

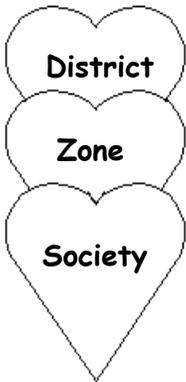
The Eastern District

LWML



Lutheran Women in Mission

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*Together
Serving
the Lord
with
Gladness*



Dear Sisters in Christ,

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is to assist each women of the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod 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

As I think about the mission statement it makes me consider what we as an organization do to assist. Through our mites we have assisted others in their mission both locally and nationally. Also as an organization we have so many available resources that are provided by the LWML. Via the computer (www.lwml.org) you will find free bible studies, devotions, mite dedications, helpful hints, etc. If you are able I highly recommend the on line daily devotion - what a great way to start your day. If you do not have a computer the mustard seed devotions can be obtained through the catalog. The LWML organization is constantly thinking of new ways to share their mission with others. Now even on Facebook!

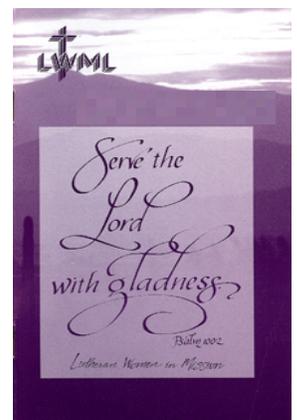
I recently had a conversation with a friend about her interests and where her gifts could be used in the ministry at her church and or the LWML. That is sometimes hard to determine; but I believe as you get involved and commit to the Lord, all that you do he will guide you down the right path. This is a big challenge as your new President since there are so many of you that I do not know but need your help in filling the committee positions that are currently open on the District Board. Many of you have taken the time to fill out the Talent Bank Survey which is greatly appreciated and which I will be referring to regularly. I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few positions that I am seeking individuals that would like to share their giftsStructure, Human Care, Public Relations. If you would like to see the full description of any of these duties I would be happy to talk to you or send that to you. Thank you for considering.

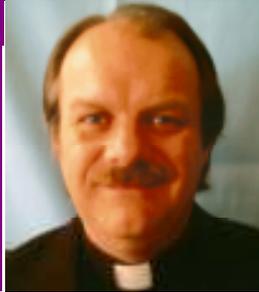
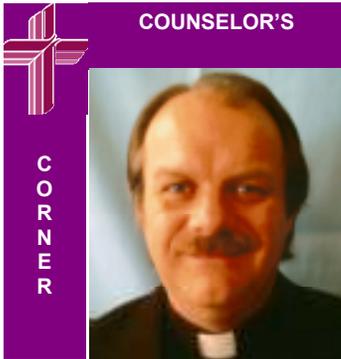
As the new year begins and looking back to the activities of the past six months our District LWML world experienced a great convention in Pittsburgh and plans are on the way for 2012 hosted by the Philadelphia/Anthracite Zones. The Fall Retreat at Camp Pioneer has come and gone with plans in the works for 2011. Spring Zone LWML events are in the works too. Lutheran Women never slow down. As we move ahead in this new year may the Lord continue to bless the ministries in your congregations and zones.

Linked together in Christ,

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Commit to the Lord all that you do and your plans will succeed
Proverbs 16:3





"My Strength is My Weakness!"



At this time, during the season of Advent I thought it might be a good idea for us to focus in on Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, and the mother of John the Baptist. I thought it a good fit for the ladies of the LWML because there is much that I believe you may relate too. Elizabeth is only mentioned at one point in the Scriptures, and that is Luke chapter one. But there is much that we can gather from these few verses. To begin with she is described as upright and blameless, observing the Lord's commands, and well along in years. We know that she was burdened by social customs because she considered her status as a barren woman a disgrace and because of the seclusion she imposed upon herself for five months. The scriptures don't say why, but it is reasonable to assume that because of her age, no one would believe that she was actually pregnant until it was blatantly obvious. We also know through her interaction with Mary that she was humble, *"why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me,"* and that she was bold enough to take charge when the situation warranted it, *"No! He is to be called John!"*

Elizabeth was an individual, just like each of you! She had her strengths and she had her weaknesses. Her humility, her virtue and her confidence worked in her favor, while her age, her infertility and social customs worked against her. She was just like you in many ways and yet unique. God of course would use all of these things together for good. God is not limited by our inadequacies, nor is He empowered by our strengths. In fact in the hands of God, our strengths can become shortfalls, and our weaknesses, assets. All of this we know, yet knowledge does not equal assent. Just because we know something doesn't mean that we can live it. We know that God loves us, and can empower us, yet we fumble about for fear of inadequacy. It doesn't make sense!

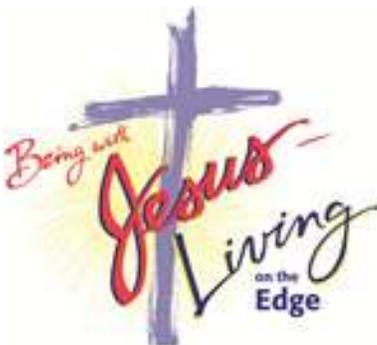
But then much of our humanity doesn't make sense. My point is simply this, if God can use Elizabeth, not to mention, Mary, Pricilla, Aquila, Lydia, Esther, Sarah and Ruth, then He can most certainly use you. I don't know exactly what God has planned, but I do know this, He isn't through with you yet! He has got a plan and **you** are a vital part of it! Abraham was 75 years old before he even got started, Sarah was 90 before she first conceived, Moses had a speech impediment, Paul a thorn in the flesh, Mathew was a tax collector, Peter was impetuous, Samson had a weakness for the ladies, and Jonah found it difficult to forgive. Yet God used them! So long as you have life and breath God can use you, and there is no better time to get started than this, the Season of Christmas and Epiphany.

If God thought enough of you, to send his Son to that manger in Bethlehem, to a life of service, and a shameful demise, then how could you think any less of yourselves? Advent is the season of hope and expectation, not only of the nativity, but also the second coming, and the resurrection of all flesh. Yet the world is full of those who do not know God's love. Full of those who would demean the church, mock our holidays, and bring shame the cross of Christ. These misguided souls should not be hated, but pitied above all. They do not know God's love; they despise the only one who can really help them. They need our prayers. This is the season to pray for them. Don't wait any longer. Don't count your weaknesses or even your strengths; they will let you down, just count on God's love. Seek God's direction and follow his prompting, and you **will** be an asset, to your community, your congregation, your denomination and the LWML. Well done my good and faithful servants.

Amen!

Rev. Bruce C. Donley, St. Michael Lutheran Church, LWML Eastern District Junior Counselor

2011 PEORIA CONVENTION



Date: June 23-26, 2011

Location: Peoria, Illinois

Theme: "Being With Jesus — Living on the Edge"

Scripture Verse: They realized that they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.' - Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)

LWML Plays in Peoria – Check the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for the latest registration information on the 34th Biennial LWML Convention being held in Peoria, Illinois, from June 23-26, 2011, under the theme **"Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge."** Registration information is also available online at www.lwml.org. Registration opens on March 1st. Review the information about the Friday Lunch Gatherings as well as the special interest luncheons on Saturday. Bring your children, who will enjoy spending time at Camp BWJ (Being with Jesus). Start gathering those *Gifts from the Heart* and plan which of the servant events you want to lend a hand. There will even be a Cyber Cafe! Check out all the details at www.lwml.org.

NEWS FROM VP OF COMMUNICATIONS—DONNA COLEMAN

LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS
NEW DEADLINE - MARCH 1, 2011!!!!

SOCIETY PRESIDENTS: It is that time of year again to review the number of LWML Quarterlies your society is receiving. In this edition of the LINK you will find a Subscription Order Form for subscribing to the LWML Quarterly. I am requesting that **ALL** societies fill out a form even if nothing has changed in their subscriptions and return it to me **before the deadline of March 1, 2011**. This way I can confirm who is receiving Quarterlies and the number of Quarterlies they are receiving.

Decreases in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1, 2011.

Increases and changes of address can be made anytime during the year. You can mail a Subscription Order Form to Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468 to make those changes.

Societies are reminded to help defray the cost of the Quarterlies and Eastern District LWML LINK newsletter expenses by sending contributions to their **ZONE TREASURERS**, who will, in turn, send them to the Eastern District Financial Secretary. If you haven't covered the cost of your Quarterlies for the current fiscal year (April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011), please do so as soon as possible! Special thanks to all those societies who have been covering the cost of their Quarterly subscription costs and LINK contributions to date!

The LWML Quarterly/LINK rates for the new fiscal year (April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012) will have increased due to printing and publishing cost. The new rates will be: \$8.00 per subscription for 1-9 copies to same address; \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to same address. These figures include the cost of the Quarterly plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the ED LWML LINK newsletter, one copy of which is sent to Society presidents in care of the congregation unless the president has requested the LINK editor to mail it directly to her home. Society Presidents are asked to share the District LWML news with their members either by making copies available or posting a copy at church and also glean the LINK for news to include with church publications.

IMPORTANT FACT: These donations will enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants; otherwise the Quarterly and LINK expenses must come from these receipts!

SOCIETY & ZONE OFFICER CHANGES: Please notify Donna Coleman of any officer changes for the Eastern District LWML Directory so it can be kept up-to-date!

BUS TO PEORIA



As some may know, we as part of the Northeast Coalition are hosting the 2013 national convention in Pittsburgh in 2013 SOOOO.....we are hoping to get as many members from our district and the other districts in the coalition to attend the Peoria convention where we will be issuing the invitation for 2013. SOOOO.....there may be a bus going from our district going to the Peoria convention. We would be leaving very early on Wednesday, June 22nd 2011 and returning very, very early Monday, June 27th 2011.

This would be a one 12-hour day trip to Peoria. Pick up spots would Buffalo, NY and Erie, PA. (There is an Econolodge approximately 15 minutes from the Buffalo pick up spot right off Rt. 90 West Exit 56 for anyone interested in staying the night before.) Total cost round trip on a beautiful Grand Tours bus would be approximately \$135 with 45 people on the bus. If we get 55 people, the cost would be approximately \$120. This cost would not include the extra night's lodging in Peoria on Wednesday. Our bus would be used for shuttle service to the convention center in Peoria. If our district brings a bus, those on the bus get preferred advance housing registration. We will be changing drivers in Cleveland.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in riding on the bus at patchtroop546@aol.com (please indicate LWML in the subject line) or at 716-649-4678. Registration forms may be available through email or zone presidents soon. Please let anyone in your zone or church who may be interested in going to Peoria this bus information.

We will be opening our bus to members from the other coalition districts. Hope to see you on the bus. Please contact me if you have any questions. **Would love to hear from anyone interested by Jan. 15th.**

Please keep up the great fund raising efforts.

+-Claire Carlson Eastern District Liaison for the 2013 Convention+-

**Eastern District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
LUTHERAN WOMEN’S QUARTERLY ORDER FORM
SPRING 2011-WINTER 2012**

Please complete form and **return by MARCH 1, 2011** to: Donna Coleman, ED LWML VP Communications,
542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468

Name of LWML Society (or Women’s Group if combined) _____

(or Individual Member’s name if not affiliated with a Society: _____

Congregation _____
(name) (city)

Mailing Address for Quarterlies: _____
(Street Address)

(City, State and Zip Code)

Number of subscriptions needed for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 _____

The cost of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* and publication expenses for the *ED LWML LINK* newsletter** for 2011 – 2012 is;

\$6.50 each subscription for orders of 10 or more, or
\$8.00 each subscription for orders of 1-9 copies.

