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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

This past Fall, I attended the Anthracite Zone Fall Rally on October 7, 2018. Donna Dreier was elected to be the new Zone President. We thank Dawn Corbin for her many years of service. I also attended the Philadelphia Zone Fall Rally in Ewing, NJ on October 20, 2018 with ladies from both the Eastern and English Districts. I hope to visit many Zone events in the Spring.

I, along with Beth Quinn, Sharon McGuan and Becca Fuddy were able to attend the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, November 7-10, 2018. Kathy Pavelock also attended as the LWML Information Technology Committee Chair. She helped with some of the sessions and kept the main meeting room's screens running smoothly! We learned a lot and will be sharing our knowledge with everyone over the next year or so. Watch for meeting days and times to share this information!

On March 1-2, 2019 we will have the Spring LWML ED Board of Directors meeting in Malvern, PA. The meeting notice will be sent out in January. Save the date now and plan an extra day or two to tour the Philadelphia area if time allows.

The information and registration materials for the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama came out in the Winter 2018 Quarterly. Housing reservations open on January 2, 2019 and early discounted Convention Registration begins February 1, 2019. The best way to ensure you are confirmed at the LWML room rate is by booking your registration online. Go to lwml.org/2019-convention to access the hotel weblinks. If you have never been to a national LWML Convention, consider going! You won't regret it!!

Christmas will be over when you get this, but I pray you all had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and were able to give to others and enjoy your families. I was able to participate in a gift choosing and wrapping for Veterans to give their loved ones, which was very rewarding. I pray you had similar experiences serving others.

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

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***Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13***

It's hard to believe that another season of Advent has come and gone – or has it? Sometimes we forget that the season of Advent/Christmas is to remind us to be in constant preparation for Christ's second advent. God the Father promised that He would send "the Anointed One" (Messiah) and He did. God has fulfilled His promise and the Law by sending us His Son Jesus Christ. God will again fulfill His promise when He sends His Son, Jesus Christ, in the clouds at the end of the age. The desire and the longing of every Christian's heart is the return of the King of Kings. This is why we exhort, "Come, Lord Jesus." Time is flying and soon the Christ will appear, so let us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, work with haste to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ while it is still day light. Because the evening is drawing near when no one will be able to work.



Rev. Sean Walters – LWML Eastern District, Senior Counselor



LWML 38th Biennial Convention

Date: June 20–23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a)

Convention Goal Statement: Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will:

Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word.

Tell of His salvation for all.

Declare His glory among the nations.

Go forth in His joy!

Deadlines

March 1, 2019 Names of Certified 2019 LWML Convention Delegates and Alternates

Convention Information and Registration - see the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly latest edition

There are many gift from the heart items being collected and many servant event opportunities and tour options. Please see the latest edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly or the LWML website www.lwml.org/2019-convention for more details.

ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS – NOVEMBER 7-10, 2018



sisters in Christ gathered to worship, praise, and learn new ways to engage our members, pastors and potential members in the LWML.



President Patti Ross

Besides the general sessions, there were eight breakout sessions covering basic protocol, mission grants, resources and more resources, leadership techniques, using technology, engaging volunteers and reaching various generations and cultures. Between the four attendees all breakout sessions were experienced by at least two.

Each district put together a plan to bring the information back to their respective district. For our district there will be five events to disseminate the information. The first will be at the Spring Board of Directors meeting March 1-2, 2019. The other four events will be regional, also being planned for 2019:

1. Anthracite/Philadelphia,
2. Buffalo, Genesee, Niagara,
3. Central New York North and South,
4. Pittsburgh

Susan is working with the zone presidents to schedule. Please continue to keep these women and our counselors in prayer as they plan these events for you.



Susan Bell, Beth Quinn, Sharon McGuan, Kathy Pavelock (LWML Technology Committee) and Becca Futtty



Susan playing "Purple Feud"

NEWS FROM THE Leader Development Committee Chairman Becca Futtty



Becca and Eva

Greetings from the Leader Development Committee!

I was blessed to attend the Assembly of Leaders gathering in November, and one of the things it really reinforced was my love of community - especially my community of LWML sisters! It's so much easier to lead when you feel supported and connected. With that in mind, The Eastern District Leader Development Committee has created a **Facebook group** to help connect and support the young women of our district. We invite every young woman (typically 21-35) who is on Facebook to join us. The group is called "**Young Women of the Eastern District**". You can search for it and simply ask to join! If you'd like to share information about this group with your church simply email me at rebeccafuttty@gmail.com and I can send you a bulletin blurb or graphic for your website.



**Leadership
Development**



The Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Team
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To contact us, please see page 9 of the LINK.



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



Stamps In Action! Thank you to the many women who collected stamps over the summer for the Canadian Bible Society (CBS)! My husband Tim and I had the privilege of delivering the stamps to Toronto the day after Thanksgiving and meeting Kandis Cornwall, the society's new Volunteer Coordinator. Tim took our picture so you could "meet" Kandis and "be with us" as your stamps were delivered.

The Canadian Postal System was on strike part of this holiday season, so the Canadian Bible Society will be particularly grateful to receive stamps from us this year. Kandis smiled at me and said, "Stamps are just like the Mites! They are small, but mighty!" The stamps are used to buy bibles for "The Key to Freedom" program; a mission to share the gospel with men and women in prison. The bibles are given to the prisoners by chaplains who report that God's Word is

having a mighty impact. Chaplain Bill reports:

"I cannot imagine this ministry being as relevant to the lives of the inmates we meet without the Keys To Freedom Bibles. We have seen more men saved in jail in the last two years than any other time, and the Canadian Bible Society has played an important role in that!"

So ladies, again thank you and please continue collecting! Just a thought, I asked our whole congregation to help us. We are asking for members to give us all their Christmas envelope stamps. Let's see what happens! It is my prayer Tim and I will have to ask my daughter, Amy, to use her van on our next trip!



GUIDELINES FOR THE STAMP PROGRAM

Stamps collected are combined to create "charity boxes" and are sold to stamp collectors and vendors. The revenue generated allows the CBS to purchase Bibles for Canadian prisons.

- ◆ 1 pounds of stamps = 6 Bibles for distribution

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING

- ◆ KEEP THE STAMP ON THE ENVELOPE
- ◆ CUT OUT THE STAMP LEAVING ¼ INCH BORDER AROUND THE ENTIRE STAMP, CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE PERFORATIONS
- ◆ PLEASE COLLECT STAMPS ON WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED ENVELOPES, NO DARK ENVELOPES
- ◆ ASK YOUR CHURCH, OR SOCIETY TO COLLECT THE STAMPS
- ◆ IF YOUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING, PLEASE PUT A STAMP COLLECTION BOX IN YOUR CHURCH NARTHEX, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACE
- ◆ ASSIGN A PERSON TO GATHER THE STAMPS AND TURN THEM IN AT ANY ZONE OR LWML EASTERN DISTRICT EVENT. IF YOU BRING THE STAMPS TO A ZONE EVENT, YOUR ZONE PRESIDENT WILL GET THEM TO THE DISTRICT STAMP COORDINATOR, SHARON MCGUAN (MY CONTACT INFO IS ON PAGE 9 OF THE LINK).

Grants in Action

The Rochester Spanish Mission and the Reverend Luis Javier Flores have purchased a variety of Spanish worship materials for children and adults to support the mission outreach to the Hispanic population of Rochester, NY. These purchases were made possible as a result of a 2016 – 2018 Eastern District Grant (Grant #4). The LWML Eastern District praises God that this grant, its funding and all the purchases have been completed and we pray these materials will bring the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus to the people in the Hispanic community. The Eastern District also wishes to thank Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, NY for all their assistance to the LWML Eastern District and the Hispanic Church in Rochester in facilitating the ordering of materials. We especially thank Reverend William Miller for his kind assistance.

To God be the Glory!

GRANT 1 FUNDED

We thank God that our first Grant for the 2018-2020 biennium has been paid. Grant 1 (\$5000) is for funding for a summer day camp at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY. Keep collecting those Mites and sending them in so that we can reach our Grant goal this biennium.



I pray the Lord Jesus fills your hearts with His joy and peace in 2019 as you reach out with the Gospel and share His redeeming love with everyone you meet.

In His Service,

Sharon McGuan

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

THE QUILTERS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BATAVIA NY



The quilters of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Batavia, NY had the opportunity to share our quilting process with other women of the Presbyterian Church in Bergen. They were interested in how we do our process and where the quilts are shipped and how many hands literally make light work. We enjoyed our morning with them, showing them our "steps" to quilting. A few of them stayed for lunch and our Bible Study led by Jackie Blank on The Shepherds Peace from the latest Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Our quilting group is open to anyone who wants to join us on Tuesday mornings. Our small circle of women (8-15) combine their talents, hearts, and love to put together these quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We usually hit our goal of 200 yearly. What a joy to

be able to share what we do with yet another group of Christian women who will combine their efforts now to provide warmth and comfort where God sees the need.





**Legacy
of Love**



WHAT IS IT?

An *Endowment* to make a lasting impact on the *Ministry of the LWML Eastern District* for years to come.

WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

Gifts will benefit *Scholarships, Leadership Training* and *District Ministries*.

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

Via the *District Financial Secretary* or a *Legacy Gift* through your *Charitable Estate Plan*.

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Mark 12:42 "And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny."

In this reading we see the mite. In the LWML, the mite box is used daily by countless thousands of women, men, and children to raise the money needed to fund the various mission projects of the LWML. As an LWML steward, you know that what you are doing through the gift planning services is helping to build beyond that which is accomplished by the mighty mites. Guided by faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit has awakened in your heart the desire to build a foundation for future generations. Rejoicing in Christ, you as a LWML steward, are reaching out to assist women in the years to come.

