



THANKFUL FOR THE ADVENTURES!

I can hardly believe that this is my last article for The LINK as LWML Eastern District President! The time has gone quickly and it has been an awesome adventure in Serving Him! I am truly thankful for the opportunity to be the president which has allowed me to grow as a Christian woman, as well as the numerous opportunities to meet and speak with so many of my Sisters and Brothers in Christ. Nevertheless, the adventures go on and I continue to encourage and assist the women in life to strengthen their relationship with the Triune God

so that they are enabled to use their gifts in Ministry to the people of the world!

Before you know it, June will be here and we will gather in Niagara Falls for the 37th Biennial LWML Eastern District Convention. As you know, we are entrusted with important service for the Lord. In only a few months the women of the Eastern District will come together to celebrate God's blessings on our past missionary work and to prayerfully choose mission grants for the 2018-2020 Biennium. The LWML Board of Directors has approved 11 mission grants for the ballot; nominations for President, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus, Treasurer, and Pastoral Counselor; proposed changes to the Bylaws; and convention offering recipients. I am enthusiastically preparing and fine tuning the convention agenda.

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

The 2018 Convention Planning Committee, through the leadership of Barb Williams and the many willing servants from the Niagara Zone are "dressed", have "lit the lamps" at the DoubleTree and are "waiting" for you, the delegation and guests, to arrive on June 1st. The committee has taken the convention theme to heart as they listen for "The Voice of the Lord: Enlightening, Electrifying, and Empowering" as He guides.

I have been attending district conventions since 1994 and all of these conventions have been inspiring to me. I encourage you to plan on attending this convention where you are sure to be enlightened, electrified and empowered to Serve Him! Why not get registered today?!? I am excited to greet you all in Niagara Falls on June 1-3 as we listen and hear "The Voice of the Lord" and continue to *Serve the Lord with Gladness!*

Always in His Service,
Kathy Pavelock
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***The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders,
The Lord, over many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Psalm 29:3-4***



*Together
Serving
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Matthew 28:8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The crazy pandemonium of the resurrection is accounted for in the various Gospels. It is impossible to come up with a clear understanding of the exact events when you try to merge the four resurrection accounts. All you get is a real picture of massive confusion, disbelief, racing minds, distraught faces, crying, joy, fear, terror, running, shouting, dumbfounded hearts, and finally here we find them clasping Jesus' feet and worshipping a real live person who once was dead. The mind explodes attempting to ascertain the monument of that Easter dawn.

This Biblical picture of the morning that sealed our eternal salvation and turned the world upside down, is a far cry from our very orderly Easter celebrations where the most exciting thing that happens is the Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn after worship. The kids are so cute, aren't they?

We need to get over our politically correct version of Holy Week and Easter. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send His Holy Spirit upon our churches and upon each of our lives. This year the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord coincides with the silly observance of April Fools Day. As a pastor I love the dots I can connect when this happens. There is lots of talk in the Bible about foolishness: the foolish ways of the world, or being a fool for the Lord Jesus, or how God uses the foolishness of the world to shame the wise... and we can go on. But ultimately, the good and the best news in all the world is that on Easter morning the joke was on Satan. Satan thought he had killed God and done him in. His body was locked in the tomb. He had taken the prize of all prizes and his victory was complete!

Dear Sisters in the Risen Christ... as you experience Holy Week this year, the horror of Good Friday and glory of the Resurrection, hear the voice of Jesus' greeting you through the confusion, tears and grief of your life. He is calling your name. He is saying "Don't be afraid! Your sins are forgiven. You are my child forever." And finally, he calls you to be Lutheran Women in Mission, calling everyone to where they can meet him - in Word and Sacrament, and even on Judgement Day at the gates of heaven.

Whatever else you do this Easter, make sure you laugh long and hard... with pure joy and with all of heaven. The joke is really on the Devil. And make sure you keep laughing all the way to the District Convention in June! I will see you there with a glad belly ache!! Praise God forever and ever!

Pastor Bjornstad, Eastern District Senior Counselor

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

Blessings from your Vice President of Christian Life / Special Focus



It truly has been a blessing for me to serve as your VP of Christian Life and Special Focus. It has been a privilege working with our LWML sisters in Christ. You'll have one of two very gifted women as your new VP and you'll also have new Co-chairs for the Christian Life and Special Focus committees. Many thanks go to Judy Grimm who will end her term as Christian Life chairman and to Kelly Gilbert who will be stepping up into that position. To Bea Hapeman we again thank her for serving as Special Focus chairman before she needed to step down from that position. To Sharon Wolff who filled in for Bea and will now be in charge of Special Focus I give her my gratitude for willingly taking over when she herself was new to that committee. I'm excited to see God working through these gals in their committees. They come with new ideas and joy to serve. If they can help you in any way please let them know. Our web site has multiple aids and ideas to help you individually and in your societies and zones. Check out the LWML web site for "Daily Devotions" and "Two Minute Tuesdays". These items as well as so many more can assist you in "Serving the Lord with Gladness" and encouraging others

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."
Philippians 2:1

SERVING HIM, KAREN DEVAN. VP CHRISTIAN LIFE / SPECIAL FOCUS



June 1-3, 2018
37th LWML Eastern District Convention
Double Tree by Hilton
Niagara Falls, New York