Payment is encouraged within the first few months of fiscal year 2011-2012. Send payment to your **Zone Treasurer** and indicate on the check memo **“For Quarterlies 2011-2012”**.

Please DO NOT include payment with your order.

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Telephone # _____

**The subscription rates above include funds to help defray the cost of the ED LWML LINK newsletter, one copy of which is sent to Society Presidents. Payment enables more Mite Box offerings to be available to fund mission grants. Copies are also provided to the ED LWML Board of Directors, congregations without active societies and some National LWML personnel. Society Presidents are encouraged to share the news in the LINK with their society members by making copies or gleaned information for church newsletters/bulletins.

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2013 CONVENTION—Has Your Zone or Society Donated To Start Up Fund????

The 2013 LWML 35th Biennial Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA June 27-30, 2013. This convention is being hosted by the Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England and SELC Districts. As part of this coalition each District has been asked to contribute \$3000 toward the start of costs of this convention. The recycling effort continues but we need to raise more money. We need to do our part! There are many ways to raise money: bake sales, theme tray auctions, individual donations, plate offerings at meetings or at church and the list goes on. Please do your part so that our District can meet their obligations. It is an exciting time for our District to have a National Convention in our area, we need to do our part to help. Thanks

Upcoming Events

June 23-26, 2011	2011 LWML National Convention, Peoria, Illinois
March 2011	Board of Directors Meeting Rochester, NY
Sept. 16-18, 2011	Fall Retreat, Camp Pioneer
June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

LINK BY E-MAIL



Each issue of the Link is available by e-mail. If you are your church's contact person or just an individual who would like a color version of the LINK delivered right to your mailbox just send me your

e-mail address and I will add you to our list.

We are still mailing out 150 hard copies via us mail, which is very costly. I encourage those of you who have e-mail to consider receiving your LINK this way.

If you are your church's contact person and are receiving an e-mail copy it is very important that you continue to make copies available to your society members.

LWML 2011 PRAYER SERVICE AVAILABLE FREE ONLINE

The LWML Prayer Service for 2010 is now available online at www.lwml.org. The service celebrates the theme of the 34th Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, June 23-26, 2011: "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge!" The convention Bible verse is Acts 4:13b, 20: And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." The convention goal statement is "Empowered by being with Jesus, I courageously speak of Him and live a life transformed by His love."

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Be a Good Steward and Help Us Share

Society Presidents and LWML Representatives: If you are a society President or LWML contact person for your church, you are a very important person in our distribution of "The Link". This is not intended to be just your personal copy. You have been designated as our contact for your church. Either copy this issue for your society members, post it at church, or glean items from it to submit articles for your congregation's bulletin/newsletter and, above all, remember to inform your members at society meetings. **This is our only form of communication and we are counting on you to get the information out.** If you feel your copy should be sent to a different address, please inform the Editor, Bev Wicher at 19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga NY, 14225 716 913 4140 lwmlink@roadrunner.com so she can update her records. Thank you for your help.

Mission Grants

Eastern District LWML 2010-2012 Mission Grants

A mission goal of \$126,875 was adopted for the 2010-2012 biennium. \$24,400 will provide grants in support of the following projects related to the Eastern District. Give generously to Mites so we can fund these grants in a timely manner.

		Mission Grant Goal
Television air time with Total Christian Television Network. Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.	7-\$3,273-	\$24,400
Support for the Mohawk Valley Burmese Refugee Relocation Center. Grace Lutheran Church, Canastota, NY	6-\$3,700-	\$21,127
Education Inclusion Ministry. St. Mark Lutheran, Menodon, NY	5-\$2,000-	\$17,427
Materials for a Haiti Christian school. First Trinity Lutheran, Amherst, NY	4-\$2,500-	\$15,427
Willingboro, NJ New Hope Lutheran Mission. Christ Assembly Lutheran, Philadelphia, PA	3-\$2,927-	\$12,927
Homewood, PA Unity Lutheran Community Mission. Cynthia Barnes, Penn Hills, PA	2-\$5,000-	\$10,000
Renewal and Reconnection Retreats for families of deployed and returning military personnel at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Joan Fritch, Eden, NY	1-\$5,000-	\$5,000



News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone had their Fall Rally at St. Paul, Eden. 42 ladies attended and listened to an inspiring presentation by Ann Werk, author, educator and pastor's wife from St. Paul Batavia. She spoke on the "Joy of the Call". She encouraged the ladies to find joy in their call as children as God. Some of her devotional books were available for purchase.

Karen Blackmon was elected as our new President and Bev Wicher will continue as secretary.

We will be having a February event where we will be sewing items to send to a mission or military personnel, details to follow.

Our Spring Workshop will be May 1st 9:30-2:00, place to be determined.

We thank Fern Sukow for her years of service as president.

PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Fall Rally of the Pittsburgh Zone was held on October 9th, 2010 at Christ Church, Forest Hills. Rebecca Bessell, LWML President, Eastern District, spoke on the goals of the district and our "link" in Christ. It was an inspiring talk for us all.

The unique ingathering was plastic shoes (cros) for the children of Haiti, distributed thru the grain train. Their bright colors should be an encouragement to them.

Please know that even the smallest gift in ministry is great in the lord's eyes. Such is the stamp ministry, which collected 220# of cancelled stamps for the Canadian Bible Society. These turned into 2500 dollars, which is used to purchase bibles and devotional materials. Keep on clipping! Please remember to clip stamps leaving 1/4 inch around the edges, and bring to district events. All stamps are accepted, but commomerative are the best. Praise God for this outreach ministry!

We have the pleasure of announcing our zone officers. Zone President: Carol Kagemann, Good Shepherd, South Hills; 1st Vice President: Diane Olmstead, St Luke, Cabot; 2nd Vice President: Judy Chick, Christ Forest Hills, supported by her sisters of her local society; secretary: Marie Litke, Glenshaw and Treasurer: Marty Alsing, Calvary, Murrysville. Committee positions of co-chair person of Christian Life and chair person of Human Care will be appointed by the Zone President, as well as a new pastoral counselor, as Rev. Ron Rafferty is relocating to a call in Iowa. Thank God for his direction and leadership among us.

NIAGARA ZONE

Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Middleport, NY, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with a potluck luncheon shared at noon, followed by the National LWML Prayer Service. A health segment is also being planned for the morning session. More details will be announced, but ladies are encouraged to "save the date." Bea Hapeman will serve as zone delegate to the June 2011 National Convention, and Jan Voelker was selected as first alternate.



We recently received a letter from the Canadian Bible Society thanking the Eastern District LWML for partnering with them in their used stamp program which has realized \$2500 in sales in the last year from all who donate stamp. Their primary area of focus in the coming year will be providing Audio Bibles for the Canadian forces and their families. The Audio Bibles are much easier for them to use and links them with their families at home who are listening to the same Bible.

Please continue to save your stamps so that this ongoing ministry can continue. Please remember to clip stamps leaving 1/4 inch around the edges, and bring to district events. All stamps are accepted, but commemorative are the best. Praise God for this outreach ministry!



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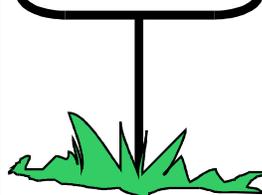
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Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1



Recycling Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, etc. for 2013 National Convention Expenses



In 2013, Eastern District LWML along with five other districts will be hosting the National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. Fundraising is underway for this event. Please save your empty ink printer cartridges.

ACCEPTABLE CARTRIDGES:

Laser jet and Inkjet cartridges – Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Apple, Dell and most Canon, IBM, Optra, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp, Toshiba are accepted.

Remember these are printer cartridges.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT fax-printing film, printing ribbons or toner tubes for copiers.

For the inkjet-printing cartridges, **we do not accept Epson**. The inkjet cartridges accepted must have a metal print head. **We do not accept remanufactured or refilled cartridges.**

Cell Phones, Pagers, PDAs, DVD Players, I-Pods, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Laptop Computers, and GPS Systems are also accepted. Please place in a plastic bag. Include all cords, accessories and batteries if you have them. These aren't required, but are useful. These items do not necessarily have to be in working order.

Please bring to any district or zone meeting or event.
Please involve your congregation in this fundraiser as well.
May God continue to bless this effort to His glory.

Shipping details have been sent to all Zone Presidents. Contact your Zone President for the proper instructions. If you want a copy of the shipping instructions contact the LINK editor Bev at lwmlink@roadrunner.com and I can e-mail you a copy.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH THIS FUNDRAISING PROJECT

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever Psalm 16:11

This was a verse from a mustard seed daily devotion which I saved and pulled out recently to reread. I am a saver of devotions and carry several with me all the time. This devotion asked the question where is your walk taking you. I particularly like this one because it helps me focus on the path I am traveling and does it follow the path Jesus has shown me. Sometimes I find myself wanting to be doing more than I can possibly do with the hours in a day so I need to step back and say is this really the path I should be on or is it just the path I think I should be on. Isn't it just hard to say "no not now" sometimes?

As your district president, the path of participation in the 2011 National Convention in Peoria this June is sometimes intense but includes such exciting things. There is still room on the bus that will be going if you are considering attending. A delegate from almost every zone and two from Pittsburgh will be attending. We will be joined by Pastor Bruce Donley as our counselor representing the district and Jennifer Carlson will be joining us as the Young Woman Representative. My husband and I have been regularly worshipping with Jennifer as she has become our adopted daughter during the past two years of her college enrollment at Roberts Wesleyan here in the Rochester area. In addition we have a representative from our district running for the National office of Vice President of Servant Resources and that is Claire Carlson who also is a past district president. It is honor to make the ballot for a national position so congratulations to Claire. We as a district are thankful for her dedication to the LWML and willingness to serve in this position. "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord" Jeremiah 29:11.

This LINK publication is full of information and dates of events coming in the next couple of years. Please take some time to read it and consider your participation. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me or your local zone president. Complete contact information is also included for all officers, committee individuals and zone presidents.

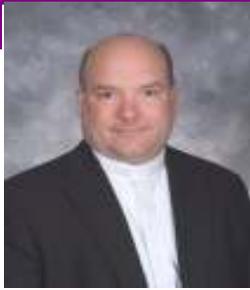
Thank you for all the mites that flow in to pay for the grants that were selected at the 2010 District Convention As you will read we have paid the first grant of \$5,000 to Camp Pioneer and Retreat Center.

The district memorial/honorarium fund which currently has a negative balance pays for the expenses to send our Young Woman Representatives to both the district and national conventions. This is a wonderful opportunity and experience for young women, so the need to build that fund up is so important. I ask that you consider not only using it for a memorial gift but think today of someone who has made a impact on your life and/or your involvement in the LWML and send a donation in that person's honor. I plan to do that on a more regular basis and ask that you consider joining me.

Linked together in Christ,

Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President
rlb54@rochester.rr.com; 585-964-7844; 585-415-6368 cell

Gracious Lord help us to keep our focus on Your Son, Jesus, who is the Way, the real Truth and the Life.



The End is Near

Recent world events have again brought up discussions and thoughts that perhaps the world is drawing to a close. The devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan fulfill the prophecy about end time natural disasters. **"There will be famines and earthquakes in various places (Matthew 24: 7).** The political unrest in northern Africa and the ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan remind us of the wars and rumors of wars that are to occur near the end. **"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars..." (Matthew 24:6).** The rising price of gasoline and concerns about running out of fossil fuels multiply concerns of a global economic collapse and the devastation that would bring.

