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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossian 2:6-7).

We recently celebrated the LWML Eastern District 40th Biennial Convention in Mars, PA. It was an amazing weekend! The opening worship, Bible studies, speakers, and sending service made for a wonderful time to be together. The women and yes, there were some men of the Pittsburgh Zone all did an amazing job of organizing and arranging this event.

We joyfully celebrated having 5 Young Women Representatives attend convention. They are:

Margaret Walsh, Buffalo Zone
Alexa Wolf, Genesee Zone

Megan Wittmeyer, CNY South Zone
Faith Armer, Philadelphia Zone

Megan Migyanko, Pittsburgh Zone.

These women are a wonderful example of Young Women Representatives who want to know more about Lutheran Women in Mission.

There are several co-chair positions open. If I call on you, please prayerfully consider the job I am asking you to fill. Think about the tree's roots that are anchored firmly in the soil, the roots that absorb the nutrients that allow the tree to grow and the cross for us to rely on Jesus for guidance, strength and wisdom!

Remember our 2024 District Retreat will be held September 20-23 at Pioneer on the Lake, Angola, NY. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer.

If you have any comments, ideas, questions or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached at d_e_grzyb@msn.com, 716-901-4167 mobile, or 716-393-3670 landline. You are part of the Lutheran Women in Mission Eastern District and you have a voice in what we do.

Blessings,
Dee E. Grzyb
LWML Eastern District President

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)





COUNSELOR'S

Is *Trinity* in the Holy Bible?

Does the word trinity appear in the Bible? The simplistic answer is “No, the English word ‘trinity’ does not appear in the Holy Bible.” Neither does the word Christianity! (Early Christians called themselves disciples of the “Way” in reference to Jesus’ statement, *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except by Me.”* – John 14:6)

Amusingly, the word democracy appears neither in the Declaration of Independence nor the U.S. Constitution. Even the word republic is found only once in these documents – in Article IV of the Constitution, providing “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government...”

Yet the doctrine of the Holy Trinity appears in the pages of Holy Scripture just as our principles of governance based upon the rule of law, individual rights and election of representatives are espoused in the Declaration and the Constitution.

The Bible’s witness of the triune nature of God appears, for example, on the night when Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper (but before He is betrayed by Judas) as Jesus talks to His disciples about Himself in relation to the Father and the Holy Spirit: *“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”* – John 16:13-15.

Likewise, in Matthew 28:19 Jesus, after His resurrection and before His ascension, tells His disciples, *“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.”* In 2 Corinthians 13:14 the Apostle Paul offers us this beautiful, trinitarian blessing: *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

The three historic, ecumenical creeds of the Christian faith (the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed) all confess the triune nature of the one true God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sunday, May 26th, was Holy Trinity Sunday for many Christian denominations that follow the Western liturgical calendar, and in which the Athanasian Creed is traditionally recited.

The word trinity comes from the Latin word trinitas meaning the property of three-ness in unity. The earliest known use of the term was by the church father Tertullian only about 170 years after Christ’s resurrection and ascension. Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus (c. 150-220 AD) was born in Carthage, North Africa. Tertullian’s father, an officer of a Roman legion, sent him to Rome to become a lawyer. Seeing the simple yet faithful martyrs suffer in Rome, Tertullian converted to Christianity at around age 40 and, in the face of persecution, courageously and adeptly used his legal expertise to stick up for Christianity against pagan attackers. His defense of Christianity includes one of the earliest, most eloquent arguments for the religious liberty which we find enshrined in our own First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In his work *Against Praexean*, Tertullian coined the term trinity to describe how the three distinct persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are of one substance. Ever since, the Christian Church has used the term Trinity or Holy Trinity to maintain the Bible’s witness that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons yet one God. This is perhaps the greatest mystery of the Christian faith. To learn more about what distinguishes the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in creating, redeeming and sanctifying us, ask your pastor!

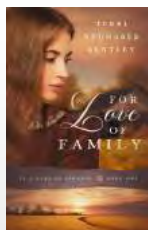
Rev. Jeff Nickel—LWML Eastern District Senior Counselor

CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS WRITTEN BY OUR UPCOMING RETREAT SPEAKER—TERRI BENTLEY


NEW LWML DEVOTIONAL
Oh Lord, I'm PUZZLED

21 devotions showing how God can take our puzzled lives and put us together to shine to His glory.