The theme for the 2018 LWML Eastern District Convention will be "The Voice of the Lord".....Enlightening, Electrifying and Empowering. The full Bible verse on which we will meditate for the weekend is Psalm 29: 3-4 "*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*"

Don't miss your opportunity to hear the voice of the Lord through:
Servant Events—Displays—Songs of Praise—Mite Walking—Gifts from the Heart—
Tour of Niagara Falls—Inspiring Speakers—
Voting for Grants—Voting for new Officers—Worshipping together—
Being together with your sisters in Christ

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30
DON'T DELAY—REGISTER TODAY



HEART Love & SOUL 
 Serving the Community Since 1982

GIFTS FROM THE 

Our Gifts from the Heart gathering will be for **Heart, Love and Soul** a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding those in need: body, mind and soul serving the residents of Western New York, especially the Niagara Falls area since

1982. Aware of the needs in their neighborhood, Heart, Love and Soul was founded by the prayer group of Sacred Heart Parish. For its dining room an average of 60 meals at breakfast and 150 meals at lunch are served each day. The food pantry serves over 700 individuals each month. Other services and programs include a Community Care Coordinator to offer health and wellness guidance. Once a month guests registered in the pantry are referred to obtain certain household and toiletry items.

Wish List of Items Needed: Men's tube socks – white or black, Women's tube socks – white or black, Bath towels and wash cloths, toilet paper; twin bed sheets/pillow cases, twin bed "bedbug proof" covers; Twin bed blankets, men's underwear – S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL; tee shirts – M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL; school supplies – pens, pencils, and colored pencils

Sister Beth Brosmer serves as the Executive Director of Heart, Love and Soul. She has committed to being with us the afternoon of Saturday, June 2, 2018 to speak about their programs and receive our Gifts From the Heart in-gathering. **There will also be an on-site servant event being offered.** If you would like to learn more please visit their website at heartloveandsoul.org.

Entertainment

Comedian Dan Viola from Rochester, NY draws on his experience as a father of seven children to engage an audience with his family-friendly comedy. He incorporates his myriad life experiences into smart, clean and razor sharp comedy that is as hysterical as it is impressive and asks his audience to think "outside the gutter". Fresh out of college, Dan performed at his first "open mic". After an inspiring but brief introduction to the comedy world, life came calling and he promptly took a 13-year hiatus.

As a comedian, he has traveled the United States working acts such as Jon Stewart, Rob Schneider, Kevin Nealon, SNL's Jay Pharoah, Sam Kinison, Steven Wright, and The Shirelles. He was also the host of the comedy game show "The Battle of Wits". He will draw on his background as a game show host, parent, teacher, coach and salesman to provide an evening of entertainment and laughter.



CONVENTION SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER—REV. DR. JOHN SOUND

The Reverend Doctor John Sound was born in India, whose parents were Lutheran elementary school teachers. He was baptized and confirmed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madras, India. He received a Bachelor of Science (BSc) and a Master of Science (MSc) in Physics from Madras University, India, and a Master of Technology (MTech) degree in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Pittsburgh, PA, a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degrees. After serving as pastor of various congregations in Pittsburgh, PA, Auburn, NY, Winchester, VA and Manassas, VA, Dr. Sound retired from full time ministry on November 1, 2013. Since his retirement, he has been shepherding a mission congregation, which he helped to establish in 2011 and been teaching fulltime at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria, VA where, he teaches courses in Old Testament, New Testament, precalculus, applied calculus, statistics and linear algebra.

Dr. Sound served as the LWML Eastern District Pastoral Counselor from 1998-2005 and Chesapeake District from 2006-2010. He credits his mother, an active LWML member in India and the Northern Minnesota LWML who sponsored him during his seminary studies, for his interest in the organization. He is married to the former Judith Lynn DeWalt for twenty-seven years and they are the parents of Kaitlyn (24) and John-Mark (22). He is no stranger to the Eastern District and he is blessed and thrilled to be at the 2018 LWML Eastern District Convention.



NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE—PRESIDENT PATTI ROSS

President Patti's experience in LWML has always been a source of joy. It is no surprise that her vision for LWML is that it be enjoyable work, where women can be equipped and encouraged to serve in God's Kingdom.

For each woman this brings added spiritual growth and mission opportunities. The LWML is a place where each woman is valued for her uniqueness in God's plan for His church and is engaged in using her special God-given gifts.

Participating in numerous mission trips and serving the first two years of her presidency, Patti's faith life has grown to new and greater dimensions. She loves sharing the work of the LWML with other LCMS entities and mission grant recipients. However, seeing the impact first hand of what the

Lord can do through the work of wonderful LWML women has been her greatest joy. She sees the celebration of LWML's 75th Anniversary as a time to reflect on the past, work in the present and celebrate God-gifted mentors and mission opportunities of the future. What an honor it is, she says, to represent the LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission!

Patti is a member of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has served as LWML Oklahoma District President, 2004-2008, and as LWML Vice President of Christian Life, 2009-2013.

Patti and her husband of 44 years, Bill, enjoy water sports, especially scuba diving. During the school year you will find them at Oklahoma State University athletic events. She is a retired registered nurse and served in the U.S. Navy Reserves on active duty in Virginia. Patti and Bill have been blessed with three lovely, fun grandchildren and treasure their roles as Grandpa and Grandma.

