

# The Eastern District LWML



Lutheran Women in Mission

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Happy New Year to all of you!

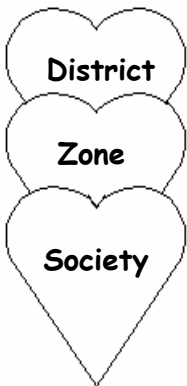
A New Year is a time of renewal. To look at where you have been and what you hope to accomplish in the New Year.

I have enjoyed Serving the Lord with Gladness within the Eastern District in my term as President.. This will be my last convention serving as your President for 4 years. It has been a lot of fun along the way. I especially enjoyed visiting with all the zones in the past 4 years. It was a delight to share their program and be a part of it. There are many LWML'rs out there that can share the history of their zone and how we have progressed.

### 2010 Convention Information



**EASTERN DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
June 18-20, 2010  
Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree  
101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205**



### LWML Keynote – Eastern District - June 18, 2010 *Dave and Kathy Ludwig*

How exciting to know that we are not on our own. We are deeply connected to Christ. In everything we can ask Jesus, "How are WE going to handle this?" Wow, does that ever take our anxiety away!  
As we remain in Christ, we are connected to one another. We were not created to be private people, but to be part of a family and a community. That is what LWML is all about.  
As we receive our life-giving sustenance from the "Vine," God promises we will "bear much fruit." Wow – that means our lives will show greater love, joy, peace – the fruit of the Spirit. This frees us from concern for self and gives us energy to reach out in service to others.  
Sounds like LWML !

**National representative:** Pat Reichert, Meeting Manager will share a message from President Jan and have lunch with the YWRs and share her message about the LWML.

We have changed the agenda to allow for more time to visit the displays, meet with friends, both new and old, and enjoy a 2 hour lunch on Saturday. Our Friday opening will be a celebration. The Business meetings will be on Saturday.

The Interest sessions will not take place this year.

There will not be a Sunday noon meal.

Looking forward to greeting you in Pittsburgh.

In His Service,  
Darlene Byrns  
Eastern District LWML President

*Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness*

*"I can do anything through Him who strengthens me" Phil. 4:13*



It's hard to believe it has been ten whole years since the dreaded strike of the "millennium bug" and Y2K. Where were you that new year's eve? After new year's eve communion, I checked batteries in flashlights and my radio, got out the candles for extra light, secured the cash box and filled the bathtub with water.

How time passes! How times change! Since Y2K we have had children and grandchildren added to the family tree. Young "birds" have left the nest. Some folks have new jobs. Others have new spouses. Important loved ones will not be sharing the holidays with us again this side of eternity. The wars our nation continues to fight have no end in sight. One can only guess as to why the Good Lord hasn't seen fit to return in the clouds and bring this crazy world to a conclusion.

As we are finishing off the Christmas cookies and candy, something very special is coming into sight. Once again we are given the message of Christmas. It is the message of how the creator of heaven and earth took on human nature and entered our world as one of us. It is the story of the incarnation. THIS IS NO SMALL THING TO BE PASSED BY! Since the time when the Christ Child was

born, there has no longer been any separation between God and the world in which we live. No matter how far away we may feel God is, no matter what we may have done to drive a wedge between the Lord and ourselves, no matter how much this generation forsakes the Word and the will of our Father, He is here. Watching. Listening. Guiding. He is moving things along towards the fulfillment of time. Just as God became an inseparable part of our world at Jesus' birth, we have become an inseparable part of His through the waters of baptism. Just as God is with us everywhere we go, God carries us with Him every step He takes in moving things along to the end of time. We can rest in His ever-presence in our lives.

What will the next ten years bring? Truly, God only knows. We need not fear the future because we have the promise of Immanuel – God with us. Add to that the fact that God does know the future and can prepare us to meet it and pass through it spiritually unharmed.

The celebration of Christmas, Epiphany and New Year are a good combination. As we mark off another year, we know that because of the miracle of Immanuel's birth, God is always with us. Amen to that!

## NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has submitted a list of candidates for office for the 2010-2014 term. The individuals named below have been nominated and have agreed to have their names placed on the ballot.

### **Pastoral Counselor**

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### **VP of Christian Life/Human Care**

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### **Treasurer**

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We are thankful to God for these talented nominees and express our gratitude to them for their willingness to serve the Lord and the women of the Eastern District LWML.

### **The Nominating Committee,**

***Claire Carlson, Martha McGlynn, Rebecca Bessell***

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR 2010 DISTRICT CONVENTION, REGISTRATION FORM IS FOUND ON PAGE 9 OF THIS LINK**



Jacqui Greene and I were trained as Mission Ministry Vision Consultants by national LWML. We are available to assist societies and zones throughout our district. Under MMV,

one of the ideas strongly encouraged by national is mentoring. Individual contact to someone who may be interested in LWML can go a long way to getting someone involved. Personally, one of my mentors was retired District President Ruth Hope. Our retired District Presidents have mentored many throughout the years. They shared their gifts from the Lord with many of us. Perhaps if one of them touched your life in some way or you have a special memory of working with them, you would like to let them know. I am sure they would love to hear from you. Their contact information is as follows:

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
JUNE 18-20, 2010  
Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh, Green Tree  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

It is hoped that all of our readers are planning, saving or whatever it takes to come to the **33rd Biennial Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention!** You can look forward to an enjoyable opportunity of spiritual growth through Bible study, worship, singing and inspirational speeches by special guests; fun and fellowship together by participation in servant events, MITE WALK, eating delicious meals, taking a tour, visiting, and relaxing; and, of course, witnessing, planning and/or voting on the

business, goals and purpose of our mission-outreach organization. **Please see the registration form found on page 9 of this issue of the "LINK".** May all glory, praise and adoration be given to our gracious Lord, Who gives each of us the time, ability and desire to **"Serve Him With Gladness!"**

**Ingathering**



**Sonshine Community Ministries** will be a place of HOPE for the hurting and poor of McKeesport. We will show them JESUS.

