASE CUT --NOT TEAR--

Please cut-not tear-the respective stamp off the envelope with a scissors, leaving approximately 1/4 inch around the entire stamp. This will be "most helpful" --- saving time and effort by others who would have to spend hours later --- trimming and trying to rectify the situation. A special THANK YOU for your cooperation in this matter --- AND for supporting this project. By the way, close to 200 pounds of stamps are presently being prepared for the Canadian Bible Society.



**From Judy Nordell—New Stamps for Missions courier—**My family and I made our first delivery of stamps to the Canadian Bible Society and had a tour of the facility. Each 10 lb. box of stamps is sold to a collector. This provides 10 Bibles for their Prison Ministry. They were so appreciative of our donation.



**2017 Convention LWML  
37th Biennial Convention**

**June 22-25, 2017**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Theme:  
"Jesus Christ Above All"**

Scripture Verse: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

**Come to our Diamond Dazzle Celebration at the 37th Biennial Convention  
June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico**



**37th Biennial Convention  
Eastern District Lutheran  
Women's Missionary League**

**June 1-3, 2018  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Hosted by the Niagara Zone**

**Theme: The Voice of the  
Lord  
Enlightening, Electrifying  
and Empowering**

**Psalms 29:3-4**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



<b>June 22-25, 2017</b>	LWML National Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico
<b>March 10-11, 2017</b>	EC/BOD Meeting Canastota, NY
<b>Sept 15, 2017</b>	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
<b>Sept. 15-17, 2017</b>	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 1-3, 2018</b>	ED LWML Convention Niagara Falls, NY

#### Report of the Financial Secretary—Ruth Schian

April 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016

Mites: \$11,050.19

Memorials given in remembrance of (June 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016):

Donna Kruger  
Darlene Strussenberg  
Roger Gasslein  
Kathleen Heise

Monies given in honor of (June 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016):

2016 ED YWRs  
Susan Bell  
Ruth Wurster  
Rev. Cory Eckstrom  
Beth Quinn  
Confirmation Class CMLC  
Janet Pawlak

Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to ensure that all are paid. Please forward money to our new District Financial Secretary Judy Morrison, her contact information can be found on page 9 of this LINK.





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