Is the world coming to an end? Yes. Right now? We do not know. Most all the prophecies concerning the signs of the end have already happened. There are a few signs left unfulfilled but one could reasonably argue we are very, very close to the apocalypse. It can be scary to think about. That is unless you know about Easter. In the Easter event we are taught about God's plan for us and the world. Because of our sin Jesus had to die on the cross as the sacrifice to atone for that sin. That's not all. All God's physical creation is under the curse and sentenced to death: The earth, the stars, the universe and us, too. In order for us to have the chance of new eternal life Jesus had to die. When he rose on Easter morning it meant his death-defying power was available to all. In a similar way as the creation dies it also will be reborn into a new, perfect, and everlasting dwelling for all God's saints.

It can be scary to think about the end of the world. When we understand and believe in God's plan to renew us and the world, we are better able to accept the things that are to come. The end of the world will mean the beginning of something even greater. What a sight that will be for our eyes to behold! As Christ's life also came to an end on the cross, the promises is ours that we shall be there to see all of God's wonderful renewing work. It will be ours to enjoy and give God thanks for to all eternity.

The Mission of the LWML is to help encourage and support the ongoing mission efforts to bring more people to the knowledge and confession of Christ's promise. How truly blessed we are that the Lord of the harvest has added us to the number of those who serve him with gladness in his great commission!

Is the end near? Maybe so, but with Christ's Easter power it will mean the new start our hearts have been longing for. Lord, come quickly!

Blessings and Peace from Christ, Pastor Ron Breight

Mission Grants

FIRST GRANT PAID!!!

Thanks be to God! The first grant of the 2010-2012 biennium of \$5000 has been paid to Camp Pioneer to provide outreach for deployed personnel and families at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. The next grant to be paid, when there is sufficient mite money will be to provide after school spiritual and educational materials for outreach in the community at Unity Lutheran Community Mission in Homewood, PA. After that the mission will be paid as follows:

3. To provide worship furnishings for a new mission church in Willingboro, NJ \$2926.80
4. To purchase desks, blackboard and Bibles for a Christian school in Haiti \$2500
5. To provide equipment and resource material for developmentally and physically disabled at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mendon, NY \$2000
6. To provide learning materials in the English language, food and rice cookers and Bibles for 50 refugees at the Mohawk Valley Burmese Center \$3700
7. To provide television air time for Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. for shut-ins and the unchurched \$3271.20

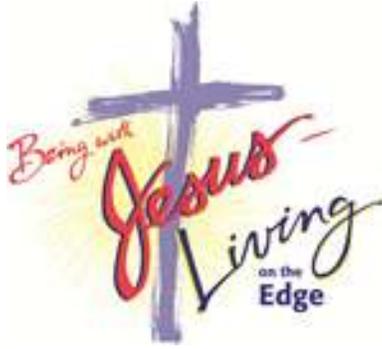
Please remember to pray for each of these worthy grant recipients as you put your mites in the mitebox.

Even though we have just begun to pay the grants from the last biennium, it is time to look ahead to 2012 and begin thinking about grant proposals for the next biennium. The guidelines and bylaws concerning the disbursement of grants are available from the zone presidents, so each society president ask her for your copy. In your societies, zones and communities, consider what project could benefit from our grant monies. Be creative and also know that grant recipients may only apply every 4 years. **The deadline for returning any and all grant applications is October 15, 2011.** Send them to me Ruth Wurster 4646 Abbott Road Orchard Park, Ny 14127 If you have any questions, please call 716-649-0796 or email dfcrew@verizon.net



Don't forget to give generously to Mites so that we can pay for all our grants this biennium!

2011 PEORIA CONVENTION



Date: June 23-26, 2011

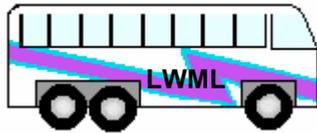
Location: Peoria, Illinois

Theme: "Being With Jesus — Living on the Edge"

Scripture Verse: They realized that they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.' - Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)

Reserve your place **today** for the 34th LWML Biennial Convention playing in Peoria, Illinois, from June 23-26, 2011, under the theme "**Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.**" Registration opened March 1st for both the convention and hotels. **The deadline to register without a late fee is May 20, 2011.** You may also register for the convention online. Attendees are encouraged to bring *Gifts from the Heart* from the list available at www.lwml.org. Each day will bring something new right up through the Sunday morning worship with proclaimer Rev. Joe Meyer of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria. There will be so much to do and see at the exhibits You will want to bring your best smile as you join the other women from your district on Thursday for your district's official convention photo. Check conventions in the slider at www.lwml.org for all the latest information and for that last minute convention registration on-line.

ROOM STILL AVAILABLE ON BUS



Due to a limited response we needed to get a smaller bus, but the good news is that there is still room! The cost of the bus is \$200 because of the smaller amount of people going. For information about the bus, please contact Claire Carlson at patchtroop546@aol.com or 716-649-4678

PEORIA 2011 CONVENTION OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Convention Offering #1 – LWML Mission Goal 2011-2013

Convention Offering #2 - Three Mission Central Projects—Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, supports LCMS mission projects that otherwise would not have funding in Cambodia, in Borisoglebsk, Russia, and in Uganda, East Africa .

Convention Offering #3 - Amigos de Cristo Mission Outreach Project—Amigos de Cristo is a mission outreach chartered in 2009 in response to a huge influx of Hispanic workers in Sedalia, Missouri.

Convention Offering #4 - Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program—The Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne forms men for pastoral ministry utilizing distance education for specific ministries.

For more detailed information on the offering please go to the LWML Website

INGATHERING—They are collecting many items for the gifts from the heart collection including quilts for Orphan Grain Train, new bath towel/hand towel/washcloth (packaged in zip-lock bag with tract or bible verse), men's women's and children's underwear in original package with tract attached, new children's picture bible or arch books, and men's, women's and children's kits. For the details on the ingathering items see the LWML website at www.lwml.org and go to the convention page.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EASTERN DISTRICT YWR REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PEORIA, ILLINOIS NATIONAL CONVENTION



Congratulations to **Jennifer Carlson** on being selected as the YWR for the Eastern District for the National Convention in Peoria, Illinois.

Jennifer was our sole applicant from the Buffalo Zone, for the Eastern District and we are blessed and grateful to have her.

So let's learn a little bit about Jennifer Carlson. Many of you may remember Jennifer who served as Paige for past President/Mom Claire Carlson at two district conventions. Jennifer currently is in college. She has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and is no stranger to being a volunteer. Jennifer enjoys history and music, especially singing.

Jennifer is looking forward to participating in all the activities at the National Convention and meeting many new people.

May God be with you Jennifer and all those Sister's In Christ who will be traveling to Peoria, Illinois for the National Convention. May you have the experience of a lifetime, "**Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge!**"

God's Peace, Beth Scholl—Leader Development

2011 LWML Eastern District

SEPTEMBER 16–18 , 2011

CAMP PIONEER & RETREAT CENTER,
ANGOLA NY*The more things change*
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Guest Speaker: Ann Werk

Ann Werk is the principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Batavia. She has been a teacher and administrator in Lutheran Schools in Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio, and a public school teacher in North Dakota. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois and a Master of Education degree from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Ann is the wife of Pastor Allen Werk and the mother of two sons. She serves as a choir director at St. Paul and is the founding director of the Washington Avenue Players. She is the author of two books of devotions for Christians. She enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, music, and sewing.

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE LINK.

Fall Retreat

LWML Retreat Campership—Application

Two full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2011 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 _____ Church _____

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, 2011** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell
7048 Benedict Beach
Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-DONNA COLEMAN***DIRECTORY CHANGES, QUARTERLIES, and CONTRIBUTIONS***

What do these have in common? All three are needed by the Vice President of Communications in order to best serve your needs.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

In order to keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send in the names, address, phone number and email of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers to me when the change occurs. Directories are published in February (even numbered years)/March (odd numbered years) and are distributed at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as soon as they occur it enables me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

QUARTERLIES

Increases may be processed at any time, but decreases received after March 1st, the National LWML deadline, will not take effect until the following year when the summer edition is mailed.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from LWML members and societies are needed to defray the ever-increasing cost of the publications. The recommended contribution is \$6.50 per subscription per year for those receiving 10 or more Quarterlies and \$8.00 per subscription per year for those receiving any number less than 10. This cost includes \$1.50 to help defray the cost of our Eastern District LWML publication the LINK. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE ZONE TREASURER.**

Keeping your society or zone aware of these practices will help the District run more smoothly and effectively as we "Serve the Lord With Gladness".

Send all Directory changes and Quarterly changes to Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468 or by email to dcoleman851@aol.com.

A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN LIFE CHAIRMAN—KAREN DEVAN

As I sit here in sunny Florida in the middle of February I am remembering the beginning of the New Year and the things I wanted to improve on during this year. Now as you read this it will already be April. I wonder how I'll be doing. God has given all of us a wonderful opportunity to share His love with others. That is a goal I always try to improve on. I want to be a witness for Him. I want to be a blessing to someone and I know that the Holy Spirit is my enabler to achieve this.

Christian Life is a WIP (work in progress). It's our attitude, our way of life. St. Paul tells us to hold fast to what is good in Romans 12:9. God has made us heirs to His kingdom. Now that is something to hold fast to. We can serve Him when we pray for others; when we listen, encourage and serve; when we study His word; when we participate in LWML; and when we go about daily routines with our focus on Jesus.

The LWML web site offers great material for us to use and glean information from. I mentioned this to our Zone Presidents through an e-mail back in January. I hope it has been shared and you are trying it out. Don't hesitate to go to: lwml.org and click on your areas of interest. We are called to serve. LWML brings us together as sisters in Christ. We linked together as we offer up on prayers on Mondays at noon. May you all know love and joy in your Christian Life as you walk with your Lord.

Blessings, Karen Devan—Christian Life Chairman

Nominations Wanted

Ecclesiastes 3:1: *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven*—Is this the time for you to consider running for an LWML Eastern District office? Please prayerfully consider

moving forward and taking a step maybe out of your comfort zone.

The 2012 offices that we will be seeking candidates for are as follows:

Vice President of Communication—Recording Secretary— Financial Secretary—Pastoral Counselor

The Board of Directors approved the following Nominating Committee at their meeting March 18-19

Linda Bahr, Chair (CNY-N Zone) lbahr@twcny.rr.com;

Darlene Byrns (Genesee Zone) darlene248@aol.com;

Kathy Pavelock (CNY-N Zone) kmpavelock@aol.com

Nomination and Consent Forms as well as the descriptions of duties of office may be obtained from Linda Bahr, committee chair at 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 or via e-mail lbahr@twcny.rr.com or contact your Zone President

News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

SERVICE PROJECT—On Saturday February 12, 15 ladies from around the Buffalo Zone gathered at St Luke to make soup. The ladies brought the ingredients and we chopped vegetables, cooked stock and put it all together to make delicious soup. We made 10 gallons of soup which will be donated to Hananiah Lutheran Church in the city of Buffalo for them to use in conjunction with the Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service to help feed the unemployed of the area. We also wrote cards and letters for military personnel to be distributed through the "Thanks A Million" project. Our next event will be our Spring Workshop which will be the first Saturday in May.



IN MEMORIAM —The Buffalo Zone lost two long time LWML Friends who have gone to be with the Lord.

Edna Lilga, passed away November 17th 2010 Funeral at St. Paul's, Eden.

Carol Engelbert, Buffalo Zone President from 1994-1998 passed January 27, 2011. Funeral January 31st 2011 at Salem, Buffalo

CNY SOUTH



Winter turbans made with fabric purchased with Mission Grant money from the 2008-2010 biennium are waiting to be wrapped at Grace Church in Vestal, NY. The 160 turbans were distributed to local hospitals for winter use. A spring/summer version is also

made by the women of the Central New York South Zone and are well received in our community. Thank you for supporting this mission.