The ingathering gifts from the heart will be for the **Sonshine Communities Ministries** of Pittsburgh. All kinds of **paper products**, such as paper towels, napkins, plates, cups, plastic tableware and **diapers** of all sizes can be brought for this mission outreach. Also, blankets (all sizes) are being gathered. For more information on the Sonshine Community Ministries you can check out their website at [www.sonshinecommunityministries.org](http://www.sonshinecommunityministries.org)

**Tour**



On Friday afternoon, June 18th and on Sunday afternoon June 20th (at the conclusion of the convention), there will be an opportunity to take a "Just Ducky Tour." It takes visitors on a fun-filled sightseeing trip through Pittsburgh in a vintage World War II amphibious vehicle, able to drive from land right into water. The tours are great for all ages and provide a fun history lesson in addition to a "wild ride".

Be warned: children receive a duck-quacker noisemaker and are encouraged to use them! A bus supplied by our Lutheran Home in Cabot, PA will be providing transportation from the convention site to Station Square, where the tour begins. Cost is \$30 per person. There is a spot on the registration form to sign up for this tour.

**In the next issue . . . Look for:**

- \* More information about the events of the convention
- \* Biography of keynote speakers
- \* Mission grant to be on the ballot
- \* Pictures and biographies of the candidates for elected office
- \* Servant events
- \* Other items of interest

*Plan Now to Take Advantage of this Opportunity!*



**Some of the Committee Members**

First row, l-r Marty Alsing, Betty Germer, Joyce Schumm, Marie Litke, Waneta Lingenfelter, Alice Stofan, Eleanor Schwalm; Back row l-r, Rev. Herb Schumm, Miriam Martens, Marjorie Smith, Diane Almstead, Karen Kusko, Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Linda Bright, Louise Yonkin, Rheita Fischer, Lois Kolb, Carol Kagemann

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**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS  
DEADLINE - APRIL 1, 2010!!!!**

**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 April 1, 2010**. 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, 2010.

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

Societies are reminded to help defray the cost of the Quarterlies and ED LWML LINK newsletter expenses by sending contributions to their respective **ZONE TREASURERS**, who will, in turn, send them to the ED LWML Financial Secretary. If you haven't covered the cost of your Quarterlies for the current fiscal year (April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010), 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 Quarterly/LINK rates for the new fiscal year for the Eastern District LWML (April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011) will remain the same as last year: \$7.00 per subscription for 1-9 copies to same address; \$5.50 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 gleaning 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 Mite Box receipts!

P.S. Just a reminder – please also notify Donna Coleman of any officer changes in zone or society for the ED LWML Directory so it can be kept up-to-date!



*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*

**FROM FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEE BARB BROWN**

Yes it has been nearly six months already and it seems like only yesterday that I was at my first national convention. Wow what an awesome experience. From the time we changed planes on our way to Portland, during the convention activities and through my travels home I felt the electricity of LWML women. I have never seen so many smiling faces together. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly it was easy to meet new LWML sisters, to study God's word together, sing together, pray together, shop together and worship together.. I was in awe every minute. The whole event was so rejuvenating and fantastic that I am anxious to attend the next one, God willing. Also, the way Portland vendors and residents welcomed us was great, every chance they had to assist one of us they did so with a smile. Portland is an amazing city with majestic scenery.

If you have not attended a District or National convention please consider attending one, you will love the experience.

Barb Brown  
Pittsburgh Zone

**Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY ORDER FORM  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011**

**Please complete form and return by April 1, 2010 to:**

Donna Coleman, VP Communications, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468

Name of LWML Society (or Women's Group if combined) \_\_\_\_\_

(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 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions needed for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \_\_**

The cost of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and publication expenses for the *ED LWML LINK* newsletter\*\* for 2010 – 2011 is;

\$5.50 per subscription for orders of 10 or more, or  
\$7.00 per subscription for orders of 1-9 copies.

**Payment is encouraged within the first few months of fiscal year 2010-2011. Send payment to your Zone Treasurer and indicate on the check memo "For Quarterlies 2010-2011".**

**Please DO NOT include payment with your order form.**

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

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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**The next deadline is March 1, 2010**

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**

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## REFLECTIONS FROM 1ST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEE JUNE SCHNEIDER

Greetings Dear Sisters in Christ!

My name is June Schneider. I am from St. Mark in Mendon. I hope my report gives you a sense of the special experience a LWML convention offers. I was given the opportunity to represent the Genesee Zone of Eastern District as a delegate at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial LWML Convention held in Portland Oregon in June of 2009. I was one of about 530 delegates and about 3,300 total attendees, so there were lots of 'purple people' around Portland!

The theme of the convention was **Look to the hills ..... God Reigns**, very appropriate for this location. There are "hills" all around the Portland area, since it is nestled between the Coast Mountains and the Cascade Range. The awesome Mt. Hood, actually a volcano, stands as a 11,000 foot sentinel east of the city. Mt. Hood is so majestic, but it is amazing that on some days, when the weather is hazy or rainy or cloudy, the mountain seems to disappear. You can't see it, but you know it is there... Just as we don't see God with our eyes, but we know He is here!

The Bible verses selected for the convention were :

**Psalms 121: 1-2** I lift my eyes to the hills -- where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. And , **Isaiah 52:7** How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, " Your God reigns!"

The Keynote Speaker was Ruth Koch, a mental health educator and National Certified Counselor who is also an author and consultant who specializes in conflict management, grief and family relationships. Her speech was about "Climbing Mount Cambio", that is, Mount Change (Spanish translation). A brief summary of her talk on how to survive change follows:

Change is "just there", always a part of life; but it can be difficult to deal with, especially if you are "allergic to exertion" as Ruth Koch put it . So, with the help of fellow hikers (that is, our friends and family and fellow church members), and Christ as our guide, we can go from fear to anticipation as we climb our 'mountain of change'. You will come to realize that the view from the top is worth the hike. Remember that faith trumps fear, so when you do get to the top, dance!!! The view from the top can also give us a different, broader perspective. After we "summit", we still need to get back down the mountain. And this requires using different muscles (different coping skills, for example) than we used going up. Back at the bottom, we can experience an afterglow – a sense of peace, accomplishment, and gratitude to God for getting us through our ordeal!