NEWS FROM THE PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone ladies had the pleasure to join their sisters and brothers in Christ at the combined (English and Eastern Districts) Philadelphia Zone Fall Rally, in Ewing, NJ under the theme "Selflessly Sharing the Knowledge", 2 Kings 5:3. As Christians we are called to spread the gospel whenever and to whomever the Lord puts in our path. Pastor Koontz's message centered on mission is never extra and we are to be known as bearers of Good News. The ingathering was for two organizations - Concordia Lutheran Mission in Lebanon County and 4KenyaKids orphanage. Pastor Koontz's congregation, Mt. Calvary, Littiz, PA (English District) is the sponsoring congregation for the mission plant. Praise be to God for these two mission opportunities.



Pastor Woody Mather provided a first person monologue on Naaman, a commander of the army of king of Aram. A young girl from Israel had been taken captive in Damascus and served Naaman's wife. She was very much aware of God's saving presence and selflessly shared that knowledge with her captors. The women of Bethany shared a skit written by Cherie Voorhees Marching in the Lord's Army. The fellowship, food, and opportunities for spiritual uplifting made it a glorious day.

Our Spring Rally is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2019 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH QUINN



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COPYWRITING/LICENSING FOR MUSIC

Do you include songs in your zone or society events? Are you aware that like books, music (words and score) is copyrighted? If you need help securing permission to use words or music scores for your events, I can provide assistance.



Rejoicing with you in the Savior's majesty Beth Quinn – 610-761-0263 – beth@quinnfamily.net

Serve the Lord With Gladness

Save the date
for the
38th Biennial Convention



June 12-14, 2020



DoubleTree by Hilton
6301 NY-298
East Syracuse, New York

2020
VISION "Live by Faith"
based on 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Hosted by the Central NY North and Genesee Zones

For more information, visit:
<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org>



*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*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1-2, 2019	EC/BOD meeting Malvern, PA
June 20-23, 2019	LWML National Convention Mobile, Alabama
Sept. 20-22, 2019	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 12-14, 2020	LWML ED Convention Syracuse, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018
Mites: \$6,728.68

Memorials Given in remembrance of
(September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018)

In Memory of:
Dolores Heilman
Joan Sullivan
Marie Jackson
Judy Onderdonk

Given by:
Susan Bell
St. Paul Adella Society
Catt-Alleghany Zone
Gerry and Sharon Fuerch

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



Don't forget to check out the LWML
Eastern District website
east-dist-lwml.org
And the LWML website
lwml.org
For updates and current resources.

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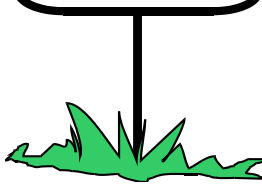
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Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1



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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14)

This year started out with me representing you at my first National Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis, January, 23-26! In addition to meetings, we got to see the new LWML Headquarters on the campus of Concordia Seminary and also saw the International Lutheran Church Missouri Synod headquarters! Of course, there was lots of talk about the upcoming National Convention in Mobile, AL and the need for mites before March 31st.

Send your mite money to your Zone Treasurer early and often!

On March 1-2, we held the Spring LWML ED Board of Directors meeting in Malvern, PA. We welcomed new Zone Presidents: Donna Dreier from the Anthracite Zone and Diane Olmstead from the Pittsburgh Zone!

Excitement is building for the National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL, June 20-23! Registration has been open since Feb. 1st and ends on June 10th. In addition to me, the LWML Eastern District is being represented by 9 delegates representing 8 of our 9 zones, 2 YWRs (Amy Prince, Philadelphia Zone and Julie Tapp, Niagara Zone), Rev. John Zimmerman as our Pastoral Counselor, and many others attending as alternates and guests. If you are unable to attend the Convention, please pray for those who will be attending.

The Central New York South Zone is busy with preparations for the Fall Retreat. Katie Schuermann will be our speaker on the theme "Listen, Look, Leap" from Proverbs 3:5-6. The registration form is in this issue of the LINK! Registration opens on May 1st. Your registration cannot be postmarked before May 1st! We look forward to seeing many of you at Retreat!

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

**God bless,
Susan Bell**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
(Matthew 28:19)*



**LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 2019**



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"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." - Romans 6:3-5 (ESV)

We often hear this Scripture reading at Lutheran funerals, it's part of the Funeral Service rite when the baptismal pall is placed over the casket bringing a beautiful remembrance of Holy Baptism. These words from Romans are full of great comfort. It keeps us focused on what matters. You dear believers in Jesus have been baptized into the

death AND resurrection of Jesus.

As Christians, it's our joyful duty to share the good news of eternal life far and wide. This is what we gather to do in the LWML: to share the Gospel and to build up one another in the Faith. It's a joy-filled calling. This Lent and Eastertide, keep your focus on Christ's death AND resurrection. See how it changes everything. Humans are no longer bound by time, we're eternal. Christians get to share in the blessings of Jesus Christ's eternal life in heaven. As fellow believers, we get to spread this free gift of salvation far and wide. What a joy-filled calling to share in.

Keep this Gospel focus throughout your earthly journey before being called home to heaven to life with the Lord and all ransomed believers from throughout time. Let your involvement in LWML be outward focused, centered on the work of the Church, making disciples of all nations.

Rev. John Zimmerman
Junior Pastoral Counselor
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LWML QUARTERLY PAYMENTS: Societies/ individuals are still asked to send in their donation for the LWML Quarterly/LINK to their Zone Treasurer. The rate for the LWML Quarterly is set by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors and is currently \$7.00. This rate includes the cost of the Quarterly plus a 50 cent contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District LWML LINK newsletter.

Please note that the Quarterly prices are increasing from National in 2020. Eastern District bulk subscription will change with the Summer 2020 issue. If you have a subscription directly with national, the price increase occurs with the Spring 2020 issue. Individual subscriptions will be \$7.50.

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NEWS****ITS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS
FOR THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM**

Mission Grant Packets to help you write and submit Mission Grant Proposals for the 2020 LWML Eastern District Convention are available from your Zone President or Cheri Briggs, Mission Grants Chair. They will also be available on the LWML Eastern District web site www.east-dist-lwml.org! The Mission Grant Packet includes everything you need to help you write and submit your mission grant.

The packet includes: a cover letter from the committee, an informative article “Mission Grant Proposals: How To Get Started”, a copy of the Mission Grant Guidelines and the Mission Grant Application Form. If you need additional assistance please call Cheri Briggs, Julie Tapp or Sharon McGuan and they will be happy to help you. (Their contact information can be found on page 11 of this LINK)

The deadline for Mission Grant Proposals is October 15, 2019. So, please BEGIN NOW! How? By asking God's Spirit to help you identify a ministry, or special need, in your church or community that could benefit from an LWML Eastern District Grant. Ladies of our district who sponsored the 2018 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center Day Care Grant, or the 2018 Care-A-Van Ministry Grant, can share what a joy it is when God opens your eyes to a need in your community and then privileges you to see that need met by the Grace of His Mighty Mites!

**STAMPS FOR
MISSIONS****STAMPS FOR MISSION NEWS**

Please keep those stamps coming. Kandis Cornwall, of the Canadian Bible Society is asking us to double our efforts as the Canadian Postal strike took a toll on the number of stamps collected in Canada.

Remember to cut ¼ around the stamps, put them in a baggy and turn them in to your stamp chairman. If no one in your church has that title, please consider volunteering! Congregational collectors please take your stamps to any zone event, or your zone stamp contact person. Eventually all stamps make their way to a district meeting, or event and the stamps are taken to Toronto. My husband, Tim, and I make a day of it, so there is no cost to the district to deliver the stamps.

The stamps are sold to buy Bibles for prisoners. The Bibles are personally delivered by Chaplains who continue to meet with the prisoners. Go to the Canadian Bible Society web site to read about the program and “hear” the stories of God's love at work!

“I was in prison and you came to visit me.... Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:36b and 40

**LEADER DEVELOPMENT
NEWS**

As President Susan shared in her opening article, we have two fantastic young women, Julie Tapp, from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Lockport, NY, Niagara Zone and Amy Prince from Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA, Philadelphia Zone representing the LWML Eastern District at the LWML National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. We hope they have a fantastic time at convention and that the Lord uses this experience to draw Julie and Amy closer to Him!



May the Lord bless you as you journey through Lent and celebrate Easter Joy!
Sharon McGuan, Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

At the March 2nd LWML Eastern District Board of Directors meeting in Malvern, PA, Karen Devan, of Central New York North Zone and Donna Dreier of Anthracite Zone were elected to serve on the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. They will serve with Sharon McGuan (LWML Eastern District Bylaws states the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources serves as the Nominating Committee Chair). The committee will be accepting nominations for the following offices of the LWML Eastern District to be elected at the 2020 Convention in Syracuse, New York:

Vice President of Communications, whose duties of service include:

- Coordinator of the Communications Department
- Reporting to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Maintaining a comprehensive mailing list and membership information
- Receiving orders for Lutheran Women's Quarterly, and maintaining a record of copies

NOMINATE NOW!

Recording Secretary, whose duties of service include:

- Recording minutes of all meetings of the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD
- Supplying minutes of EC and BOD meetings to the LWML District EC and BOD and Convention minutes to all societies
- Receiving delegate credentials prior to the LWML Eastern District Convention
- Submitting a written report for the convention manual
- Sending a copy of minutes of LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings to the National LWML President

Financial Secretary, bonded at District expense, whose duties of service include:

- Keeping an itemized account, by zone, of all receipts
- Depositing all monies remitted by the zones
- Sending deposit slips monthly to the Treasurer
- Submitting a financial report to the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings
- Submitting records for financial review annually
- Submitting a written report for the convention manual

Pastoral Counselor, whose duties of service include:

- Serving in an advisory capacity
- Serving on Standing Committees in an advisory capacity as assigned by President
- Attending all LWML District Conventions and meetings of the EC and BOD as a non-voting member
- Attending LWML National Conventions as directed by the Executive Committee
- Submitting articles to the Editor for publication in the LWML District LINK
- Submitting a written report for the convention manual

Nominations may be received for elective office from LWML members of societies and zones. With the exception of the Junior Counselor, candidates for the other elected positions shall be members of the LWML and have served on an LWML Board of Directors. Please see page 11 of the LINK for Nominating Committee contact information.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon McGuan, Nominating Committee Chair

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN MID-ATLANTIC BRANCH REOPENS



We are overjoyed to announce a wonderful new workplace at 8 Federal Road in West Grove, PA, where we opened officially January 16th! Located in the Jennersville community just off Route 1 south, the warehouse is clean, well-lit and heated (with roof vents for warm summer days), has two nice bathrooms, a conference room, full kitchen, and a security system. In addition to ample parking, loading docks and drive-in capabilities, we have a large office space for breaks and devotions. We are in awe of our good

and gracious Lord!