Plans are being made for two Celebrations in 2011. The first will be held on Saturday August 6 at Trinity Ithaca. Our theme will be "missions". Women from three District churches will give us a report of their currently funded Mission Projects and we will be making bears and packaging items for service personnel as our "hands on" projects.

The Fall Celebration will be held at Grace, Vestal, NY on Saturday October 29. It will begin with a Bible Study led by Dr. Paul Maier and conclude with the Reformation Service for our area. We plan to have women and men attend this event and would encourage everyone to join us. Information about pre registration will be available in the fall.

GENESEE ZONE

The Genesee Zone Spring Meeting will be on May 7, 2011 at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, 250 Pinnacle Rd, Rochester, NY 14623. The theme will be "Serving the Lord with Gladness".

Bible Verse: Psalm 100:2 Serve the Lord with Gladness. Speaker: Deaconess Melissa DeGroot, Bible study with Pastor Goodwin

We will have an Ingathering of birthday and sympathy cards with a scripture passage for the Pastor at Monroe Community Hospital to give to residents.

We will have a discussion/sharing of how societies and ladies groups in area Lutheran churches have involved more women of all ages, what events and programs they are having, fundraising ideas, and mission projects.

Contact person: Kathy Ippolito at Kippolit@rochester.rr.com phone 585-461-3743

NIAGARA ZONE

NIAGARA ZONE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SPRING GATHERING will take place Saturday, May 7, 10:00-2:00, at Holy Cross/Middleport. Laurie Bauch, will present the topic "Aging in Place--at home and at church". Focus will be on changes people can make to remain active in their homes and in their churches or to help others around them as they age. The National LWML Prayer Service will follow a potluck luncheon at noon. There will also be an ingathering of bars of wrapped soap (4-5 oz. size) for Lutheran World Relief.

PITTSBURGH ZONE



"After the devastating earthquake in Haiti, January 2010 it came to the attention of the ladies in the Pittsburgh Zone that there was something more they could do. They learned that thousands of children have had amputations of their feet and legs due to infections caused by walking through the muck which causes wounds and cuts

that become infected. The amputations are often needed to save lives. The ladies learned of a desperate need for shoes, especially the plastic ones that survive water — like "Crocs". The ladies collected over 60 pairs of shoes along with \$1,350 to purchase shoes in Haiti. That cash donation provided Orphan Grain Train the Now won't it be hard to look at a pair of waterproof shoes without thinking of this story?

We encourage you to check with any agency you hear that needs some help. These ladies learned of this need from a newsletter from the Orphan Grain Train Maryland Division. Please take the time to check to see if needs are current and if not ask if there is something else you can do to help

More News From The Zones

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 30th at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Rally from 10-2 with lunch provided for a \$5 registration fee. The guest speaker will be Rebecca Bessell, our Eastern District President, speaking about Eastern District news as well as National happenings as we help prepare for the 2013 National Convention in Pittsburgh. The theme will be "We Are God's Workmanship" using Eph. 2:10 as our text. We invite every lady that is able and available to attend! For more information contact Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President at 610-518-0681 or susanbell557@comcast.net



We are also busy preparing for the 2012 Eastern District Convention, along with the ladies of the Anthracite Zone, that will be held at the DoubleTree at Willow Valley, Lancaster, PA on June 8-10, 2012. We look forward to everyone coming and having a spirit-filled, wonderful weekend in the Philadelphia area!

2011 LWML Retreat—Are you ready for a break from the routine of home and work? Each one of us needs to be able to step away from the everyday issues of your life. You will have time for spiritual renewal through our speaker, Ann Werk, who will speak on "The More things Change" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1. There will be bible study, fellowship with other Christian women and be able to rest in the beautiful surroundings of Pioneer Camp and Retreat center. Bring a friend. The ladies of the Genesee Zone will be your host for the 2011 LWML Retreat on September 16 - 18, 2011. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Check out the flyer and registration form in this [LINK](#).



DELEGATES Eastern District Delegates to the Peoria Convention June 23-26, 2011

Following are the 2011 Eastern District Delegates to the Peoria Convention:

Delegates	Zone
Kiessling, Janet	Anthracite
Palaima, Sharleen	Anthracite, alternate
Blackmon, Karen	Buffalo
Gilbert, Kelly	Central NY North
Hendricks, Suanne	Central NY South
Kalsow Krause, Carolyn	Genesee
Hapeman, Bea	Niagara
Voelker, Janice	Niagara, alternate
Breight, Linda	Pittsburgh
Harman, Helen	Pittsburgh
Gasslein, Chris	Philadelphia
Carlson, Jennifer	Buffalo—YWR
Donley, Rev. Bruce	Counselor

Upcoming Events

June 23-26, 2011	2011 LWML National Convention, Peoria, Illinois
Sept. 16, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting, Pioneer
Sept. 16-18, 2011	Fall Retreat, Camp Pioneer
June 8-10, 2012	Eastern District Convention, Lancaster, PA
June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Give a Memorial OR HONORARIUM

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM FUND

"I thank my God every time I remember you"
Philippians 1:3

Did you know that the Eastern District has a Memorial/Honor fund? This fund grows with the gifts that are sent in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person. The monies in this fund are used to cover the expenses to send young women representatives to both district and national conventions. Currently this fund has a negative balance of over \$1,000. When this happens the expenses must be covered by our operating fund which limits the usage for other areas. Please consider giving a gift in memory of someone special or in honor of someone who has made a difference in your life. Special memorial/honorarium envelopes to enclose your check are available from your zone president or from Jackie Blank. Checks can be made payable to Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District and mailed to Jackie Blank, 6830 E. Bethany-LeRoy Road, Stafford, NY 14143 Thank you

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

LWML Eastern District 2011 Fall Retreat
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
September 16-18, 2011

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE
Ecclesiastes 3:1
Ann Werk, Guest Speaker

Name
Address City
State Zip Code Phone
E-mail (For Registration Committee Use)
Home Church Eastern District LWML Zone

REGISTRATION RATES:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Price, and Total. Rows include Full-Time, Part-Time (Friday/Saturday), Registration Fee, Day use fee, Meals required (part time only) with sub-table for Fri/Sat registration and meals.

Special Housing (see below) Additional amount:
TOTAL TO BE PAID
Payment enclosed*
Balance due, if any

*Note: A deposit of \$20.00 will hold your place. All requests served on a first-come, first-served basis. Any balance due must be paid or postmarked by September 1, 2011 or a late fee will be charged. (Late fee: \$15.00 for full-time registration; \$5.00 for part-time)

HOUSING PREFERENCE: (All cabins have shower facilities)

Non-Refurbished Cabins

- Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin – 20 bunks, shower)
Founders Court (Cabins 17, 19-28) (2 twin beds, 2 occupants required) (Cabin 18 – 2 Bunk Beds)
Family Court P, Q, R, S (2 bunks)

Refurbished Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend; this amount can be split evenly among occupants)

- Refurbished Founders Court 1-4 (queen size bed, futon)
Refurbished Founders Court 5-8 (1 queen, 1 bunk)
Refurbished Family Court A (double bed, bunk bed) (Handicap Accessible)
Refurbished Family Court B, C (double bed, 2 bunks)
Refurbished Family Court J, L, N (one double)
Refurbished Family Court K, M, O (2 bunks, sleeps 4)

Woodland Cottage (Extra \$150 for the weekend per cottage; this amount can be split evenly among occupants)

- Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 – (each cottage - 1 double and 2 bunks)

OTHER PREFERENCES: Roommate Church or Group

SPECIAL NEEDS: Wheelchair Lower Bunk Hearing Impaired Dietary (specify)
Other

Make checks payable (in U.S. funds only) to LWML Eastern District 2011 Retreat
Please include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope with your deposit and registration form.

Send your completed registration form to: Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468
Email: dcolemans851@aol.com Phone: 585-392-7491

- ***If you must cancel, a \$20.00 non-refundable service charge per person will be made.
***Cancellation for medical reasons will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president. A refund, less the non-refundable deposit, will be made.
***A \$15.00 charge will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

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LWML
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INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

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AT THE
DOUBLETREE AT WILLOW VALLEY
LANCASTER, PA
FOR THE

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WEB SITE!

Don't forget to check out our Eastern District LWML Website at www.east-dist-lwml.org. You can keep updated on the status of our grants, get a copy of this and past LINKs, get the retreat registration form and we are also looking into getting the grant request forms on as well. It a valuable resource for all.

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The Eastern District LWML



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Dear Sisters in Christ,

And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:13b & 20

Happy summer to you may it be an enjoyable time to spend with family and friends.

Also it is a great time to spend with your sisters in Christ. I recently returned from attending the National LWML Convention in Peoria with a theme of "Being With Jesus/Living On The Edge". It was a joy to attend as your district president and experience all that I did while in Peoria. Voting on the mission grants totaling \$1,825,000 that will be funded by the mites over the next two years was amazing. A highlight for me was the opening worship service and singing with over 4500 men and women. The Bible studies were inspiring along with the mission moments which included hearing from past grant recipients.

So why attend a convention? I would like to share with you the comments I heard from many, some it was their first time and others their 10th-20th time. I heard they enjoy feeling the energy and excitement from attending with so many other women. Many like I enjoy the opening service and hearing from past grant recipients. The Bible studies, servant events and special luncheon speakers were at the top of the list for some.

Yes there will always be time spent voting on the mission opportunities ahead of us, the officers who will be willing to serve and the changes that need to be made to our bylaws. This is part of what we are about and needs to be done. But with that said there is much opportunity to have fun, sing till you can't sing anymore, worship, participate in Bible study, make new friends and enjoy the company of previous acquaintances. Spending time with the 40 from the Eastern District some of whom I had never met was time well spent for me.

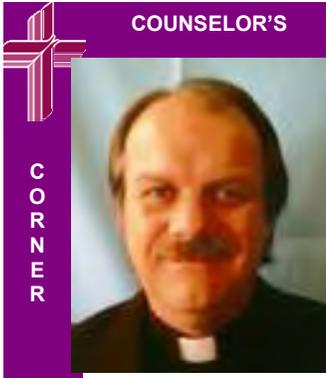
For those of you with computer access please check out lwml.org for convention highlights and videos where you will see Jennifer Carlson our young women representative and I walk in with the Eastern District banner. Jennifer kept me on track since I could not see where I was going.

I highly recommend attending a convention in the future, how about 2013 when we will join five other districts to host the national convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. I hope you will consider attending in the future. Please join me in the celebration of an organization established over 65 years ago and is still going strong.

**Linked together in Christ,
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President
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Commit to the Lord all that you do and your plans will succeed Proverbs 16:3

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"Gifted to Become"



There is much to be said for adoption, and those who chose to follow Christ's example by adopting children are a shining example of Christ's love to the rest of us. Tony Dungy for example, one time head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Indianapolis Colts adopted a child (Jordan) with congenital insensitivity to pain. That may sound like a disease you would love to have but let me assure you, it isn't! For a child with no sensitivity to pain is prone to do himself great harm without ever knowing it. He could touch a fire, grab a hot pan, eat a hot cookie straight from the oven, scalding his mouth and know no reason to stop. He is no less prone to injury; it is only the pain that he fails to appreciate. What really makes this story remarkable though of his wife's (Lauren's) reaction? At her insistence they immediately went out and adopted another child. According to his book "Quiet Strength," they assumed that they had been better equipped by God to care for Jordan's needs that others might have been. It was God's will and their privilege to serve. Likewise if William and Betty Victory had not chosen to adopt a little girl in 1960, I would have never come to know my wife.