In addition to the keynote speaker, there were many terrific presentations, sermons, and Bible studies. We heard from 2 young women missionaries, one serving in China and the other in Dominican Republic. A vicar who ministers to Native American tribes on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State also spoke. This ministry is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the Pacific Northwest and in the U.S. We heard a moving true personal story from motivational speaker Heidi Floyd, who is the ambassador for the Vera Bradley (yes, the purse company) Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, and is also a Lutheran pastor's wife. Dr. Mary Hilgendorf led a Bible study on the story of Ruth and Naomi from a female perspective. The "humorous interruptions" by motivational speaker and Christian humorist Jan Struck kept things light and lively!

Servant events were a big part of the convention. I was fortunate to participate in two of them : 1) highlighting key Bible verses in Spanish Bibles, and 2) helping to assemble Spanish Braille Bible book of Proverbs. Each attendee also was asked to bring a 'Gift from the Heart' with them, such as health kits or children's shirts, socks and school supplies, for Portland area charities.

The business part of the convention for delegates included voting on bylaw changes, election of officers, and voting on which of the 25 proposed grants would be funded for the next 2 years. A record \$1.8 million dollars from our "mighty mites" will fund 18 out of the possible 25 missions!

Another highlight for me was being able to attend a couple of special luncheons. One was hosted by the LWML President Jan Wendorf, for all the first-time convention attendees, like myself. Jan stressed the need for LWML societies to be adaptable so that younger women, who prefer shorter term projects and who have issues with attending set meetings, will be encouraged to participate. Another luncheon was hosted by the President of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Jerry Kieschnick, and his wife Terry.

In our spare time, we could browse the exhibits put on by various groups in the LC-MS, or even do some shopping at the Concordia Publishing House and LWML store booths!

The music and entertainment during the convention were excellent – the 125 member Pride of Portland 's acapella chorus was awesome! It was a special "hilltop" experience to participate in the opening and closing worship along with thousands of sisters (and brothers too) in Christ.

I learned some interesting things during the convention, one of which is the fact that the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mission field in the world today in none other than the United States of America! I also learned that it took 40 years for the LWML to finally be given permission from the LC-MS to form in the year 1941! The church leaders were concerned about " who can control so many organized women?!" So we should not take for granted the opportunity to participate in our LWML organization!

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity I was given to be a delegate and to attend the National Convention. It was a motivational, inspirational, informative, and faith – building respite for me. I got the chance to meet caring and compassionate sisters from our Eastern District, and from Boston to Honolulu to Anchorage, and from around the world! I was impressed by the large number of seniors who were in attendance, even though many had physical difficulties. With God, all things are possible! I strongly encourage everyone who is able, to attend a LWML convention, be it the next Eastern District convention in Pittsburgh in 2010, or the next National Convention in Peoria IL in June 2011!



NEWS

From Around

the Zones

### NIAGARA ZONE

**NIAGARA ZONE LWML** Fall Rally at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church/Bergholz on October 25th featured a presentation by the director of Carolyn's House, a program of the YWCA of Niagara which assists homeless women and children. Household items and \$460 in donations were gathered for this program at the Rally. The agency also operates a culinary school and catering service

([www.cateringcrew.org](http://www.cateringcrew.org)) to help women

interested in preparing for such work. Immanuel LWML in Tonawanda plans to use the catering service for their luncheon meeting on January 23rd.

Officers re-elected for two-year terms were as follows: President Katharine Rickus, Treasurer Nancy Fink, and Corresponding Secretary Erika Tuscher.

Another highlight at the Rally was an update on Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Buffalo which recently received their \$1500 grant from the Eastern District LWML. Present were Campus Pastor, Rev. Galen Purpura, Campus Commission Chairman, Rev. David Young and Peer Minister Kelly Wagner. They shared about the ministry on campus and thanked the LWML for their support.

Niagara Zone LWML will hold its Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25 – hosted by Immanuel's Ladies Aid at Immanuel/Ridgewood time and program to be announced in the next issue of the LINK.

A few of our zone members are experiencing serious health issues, and we need to hold them up in prayer. Former District Parliamentarian Eleanor Senechal recently suffered a broken leg and is currently in Northgate Health Care Facility, 7264 Nash Rd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120

### PITTSBURGH ZONE

LWML members elected Carol Kagemann first Vice President and Marty Alsing Zone Treasurer. They were installed by Rev. Herb Schumm, zone counselor at the annual LWML Fall Rally (Eastern District, Pittsburgh Zone.) The rally was held at St. John, Morrisdale On October 4. Guest speaker was Kathleen Campanella, director of Partner & Public Relations for Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Established in 1944, the center ships supplies to 50 different countries. The 42 women attending the rally brought 200 school kits, 21 baby kits, seven sewing kits, and 129 health kits for the center. Marty Alsing and Charlotte Hoener reported on the national LWML convention in June.

Prayer Service offerings will be shared between Lutheran World Relief (Motherhood Kits) and Pittsburgh Campus Ministry at First Trinity.

The Pittsburgh Zone Board meeting will be held on March 13 at Trinity Lutheran, Monroeville. The Joy Shop and Spring Rally will be held at Calvary Lutheran in Murrysville on April 17. The Eastern District LWML convention will be held June 18 – 20, 2010 in Pittsburgh

### PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone Eastern & English Districts Fall Rally was held on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church in Levittown, PA. About 35 ladies and a few gentlemen were able to attend and were in for quite a treat; not only great food, but wonderful fellowship, worship, bible study and inspirational speakers. Pastoral Counselor Rev. Skee Jurkowski led the worship service and bible study. Susan Bell



showed a video from the LWML National Convention in Portland, OR. After lunch, Bob Wright, from the Center for Short Term Missions talked about his ministry and how short term mission trips change lives both for the giver and for the receiver. Irene McFadden shared her mission trip stories of time spent in the trenches of the New Orleans Katrina effort. Donna Sinacori and the ladies of Hope Lutheran Church did a wonderful job hosting us! The ingathering was cell phones for soldiers. Over 20 phones were donated!