The property was the original headquarters for Dansko Shoes. Altruistic owner Peter Kjellerup, leases it to non-profit organizations as part of a philanthropic mind-set to "give back" to the community. Not only does our landlord support us, but other building tenants have already come forward to volunteer their time and help.

After eviction from our Wilmington warehouse last August, weeks passed without news of a viable future home. Then branch manager, Cliff Kraft, announced a potential warehouse in a geographic area not yet considered.

After touring the warehouse in early November, we discovered the property to be a vast improvement over any we had leased in our history and the lease was soon signed.

Hours for volunteering and receiving donations are now once a week on Wednesdays from 10am to 2:30 pm. For other delivery times please call Assistant Branch Manager, Rob Hall, at 484-459-9217. We encourage you to come and see our new location.

"Thank You!" everyone for your steadfast prayers and support. For more information visit www.ogt.org, or email carlaniesen@verizon.net.



LWML 38th Biennial Convention

Date: June 20–23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a)



Convention Goal Statement: Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will:

Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word.

Tell of His salvation for all.

Declare His glory among the nations.

Go forth in His joy!

Convention Information and Registration - see the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly latest edition

There are many gift from the heart items being collected and many servant event opportunities and tour options. Please see the latest edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly or the LWML website www.lwml.org/2019-convention for more details including speaker information, Mite Walk information and forms, Golf Outing information and everything you need to know about convention.

REGISTER SOON, HOTELS ARE FILLING UP

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo Zone has been very busy in the last year:

In April we presented the mini retreat "Be Still and Know" at First Trinity with close to 40 people in attendance. Sharon McGuan, Marge Albert and Bonnie

Sugrue led sessions on God's rest and God's peace. We also created paperbag scripture devotion booklets. Then President Kathy Pavelock led a devotion and shared District and National updates. Pastor Sprehe blessed the surgical caps to be donated to Oshei Children's Hospital.

In September we met at Faith, Elma where we had a presentation from Jericho Road Ministries Priscilla Project which provides housing and support for socially isolated and at-risk pregnant women, especially new immigrants. We had a baby shower ingathering of baby supplies to be donated to the project. In addition, we presented them with a Children's Bible and Adult Bible in their languages.



In February we met at Pilgrim and continued our surgical/prayer card ministry to Oshei Children's Hospital where we sewed and put together more surgical caps to be donated.

Our next event will be May 4, 2019--Caring for the Homeless Event, which will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Seneca, NY. Guest speaker Deborah K. Tyler, Project Director of The Burrito Project from St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY will share information about this ministry which makes and serves burritos and beverages and distributes blankets and warm clothing to the homeless on the streets of Buffalo. We will also be donating cookies and making blankets to donate to this ministry.

Something awesome happening in the Buffalo Zone: St. Paul Lutheran Church's LWML society in Batavia, NY is growing and thriving, enjoying great attendance (15-20+) at monthly meetings September through June, bonding of women in their church, a healthy treasury to support expenses and leading the Buffalo zone in mite donations. Their secret to success? Creating a theme, setting dates, coordinating the Bible study/devotion with an in-gathering for local missions and creating a booklet with all of this pre-planned information which they distribute to every woman in the church. They keep the business meetings very short, allow for plenty of social time, have the meetings in the evening to allow for those with daytime jobs to attend and collect mites as well as a treasury offering at each meeting.



The ladies of the Esther Circle from Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Kenmore, NY enjoyed making hundreds of chocolate suckers and dozens of bags of chocolate hearts to raise money for our 2019 Mission Projects. The best part of making chocolate was enjoying the fellowship! Recent Mission Projects include: Hearts for the Homeless, Pilgrim's Special Needs Fund, and Lutheran Bible Translators.

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone is having their spring board meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran in Philadelphia. Topics on the agenda include final planning for the spring rally, bylaw changes, and nominations for the meeting at the rally.

The Spring Rally is April 27th at Holy Cross Lutheran, 500 E. Mount Pleasant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. We will be meeting under the theme, **For the Least of These.** 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of

mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40 NIV

Mike Dahl, Executive Director, of Broad Street Ministry will share with us Radical Hospitality to

the homeless people of Philadelphia. Their mission is: We transform our city, our institutions, and ourselves when we embrace the individual needs of our most vulnerable sisters & brothers. An ingathering of toiletries, new socks and underwear, jeans and other clothing items will take place. Come join us!



IN MEMORIAM



Ruth Hope, at the age of 102 was called home to her Lord January 24, 2019.

Ruth was two time president of the LWML Eastern District from 1962-1966 and 1990-1994. Ruth was a cherished member of the Buffalo Zone, active in her church and community. Ruth inspired many to become involved with LWML. She is now happily serving her Lord with gladness face-to-face!



GENESEE ZONE

ABIDING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE & ENCOURAGEMENT

Lutheran Women In Mission Invite all women to a time of fellowship, education, spiritual growth and outreach

JOHN 15



Vine And Branches

**April 6, 2019
9:30-2:00**

**St. Paul, Hilton
\$5 Fee, Lunch Provided**

Guest Speaker: Linda Gage She will be speaking about the Gifts of Love Ministry and ways we can share our faith.

Bible Study: Donna Pyle We will go over the first lesson in her study Where Love Abides based on John 15:1-17

Service Project: School Kits We will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief from donated items

Outreach: Bless the community



Speaker Linda Gage is a Gift Planning Counselor with LWML for the Gifts of Love Ministry.

Gifts of Love is an official ministry of LWML which has been assisting LWML women and their families over the past 10 years in making the very best gifts to their family and all ministries of the church.

Linda joyfully serves as a guide to help LWML members transfer their God-given blessings to the people they love, and the ministries they care about, by putting a prayerfully-considered Charitable Gift Plan in place. She will give us an overview of what this entails and provide resources for your use at home.

Please contact Rebecca Bessell

RLB54@rochester.rr.com

With any questions. Please RSVP to Rebecca by April 1.

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

For many years the ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Hilton, NY have been making quilts which have been donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). For the past few years the LWR truck has made their western New York stop at our facility. This past year the ladies shipped off 61 quilts which were accompanied by many more quilts and kits from the other area churches.



In October 2018 the ladies from St. Paul wanted to participate in a service project so they made the trip to the LWR warehouse in New

Windsor, MD. There they were put to work sorting and packing hygiene kits for most of the day. It was a great trip and they plan to do it again.

NIAGARA ZONE

The Niagara Zone LWML Spring Gathering will be held May 18, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church Lockport NY for 9:30 to 2 (registration at 9).

We will be hosting members of the Buffalo Zone



for an event that will start with a devotion by Pastor James Zang focusing on Lydia, a woman who managed a business, a household and was a follower of Christ.

Following Pastor Zang we are looking forward to a presentation by Bev Wicher introducing some Visual Faith practices; and then using some of those tools to focus our study and retain what we learned with an activity to follow-up Pastor's presentations on Lydia.




After a short business meeting, Eastern District President Susan Bell and Sharon McGuan VP of Outreach/Organizational Resources, will present materials from the National

Assembly of Leaders. This is an opportunity to have National Level training brought to the local level. We are looking forward to both the opportunity to gain better skills and to joining with our sister Zone

Please continue to hold our former Zone Counselor, Pastor Robert Hoffman and his wife Terry, in our prayers as he continues to recover and we look forward to their being home soon!

Save the date



F 2 C o r i n t h i a n s 5:7
OR
WE LIVE
BY FAITH,
NOT BY SIGHT 12-14

38th Biennial Convention
June 12-14, 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton
 6301 NY-298
 East Syracuse, NY

Hosted by the Central NY North and Genesee Zones

For more information, visit
<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org>



Do you have a will?
Is it time to update your will?

Something to think about if you have not already thought about it is to include a Christian Preamble. What a great opportunity to have a statement of your faith included in your document. If you would like more information please feel free to contact us either by phone or email.

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LWML Gift Planning Counselor



UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------------------------|---|
| June 20-23, 2019 | LWML National Convention
Mobile, Alabama |
| Sept. 20, 2019 | EC Meeting, Camp Pioneer |
| Sept. 20-22, 2019 | Fall Retreat
Camp Pioneer |
| June 12-14, 2020 | LWML ED Convention
Syracuse, NY |

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

December 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019
Mites: \$6,198.78

Memorials Given in remembrance of:
 (December 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019)

In Memory of:	Given by:
Marion Schultz	St. Paul Adella Society
Judy Onderdonk	Concordia Lutheran Church, Genesee Zone
Ruth Kearn	Concordia Lutheran Church
Ruth Hope	Dorothy Koschmann Ruth Wurster
Pam Johnson	Susan Bell

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.

Witness to others with your own LWML Eastern District Shirt



Proceeds support the LWML Eastern District Mission Goal!

To order or for more information:

Contact Kathy Pavelock, KMPavelock@aol.com

Or visit <http://east-dist-lwml.org/events>



Fall Retreat
September 20-22, 2019
Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center
"Listen, Look, Leap" Based on Proverbs 3:5-6



Our speaker for this year's retreat is Author Katie Schuermann, baptized child of God, pastor's wife, godmother, daughter, sister, aunt, soprano, tree climber, raspberry picker, herb gardener, and day-dreamer. She also is the author of *He Remembers the Barren* (LL, 2011; 2nd ed, EP, 2017), *Pew Sisters* (CPH 2013), *House of Living Stones* (CPH, 2014), *The Choir Immortal* (CPH, 2015), *The Harvest Raise* (CPH, 2017), and *He Restores My Soul* (EP, 2018). Her "earthy and joyful" voice is as refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann's words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery's *Avonlea* and Herriot's *Yorkshire countryside*. No doubt, Schuermann's cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her stories, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her writing.