But the real example is not Tony Dungy, nor my in-laws, but Jesus Christ. John 14:18-21 puts it this way, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." In short, you have been adopted by the Holy Trinity, you have not been abandoned. Your sin has been forgiven; your debt has been paid. Your Father is wealthy, so there is no need to worry about food or clothing, about education or health care or funding a wedding. There is nothing you will ever need that he cannot and will not gladly provide. You have no need to work for a living; your real need is to serve your Father!

Hence you too have been especially gifted to serve God's purpose. But our gifts like our sins can often be hidden. We don't always recognize for what they are. Occasionally that which we think is a problem is actually our greatest asset. You see in order to discover our greatest potential we must be willing to be stretched and molded and bent in ways we are not exactly accustomed to. I must confess that as a pastor one of my greatest challenges is getting people to appreciate the enormity of this simple phrase, "Because I live, you also will live." As a child of God there is nothing whatsoever that is possible for God (shy of actually becoming God) that is not also possible for you. It's not a question of what can be done; the only question is what are you willing to do? The LWML has been granted a challenge, and that is to empower the women of the Lutheran church to discover their gifts and serve their God. So forget about your limitations, and focus your energies on enhancing your abilities. The question should not be what am I comfortable with, be rather what was God gifted me to become. **Amen!**

Rev. Bruce C. Donley—Jr. Pastoral Counselor

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-DONNA COLEMAN JUST A REMINDER...if your society has not covered the cost of your Quarterly subscriptions for 2011-2012, please try and do so as soon as possible. Payment can be sent to your zone treasurer. Be sure to indicate on the check memo line "11-12 Quarterlies". The subscription cost also includes funds to help defray the cost of publishing and mailing the Eastern District LWML LINK. We are asking the society presidents to share items from the LINK with their members and to inform the congregation of LWML news through their church bulletins and newsletters. Please publicize the information about the upcoming Fall LWML Retreat at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Information concerning the retreat can be found in this newsletter.

PLEASE SEND ANY society and zone officer changes (including name, office, address, phone number and e-mail address) so the Eastern District Directory can be kept up-to-date. I can be reached at dcoleman851@aol.com or send them by mail to 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468.



Thank you to all my LWML sisters for their support during the recent national convention. I did not win the election for national Vice President of Organizational Resources. I know all of this was in God's hands. I saw Jan Struck, past retreat and convention speaker, right before the elections and she said be afraid if you lose an election because God may have something bigger planned for you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 **God's blessings Claire Carlson**

2011 LWML Eastern District

SEPTEMBER 16–18 , 2011

CAMP PIONEER & RETREAT CENTER,
ANGOLA NY

The more things change
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Guest Speaker: Ann Werk

Ann Werk is the principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Batavia. She has been a teacher and administrator in Lutheran Schools in Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio, and a public school teacher in North Dakota. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois and a Master of Education degree from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Ann is the wife of Pastor Allen Werk and the mother of two sons. She serves as a choir director at St. Paul and is the founding director of the Washington Avenue Players. She is the author of two books of devotions for Christians. She enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, music, and sewing.

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE LINK.

Fall Retreat

LWML Retreat Campership—Application

Two full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2011 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 _____ Church _____

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, 2011** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell
7048 Benedict Beach
Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

FALL RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!—ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Are you ready for a break from the routine of home and work? Each one of us needs to be able to step away from the everyday issues of your life. You will have time for spiritual renewal through our speaker, Ann Werk, who will speak on "The More things Change" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1. There will be bible study, fellowship with other Christian women and be able to rest in the beautiful surroundings of Pioneer Camp and Retreat center. Bring a friend. The ladies of the Genesee Zone will be your host for the 2011 LWML Retreat on September 16 - 18, 2011. Looking forward to seeing all of you. **Registration form is on page 11 of this LINK—Deadline September 1**

**CALLING ALL TALENT!!****FOR FALL RETREAT—DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE FUN**

Do you hear that small voice calling to you? It's not the Lord speaking to you this time but the voice of one searching for the many talents that I know are out there. The time is fast approaching for our LWML Fall Retreat at

Camp Pioneer and you are the entertainment. You as an individual, a small group from your church, your entire society, your zone or any other group that is willing to entertain. God has given us all many talents and I hope that you will be willing to share something for our Saturday evening entertainment at Camp this year. It's September 16-18, 2011 as I'm sure you're aware. Let's make Saturday evening full of fun, laughter, inspiration and love this year as we spread the word and take an active part in our LWML Camp Pioneer Talent Extravaganza. Please share this request with your friends, societies and zones and contact me if you will be preparing something for Saturday evening. God's Blessings for a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all at Camp (on stage J).

Karen Devan—Entertainment Committee

Contact: dpdevan@aol.com; phone: 315-761-4004; address; 6438 Lake Shore Rd. S, Canastota, N.Y. 13032

*Gifts From The Heart***Gifts From the Heart—In-Gathering for Retreat**

The following items are being collected for Camp Pioneer as our Gifts from the Heart

In-Gathering for Retreat:

Ping Pong Paddles and Balls —White t-shirts (Youth M, L, and Adult S, M, L and XL)—Air Dry Clay—Hula Hoops—Tennis Balls—Bandanas—Monetary gifts (Make checks payable to Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center)

2013 CONVENTION

The ladies of the six districts of the 2013 Coalition were able to meet at the Peoria Convention. It was great to meet so many sisters from other Districts that we will be working with to make the 2013 Convention happen in Pittsburgh. We were encouraged to talk it up and get as many workers and attendees as we can as we all work together to make our convention as meaningful as Peoria. We were encouraged to sign up to help. I'm sure we will have some of those forms available at the Retreat.

We were also encouraged to keep recycling; it is a great an easy fundraiser. So keep those cartridges coming as we help offset the costs of this convention.



2011-2013 LWML BIENNIUM MITE CHALLENGE START STRONG ... FINISH STRONG!

*We closed the 2009-2011 biennium mite challenge by receiving \$255,842.99 in the month of March alone. We need to start strong for the 2011-2013 biennium that began April 1, 2011 with this same enthusiasm in order to finish strong. While we wait for the delegates to vote at the convention in June, let's set a goal of at least \$78,000 needed each month as **together we continue to steadily support the work of the Lord through the LWML.***

*Join your LWML sisters and brothers in Christ in activities that help bring awareness to mite giving that will help to reach the 2011–2013 biennium mite goal. **Your support is needed!***



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

Nominations Wanted

ATTENTION LADIES OF EASTERN DISTRICT LWML!

Nominations are now open for offices due for election at the 2012 Eastern District Convention. Please pray for guidance to seek ladies from your societies, zones and/or district that would be able to serve the Lord through these offices: **Vice-President of Communication, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Pastoral Advisor**. Nomination forms will be coming to all Zone Presidents to be made available to all societies. Forms can be sent or given to the members of the nominating committee: Linda Bahr, Chairman, (CNY-N Zone), Darlene Byrns, (Genesee Zone) and/or Kathy Pavelock, (CNY-N Zone). Thank you.—**Linda Bahr--Vice-President Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources**

Vice-President of Communication

Pray for guidance—Attend and prepare a written report for each member at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Receive correspondence from Editor and PR director—Be coordinator of the Communications Department, which includes the Editor and Public Relations Director—Attend District Conventions—Prepare a statistical report for yearly Spring Board meetings.—It should include: Number of societies in each zone, Number of new societies, In even number of years, a complete statistical report is needed to be included in the Convention Manual, This is needed by the convention manual deadline—Obtain, as required from zone presidents, information necessary to complete any statistical reports required by the national LWML. Generally what information is required comes through the District President or directly from national.—Prepare a written report for the convention manual submitted by the convention manual deadline—Update national district officer's changes—Maintain mailing list containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of all officers: District Executive Committee; District Counselors; District Appointed Officers/Committees; Zone Officers; Zone Counselors; Churches; Pastors; Society Presidents; Number of Quarterlies received—Verify the accuracy of the number of Quarterlies for each zone. Confirm with the Treasurer the number that is billed from national. Reconcile if needed.

Recording Secretary

Pray for guidance—Attend Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Attend District Conventions—Record the minutes of all meetings of the District Convention, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee—Write any correspondence needed by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors pertaining to the work of the LWML Eastern District—Record the list of delegate's credentials prior to the District Convention. Keep District Convention ballots until instructed to destroy them—Prepare cards as necessary for circulation at the EC and BOD meetings for members need—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.

Financial Secretary

Pray for guidance—Attend /prepare a written report for each member at all Executive committee and Board of Directors meetings—Deposit Procedure: Send a receipt to Zone Treasurer when a check is received—Endorse checks with rubber stamp (FOR DEPOSIT ONLY) and deposit all checks at the end of the month, Get two copies of the deposit receipt from the bank—Record by month on "Record of Receipts"—Send the "Record of Receipts" and other deposit slips to the District Treasurer—Keep a copy of "Record of Receipts" and other deposit slips for your records—Enter receipts in ledger: Total receipts; Receipts by Zone; Memorials—Attend District Conventions—Prepare a written report for the convention manual submitted by the convention deadline—Receive all monies from the Zone treasurers, including mites, memorials, Quarterly contributions and miscellaneous funds—Send a monthly report of deposits to the President, Vice-President Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources and the Mission Grants chairmen—Send to the Vice-President of Communication a copy of the Quarterly contributions made at the fall and spring Executive Committee meetings—Order and distribute mite boxes and memorial cards upon request—Serve as a member of the budget committee, which prepares the Mission Goal Work program for adoption at the District Convention—Submit books for fiscal review—Consult with Recording Secretary on motions reflected in Executive Committee or Board of Directors' meetings minutes that may necessitate changes in Standing Rules and/or bylaw—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.

Pastoral Advisor

Pray for guidance—Pray for officers and members of the district—Attend/prepare a written report for each member at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Attend District Conventions—Prepare worship services, Bible Studies, Installation of Officers and other support services for the District LWML Convention—Prepare convention prayer request form—Provide counsel and aid to individual LWML District leaders and members at retreats and conventions when requested—Write articles for the Eastern District LWML official publication or newsletter as they are assigned to him—Serve as the Doctrinal and theological review person for all materials produced for publication.—Be available to encourage Zone counselor—Prepare a report of activities for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Provide a copy for each member—Be available to assist with retreats and encourage program committees—Junior Counselor is counselor for Leadership Development, Human Care, Christian Life, Public Relations, and Editor plus the Vice Presidents in charge of these committees—Junior Counselor shall attend national conventions and the Senior Counselor shall serve as his alternate—Senior Counselor is counselor for Mission Advocacy and Grants, and Structure, plus the Vice-Presidents in charge of these committees, and President—Senior Counselor is Master of Ceremonies for convention banquet and advisor to Tellers for Mission Grants—Senior Counselor may mentor Junior Counselor—Be an advisor of the convention election committee-Election of Officers and selection of Grants—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Yes! LWML Did Play In Peoria!

Delegates to the 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML convened in Peoria from June 23-26. More than 4,600, including more than 40 from the Eastern District gathered to conduct business, renew friendships and rally around God's Word.

The theme of the convention was "Being With Jesus—Living On The Edge". We adopted a mission goal of \$1.825 million for the 2011-2013 biennium to support 19 grants approved by the voting body. To see the complete list see the LWML website at www.lwml.org. The 585 delegates also elected new officers:

- Kay Kreklau—President
 - Pat Reichert—VP Special Focus Ministries
 - Carolyn Blum—VP of Organizational Resources
 - Lois Anderson—Treasurer
 - Rev. John Heckmann—Pastoral Counselor
- Please keep these officers and grants in your prayers.