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Ridley Park, PA. Please plan to attend if you are in our area!

### **FROM VP CHRISTIAN LIFE/HUMAN CARE HOW CAN WE HELP OTHERS IN NEED?**

We learn the importance of helping others from reading in the Holy Book of James, Chapter 2, verses 14-17, "What good is it if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

As Christians we believe the Holy Spirit has come upon us and leads us with His explosive power to act as witnesses in our church, as well as "to the ends of the earth." In the Pittsburgh Zone at our spring rally I led our women to look at the work of the Lutheran World Relief with the making of quilts and the putting together of various kits, which includes sewing, layettes, school, and health items. After that presentations our women decided to see how many kits each society could make for our ingathering at our fall rally. On October 4th at our LWML Pittsburgh Fall Rally our zone's Human Care Chairman Annette Bowen and Alice Stofan counted all the kits brought for the ingathering. That tally included: 200 school kits, 120 health kits, 21 layette kits, and 7 sewing kits. All praise be to our Triune God!

As our LWML District's VP Christian Life/Human Care I am offering my services to any zone or society which would also like to learn more about putting together these kits, as well as to show the work of Lutheran World Relief with the DVDs I have been given as a spokesperson for them. I would appreciate an invitation from your group, so we can together act on fulfilling God's Great Commission, as stated in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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**February 26-27, 2010** Board of Directors Meeting  
Radisson Hotel-Greentree  
Pittsburgh PA

**June 18-20, 2010** 2010 District Convention  
Radisson Hotel - Greentree  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Sept. 17-19, 2010** Eastern District LWML Retreat  
Camp Pioneer



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

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EASTERN DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

**GUEST Registration for the 33rd Biennial Convention**

June 18-20, 2010

Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree  
101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mandatory Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2010</b>
_____ \$25 postmarked before April 30, 2010	
_____ \$30 postmarked after April 30, 2010	REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ _____

LODGING PRICES: Please indicate which night(s) you are staying:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 person per room \$100.00/night x # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 people per room \$50/night x # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 people per room \$34/night x # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 people per room \$25/night x # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse attending \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ yes Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Specify your roommate(s) or they will be assigned if 2 or more per room requested.)

Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ LODGING TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEAL PRICES: (Gratuity included) Please check meals desired if **not** choosing meal package  
 Meal package (includes all five meals listed below – please identify Saturday Dinner choice below): \$90.00  
 OR  
 Check off individual meals desired:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday dinner buffet \$25.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday breakfast \$15.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch \$20.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday banquet & entertainment \$35.00 (Select one) \_\_\_ Roast Pork Loin \_\_\_ Orange Roughy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday breakfast \$15.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ MEAL TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsburgh city tour (DUCKY tour): Friday afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00  
 Sunday afternoon (after convention) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choir \_\_\_ I would like to sing on Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Soprano \_\_\_\_\_ Alto  
 Participating in Mite Walk \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Please note any special needs: medical, transportation, dietary, handicapped accessible room, etc.

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks or money orders payable in full amount to: 2010 Eastern District LWML Convention**  
**Mail to: Linda Breight, 400 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, 412-271-1119, (iamweebs@hotmail.com)**  
**PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE with your registration & full payment.**



### RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES



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, Opra, 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 can be brought to any zone meeting and your zone president should be able to get them to the District.

#### **YWR's Deadline District Convention 2010**

Remember to support and encourage your young women to attend the convention as a representative. As of the writing of this article I have not received any applications (deadline was December 1, 2009). Please send all applications to me immediately. If you have any questions please contact me direct (814-833-7252 or [brownb1313@hotmail.com](mailto:brownb1313@hotmail.com)). I will be more than glad to assist you in any way I can. These young women are the future of our LWML and we need get them involved and excited about serving our Lord in this capacity. Leader Development Chair: Barb Brown



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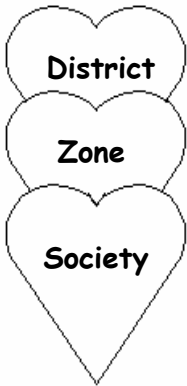


Lutheran Women in Mission

Sail into the Future  
Sisters Acting In Love



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Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Have you made plans to join me at the 33rd Biennial Eastern District Lutheran Woman's Missionary League Convention in Pittsburgh, PA on June 18- 20, 2010? I hope so. I am looking forward to greeting each of you when you arrive. We have made plans for speakers including Keynote speakers – Dave and Kathy Ludwig, President LCMS Eastern District – Pastor Chris Wicher, Mark Schreiber, Ministry to the Armed Forces and Gifts from the Heart speaker, Saturday night entertainment, Mission Walk, Bible study each day, Mission Grants selected for you to vote on, Election of officers to continue the work of the Eastern District and bylaw changes that need to be made.

The delegate information was distributed at the Board of Director's meeting in February. If your society hasn't received the information, please contact your zone president. Each society can send 2 delegates to the convention to vote on Mission Grants, Election of Officers and Bylaw changes.

The form package includes:

**Delegate /Guest Forms**

- First delegate – green paper
- Second delegate- pink paper
- First Alternate – salmon paper
- Second Alternate – blue paper

Guest registration – white – can be duplicated for others wishing to attend.

Please note the registration **DEADLINE OF APRIL 30, 2010.**

**Delegate Reporting Forms**

- Delegate recording by Society – **BRIGHT YELLOW** to be sent to President Darlene Byrns, 1712 Blossom Rd., Rochester, NY 14610

Delegate recording by Society – **BRIGHT ORANGE** to be sent to Karen Rinne, Recording Secretary, 81 Oak Knoll Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312

Please note the Delegate Reporting **DEADLINE OF APRIL 15, 2010.**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [darlene248@aol.com](mailto:darlene248@aol.com) or call 585-288-5568.

