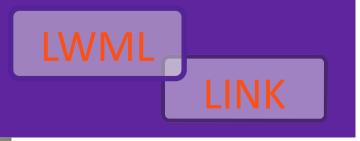


Distric

Zone

societ

Vomar





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)

As we open 2021, I want to encourage you, in these troubling times, to do what LWML women do, we carry on, we get creative! We stay in God's word, we have devotions and pray with one another, we are inspired to share His gospel and continue to collect mite offerings for His work in His kingdom!

With that in mind and wanting to keep our ladies connected, I will be hosting a Zoom sharing meeting

on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. It will be open to all women and pastors of the LWML Eastern District. The first one will be on Tuesday, Jan. 19th. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend! Send me your e-mail address if you don't think I have it. The Zoom meeting will be open 15 minutes before and 30 minutes after the hour meeting to chat! We will be growing in God's word, meeting a Pastor, highlighting a mission grant, getting technology updates, etc.



Our LWML National Convention is coming up, June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, KY under the theme "Running the Race...Looking to Jesus." All of the registration and hotel information is in the Winter Quarterly. I did speak with President Debbie Larson. If the Convention has to go virtual, your hotel and most of your registration fee will be refunded. So, go ahead and register!

Put Sept. 24-26, 2021 on your calendar. That will be our Eastern District Retreat at Lutherlyn in the Pittsburgh area. The Buffalo Zone is hosting under the theme, "Can Do With Jesus" referencing Philippians 4:13.

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 <u>you</u> 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!

Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
75 Years

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)



On Christmas Morning, the Gospel read for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord comes from the prologue of St. John's Gospel account. The first five verses are known well by believers the world over. For this devotion, I will reprint them here:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5 ESV)

Despite the craziness that 2020 has brought us so far and who knows what 2021 will bring us, let us confess with boldness and joy this truth: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it! Jesus continues to shine His light in this sin-drenched world. It is our privilege and duty as baptized believers in Jesus to share His light onward to the world. For whatever the Devil and world may throw at us, nothing will separate us from the Love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8).

And before we get too far ahead of ourselves with planning for 2021 or beyond, let us remember the teaching from the Epistle of St. James:

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:13-16 ESV)

Dear fellow redeemed, let us keep seeking the Father's will for our lives and what we do here on earth before He calls us home to our eternal inheritance with Jesus. This year has been a doozie, yet know that Jesus promised after His Resurrection to be with you all, until the close of the age (Matthew 28). Rest in the joy of the forgiveness found in the Babe of Bethlehem, who humbled Himself and took on our sins, giving us the best Christmas gift ever: eternal life!





In Christ,
Pastor Zimmerman
Senior Pastoral Counselor





The first of Five "P's" of Christian Gift Planning starts with prayer as we ask for God's guidance in putting together a plan that will transfer the blessings entrusted to you to the people you love and the ministries you care about in a way that will bear fruit that will last.

There is no easy answer to this process but it begins and ends with **prayer** throughout as we seek God's will. In a perfect world, a family inheritance will include discussion with children, grandchildren or other heirs. Planned ministry gifts will include discussion with ministry leaders to gain a clear vision for future ministry plans. Connecting gifts with those plans will maximize their effectiveness.

For help thinking this through, contact us, your LWML Gift Planning Counselor Advocate or Counselor to see how we can assist you with expressing your faith through your Christian Estate Plan. LWML provides free, professional Christian estate planning services

CONTACT INFO:

Rebecca Bessell, Coordinator 585-415-6368 or rlb54@rochester.rr.com

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF

Well here we are in the Advent season, one of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. It is a time where we reflect the love that God has for all of us, in that he sent His son in humanness, and in holiness to be our Savior! Joy to the World!! The Lord is come! Let Earth Receive Her King!

I have been studying the subject of Purpose. What is my purpose? What purpose does God have for me? I love this verse from Matthew 5:6 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your Father in heaven." We are to be a light on a hill! A beacon in the dark! We are called to trust and not worry, to give and not take, to love and not hate, to hope and not doubt, to encourage and

BE THE LIGHT

In this time of COVID, I encourage you to be the light for someone sitting in darkness of discouragement, loss, sickness, boredom, stress, anxiety, loneliness, and perhaps even despair. I encourage you to reach out and touch someone with a smile, a card, a phone call, a gift, a word of encouragement, or even a prayer. Look for the joy in the blessings of each day and share them with someone else. Communication is the key to connect with others. May your Christmas season be merry and bright, and I pray that 2021 brings us closer to God and his purpose in all

Reminder: Please email changes to the directory or number of guarterlies to swolff3@rochester.rr.com. If you receive the LINK via email, please share with your society members. - Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication

not criticize! We are called to live in harmony, a "oneness" that reveals grace, forgiveness, confession and humility.

QUARTERLY NEWS

National LWML has raised the single price of Quarterlies starting with the Summer issue. The EC has voted and is recommending reimbursement of \$7.50 from each person who receives a Quarterly. This will also cover the cost of mailing the LINK to those who don't have e-mail. The Eastern District has to pay for all Quarterlies ordered, so please remit your Quarterly money in a timely fashion.

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Sharon McGuan



The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department 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.

The 2020 - 2022 Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Sharon McGuan

Mission Grants Chair – Julie Tapp Mission Grants Co-Chair - Susan Morris Leader Development Chair - Allison Young Leader Development Co-Chair - Katie Wacker Structure Chair - Robin Swanson Structure Co-Chair - Dori Juskalian Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan (Contact information on page 11 of this LINK)



Dear LWML Sisters in Christ: How blessed we are! In the midst of darkness we "have beheld His glory, the glory of the One, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." And blessing upon blessing, "to all who", by grace, have "received Him, to those who believed in His Name, he gave the right to become children of God." To God be the glory!

As members of the LWML we willingly respond to His great Gift to us! And our department has been tasked by you, to help in the coordination of that response.

Sharon McGuan, VP Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

MISSION GRANTS UPDATE

Grant 2: We are full steam into collecting Mites for our second grant—\$5,000 for the Broad Street Ministry Hospitality Collaborative in Philadelphia to purchase 2,600 meals for those in extreme poverty, homeless, or housing insecure.

Grant 3: Our next grant is Climbing for Christ,—\$5,000 to provide food and hygiene products for 400 widows in southern Malawi, Africa. This gives us another opportunity to live as children of the Light and advance the cause of the Gospel. Our Mites can do mighty things in the hands of our loving Savior!

What a difference each of us can make in the lives of people! Let us double our efforts to pay these important grants. Society Presidents, please challenge the members of your society to send in their Mites during this difficult time. If Covid-19 has any upsurge after the holiday, it would be especially useful if we can meet the goal to pay Grant 2 by the end of January.

As the New Year approaches, it is time to begin praying and looking for prospective district grants. Julie Tapp, Mission Grants Chair and Susan Morris, Co-Chair, will be updating grant materials and presenting them to the district board for their approval at the February meeting. Upon approval, District Grant Guidelines and Applications will be emailed to the executive board, board of directors and will be in the Spring LINK in April.

National LWML is fast approaching the end of the 2019 - 2021 biennium. As of December 1, 2020 \$1,469,050 has been paid toward the 21 grants. \$169,523 dollars is still needed to pay:

- \$50,000 for Grant 8: Lights for Christ Scholarships
- \$30,000 for Grant 13: Digital Media Development
- \$50,000 for Grant 18: Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction
- \$39,523 for Grant 20: LCMS Deaconess Ministry

These Mites need to be collected by March 31st to meet the fiscal deadline, so societies and zones, as many of us are only meeting virtually, please encourage your Treasurer to send your Mites in as early as possible this year. Thank you!

The LWML website lwml.org has many resources for you; two you might be interested in are linked here:

- LWML National 2019 2021 Mission Goal Chart https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/ attachments/275279/2020-12-01_2019-2021-Mission-Grant-Distribution-Flyer.pdf
- Mite Litany from 2020 LWML Sunday https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Leadership

We welcome Katie Wacker. our new Leader Development Co-Chair to the GO/ Development OR Department. Katie, from the Pittsburgh Zone, also

serves as Pittsburgh Zone Christian Life Co-Chair. Welcome Katie!

Reminder to all Zones and Zone Presidents!! The deadline to submit your YWR application for the 2021 LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky to President, Susan Bell and Leader Development Chair, Allison Young is January 15th. National is still making plans for the YWR program. If you have any questions regarding the YWR application, or want to discuss the program, please email Allison

The stamps are continuing to pile up in my attic! I hope the border opens soon. The Canadian Bible Society will be so encouraged to receive all the stamps you have collected for the Bibles for Prisoners ministry over the past year. Thank you to the groups and individuals who have gone the extra mile and sent in envelopes of stamps. If you have a large amount of stamps, please hold on to them until the Fastern District LWAM Communication.

viduals who have gone the extra mile and sent in envelopes of stamps. If you have a large amount of stamps, please hold on to them until the Eastern District LWML September Retreat. If your society would like to start collecting stamps see the guidelines below:

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, Kandis mentioned, stamps on dark colored paper are now marketable! Crafters are now buying these stamps. They are using stamps on bright or dark colored envelopes for craft projects, so keep bringing them in!

Sharon McGuan, Stamp Coordinator



DISTRICT SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS ON ZOOM

A joint duty of the District Planner and the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources is to meet each biennium to evaluate the strength of the district. To that end, District Planner Barb Williams and VPGO/OR Sharon McGuan along with Structure Chair Robin Swanson met last summer and composed a motion outlining a course of action which was presented and passed by the district executive board at the September board meeting.

As a result, a ten person committee, which will later be expanded, has been formed to discuss areas of strength and concern in our zones and the district *and more importantly* to recommend and implement Intentional Actions to maximize our strengths and address areas of concern.

The committee has representation from each zone, as well as the executive committee, district appointed officers and zone presidents, to facilitate discussion and gain a wide perspective. Committee members are: Margaret Klees, Anthracite Zone; Dee Grzyb, Buffalo Zone; Robin Swanson, Cattaraugus –Allegheny Zone; Linda Bahr, Central New York North Zone; Anita Getty, Central New York South Zone; Rebecca Bessell, Genesee Zone; Barb Williams, Niagara Zone; Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone; Diane Olmstead, Pittsburgh Zone; Sharon McGuan, VPGO/OR Committee Chair; and Susan Bell, Eastern District President.

The committee met by Zoom on December 10th and after prayerful discussion, generated several ideas for both immediate action and long term planning. Some of the immediate actions will be shared in this issue of the WINTER LINK through

- President Susan's Keynote Article,
- * VP GO/OR Sharon McGuan's Organizational Resource Article
- * Zone Invitations and assistance encouraging members to attend events for growth and fellowship (Please see the Zone News page.)

Please keep this committee in your prayers as it continues to seek the Lord's guidance for our district. To Him be the praise and glory for anything we venture to plan by faith in His Name.

Sharon McGuan

Planet Green Recycle Fundraiser Program Has Changed For LWML 2021



ONLY ACCEPTING:

INKJET CARTRIDGES FROM:

Hewlett Packard Canon Collins



YOUR E-WASTE RECYCLING EFFORTS RAISE FUNDS FOR: EASTERN DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Questions? Contact District Recycling Coordinator, Alice Pfonner at alicepfonner@aol.com. Central New York North Zone is Pat Clark at patsyjeanclark@gmail.com.

Special Focus Committee Margaret Klees, Special Focus Chairman, Linda Breight, VP of Christian Life/ Special Focus, and Beth Quinn, Special Focus Co-chairman got together to discuss the committee and ways we can support each of you in your society and zones.

One idea was tips on how best to use Zoom. Beth Quinn has been hosting several different Zoom events for her church and is sharing some ideas for you here.

The two most common types of accounts for Zoom are <u>Basic</u> and <u>Pro</u>. The Basic account gives you a 40-minute zoom session at no cost. The Pro account gives you unlimited time for a zoom session for a monthly or annual fee.

ZOOM TIPS

ZOOM TIPS Basic Zoom Will warn you when your 40-minute session is about to expire. Notify your group and let them know they can rejoin the gathering with the original link. The host will readmit everyone. This allows you to finish in a non-rushed manner.

Hosting If you are the host and leading the session, make another person co-host. Your co-host can admit others into the zoom session while you are focused on leading. Click the **More** button next to the person's name you want to be your co-host and select the Make Co-host option.

Gallery and Speaker

- Speaker view has the person speaking in the main window with the rest of the people at the top of the screen in smaller windows.
- Gallery view shows all people on the session displayed in tile format. If your group is large, multi
 ple screens are required to include everyone. An arrow on the right takes you to the next screen of
 photos.

To change from gallery and speaker view, click on the **View** word in the upper right-hand corner and select your option.

Another technique to manage the participation of a group is to assign an order at the very beginning of your session. Generally, the host does this based on the order of participants displayed in gallery view.

Share Screen feature allows everyone to look at the same thing at the same time. You can also use Share Screen to show videos. Depending how you set up your session, the host or everyone can share documents/videos. Generally, it works best if only one or two (host and co-host) use this feature.

Unmuting is one of the biggest challenges some women have had during a Zoom session. Besides the icon, one can use these shortcuts.

- For Audio hold down ALT key and press the letter A
- For Video hold down ALT key and press the letter V.

To turn back on, repeat the shortcut. These shortcuts are for a PC. If you are using a MAC or other Apple product it might be different.

It is good Zoom protocol to mute unless you are speaking.

You may have already experienced this challenge – speaking in unison doesn't work well. If you want people to speak in unison, everyone but the leader should be muted.

Chat is a great feature for a discussion for short quick answers or if someone is not comfortable speaking aloud. They can just type their response in the chat box.

Pro Users also have an additional feature of breakout rooms. This feature is great for small group discussion during your bible study or group discussions. It is also fun to use to play a game. This is a great way to mix up the group each week so the participants can get to know each other better.

The other thing Beth did in the beginning was educate the women how to use Zoom and did sessions to test out connections. **Note**: When you update your Zoom software, check your audio and video connections so they work the way you expect them to. This is under settings.

If you would like help with Zoom or want to do a test connection session, let Beth know – bethkquinn@gmail.com.



September 24-26, 2021 Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler,, PA <u>Lutherlyn.com</u>

** Please note date change**





Theme: "Can Do—With Jesus"

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Our speaker for the weekend will be Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Executive Director for Christian Counsel for DOXOLOGY (The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel).