Christ's command in Matthew 28:19 is always in Patti's heart, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."*



Jan Struck as
Katie Luther

INTERRUPTER: JAN STRUCK "STURCK WITH LAUGHTER"

Jan Struck's earliest memories revolve around her church home in Indianapolis, Indiana where she experienced her elementary education in a two-room, Lutheran school. Her strong Christian background led her to Valparaiso University where she received her theater degree.

Jan's "Life Story" has included the blessing of mothering three children, teaching school, working in secretarial and administrative job positions, and experiencing single parenthood after divorce. Additional "surprises", from a loving and delightful Creator, have brought the joy of a second marriage and a combined family that totals six grown children, their spouses, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She is delighted to have been given a lifetime of bizarre experiences and an ability to see humor and irony in her journey.

Her ministry is the blessing of serving the Lord as a popular speaker leading Bible studies, workshops, and women's retreats, Jan has traveled extensively in the Midwest, as well as far west as Idaho and east as North Carolina. Her involvement with LWML has enabled her to bring the gift of laughter to numerous district and national conventions. With over 40 years of experience in teaching, motivating, and entertaining her audiences, Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life with fellow travelers and leaves them laughing. Her trust and faith in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God"!!

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

The following grants have been received by the Grant Committee by October 15, 2017 and have been reviewed according to the Bylaws and Guidelines. They are presented in the order they were received by this committee.

Grant A Request for funding for the Lunchbox Summer Program in Hop Bottom, PA.
\$5,000 Requested by Grace Lutheran LWML Women's Guild, Hop Bottom, PA Anthracite Zone

** Run by a combination of churches and organizations whose goal is to share what God has provided to families who receive free or reduced school lunches and breakfasts during the school year. They strive to feed them not only physically, but spiritually by inviting them to upcoming events at their churches. Wholesome food is made available for pickup during the summer months. Emergency intake of families within the school district who have unexpected reduced income will also be included in the program. The goal is to provide continued service and expand the program beyond the summer months and provide food to lower income families.

Grant B Request for funding for Care-A-Van Ministries, Batavia, NY to further the ministry of the Senior Citizen Community.
5,000 Requested by Sharon Wolff, LWML member, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Batavia, NY, Buffalo Zone

** Care-A-Van Ministries is a street ministry which depends on donations from churches who work together for the purpose of sharing the love of God. The outreach consists of Pastor Werk, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Batavia, NY, and others offering support, a listening ear and prayer to those being ministered to. The Care-A-Van also is a vehicle that is the tool to bring food, clothing, compassion, love, hope and prayer to approximately 28 areas of the city of Batavia. The grant will enable the Care-A-Van Ministry to continue their outreach to the needy, the lost, and hurting, meeting their needs, and building relationships and good news of Jesus. The monies will help further the ministry of the Senior Citizen Community at each of the 8 locations in the Batavia area. Gospel tracts, hygiene items, toiletries, snacks, word books, screwdriver sets, etc. will be purchased with the monies.

Grant C Request for funding to Mercy House, Vestal, NY for medical supplies.
\$3,000 Requested by Ruth Mueller, LWML member, Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY, CNY South Zone

** Mercy House is a non-denominational Community Care Shelter providing a home and a supportive family to terminally ill residents who can no longer stay at home. Mercy House is a shelter that is not eligible for any government funding or insurance reimbursements. The average cost of care for a resident is \$1500 per week and some residents can help pay a portion of their care, others cannot. Mercy House is seeking \$3000 for medical supplies for over the next year. They rely heavily on community support and volunteers to help with their mission. Volunteers spend time with the residents talking, reading the bible, or simply holding their hand. The grant would help purchase higher cost items such as dry pads, examination gloves and micro-kill germ wipes, the cost bi-monthly is \$513 for these items.

Grant D Request for funding to purchase of Bibles for distribution in Nepal and China through Sowers Ministry.
\$5,000 Requested by Bonnie Sugrue, LWML member, First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda, NY, Buffalo Zone

**The Sowers Ministry focuses on Evangelism training, church planting, prayer and intercession, orphanages, literature, Bible distribution, medical teams, feeding programs and disaster relief. The goal is to bring God's Good News to the poor and remote population. Funding the Bibles to Nepal & China can help us fulfill this goal. This mission is supported through the mission teams at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda NY.

Grant E Request for funding to feed 110 hungry souls for an entire year in Haiti.
\$4,738 Requested by Denise Gudlin, LWML member, Emmanuel Lutheran, Hermitage, TN

**Trinity Hope located in Mt. Juliet, TN is a ministry that feeds thousands of hungry children, teachers and cooks each day in Christian schools spread throughout Haiti. This is the only meal that 50% of those we serve will eat in a 24-hour period. All of the funds granted go into running the feeding program. This program will assist Lutheran churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children who attend their schools. Many of the students walk one to several miles simply to attend school. A hot lunch enables them to be better nourished, increases their attention span, and enhances their ability to learn.

Grant F Request for funding for a Summer Day Camp at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center.
\$5,000 Requested by Joy Belasic LWML member, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eden, NY, Buffalo Zone

**The Summer Day Camp at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center will be a quality faith-based day camp, designed for youth ages 7-14, accessible to campers from local schools and communities, who are curious about God and Camp Pioneer. A way to grow personally and spiritually, this grant will fund camp supplies for programs and projects for the 2019 Summer Day Camp. This would be a way to spread the Word of God to those who do not know Him. The request is for a future Camp season. The money will help with curriculum materials, craft project materials, and outdoor adventure activity materials.