*In His Service,  
Darlene Byrns  
Eastern District LWML President*

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

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## COUNSELOR'S

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

"Lent" is an old word that means "spring." While many presume there is some kind of important theological meaning behind the term for one of the most impressive times of the church year, it simply means "spring!" While many of us in the district have been receiving weather that is anything but spring-like, the season of Lent does moves us forward to something special, something pleasant, something warm. That, of course, is Easter.

It is much easier to associate Easter with spring than Lent. In some ways Easter is almost synonymous with spring. Daffodils are popping up. Birds are singing their morning songs again. The earth is awaking from its cold winter slumber. Even when we received three feet of snow on Easter Sunday in the Black Hills of South Dakota, somehow spring still seemed to be in the air!

Easter does bring a message that is synonymous with spring. The message is that in Jesus Christ all things are being made new again. From a world going through a season of darkness, cold, and

death springs forth light, warmth and light. Jesus' resurrection from the dead is bringing new life to all. He is making all things new. This is help we can surely use in our lives.

Every day we must face the realities of the winter of sin. Our bodies fail. Relationships with those we wish to love with all our heart grow cold and die. Hopes become dissolved in despair. The heartbreak we experience from the failures and foibles of others is only outdone by the disappointment we feel from our own shortcomings.

Jesus is making everything new. He will replace our worn out earthly frames with glorified bodies in need of no pills, therapies, or aids of any kind. As we learn of His eternal love for us, we begin to find the ability to also love others and accept them as they are without making demands of our own. When all others fail us, we live in the warmth of Jesus' love that always surrounds us, always reassures us, always carries us forward to the new heaven and earth yet to come. Jesus brings springtime into our lives.

At the time of this writing I am facing the death of my fourteen year old yellow Labrador retriever, Newman. Newman came into our house as a six week old puppy before any of our four sons had arrived. Through the years I have affectionately called him my "firstborn!" He was there when my wife Linda was home alone for long periods of time. He was there to help urge our infant son David through his recovery from brain trauma. He was there to cheer us up when we were sad or bored. He was there to take us for walks through the woods, along the river, or just down the street. When the pills that help keep him going a little longer are gone, I will take Newman to the animal hospital for a final visit and he will be gone as well.

We can neither avoid the realities of this fallen world nor can we ignore them. They touch us all. Jesus helps us through. He promises to make all things new. I am sad that I will never see Newman again. It helps to know that the day is coming when I will be able to fluff, play, and stroll along with ALL the animals of God's new creation when Jesus comes again in his resurrected glory. It gets even better when I know that my father, who went to be with Jesus several years ago, can join me on my walk! Now THAT is what Jesus means when he says he is making all things new. That is what Lent prepares us for. That is the springtime Easter brings.

Blessings from Christ,

Rev. Ron Bright, Pastoral Counselor

## Mission Grants

### **NATIONAL MISSION GRANT NEWS:**

Anyone interested in writing a grant proposal to be considered for the 34<sup>th</sup> biennial convention to be held in Peoria, Illinois in June, 2011 should begin to researching and writing the proposal now. Grant proposals may be submitted by individual LWML members, local units, zones, districts and Synod boards. **The deadline for submitting a proposal is September, 2010.** Since they need to be well-documented and must be submitted with proper signatures, it is important to start the process early to avoid missing the deadline. Guidelines are available at the following link: [www.lwml.org/missions/guidelines\\_jan2010.pdf](http://www.lwml.org/missions/guidelines_jan2010.pdf)

### **NINE GRANT PROPOSALS APPROVED:**

Nine grant proposals totaling \$32,626.80, were approved by the Eastern District LWML Executive Committee to be on the ballot at the June, 2010 Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Two Grants were also approved to receive offering funds from the convention. A power point presentation will provide delegates with details about each grant. Be sure that your society has a voice by selecting delegates to represent your society.



**Chris Gasslein, Mission Grants Chair**



**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
JUNE 18-20, 2010  
Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh, Green Tree**

As the members of the Convention Committee continue to fulfill their respective responsibilities, in preparation for "the big weekend", it is hoped that each of YOU of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Eastern District are "gleaning encouragement" from the theme text: **John 15:5: "I am the Vine; you are the branches"** by

- \* "pruning" your schedule so you will be able to come to the event
- \* "digging deeply" into your resources
- \* "seeding your ideas"

\* "rooting" your opportunities

\* "nurturing" your plans for a "fruitful and bountiful harvest" at this special event!



In this "waiting season" be watchful and aware of opportunities coming up:

- \* Fill out the **registration form** (for guest OR delegate) by April 30th. See the guest form on page 8 in this LINK issue the delegate form can be obtained from your zone president. **Deadline for registration is April 30.**
- \* Decide about volunteering for the **Choir**—under the direction of Mari Grace Lingenfelter Covert. The music will be sent to you in your confirmation packet.
- \* Be prepared to participate and/or observe the activity of the **business meeting** which put "into action" the ideas, challenges and goals of our organization—promoting the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of the world. There will also be election of new officers, reports, voting on "mission grants" and much, much more!
- \* Anticipate the joy and privilege of **worshipping our Triune God AND studying His saving Word TOGETHER** as sisters and brothers in Christ—with gladness!!!

### INGATHERING FROM THE HEART

The ingathering gifts from the heart will be for the **Sonshine Communities Ministries** of McKeesport PA. All kinds of **paper products**, such as paper towels, napkins, plates, cups, plastic tableware and **diapers** of all sizes can be brought for this mission outreach. Monetary gifts can also be given, checks should be made out to 2010 LWML Eastern District Convention. Also, blankets (all sizes) are being gathered. For more information on the Sonshine Community Ministries you can check out their website [w.sonshinecommunityministries.org](http://w.sonshinecommunityministries.org)



### SERVANT EVENTS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Come Join us in assembling and signing **CARDS** for our personnel serving in the military – Friday, June 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.