THINGS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE

- No smoking, except in designated areas.
- ♦ No pets, except service animals.
- No refrigerators in rooms, there will be one in the medical building for medicines, etc.
- ♦ Each cabin has 8 lower bunks and 4 upper bunks. 2 full bathrooms with shower in each. Cabins can be separated in half. There are enough beds to use only bottom bunks. No wi-fi is available in the cabins.
- No linens are provided, you will need to bring bedding, towels, pillows, and toiletries. Beds are standard twins.
- We will not have room for tables in the meeting room; but will supply clipboards for everyone in their retreat tote.
- ♦ Roads are gravel; we will rent golf carts to help cart those with mobility issues.

Activity opportunities: Two firepits for campfires; lovely outside worship areas; fishing allowed (catch and release); zipline (\$20/person), high ropes (\$30/person) access via climbing wall or net (subject to having appropriate personnel available); horseback riding nearby \$35/person; several hiking trails.

Check out their website for more details <u>Lutherlyn.com</u>

WITH A NEW FACILITY COMES ADJUSTMENTS--WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS OUR TIME IN THE WORD AND OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER

DETAILS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER LINKS

It's Not Over Yet! —Encouragement from our National Counselor Rev. Brian Noack—

Arise, shine, for your light has come (Isaiah 60:1a).

For some, the week after Christmas is one of the most depressing weeks of the year. It doesn't take long for Christmas trees to find their way to the curb, lights on houses to disappear, and for the red and green of Christmas in the stores to yield to the red and pink of Valentine's Day.

Yet, there are 12 days of Christmas. The celebration of the birth of our Lord continues. While many people are happy for the "Christmas rush" to be over, the Church still boldly proclaims, "Christ, the Savior, is born for us!"

To keep the Christmas season from fading away too quickly, there are a number of wonderful winter resources which include Bible studies, crafts, and service projects on the LWML website. These can help you observe the 12 holy days of Christmas and continue to bear witness to the Light that has come in to our darkened world.

The Later Days
Of Christmas

It's not over yet! Merry Christmas! Christ is born for you!!

Servina

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

On Saturday, November 7th, we held our first <u>Buffalo</u> <u>Zone Zoom Bible Study!!!</u> Sharon Wolff, Vice President of Communication for the Eastern District and Secretary for the Buffalo Zone hosted the event. Jackie Blank from St. Paul, Batavia, was our Bible Study Leader and Mary Hirner who has been our Song Leader for retreats, lead us in song. <u>The LWML Bible Study</u> was "Working Together" which you can find on <u>LWML.org. website</u>. In this bible study, we see God's framework for accepting others and how, with God's help, different personalities can **work together** toward a common goal.

Despite shutdowns, our societies have been busy "Serving the Lord With Gladness"; following are some of the activities we are doing.

Dee E. Grzyb, President

St. Paul, Batavia - We were actually able to meet face to face in the month of October! How grand to see faces in person and we were able to exchange prayer cards that were written anonymously to add to our daily thoughts and prayers. As President, I hesitated to interrupt the many conversations happening to have our business time, but we were able to tend to some business and share prayer concerns and prayers of thanks. Our devotion team does a fantastic job as we study the "Attributes of God". Each month we gather various



items for the ingathering of the month. We met in November via Zoom. We have been fortunate to gather a collection as well as our "mighty" mites. In December we will meet via Zoom, decked out in our Christmas finest, enjoying our own beverage and snack of choice

as we share our stories of past Christmases, watch some great performances, and listen to some great music, and continue to share our blessings, prayers, and gratitude. We will look at our blessings from God and decide best where to donate the collection monies to missions in our local community. We still meet via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month for Bible study with Jackie and we also have prayers on the rest of the Tuesdays. We truly are grateful for the blessings that God gives to us, enough so that we can share them with others as well. We wish all our LWML sisters a blessed Christmas season and a prosperous New Year.

Sharon Wolff, President

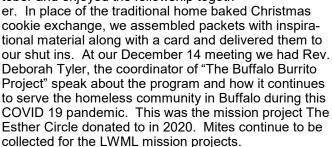
St. Paul's Lutheran, Eden has a Tender Love Club (TLC) that makes hand-made items to be donated to those in need. We accept items that are sewn, knitted, or crocheted. Our donations include quilts, lap quilts, baby items (hats, blankets & sweaters), cheerful pillowcases, turbans, and hats.

Lisa Beller, LWML Representative

<u>St. Luke, Cheektowaga</u> donations of cash, diapers, baby wipes, baby blankets and other items were collected and delivered to Haven House Domestic Violence Shelter. The shelter provides victims and their families with a safe haven and support while help-

with a safe haven and support while helping them gain independence through self-empowerment and education. Haven House offers both emergency shelter for crisis situations as well as long-term transitional shelter for women and children. Sue Bethin, President

Pilgrim, Kenmore—Esther Circle continues to meet on Zoom the second Monday of the month. We had a Bible study in October and enjoyed the fellowship togeth-



We would like to share the following devotional chart with our LWML sisters & friends. We pray you have a Health, Joyful and Peaceful New Year 2021!

Carol Obot & Sue Holway, Co-Presidents

You Say	God Says	Bible Verses
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	l Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	Il Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	Il Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

CENTRAL NY SOUTH ZONE



We wanted the district to see what Thrivent money, and private donations were able to do for our students to go back to school 5 days a week at Trinity Lutheran, Wellsboro, PA. The Thrivent money enabled us to purchase masks, cleaning supplies, and some materials to make plexiglass table and desk dividers. A private donor purchased the

remainder of the materials and made the dividers. We have the dividers on the lunch tables and also as

you can see on the desks in the classroom.

Anita Getty Trinity Wellsboro, PA



NIAGARA ZONE

With Covid-19 many changes have been made. The cancellation of the Spring Retreat and Summer Picnic. Trying to figure out a way to stay connected is very hard for not everyone has email or Facebook and calling is very time consuming. The following is what we are doing:

Fall Rally with bible study; during this meeting it was agreed that no changes will be made to the current officers and Kathy Burkett has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Christian Life chairman Alice Pfonner agreed to making sure that Monday night Bible studies will be available to all. They will be held through Zoom and start at 7:00 pm.

The first series was based on assorted Psalms and focusing on how the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments are applied to them with insights from Martin Luther. This study brought us to Advent.

During Advent the bible study being used is "Advent Bible Study" Series A by Adam Francisco. In this study we are looking at God's Promise through the Word and applying it to our lives today.



The third series will begin after Advent. Please join us in celebrating God in all His glory. You can do this in one of two ways.

- Join the Niagara Zone LWML Facebook page for the Bible studies will be posted there under events.
- Or send me your email address at <u>shellieknupp@gmail.com</u> and I will forward it to the bible study host so you can receive the Zoom in-vite.
- The preferable method is through Facebook but we understand not everyone has a Facebook account.

 Niagara Zone is planning a Spring Retreat that will be held outside. Let us all pray for good weather.

I will close with Isaiah 35: 4

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

God's blessing to all.
Shellie Knupp Niagara Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

One of our societies, Christ Memorial, has been using Zoom to connect our LWML women in



Bible Study. Because of this technology, they've been able to reach out to former members in South Carolina and Kansas. One woman reached

out to a friend in Illinois who also has joined the group. Starting in December, the group has expanded to include all churches in the Philadelphia Zone. Holy Cross, Hope, and St. Phillips are now participating via Zoom. Praise the Lord for our fellowship, connections, and growing in our faith

Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone President



tor the

39th Biennial Convention



June 10-12, 2022







DoubleTree by Hilton 6301 NY-298

East Syracuse, New York
"We are Conquerors Through Him"
based on Romans 8: 35-37

Hosted by the Central NY North and Genesee Zones
For more information, visit:

http://www.east-dist-lwml.org



Date: June 24–27, 2021
Location: Lexington, Kentucky
Theme: Running the Race ...
Looking to Jesus

Scripture Verse: Therefore,

since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 5, 2021—Hotel reservations open; prices will be honored until **May 26**; rooms must be booked through LWML Website.

JANUARY 15, 2021—District Charter Bus Registration Opens.

FEBRUARY 1, 2021—Early Discounted Registration Opens (\$150 Registration fee applies). You are encouraged to register as soon as you have made your decision to attend.

MARCH 1, 2021—Shirt orders must be postmarked by this date.

MARCH 15, 2021—Regular Registration Opens (\$170 Registration fee applies for registrations postmarked after the date of March 14, 2021).

MAY 10, 2021—Postmarked/emailed/faxed after this date (\$195 Late Registration fee applies).

MAY 24, 2021—Child Care/Youth Activities deadline

JUNE 1, 2021—LWML will give full refunds (minus convention processing fee) should the convention be canceled.

JUNE 10, 2021—CANCELLATIONS must be in writing, postmarked, emailed, or faxed, signed by the registrant by this date. A \$45 handling fee will be retained.

JUNE 10, 2021—Registrations postmarked after this date will be handled as on-site registrations. Catered meals will not be available.

JUNE 10, 2021— NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE
— NO EXCEPTIONS

ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE LWML WEBSITE AND IN THE WINTER QUARTERLY



Feb.26-27, 2021 EC/BOD Meeting

Christ Memorial, Malvern, PA

June 24-27, 2021 LWML National Convention

Lexington, Kentucky

Sept. 24, 2021 EC Meeting

Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

Sept. 24-26, 2021 Fall Retreat

Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

June 10-12, 2022 LWML Eastern District

Convention

East Syracuse, NY

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

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

September 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020 Mites: \$7,750.84

Memorials / Honorariums Given: (September 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020)

In Memory of:Given by:Bill StuartBuffalo ZoneMartha WhitedBuffalo ZoneUrsula PaschedagSt. Paul Adella

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.

Executive Committee

President

Susan Bell, 814 Dover Court Place, Downingtown, PA 19335 610-937-1483 susanbell557@comcast.net

Vice President of Communication

Sharon Wolff, 9926 Francis Rd., Batavia, NY 14020 585-721-0713 swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 structure structure (1982) 14222 16-803-3767 structure (1982) 14222 16-803-3767 structure (1982) 16-803-3767 structur

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus

Linda Breight, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 412-271-1119 <u>iamweebs@hotmail.com</u>

Recording Secretary

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Financial Secretary

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Dr., Hilton, NY 14468 585-484-8138 juclkemo@gmail.com

Treasurer

Beth Scholl, 912 Birch Lane, PO Box 459, Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 315-264-2591 gbds2000@yahoo.com 315-264-2591 gbds2000@yahoo.com

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John Zimmerman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 238 Reese St., Scranton, PA 18508 570-507-6138 pastorzimmerman@gmail.com

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Jeffrey Nickel, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Dr, Clarence, NY 14031 (716) 634-2332

Pastornickel.holycross@gmail.com

Appointed By the President

Parliamentarian

Gretchen Putzman, 148 Heather Hill, West Seneca, NY 14224 716-674-8859

Planner

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St., Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brucpa421@aol.com

Appointed By the Executive Committee

Editor

Bev Wicher, 19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140 lwmllink@gmail.com

Public Relations Director

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 KMPavelock@aol.com

Archivist/Historian

Chris Gasslein, 112 Stillwagon Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320 610-384-6093 gassleinc@comcast.net

Legacy of Love Coordinator

Rebecca Bessell, 7048 Benedict Beach, Hamlin, NY 14464 585-415-6368 richester.rr.com

Stamps for Missions Coordinator

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 stmcguan@gmail.com

Appointed by Board of Directors

Christian Life Chair

Teri Devan, 10 Homestead Ct., Clinton, NY 13323 315-734-1372 Flagdaytld@aol.com

Christian Life Chair Co-Chair

Carol Obot 259 Zimmerman Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 218-349-3397 carolobot1@aol.com

Special Focus Chair

Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 570-877-2168 margaretklees@gmail.com

Special Focus Co-Chair

Beth Quinn 558 Westwind Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Mission Grants Chair

Julie Tapp, 168 Gooding St., Lockport, NY 14094 716-713-5531 tapp7309@yahoo.com

Mission Grants Co-Chair

Susan Morris, 3301 Hartford Ct., Newtown Square, PA 19073 215-514-8678 morrissusan68@gmail.com

Structure Chair

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 tr72_go@hotmail.com

Structure Co-Chair

Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Dr., West Chester, PA 19380 610-316-0587 dorijuskalian@gmail.com

Leader Development Chair

Allison Young, 10 Palmer Ave., Apt. 2, Whitesboro, NY 13492 315-723-8525 youngac191@gmail.com

Leader Development Co-Chair

Katie Wacker, 435 N. Pike Rd., Sarver, PA 16055 847-284-4539 katie.wacker@icloud.com

2020 District Convention Liaison

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St,, Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 <u>brwcpa421@aol.com</u>

Eastern District Recycling Fundraiser Chairman

Alice Pfonner, 136 Hamilton Blvd., Kenmore, NY 14217 716-873-9377 alicepfonner@aol.com

Webmaster

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 kmpavelock@aol.com

Zone Presidents

Anthracite Zone

Kathy Norris, 58 Laurel Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-281-6197 kafmaynor@gmail.com

Buffalo Zone

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Cattaraugus-Allegany Zone

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 tr72_go@hotmail.com

Central New York North Zone

Linda Bahr, 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 315-339-1979 <u>linda@gbahr.com</u>

Central New York South Zone

Anita Getty, 318 North Rd., Middlebury, PA 16935 570-376-2143 amgent@ptd.net

Genesee Zone

Kathy Ippolito 45 Schoolhouse Rd., Rochester, NY 14618 585-315-1651 kippolito.ki@gmail.com

Niagara Zone

Shellie Knupp, 57 Washington St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 585-507-1651 shellieknupp@gmail.com

Philadelphia Zone

Beth Quinn, 558 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Pittsburgh Zone

Diane Olmstead, 1223 Complanter Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 724-991-2344 dolmsteadcu@gmail.com





Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

Bev Wicher 19 Vernon Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140

E-mail: lwmllink@gmail.com

The next deadline is March 1, 2021

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



Engage, Encourage and Equip!

At the National Level....