Registration opens May 1, Registration form can be found on page 10 of this [LINK](#)

LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2019 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, 2019** to:

Mrs. Susan Bell
 814 Dover Court
 Downingtown, PA 19335

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



Additional Notes regarding registration:

Founders Court Cabins 29-36: if single occupancy is requested, an additional fee of \$40 (set by Pioneer) is required

Canine Policy - the person/family must contact Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center to request policy and pay the fee for the canine that is accompanying the person/family to retreat. Contact Pioneer for the cabins in which the canine and person/family can be housed. Pioneer has set aside certain housing for the person/family with canines.

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2019
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
September 20-22, 2019



LISTEN, LOOK, LEAP Proverbs 3:5-6
Speaker: Katie Schuermann
Hosted by Central NY South Zone

Name:					LWML Zone:		
Address:					Home Church:		
City:					Church City & Zip:		
State:		Zip:		Phone: ()	Email:		

If this is your **FIRST TIME** attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: ☐ Yes! I'm very excited!

FULL - TIME	FULL TIME							
	> Registration Per Person includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals, Linens						\$155.00	\$
	> Additional Cabin Fees: Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage/ Karkau Lodge \$150.00 (to be paid in full by first registration occupant)						Additional Cabin Fee	\$
	> Late Fee if postmarked after Sept.1, 2019						\$ 25.00	\$
	NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit is required with Full-Time Registration						Payment Enclosed	\$
							Balance Due	\$
	PART-TIME							
	Registration Fee (per person)						\$ 15.00	\$
	> Lodging (please circle) Friday Saturday # of days x \$43.00							\$
	Please provide your room preference below under lodging.							
PART - TIME	> Meals (please check which ones):							
	_____ Friday Dinner						\$16.00	\$
	_____ Saturday Breakfast						\$ 10.00	\$
	_____ Saturday Lunch						\$ 13.00	\$
	_____ Saturday Dinner						\$ 16.00	\$
	_____ Sunday Breakfast						\$ 10.00	\$
	> Additional Cabin Fees: Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage/ Karkau Lodge \$150.00 (to be paid in full by first registration occupant). Additional Cabin Fee						Total	\$
	> Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2019						\$ 25.00	\$
	NOTE: A \$25.00 minimum deposit is required by Part-Time Registration						Payment Enclosed	\$
							Balance Due	\$
LODGING	Standard Cabins:							
	Founders Court 29-36 (2 single bed cabins)							
	Schroeter Circle 1-8 (Each Cabin has 10 Bunk Beds)							
	Deluxe Cabins: (Extra \$50 for the weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration).							
	Founders Court 38-41 (One Queen Bed & One Bunk Bed)							
	Founders Court 42-45 (One Queen Bed & One Sofa Bed 2-4 Occupants)							
	Family Court 14 (Handicap Accessible - One Queen Bed, 2 Occupants Required)							
	Family Court 15 (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Beds)							
	Family Court 16 (Queen Bed & 2 Bunk Beds)							
	Family Court 17, 19, 21 (Queen Bed)							
Family Court 18, 20, 22 (2 Bunk Beds)								
Family Court 23, 24 (1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a Queen on the bottom, Twin on the top)								
Woodland Cottages & Karkau Lodge: Extra \$150/ weekend. FULL PAYMENT is required with first occupant registration.								
Woodland Cottages 9-13 (Queen Bed, 2 bunk beds, living room, dining room, kitchen, pull out sofa)								
Karkau (4 twin beds, kitchen, AC, Living Room, microwave, fridge)								
SPECIAL NEEDS	ROOMMATE(S):			CHURCH/GROUP:				
	Special Needs:			Lower Bunk:				
	Hearing Impaired:			Dietary:				
	Other:							
NOTES:								
> Registration deadline September 1, 2019 (Postmarked no later than Sept. 1)								
> Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by Sept. 1, 2019 or incur \$25 late fee								
> All requests are on a first come, first serve basis.								
> No registrations accepted before May 1, 2019. Must be postmarked no earlier than May 1st.								
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 Eastern District President.								
NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE: A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.								
***Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District ***								
*MAIL completed REGISTRATON FORM, PAYMENTS & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (for return confirmation)								
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Registrations sent without stamped envelope will receive an email confirmation								

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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14)

I pray everyone had a blessed Holy Week and Easter! Right after Easter, my home church started a 40 day study called "The Red Letter Challenge" in which we did our best to follow Jesus' words. Check it out at: redletterchallenge.com

On May 4, Beth Quinn and I were able to attend the Spring Rally in the Central NY South Zone and were hosted by Anita & John Getty. We presented sections of the Assembly of Leaders information we had learned in November, 2018 in St. Louis.

On May 18, I traveled to Lockport, NY to go to the Niagara Zone Spring Rally where Bev Wicher was presenting on visual faith ministry! In attendance also were ladies for the Buffalo Zone and Rebecca Bessell from the Genesee Zone! Sharon McGuan and I presented sessions from the Assembly of Leaders materials.

By the time you read this, the LWML National Convention will be over and the trip to Mobile, Alabama will be a fond memory! We will have a new National President and our delegates will have done their voting and returned home. I pray all who attended, including our YWRs, had a blessed time and are excited to share what they learned!

The Central New York South Zone is busy with preparations for the Fall Retreat. Katie Schuermann will be our speaker on the theme "Listen, Look, Leap" from Proverbs 3:5-6. Registration opened on May 1st, but there is still time to sign up! Come enjoy a relaxing, spiritual time in the Word and by the beautiful shores of Lake Erie!

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

God bless,
Susan Bell



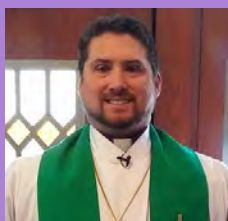
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

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



COUNSELOR'S

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The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,



One of my most favorite things to do during the summer is camping. I love being outdoors, surrounded by God's creation. To me God's creation is awe-inspiring; every landscape has its own unique beauty and individuality as though each one is God's own fingerprint upon His creation that identifies it as His own.

When admiring God's creation, I can't help but think of Psalm 19. The awe that I feel is not just from the beauty that my eye beholds, but the declaration of God's glory coming from His creation that is all around me. There are no words, voices or songs, but all of creation declares God's glory in speech and songs of praises.

All of creation, from the earth to the edge of the galaxies praises its Creator, Keeper, and God. It may be a little sappy, but when I view God's beautiful creation, I can't help but hear Chris Tomlin's song, "How Great is Our God," playing in my head. Often times I sing along in an act of deep worship for the God who created all of us and all of nature. God is worthy of all praise from His creation, because even though all of creation is stained by sin, God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son to redeem us and to restore His relationship with all creation. That is our most awesome God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All creation is filled with His glory.

As you enjoy your summer, make sure you take plenty of time out to worship our God. All creation does, night and day they declare the glory of God. God created this world for your enjoyment, but creation's true purpose is to glorify its Creator, which it does with such loving beauty.



Rev. Sean Walters – Eastern District, LWML, Senior Pastoral Counselor.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE SPECIAL FOCUS—LINDA BREIGHT



Ezekiel 37 talks about the land of dry bones. Have you seen any dry bones lately? I was asked that question by a pastor recently. Yes, we see dry bones every day. We see people that don't know their Lord and Savior, Jesus. We, as Pentecost people, are filled with

the Holy Spirit to be able to share that saving message of our resurrected Christ to the dry bones today

How can we do that? Touch people in their lives where there is a need. Give blessing bags to the homeless, quilts to Orphan Grain Train, thank the janitor at the rest stop, pray for our mission grants, etc. Our zone recently helped make reusable sanitary kits for the organization Days for Girls. Many girls must miss school at that time of the month because they have no way to care for their personal hygiene. This organization also teaches the girls about hygiene, fertility, and safety when they are given their kits.

There are numerous ways to breathe the life of the Holy Spirit into the dry bones that we meet. May God bless you as you seek to serve Him with your hands, feet, lips and voices to fill those dry bones.

Linda Breight, VP Christian Life/Special Focus



The official Lutheran Women's Missionary League Podcasts are now available!

LWML on the GO, has premiered with session one Praying the Psalms, authored by Sheila Lutz, based on Psalm 39, which is centered on our spiritual journey. How appropriate as Lutheran Women in Mission we begin this new journey with devotional podcasts.

Prepare to listen as Rebecca Futti, LWML Eastern District Leadership Development Chair narrates each weekly prayer session, accompanied by devotional music.

You can subscribe via any podcasting app you choose. If you need help finding a way to listen please contact Becca at rebeccafutti@gmail.com. For more info please visit: <http://www.lwml.org/podcast>

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES—SHARON MCGUAN**THE GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES TEAM**

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Structure Co Chair – Robin Swanson, Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone

Stamps for Missions Coordinator – Sharon McGuan, Buffalo Zone

LWML Eastern District Nominating Committee

Sharon McGuan, Chairman

Karen Devan, Central NY North Zone

Donna Dreier, Anthracite Zone

To Contact us, please see page 11 of this LINK

**Gospel Outreach****What Is Gospel Outreach?**

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to engage, encourage and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, with people of their communities and the world

And in true Lutheran fashion we ask.....What does this mean?

God wants us to be our self when sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He has chosen us, and given us the privilege of sharing the joy and excitement of our faith with others. Being a Christian is a Joy and Blessing, therefore the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident to all!

**LWML National Young Woman
Representative's Thoughts
About Attending Convention**

I am very excited to attend the LWML National Convention as a Young Woman Representative (YWR). I'm excited to network with the other YWR and look for ways that we can bring God's grace and love to those who have yet to know Christ as well as find ways in which we can better service our communities. I look forward to hearing new ideas and getting ideas that we can bring back to help our local LWML groups and our communities as well.