Grant G Request for funding for the purchase and installation of video equipment to enable Live-Streaming of sermons in sign language from an LCMS pastor to two deaf congregations located in different locations. Requested by Linda Bright, LWML Zone, Pittsburgh, PA, Pittsburgh Zone

**Pastor Bergstresser of Holy Cross of the Deaf Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio sermons would be recorded and made available on the Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf (TLCD) website for others to watch. It is expected that if Rev. Bergstresser would no longer be able to do the sermon, the technique of Live Streaming is simple enough that TLCD could connect with another hearing-impaired LCMS congregation and continue to receive sermons. This will make it possible for a Pastor to have a sermon with Sign Language video recorded and then playback to the TLCD worship service.

Grant H Request for funding for seed money to help with costs to open a new work center to produce Bibles for the visually impaired inmates throughout the United States. Requested by Carol Kozar, LWML member, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Scranton, PA, Anthracite Zone

**The Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) want to start up a work center to produce 14 Point APhont ESV Bibles for visually impaired inmates. The cost is \$4500 for the binder and \$500 for the computer. LBW is committed to strengthening their connection with visually impaired people who are incarcerated by offering them the ESV of the Bible to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Grant I Request for funding to purchase equipment and internet service to enable communications between students in West Seneca, NY and Haiti. Requested by Kathleen Fretthold, Principal Trinity School through the LWML Niagara Zone, NY

**This grant is for funds to purchase technology equipment and service for students at Trinity Christian School, West Seneca, NY to facilitate the SKYPE communication between them and the students of the Upper Room School and Orphanage in Haiti. Having face to face interaction with the Trinity leaders can provide teachers and leaders at the orphanage encouragement, training, spiritual strengthening and support. Allowing the children to share their faith across the cultural barriers is a powerful tool.

Grant J Request for funding for materials to help facilitate the transition of new pastors and wives from seminary life to parish ministry. Requested by Pastoral Education Ministry, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO.

**Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support(PALS) is a collaborative effort of our Synod and districts that regularly brings together groups of recent graduates of our seminaries throughout the first three years of their ministries, meeting six times per year. The group gathers around the Word in Worship, prayer, and study recognizing that pastors need to be nourished by the same Word that they use to nourish others in their faith. Time is allotted at every meeting for each pastor to reflect upon his ministry in his parish. This is an opportunity to support, encourage and learn from one another. The grant will help with the purchase of books.

Grant K Request for funding to provide perishable food items to seminary students and their families. Requested by Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**The Food and Clothing Co-op plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 60% of the students are married with families. When the decision is made to leave their jobs and come to the seminary, the students no longer have the same income but continue to have the same financial needs. The Clothing & Food Co-op fulfills a vital need for these families. This grant will be used to purchase only perishable food items each month to be given directly to the students and their families.

2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

The Nominating Committee is privileged to present biographies for the nominees, if elected, have consented to serve the Lord in the Eastern District LWML for the 2018-2020 term of office.

PRESIDENT



Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone - Susan lives in Downingtown, PA. and is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Malvern, Pa. She and her husband Jim have two grown sons, Brian and Brett and two grandchildren. Susan has earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Kansas State University and a Masters of Music Education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. Susan works as a licensed real estate agent and has attended licensing and certification classes at the Polley Real Estate School. She has served as the Music Director for Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. Her service to the LWML Eastern District currently is Recording Secretary. She has also served as Financial Secretary, Co-chair and Chair of the Structure Committee. Susan has been the President and Vice President of her Zone and is Secretary of her Society. She enjoys music, reading, bowling, travel and caring for two Welsh Terriers.

CANDIDATES CONTINUED

VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE/SPECIAL FOCUS

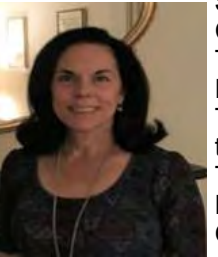


Linda Bahr, Central New York - North Zone - Linda lives in Rome, N.Y. and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, in Canastota NY. She and her husband Glen have three grown sons, Benjamin, Mark and Aaron and three grandchildren. Linda has an AA Degree from Concordia College in Bronxville, NY as well as a Bachelor of Arts and Master Degrees from Concordia, River Forest, IL. Her volunteer work at her church has been on the Pre-School Committee, Choral Music Director, Organist, and Christian Education Chairman. Her service to the LWML Eastern District was as Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources and Archivist-Historian. Linda is the President of her Zone and was Vice President of her Society. Linda enjoys singing, coloring, knitting, reading and travel.



Linda Bright, Pittsburgh Zone - Linda lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. and is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Forest Hill. She and her husband Reverend Ronald Bright have four children - Miguel, Jonathan, David and Timothy. Linda is a Paraprofessional at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. Linda has served her congregation in the following areas - Shut-In Ministry, Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Leader, Board of Education, President of PTA, and Christian Life for Women's Service Guild. She is serving as Zone President and was the Christian Growth Chairman. Her interests are knitting prayer shawls, stamping cards and reading Christian Historical fiction.