Would you like to participate in an eight week Bible study with author, Donna Snow? **Your Strong Suit**, an eight week study on spiritual warfare that was presented as a Face Book Live Study is currently available as eight recordings on LWML.org. To view these lessons just go to the **LWML.org** website, click Bible Studies and then

scroll down to the **Your Strong Suit** lesson links and click the lesson you wish to view. You can also find many more Bible study resources for yourself, your society and your zone to stay in the Word.

At the District Level....

Would you like to "see" your LWML sisters from across the district? Then check out **President Susan's Keynote** article again and get ready to sign up for our first **LWML Eastern District Virtual Event**. If think you will need help getting connected, let us know, we will do our best to assist you.

At the Zone Level.....

Would you like to attend a zone led *Mission Impact Event: Sharing God's Word in Nepal and China,* featuring speaker Dr. Chuck Whited, pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda, NY presented on Zoom? If so, check out contact **Buffalo Zone President Dee Grzyb's at** <u>d_e_grzyb@msn.com</u> for the Zoom link. If your zone would like to host a sister church, or all zone Zoom event, but would like some helpful tips to coordinate your Bible study, Game Night, or Mission Presentation, **Special Focus Co-Chair, Beth Quinn** will be happy to assist

At the Society and Individual Level.....

you. You can email Beth at bethkquinn@gmail.com.

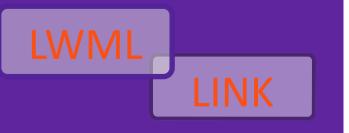
Let us encourage each other to be a Resource. Our prayers, calls and cards to members of our church and society, especially those isolated or in need can make a big impact in these challenging times and keep us connected.

Please keep our **District and National Mission Projects** in your prayers and thank you for sending in your Mites!

Sharon McGuan stmcguan@gmail.com

Bev Wicher
Eastern District LWML Editor
19 Vernon Drive.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
E-mail lwmllink@gmail.com







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 the LWML Presidents Assembly held virtually via Zoom rather than going to Lexington which had been planned and then cancelled. We were told at that meeting that a prayerful decision would be made by March 19, 2021 to let us know if the LWML National Convention will be in-person or live streamed only. As I write this, the decision has been made to have the convention in-person and live streamed!

On Feb. 26-27, we held the Spring LWML ED Board of Directors meeting virtually via Zoom. We welcomed new

Zone Presidents: Kathy Norris from the Anthracite Zone and Kathy Ippolito from the Genesee Zone!

Excitement is building for the National LWML Convention in Lexington, KY, June 24-27! Early registration has been extended to April 15th. In addition to me, LWML Eastern District is being represented by 10 delegates representing all of our 9 zones, 1 YWR (Tomaline Harmon, Philadelphia, Zone), Rev. Jeff Nickel 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 Buffalo Zone is busy making preparations for the Fall Retreat at Lutherlyn Camp near Butler, PA, Sept. 24-26, 2021. Sharla Fritz will be our speaker on the theme "Can Do with Jesus" from Philippians 4:13. 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 <u>you</u> 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





Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
75 Years

"Use your Godgiven gifts to



As Each Has Received a Gift

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10

In Holy Baptism, our Triune God (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), claims us as His own.

By the shedding of the Son's blood on the cross – a punishment of Jesus' death to atone for our sins – and by His resurrection

for our justification, God the Father has received us into His family. He paid a great price for us, all so that we may be His "treasured possession." By water combined with His Word, His promise and His name, the Holy Spirit resides in us, and we belong to

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit just as much as to our own biological family... perhaps more so! For He is in us; we are in Him. And in Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

And the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different Christians, all to be used in service to others. The diversity of gifts He gives reminds us that we are one body in Christ, and we need each other. "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in his generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." (Romans 12:6-8)

When Jesus tells the parable of the "pearl of great price," we are reminded that our pearl is not something that belongs to us, but most preciously that we belong to the most holy Trinity. Merely belonging to Christ is enough, yet as His baptized children, everything that is His belongs also to us: Christ's righteousness, peace, resurrection and eternal life.

And as if that were not enough, God the Father continues to bless us every day with our daily bread and more, even though we do not deserve His mercy on our own account. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, so as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, responding to His grace in God's holy Word through prayers of thanksgiving and humble offering – either back to His church for distribution in service to others, or directly in service to others in ways that glorify His holy name.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, support our family, share with neighbors, fellow Christians, with the poor, and even with our enemies. In that sense, and when used in that way as God intends, our possessions are holy things given by a holy God and used for holy purposes. His temporal gifts are blessings to us and for us. They bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His Kingdom and the souls that receive them.

So we place all that we have into God's hands, for He never fails to remember us and pour out His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do for us. And we give thanks not merely by taking for ourselves, but giving to all who are in need, even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

Rev. Jeff Nickel, LWML Eastern District Junior Counselor



MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Charitable planning is for everyone as we all possess gifts from God that can bless family and ministry. Have you remembered LWML in your charitable plan? Any size gift can make an enduring impact! Our district has set up the Legacy of Love Endowment Fund as a means to receive these gifts that are included in your prayerfully considered charitable estate plan. Your desire to bless others by designating a future gift to

this endowment fund can be included in a will or as a beneficiary in other documents.

To include LWML Eastern District in your plan:

Since district offices do not have a permanent location, we utilize the LWML office address to assure that your gift will be directed to and received by the district as you desire. This is the language that should be used:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District, tax ID # 23-7540645 in care of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

There is no need to change anything if you have already designated the endowment but for future reference.

We are fortunate to have LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage serving us to assist you in your charitable planning. LWML offers this free, professional assistance that you can trust. Contact her at <u>Linda.Gage@lfnd.org</u>, or 800-741-4138. Additional information can be found at: <u>lwmlgiftplan.org</u>.

Rebecca Bessell, *rlb45@rochester.rr.com*, your District Gift Planning Advocate and LWML Eastern District Legacy of Love Endowment Chairman

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Sharon McGuan



The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department 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.

The 2020 – 2022 Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department
Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan
Mission Grants Chairman – Julie Tapp Mission Grants Co-Chairman – Susan Morris
Leader Development Chairman – Allison Young Leader Development Co-Chairman – Katie Wacker
Structure Chairman – Robin Swanson Structure Co-Chairman – Dori Juskalian
Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan

Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan
Nominating Committee Chairman – Sharon McGuan
(Contact information on page 11 of the LINK)

MISSION GRANTS NEWS

LWML NATIONAL MISSION GRANT UPDATE

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS UPDATE

The LWML Eastern District has collected enough mites to pay Grant #2, the **Broad Street Ministry's Hospitality Collaborative**. This \$5,000 grant will allow Broad Street Ministries to purchase 2,600 meals for those in extreme poverty, homeless or housing insecure in Philadelphia. We are thankful for all the societies and individuals who are continuing to collect mites during this time.

LWML Eastern District Grant #3, also for \$5,000, will support the ministry *Climbing for Christ*, as they travel to a remote area of southern Malawi, Africa to bring food, hygiene products and the good news of the Gospel to over 400 widows. Please keep this ministry and the women in Malawi in your prayers as we work together to meet this goal.

2022 LWML EASTERN DISTRICT MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS

2022 LWML Eastern District Mission Grant Applications are on the way to your zone and society!

So... it's time to start looking for mission grant proposals for the 2022 Syracuse Convention!

Mission Grant Chairman, Julie Tapp and Co Chairman, Susan Morris have been busy updating the **2022 Mission Grant Application Form and the Guidelines**. So it is time for each of us to begin praying for prospective district mission grants. The **Mission Grant Application and Guidelines** will be emailed to all Eastern District Board members, which includes all Zone Presidents. Because of the pandemic, the application and guidelines will also be emailed to each society president, or society representative. The **Mission Grant Application and Guidelines** will also be posted on the **LWML Eastern District website** www.east-dist-lwml.org. Individual members, pastors and ministries may request a copy of the application and guidelines by emailing Julie Tapp at tapp7309@yahoo.com.



NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

A reminder to zones: Please review your bylaws periodically. If you need to make changes, please send a copy to Robin Swanson so Dori Juskalian and I can review them for you. Robin's contact information is on page 11 of this LINK.

Updated District Bylaws are on our website. They can be found at the following link http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/LWMLED Bylaws 2020.pdf



Leader Development Chair, Allison Young would like to introduce our **LWML Eastern District Young Women Representative** to the 2021 National Convention in Lexington, KY, June 24-27: **Tomaline Harmon from the Philadelphia Zone.** Tomaline attends Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, a Liberian church in Philadelphia.

Tomaline came to the United States in 2013 from Liberia. She has done well in school receiving many awards for her academic achievements. She is a very re-

spectful and respected young adult. Her compassion as a Nursing Assistant is seen when she interacts with patients and co-workers. Her love of the Lord is seen daily in her smile.

Tomaline was the Philadelphia Zone YWR for our 2020 Convention. While we did not meet in person, Tomaline was active in the virtual program. She serves her local congregation singing in the choir and working with children.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the February LWML Eastern District Board of Directors meeting the following women were voted to serve on the *Nominating Committee* the 2022 Syracuse Convention. They are:

Dee Grzyb, Buffalo Zone Diane Olmstead, Pittsburgh Zone Bev Wicher, Buffalo Zone; Chris Gasslein, Philadelphia Zone

The LWML Eastern District is thankful to God for these women and the important work they will be doing for the district. The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominees for the following LWML Eastern District offices.

District President
Vice President Christian Life/Special Resources
Vice President Gospel Outreach/ Organizational Resources
District Treasurer
District Pastoral Counselor

All offices serve a four year term. Any LWML member may nominate a candidate for office. For *Nominating Forms* please email Sharon McGuan at stmcguan@gmail.com.

Zoom Tips from the Special Focus Committee

Welcome back to tips on Zoom. Did you know there are keyboard shortcuts that allow you to navigate the Zoom settings without using your mouse? Depending on the device you have, Apple or PC, the shortcut keys are different. Regardless of the device you'll hold down the first key and then hold down any additional keys and release (Notice the plus sign below). Give it a try on your next Zoom call with these frequently used actions.

Apple products (macOS)

Command(光)+Shift+A: Mute/unmute audio Command(光)+Shift+V: Start/stop video

Command(光)+U: Display/hide participants panel Option+Y: Raise hand/lower hand

Command(光)+Shift+F: Enter or exit full screen Command(光)+Shift+H: Show/hide in-meeting chat panel

PC (Windows)

TIPS

Alt+A: Mute/unmute audio Alt+V: Start/stop video

Alt+H: Display/hide in-meeting chat panel Alt+U:Display/hide participants panel

Alt+Y: Raise/lower hand Alt+F: Enter or exit full screen

Source: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205683899-Hot-Keys-and-Keyboard-Shortcuts-for-Zoom



LWML ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP YOU ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP!

At the National Level....

EVERYONE CAN **WATCH THE NATIONAL CONVENTION LIVE!** If you cannot attend the National Convention in Lexington, KY in person, you can still participate by watching video streaming of the convention. All sessions and worship services will be streamed live. A live stream link and printed material and resources can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention.

Organize your society or zone for a *Virtual Mission Walk*! For those who cannot attend the convention in person, you are invited to take part in a virtual **Photo Finish Mission Walk** in your area. Do everything you normally would do for a convention mission walk. Gather your pledges or mission dollars and choose a time for your walk. You can walk at an assigned time as a group, or individual. Go to www.lwml.org/2021-convention for details.

At the **District Level**....

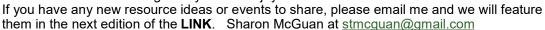
Have you had a chance to "catch up" with your sisters from across the district? If you haven't and would like to do so, please send **President Susan Bell** susanbell557@comcast.net your email address for an invitation to the next **LWML Eastern District Virtual Event**. These monthly meetings give you a chance to greet friends on Zoom both before and after the event. A devotion, bible study, **Mission Impact** Moment and **Pastor Meet and Greet** are also featured. Come and join the fun!

At the **Zone Level**.....

Take a look at the *Upcoming Zone Events* featured in this newsletter to attend exciting Spring Events! If your zone would like to plan a special society event, or zone Zoom event, but would like some helpful tips to coordinate your Bible study, Game Night, or Mission Presentation, **Special Focus Co-Chair**, **Beth Quinn** will be happy to assist you. You can email Beth at beth@quinnfamily.net.

At the Society and Individual Level.....

Please share the **free LWML** app with your societies. The app will help members keep up to date on National Convention News, Mission Grants, Quarterly Bible studies, devotions, podcasts and LWML Resources. Just go to the app store on your phone, type in LWML and your Apple password. If you have an Android phone just type in LWML in the Google Play Store. Enjoy!





NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



As I write this article, I am sitting by a window, watching the sun slowly set after a beautiful sunny day with warmer temps, melting snow and interesting shadows. The days are getting longer and I feel spring coming on which means new life, green grass, flowers, and Resurrection Day! Alleluia!!! May God continue to strengthen the women of LWML and find ways for us to gather safely and to remain faithful to our mission of serving others. The National website, has many ideas to serve and stay connected.



It is my pleasure to serve as your VP of communication.

Please remember to send in your money for Mites and Quarterlies. The cost for the Quarterly/LINK is now \$7.50 each. Please send me any changes in the number of quarterlies for your zones/societies. This is the only time of year where the subscriptions may be decreased. Any Directory changes may be sent to me as well.

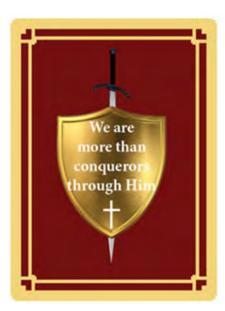
Save the Date!

LWML Eastern District 39th Biennial Convention June 10-12, 2022 Double Tree by Hilton, 6301 NY-298 East Syracuse, NY 13057

Theme: "We Are More Than Conquerors through Him."

Romans 8:35–37: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. "

The Central New York North and Genesee Zones invite you to join with other sisters and brothers to be strengthened by His word and to use our gifts to support missions and serve others.