The attendees of the convention were inspired by worship proclaimers Dr. Ken Klaus and Dr. Joe Meyer, searched the Scriptures with Bible study leader Dr. Reed Lessing, heard inspiring speakers Deb Burma and Katie Stam and recent LWML Grant recipient missionary speakers. Some from our District were able to participate in servant events, the "Mission in Motion" pledge walk and sing in the choir of 500 ladies. It was an inspiring week for all who attended and was even live-streamed on the internet. There are many pictures and videos available for viewing on the LWML website, check it out.

Our Delegates, YWR and Counselor



Bea, Judy, Waneta and Linda



Chris, Karen and Suanne



Kathy, Janet & Kelly



Jennifer and Pastor Donley

REFLECTIONS FROM JENNIFER CARLSON

I attended the Lutheran's Women Missionary League National Convention in Peoria, Illinois as Young Woman Representative for the Eastern District. I got to see as a Young Woman Representative the true scope and meaning of the LWML. I learned that throughout its history the LWML has used mites to raise 80 million dollars. In addition, at this convention the delegates voted on how to use almost 2 million dollars in mites for the proposed mission grants. I was also shown how LWML does not just raise money, but also volunteer their time for service and mission trips. The LWML is truly dedicated to God and His word. Before each vote from changing bylaws to elections, we prayed before voting.

We also had the opportunity to hear many speakers. Each speaker I heard brought God's Word into their messages including Miss America 2009 Katie Stam, hand bell soloist Kristine Stout, and several speakers that received mission grants from the LWML. The mission grant speakers showed how the LWML's past grants had helped their organization grow and helped many people and reach people with the Gospel.

At the convention you could see the direction that the LWML wants to go in order to reach a new audience in young women and expand to other groups. The LWML is able to be successful in reaching these groups and bringing them into the LWML family. Former President Jan Wendorf referred to the LWML as a Christian family and most the women I saw interacting acted that way; like they were seeing old friends even if I just met someone. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming establishing since I was Young Women Representative and new to the organization. The LWML always focuses on the Great commission and even showed that in all that they spoke about from mission grants to bylaws.



I would like to thank the Eastern District for sending me to the Peoria Convention and allowing me to represent them as their Young Woman Representative for the District.

Rebecca Bessell and Past Eastern District Presidents



Darlene Byrns, Claire Carlson, Rebecca Bessell and Dorothy Koschmann



Kathy at Servant Event

4500 LWMLERS



Janice Singing in Choir



6 AM MITE WALK



500 Member Choir

News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone's Spring Workshop was held Saturday May 1 at Camp Pioneer. After an opening devotion by our Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Werk, we participated in a service project at Camp Pioneer helping them get ready for the camping season. The ladies washed window, tables and got mailings ready. The ladies worked in conjunction with some of the area churches that were also helping with landscaping and cleanup.



Our next event is our Summer Picnic, Wednesday July 13 at Camp Pioneer. We will gather at 3 for games and fellowship followed by a pot-luck dinner at 6. Bring a dish to pass and table settings for yourself and don't forget your white elephant items for our annual auction.

CNY SOUTH

MISSIONS will be the theme of the Central NY South Zone Summer Celebration. It will be held at Trinity, Ithaca (149 Honness Lane) on Saturday, August 6, 2011. Registration will begin at 9:30 am with the opening devotion at 10 am.

We will learn more about three District Mission Grants to make us aware where our "mites" go. Work with the Mentally Disabled, a Burmese Refugee project and Lutheran Ministries Media will be the Grants that we will learn about. We will also have a hands on Mission Project and learn more about the "Feed My Hungry Children" campaign at Trinity which will be our "Gifts From the Hearts" ingathering. We are pleased that District President, Rebecca Bessell, will be joining us and invite all our sisters to join us for this day in beautiful Ithaca.

Zumba (for our age group) will limber us before lunch. A short business meeting with greetings from Rebecca and a report from Suanne Hendricks about the convention in Peoria will be concluded with a closing devotion. See you there. *In His joy, Audrey Schneider, President*

NIAGARA ZONE

Summer Potluck Picnic will take place at Immanuel Lutheran

Church, City of Tonawanda, **Tuesday, July 26**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Delegate Bea Hapeman will report on the recent National LWML Convention.

In Memoriam: **Eleanor Senechal**, age 88, passed away on May 30th. Her funeral was Thursday, June 2 at 10:00 am at St. Mark Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda. Eleanor served her Lord faithfully and served in various capacities in the LWML. Memorials could be made to the Niagara Zone LWML.

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

St. Philip's Lutheran Church was the site of the Spring Rally for the Philadelphia Zone on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Rev. Howard Alexander, the pastor at St. Philip's, led the worship service and an excellent Bible study based on the theme for the day: "For We Are God's Workmanship" from



Ephesians 2:10. The ingathering, led by Dorothy Koschmann, was pillowcases that can be used to make pillowcase dresses for the ladies and girls of Haiti. Many finished pillowcases were presented to the glory of God. The goal of our local Orphan Grain Train had been 1,000 dresses

by Easter and, in fact, over 2,000 were received. Praise God! Our guest speaker was LWML Eastern District President, Rebecca Bessell, who shared with us her hopes and dreams for the Eastern District LWML and how our ladies can get involved. Rebecca is looking forward to the LWML National Convention in Peoria, the next District Convention in Lancaster, PA in June, 2012 and the next LWML National Convention in Pittsburgh in 2013! There is so much to look forward to and work together to achieve in Christ's name. Evelyn Spann, in one of the pictures, is a member of Holy Cross Church in Philadelphia and they are reactivating their LWML chapter! Praise God, again!!!



The Philadelphia & Anthracite Zones are continuing to work together to plan the next District Convention at the Doubletree at Willow Valley in Lancaster, PA, June 8-10, 2012. Please put this convention on your calendar and plan to attend. One of the tour opportunities will be to see the live theater presentation of "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster. Plan to come early so you can see this wonderful Christian presentation.

The Eastern & English District Philadelphia Zones will meet together for our Fall Rally at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA on Saturday, October 22, 2011. If you are in the area, you are very welcome to attend!

LWML LANYARDS

Do you like these LWML lanyards. They are made by Martha McGlynn and will be available for purchase at the upcoming Fall Retreat. Contact her for more information at

marthamcglynn@verizon.net



Mission Grants

GRANT 2 PAID

GLORIA DEO! Thanks to God! The second grant chosen by the convention in June 2010 to provide after school spiritual and educational materials for outreach in the community at Unity Lutheran Community Mission in Homewood, PA Has been paid. This was \$5,000 to provide computers and software so that neighborhood children will be able to receive after school help with homework and to provide a safe environment for them to do so. Our remaining requests are:

- To provide worship furnishings for a new mission church in Willingboro, NJ \$2926.80
- To purchase desks, blackboard and Bibles for a Christian school in Haiti \$2500.00
- To provide equipment and resource material for developmentally and physically disabled at St. Mark Mendon NY \$2000.00
- To provide learning materials in the English language, food and rice cookers and Bibles for 50 refugees at the Mohawk Valley Burmese Center \$3700.00
- To provide television air time for Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. for shut-ins and the unchurched \$3271.20

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OF THESE WORTHY GRANT RECIPIENTS AS YOU PUT YOUR MITES IN THE MITEBOX

GRANT REQUESTS WANTED FOR 2012-2014 BIENNIUM

It is time to look ahead to 2012 and begin thinking about grant proposals for the next biennium. Guidelines and bylaws concerning grants, proposals and disbursements are available from the zone presidents or from me. Be creative in considering which projects in our zones, congregations, and communities would benefit from our grant monies. Grant recipients may only apply every 4 years. Send them to Ruth Wurster, 4646 Abbott Road Orchard Park, NY 14127. Call 716-649-0796 or email dfcrew@verizon.net if you have any questions or concerns. **The deadline for returning any and all grant applications is October 15, 2011. The deadline for returning any and all grant applications is October 15, 2011.**

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting, Pioneer
Sept. 16-18, 2011	Fall Retreat, Camp Pioneer
June 8-10, 2012	Eastern District Convention, Lancaster, PA
June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Report of the Financial Secretary—Jackie Blank

Cash receipts received from April 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 are as follows:

Mites	\$30,562.89
Quarterlies/Link	5,223.00
Memorials/Honorariums	730.00
2010 Convention Store	8.00
Total Receipts	\$36,523.89

Memorials given in remembrance of:

- Fanny Green
- Carol Engelbert
- Marlene Maier
- Ida Unterborn
- Pauline VanMeurs

Honorariums given in honor of:

- Donna Coleman
- Eastern District Board of Directors
- Immanuel Lutheran Church LWML

The Eastern District has contributed \$3334.27 to the 2013 National Convention Coalition start-up fund. This money came through recycling, donations from zones and societies, and the 2010 retreat ingathering.

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

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Next Deadline

Please send all news articles and information for publication to:

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E-mail:
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The next deadline is September 1, 2011

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

LWML Eastern District 2011 Fall Retreat
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
September 16-18, 2011

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE
Ecclesiastes 3:1
Ann Werk, Guest Speaker

Name
Address City
State Zip Code Phone
E-mail (For Registration Committee Use)
Home Church Eastern District LWML Zone

REGISTRATION RATES:

Table with registration rates: Full-Time (\$140.00), Part-Time (\$38.00), Registration Fee (\$6.00), Day use fee (# days x \$8.00), Meals required (part time only) including Fri. Registration, Fri. Dinner, Fri. Program, Sat. Registration, Sat. Program, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Lunch.

Special Housing (see below) Additional amount:
TOTAL TO BE PAID
Payment enclosed*
Balance due, if any

*Note: A deposit of \$20.00 will hold your place. All requests served on a first-come, first-served basis. Any balance due must be paid or postmarked by September 1, 2011 or a late fee will be charged. (Late fee: \$15.00 for full-time registration; \$5.00 for part-time)

HOUSING PREFERENCE: (All cabins have shower facilities)

Non-Refurbished Cabins

- Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 20 bunks, shower)
Founders Court (Cabins 17, 19-28) (2 twin beds, 2 occupants required) (Cabin 18 - 2 Bunk Beds)
Family Court P, Q, R, S (2 bunks)

Refurbished Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend; this amount can be split evenly among occupants)

- Refurbished Founders Court 1-4 (queen size bed, futon)
Refurbished Founders Court 5-8 (1 queen, 1 bunk)
Refurbished Family Court A (double bed, bunk bed) (Handicap Accessible)
Refurbished Family Court B, C (double bed, 2 bunks)
Refurbished Family Court J, L, N (one double)
Refurbished Family Court K, M, O (2 bunks, sleeps 4)

Woodland Cottage (Extra \$150 for the weekend per cottage; this amount can be split evenly among occupants)

- Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 - (each cottage - 1 double and 2 bunks)

OTHER PREFERENCES: Roommate Church or Group

SPECIAL NEEDS: Wheelchair Lower Bunk Hearing Impaired Dietary (specify)
Other

Make checks payable (in U.S. funds only) to LWML Eastern District 2011 Retreat
Please include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope with your deposit and registration form.

Send your completed registration form to: Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468
Email: dcolemans851@aol.com Phone: 585-392-7491

***If you must cancel, a \$20.00 non-refundable service charge per person will be made.
***Cancellation for medical reasons will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president. A refund, less the non-refundable deposit, will be made.
***A \$15.00 charge will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.



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CHECK OUT OUR

WEB SITE!