VICE PRESIDENT GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES



Sharon McGuan, Buffalo Zone - Sharon lives in Buffalo, NY and is a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Kenmore. She and her husband Tim have three grown children, Kathleen, Tim, and Amy. They are also blessed with three grandchildren. Sharon is a retired LCMS Commissioned Teacher. Her educational background is a BA from Valparaiso University, DCE Certification and Masters in Theology and Education, Concordia University River Forest. She has served in several congregations as Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent, Vacation Bible School Teacher, VBS Planning Team, Bible Study Leader/Facilitator and Choir member.

LWML Offices held:

Carolinas District: District Vice President for Mission Service, and Society Christian Growth Chairman and President. **Chesapeake District:** District Vice President for Mission Growth, President, Host Committee Member for the 1997 National LWML Convention in Charlotte, NC., Tidewater Zone Chairman, and Society President. **Eastern District:** District Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Zone Publicity Chairman, and Society Member,

Sharon enjoys singing, reading, traveling, stamp collecting, LWML, volunteer work with WNED, Niagara Lutheran Health Services and Pioneer Association of Volunteers.

TREASURER



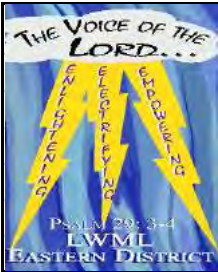
Beth Scholl - Central New York - North Zone - Beth lives in Sylvan Beach, NY. and is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Canastota, NY. She and her husband Greg have two children, Parker and Benjamin. Beth works as the Deputy Clerk Treasurer for the Village of Sylvan Beach. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management from SUNY Brockport. Beth has served her church in the Christian Education area and as Financial Secretary. Her service to the Eastern District is currently, Treasurer and has been the Leader Development Chair. She enjoys spending time with her family poolside and being a soccer Mom (her eldest plays soccer therefore Beth watches a lot of soccer). Beth also enjoys crafting.

PASTORAL COUNSELOR



Reverend John Zimmerman, Anthracite Zone - The Reverend John Zimmerman lives in Scranton, Pa. He serves Immanuel Lutheran Church, Scranton, Pa. Pastor Zimmerman has a BA degree from Concordia, Ann Arbor, Michigan as well as a Masters of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He serves as the Pastoral Counselor for the LWML Anthracite Zone. Pastor Zimmerman enjoys travel - road trips, state parks, and gadgets. He is also a Chicago Cubs baseball fan.

The Nominating Committee, Dee Grzyb, Donna Drier, Susan Morris, and Bev Wicher, thank all of our candidates for being willing and ready to "Serve the Lord With Gladness". We ask all members of the LWML to keep each of the nominees for election in your prayers. Also we ask all delegates to prayerfully consider each nominee before voting.



REGISTRATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District
37th Biennial Convention--June 1-3, 2018
 DoubleTree by Hilton - Niagara Falls
 401 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
 Phone: (716) 524-3333 Fax: (716) 524-3330

**"The Voice
of the
Lord"**

Psalm 29:3-4

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

I will be serving as a: *(please circle all that apply)*

Delegate Alternate Delegate Clergy Exhibitor Choir Guest
 Speaker/Special Guest Young Woman Representative Conv. Committee Board of Directors

REGISTRATION (Deadline: April 30, 2018)

\$ 35.00 Registration Fee <i>(required for all registrations)</i>	\$
\$ 45.00 Late Fee <i>(additional fee for all registrations received after April 30, 2018)</i>	\$
Total Due for Registration:	\$

LODGING (Please circle choice of lodging)

Room Rates (includes taxes & fees):		I will be staying:	
1 person per room	\$117.00 per person per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Night	\$
2 people per room	\$ 58.50 per person per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night	\$
3 people per room	\$ 39.00 per person per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night	\$
4 people per room	\$ 29.25 per person per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Night	\$
		Spouse attending: No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spouse's name: _____	

Roommates: _____

Note: Roommates will be assigned if none specified; 2 or more people per room are requested.

Total Due for Lodging:	\$
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MEALS & HOSPITALITY Please note Special Dietary Requests on page 2

Meal Prices (includes gratuity)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch	\$20	<i>Select one :</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Burger <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad Wrap	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet&Entertainment	\$35		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Breakfast	\$15		\$

	Total Due for Meals:	\$
	Total Due for Registration, Meals & Lodging:	\$
	Total Due for Tour:	\$
	Subtotal for Registration, Lodging & Meals	\$
	Less amount paid by District (for YWR/Speaker/Board only):	\$

GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$

Make checks payable to : LWML Eastern District Convention

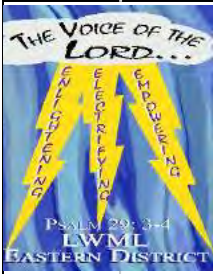
***MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM and FULL PAYMENT to:**

Terry Hoffman, Registration Chairman, 4181 Church Road, Lockport, NY 14094 (716-255-2612)

WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICE: EMAIL OR MAIL (please circle one)

IF BY MAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

Registration Chairman Only: Received On: Check(s): Amount: _____



REGISTRATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District
37th Biennial Convention--June 1-3, 2018
 DoubleTree by Hilton - Niagara Falls
 401 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
 Phone: (716) 524-3333 Fax: (716) 524-3330