The Committee is:

•	0 0011111111100 10.			
	Convention Chair	Kathy Pavelock	Hospitality	Calvary Ladies
	Convention Co- Chair	Judy Morrison	Mite Walk	Kelly Gilbert
	Secretary	Rebecca Bessell	Music	Allison Young
	Treasurer	Charlene Young	Properties	Rebecca Bessell
	District Liaison	Barbara Williams	Photography	Wally Grzyb
	Pastoral Counselor	Rev. Jim Burch	Publicity	Kathy Ippolito
	Banner/Logo	Carolyn Krause	Tote Bags	Cheri Romano
	Entertainment	Linda Bahr	Tours	Teri Devan
	Favors & Decorating	Linda Bahr	Transportation	Teri Devan

Subcommittees needing chairman are: Displays and Exhibits, Housing & Meals, Registration, Special Needs, Ushers. If you are interested in working on the convention, contact Kathy Pavelock at kmpavelock@aol.com

Watch the LINK, LWML ED website and Facebook page for updates on the speakers, worship, Bible study, Gifts From the Heart, mission grants, mite walk, sight-seeing and more!



September 24-26, 2021 Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler,, PA Lutherlyn.com





Theme: "Can Do—With Jesus"
I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Our speaker will be **Sharla Fritz**, who is a Christian author and speaker who weaves honest and humorous stories into life-changing Bible study. Author of Bible studies including *Soul Spa*, *Divine Design*, *Bless These Lips*, *Divine Makeover*, *and Waiting* Sharla writes about God's transforming grace. Her new book is called *God's Relentless Love*. She is passionate about helping women take their next step of faith.

Sharla lives in the Chicago suburbs with her amusing pastor husband. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. Other pursuits include teaching piano and directing the church choir. Sharla loves traveling, reading, and hunting down fabulous finds at the resale shop!

THINGS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE

*No linens are provided, you will need to bring bedding, towels, pillows, and toiletries; beds are standard twins; *No smoking, except in designated areas; *No pets, except service animals; *No refrigerators in rooms, there will be one in the medical building for medicines, etc.; *no wi-fi is available in the cabins; *roads are gravel; we will rent golf carts to help transport those with mobility issues

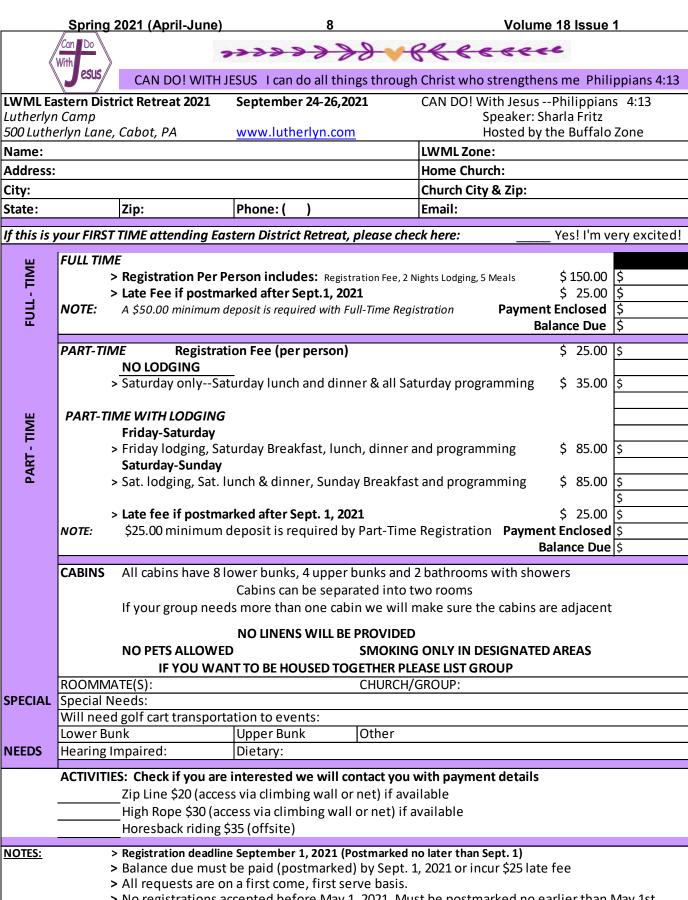
Each cabin has 8 lower bunks and 4 upper bunks. 2 full bathrooms with shower in each. Cabins can be separated in half. There are enough beds to use only bottom bunks. .

INGATHERING: Our ingathering will be for Lutherlyn camp. Following is a list of items they could use for you to choose from: Monetary Donations, Walmart gift cards, Amazon gift cards, Lowes gift cards, Home Depot gift cards, First Class stamps, postcard stamps, adult scissors, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, Crayola colored pencils, white copy paper, white copy cardstock (65lb), Sharpie markers (all colors and tip types), dry erase markers and #2 pencils

COME BE REFRESHED AND RENEWED

LWML RETREAT CAMPERSHIP—APPLICATION A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2021 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individual 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?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, 2021 to: Mrs. Susan Bell
814 Dover Court Downingtown, PA 19335
■ DOWNINGOWN, PA 19333

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



> No registrations accepted before May 1, 2021. Must be postmarked no earlier than May 1st. 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.

CANCELLATIONS:

Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District

*MAIL completed REGISTRATON FORM, PAYMENTS & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (for return confirmation)
Lisa Hoover Beller, 8692 E. Eden Rd., Eden NY 14057, email lisadq@rocketmail.com, 716-698-3313

Registrations sent without stamped envelope will receive an email confirmation

From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

February 6, 2021 - Buffalo Zone Zoom Mission Speaker



Event - Buffalo Zone Counselor and Mission Speaker Pastor Chuck Whited from First Trinity in Tonawanda, spoke on "Reaching Nepal and China with the Gospel through the Sowers Ministry". As Pastor Whited spoke, we could hear the joy that his mission minis-

The Sowers Ministry

try brings to his life. Looking at the slides we saw the love that the people of Nepal and China have for Pastor and the mission team. There were pictures of housing, churches, distribution of Bibles, a river where people are baptized, etc. Looking at the smiling faces of the men, women, and children we could see the joy that being able to worship and have bibles means to them. The opportunity to obtain new Bibles depends on where people reside. The majority of those living in Third World countries reside in the suburbs or countryside where resources are limited. For those in the rural areas, it is extremely difficult to acquire books and other reading material. Not only is it a challenge to get Bibles, but the safety of believers is particularly important.

Future Event

May 1, 2021 - Plans are being made to have Joanne



Lorenzo founder of the Magdalene Project as our speaker. The Magdalene Project is a mission for people on

the streets of Niagara Falls. They reach out to the community by providing food, clothing, toiletries, and the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to having Joanne with us. More information will be made available soon.

Dee E. Grzyb, Buffalo Zone President

News from St. Paul, Batavia

We are collecting items for college kids care boxes. We continue to produce some quilts and meet for prayers and Bible study. There are a number of us who are attending the District Bible study with President Bell. We have a wonderful devotion team and we change things up a bit with trivia and music. We continue to reach out to members of the congregation with cards and phone calls.

Sharon Wolff, President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

We are excited that the monies are available for grant #2 -Broad Street Ministry, Philadelphia, PA. This grant will help to continue to feed the homeless especially in these dire times.

One of the discussion questions at the Zone Presidents/ Committees at the Friday 2/26 gathering prior to the Spring Board meeting was What is your committee or Zone focusing on for the next 1-2 years? For Philadelphia we are focused on getting more societies involved at the Zone level in a leadership capacity.

Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone President

GENESEE ZONE

MODELING CHRIST

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



Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:9

April 17, 9:00—12:30 Registration opens at 8:30 Pinnacle Lutheran, 250 Pinnacle Road, Rochester RSVP by April 10th to Kathy Ippolito, Phone: 585-315-1651

Email: kippolito.ki@gmail.com If you prefer to attend via ZOOM, please let us know

Guest Speaker: Susan Bell—Our LWML Eastern District President will share with us information and resources that she has gathered from a National LWML Assembly of Leaders conference. Many tips and tools will be shared.

Guest Speaker: Beth Quinn—Philadelphia Zone

President

Bible Study: Led by Pastor Weidmayer

Hygiene Bank: Scarlet Aeckerle—She will tell us about the Hygiene Bank and its important roll in our community. Did you know that those receiving government food assistance don't get any assistance hygiene items?

Hygiene Bank Items

Items to bring for our service project: (Please consider taking up a collection at your church prior to the event)

- Deodorants for men and women (stick style)
- Bar soap
- Body wash
- Single packaged toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads) **Full sized items only please**

PHILADELPHIA ZONE



LWML Philadelphia Zone invites all of you to join them for the LWML He Prayed with Them 2021 Praise Prayer Service via Zoom, Sunday April 25, 2021 starting at 2:00 p.m. We are having a monetary ingathering for Christ

Assembly Sunday School materials for ages 5-15. Please RSVP to Beth Quinn, bethkquinn@gmail.com with your email by April 24th to receive the link and materials.

Planet Green Recycle Fundraiser Program Has Changed For LWML 2021

ONLY ACCEPTING:

INKJET CARTRIDGES FROM:



Hewlett Packard Canon Collins

YOUR E-WASTE RECYCLING EFFORTS RAISE **FUNDS FOR: LWML EASTERN DISTRICT**

Questions? Contact District Recycling Coordinator, Alice Pfonner at alicepfonner@aol.com. Central New York North Zone is Pat Clark at patsyjeanclark@gmail.com



The 2021 LWML Prayer Service,

He Prayed with Them!

Authored by The Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019.

When was the last time you prayed with someone? Not for

someone, but with someone? We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father. He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers. The 2021 Prayer Service will

encourage and expand your life of prayer to include praying with others.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

All information and downloads for this prayer service can be found at this link https://www.lwml.org/prayerservice



June 24-27, 2021 **LWML National Convention**

Lexington, Kentucky

Sept. 24, 2021 **EC** Meeting

Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

Sept. 24-26, 2021 Fall Retreat

Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

June 10-12, 2022 LWML Eastern District

Convention

East Syracuse, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

September 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020 Mites: \$7,750.84

Memorials / Honorariums Given: (September 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020)

In Memory of:

Given by: Bill Stuart Buffalo Zone Martha Whited Buffalo Zone Ursula Paschedag St. Paul Adella

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.



At the District Spring Board Meeting, the Zone Presidents and Committee Chairmen/Co-chairmen met Friday February 26 via Zoom for an evening of worship, bible study, education, fun and laughter. One of the discussions was around these two questions:

What is your committee or Zone focusing on for the next 1-2 years?

2. What do you need from others to help meet those goals?

The compilation of these inputs will be shared with the district. Consider helping out each other to achieve these goals.





Executive Committee

President

Susan Bell, 814 Dover Court Place, Downingtown, PA 19335 610-937-1483 susanbell557@comcast.net

Vice President of Communication

Sharon Wolff, 9926 Francis Rd., Batavia, NY 14020

585-721-0713 swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 structure structure (mailto:structure) and structure (m

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus

Linda Breight, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 412-271-1119 <u>iamweebs@hotmail.com</u>

Recording Secretary

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 degrzyb@msn.com

Financial Secretary

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Dr., Hilton, NY 14468 585-484-8138 <u>juclkemo@gmail.com</u>

Treasurer

Beth Scholl, 912 Birch Lane, PO Box 459, Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 315-264-2591 gbds2000@yahoo.com

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John Zimmerman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 238 Reese St., Scranton, PA 18508 570-507-6138 pastorzimmerman@gmail.com

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Jeffrey Nickel, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Dr, Clarence, NY 14031 (716) 634-2332

Pastornickel.holycross@gmail.com

Appointed By the President

Parliamentarian

Gretchen Putzman, 148 Heather Hill, West Seneca, NY 14224 716-674-8859

Planner

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St,, Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brwcpa421@aol.com

Appointed By the Executive Committee

Editor

Bev Wicher, 19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140 lwmllink@gmail.com

Public Relations Director

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 KMPavelock@aol.com

Archivist/Historian

Chris Gasslein, 112 Stillwagon Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320 610-384-6093 gassleinc@comcast.net

Legacy of Love Coordinator

Rebecca Bessell, 7048 Benedict Beach, Hamlin, NY 14464 585-415-6368 rlb54@rochester.rr.com

Stamps for Missions Coordinator

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 <a href="mailto:strong-amount-stron

Appointed by Board of Directors

Christian Life Chairman

Teri Devan, 10 Homestead Ct., Clinton, NY 13323 315-734-1372 Flagdaytld@aol.com

Christian Life Co-Chairman

Carol Obot 259 Zimmerman Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 218-349-3397 carolobot1@aol.com

Special Focus Chairman

Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 570-877-2168 margaretklees@gmail.com

Special Focus Co-Chairman

Beth Quinn 558 Westwind Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Mission Grants Chairman

Julie Tapp, 168 Gooding St., Lockport, NY 14094 716-713-5531 tapp7309@yahoo.com

Mission Grants Co-Chairman

Susan Morris, 3301 Hartford Ct., Newtown Square, PA 19073 215-514-8678 morrissusan68@gmail.com

Structure Chairman

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 <u>tr72_go@hotmail.com</u>

Structure Co-Chairman

Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Dr., West Chester, PA 19380 610-316-0587 dorijuskalian@gmail.com

Leader Development Chairman

Allison Young, 10 Palmer Ave., Apt. 2, Whitesboro, NY 13492 315-723-8525 youngac191@gmail.com

Leader Development Co-Chairman

Katie Wacker, 435 N. Pike Rd., Sarver, PA 16055 847-284-4539 katie.wacker@icloud.com

2020 District Convention Liaison

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St,, Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brwcpa421@aol.com

Eastern District Recycling Fundraiser Chairman

Alice Pfonner, 136 Hamilton Blvd., Kenmore, NY 14217 716-873-9377 alicepfonner@aol.com

Webmaster

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 kmpavelock@aol.com

Zone Presidents

Anthracite Zone

Kathy Norris, 58 Laurel Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-281-6197 kafmaynor@gmail.com

Buffalo Zone

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 <u>d</u> <u>e</u> <u>grzyb@msn.com</u>

Cattaraugus-Allegany Zone

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 tr72_go@hotmail.com

Central New York North Zone

Linda Bahr, 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 315-339-1979 <u>linda@gbahr.com</u>

Central New York South Zone

Anita Getty, 318 North Rd., Middlebury, PA 16935 570-376-2143 amgent@ptd.net

Genesee Zone

Kathy Ippolito 45 Schoolhouse Rd., Rochester, NY 14618 585-315-1651 kippolito.ki@gmail.com

Niagara Zone

Shellie Knupp, 57 Washington St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 585-507-1651 shellieknupp@gmail.com

Philadelphia Zone

Beth Quinn, 558 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Pittsburgh Zone

Diane Olmstead, 1223 Complanter Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 724-991-2344 dolmsteadcu@gmail.com





Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

Bev Wicher 19 Vernon Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140

E-mail: lwmllink@gmail.com

The next deadline is June 1, 2021

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



RUNNING THE RACE ... TO LEXINGTON! LWML WILL MEET IN CONVENTION, JUNE 24–27, 2021

In the last week, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Board of Directors (BOD) met multiple times, seeking God's will for the planning of this year's LWML convention. After much prayer, the decision was made to continue with plans for an in-person convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).