We are also gathering coupons from May 2010 (with expiration date 3-6 months) that can be used by our military families. Clip and package in quart or gallon size bags prior to convention. This enables military persons to use them for personal and useful items at the military bases' store where they are stationed. The coupons can be dropped off in the Hospitality Room anytime.



**HOSPITALITY ROOM**—will be open; Friday 12 Noon-4 and

Saturday 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. AND 4:00 - 5:00 -p.m.

Cancelled postage stamps for Canadian Bible Society can be brought and deposited in the Hospitality Center anytime during the convention.



### MITE/MISSION PLEDGE WALK

We will once again be offering the opportunity to participate in a one-mile MITE WALK. This year we will be walking in Greentree Park, which is a local park approximately one mile from the convention site. We have set the time for immediately after the sessions close on Saturday afternoon, approximately 4:00 p.m. We will return to the hotel in plenty of time to prepare and get ready for the Banquet. So, plan now to join us! Please bring your MITE pledges, your walking shoes, meet at the hotel's front entrance and be ready to be transported to and from the park by a van, supplied by the Lutheran Home in Cabot, PA. Anyone not wishing to participate in the walk can still contribute to the endeavor. Checks should be made out to 2010 LWML Eastern District Convention. MITES are monies that are used to fund mission grants. At our convention we will be selecting missions that reach out to others to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. A Portion (25%) of these MITES is sent to the National LWML to fund their mission projects, which total over \$1million. The rest is used in our Eastern District to fund our local Missions.

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS

### Dr. David and Kathy Ludwig—



Dr. David Ludwig combined a background in both theology and psychology by getting an MDiv from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1965 and a PhD from Washington University in 1966. His creative blending of these two disciplines has spanned 45 years as a university professor, a licensed psychologist and Lutheran minister. During this time Dr. Ludwig has written seven books and numerous professional articles while speaking internationally on the spiritual growth of relationships within oneself, family, and church

Dr. Ludwig and his wife, Kathy, have traveled extensively, giving presentations on family relationships with grants from Wheatridge, Thrivent, and various Synodical organizations.

Kathy developed her profession as a Lutheran school teacher and tutor. She has been very active in Lutheran Women's Organizations at the local, district, and international levels. She is involved in her church community, in Stephen Ministry and the Hickory Service League. She has enjoyed speaking to women's groups in various countries. She loves people and her passion is helping others feel the love of Jesus. Dave and Kathy have been married for almost 50 years and have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

### Pat Reichert, Meeting Manager—Lutheran Women's Missionary League—



The LWML is a tradition for the Meeting manager Pat Reichert. As a child she was exposed to the LWML through her mother, grandmother and aunts — all of whom Pat credits with inspiring her to become involved herself

Since Pat's mother has passed away, her aunts have encouraged her to be as involved with the LWML as she can because her mom would be so proud! Little did Pat know when she joined this organization that the Lord would lead her to participate on a level that neither she nor they ever imagined.

Pat is from Hartford, South Dakota, part of the South Dakota District. Pat and her husband, Don, have been married for 40 years and have four children and three grandchildren. Pat finds time to provide Grandma's Spa and Day Care one afternoon and evening a week and also volunteers almost full time at Lutheran Social Service Refugee and Immigration Center. Pat and Don enjoy traveling in their RV and go on many family trips and fact-finding expeditions.

### Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher, President Eastern District, Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher is serving his first term as President of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Before becoming Eastern District president, Rev. Wicher was pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cheektowaga, New York for eleven years. He served the Eastern District for one term as Vice President representing the Buffalo Region and three terms total as Circuit Counselor for Buffalo North and Niagara East Circuits.

Chris and Bev have been blessed with three sons – Timothy, Benjamin, and Gregory. Tim is married to Theresa and they are expecting their first child in July of 2010. Ben is a student at SUNY at Buffalo and Greg is a pre-seminary student at Concordia, Bronxville. Chris and Bev reside in Cheektowaga.

### EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS—Friday and Saturday

Take time to stop in and see the various mission exhibits and displays. To date the following exhibitors will be in attendance:

**Lutheran Media Ministries (Worship for Shut-Ins)**  
**Eastern District LLL (Lutheran World Ministries)**  
**Lutheran World Relief      Concordia Publishing House**  
**Eastern District Parish Nursing**  
**Ministry to the Armed Forces**  
**Lutheran Bible Translators**  
**Bethesda Lutheran Communities**  
**Eastern District Archives      Eastern District LWML**  
**LWML Young Women Representatives**  
**MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term)**  
**Eastern District LWML Christian Life/Human Care**

### BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our entertainment for the banquet on Saturday evening will be provided by a group of young people called "East End Kids". Mr. Larry Cervi, owner and founder of the Larry Cervi School of Performing Arts, founded this group in 1990.

These young people are between the ages of 12-18 and are given vocal and dance instruction, complemented with confidence building, team work and performance skills. Many of these students have received lead roles in their own high school musicals and many have gone on to study musical theater at prestigious universities. Many East End Kids alumni have also pursued careers on Broadway. So please plan to join us for an entertaining evening.



**JUST DUCKY TOUR**

It's a BOAT. . . It's a TRUCK. . . It's a DUCK. . .! -- showing off Pittsburgh by land and water, in the same vehicle! Your fully narrated, one

hour tour begins on land at Pittsburgh's historic Station Square. Throughout the trip you will visit Pittsburgh's past and present, from Grant Street and the beautiful William Penn Hotel to the glamorous Theater District and the North Side, including PNC Park and Heinz Field. Along the way you will pick up information that even many Pittsburghers don't know!! And, just when you think you have seen it all, the DUCK leaves dry land and splashes down into the river for a fantastic view of the city and its surroundings.