It is available now in the LWML Store


FOR LOVE OF FAMILY

A historical fiction romance which follows a young immigrant girl to America. With family honor and devotion propelling her Lena seeks to find goodness where God has led her to be.

Available from Amazon

Look for other books and devotions by Terri on her website terri-bentley.com
 She will have some of her books for sale at retreat as well


CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS


On Friday, June 14, 2024, President Dee Grzyb opened the 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Eastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). One hundred twenty-four (124) delegates and guests participated in the convention June 14-16, 2024, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Mars, Pennsylvania. The theme for this convention was "Rooted in Christ" based on the Bible verse, *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving* (Colossians 2:6-7).



Delegates elected the following officers to four-year terms

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE 2024 LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Vice President (VP) of Communication: Susan Morris, Philadelphia Zone

Recording Secretary: Terry Hoffman, Niagara Zone

Financial Secretary: Beth Scholl, Central NY-North Zone

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Michael Dobler, Niagara Zone

The newly elected officers will serve with previously elected officers of the Executive Committee: President Dee Grzyb, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus Linda Bahr, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Susan Bell, Treasurer Cindy Cwynar, and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Carl Emberger.

We wish to thank outgoing officers Sharon Wolff, Vice President off Communication, Linda Bogan, Recording Secretary, Rebecca Bessell, Financial Secretary and Rev. Jeff Nickel, Senior Pastoral Counselor for the time they have given to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" through the LWML Eastern District.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND WERE

Opening worship led by our Pastoral Counselors with Eastern District President Rev. John Pingle as proclaimer

Keynote speaker Heidi Goehmann sharing how we seek groundedness and growth which is found in the Root (Jesus)

Bible studies led by our Pastoral counselors

Update from National presented by Brenda Piester

Mission Moment speakers who shared their ministries and showed how our Mite money goes to work

Heard the report of the Mission Grants voted on electronically before convention

Voted for new officers and bylaw changes

Rebecca Bessell provided several Historical interludes throughout

Many participated in servant events, interest sessions and our annual Mite Walk

Saturday evening's banquet and entertainment by Jazz Warriors was enjoyed by all

ATTENDEES: Please make sure you fill out the convention survey which you can access on this [link](#) or on the website.

PLEASE—you will be receiving an email with the Time and Talent surveys, please fill these out and return to Susan Bell; only 10 were returned and those help us do the work of the LWML Eastern District.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES– SUSAN BELL



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 2024-2026 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell

Mission Grants Chair – Margaret Klees

Leader Development Chair – Sharon McGuan

Structure Chair – Darlene Garcia

Stamp Coordinator – Karen Blackmon, Nominating Committee Chair – Susan Bell

We will announce the Co-Chairs for these committees in the next LINK!

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7



MISSION GRANT NEWS

Susan Bell was able to present Rob Hall, new Director of Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic Branch a check for \$5,000 to fund shipment of a 40 foot container overseas on 3/17/24. This was our final grant for the 2022-2024 biennium.

NEW GRANTS APPROVED FOR THE 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

MISSION GRANTS

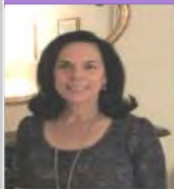
Delegates voted to approve a 2024-2026 Mission Goal of \$140,394, Mite Goal of \$65,000, and Grant Goal of \$32,500. Mission project grants for a total of \$33,989.53 (including the 2022-2024 overage of \$1,489.53) will be funded over the next two years. Projects to be funded in the following order include:

1. GRANT H \$5,000 Request to construct a new well for clean water for The Olivia S. Washington Schools of Liberia. Requested by LWML Member Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone.
2. GRANT C \$5,000 Request to produce Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles and other Christian materials. Requested by Shellie Knupp, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, N. Tonawanda, NY, Niagara Zone.
3. GRANT A \$2,000 Funds are requested to purchase supplies for 50 Blessing Bags Ministry. Requested by LWML member Rebecca Bessell, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, Hilton, NY, Genesee Zone.
4. GRANT B \$2,000 Request to cover printing costs for 400 copies of "How Can I Understand?" for Southeast Asian Families (Lutheran Heritage Foundation). Requested by Cathie Geske, Grace Lutheran Church, Hop Bottom, PA, Anthracite Zone
5. GRANT E \$3,000 Request to replace the gym floor at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Minot, ND campus. Requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone.
6. GRANT D \$4,900 Request for the repair/replacement of the air conditioner unit in the Tiemann Chapel at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, Rochester, NY. Requested by LWML Katherine Ippolito, Genesee Zone.
7. GRANT F \$3,550 Request to support monthly "Lunch and Learn" program at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY. Requested by LWML Member Susan Tichy, Buffalo Zone.
8. GRANT G \$2,500 Request to purchase sets, costumes and props for Glorify Performing Arts, West Chester, PA. Requested by LWML Member Rebecca Fuddy, Philadelphia Zone.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MITES SO THAT ALL MISSION GRANTS CAN BE FUNDED

NEWS FROM THE LEADER DEVELOPMENT NEWS CHAIR – SHARON MCGUAN

YWR CONVENTION REFLECTIONS



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesian 2:10

The Lord gave us the gift of five faith-filled, beautiful Young Women Representatives to bless our 40th biennial convention. They are Margaret Walsh: Buffalo Zone; Megan Wittmeyer: Central New York South Zone; Alexa Wolf: Genesee Zone; Faith Armer: Philadelphia Zone; and Megan Migyanko: Pittsburgh Zone.



They would like to share, in their own words, their reflections and thoughts concerning the convention.

- ◆ **Margaret Walsh:** I really loved meeting such wonderful ladies from all over the district. Spending so much time in the Word in a concentrated amount of time with all the Bible studies, devotions, prayers, and church services was so awesome!
- ◆ **Megan Wittmeyer:** It was a blessing meeting all the women who make the LWML what it is. My favorite memory is doing the skit with the other YWRs (and Linda!) and then watching Carol and some of the other ladies dance on Saturday night. Something that I learned from Brenda that I would like to bring to my church is wine and cheese night!
- ◆ **Alexa Wolf:** The 2024 Eastern District LWML Convention was a true gift from God. He continued to pour out His blessings each and every day. It was so refreshing to be able to be together with so many women and men who are real and genuine believers in Christ. In addition to having fellowship, we were able to form new friendships, which will lead us to stay in touch to encourage and build one another up. It was fascinating to learn the explicit ways the LWML supports ministries and congregations in our churches locally and around the world. The amount of grants the LWML has given (locally and nationally) was so encouraging. This (convention) was such a great example of how God's Word is living and active among us. We experienced the coming together of the body of Christ, hearing how His Holy Spirit continues to work in the lives of those who serve, and those in need. Thanks and praise be to God for the LWML and all the amazing ministries they serve, reflecting Christ's compassion and love for those in need.
- ◆ **Faith Armer:** It was a blessing to meet the other Young Women Representatives and so many women of the Eastern District LWML. The part of the convention that impacted me the most was the connections I made and the networking I was able to do. It was a blessing to talk ministry with other people who are passionate about extending the kingdom of God.
- ◆ **Megan Migyanko:** I was inspired by the mission moments that took an in-depth look at what LWML Mites do and the impact that they have and how my church and I can be a part of that. I loved getting to know the other young women representatives who are also involved in their churches and sharing similar values. The weekend was uplifting and fulfilling as I worshipped with other women, participated in Bible studies, and listened to the fabulous keynote speaker.



NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE



At the District convention held in Mars, PA on June 14-16, two amendments to our District bylaws were approved by the voting assembly:

The first is an update to allow for additional appointed personnel to be appointed, as needed, who are not part of the current Board of Directors (Article VIII) and the second, regarding Mission Grants—that we will not fund mortgage payments, tuition, travel and/or honorariums (to be consistent with current practices) (Articles XIV, Section 3)

The updated bylaws will be available soon on our District web page www.east-dist-lwml.org