All state and local guidelines for large gatherings will be set in place to make this convention safe for our participants who choose to come. Masks will be required at all times, with certain exceptions: speaking at the podium, eating, drinking, and being in individual hotel rooms. Temperatures will be checked upon entering the Rupp Arena. Social distancing will be followed, using the distances required at the time of convention in all public areas. Hand-sanitizing stations will be available throughout the arena. The arena, that includes the convention floor (tables, chairs, etc.) will be sanitized between sessions and as necessary. Plans are being formulated for safe distancing while participants visit the exhibit hall and LWML store. Kentucky continues to lessen all restrictions as COVID-19 cases decline.

Due to restrictions, district photos or participation in the convention choir will not be offered in 2021. All the information you need for the convention can be found in this link https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention. As conditions continue to improve, we expect changes in restrictions and will keep you updated.

The LWML BOD understands and respects that not everyone will feel comfortable traveling in June. Those who are not planning to attend in person may choose to participate by organizing a mission pledge walk with their congregation, sending in their convention offerings, and watching all live-streamed convention sessions. Stay tuned! We will publicize all the opportunities you may have to still be an important part of "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus!"

Bev Wicher
Eastern District LWML Editor
19 Vernon Drive.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
E-mail lwmllink@gmail.com





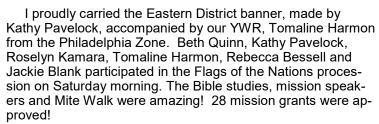


Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

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 just returned from the LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, KY. We had 32 members of the LWML Eastern District in attendance! It was the first convention to be held in Lexington, KY since the pandemic shut them down in March of 2020. They were as excited as we were! The biggest news that effects the Eastern District is

that our own Kathy Pavelock was elected Vice President of Communication on the National level! Congratulations, Kathy! We are so proud of you!



The Buffalo Zone is busy with preparations for the Fall Retreat. Sharla Fritz will be our speaker on the theme "Can Do – With Jesus" from Philippians 4:13. The Retreat will be held at Lutherlyn, Butler, PA. Registration opened on May 1st. There is still time to register!

Our LWML Eastern District Convention will be here before you know it! It is June 10-12, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hil-

ton in East Syracuse, NY. The theme is "We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him" based on Romans 8: 35-37. Please put it on your calendar now and plan to attend!

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 <u>you</u> 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)





Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
75 Years







It often seems like there are many, many people who have the view of God the Father being this angry old man. They're waiting for him to throw down lightning strikes and loud clapping thunder. They have Yahweh, The LORD GOD, confused with Zeus from Greek mythology on Mount Olympus, the made-up god. This is a terrifying view of God, of thinking that he's waiting around just to zap somebody! There is a little bit of truth in this thinking about God, He's holy, He's in charge, He's the judge. Yet, to only see Him in the negative is to betray the fact that one who thinks this way doesn't have a good relationship with God.

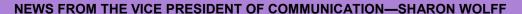
In Luke 15, Jesus teaches three parables on God's action of seeking the lost. You probably know them by heart: The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, The Prodigal Son. That third one could be renamed The Parable of the Forgiving Father. For in Luke 15:21-24, we read:

"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

It is the gracious, forgiving Father that restored the sinning, prodigal son. This parable, this earthly story with a heavenly meaning, captures the love of the Heavenly Father for all would return to Him. He restores all sinners who come to repentance. He gives a ring to mark them as His child, He did so in Baptism. The Sacrament of the Altar is a glorious foretaste of the heavenly banquet that we all so desire to share in with our Lord and Savior, Jesus, as both host and quest.

This is our mission, to share the Gospel, to keep being beacons of divine hope in a dark, sinful world, to welcome all lost sons and daughters home. Our Eastern District geography places us in one of the most secularized, post-Christian regions of the United States per the Barna Group. We don't have to go on mission trips to do missions, the mission is right here in our communities, families, friends. The Lord has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you. Be at peace, your Heavenly Father loves you, forgives you and will welcome you home with open arms in Heaven when your earthly race is run. He's not waiting there with lightning bolts, He'll be there with your white robe prepared for you, washed in the blood of the Lamb, His only Son, Jesus. In His Name, Amen

Rev. John Zimmerman **LWML Eastern District Senior Pastoral Counselor** pastorzimmerman@gmail.com





Well here I sit, by my computer, in complete awe as to the wonder of answered prayers and God's power and strength. I always wonder what I should write in the LINK as VP of communication....and so this month God has said to write about my answered prayers! After a long hiatus of 2+ years. I finally received an email from my dear friend in Haiti!!!! AND I spent a few minutes speaking with her on the phone while she was here in Florida visiting family. She is well, her teaching opportunities of course came to a standstill with Covid-19, but she intends to begin sewing, cooking and agriculture classes as soon as it is safe due to Covid. Her country has changed just like



ours...but we persevere and move forward, because God calls us to. Now I pray that I can return there and see her and my sisters in Les Cayes and in Maniche.

- I look forward to representing our District at convention and am amazed how God provides all that I need to fulfill my responsibilities in this position. Psalm 20: 4 comes to mind "He will give you your heart's desire and carry out all your plans."
- Remember to send me any zoom events so that we can share them district wide.
- Please send me any changes you may have for the Directory as well.
- Have a safe and happy summer and we will see you at LUTHERLYN in September! Get those reservations in!!!!!

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Sharon McGuan



Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department 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.

THE 2020 – 2022 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan;
Mission Grants Chair – Julie Tapp; Mission Grants Co-Chair – Susan Morris;
Leader Development Chair – Allison Young; Leader Development Co-Chair – Katie Wacker;
Structure Chair – Robin Swanson; Structure Co-Chair – Dori Juskalian;
Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan; Nominating Committee Chair – Sharon McGuan
(Contact information is on page 13 of this LINK)

MISSION GRANTS NEWS



LWML NATIONAL MISSION GRANT UPDATE

NEW MITE GOAL ADOPTED

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!! A Mite Goal of \$2,150,00 was adopted for the 2021-2023 biennium at the LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky June 24-27., 2021,

You can watch an informative You Tube presentation of the 2021-2023 LWML Proposed National Mission Grants at this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54HuESz6-HQ&t=24s

You can also see the approved Mission Grants at this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnUbegOz5Q4&t=356s

Thank you to all the delegates who voted for these grants and may God bless the members of the LWML as we donate Mites to help fund this 2021-2023 Mission Goal.

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS UPDATE

We have paid **Grant #3**, *Climbing for Christ*. This \$5,000 grant will support *Climbing for Christ* as they travel to a remote area of southern Malawi, Africa to bring food, hygiene products and the good news of the Gospel to over 400 widows. We thank God that together we have reached this Mite Milestone. More information the Climbing for Christ Grant can be found under "Grants in Action" on page 4 of this LINK.

Please keep current **Grant #4,** \$5,000 for the **Barnabas Project** at Calvary Lutheran Waterloo, NY in your prayers. This ministry reaches out with the love of Jesus through the gifts of mattresses, box springs, bed frames, pillows, mattress pads, sheets, blankets, and bedspreads for children in need. Give generously to Mites to help fund this and future grants.

TIME TO BEGIN WRITING YOUR 2022 LWML EASTERN DISTRICT MISSION GRANT REQUESTS

2022 Eastern District Mission Grant Applications should have reached your zone and society. Mission Grant Chairman, Julie Tapp and Co Chair, Susan Morris have updated the 2022 Mission Grant Application Form and Guidelines. So it is time for each of us to begin praying and looking for prospective district mission grants. The Mission Grant Application and Guidelines have been emailed to all Eastern District Board members, which includes all Zone Presidents. Because of the pandemic, the application and guidelines have also been emailed to society presidents, or representatives. If your society needs an application, and has not received The Mission Grant Application and Guidelines, please let us know. The application and guidelines are also posted on the LWML Eastern District website at http://east-dist-lwml.org/Mission.html Individual members, societies, pastors and ministries may also request a copy of the application and guidelines by emailing Julie Tapp at tapp7309@yahoo.com or Susan Morris at morrissusan68@gmail.com. Application deadline is October 15, 2021.

LEADER DEVELOPMENT NEWS



We pray God blessed our District Young Woman Representative, Tomaline Harmon, from Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, a Liberian Lutheran Church in Philadelphia as she experienced the 2021 National Convention in Lexington, KY. Tomaline, a Nursing Assistant, came to the United States from Liberia in 2013. Tomaline, we look forward to hearing about your convention experiences at a future Eastern District event!

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE NEWS AND REQUEST

Summer may be the perfect time for zones to review their bylaws before the autumn routine starts up and life becomes busy once again. If you need to make any corrections or revisions, please send a copy to Robin Swanson so Dori Juskalian and we can review them for you. (There contact information can be found on page 13 of this LINK)







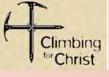
NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following offices of the Eastern District LWML for vote at the June 10 -12, 2022 convention in East Syracuse, NY:

District President
Vice President Christian Life/Special Resources
Vice President Gospel Outreach/ Organizational Resources
District Treasurer
District Pastoral Counselor

All offices serve a four year term. Any LWML member may nominate a candidate for office. For **Nominating Forms** please email Sharon McGuan at stmcguan@gmail.com. You are encouraged to contact your nominee before you send us a Nominating Form, however the Nominating Committee is also ready to serve by making the initial contact. Please note: By our Bylaws, candidates for President should have served as a zone president or a member of the District LWML Executive Committee. Nominees for the other offices, except the Pastoral Counselor, should be members of the LWML and have served on an LWML Board of Directors (this includes district committees and zone presidents).





Grant 3—Climbing For Christ, has been paid! This grant will provide monthly supplies of maize, milling process (grinding maize), cooking oil, salt, laundry soap and bathing soap for 416 widows in 11 remote villages in Malawi.

Climbing for Christ (C4C) is an international organization with the purpose to GO and deliver the Gospel in mountains of the world where other missionaries cannot or will not go. They seek out

the lost in remote mountainous areas, address spiritual and physical needs, build churches and build up the body of Christ. They are in more than a dozen countries. This grant is targeted specifically for widows in Malawi, Africa, one of the poorest nations in the world. The monthly support will meet life's basic needs of more than 400 widows in



remote southern Malawi villages as part of Climbing for Christ's Project 1:27 based on James 1:27, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (ESV)

May and June are the coldest time of year in Malawi. Damson Samson, Climbing for Christ Kingdom worker in East Africa, made sure the hundreds of widows he supports with our help will be able to face their wintry conditions. "I remember seeing them covering themselves with

clothes because of the coldness," Damson said, who used this month's widows funding provided by Climbing For Christ through our LWML Eastern District grant to buy and distribute more than 250 coats and jackets.

Damson was also moved by the Spirit to visit "the sick widows and widowers in the villages. He hurried to share with his team, we are only the hand used to bless those the Lord has blessed. With that, they were off to deliver food to widows in six villages. As rice, cooking oil, sugar, orange drink, soap, and Vaseline were distributed, 19 widows accepted Jesus.

God is working through this LWML grant to further His Kingdom in East Africa.



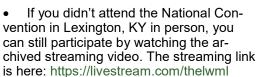
pistuct Zone Society

LWML ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES TO **ENGAGE. ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP YOU THIS SUMMER!**

At the National Level....

REMINDER: REPLAY OF CONVENTION SESSIONS ARE **AVAILABLE TO VIEW:**





National

All sessions and worship services were streamed live. Other convention information and printed material and resources

can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention.

- A video introducing all **Grants approved at the convention** may be viewed at You can also see the approved Mission Grants at this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnUbegOz5Q4&t=356s
- New Bible Study is featured: Living In the Days of Noah Today is available now as a free download on https://www.lwml.org/posts/short-bible-studies/living-in-the-days-of-noah-today? month=4&year=2021 The study is a sneak preview of future LWML publication: 2021 - 2023 Faith **Building Help for Groups Packet.**
- Need a gift for a teen? Text Messages from God, Vol 2, a collection of 30 short devotions designed to look like a text conversation between the reader and God, may be ordered for \$10.00 at https://www.cph.org/p-34874-text-messages-from-god-volume-2.aspx? REName=lwml&SearchTerm=text%20messages%20to%20god, click on LWML ShopHome and look at what is available!

At the District Level....

Beth Quinn, Special Focus Co Chair and friends are writing stories and litanies for each of the Eastern District LWML's 2020 -2022 Mission Grants. Currently available are the Story and Litany for Grant 1: Valencia Days for Girls and Story and Litany for Grant 3: Climbing For Christ. If you would like a copy please email Beth Quinn at bethkquinn@gmail.com. Beth hopes to soon have all District Mission Grant Stories and Litanies on the Eastern District LWML website for you to download.

At the Society and Individual Level.....

To keep up to date on National Convention News, Mission Grants, Quarterly Bible studies, daily devotions, podcasts or new LWML Resources download the free LWML app. Just go to the app store on your phone and type in LWML and your Apple password. Enjoy!

If you have any new resource ideas or events to share, please email me and we will feature them in the next edition of the LINK. Sharon McGuan at stmc-

Engage Encourage Equip



DO YOU HAVE A GOAL FOR YOUR GIFT PLAN

Having a goal is often key to success in whatever we do. The same is true for your gift plan in your estate. An obvious first goal for you to establish is for your family. What do you want inheritance to accomplish for your family? Is that debt reduction or provision for education? Will an heir establish a business? As you plan these gifts to family, having a conversation while living is a great idea. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate this conversation.