All tours begin and end at Station Square. Wheelchair accessible. Cost: \$30. Please indicate on the registration form. Arrangements have been made for our convention guests to leave from the hotel site at 10:30 a.m. on Friday morning by a van provided by the Lutheran Home in Cabot, PA. It takes about an hour to arrive at Station Square, then plan to browse around, eat lunch and be ready to board the tour vehicle at 1:30 p.m. After the tour, it is hoped that we can leave Station Square around 3:00 p.m. (via the van) and arrive back at the convention site by 4:00 p.m.

The second opportunity to take the tour is on Sunday, at the conclusion of the convention. If you indicate on the registration form that you desire this tour, you will receive special information from the convention co-chairpersons about details in getting to Station Square.

## YWR EXCITING NEWS!

To date we have been blessed with five Young Women Representatives for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention and possibility of one more from Buffalo Zone.

**Congratulations** to these young women, their zones and societies.

**Ruth Schian, Central New York South Zone** – Ruth is a member of Zion, Owego with her home congregation being St. Paul's, Bremen, IN.

**Krystal Harmon-Burton, Central New York North Zone** – Krystal is a member of Grace, Canastota.

**Ronette Blake, Pittsburgh Zone** – Ronette is a member of Christ Lutheran Forest Hills.

**Cori Kramer, Philadelphia Zone** – Cori is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church.

**Tonya Aust, Niagara Zone** – Tonya is a member of St. Paul North Tonawanda.

**Rose Mudd, Buffalo Zone** – Rose is a member of St. Luke, Cheektowaga, NY

**Stephanie Paredes, Genesee Zone**

Be sure to introduce yourself to these young women and welcome them! They are **"Serving their Lord with Gladness!!"**

**MISSION GRANTS ON THE COVENTION BALLOT.**

The Board of Directors approved the following mission grants proposals. They will be placed on the ballot for the 2010-2012 biennium and voted upon at the Convention.

1. Request to purchase text books and outreach literature for students in the Master of Arts in Christian Outreach in Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

**St. John's LWML Society, Morrisdale, PA. \$5,000.00**

2. Request to provide learning materials to learn the English language, food, rice cookers and Bibles to the Mohawk Valley Burmese Refugee Center to help 50 refugees from Burma, Southeast, Asia.

**Grace Lutheran Canastota LWML Society, Canastota, NY. \$3,700.00**

3. Request to provide worship furnishings and materials for a new Mission Church called New Hope Lutheran Mission, Willingboro, NJ.

**Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA. \$2,926.80**

4. Request to purchase desks, blackboard and Bibles for a Christian school in Haiti.

**First Trinity LWML, Amherst, NY. \$2,500.00**

5. Request to provide equipment and resource materials such as visual Bibles for Education inclusion Ministry for the developmentally and physically disabled at St. Mark, Mendon, NY.

**St. Mark Lutheran Ladies Aid Society, Mendon, NY \$2,000.00**

6. To provide after school spiritual and educational materials for a community outreach for Unity Lutheran Community Mission in Homewood, PA. They want to purchase 2 computers and high speed internet service for learning capabilities.

**Cynthia Barnes, Penn Hills, PA. \$5,000.00**

7. Grant money to offer 3 retreat/study weekends, one to be held at LCMS seminaries, Another at LCMS Campus ministry and the last in Sweden for a summer youth conference.

**Pastor Eric R. Andrae, Pittsburgh, PA. \$1,500.00**

8. To provide a new ministry outreach to spouses of deployed military personnel and military families for a Renewal and Reconnection Retreats at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola, NY.

**Joan Fritsch, Eden, NY. \$5,000.00**

9. To provide television air time for Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., in conjunction with Total Christian Television Network. This air time provides shut-ins with the word of God on a weekly basis in Buffalo and Rochester, NY.

**St. Paul Adella Society, Hilton, NY. \$5,000.00**

**The following two Grant Request have been approved by the Board of Directors to receive offering funds:**

To provide materials and training for the Niagara Ambassadors from Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and School, Niagara Falls, NY. To set up Welcome and Witnessing booths at 2 festivals.

**Marilyn Sallach, Niagara Fall, NY**

Request for funds for Helping for Christ Christian School, Port au Prince, Haiti; funds were originally requested for scholarships but following the earthquake are requesting funds for sustaining life with food and shelter.

**Concordia Lutheran Church, Brockport, NY**

### 2010 EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

The Nominating Committee is privileged to present biographies for the nominees who if elected, have consented to serve the Lord in the Eastern District LWML for the 2010-2012 term of office

#### For the Office of President:

##### **Rebecca Bessell - Genesee Zone**



Rebecca Bessell lives in Hamlin, New York. She is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hilton where she and her husband, Mark enjoy participating in many church activities. Rebecca is employed as an insurance agent.

Rebecca has served at St. Paul as a Stephen Minister, member of the call committee and a Capital Fund Raising Campaign Leader. She has also served as her society's Mission Chairman, Vice-President and President. The Genesee Zone has elected Rebecca to serve as Zone Treasurer, Vice-President and President and as 2008 District Convention Chair. She was selected by the Eastern District LWML to attend the 2004 Leadership Training Workshop and had the opportunity to lead Leadership Training Workshops throughout the Eastern District LWML. She has also served as a District retreat coordinator in 2004. Rebecca is currently serving the Eastern District LWML as Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources and the Eastern District LCMS as a member of the 2012 Nominating Committee.

Rebecca's interests include playing in her church bell choir, golf, reading, and spending time with her husband and friends.

##### **Kathy Pavelock – Central New York North Zone**



Kathy Pavelock resides in Blossvale, New York. She and her husband, John, are members of Grace Lutheran Church, Sylvan Beach. Kathy holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University in computer science and a Master of Science degree from State University of New York, Binghamton in management science. She is currently employed as a software design engineer.

Kathy has served as her congregation's treasurer from 1992 to the present along with being the chair of the call committee. She has held the office of Vice-President and President in her local society.