**"The Voice
of the
Lord"**

Psalm 29:3-4

GROUP TOUR OF NIAGARA FALLS	Friday, June 1 1:00pm - 3:30pm Cost - \$30 Includes round trip van transportation from hotel to Observation Tower, Maid of the Mist dock, and some time to tour Prospect Point. Minimum Number - 20 If not enough interest, the tour will be cancelled by May 1st and registrants notified.
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ON YOUR OWN LEISURE	Hotel Pool; Self Guided Tour of Niagara Falls (www.niagarafalls-usa.com); Walking path behind the hotel to Goat Island/Prospect Point; Shopping at Fashion Outlets in Niagara Falls (7 miles from hotel).
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MITE WALK	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. <i>(Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.)</i>
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SERVANT EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Servant Event
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SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS (subject to change) (Please select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1: LWML National Representative - President Patti Ross <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: Jan Struck <i>(further details forthcoming spring 2018)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Session 3: Rev. Dr. John Sound <i>(further details forthcoming spring 2018)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Session 4: Disaster Response/ED Early Response Team(s) - Pastor Bjornstad
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PASTOR'S EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Event - Led by Claire Carlson
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CHOIR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: <input type="checkbox"/> SOPRANO <input type="checkbox"/> ALTO
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SPECIAL NEEDS	We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:
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	Medical Condition(s) convention committee should be aware	
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.). Specify:	
	Handicapped Accessible Room	
	Interpreter needed for (circle one): Hearing Impaired Spanish Language Other:	
	OTHER:	

TRANSPORTATION	If you require transportation between an airport, train, or bus station and the convention, please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.
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AIRLINE INFORMATION:				BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:			
Airport:		Station:					
Airline:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:					
Arrival Date:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:				
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:				
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:				

PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:							
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Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the

Signature	Date
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LWML Eastern District Retreat

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY
September 14 - 16, 2018
Hosted by the Genesee Zone

Guest Speaker, Jan Wendorf

Jan has a teaching degree from Concordia University Chicago. She and her husband reside in Neenah, Wisconsin.

Currently she serves as secretary of the board for International Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Over the years she has served in various ministries including being the 16th president of LWML. She has also been a teacher and coach, task force member for the LCMS on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, short term missionary, Ambassador for Lutheran World Relief, member of the Board of Regents for two universities, as well as a Bible study administrator and leader to name a few!



Gather your girlfriends for a weekend getaway of Fun, Friendship and Faith. There are many activities planned and a lot of things to do at Pioneer.

You don't want to miss retreat this year!

Registration form will be available in this [LINK](#) and at www.east-dist-lwml.org

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

LWML RETREAT CAMBERSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2017 retreat to first-time attendees or for those individuals having financial need. If you have received a campership in the past you are no longer eligible. The value of the campership is the full cost of the retreat at the full-time registration fee. If you desire a campership and need only consideration for part-time status, please indicate that in your application. An impartial committee will select from those eligible campers who submit a timely application. Notification will take place after the deadline date. Don't delay, act now!

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail _____
Zone _____

LWML Member? _____ Yes _____ No

Please write a brief narrative (50-100 words) on why you would like to attend the LWML Retreat. Attach your written statement to this application and mail by **August 1, 2018** to:

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

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2018
 Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
 September 14-16, 2018

 **LWML**
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

HOPE-RENEW-SOAR Isaiah 40:31
Speaker: Jan Wendorf
Hosted by the Genesee Zone

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

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

FULL-TIME	FULL TIME		
	> Registration Per Person includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 3 Meals, Linens	\$ 155.00	\$
	> Additional Cabin Fees : Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage/ Karkau Lodge \$150.00 (to be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
	> Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2018	\$ 25.00	\$
	NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit is required with Full-Time Registration	Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$
	PART-TIME		
	Registration Fee (per person)	\$ 15.00	\$
	> Lodging (please circle) Friday Saturday # of days x \$43.00		\$
	<u>Please provide your room preference below under lodging.</u>		
> Meals (please check which ones):			
	Friday Dinner \$16.00	\$	
	Saturday Breakfast \$ 10.00	\$	
	Saturday Lunch \$ 13.00	\$	
	Saturday Dinner \$ 16.00	\$	
	Sunday Breakfast \$ 10.00	\$	
> Additional Cabin Fees : Deluxe Cabin \$50.00 or Woodland Cottage/ Karkau Lodge \$150.00 (to be paid in full by first registration occupant).	Total	\$	
> Late Fee if postmarked after September 1, 2018	Additional Cabin Fee	\$	
NOTE: A \$25.00 minimum deposit is required by Part-Time Registration	\$ 25.00	\$	
	Payment Enclosed	\$	
	Balance Due	\$	

LOGGING	Standard Cabins:	
	Founders Court Cabins 25 - 36 (2 Single Beds, 2 Occupants Required)	
	Schroeter Circle 1-8 (Each Cabin has 10 Bunk Beds)	
	Deluxe Cabins: (Extra \$50 for the weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration).	
	Founders Court 38-41 (One Queen Bed & One Bunk Bed)	
	Founders Court 42-45 (One Queen Bed & One Sofa Bed 2-4 Occupants)	
	Family Court 14 (Handicap Accessible - One Queen Bed, 2 Occupants Required)	
	Family Court 15 (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Beds)	
	Family Court 16 (Queen Bed & 2 Bunk Beds)	
	Family Court 17, 19, 21 (Queen Bed)	
Family Court 18, 20, 22 (2 Bunk Beds)		
Family Court 23, 24 (1 Double Bed and 1 Bunk Bed with a Queen on the bottom, Twin on the top)		
Woodland Cottages & Karkau Lodge: Extra \$150/ weekend. FULL PAYMENT is required with first occupant registration.		
Woodland Cottage 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (Ea. Cottage: 1 Queen Bed & 2 Sets Bunk Beds, Pull-Out Sofa. Min. 4/cottage.)		
Karkau Lodge: (4 Single Beds)		