We are fortunate to have LWML Gift Planning Counselor Linda Gage serving us to assist you in your charitable planning. LWML offers this free, professional assistance that you can trust. Contact her at Linda.Gage@lfnd.org, or 800-741-4138. Additional information can be found at: wmlgiftplan.org. You can also contact Rebecca Bessell, rlb45@rochester.rr.com, your District Gift Planning Advocate and LWML Eastern District Legacy of Love Endowment Chairman.





September 24-26, 2021 Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler,, PA <u>Lutherlyn.com</u>





Theme: "Can Do—With Jesus"
I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Our speaker will be **Sharla Fritz**, who is a Christian author and speaker who weaves honest and humorous stories into life-changing Bible study. Author of Bible studies including *Soul Spa*, *Divine Design*, *Bless These Lips*, *Divine Makeover*, *and Waiting* Sharla writes about God's transforming grace. Her new book is called *God's Relentless Love*. She is passionate about helping women take their next step of faith.

Sharla lives in the Chicago suburbs with her amusing pastor husband. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. Other pursuits include teaching piano and directing the church choir. Sharla loves traveling, reading, and hunting down fabulous finds at the resale shop!

THINGS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE

*No linens are provided, you will need to bring bedding, towels, pillows, and toiletries; beds are standard twins; *No smoking, except in designated areas; *No pets, except service animals; *No refrigerators in rooms, there will be one in the medical building for medicines, etc.; *no wi-fi is available in the cabins, is strongest in the dining hall; *roads are gravel; we will rent golf carts to help transport those with mobility issues

Each cabin has 8 lower bunks and 4 upper bunks. 2 full bathrooms with shower in each. Cabins are sleeping only and have only beds, no chairs. Cabins can be separated in half. There are enough beds to use only bottom bunks. There are several buildings available for your fellowship and gathering time.

Lutherlyn is a no alcohol facility—they have given us permission to have wine and beer (BYOB) at a designated time and place both Friday and Saturday night. Details will be provided with registration.

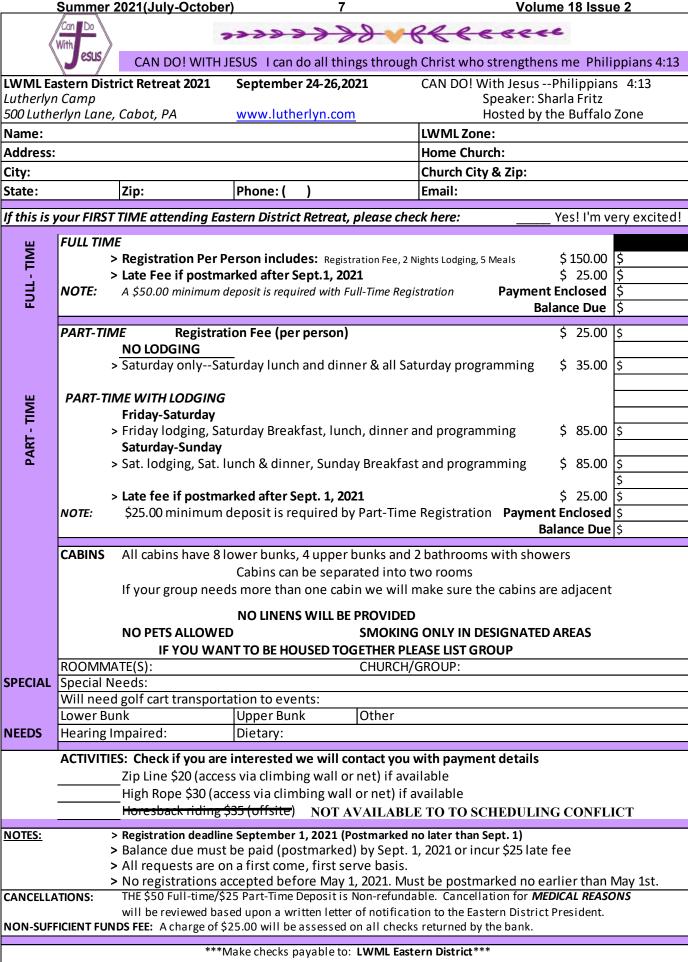
INGATHERING: Our ingathering will be for Lutherlyn camp. Following is a list of items they could use for you to choose from: Monetary Donations, Walmart gift cards, Amazon gift cards, Lowes gift cards, Home Depot gift cards, First Class stamps, postcard stamps, adult scissors, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, Crayola colored pencils, white copy paper, white copy cardstock (65lb), Sharpie markers (all colors and tip types), dry erase markers and #2 pencils

INTEREST SESSIONS: Prayer Walk, Craft, Crosses for Prison Ministry, Free time, etc. Please bring fronts of used greeting cards and scissors (scissors will be returned) for the Crosses for Prison Ministry service project.

COME BE REFRESHED AND RENEWED

having financial need. If y campership is the full cost	os are being offered for the Fal rou have received a campersh of the retreat at the full-time re e status, please indicate that in	ip in the past you are r egistration fee. If you	no longer eligible. The value desire a campership and ne	of the
those eligible campers wh	o submit a timely application.			
delay, act now!				
Name				
Address				
City, State, Zip				
E-mail				
Zone				
 -	LWML Member?	Yes	No	
	rief narrative (50-100 words) o our written statement to this a	pplication and mail by		
!		Susan Bell		
	814 Do	over Court		

Downingtown, PA 19335
All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



*MAIL completed REGISTRATON FORM, PAYMENTS & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (for return confirmation) Lisa Hoover Beller, 8692 E. Eden Rd., Eden NY 14057, email lisadg@rocketmail.com, 716-698-3313

Registrations sent without stamped envelope will receive an email confirmation





Convention 2022

Central New York North and Genesee Zones invite you to join with other sisters and brothers to be strengthened by His word and use our gifts to support missions and serve others.

Dates: June 10-12, 2022

Location: Double Tree by Hilton, 6301 NY-298, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Theme: "We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him."

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:35–37)

The 2022 Convention Logo was designed by Victoria Volkman-Lein Bianga with direction from Carolyn Krause. Victoria was the Genesee Zone YWR to the ED convention in 2018. The logo is designed with the thought of the shield as a symbol of protection against all the evils that we may face and through the love of God we are protected. The sword is a symbol of us overcoming trials and tribulations with our faith being our strength.

The Committee has been meeting regularly by Zoom:

Kathy Pavelock Convention Chair Convention Co- Chair Judy Morrison Mite Walk Kelly Gilbert Secretary Rebecca Bessell Music Allison Young Treasurer Charlene Young Rebecca Bessell District Liaison Barbara Williams **Properties** Photography Wally Grzyb Pastoral Counselor Rev. Jim Burch Carolyn Krause Publicity Kathy Ippolito Banner/Logo Cheri Romano Tours/Transportation Teri Devan Tote Bags

Entertainment/Favors/

Decorating Linda Bahr Hospitality Calvary Ladies

Ushers Sharon Fuerch Housing/Meals Krystal Harmon-Burton,

Karen Devan

Displays/Exhibits, Registration, and Special Needs are open positions. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Pavelock at kmpavelock@aol.com

Check out future issues of the LINK, the Eastern District LWML website and Facebook page for updates on the speakers, worship, Bible study, Gifts From the Heart, Mission Grants, Mite Walk, sightseeing, and more!



News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

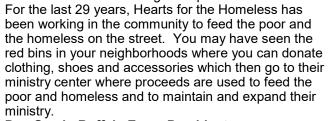


On May 1, the Buffalo Zone had their Spring Event via zoom – Joanne Lorenzo, founder of the Magdalene Project (now the Lighthouse Women and Children's Center of Niagara Falls, NY) was our guest speaker. From the first words that Joanne spoke to us, we knew that serving the

neediest was for her, a calling from God. Joanne and her team of volunteers serve the down and out of Niagara Falls, especially women at risk. Every week they go to hotels where homeless are temporarily living, the bus station and a boarding house bringing food, toiletries, clothing, blankets, etc. to prostitutes, the homeless, and other low-income people. Not only do they provide food for the body but also, if asked, food for the soul.

You can read more about this ministry at www.lighthousewomenandchildrencenter.com or Lighthouse Women and Children's Center on Facebook.

Our **Fall Event** will be an in person event to be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY. Date and time TBD. A representative from Hearts for the Homeless will be our guest speaker.



Dee Grzyb, Buffalo Zone, President

PILGRIM LUTHERAN ESTHER CIRCLE "A THINKING OF YOU GESTURE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"



The Esther Circle women's group at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Kenmore, N.Y. gathered at the church and painted these "Inspirational Rocks" It was a wonderful time of fellowship. The rocks were collected last Summer along the beautiful shores of Lake Ontario.

The ladies gave them out to members & friends of the church. People were pleased to receive them.

Carol Obot, Co-chair of the Esther Circle

GENESEE ZONE

We were excited about being able to have the Genesee Zone Spring Event on April 17, 2021, at Pinnacle Lutheran Church with 29 attending in person) and 3 by Zoom! The theme was Modeling Christ based on Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)



The morning began with a welcome by Pastor Jay Mazi-kas, Senior Pastor at Pinnacle, and LWML announcements by Kathy Ippolito, Genesee Zone President. Rebecca Bessell, Genesee Zone Christian Growth Chairman, started the program with an opening devo-

tion about seeds sprouting and growing, just like a Christian sprouts and grows in their faith. The Bible study on Philippians 4:9 was led by Pastor Bob Weidmayer, Genesee Zone Pastoral Counselor, and was described by attendees as very good. Pastor Bob led us in prayer to

remember 31 of our sisters in the Zone who have gone to glory in the past 2 years, blessed the Ingathering of more than 30 large bags of personal care items for the Community Hygiene Bank in Brockport, NY, for their May 1, 2021 distribution, Prayer Requests.



Susan Bell, President of the LWML Eastern District, presented "I am the Heart of LWML" and Beth Quinn, President of the Philadelphia Zone of the LWML Eastern District, and past VP of Communication, presented "Follow the Leader" from the LWML Assembly of Leaders meetings, providing insight and resources on leadership and dealing with change.

Scarlett Aeckerle, Program Coordinator of the Community Hygiene Bank and 3 interns, Kathryn Jose, and Zachary (who developed a video about the Hygiene Bank) spoke on the history, implementation and impact of the Community Hygiene Bank which received Eastern District Mission Grant # 7 in the 2016- 2018 Biennium.

Rebecca Bessell closed with prayer and ideas to put into practice. It was so great to be in the Word and in fellowship (with masks, social distancing, and bagged snacks and bottled beverages). We praise God that \$147 was raised at this event for mites for Mission Grants!

Kathy Ippolito, Genesee Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE



Thanks to all of you who attended our Prayer Service in April. We had 30 people from four states singing and worshiping together. With the zoom technology we even accomplished a small group discussion. If you have never experienced a LWML Prayer Service, I encour-

age you to host one either in-person or virtually. The national website makes it easy.

As you read this the national convention in Lexington, KY will be over. Philadelphia Zone is blessed to have a strong participation with District President, Susan Bell, Delegates Roselyn Kamara, Susan Morris (alternate) Eastern District and Melinda Williams dele-



Tourmaline Harmon and Roselyn Kamara with Liberian Flag

gate from English District Philadelphia Zone, Tourmaline Harmon, Eastern District Young Woman Representative, and Beth Quinn, Heart to Heart Sister Program. One highlight among many was seeing Roselyn Kamara carrying the Liberian flag with Tomaline Harmon holding the 'Liberian' sign in the Mission Flag Procession. We are looking forward to hearing how the Lord blessed our time and the awesome things God will ac-

complish through the women and men throughout our district who are Running the Race Looking To Jesus.



Roselyn Kamara with YWR, Tomaline Harmon Attending the national convention



BETH QUINN RECEIEVES HEART TO HEART SISTERS TRAINING

Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone completed her Heart to Heart Sisters training at the Lexington, KY national convention. She will partner with Joyce Anyango, Central New York North, who was trained in 2017 at Albuquerque bringing information and a plan on how collectively we can implement this program in our District.

Through the Heart to Heart Sisters Program, we recognize that the body of Christ grows and is

strengthened when all women are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of the LWML.



Stay tuned for ways that you can help.

Heart to Heart Sisters were first trained in 2003 for leadership in cultural diversity within their districts. Presently, 25 of our 40 districts are involved in this leadership training. At the Lexington Convention 25 trainees, including Beth Quinn, were pinned by their District Presidents during a special luncheon. This luncheon followed 12 hours of intensive training in leading others to appreciate cultural impact on faith and service. Each trainee had agreed to be a District Leader in Training. The purpose of the Heart to Heart Sisters program is to bring faith, fellowship, and services to women of all cultures in each district within The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod. Cultural learning goes both ways. As one trainee put it, a person of one ethnicity could be in the minority of one congregation's body, but the majority in another congregation. Eastern District President Susan Bell remarked that congregations in her district are mostly Caucasian. More interaction with other ethnic groups is needed. The Heart to Heart Sisters program will enable congregations to interact with those of other cultures. One District President remarked that her church has two Lutheran congregations of the same ethnicity worshipping in their building. She would like to see them interact more with each other. The Heart to Heart Sisters program will help this happen. LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Deaconess Betty Knapp hosted the luncheon, and LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Brian Noack conducted the ceremony.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 26, 2021

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Lexington, Kentucky LWML 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 2,787 people to the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021, under the theme "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." The convention theme was based on Hebrews 12:1–2. The voting body for the 39th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021–2023 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 28 mission grants as women and men 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:

- Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, \$81,680
- Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000
- Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
- 4. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life LCMS Life Ministry, \$92,000
- 5. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach Lutheran Deaf Outreach, \$50,000
- 6. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends, \$70,000
- Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, \$100,000
- Light of Christ in Eastern Europe Mission Central, \$56,000
- 9. Propelling the Gospel LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
- 10. Educating Pastors in Africa Mission Central, \$100,000
- Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000
- Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
- Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
- Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000
- The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, \$42,000

- Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
- Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru La Mision Luterana del Peru, \$56,750
- "Ends of Earth" Scholarships Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
- 19. Sharing Jesus' Love in India Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
- Mission & Outreach to the Least of These Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356
- 21. Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus Belize Mission Society, \$100,000
- Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia, and Sierra Leone Lutheran Bible Translators, \$70,000
- Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico God Cares About You Mission, \$98,000
- Reaching the Homebound with God's Word Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), \$100,000
- 25. Missionaries to America Project Mission Nation Publishing, \$88,000
- Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, \$100,000
- Expanding God's Love in Uganda LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region, \$92,000
- Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, \$70,364

Voting Body Elects New Leaders

Vice President of Christian Life: Susan Brunkow

Recording Secretary: Brenda Piester

Vice President of Communication: Kathy Pavelock

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Gary Piepkorn

Vice President of Gospel Outreach: Karen Morrison

Nominating Committee: Kaye Wolff, Chairman; Lois Teinert, Janis McDaniels, Lisa Asmus, Melissa Salomón

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

LWML news releases are available at lwml.org

LWML Office

801 Seminary Place Suite L010 St. Louis, Missouri 63105 800-252-5965

Contact:

Susan Donnelly Public Relations Director susan.donnelly@lwml.org







The Photo Finish Mission Walk was a huge success! It began with prayer by Rev. Mark Moog from the LWML Indiana District, followed by the ceremonial Call to Post, performed by a local trumpeter from the University of Kentucky. Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs were present to help cheer on the almost 1,100 participants who walked a 1.5-mile

loop down Main Street, around Thoroughbred Park, and back to the start. Walkers were treated to bluegrass music at Thoroughbred Park, performed by

the Lueker family children. Participants enjoyed the beautiful city of Lexington, the painted murals, water features, and historic markers. As they strolled alongside local walkers, they shared the path and the love of Jesus.