Don't forget to check out our Eastern District LWML Website at www.east-dist-lwml.org. You can keep updated on the status of grants, get a copy of this and past LINKs, get the retreat registration form and also the grant criteria and proposal forms. Also check out www.lwml.org for so many LWML resources from Bible studies, devotions, convention updates, LWML Sunday materials and so much more! It a valuable resource for all.

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The Eastern District LWML



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Together
Serving
the Lord
with
Gladness



Dear Sisters in Christ,

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

Happy fall, what a refreshing time of the year! A time for retreats, zone events and the activities that get rolling amongst our societies. When I reflect on the theme "The More Things Change" from this past retreat at Camp Pioneer and read Ecclesiastes 3 it makes me think about the things that have changed even in the past year in my life. I would bet you could join me with your own list. So how are we doing flowing with the change? Change can be a good thing and sometimes needs to happen. I believe that we grow with change and it gives God the opportunity to use us in different ways so that we can experience more.

As district president I have the great opportunity to see and learn from all of you. As I receive some of your zone minutes I read how you are changing and also as I visit others I get to experience those changes as well.

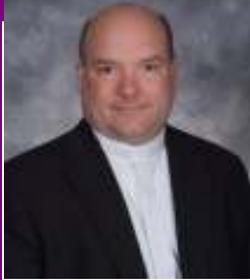
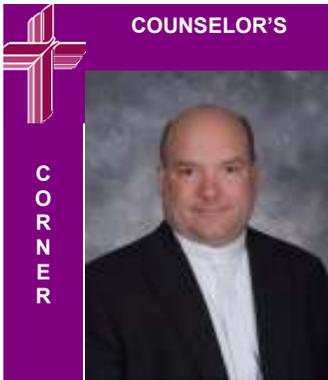
As terms of office come to an end for society, zone and district positions I hope you are in prayer as to where you can help. **LWML needs you!** As our new National President, Kay Kreklau's recent quarterly article stated "This is your time" She also included our recent retreat verse from Ecclesiastes 3 regarding there is a time for everything. I ask you to consider where you can assist as well as encourage someone who you believe would enjoy serving the Lord with gladness along with many other women. We are the face of LWML and wonderful things are happening in the organization. NOW is the time to join in if you are not already doing so. Let's together move the mission forward.

To every thing
there is a **SEASON**
and a **TIME**
to every purpose
under the *heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Linked together in Christ,
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President
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(cell)

From him the whole body joined and held together...grows and builds itself up in love as each part does its work, Ephesians 4:16



Pray That Again, Sam



This month my article has a simple and straightforward message. Keep Praying! From time to time it is good to repeat this and be reminded. Why? *Because we as fallen creatures are naturally adverse to prayer.* It takes time away from what we might rather be doing, even if that means doing nothing at all! Some try to solve this problem by multi-tasking prayer. They pray while they drive, exercise, or do other activities. This is certainly possible and often it can be a good thing, but it is only recommended as a supplement to prayer away from the distractions of the world and in the quietness of the heart. "Be *still*, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10 Plus, I encourage you *not* to fold your hands, bow your head and close your eyes while driving on the parkway!

Prayer is also hard work, and how often the path of least resistance is preferred. In prayer, we place the needs of others before our own desires, and isn't that one of the hardest things of all?

The family of God requires constant prayer and it cannot survive without it. Anyone who wants to see the work of the LWML do well is first directed to pray that God bless it with the Holy Spirit and all the gifts He brings. Pray for those involved in missions we support. Pray for all the LWML members. Pray for all the leaders. Pray for all the staff. Pray for the difficulties it faces. Pray for the sick and those experiencing trouble in their life. Pray for those you disagree with. Pray for those you are displeased with. Pray for those who do not attend. Pray for yourself. Select a time of day that works best for you and use it to pray, pray and pray.

Those who pray in this way will testify to the personal blessing they receive because of it. If a pipe sits unused for a while, it gets clogged. This cannot happen if it is used often. Anything passing through the pipe will help to clear out any spider webs, deposits and corrosion. It is always wide open and ready for the next use. So, too, is it with prayer. Have you ever noticed how hard it is to get good prayer going again after you have quit for awhile? That doesn't happen if you keep using your pipeline to God. Also, when you pray for someone you have something against, the temptation to hatred is greatly reduced. To walk with the Lord includes having a life of prayer, since we know from the Gospels that Jesus was Himself a man of prayer.

The Lord bless you, therefore, with an inward desire to pray and an outward manifestation of that inward desire!

Yours in prayer, Pastor Ron Bright, Eastern District Senior Counselor

LAST CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSAL REQUESTS
DEADLINE OCTOBER 15!

**GRANT REQUESTS WANTED FOR
2012-2014 BIENNIUM**

It is time to look ahead to 2012 and begin thinking about grant proposals for the next biennium. Guidelines and bylaws concerning grants, proposals and disbursements are available from the zone presidents or from me. Be creative in considering which projects in our zones, congregations, and communities would benefit from our grant monies. Grant recipients may only apply every 4 years. Send them to Ruth Wurster, 4646 Abbott Road Orchard Park, NY 14127. Call 716-649-0796 or email dfcrew@verizon.net if you have any questions or concerns. **The deadline for returning any and all grant applications is October 15, 2011.**

Report of the Financial Secretary—Jackie

April 1, 2010-August 31, 2011

Mites \$35,959.02

Memorials given in remembrance of:

Emma Beaty
Evelyn Wagner
Eleanor Senechal

Honorariums given in honor of:

LWML husbands
LWML zone and district counselors
LCMS Eastern District President, Rev. Wicher

Mites collected at 2011 Eastern District Retreat

Board Meeting	\$117.00
General	\$147.23

Approximately \$15,000.00 more in mites is needed to fund the remaining grants for 2010-2012. This amount includes the 25% that is sent to national. Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so these grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



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My steadfast love shall not depart from you—Isaiah 54:10



The year of 2012 is just around the corner and time to save the date for the 2012 LWML Eastern District Convention that will be held in Rochester, NY Lancaster, PA. The convention committees look forward to welcoming their sisters and brothers in Christ at the DoubleTree at Willow Valley, Lancaster, PA. The DoubleTree Resort in the heart of Lancaster County is a full service resort hotel conveniently located only three miles south of downtown Lancaster, PA. Our inviting resort offers a variety of hotel accommodations as well as a full slate of recreational activities. The DoubleTree Resort Hotel Lancaster is also close to Pennsylvania Dutch

Country attractions like The Amish Farm & House, Sight & Sound® Theatre, Tanger and Rockvale Outlet Malls, Hershey park and Dutch Wonderland amusement parks.

The hotel/conference center will fulfill your physical needs while the convention itself will fill the weekend's spiritual needs. Please plan on joining us as we come together in the body of Christ



ARE YOU CELEBRATING LWML SUNDAY IN YOUR CHURCH

It's not too late. LWML Sunday is traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, but it can be celebrated any time.

- * Ask your Pastor to let you make a small presentation telling your congregation about LWML and what we do.
- * Use the pre planned service prepared by LWML
- * Dedicate your Mites in church.
- * And so many other ways.
- * Let your congregation know what LWML is all about.

There are still materials available on the LWML website www.LWML.org

Nominations Wanted

ATTENTION LADIES OF EASTERN DISTRICT LWML!

Nominations are now open for offices due for election at the 2012 Eastern District Convention. Please pray for guidance to seek ladies from your societies, zones and/or district that would be able to serve the Lord through these offices: **Vice-President of Communication, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Pastoral Advisor**. Nomination forms will be coming to all Zone Presidents to be made available to all societies. Forms can be sent or given to the members of the nominating committee: Linda Bahr, Chairman, (CNY-N Zone), Darlene Byrns, (Genesee Zone) and/or Kathy Pavelock, (CNY-N Zone). **We would like to have nominations in by October 15!**

Thank you.—**Linda Bahr--Vice-President Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources**

Vice-President of Communication

Pray for guidance—Attend and prepare a written report for each member at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Receive correspondence from Editor and PR director—Be coordinator of the Communications Department, which includes the Editor and Public Relations Director—Attend District Conventions—Prepare a statistical report for yearly Spring Board meetings.—It should include: Number of societies in each zone, Number of new societies, In even number of years, a complete statistical report is needed to be included in the Convention Manual, This is needed by the convention manual deadline—Obtain, as required from zone presidents, information necessary to complete any statistical reports required by the national LWML. Generally what information is required comes through the District President or directly from national.—Prepare a written report for the convention manual submitted by the convention manual deadline—Update national district officer's changes—Maintain mailing list containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of all officers: District Executive Committee; District Counselors; District Appointed Officers/Committees; Zone Officers; Zone Counselors; Churches; Pastors; Society Presidents; Number of Quarterlies received—Verify the accuracy of the number of Quarterlies for each zone. Confirm with the Treasurer the number that is billed from national. Reconcile if needed.

Recording Secretary

Pray for guidance—Attend Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Attend District Conventions—Record the minutes of all meetings of the District Convention, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee—Write any correspondence needed by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors pertaining to the work of the LWML Eastern District—Record the list of delegate's credentials prior to the District Convention. Keep District Convention ballots until instructed to destroy them—Prepare cards as necessary for circulation at the EC and BOD meetings for members need—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.

Financial Secretary

Pray for guidance—Attend /prepare a written report for each member at all Executive committee and Board of Directors meetings—Deposit Procedure: Send a receipt to Zone Treasurer when a check is received—Endorse checks with rubber stamp (FOR DEPOSIT ONLY) and deposit all checks at the end of the month, Get two copies of the deposit receipt from the bank—Record by month on "Record of Receipts"—Send the "Record of Receipts" and other deposit slips to the District Treasure—Keep a copy of "Record of Receipts" and other deposit slips for your records—Enter receipts in ledger: Total receipts; Receipts by Zone; Memorials—Attend District Conventions—Prepare a written report for the convention manual submitted by the convention deadline—Receive all monies from the Zone treasurers, including mites, memorials, Quarterly contributions and miscellaneous funds—Send a monthly report of deposits to the President, Vice-President Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources and the Mission Grants chairmen—Send to the Vice-President of Communication a copy of the Quarterly contributions made at the fall and spring Executive Committee meetings—Order and distribute mite boxes and memorial cards upon request—Serve as a member of the budget committee, which prepares the Mission Goal Work program for adoption at the District Convention—Submit books for fiscal review—Consult with Recording Secretary on motions reflected in Executive Committee or Board of Directors' meetings minutes that may necessitate changes in Standing Rules and/or bylaw—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.

Pastoral Advisor

Pray for guidance—Pray for officers and members of the district—Attend/prepare a written report for each member at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings—Attend District Conventions—Prepare worship services, Bible Studies, Installation of Officers and other support services for the District LWML Convention—Prepare convention prayer request form—Provide counsel and aid to individual LWML District leaders and members at retreats and conventions when requested—Write articles for the Eastern District LWML official publication or newsletter as they are assigned to him—Serve as the Doctrinal and theological review person for all materials produced for publication.—Be available to encourage Zone counselor—Prepare a report of activities for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Provide a copy for each member—Be available to assist with retreats and encourage program committees—Junior Counselor is counselor for Leadership Development, Human Care, Christian Life, Public Relations, and Editor plus the Vice Presidents in charge of these committees—Junior Counselor shall attend national conventions and the Senior Counselor shall serve as his alternate—Senior Counselor is counselor for Mission Advocacy and Grants, and Structure, plus the Vice-Presidents in charge of these committees, and President—Senior Counselor is Master of Ceremonies for convention banquet and advisor to Tellers for Mission Grants—Senior Counselor may mentor Junior Counselor—Be an advisor of the convention election committee—Election of Officers and selection of Grants—Refer to bylaws articles V, IX, X at a minimum.