Terry Hoffman—Structure Committee



General Assembly



Newly Elected Officers



Banner Procession
Linda Bright
Convention Chair



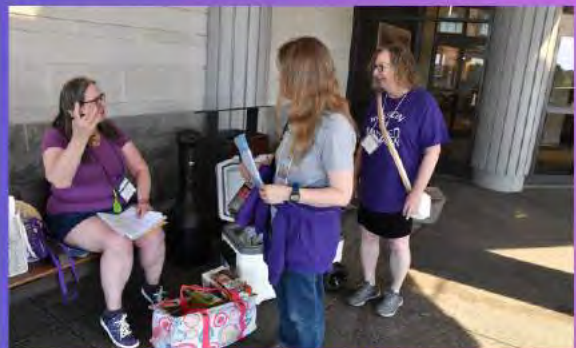
President Dee



New Counselor
Pastor Dobler



Servant Event



Mite Walk



Keynote Speaker
Heidi Goehmann ✨



Communion



LWML Rep
Brenda Piester

LWML Eastern District Convention

✨ 2024, MARS, PA ✨



LWML Eastern District
Fall Retreat 2024
September 20-22, 2024
Pioneer on the Lake, Angola, NY
Hosted by the Niagara Zone



ABOUND IN HOPE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

Guest Speaker

Terri Bentley, President—LWML Utah-Idaho District



Terri Bentley, President of the LWML Utah-Idaho District will be our retreat speaker. Terri is a retired English teacher, and is now a national speaker and Bible study leader for women's groups. She is also a successful writer of articles, devotions, retreats, and church programs. We look forward to what Terri has to share with us.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Deadline—Must be postmarked no later than August 25, 2024

INGATHERING

Monetary donations for Pioneer on the Lake to buy picnic tables, chairs, and umbrellas for the area near the Country Store. Please make checks payable to Pioneer on the Lake.

INTEREST SESSIONS

- Speaker
Missions in Motion
Pioneer Servant Event
Water Color Workshop
Photo Booth
Yoga

ENTERTAINMENT

HOPE
featuring the Mite—E— Players
A One-Act Play
Written by Kathryn Cota
of Sheboygan, WI
From LWML.org

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT RETREAT CAMPERSHIP—APPLICATION

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2024 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 for part-time status please indicate this below. 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
Part-time Registration: Yes / No (please circle choice)

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, 2024 to:

Mrs. Dee Grzyb
56 Hanover St.
Lancaster, NY 14086

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

LWML Eastern District Retreat 2024
Pioneer On the Lake
September 20-22, 2024



Abound in Hope (Romans 15:13)
Speaker: Terri Bentley, Utah-Idaho President
Hosted by: Niagara Zone



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Church & Zip: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____ Email: _____
 If this is your **FIRST TIME** attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: _____ Yes! I'm very excited!

REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION		
	> Registration Per Person includes:	\$190.00	\$
	Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals, Blanket, Pillow Need to bring linens, pillow case and towels, pillow optional		
	> Commuter (not staying on campus overnight) - Includes 5 meals	\$120.00	\$
	> *Single Occupancy - One person in minimum 2 person cabin	\$ 40.00	\$
	> **Thursday Night Additional \$45/person	\$ 45.00	\$
	> Late Fee if postmarked after August 25, 2024	\$ 25.00	\$
	NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit is required with ALL REGISTRATIONS.	Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$

REGISTRATION NOTES
 * If single occupancy is requested, an additional fee of \$40 is required (set by Pioneer)
 ** If staying Thursday night additional fee of \$45/person. (EC & Retreat Committee - NO CHARGE)
 > Canine Policy - The person/family must contact Pioneer on the Lake to request policy and pay the fee (\$100) for the canine that is accompanying the person/family to retreat. Please note this under Special Needs.
 1 Bunk Set = 2 twin beds; 2 Bunk Set = 4 twin beds; 1 Bunk Set T/D - twin on top-double on bottom. Please select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice on lodging below. If preference isn't given, decision will be made by registrar.