Our LWML Eastern District ladies were happy to be able to participate in the Mite Walk again this year.



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

Sept. 24, 2021 EC Meeting

Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

Sept. 24-26, 2021

Fall Retreat Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

June 10-12, 2022

LWML Eastern District

Convention

East Syracuse, NY

June 22-25, 2023

LWML National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

March 1, 2021 - May 31, 2021 Mites: \$7,634.34

Memorials / Honorariums Given: (March 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021)

<u>In Memory of:</u> <u>Given by:</u> Henry J. Meyer, Jr. Kathy Pavelock

In Honor of: Ruth Brighton Given by:

Dorothy Koschmann

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.

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION BANNER

Kathy Pavelock made the beautiful LWML Eastern District banner which President Susan Bell had the privilege of carrying in during the procession at the LWML national convention in Lexington Kentucky

The LWML Eastern District is enduring the race by looking to Jesus.

The banner illustrates

- LWML Eastern District women running up a difficult hill with their focus on Jesus.
- Jesus Is illustrated with the LWML district logo. There is a quilted mountain made from designer
- Fabric with felt lettering on a white background with blue, white, and gray fringe along the Bottom and the top.



Executive Committee

President

Susan Bell, 814 Dover Court Place, Downingtown, PA 19335 610-937-1483 susanbell557@comcast.net

Vice President of Communication

Sharon Wolff, 9926 Francis Rd., Batavia, NY 14020 585-721-0713 swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 stmcguan@gmail.com

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus

Linda Breight, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 412-271-1119 <u>iamweebs@hotmail.com</u>

Recording Secretary

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Financial Secretary

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Dr., Hilton, NY 14468 585-484-8138 juclkemo@gmail.com

Treasurer

Beth Scholl, 912 Birch Lane, PO Box 459, Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 315-264-2591 gbds2000@yahoo.com

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John Zimmerman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 238 Reese St., Scranton, PA 18508 570-507-6138 pasterzimmerman@gmail.com

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Jeffrey Nickel, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Dr, Clarence, NY 14031 (716) 634-2332

Pastornickel.holycross@gmail.com

Appointed By the President

Parliamentarian

Gretchen Putzman, 148 Heather Hill, West Seneca, NY 14224 716-674-8859

Planner

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St., Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brwcpa421@aol.com

Appointed By the Executive Committee

Editor

Bev Wicher, 19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140 lwmllink@gmail.com

Public Relations Director

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 KMPavelock@aol.com

Archivist/Historian

Chris Gasslein, 112 Stillwagon Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320 610-384-6093 gassleinc@comcast.net

Legacy of Love Coordinator

Rebecca Bessell, 7048 Benedict Beach, Hamlin, NY 14464 585-415-6368 rlb54@rochester.rr.com

Stamps for Missions Coordinator

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 <a href="mailto:strong-amailto:

Appointed by Board of Directors

Christian Life Chair

Teri Devan, 10 Homestead Ct., Clinton, NY 13323 315-734-1372 Flagdaytld@aol.com

Christian Life Chair Co-Chair

Carol Obot 259 Zimmerman Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 218-349-3397 carolobot1@aol.com

Special Focus Chair

Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 570-877-2168 margaretklees@gmail.com

Special Focus Co-Chair

Beth Quinn 558 Westwind Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Mission Grants Chair

Julie Tapp, 168 Gooding St., Lockport, NY 14094 716-713-5531 tapp7309@yahoo.com

Mission Grants Co-Chair

Susan Morris, 3301 Hartford Ct., Newtown Square, PA 19073 215-514-8678 morrissusan68@gmail.com

Structure Chair

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 <u>tr72_go@hotmail.com</u>

Structure Co-Chair

Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Dr., West Chester, PA 19380 610-316-0587 dorijuskalian@gmail.com

Leader Development Chair

Allison Young, 10 Palmer Ave., Apt. 2, Whitesboro, NY 13492 315-723-8525 youngac191@gmail.com

Leader Development Co-Chair

Katie Wacker, 435 N. Pike Rd., Sarver, PA 16055 847-284-4539 katie.wacker@icloud.com

2020 District Convention Liaison

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St., Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 <u>brwcpa421@aol.com</u>

Eastern District Recycling Fundraiser Chairman

Alice Pfonner, 136 Hamilton Blvd., Kenmore, NY 14217 716-873-9377 alicepfonner@aol.com

Webmaster

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 kmpavelock@aol.com

Zone Presidents

Anthracite Zone

Kathy Norris, 58 Laurel Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-281-6197 kafmaynor@qmail.com

Buffalo Zone

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Cattaraugus-Allegany Zone

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 <u>tr72_go@hotmail.com</u>

Central New York North Zone

Linda Bahr, 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 315-339-1979 <u>linda@gbahr.com</u>

Central New York South Zone

Anita Getty, 318 North Rd., Middlebury, PA 16935 570-376-2143 amgent@ptd.net

Genesee Zone

Kathy Ippolito 45 Schoolhouse Rd., Rochester, NY 14618 585-315-1651 kippolito.ki@gmail.com

Niagara Zone

Shellie Knupp, 57 Washington St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 585-507-1651 shellieknupp@gmail.com

Philadelphia Zone

Beth Quinn, 558 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Pittsburgh Zone

Diane Olmstead, 1223 Complanter Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 724-991-2344 dolmsteadcu@gmail.com





Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

Bev Wicher 19 Vernon Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140

E-mail: lwmllink@gmail.com

The next deadline is September 1, 2021

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

Convention at a glance





WINNERS CIRCLE



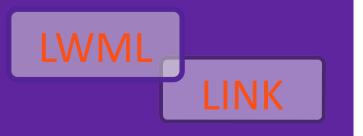


Rupp Arena



Bev Wicher
Eastern District LWML Editor
19 Vernon Drive.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
E-mail lwmllink@gmail.com







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)

71 of us just returned from the LWML Eastern District Retreat at Lutherlyn in Butler, PA! What an awesome event! Thank you, Buffalo Zone for all you did to make it a special time for the Eastern District ladies and a few special gentlemen! It truly was a time of spiritual renewal and friendship as we met our new friend, Sharla Fritz, who taught us about God's Relentless Love under the theme "Can Do With Jesus!" Special thanks to Dee Grzyb, Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. John Zimmerman who led the worship service and Rev. Ben Berteau who led the bible study.



Sharla and Susan

Oct. 15th is the deadline for getting mission grant applications in! Please check with the people you sent them to in the spring and remind them to get them in soon to Julie Tapp: tapp7309@yahoo.com and Susan Morris: morris-susan68@gmail.com.

There are many Fall Rallies scheduled in the next few weeks. Look in the Zone Section of this LINK and try to attend one or more!

Our next big event is the LWML Eastern District Convention that will be June 10-12, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in East Syracuse, NY. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend! Recently retired National Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Mitch Schuessler will be our Keynote Speaker, Donna Snow will be our Bible Study Leader and Martha McGlynn will be our interrupter. You will not want to miss any of it!

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)







Together
Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
75 Years

COUNSELOR'S O R N E R

The Problem of Evil and Suffering

One reason some people don't believe in God is the problem of evil and suffering in our world. We're especially reminded of evil and suffering on September 11th. How could there be a God who lets evil things happen, like the cold-blooded murder of thousands of Americans in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC, that we remember every September 11th? How could such a God allow so much suffering that day—and suffering which still continues for all those families affected? And that's just a small part of the evil and suffering that goes on around the world every day. How can God look down and allow it?

Does God just look down, shake His head, and allow it? (In a moment of self-reflection, one might ask, "How often do I just shake my head at evil and suffering, and

allow it?")

But what if God doesn't just look down at the evil and suffering in this world, but actually enters it Himself? What if, somehow, God entered this world as a human being and took all of that human suffering upon Himself? What if, somehow, God entered this world, absorbed all of that painful evil into Himself, and swallowed it in His infinite goodness?

That is exactly what He did in the person of Jesus Christ. The Son of God humbled Himself to be born of an unmarried woman for exactly that purpose. "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)

He entered this world for the express purpose of suffering – in our place – for the evil that we do against God and each other every day of our lives. Some of that evil is open and obvious and hateful and undeniable, such as we saw on September 11th, 2001. Some of our own evil thoughts, words, and deed we think are secret and known only to ourselves. Yet it all causes suffering. It all causes damage, either to ourselves or to others. And all that evil must be repaid. It was repaid by Jesus when He innocently suffered and died in our place on the cross.

Then that same dead Jesus, the Son of God who came to suffer and die in human flesh, rose again from the dead and ascended to glory, having redeemed us. Instead of repaying evil with evil, He freely grants forgiveness to all who receive Him, believe in Him, and trust Him to do good for us and to teach us how to do good (not evil) to each other.

Christ will come again to judge us, all the living and the dead, according to our deeds of evil or good. On that day of the resurrection of all flesh, we will see His cosmic justice as He finally puts an end to all evil. Those who reject the repayment made by the Son of God will pay the penalty for their deeds themselves, as He justly sends all unrepentant evildoers to their just and eternal reward. But those who accept His forgiveness, those who believe and trust in what He has done in entering our fallen and broken world to fix it, once and for all, will receive salvation and eternal life.

That day will come soon enough. Tragically, those who don't believe in God because He hasn't yet come down as a mighty, victorious king, destroying and punishing evil according to their timetable, eliminating all suffering, solving all their problems, and answering all their questions in ways satisfying to them, will regret it when He does come. In the meantime, those who believe will bear our own crosses, knowing that in our own weakness and suffering, Christ has taken our weakness and suffering into Himself already.

Rev. Jeff Nickel, LWML Eastern District Junior Counselor

News from the Vice President of Communication - Sharon Wolff



Ah...I sit and ponder what to write. God knows my heart and brings to mind the word Harvest. So I begin to search....and Galatians 6: 9 & 10 speak to me. "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." I have been sharing updates on Haiti, and the people there, who are most near and dear to my heart. I think on them, and all

that they face...poverty, hurricanes, earthquakes, uprisings against government, voodooism...just to mention a few. I thank God for His people of faith who continue to do good and spread the Word of God. In due season they will reap...and the numbers in heaven will be great. Oh that I should be so faithful to do good to everyone, to plant those seeds of faith...to see the harvest in heaven. Have a blessed autumn season! Please remember to send updates for the ED Directory to me.

Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication ED

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources - Sharon McGuan



Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department 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.

THE 2020 – 2022 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Sharon McGuan;
Mission Grants Chair – Julie Tapp; Mission Grants Co-Chair – Susan Morris;
Leader Development Chair – Allison Young; Leader Development Co-Chair – Katie Wacker;
Structure Chair – Robin Swanson; Structure Co-Chair – Dori Juskalian;
Stamp Coordinator – Sharon McGuan; Nominating Committee Chair – Sharon McGuan
(Contact information is on page 9 of this LINK)

MISSION GRANTS NEWS

We thank God for every good and perfect gift that comes down from the Father of lights (James 1:17), but we especially thank Him for the gift of His Son, who by His blood, purchased salvation for each of us. This gift of life and salvation is the greatest gift we share with every Mite dollar we grant in His Name.

At this time, we are very close to paying **Grant 4, the Barnabas Project**; a ministry founded by Beth Reed and the members of Calvary Lutheran Church, Waterloo, NY. The Barnabas Project shares the good news of Jesus' love while reaching out with mattresses and bedding to families in the Utica area. We pray this grant of \$5,000 will be a blessing to many.

The Mission Grant committee encourages each LWML member and society to send in your mites that we might also speedily fund **Grant 5**: **Christ Memorial Lutheran School in Malvern, PA** to install a handicap accessible vinyl playground.

Remember, the fiscal biennium ends March 31st. Please pray for the following 2020 - 2022 LWML Eastern District Mite Projects waiting to receive their grants.

Grant 4 The Barnabas Project - almost there!	\$5,000
Grant 5 Christ Memorial Lutheran School, Malvern, PA	\$5,000
Grant 6 Celebrate Recovery, Hope Lutheran, Levittown	\$5,000
Grant 7 Support for Missions Monrovia, Liberia.	\$1,500

Prayer: Heavenly Father, with You all things are possible. We ask you to bless our efforts as we collect Mites to be used in Your Kingdom. Help us to honor our Mite Goal and may Your will be done in the ministries we are privileged to serve. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

2022 - 2024 Mission Grant Application Deadline is October 15th!

Dear LWML Sister in Christ, do you see a ministry in your church or community that would grow or reach out more effectively if they received an Eastern District LWML Mission Grant? If so, we encourage you to reach out to such a ministry with our Mission Grants Guidelines and application form. We have also published a two page How to Get Started document to assist you. If you have an idea, but would like to talk it over with someone, please contact Julie Tapp, Mission Grant Chair at tapp7309@yahoo.com or Susan Morris, Mission Grant Co-chair at morrissusan68@gmail.com and we will help you with documents or encouraging information.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You know the needs of all. Open my eyes to see the ministry needs and possibilities in my church and community. Grant me the time and the will to reach out with my prayers and encouragement to those in ministry to Your people. If funding is a need, help me reach out in Your Name, with information and mentoring regarding an Easter District LWML Mission Grant. I ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

With God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)

Leader Development Committee News

Leadership

Leader Development Chair, Allison Young, will soon be sending information concerning the 2022 LWML Eastern District Convention Young Woman's Representative Program Development and Applications for women 35 and under to apply.