SPECIAL NEEDS	ROOMMATE(S):			CHURCH/GROUP:		
	Wheelchair:	Scooter:	Lower Bunk:			
	Hearing Impaired:	Other:	Dietary:			

NOTES:

- > Registration deadline is September 1, 2018. (Postmarked no later than Sept. 1st)
- > Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by September 1, 2018 or incur a \$25.00 late fee.
- > All requests are on a first come, first serve basis.
- > NO registrations accepted before May 1, 2018. Must be post marked no earlier that May 1st.

CANCELLATIONS: THE \$50 Full-time/\$25 Part-Time Deposit is Non-refundable. Cancellation for **MEDICAL REASONS** will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the Eastern District President.

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

Make checks payable to: LWML Eastern District

*MAIL completed REGISTRATON FORM, PAYMENTS & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (for return confirmation)
 Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468 email: dcoleman851@aol.com phone: 585-392-7491
 Registrations sent without stamped envelope will receive an email confirmation

GRANTS IN ACTION**GRANT TO SUPPORT CAMP JOY AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, BUFFALO, NY**

We are excited, blessed and grateful for the \$4,525 check from LWML to support Camp JOY. The funds were immediately used to purchase essential classroom furniture and supplies to enhance the classroom environment and hands-on activities. On behalf of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior Camp JOY, I extend a sincere thank you to LWML for helping us to impact the lives of our youth. We are still awaiting shipment of orders, however, we wanted you to join in our excitement of some of the orders we received.

We are looking forward to Camp JOY 2018 and the children who will benefit from your generosity. I will send pictures of the camp in action once it begins this summer.

Your Sister in Christ, Barbara D. Glover, Camp Director

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

Do you receive the Quarterly? The LINK? What is your favorite part – what do you read first? Both of these publications are full of resources and information for you personally and your society. Did you know our LWML Eastern District has a website to keep everyone connected and informed about the organization? Have you checked it out (www.east-dist-lwml.org/)?

Thank you to everyone who provided me updates to the District Directory and changes to the Quarterlies received. Many hands make light work. Continue to provide changes to me as they occur so I can keep the Directory up to date. Increasing Quarterlies can happen anytime during the year. Decreases only once a year (March).

Has your society submitted payment to cover the Quarterlies you receive? The district pays national for each Quarterly received in the District. We rely on each Quarterly recipient to contribute to offset what the district pays. When everyone pays their share, there is more money for missions. For the current biennium 2016-2018, the district paid \$2,615.06 more than was received from societies for the Quarterly subscriptions. If your society receives 10 copies of the Quarterly your society's contribution would be $10 \times \$6.50 = \65.00 . If your society receives less than 10 copies the amount is \$8.00 per subscription.

Please submit your Mites and Quarterly contributions to your Zone Treasurer.

Beth Quinn – 610-761-0263 – beth@quinnfamily.net

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Are you going to the District Convention in Niagara Falls, NY June 1-3?**

We had our March Board of Directors meeting at the hotel. It is great – rooms with refrigerators, good food, next to the Niagara River and Falls and awesome hospitality. Come hear President Patti Ross from national, Pastor Sound as our keynote speaker and past district counselor, Jan Struck who we danced with at our Retreat last

year and other LWML sisters and brothers across the district. Plan to attend and bring a friend. See details in this LINK edition and on the website www.east-dist-lwml.org/ under the Current Events tab.

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo Zone hosted a fun-filled, mission event on February 3rd at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cheektowaga. Over 30 LWML sisters from the zone gathered together

to make children's surgical caps and cards of encouragement for Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

Women brought sewing machines, kid-friendly fabric in all colors and patterns, elastic, thread and coloring pencils and gathered together for a lovely morning of devotion, bonding and service. About 30 caps and many cards were completed that day and what wasn't finished was taken home by many for completion at home or with their church groups. The caps and cards are still being gathered to be blessed at our next zone event in April, then delivered to the hospital for distribution to kids heading into surgery. We believe we will have over 100 caps to donate. We thank Trivent Financial for a Action Team Grant for this Project.



We created a Facebook Page for the Buffalo Zone titled Buffalo Zone LWML Lutheran Women in Mission. "Like" our page to see what we have been up to and events yet to come!

Bonnie Sugrue, Buffalo Zone Vice President

CNY SOUTH ZONE

CNYS Zone has adopted an ongoing MISSION Project



**TIOGA COUNTY
Partnership for
Community Health**

"SEEDS OF HOPE Partners" Seeds of Hope is a Ministry of area churches and interested individuals in partnership with Tioga County Human Services

It is a non-profit volunteer organization created to assist and aid families in crisis. The goal of the organization is to provide basic needs to maintain families and aid in unifying families. We are helping them by providing supplemental food, cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, clothing, minor home repairs that could effect a child's safety or health, building and providing beds and bedding, and providing basic needs or health and safety items. "Sometimes its those who fall between the crack and need a little boost"

"I tell you the truth, whatever you do for one of the least of these, you do for me." Matthew 25:40

Anita Getty, CNY South Zone President

NIAGARA ZONE



Our fall Rally Day was held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Ridgewood), Lockport NY. Guest speaker for the day was- Brigam Ziehm. Brigham is known by many for his work at Camp Pioneer. He is preparing for a year of mission work with Adventures in Life Ministries (AIL) in Mexico . A Gifts from the Heart" ingathering of reading glasses for AIL was held in memory of Jan Voelker .A

business meeting and elections were held.