Amy R. Prince

**LWML Eastern District Young Woman Representative
Philadelphia Zone**

**STAMPS! STAMPS! STAMPS!**

Thank you to all LWML members who have submitted stamps this past quarter! Special thanks to Adaline Busch, member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in North

Tonawanda for cutting thousands of stamps from her congregation! Each stamp brings us closer to placing a Bible in the hands of a person serving in prison. Each Bible is presented personally. Prison Chaplains distribute the Bibles and strive to make a personal relationship with each recipient. If you look at the Canadian Bible Society web site, you can read about this ministry biblesociety.ca.

Remember, please cut ½ inch around each stamp. BUT do not throw stamps away if you got a little too close AS LONG AS THE PERFORATIONS are all intact. Also, please no stamps on dark envelopes.

I hope to receive lots of stamps from your Spring Zone events and summer meetings at our September Pioneer Retreat! May God grant that these little stamps be used to His glory! -
Sharon



NEWS FROM VP GOSPEL OUTREACH AND MISSION GRANT COMMITTEE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the Spring LINK, we mentioned it was time to start thinking about Mission Grant Proposals for our 2020 LWML Eastern District Convention. But now that summer is here, it is time to contact a mission, or ministry that has been on your heart and mind and encourage them to fill out a Mission Grant Application!! Cheri Briggs, our Mission Grants Chair, has made it easy for you to help these ministries submit a grant. Please go to our Eastern District website <http://east-dist-lwml.org> and you will find everything there that you need to submit a grant. You can download and print all the materials off the website. If you do not have access to the web, please email Cheri at CBriggs109@yahoo.com or Julie Tapp at tapp7309@yahoo.com, or call Sharon McGuan at 716 803 3767 and we will send a Mission Grant package to you. If you need help, or encouragement, contact us. We are here to serve you with gladness!

The Mission Grant submission deadline for the 2020 Convention is October 15, 2019!! So please, challenge yourself to seek out a mission and begin now!

May God Our Heavenly Father so fill our hearts with the love of Jesus that we act, as prompted by His Holy Spirit, to seek out and assist ministries to apply for our Eastern District LWML grants that they may be blessed. To God be the Glory! Amen.

P.S. This challenge is also for me. I have recently contacted two ministries I believe would benefit from an LWML Eastern District Mission Grant. The first ministry I contacted is an established Recognized Service Organization (RSO). They are used to filling out grant applications. I have sent the Mission Grant packet to them. They will probably only need a couple calls; first to make sure they received the materials and that everything in the packet makes sense to them. Come September I will call them again to make sure they have everything in order for the October 15th deadline. The second ministry may need a little more encouragement. I may need to spend a little time with them to make sure they understand our criteria for a viable grant. The criteria are all laid out in the mission grant packet, BUT talking it out with them may be helpful. They may need help getting the correct signatures, or some other aspect of submitting the grant, but I know I can call Cheri Briggs if I need some help. So, as you can see, I am learning too. It is my prayer that at least one of the ministries God has led me to contact will be on the ballot at the June 2020 convention! May the Lord lead us all as we seek out the ministries He would have on our Mission Grant ballot next June. - **Sharon**

NOMINATE NOW!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Sharon McGuan, Karen Devan and Donna Dreier are busy serving as the LWML Eastern District Nominating Committee. We have contacted several people who are prayerfully considering nominations for district office in 2020. Nominations are still open for the following offices to begin serving a four year term after the June 2020 LWML Eastern District Convention in Syracuse, NY. Please prayerfully consider members of your society or zone to nominate for district office. All candidates, with the exception of the Pastoral Counselor, shall be members of the LWML and have served on an LWML Board of Directors.

Vice President of Communications, whose duties of service include: Coordinator of the Communications Department, reporting to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, maintaining a comprehensive mailing list and membership information, receiving orders for Lutheran Women's Quarterly, and maintaining a record of copies

Recording Secretary, whose duties of service include: Recording minutes of all meetings of the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD, Supplying minutes of EC and BOD meetings to the LWML District EC and BOD and Convention minutes to all societies, receiving delegate credentials prior to the LWML Eastern District Convention, submitting a written report for the convention manual, and sending a copy of minutes of LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings to the National LWML President

Financial Secretary, bonded at District expense, whose duties of service include: Keeping an itemized account, by zone, of all receipts, depositing all monies remitted by the zones, sending deposit slips monthly to the Treasurer, submitting a financial report to the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings, submitting records for financial review annually, and submitting a written report for the convention manual

Pastoral Counselor, whose duties of service include: Serving in an advisory capacity, serving on Standing Committees in an advisory capacity as assigned by President, attending all LWML District Conventions and meetings of the EC and BOD as a non-voting member, attending LWML National Conventions as directed by the Executive Committee, submitting articles to the Editor for publication in the LWML District LINK, and submitting a written report for the convention manual

We welcome your nominations!! Please contact Sharon McGuan stmcguan@gmail.com, or 716-803-3767 to make a nomination. If I do not answer my phone, please leave a voice message. Thank You!

Respectfully submitted, Sharon McGuan, Nominating Committee Chair

Mission Grant Impact Report

GRANT 1 UPDATE



good program for a first year.

Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center was the recipient of Grant #1 for the LWML Eastern District 2018-2020 biennium for their new Day Camp Program. They held 5 weeks of Day Camp for a total of 164 different children. During the day, they attended chapel, Bible Study and participated in meal prayers and songs. They played together and were a part of all camp activities. Each week there were 3 Christian Counselors with the group and they taught the children about the Bible and the Gospel. It was a very



GRANT 2 UPDATE



Care-A-Van Ministries, Inc.

Seeking to reach those in our community for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ

Care-A-Van Ministries was established in May of 2000 to be a street outreach ministry. The Care-A-Van vehicles and volunteers are the tools to bring prayer, compassion, love, hope, food and clothing to those in need in the area of Batavia, NY. Care-A-Van ministries received a grant #2 from the LWML Eastern District for the 2018-2020 biennium. This is how they used their grant monies for this year's Strawberry Socials!



As we all know our seniors sometimes get neglected which is why we do this. Every year we go to seven senior living facilities to share strawberry shortcakes with them. With each visit we open in prayer. We usually have someone come and do music, and even have sing a-longs. There is always visiting time with the seniors while they are consuming the yummys, and might I add we join right in and enjoy with them. This year we served 302 strawberry shortcakes



Sometimes we even have people ask us to pray with them. One lady this year was offered prayer and she refused so I asked her why and she told me that over the years she has lost almost all of her faith and doesn't know what she believes...what an awesome time I had to encourage her with scripture and assure her that God didn't leave her. I told her we would be praying for her every day that God would reveal Himself to her, she smiled and walked out...we do pray for her every day now knowing that God will speak to her and she will be restored. This is just one example of many opportunities that we have by being involved in people's lives.

Many of these folks are lonely and sad and it is just such a blessing to be able to go, make them laugh and bring them a little bit of hope. This summer we will be going to 5 of these places and doing a cookout for them. Each cookout will have a 10-minute message to let them know how much God loves them and there will be fellowship and worship music being played by the Care-A-Van worship team. We also do a Christmas program with them at Christmas time.



What better way to show the love of God than to love them ourselves! How will they know we care if we don't go out and share? Sometimes we are the only church people will get. We are blessed, honored and love what God has us doing for the Kingdom here on Earth and hope that He finds us faithful.

We would like to thank you once again and we hope you know the impact the ministry is making in peoples lives because of your support.

May God Bless you All.....and Keep The Light On!

Paul Ohlson, Director, Care-A-Van Ministries

GRANT 3 UPDATE



Mercy House received a grant #3 from the LWML Eastern District for the 2018-2020 biennium. We are very grateful for this grant award. It will help us to purchase medical supplies for our Residents. Thank you for your generosity and giving to those in need.

Linda Cerra | Executive Director
Mercy House of the Southern Tier

News From Around The Zones

ANTHRACITE ZONE

The Anthracite Zone held their Spring workshop in May at Faith Lutheran Church in Herndon PA. We enjoyed a presentation of Mission trips through Lamp (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) by Pastor Jeff Swords from St John's Lutheran Church in Angola NY, along with Peter an elder from the same church. Lamp's theme for Lent was Gods Grace For This Generation, which was the theme for the workshop. Thank you to Faith Lutheran for a wonderful day.

Donna Drier, Anthracite Zone President



The second part of the program featured LWML Eastern District President Susan Bell, and Vice-President of Gospel Outreach and Organizational Resources, Sharon McGuan sharing short sessions from the National LWML Assembly of Leaders including, Enhancing Communication Skills, Leadership Resources, Ways to Maintain and Appreciate Volunteers, and Changes Ahead. The Assembly of Leaders sessions were interesting and enlightening. We can all use refresher courses on communicating with others, maintaining and appreciating volunteers, how to be a more effective leader realizing change occurs every day and how to deal with it.

It was nice to gather with our sisters of the Niagara Zone, and hopefully we be able to have similar joint events in the future.

Dee Grzyb, Buffala Zone President

BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone Spring event was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca NY on May 4, 2019. Deborah Greatrix Tyler of the Buffalo Burrito Project spoke to us about their mission of making and delivering Burritos to the homeless on the streets of Buffalo every Tuesday. They also hand out snacks, coffee, water, blankets, socks, underwear and other needs weekly. What an inspiration! After the presentation the ladies tied 10 blankets and put together 7 boxes of bagged cookie snacks, with prayer cards made by the students of Trinity Lutheran School, West Seneca NY. to be distributed to the homeless through The Buffalo Burrito Project.



BUFFALO/NIAGRA ZONES JOINT EVENT

The Buffalo Zone was invited to attend the Niagara Zone Spring Gathering on May 18th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lockport, NY.