- The letters, guidelines and applications for District YWR's will be sent to Zone Presidents, who will then send the information and application forms to each society in their zone.
- Societies please seek out young women in your congregations who might like to attend the June 10 - 12, 2022 ED Convention in Syracuse, NY. Complete the YWR Application with your candidate and send it to your Zone President by **December 15th.**



- Zone Presidents and their boards will make the Zone YWR selection by January 15th and inform YWR candidates of the decision. Zone Presidents will send the name and information of the zone's YWR to Allison Young by February 1st.
- If you have any questions regarding the 2022 District Convention YWR Program, please contact Allison Young, Leader Development Chair, at youngac191@gmail.com or Katie Wacker, Co Chair, at Katie.wacker@icloud.com

LWML Eastern District 2020-2022 Mission Grants

A mission goal of \$134,400 was adopted for the 2020-2022 biennium. \$30,500 will be provided for grants in support of the following projects for

the Eastern District:		
		Mission Gran
Funding to support housing needs for missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, NY	7-\$1,500-	\$30,500
Funding for the devotional materials to further the ministry of Celebrate Recovery Hope Lutheran, Levittown, PA	6-\$5,000-	\$29,000
Funding to purchase and install a handicapped accessible vinyl play set Christ Memorial Lutheran School, Malvern, PA	5-\$4,000-	\$24,000
Funding for children's beds and materials through the Barnabas Project Calvery Lutheran, Waterloo, NY	4-\$5,000-	\$20,000
Funding for food and hygiene products for widows in southern Africa Climbing for Christ	3-\$5,000- PAID	\$15,000
Funding for meals for those in extreme poverty in Philadelphia through a Hospitality Collaborative program Broad Street Ministry, Philadelphia, PA	PAID	\$10, <mark>0</mark> 00
Funding for sewing materials to complete 500 feminine hygiene "kits" for girls around the world Valencia Days for Girls, Valencia, PA	PAID	\$ 5,000



NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

UPDATED DISTRICT BYLAWS

are on the website. Please download a copy for your zone or society from the following

link: http://www.east-dist-lwml.org/ LWMLED Bylaws 2020.off

A note to zones: Many zone boards have been reviewing their Bylaws. All zones would benefit from a Bylaws review. The COVID 19 experience has taught us that zones might also benefit from adding an emergency section stipulating zone organization/voting procedure in emergency situations. If you need to make changes to your Bylaws or need more information, please contact Robin Swanson, Structure Chair @ tr72 go@hotmail.com.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



NOMINATING COMMITTEE **NEWS**

The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for the following

offices:

District President; Vice President of Christian Life\Special Focus; Vice President of Gospel Outreach\Organization Resources; District Treasurer; and District Pastoral Counselor.

All offices serve a four year term. Any Eastern District LWML member may nominate a candidate for office. For more information or Nominating Forms please email Nominating Chair, Sharon McGuan at stmcquan@gmail.com.





June 10-12, 2022 Double Tree by Hilton 6301 NY-298 East Syracuse, NY 13057

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:35–37)

Central NY North and Genesee Zones invite you to an inspirational weekend centered on the theme that through the love of God we are protected against all the evils that we may face and can overcome trials and tribulations with our faith being our strength. Join us in the beautiful Central region of New York, close enough to visit the Genesee and Finger Lakes Regions, too!

Congratulations to Kathy Pavelock who was elected National LWML VP of Communication and Rebecca Bessell who has assumed the 2022 Eastern District Convention Chairman duties!



Rev. Jim Burch, Pastoral Counselor and Rebecca Bessell, Convention Chairman

It has been a joy to meet with the members of the Planning Committee three times virtually and once in person at Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo, NY.



Back Row: Pastor Jim Burch, Lillian Jensen, Carolyn Krause,

Charlene Young, Allison Young

Front Row: Sharon Fuerch, Teri Devan, Susan Beltran, Sharla

Swann, Kathy Ippolito, Linda Bahr

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

May 1 Spring Event zoom – Joanne Lorenzo, founder of the Magdalene Project (now the Lighthouse Women and Children's Center of Niagara Falls, NY) was our guest speaker. From the first words that Joanne spoke to us, we knew that serving the neediest was for her, a calling from God. Joanne and her team of volunteers serve the down and out of Niagara Falls, especially women at risk. Every week they go to hotels where homeless are temporarily living, the bus station and a boarding house bringing food, toiletries, clothing, blankets, etc. to prostitutes, the homeless, and other lowincome people. Not only do they provide food for the body but also, if asked, food for the soul. You can read more about this ministry at

www.lighthousewomenandchildrencenter.com or Lighthouse Women and Children's Center on Facebook.

Fall Event – In person to be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY. October 30. A representa-

tive from Hearts for the Homeless will be our guest speaker. For the last 29 years, Hearts for the Homeless has been working in the community to feed the poor and the homeless on the street. You may have seen the red bins in your neighbor-

hoods where you can donate clothing, shoes and accessories which then go to their ministry center where proceeds are used to feed the poor and homeless and to maintain and expand their ministry.

NIAGARA ZONE

BIRLE Study

The Niagara Zone continues to have their weekly Bible Study every Monday night, which they encourage all members of the LWML Eastern District to join via Zoom.

Weekly updates with the Zoom link have been sent out by VP of Communication Sharon Wolff.

For the next two weeks we will be doing a study of Philemon. After Philemon we will be doing God's Relentless Love by Sharla Fritz, who was the retreat speaker at the LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat. This is a study of Hosea. You will need to purchase the bible study; it is available at CPH, Amazon and Christianbooks.com. For more details contact Shellie Knupp at shellieknupp@gmail.com

PHILADELPHIAZONE



LWML Philadelphia Zone Fall Rally Saturday October 9, 2021 Virtual – 10 am to 12 pm Theme: Building on a Strong Foundation

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342819784? pwd=SzEzdW1mUjBrV0tleFhiM0xPVlpIQT09

Program: 2021 LWML national Convention Reports Bible Study / Speaker



Ingathering recipient: Southwest Community Development Corporation For more information and the services Southwest CDC provides check their website https://southwestcdc.org/ Please send your ingathering donation

to Chris Gasslein, 112 Stillwagon Lane, Coatesville, PA Checks should be made to LWML

The zoom link will open at 9:45 am for visiting prior to the rally and stay open after 12:00 p.m. for more conversations.

RSVP to Beth Quinn, <u>bethkquinn@gmail.com</u>, with your email by Thursday October 7, 2021

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





71 Women and men gathered in person at Lutherlyn Camp in Butler, PA for our annual fall Retreat. Such a blessing to have our first in-person gathering since the Covid-19 shutdown. We were inspired by keynote speaker Sharla Fritz speaking on God's Relentless Love. We enjoyed fellowship, Bible Study Worship and entertainment together. Thank you Buffalo Zone for your hard work. Here are just a few highlights.























Eastern District LWML Please support our organization by recycling your used electronics.

- Cell Phones, Cords, Chargers, Cases, Ear **Pieces**

- Inkjet Cartridges
- iPads & Tablets
- Smart Watches
- Metals: Gold, Silver, Platinum Jewerly



Contact: Alice Pfonner 716-873-9377

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 25-26, 2022 EC and BOD meeting

East Syracuse, NY

June 10-12, 2022 LWML Eastern District

Convention

East Syracuse, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

June 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021 Mites: \$3,917.24

Memorials Given: (June 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021)

In Memory of: Given by: Sarah Buskey St. Paul Adella Marilyn Koss Wright St. Paul Adella Donna Coleman Rebecca Bessell Lilo Dolinski Immanuel LWML

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.



Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

Our Hearts in HIS Hand

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

"Our Hearts in His Hand" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2021 and is based on Peter's first letter to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor. In chapter 4:8, Peter tells them, Above all, keep loving one another earnestly. The heart of the LWML is its members; our hearts have been made holy by God. We are fully dedicated to serving Him, by serving His Church at home and abroad. Our hearts for Christ are in His hand of service, wherever and when He has need of us.

2021 LWML Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Dr. Dale A. Meyer, are now available from lwml.org

Executive Committee

President

Susan Bell, 814 Dover Court Place, Downingtown, PA 19335 610-937-1483 susanbell557@comcast.net

Vice President of Communication

Sharon Wolff, 9926 Francis Rd., Batavia, NY 14020 585-721-0713 swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 stmcguan@gmail.com

Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus

Linda Breight, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 412-271-1119 <u>iamweebs@hotmail.com</u>

Recording Secretary

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Financial Secretary

Judy Morrison, 7 Albano Dr., Hilton, NY 14468 585-484-8138 juclkemo@gmail.com

Treasurer

Beth Scholl, 912 Birch Lane, PO Box 459, Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 315-264-2591 gbds2000@yahoo.com

Senior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. John Zimmerman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 238 Reese St., Scranton, PA 18508 570-507-6138 pastorzimmerman@gmail.com

Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Jeffrey Nickel, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Dr, Clarence, NY 14031 (716) 634-2332

Pastornickel.holycross@gmail.com

Appointed By the President

Parliamentarian

Gretchen Putzman, 148 Heather Hill, West Seneca, NY 14224 716-674-8859

Planner

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St., Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brwcpa421@aol.com

Appointed By the Executive Committee

Editor

Bev Wicher, 19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140 lwmllink@gmail.com

Public Relations Director

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 KMPavelock@aol.com

Archivist/Historian

Chris Gasslein, 112 Stillwagon Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320 610-384-6093 gassleinc@comcast.net

Legacy of Love Coordinator

Rebecca Bessell, 7048 Benedict Beach, Hamlin, NY 14464 585-415-6368 rlb54@rochester.rr.com

Stamps for Missions Coordinator

Sharon McGuan, 73 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14222 716-803-3767 <a href="mailto:strong-amailto:

Appointed by Board of Directors

Christian Life Chair

Teri Devan, 10 Homestead Ct., Clinton, NY 13323 315-734-1372 Flagdaytld@aol.com

Christian Life Chair Co-Chair

Carol Obot 259 Zimmerman Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14223 218-349-3397 carolobot1@aol.com

Special Focus Chair

Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 570-877-2168 <u>margaretklees@gmail.com</u>

Special Focus Co-Chair

Beth Quinn 558 Westwind Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Mission Grants Chair

Julie Tapp, 168 Gooding St., Lockport, NY 14094 716-713-5531 tapp7309@yahoo.com

Mission Grants Co-Chair

Susan Morris, 3301 Hartford Ct., Newtown Square, PA 19073 215-514-8678 morrissusan68@gmail.com

Structure Chair

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 <u>tr72_go@hotmail.com</u>

Structure Co-Chair

Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Dr., West Chester, PA 19380 610-316-0587 dorijuskalian@gmail.com

Leader Development Chair

Allison Young, 10 Palmer Ave., Apt. 2, Whitesboro, NY 13492 315-723-8525 youngac191@gmail.com

Leader Development Co-Chair

Katie Wacker, 435 N. Pike Rd., Sarver, PA 16055 847-284-4539 katie.wacker@icloud.com

2020 District Convention Liaison

Barbara Williams, 6132 Prospect St,, Newfane NY 14108 716-778-8824 brwcpa421@aol.com

Eastern District Recycling Fundraiser Chairman

Alice Pfonner, 136 Hamilton Blvd., Kenmore, NY 14217 716-873-9377 alicepfonner@aol.com

Webmaster

Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 kmpavelock@aol.com

Zone Presidents

Anthracite Zone

Kathy Norris, 58 Laurel Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-281-6197 kafmaynor@gmail.com

Buffalo Zone

Dee Grzyb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster NY 14086 716-393-3670 d e grzyb@msn.com

Cattaraugus-Allegany Zone

Robin Swanson, 940 Creek Rd., Sugar Grove, PA 16350 814-489-3411 <u>tr72_go@hotmail.com</u>

Central New York North Zone

Linda Bahr, 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 315-339-1979 linda@gbahr.com

Central New York South Zone

Anita Getty, 318 North Rd., Middlebury, PA 16935 570-376-2143 amgent@ptd.net

Genesee Zone

Kathy Ippolito 45 Schoolhouse Rd., Rochester, NY 14618 585-315-1651 kippolito.ki@gmail.com

Niagara Zone

Shellie Knupp, 57 Washington St., North Tonawanda, NY 14120 585-507-1651 shellieknupp@gmail.com

Philadelphia Zone

Beth Quinn, 558 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312 610-761-0263 bethkquinn@gmail.com

Pittsburgh Zone

Diane Olmstead, 1223 Complanter Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 724-991-2344 dolmsteadcu@gmail.com





Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

Bev Wicher 19 Vernon Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-913-4140

E-mail: <u>lwmllink@gmail.com</u>

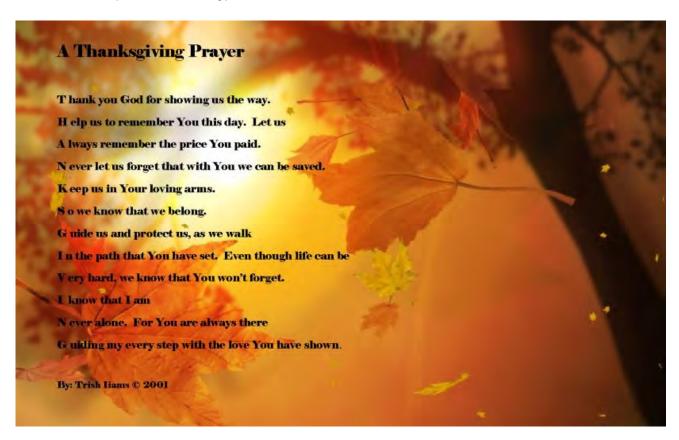
The next deadline is December 1, 2021

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



Bev Wicher
Eastern District LWML Editor
19 Vernon Drive.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
E-mail lwmllink@gmail.com