Current officers are: President, Laurie Bauch (1st term); Vice-President, Shellie Knupp (1st term); Recording Secretary, Julie Tapp (1st term), Corresponding Secretary, Cheri Briggs (2nd term), Treasurer, Kathy Burkett (2nd term), Christian Life Chairman, Vacant, Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Robert Hoffman (1st term).

The Niagara Zone will host our annual spring Christian Life gathering on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The event will be hosted by the Woman of Saint Paul at St. Paul Lutheran Church North Tonawanda, NY. This will be a full day event to include a Bible Study/Devotion led by Susan Knowles and Pastor Hoffman. The study, "Walking in the Light Together " is based on 1 John:7, using materials from Ambassadors of Reconciliation™. A brief business meeting will be held and after lunch we will be working together to support the Niagara Zone Convention Committee in their preparations for a wonderful retreat in Niagara Falls on June 1-3, 2018. We are looking forward to being "Enlightened, Empowered and Electrified"!



Laurie Bauch, Niagara Zone President



We have three (3) Young Woman Representatives (YWR's) to attend the 2018 District convention. We are very excited to have the following Young Women Representatives. Their names

and zones are:

**Victoria V.L., Genesee, NY Zone
Tenea H., Central NY North Zone
Annie S., Buffalo, NY Zone**



Legacy of Love

WHAT IS IT?

An *Endowment* to make a lasting impact on the *Ministry of the LWML Eastern District*

for years to come.

WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

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

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

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

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NEWSFLASH

Looking for something new for your Zone spring meeting? How about your next society meeting or with your congregation?

The Niagara Zone has developed two short **promotional videos** for the 2018 Convention to encourage all members of the Eastern District to consider joining with them in Niagara Falls. The videos and all things convention can be found at www.east-dist-lwml.org Current Events, 2018 Convention webpage. Here you will find details about the convention and two videos (one 28 seconds and the other 63 seconds). Here are the links for the two promo videos <http://east-dist-lwml.org/Promo%2028%20sec.mp4> and <http://east-dist-lwml.org/Promo%2063%20sec.mp4> (type ctrl click to access)

Thank you to Shellie Knupp, Co-Chair and the members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda, NY for creation of the video with pictures, music and voice. (If you would like the video clips emailed to you, contact the editor at lwmlink@gmail.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars	
June 1, 2018	EC/BOD Meeting Niagara Falls, NY
June 1-3, 2018	ED LWML Convention Niagara Falls, NY
Sept. 14, 2018	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
Sept. 14-16, 2018	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

December 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018

Mites: \$10,391.03

Memorials Given in remembrance of: (December 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018)

In Memory of: Given By:

Loretta Smith

St. Paul Adella Society

In Honor of:

Young Women Representatives

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.

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

It was decided at the Eastern District LWML Board of Director's Meeting in March that the offerings for the 2018 LWML Eastern District Convention will be as followings:

1. LWML Eastern District Treasury
2. Liberian Mission
3. Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY

All checks should be made out to the
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The next deadline is June 1, 2018

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



Pictured left to right lower: Sharon Frantz, Diana Williams, Terri Stonesifer, Hobert & Dot Bowser Back row holding quilt: Mark Williams, Phil Frantz, Rick Broadwater; Lloyd Oester in background

quilt of valor, "Patriotic Glory" due to airplanes and Air Force insignia woven into the quilt's cornerstones. Pieced together by Ladies Aid members Lena Fratz & Margaret (Peggy) Close, machine quilted by Sharon Garlitz, then finished with hemming & labeling by Carol Jean Edmiston.

The mission of Quilts of Valor is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Quilts are not simply passed out to men and women who served their country; they are awarded in a special ceremony as a symbol of public thanks. Each quilt is different, but all are used to say "thanks" and provide comfort to the recipients.

Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid presented their second hand-made Quilt of Valor to Korean War Air Force Veteran and Accident native son, Hobert Luther Bowser, honoring him for his service to God, country, and community. The quilt was presented following Sunday services 2/25/18 at Zion Lutheran Church, Accident (MD) with friends, family and other veterans in attendance.

Mr. Bowser served four years in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955, including a 1-year stint as an Airman 3rd Class mechanic stationed in Korea at Tent City K-9. Born and raised in Accident MD, Mr. Bowser has been an active member of American Legion Post #208; the Accident Volunteer Fire Department Company 50; and the Zion Lutheran Men's Club. In 1999, he was named to the Allegany-Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Hall of Flame.

Mr. Bowser just turned 86 on February 13th. After retiring from the State Roads, Mr. Bowser did part-time auto detailing work at the Accident Garage. Several times a week (weather permitting), he still walks to Accident Garage for the 9 am retired men's daily coffee klatch!

Quilts of Valor is a patriotic endeavor, the goal being to present an Americana style quilt to veterans. The Ladies Aid has dubbed this, their second

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