LODGING	SCHROETER'S CIRCLE (DORM HOUSING) (Single bunks; 2 bathrooms in each dorm & mattresses.)		FAMILY COURT (SOME HAVE A/C) (All have mattresses and small fridges.) (Cabins 23 & 24 - Winterized & Upgraded)	
		Cabins 1-4 and 6-8 (Sleeps - 20/cabin)		Cabin 14 (Queen + 2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 6)
		Cabin 5 (Sleeps 18)		Cabin 15 (Full Bed + 2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 5)
				Cabin 16 (Queen + 2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 6)
				Cabin 17 (Queen - Sleeps 2)
		WOODLAND COTTAGES (Sofa beds in Cabins 9-12) (Winterized, mattresses, full service kitchens.)		Cabin 18 (2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 4)
		Cabins 9 - 12 (Queen+2 Bunk Sets-Sleeps 8)		Cabin 19 - (Queen - Sleeps 2)
		Cabin 13 (Queen + 2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 6)		Cabin 20 -2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 4)
				Cabin 22 (2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 4)
				Cabin 23 (Queen + 1 Bunk T/D - Sleeps 5)
			Cabin 24 (Queen + 1 Bunk T/D - Sleeps 5)	
	FOUNDERS COURT (Cabins 35-36 No fridges; Cabins 38-45 - Have fridges)			
			LODGE (MATTRESSES, FULL KITCHEN, A/C; APPLIANCES; COOKWARE; DISHES, GLASSES, ETC.)	
	Cabins 35-36 (2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 4)			
	Cabins 38-41 (Queen+1 Bunk Set-Sleeps 4)			
	Cabins 42 - 44 (Queen+Sofabed - Sleeps 4)			
		Cabin 45 (Queen - Sleeps 2)		Cabin 0 (Queen + 2 Bunk Sets - Sleeps 6)

SPECIAL NEEDS
 ROOMMATE(S): _____
 CHURCH/ZONE: _____
 CHOIR PARTICIPATION: YES NO ALTO SOPRANO _____ Lower Bunk: _____
 Special Needs: _____
 Hearing Impaired: _____ Other: _____ Dietary: _____

OTHER INFO
 > Registration deadline August 25, 2024 (Postmarked no later than August 25 2024)
 > Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by August 25, 2024 or incur \$25 late fee.
 > All requests are on a first received, first served basis.
 > No registration accepted BEFORE May 1, 2024. Must be postmarked no earlier than May 1st.

CANCELLATIONS: THE \$50 minimum deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE. Cancellation for **MEDICAL REASONS** will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the LWML Eastern District President.

PAYMENT: ***Make checks payable to: **LWML Eastern District*****\$25 NSF Charge for all checks returned by the bank.

MAIL TO MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
Terry Hoffman 4181 Church Road, Lockport, NY 14094 terryhoffman1979@gmail.com 716-255-2612(mobile)
 Confirmation: Email or Mail (circle one). If mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

RETREAT USE ONLY:
 Registration Received: _____ Check #: _____
 Amount Paid: _____ Balance Due: _____

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo zone held a May event at Holy Cross, with Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministry at 1st Trinity Lutheran Church, as our speaker. It was well attended, we had a delightful lunch, and both Pastor Nickel and Pastor Knowles were able to participate as well.

Our board decided that our convention banner for this year will be our banner for all future conventions. We love the 'theme' and our tree represents all 4 seasonal events that our zone hosts.



Our summer picnic will be August 14th and our November 2nd event speaker will be Pastor Knowles and his VBS experience with LAMP.

We continue to reach out to our rural churches, building communication and educating them about LWML and all that is available through the Zone, District and National. Our goal is to have all our churches active in giving mites and praying for LWML. Have a blessed summer!

Sharon Wolff, Buffalo Zone President

GENESEE ZONE

The Genesee Zone Spring Event was March 16, 2024, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo, NY. The theme was based on Colossians 3:12-17 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." We had an ice breaker and fellowship. Kathy Ippolito, Genesee Zone President, gave LWML updates



and a convention report from the 2023 LWML Milwaukee Convention. Sue Beltran and Connie Scouten-Eygnor from Calvary led the LWML Devotion "A New Spring Wardrobe". Pastor Bob Weidmayer, Zone Pastoral Counselor, led a wonderful Bible Study based on Colossians 3:12-17 on how we should "clothe" ourselves, put on love, and be thankful. We had a delicious lunch prepared by Lillian Jensen and her group.