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-DONNA COLEMAN

HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE

October is the month for elections in many of our zones and societies. Please forward any society and zone officer changes to Donna at the address below.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY: Increases in subscriptions or address changes can be sent to Donna at any time. Decreases in subscriptions can only be made once a year with the next deadline of April 1, 2011. Hopefully societies were able to cover the cost of the 2010-11 subscriptions or will do so before March 2011.

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Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all day. Psalm 25:5



If you were at the recent LWML Fall Retreat you heard about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, which is LWML's Mission for October. If you weren't there the story is below. In addition to the LWML Grant The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is encouraging congregations, organizations within congregation and individuals to help support "the Lutheran Malaria Initiative"

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is partnering with "Nothing But Nets" to bring Lutherans an exciting way to get involved in the fight against malaria. Just \$10 buys an insecticide-treated bed net, delivers it to someone in Africa, and educates them on its use. Protecting people from malaria-infected mosquitoes is that easy; send a net, save a life.

It's something you can do right now.

The hope is that all LWML Zones and Societies of the Eastern District will embrace this initiative. You can support this through your mites but you can do more. Spread the word, make people aware, have a collection, do a special fundraiser, have a special plate offering. Remember that just \$10 can make a difference! As we all know so well in the LWML all of us working together can make a big difference. For more information go to Lutheranmalaria.org or contact Bev Wicher at lwmlink@roadrunner.com

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative-Kenya, East Africa \$100,000

At this summer's convention in Peoria, Illinois, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted to support a \$100,000 mission grant for the work of the Kenyan Lutheran churches as they join with Kenya's national commitment to eradicate malaria. LCMS and LWR are working with Kenyan Lutheran church partners to mobilize communities, empower healthcare providers and medical facilities, and strengthen institutional capacity to contribute to the shared goal of ending malaria deaths. This work on malaria education will be integrated with the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Lutheran churches. May God bless the efforts of the LWML to show His love to people, especially children and pregnant mothers in East Africa, who are in the most danger of contracting malaria through mosquito bites. Through their contact with Lutheran Churches in Kenya, may these families also receive the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus, the Great Healer of all our diseases. Please support this grant with your prayers and mite offerings, so that by God's grace, malaria deaths can be contained in Kenya and throughout the globe by 2015.

Fact: Malaria is carried to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes.

Fact: Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease.

Fact: Nearly 500 million people a year are infected, and upwards of one million people die each year from this disease.

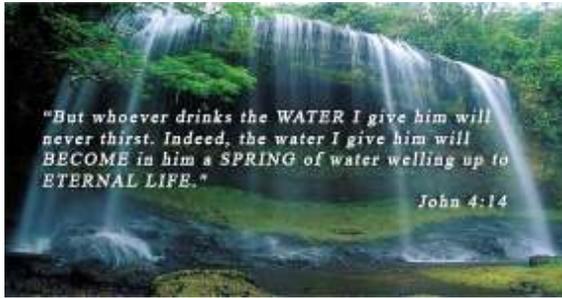
Fact: Pregnant women and children under the age of five (5) are most vulnerable to this disease.

Fact: One child dies every 45 seconds from malaria.

Fact: Malaria is the leading cause of death in Kenya, and only eight percent of children infected will receive appropriate treatment.

Fact: The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a collaborative effort of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to mobilize millions of Lutherans in the United States to join the battle against malaria.

Fact: This LWML grant will advocate for the availability of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medicines and other supplies at local health Facilities



WHERE WILL YOU BE JUNE 27-30, 2013???

PITTSBURGH, PA, OF COURSE

FOR THE 35TH BIENNIAL

LWML CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) announces the theme and Scripture verses for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention that will be held June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Theme: **Quenched! by the Water**
Scripture verse:

[Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father's love. The theme for the 2013 LWML Convention reminds each child of God that, in spite of constant change, God continually provides life-giving spiritual blessings for all of His children who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Convention attendees will:
Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Drink deeply from His Word
Share His overflowing love

LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, "Planning for the convention in Pittsburgh is well underway. It is exciting to know that those attending the convention will have opportunities to be filled to overflowing through worship, Bible study, fellowship, and uplifting experiences that will help to strengthen them as they share Christ with others."



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for 2013 National Convention Expenses

In 2013, Eastern District LWML along with five other districts will be hosting the National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. Fundraising is well underway for this event. Please continue to save your empty ink printer cartridges.

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Remember these are printer cartridges.

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Please bring to any district or zone meeting or event.
Please involve your congregation in this fundraiser as well.

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News From Around the Zones

ANTRACITE ZONE

Enabling the Blind to See Jesus— by Karen Klien

Thirty dedicated volunteers meet weekly at Immanuel Lutheran Church parish hall in Scranton, Pennsylvania to fill the great need of having the Word of God available to the blind and the visually impaired throughout the world. One group works on Monday evenings and the other group on Tuesday mornings. Immanuel's volunteers alternate weekly on making Volume 1 and Volume 2 of Isaiah which are two of the thirty-seven volumes that compose one Braille or Large Print Bible.

This group gathers at one out of one hundred eighty-nine work centers in Canada and United States that assist the mission of Lutheran



Braille Workers, Inc. in Yucaipa, California that provides the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to individuals who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world. Braille materials that are distributed through Lutheran Braille Workers are in thirty languages and are dispersed in over one hundred thirty countries. Volunteers produce each book by punching holes, numbering pages, collating pages, placing them on the zinc plates, putting them through the press and binding the pages. Then, they audit the materials, pack the books, and ship them throughout the world from the local post office. Volunteers range in ages from twelve to nine-two years old. On 8-14-11, Immanuel Braille workers hosted a brunch as a fundraiser for Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. which serves 160 million vision impaired people. Additional information about Immanuel Lutheran's Braille Mission Project may be found at ImmanuelScranton.com.

BUFFALO ZONE



Making favors for retreat

The ladies of the Buffalo Zone enjoyed a beautiful summer afternoon at their annual summer picnic at Camp Pioneer in July. We also got together to make favors for the fall retreat. The retreat was very inspiring with retreat speaker Ann Werk and what

fun our entertainment skit "Buffalo Beauties Fashion Show" was.

Our **Fall Rally** will be **October 2 at Salem Lutheran Church**. We will start with a light lunch at 1 pm. Registration fee is \$3. We are looking forward to hearing from our speaker Rev. Alex Knowles, new director of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. There will also be a presentation on the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.



Rev. Alex Knowles

CNY SOUTH



Our **SUMMER Celebration** in Ithaca was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship. One of the "highlights" was Zumba with



Jill Lukach as will be noted in the pictures. Pastor Foote of Ithaca as well as our counselor, Pastor Hendricks of Vestal *tried* to participate. Bears were made for children in the hospitals and our "Gifts from the Heart" went to Ithaca's Feed My Starving Children campaign.

Plans are under way for our **FALL Celebration** which will be on **Saturday, Oct. 29 at Grace, Vestal**. Registration will begin at 10 AM followed by a Bible Study led by Dr. Paul Maier beginning at 10:30. After lunch we will have a short meeting and then adjourn for a Circuit Reformation Service. An ingathering for our troops will be the "Gifts from the Heart" for that meeting. Each Society has a list of the items that will be gathered. It will be a memorable day and we are encouraging families to join us.



Dr. Paul Maier

NIAGARA ZONE

NIAGARA ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

Saturday, October 8, 10:00-2:00

St. Mark Lutheran Church

1135 Oliver St., North Tonawanda

- * Zone Counselor, Rev. Matt Sorenson of Grace/Niagara Falls, will offer an opening devotion
- * Haitian mission trip report by Rev. Bruce Donley, ED LWML Counselor will be given in the morning.
- * Following will be a short business segment and elections of President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- * Lunch will be provided by the Women of St. Mark (no potluck this time!)



* After lunch we will have a presentation by Cheryl Lesch, founder of Jammies for GIs which provides clothing and other articles for our wounded service men and women. An Ingathering will benefit this organization.



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

More Zone News

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

Many of us were able to attend the LWML National Convention in Peoria, IL in June. It was a blessed event! We especially enjoyed hearing from the missionaries who have received mission grants in the past. We also enjoyed participating in the caucus for the planning of the 2013 National Convention in Pittsburgh.

Many of us also were able to attend the LWML Eastern District Retreat at Camp Pioneer, Sept. 16-18. We participated in the Saturday evening entertainment with a skit we prepared. Its always so much fun to see everyone and enjoy the fellowship with other LWML sisters!

Our Fall Rally will be at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 10-2. We will be

hosting the ladies of the Philadelphia Zone English District as well. It is great to get to know other district ladies as we will be working together for the 2013 National Convention. Newly installed Philadelphia Mission Pastor Joshua Gale will be our guest speaker. He will tell us about his mission work in Philly and how we can help.



Rev. Joshua Gale

We continue to help with sorting and packing at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Wilmington, DE. A live and silent auction will be held in Frazer, PA on Oct. 16th to benefit OGT. All are welcome!

The Philadelphia Zone and the Anthracite Zone invite you to the 2012 Eastern District Convention in Lancaster, PA, June 8-10, 2012! See you there!

Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President



KEEP COLLECTING THOSE STAMPS

Don't forget to keep saving your stamps for missions, they can be brought to any District event and we will see that they are distributed.

- * All cancelled stamps (not stamped envelopes) can be saved.
- * Leave plenty of envelope around the stamp. We need 1/4" around each stamp.
- * One pound of stamps equals one Bible in the language of the foreign country.

Trudy Sallach and Nancy Lingenfelter

Upcoming Events

Feb. 24-25, 2012	EC & BOD Meeting Lancaster PA
June 8-10, 2012	Eastern District Convention, Lancaster, PA
Sept. 14, 2012	EC Meeting Camp Pioneer
Sept. 14-16, 2012	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Give a Memorial OR HONORARIUM

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM FUND

"I thank my God every time I remember you"
Philippians 1:3

Did you know that the Eastern District has a Memorial/Honor fund? This fund grows with the gifts that are sent in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person. The monies in this fund are used to cover the expenses to send young women representatives to both district and national conventions. We have recently received some memorials and honorariums and we thank you for that. This is an ongoing fund that constantly needs replenishing. Please consider giving a gift in memory of someone special or in honor of someone who has made a difference in your life. Special memorial/honorarium envelopes to enclose your check are available from your zone president or from Jackie Blank. Checks can be made payable to Lutheran Women's Missionary League Eastern District and mailed to Jackie Blank, 6830 E. Bethany-LeRoy Road, Stafford, NY 14143 Thank you

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

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2010-2012 Mission Grants**

A mission goal of \$126,875 was adopted for the 2010-2012 biennium. \$24,400 will provide grants in support of the following projects related to the Eastern District.

		Mission Grant Goal
Television air time with Total Christian Television Network. Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.	7-\$ 3,273-	\$24,400
Support for the Mohawk Valley Burmese Refugee Relocation Center. Grace Lutheran Church, Canastota, NY	6- \$3,700-	\$21,127
Education Inclusion Ministry. St. Mark Lutheran, Mendon, NY	5- \$2,000-	\$17,427
Materials for a Haiti children in the Dominican Republic.	4- \$2,500-	\$15,427
Willingboro, NJ New Hope Lutheran Mission. Christ Assembly Lutheran, Philadelphia, PA	3-	\$12,927
Homewood, PA Unity Lutheran Community Mission. Cynthia Barnes, Penn Hills, PA	2- \$5,000-	\$10,000
Renewal and Reconnection Retreats for families of deployed and returning military personnel at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center Joan Fritch, Eden, NY	1- \$5,000- PAID	\$5,000

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