The morning program was entitled, "Lydia, Woman of Philippi: A Story of Hope, Courage, and Reliance on God". Reverend Alan Bauch, of the Niagara Zone, led the opening devotion based on the story of Lydia found in Acts 16. Bev Wicher, of the Buffalo Zone, was the morning speaker and introduced the ladies to Visual Faith practices sharing the many



ways you can connect to Scripture and enhance your prayer life through visual practices. We then participated in a Bible journaling activity based on the story of Lydia.

Although there isn't much information about Lydia in the Bible, Pastor Bauch and Bev Wicher, both gave us an in-depth look at this great leader.

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The women and men of the Philadelphia Zone met Saturday April 27, 2019 for our Spring Rally at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia under the theme of "For the Least of These", Matthew 25:40. Our speaker was Mike Dahl, Executive Director, Broad Street Ministry. He shared the concept of Radical Hospitality and the various services (meals, mail, mental care and health care) they provide the homeless population of Philadelphia. Radical Hospitality is treating the homeless coming for services as guests and getting to know them as individuals. Mike gave us three things we can do in response: 1) Speak up and out for the poor and homeless, 2) Volunteer at Broad Street Ministry or other similar missions, and 3) Raise money for organizations serving the vulnerable – radical generosity. Our ingathering for Broad Street included backpacks, jeans, hoodies, socks, underwear and toiletries. The photo pictures the ingathering items, Pastor Timothy Green, Holy Cross, Mike Dahl, Broad Street Ministry, and Beth Quinn, Zone President.



After lunch we colored note cards and wrote encouraging notes for the guests of Broad Street. Pastor Boymah, Christ Assembly is our new pastoral counselor, Chris Gasslein, Secretary, and Dottie Buerger, Treasurer. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and learning about Broad Street Ministry. Our Fall Workshop is in October with the theme "Follow the Leader".



Evelyn Spann celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on June 2nd. Evelyn is a long-time member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA. Susan Bell and Dorothy Koschmann from Christ Memorial celebrated with

Evelyn (left to right in photo).

Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone President



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NEWS RELEASE

LWML Sets 2019–2021 Mission Goal at \$2.1 Million

ST. LOUIS, June 24, 2019 — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 3105 people with 691 as first timers to the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019, under the theme "In Praise to the LORD!" The convention theme was based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a.

Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,100,000 mission goal for the 2019–2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 21 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin, TX (LSEM), \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa (LHM), \$100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP), \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit, \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala, \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation in Wyoming (WRLM), \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mobile, AL, \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW), \$100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy in Asia (Mission Central), \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL), \$30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE, \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa, \$62,650
16. Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries), \$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio), \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction (LCMS Office of International Mission), \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, \$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX, \$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission), \$39,523

The voting body elected the following to serve as officers, Counselor, and nominating committee:

Debbie Larson, Rocky Mountain District President	Sylvia Bean, Rocky Mountain District Nominating Committee
Marie Chow, Washington-Alaska District Vice President of Organizational Resources	Carrie Brumbaugh, Wyoming District Nominating Committee
Deaconess Betty Knapp, North Wisconsin District Vice President of Special Focus Ministries	Mary Harrington, North Wisconsin District Nominating Committee
Karla Koehler, Nebraska North District Treasurer	Crystal Miller, Nebraska North District Nominating Committee
Rev. Brian B. Noack, Atlantic District Junior Pastoral Counselor	Brianne Stahlecker, Nebraska South District Nominating Committee Chairman

Lastly, LWML President Patti Ross presented the newly designed LWML Mite Box, now available in the LWML Store. The LWML Convention was broadcasted via Livestream which may be viewed along with convention highlights at www.lwml.org/2019-convention.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

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Fall Retreat
September 20-22, 2019
Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center
"Listen, Look, Leap" Based on Proverbs 3:5-6



Our speaker for this year's retreat is Author Katie Schuermann, baptized child of God, pastor's wife, godmother, daughter, sister, aunt, soprano, tree climber, raspberry picker, herb gardener, and day-dreamer. She also is the author of *He Remembers the Barren* (LL, 2011; 2nd ed, EP, 2017), *Pew Sisters* (CPH 2013), *House of Living Stones* (CPH, 2014), *The Choir Immortal* (CPH, 2015), *The Harvest Raise* (CPH, 2017), and *He Restores My Soul* (EP, 2018). Her "earthy and joyful" voice is as refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann's words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery's *Avonlea* and Herriot's *Yorkshire countryside*. No doubt, Schuermann's cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her stories, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her writing.

Registration opened May 1, Registration form can be found on page 9 of this [LINK](#)

LWML RETREAT CAMPSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time campships are being offered for the Fall 2019 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, 2019** to:

Mrs. Susan Bell
 814 Dover Court
 Downingtown, PA 19335


All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



Additional Notes regarding registration:

Founders Court Cabins 29-36: if single occupancy is requested, an additional fee of \$40 (set by Pioneer) is required

Canine Policy - the person/family must contact Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center to request policy and pay the fee for the canine that is accompanying the person/family to retreat. Contact Pioneer for the cabins in which the canine and person/family can be housed. Pioneer has set aside certain housing for the person/family with canines.

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2019 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. September 20-22, 2019				LISTEN, LOOK, LEAP Proverbs 3:5-6 Speaker: Katie Schuermann Hosted by Central NY South Zone	
Name:		LWML Zone:			
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If this is your FIRST TIME attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes! I'm very excited!					
FULL - TIME	FULL TIME				
	> Registration Per Person includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals, Linens				\$155.00 \$
	> Additional Cabin Fees: Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage, Karkau Lodge \$150.00 (to be paid in full by first registration occupant)				Additional Cabin Fee \$
	> Late Fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2019				\$ 25.00 \$
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					Balance Due \$
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	> Lodging (please circle) Friday Saturday				# of days x \$43.00 \$
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					Saturday Breakfast \$ 10.00 \$
					Saturday Lunch \$ 13.00 \$
					Saturday Dinner \$ 16.00 \$
					Sunday Breakfast \$ 10.00 \$
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	> Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2019				\$ 25.00 \$
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LODGING	Standard Cabins:				
	Founders Court 29-36 (2 single bed cabins)				
	Schroeter Circle 1-8 (Each Cabin has 10 Bunk Beds)				
	Deluxe Cabins: (Extra \$50 for the weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration).				
	Founders Court 38-41 (One Queen Bed & One Bunk Bed)				
	Founders Court 42-45 (One Queen Bed & One Sofa Bed 2-4 Occupants)				
	Family Court 14 (Handicap Accessible - One Queen Bed, 2 Occupants Required)				
	Family Court 15 (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Beds)				
	Family Court 16 (Queen Bed & 2 Bunk Beds)				
	Family Court 17, 19, 21 (Queen Bed)				
Family Court 18, 20, 22 (2 Bunk Beds)					
Family Court 23, 24 (1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a Queen on the bottom, Twin on the top)					
Woodland Cottages & Karkau Lodge: Extra \$150/ weekend. FULL PAYMENT is required with first occupant registration.					
Woodland Cottages 9-13 (Queen Bed, 2 bunk beds, living room, dining room, kitchen, pull out sofa)					
Karkau (4 twin beds, kitchen, AC, Living Room, microwave, fridge)					
SPECIAL NEEDS	ROOMMATE(S):		CHURCH/GROUP:		
	Special Needs:		Lower Bunk:		
	Hearing Impaired:		Dietary:		
	Other:				
NOTES:					
> Registration deadline September 1, 2019 (Postmarked no later than Sept. 1)					
> Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by Sept. 1, 2019 or incur \$25 late fee					
> All requests are on a first come, first serve basis.					
> No registrations accepted before May 1, 2019. Must be postmarked no earlier than May 1st.					
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 Eastern District President.					
NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE: A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.					
***Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District ***					
*MAIL completed REGISTRATON FORM, PAYMENTS & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (for return confirmation)					
Anita Getty 318 North Road Middlebury Center, PA 16935 email: amgemt@ptd.net Phone: (570) 376-2143					
Registrations sent without stamped envelope will receive an email confirmation					

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH



proposal, Parliamentary procedures through a fun quiz and how to engage and maintain volunteers.

In May we were able to go to Central New York South and Niagara Zones. Some women from Buffalo and Genesee zones also attended the Niagara event. At these zone events we talked about culture and generations, change, leadership, and how to engage and maintain volunteers.



Central NY South

Some of the remarks from participants include:

- Thank you for your helpful tips on leading, volunteering, and recruiting "pew" (& younger) members
- I learned a lot about parliamentary procedures
- It is hard to explain how rewarding this is
- A lot of information that I never knew; more love and appreciation for LWML
- Change – it will happen and how we deal with it

Upcoming opportunities to learn about the Assembly of Leaders:

Fall retreat – sessions on Mission Grants and Resources
October 12 – Pittsburgh Zone
October 19 – Philadelphia Zone

Our goal is to reach many women in the Eastern District with information about the LWML today.

Speaking of retreat at Camp Pioneer, dates are September 20-22, 2019. Katie Schuermann, author leads us under the theme – "LISTEN, LOOK, LEAP" based on Proverbs 3:5-6. Come join us! Information is on our website (<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/Events.html>) and in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you who continue to provide me updates to the directory. If you need Quarterlies I accept increases anytime of the year; decreases only in March.

Thank you.



In Praise to the LORD!" Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20, 2019	EC Meeting, Camp Pioneer
Sept. 20-22, 2019	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 12-14, 2020	LWML ED Convention Syracuse, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

March 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019

Mites: \$10,579.29

Memorials / Honorariums Given:
(March 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019)

In Memory of:

Ruth Hope

Given by:

Claire Carlson

Legacy of Love given in Honor of:

President Patti Ross

Rebecca Bessell

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.



Legacy of Love



Acts 16:14 *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what said by Paul.*

Lydia was a woman of influence who had various resources at her disposal. She was moved by the Holy Spirit to believe the words of the Gospel as proclaimed by Paul that day by the river outside of Philippi. She then used those resources to continue to spread that message of salvation. The LWML steward acts in much the same way as Lydia as she uses her resources for the sharing of the Gospel message. Lydia "prevailed" upon Paul and the others to let her use those resources for their good. You, as a steward, are doing that as you invest for the future work the Lord has in store for the LWML and for the Church at large.