Ingathering Items of infant pajamas, baby toiletries, swaddling blankets, baby bottles, diapers and gift card, were for Family Hope Center in Geneva, NY. Speaker Doreen

Teed, Executive Director, shared a special message that the Center offers pregnancy, parenting classes, support services and material support such as diapers, wipes and baby clothes. The Family Hope Center has been serving the Finger Lakes area for 29 years. They serve about 100 families per year and provide approximately 500 classes and thousands of baby items each year. We ended with a fun Trivia Game. Thirty-five ladies from 8 churches attended including 6 first time attendees.

Kathy Ippolito, Genesee Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE



At the Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally, April 13 Susanne Ferro was elected as the new Philadelphia Zone president. Susanne's home congregation is Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA, where she served as Vice President of our LWML chapter. She is excited to serve the other congregations in our zone and at the district level.

Along with many of our members from the Philadelphia Zone, I enjoyed the fellowship and worship at the June Eastern District Convention in Mars, PA.

At our Spring Rally, all the churches in the Philadelphia Zone contributed items and worked together to assemble 21 Layette kits for mothers in need at Chester County Hospital in West Chester, PA.

Susanne Ferro, Philadelphia Zone President



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

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL FOCUS COMMITTEE

It was great seeing everyone at the LWML District Convention and thank you for stopping by the Special Focus Committee display table. Many of you entered the drawing and gave us great ideas of service projects in your area. If you didn't have an opportunity to do that, please send Diane Olmstead your ideas, dolmsteadcu@gmail.com. We are building a list to share with the district.



Alexa Wolf, one of our YWRs, won the drawing. Pictured with her is Diane Olmstead, Special Focus Committee.

See you at the retreat in September.

Beth Quinn

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF

June...ushers in green grass, Flag Day, flowers of varying colors, graduations, proms, dance recitals, conventions, and vacations... just to name a few. I thought March would be my last article, but here I am writing another "last" article as VP of Communication. God has blessed me in so many ways as I served you, the District, and God in this position. Convention will be a great memory, and there will be new members to the EC/BOD moving into the future. I will continue to pray for our district and our congregations and connections as we continue to be God's hands, feet, and voice to serve others in love. Please continue to send your changes in the Directory to the new VP of Communication, Susan Morris who will be listed in this Publication. Have a blessed summer. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Sharon Wolff

"Create a new, clean heart within me. Fill me with pure thoughts and holy desires, ready to please you."
Psalm 51:10 the Passion

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20, 2024	EC Meeting Pioneer on the Lake
Sept. 20-22, 2024	Fall Retreat Pioneer on the Lake
Feb/March 2025	EC/BOD To Be Determined
June 26-29, 2025	LWML National Convention Omaha, Nebraska

**Report of the Financial Secretary
Rebecca Bessell**

**Report of the Financial Secretary
April 2024 – June 2024**

Mites: \$ 6,856.90

Memorials and Honorariums Given By:

Memorial Fund-Gladys Haseley

Susan Bell
Rebecca Bessell

Honorarium Fund-Christ Memorial Confirmands

Beth Quinn

Legacy of Love – Donation

Gift-Sharon Wolff

Memorial-Barbara Williams

Beth Quinn

Honorarium-

Rev. Jeff Nickel and all LWML Counselors

Rebecca Bessell

Thrivent Choice Dollars-Given By

Sharon McGuan
Donald & Linda Gage
Karen Strussenberg

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
41st Biennial Convention
Omaha, Nebraska**



Date: June 26-29, 2025
Location: Omaha, Nebraska
Theme: Growing in God's Grace
Scripture Verse: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen* (2 Peter 3:18).

CONVENTION OFFERINGS



The following were the amounts collected at the LWML Eastern District Convention offerings:

Offering #1	LWML ED Treasury	\$1,579.00
Offering #2	Deaf Interpreter Fund	\$2,614.00
Offering \$3	Humble Bumble Project	\$ 959.00
	Mite Walk	\$1,750.00

Thank you for your generosity

Executive Committee

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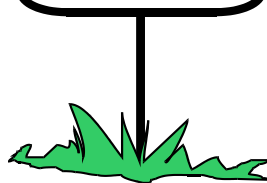
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**You must bring your own
linens and towels**

**Commuter rate of \$120 is available, no overnight,
all five meals-partial meals are not being offered
by Pioneer on the Lake**

Cost to stay Thursday night is \$45

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**READY TO
serve**



This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38.

As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in

Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything she had, all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38).

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