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The next deadline is September 1, 2019

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



Unique **FREE** Compassionate Opportunity for Lutherans in New York State!

Watching over a loved one who needs full-time care can be exhausting. As a compassionate onlooker, a desire to help is not always enough. Voice of Care, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is partnering with New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition to offer **FREE** training for individuals to become qualified respite care companion volunteers.

People who regularly provide care to a loved one with a disability or health need often suffer stress and exhaustion. Caregivers need help. By providing respite care – a short break covered by a trained volunteer – can be a welcome solution. Families receiving respite care are less likely to fall into destructive and unhealthy patterns and are more likely to reengage with faith communities. Lutheran congregations are uniquely poised to offer this compassionate ministry within the church and the community at large. Voice of Care is offering this training opportunity free of charge to Lutherans in New York State, with the help of [New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition](#).



REST [Respite Education and Support Tools] is a nationally recognized training program that equips volunteers with the necessary knowledge and confidence to provide short-term respite care. Voice of Care has customized REST to meet the needs of Lutheran congregations. In addition to certified training conducted by New York agency professionals, Voice of Care will work with LCMS congregations to establish the Biblical foundation for Disability Ministry. After REST certification, volunteers are properly equipped to serve as either an in-home respite care companion or help develop and run church-based “drop off” respite events. Voice of Care provides additional consultation to enable each individual congregation to discover its best approach to serving people with disabilities and their caregivers.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive **FREE** training to help your church meet a demonstrated need in your congregation and community? The New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition makes these classes convenient, especially for churches willing to host a training session. For more information, contact Deaconess Kris Blackwell, 630.234.1491 or vocexec@voiceofcare.org. Visit VoiceOfCare.org for more information about this ministry equipping churches to reach, serve and evangelize people with disabilities and their caregivers.

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Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

On September 1, I was at Christ Assembly Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for their 20th Anniversary! President Wicher and Bev were there, as well. It is a great time to celebrate the Lord's presence in this Liberian community.

By the time you read this, the LWML Retreat at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center will be over and a fond memory! We will have celebrated the Eastern District's 75th Birthday and enjoyed our guest speaker, Katie Schuermann! Thank you, Central NY South Zone for hosting this wonderful, spirit filled weekend!

The National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL was awesome! I was glad to share it with so many Eastern District sisters and brothers! Debbie Larson was elected President. She has her board together and has written some thoughtful and spiritual articles that assures me that she will be an outstanding, God fearing and loving President.

I will be in the Anthracite Zone on October 6 to share news of the national convention in Mobile. I will share Assembly of Leaders materials with the Pittsburgh and Cattaraugus-Allegany Zones on October 12 and with the Central NY North Zone on October 19.

Hope to see you at one of these events!

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

**God bless,
Susan Bell**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)





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For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." Romans 14:7-9 (ESV)

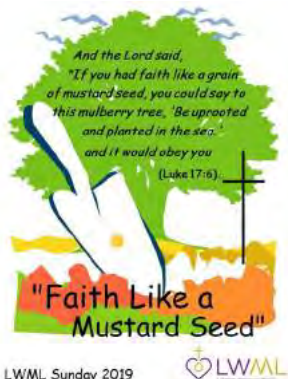
While writing about an issue on the matter of eating, St. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote this important instruction quoted above. Despite the hyper-individualistic American society that we live in, we Christians must recognize that we are not random free agents floating around this world. No, as St. Paul writes, we are the Lord's. What we do in this life matters. It is vital to remember that you are the baptized, redeemed believers in Jesus. It is from this reality that you can share the Gospel to those in your family, network and throughout the country and world.

And while no brief newsletter article can fully flesh out the nuances of St. Paul's writings, it is good to look at them for our lives together. Christ Jesus is your Lord, the Lord of the living. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you share in eternal life here on earth now and will live with the Lord in Heaven forever. That is the ultimate truth of your life, that is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that the LWML remains focused on sharing throughout the globe so that more people would hear and Lord willing, believe the Gospel.

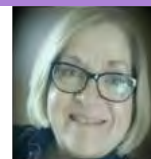
What a joy it is to be the Lord's people, to share in His everlasting love on this earth in the family of the Church and to know that we will rest with Jesus and all the redeemed saints in Heaven forever! With this sure, certain and eternal truth, may God continue to bless your efforts for the sake of the Gospel.

Rev. John Zimmerman
Junior Pastoral Counselor

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE SPECIAL FOCUS—LINDA BREIGHT



And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea.' and it would obey you." Luke 17:6



This is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019. "Faith Like a Mustard Seed" I know that we are gearing up for the Fall education programs at our church. We have had people from our congregation stand up and tell why Bible study is important to them. We are promoting our classes and praying for success. The Holy Spirit abides and grows that faith.

My encouragement to you is to look at all the great Bible study resources on lwml.org. Sign up to receive Mustard Seed devotions in your email everyday. Pray the monthly prayers for our National Mission Grant recipients. May God bless you as you stay in the Word and are strengthened by our gracious Father.

In His Service,
Linda Breight



Legacy of Love Endowment

Continue to let your light shine and provide a Legacy of Love gift! Consider a gift on a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary, to recognize someone you thank God for including our LWML District Leaders, or in memory of a dear loved one. Also include the LWML Legacy of Love Endowment in your Will or Trust. You will have the joy of knowing your gift will make an eternal difference in the future of the Eastern District Women! Thank you

For more information and ways you can give to the Endowment Fund, please contact:
Rebecca Bessell, Endowment Chair, rlb54@rochester.rr.com or 585.415.6368



LWML Eastern District 2020 Convention June 12-14, 2020 - East Syracuse, NY

The Central NY North and Genesee Zones will host the 2020 District Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in East Syracuse, New York. Start making your plans to save the date of June 12-14, 2020 to enjoy an inspiring convention, and visit the beautiful Central and Genesee regions of New York. Find out why Syracuse is called the "Salt City" (it's not because we use a ton of salt on the icy winter roads). You might like to come early or stay late to visit the renowned Finger Lakes Wineries.



DoubleTree by Hilton; East Syracuse, New York



2020 District Convention Logo
designed by Victoria Volkman Lien
and guided by Carolyn Krause

"We Walk By Faith" is the theme for the 2020 convention and is based on 2 Corinthians 5:6-7: *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.* The Convention Planning Committee thought up this theme using the year 2020 and 20/20 vision. As Lutheran Women in Mission we walk by faith. We don't need 20/20 vision to "see" that the Lord will lead and direct us in the right direction. We don't need to see, because **WE KNOW THAT GOD IS AWESOME!**

The Convention Planning Committee has held five meetings at a central location hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Auburn, New York. It has been a joy working side-by-side with our sisters in Christ from the neighboring Zone. Key convention planning committee positions include:

Chairman – Kathy Pavelock, CNYN
Co-Chairman – Judy Morrison, Genesee
Secretary – Rebecca Bessell, Genesee
Treasurer – Charlene Young, CNYN
Registration – Barb Fitzpatrick, Genesee
Eastern District Liaison – Barb Williams



2020 Convention Planning Committee
Liaison Barb, Chair Kathy, and Co-Chair Judy

The LWML Eastern District 2020 Convention Planning Committee is excited to have you visit us in Central NY and we are praying that many of you will attend what promises to be an inspirational weekend with your Sisters in Christ!. Watch for the January 2020 issue of "The LINK" for the registration form and the most up-to-date convention information.

Serve the Lord With Gladness

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES—SHARON MCGUAN

**THE GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES TEAM**

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To Contact us, please see page 9 of this LINK

**Gospel Outreach**

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to engage, encourage and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, with people of their communities and the world

And in true Lutheran fashion we ask.....What does this mean?

God wants us to be our self when sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. He has chosen us, and given us the privilege of sharing the joy and excitement of our faith with others. Being a Christian is a Joy and Blessing, therefore the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident to all!

What Is Gospel Outreach?

**LAST
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NOMINATE**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Sharon McGuan, Karen Devan and Donna Dreier are busy serving as the LWML Eastern District Nominating Committee. We have four Candidates who have verbally accepted Nomination for district office in 2020. Nominations are still open for the following offices to begin serving a four year term after the June 2020 LWML Eastern District Convention in Syracuse, NY. Please prayerfully consider members of your society or zone to nominate for district office. All candidates, with the exception of the Pastoral Counselor, shall be members of the LWML and have served on an LWML Board of Directors.

Vice President of Communications, whose duties of service include: Coordinator of the Communications Department, report to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, maintain a comprehensive mailing list and membership information, receive orders for Lutheran Women's Quarterly, maintain a record of copies and submit a written report for the convention manual.

Recording Secretary, whose duties of service include: Record minutes of all meetings of the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD, Supply minutes of EC and BOD meetings to the LWML District EC and BOD and Convention minutes to all societies, receive delegate credentials prior to the LWML Eastern District Convention, submit a written report for the convention manual, and send a copy of minutes of LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings to the National LWML President

Financial Secretary, bonded at District expense, whose duties of service include: Keep an itemized account, by zone, of all receipts, deposit all monies remitted by the zones, send deposit slips monthly to the Treasurer, submit a financial report to the LWML District Convention, EC and BOD meetings, submit records for financial review annually, and submit a written report for the convention manual

Pastoral Counselor, whose duties of service include: Serve in an advisory capacity, serve on Standing Committees in an advisory capacity as assigned by President, attend all LWML District Conventions and meetings of the EC and BOD as a non-voting member, attend LWML National Conventions as directed by the Executive Committee, submit articles to the Editor for publication in the LWML District LINK, and submit a written report for the convention manual

We welcome your nominations!! Please contact Sharon McGuan stmcguan@gmail.com, or 716-803-3767 to make nomination. If I do not answer my phone, please leave a voice message. Thank You!

Sharon McGuan, Nominating Committee Chair

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR YWRS



Thank you for the privilege of representing the Eastern District as a Young Woman Representative at the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. As a YWR we were busy from the moment we checked in. Our focus was learning the ins and outs of the LWML. Special memories for me is the time spent with President Patti, Jan Struck and Donna Pyle plus having an awesome roommate and partner in Amy Prince.

In Praise to the Lord!
Julie Tapp, 2019 YWR

When I think back on the 2019 LWML National Convention in Mobile, Alabama, I find myself in awe. It is hard to believe that in one week I was able to forge friendships that will last a lifetime, have my faith strengthened and had the opportunity to meet some of my Lutheran Women heroes like Donna Pyle, Jan Struck and Deb Burma. But I wasn't just blinded by the light of the "elite" or "Lutheran women royalty", I was constantly in awe of all these women who had faith so strong that not only mountains be moved but the Earth be changed entirely. Despite the world we live in, one filled with fear, anger, and violence; these women all came together in all their glorious purples and met one another in happiness and pure love for their sisters in Christ. This alone could have been a stand out of the convention and I would have been satisfied, but God had different plans.

While attending sessions and speaking with various vendors and presenters, I came to find a passion for missionary work stirring in my soul. Finally I was able to put words to this desire that had remained unnamed in me for so long. Soon, ideas and plans started to come together and I was blessed with a roommate that fielded these ideas and helped to fine tune them. I had always had a desire to help those in need and to "be that change I wanted to see in the world", but I didn't quite know how. But then God put these wonderful people in my path and soon opportunities were opening themselves unto me. While I'd love to say that I came back and started up missions after missions, but I prefer to keep life more realistic. The ideas I have are still in the planning stages and fine tuning and logistics have to be run, but it is my hope that I will one day see them begin and prosper, and that the dream I've held in my heart becomes a reality. And it is without doubt, with these women of the LWML, across the district, state, and nation, that these dreams can become a reality.

The experience is one for the books. In one week's time my faith was cultivated, my mind was stimulated and I had a group of women there to cheer me on to these goals that I found myself wanting to reach, wishing success on programs I wanted to bring back to our community. These women live to the motto "Serve the Lord with gladness". And they not only live this motto but they exemplify it. They encourage it in others and they shine this light of gladness unto those around them making strangers feel like family and being the cheerleaders to the young and old alike who dare to dream of a better world; a world that is Christ centered and powered through his redeeming grace.

I will forever be able to fondly recall my time as one of the LWML Eastern District's YWRs and it will always have been my honor to serve in that capacity. These are just snippets of how the conference impacted me. To say it was life altering seems to be diminutive. There are so many facets of the convention and so many results of the varying catalysts that have moved my faith journey forward. Let the work begin and the blessings flow! Thanks again to the LWML for giving me this wonderful opportunity. May God bless all of you and shine His light upon you.

God Bless, Amy R. Prince, 2019 YWR

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS



Thank you for bringing your stamps to our Pioneer Retreat and to your local zone events. My husband, Tim and I will be making a Stamp Delivery to Toronto early October.

Remember, please cut ½ inch around each stamp. BUT do not throw stamps away if you got a little too close AS LONG AS THE PERFORATIONS are all intact. Also, please no stamps on dark envelopes.

May God grant that these little stamps be used to His glory! - Sharon

MISSION GRANTS PROPOSALS DUE

Now is the time to complete your Mission Grant Proposals for our 2020 LWML Eastern District Convention! **The deadline to submit grants is October 15.**

Did you know that last biennium, four of the seven grants were brought forward by women in our district? It is a great blessing to the churches and organizations in our district to receive these grants. Is the Holy Spirit gently leading you to submit a grant application? In that case, Cheri Briggs, our Mission Grants Chair, has made it easy for you to help these ministries. Please go to our Eastern District website <http://east-dist-lwml.org> and you will find everything there that you need to submit a grant. You can download and print all the materials off the website. If you do not have access to the web, please email Cheri at CBriggs109@yahoo.com or Julie Tapp at tapp7309@yahoo.com, or call Sharon McGuan at 716 803 3767 and leave a voice message request. We will send a Mission Grant package to you. If you need help, or encouragement, contact us. We are here to serve you with gladness!

May God Our Heavenly Father so fill our hearts with the love of Jesus that we act, as prompted by His Holy Spirit, to seek out and assist ministries to apply for our Eastern District LWML grants that they may be blessed. To God be the Glory! Amen.

MISSION GRANTS UPDATE

Grants 1-4, have been paid. Please keep LWML Eastern District Mission Grants 5, 6 and 7 in your prayers! Give generously to Mites so these can be paid this biennium.

- **Project 5** - \$5,000 to provide perishable food to seminary students and their families at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne.
- **Project 6** - \$2,450 for the Lunchbox Summer Program in Hop Bottom, PA
- **Project 7** - \$2,450 to purchase Bibles for Nepal and China through the Sowers Ministry, Tonawanda, NY

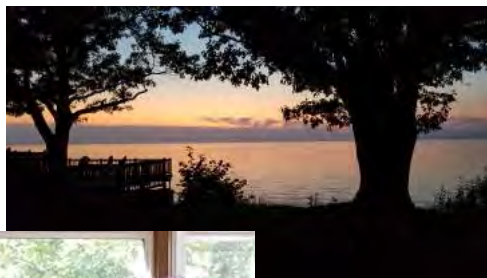
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News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

Our annual picnic was held on August 8th at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center at the beautiful Veterans Shelter overlooking the lake. We were able to hold our "Chinese Auction" at the shelter despite it being very windy. A total of \$73.00 was collected between the proceeds from the auction and donations. The monies will be split between the Buffalo Delegate Fund (to offset expenses for a delegate attending the LWML National Convention) and Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Thanks to all who helped with the setup.

Time for Dinner – Just as we were starting preparations for our pot-luck dinner, the winds really kicked up and the horizontal rain began to fall. God was good as we were able to move to Dahlman Hall to continue our party.

We had quite a collection of items for the ingathering for Our Savior Lutheran Church's six-week summer day camp. The Chapman's from Our Savior were invited to share dinner with us and talk about the day camp. The camp is from Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30pm where kids do sewing and crafts, field trips etc. There are retired teachers who volunteer to help the children scholastically. A few years ago, Our Savior was an LWML grant recipient for this project.

Following dinner, we heard from Bonnie Sugrue, Jackie Blank, and Sharon Wolff who discussed their experiences at the National Convention. Dee gave an update on the progress of mission grants paid for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Our next event will be held on Saturday, September 28th at First Trinity Lutheran Church – "Equipping Women for Service". Our speaker is Darlene Marcucci-Miller, a certified health coach trained at the Institute for Integrated Nutrition in NYC.

NIAGARA ZONE



The Niagara Zone will be meeting October 13, 2019, at 2 PM at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Lockport. Our speaker will be Joanne Lorenzo of the Magdalene Project. The Magdalene Project reaches out to women trapped in prostitution. Her topic will be ministry to women in the Ni-

agara County Jail. A business meeting and elections will also be held. And for something new and different, we will be trying a zone wide project, a Coat drive!

Our summer picnic meeting was hosted by Holy Cross of Middleport and was held in the Picnic Pavilion behind their church.. We heard enthusiastic presentations by Young Woman Rep Julie Tapp and our Zone Delegate, Shellie Knupp. Shellie used her skills to make a book to share.

We wanted to follow up that the Buffalo Zone joined our spring meeting that was held on May 18th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lockport. The morning started with



a short Study on Lydia by Pastor Alan Bauch. Bev Wicher shared how Visual Faith Ministries connect what we study in God's Word to the visual and kinesthetic sense to focus by taking aspects

of Lydia's story into her presentation.

The Second part of the day, was an Assembly of Leaders presentation by LWML Eastern District President, Susan Bell and VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Sharon McGuan. The workshops were "Reaching Cultures and Generations", "Engaging and Maintaining Volunteers" and "Change is Good... You Go First!". The presentations were very well done with interesting and relevant training. It was good to be together with our sisters in Christ.



PHILADELPHIA ZONE

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) was the theme verse for Christ Assembly Lutheran Church's 20th anniversary celebration over Labor Day weekend. The festivities started Friday August 30th with a Thanksgiving Service, Saturday a fun picnic at Naylor Run Park with food, games and fellowship, and culminated with worship and anniversary service Sunday September 1st with song and dance. President Chris Wicher was the guest speaker. The service was followed by a feast of blessings.



Pastor & Bev Wicher
Pastor & Comfort Boymah

Christ Assembly came into existence out of a fellowship known as African Christian Fellowship established by the Reverend Arthur W. Zogar in 1994. Through the collective efforts of Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries (PLM), Lutheran Church – Eastern District, and Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), Christ Assembly was incorporated and became a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in January 1999. The women of Christ Assembly joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League also in



Youth Dancers

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March, 2020	BOD Meeting Syracuse, NY
June 12-14, 2020	LWML ED Convention Syracuse, NY
Sept. 18-20, 2020	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 24-27, 2021	LWML National Convention Lexington, Kentucky

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 1, 2019 – August 31,
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Mites: \$4,344.06

Memorials / Honorariums Given:
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In Honor of:

2019 Confirmation Class

Given by:

Beth Quinn

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.

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

MISSION IMPACT REPORT: The Care-A-Van ministry was a recent recipient of an LWML Eastern District Grant. They were able to accomplish phase 1 of their project—serving strawberry socials at seven senior living facilities, reaching yet another community in need

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Do you receive this great resource through a personal or church subscription? At the national convention I attended the Quarterly Luncheon. Contributors to the magazine were highlighted and editor-in-chief Nancy Graf Peters shared how the magazine is put together and answered many questions. Did you know that some of the Bible studies in the Quarterly have leader guides you can download from the national website? Check this link

for the Fall issue <http://www.lwml.org/lwq-fall-2019>. This link also includes answers to many of the questions raised at the luncheon in Mobile.

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