Kathy has had the opportunity to serve the Central New York North Zone as a Delegate to the National LWML Convention in 2005 and as Central New York North Zone President. She currently serves on the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors as District Treasurer and web site developer. In 2008 Kathy attended the Assembly of Leaders training and has Co-Chaired past LWML Fall Retreats.

Kathy's other interests include singing in the Grace Lutheran Church Choir and on the Praise Team. She also enjoys golf and crafts.

#### For Vice President of Christian Life/Human Care:

##### **Christine Gasslein – Philadelphia Zone**



Christine Gasslein lives in Coatesville, PA where she is a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ridley Park. Christine works as a nanny for her dear grandson. She and her husband, Roger, have three adult children, Kimberly, Robin and Gregory. Christine attended business school.

Christine has served her congregation as council secretary. She has taught Sunday school and served on the Altar Guild. Her society involvement includes holding the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President. She has served her zone as President, Vice-President and Secretary. Christine served as the Eastern District Mission Grants Chair and Co-Chair for several terms. She is currently serving the Eastern District LWML as Mission Grants Chairman.

Christine's interests include fundraising for Taylor Hospital's Junior Board. She loves sharing her life with her grandchildren.

#### For Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources:

##### **Linda Bahr – Central NY North Zone**



Linda Bahr lives in Rome, NY where she is a member of Grace Lutheran, Canastota. She and her husband Glen have three sons, Benjamin, Mark and Aaron. Linda holds an AA Degree from Concordia College Bronxville, NY and both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Concordia College, River Forest, IL.

Linda as served her congregation as Chairman of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Sunday School, Chair of Pre-school Committee and a member of the evangelism committee. She has served her previous congregation's society as President, Vice President and Secretary. In the CNYN Zone Linda has served as Secretary. She currently is serving the Eastern District LWML as the Archivist/Historian.

Linda other talents include organist, choir director and participation in Jubilate Singers, The Oneida Area civic Chorale Group and The Voice of the Shepherd at Grace Canastota.



**For the office of Treasurer:****Dee Grzyb – Buffalo Zone**

Dee Grzyb lives in Getzville, NY and is a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cheektowaga, New York. She and her husband, Walter have one daughter, Susan Maue. Over the years she has held the positions of Chairperson of the Board of Youth Ministry, Superintendent of Sunday School, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Chair for the Board of Resource Development (Stewardship) at St. Luke Church. Dee has also served the Lutheran Church Extension Society as Treasurer. For the past 25 years Dee has worked in the accounting field as a general accountant, financial accountant, and presently a part time cost accountant. Her years of accounting experience have benefited her while she held the Financial Secretary and Treasurer positions at St. Luke Church. Dee has a Bachelors Degree in Business from Daemen College, Snyder, New York. She currently serves as the LWML Buffalo Zone as Treasurer and is looking to be more involved in the LWML.

Dee's hobbies include travel, reading, cross-country skiing and cooking.

**For the Office of Pastoral Counselor:****Rev. Bruce C. Donley, Niagara Zone**

The Reverend Bruce C. Donley lives in Akron, NY. He is the Pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church located in Akron. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University in Irvine, California. and a Master of Arts degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife Brenda are the parents of three children, Zachary, Hannah and Mariah. Pastor Donley currently serves the LWML as Pastoral Counselor for the Niagara Zone.

Pastor Donley's interests include wood working, art and computer graphics.

**Rev. William R. Dorow, Genesee Zone**

The Reverend William R. Dorow lives in Waterloo, NY. He is the Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and communications from Concordia, Ann Arbor, Michigan and a Masters of Divinity degree in New Testament exegesis from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife, Susan are the parents of three children, Billy, Kim and Aaron. Pastor Dorow before moving to the Eastern District has served the LWML in the Missouri District as Zone Counselor and District Counselor. He has also participated in both district and national conventions.

Pastor Dorow's interests include, golf, swimming, home construction, music and editing. He is also a baseball umpire and coach.

**Rev. Larry W. Gerdes, Cattaraugus Allegany Zone**

The Reverend Larry W. Gerdes lives in Hornell, NY and is currently retired and serves as vacancy Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Auburn, NY. He and his wife, Debbie are members of Trinity Lutheran in Wellsville, NY. They have six children, Scott, Matt, Lisa, Tracey, Craig and Katie. Pastor Gerdes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education at Concordia University Seward in Nebraska, a Master of Science degree in elementary education Buffalo State and a, Colloguy Degree at St. Catherines & Fort Wayne, In. He has served congregations as Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Organist, DCE and Choir Director.

Pastor Gerdes's interests include bowling, golf, reading, walking and biking.



The Nominating Committee wishes to thank all of our candidates for being eager, willing and ready to "Serve the Lord With Gladness". We ask all members of the LWML to keep each of the nominees for election in your prayers. We also ask all delegates to prayerfully consider each nominee before voting.

Thank You,  
The Nominating Committee  
Rebecca Bessell  
Claire Carlson  
Martha McGlynn



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



## EASTERN DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

**GUEST Registration for the 33rd Biennial Convention**

June 18-20, 2010

Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree  
101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mandatory Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 postmarked before April 30, 2010

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 postmarked after April 30, 2010

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING PRICES: Please indicate which night(s) you are staying:

	Thursday _____	Friday _____	Saturday _____	
_____ 1 person per room	\$100.00/night x # of nights			= \$ _____
_____ 2 people per room	\$50/night x # of nights			= \$ _____
_____ 3 people per room	\$34/night x # of nights			= \$ _____
_____ 4 people per room	\$25/night x # of nights			= \$ _____

Spouse attending \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ yes Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Specify your roommate(s) or they will be assigned if 2 or more per room requested.)

Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEAL PRICES: (Gratuity included) Please check meals desired if **not** choosing meal package

Meal package (includes all five meals listed below – please identify Saturday Dinner choice below): \$90.00

OR

Check off individual meals desired:

_____ Friday dinner buffet	\$25.00	
_____ Saturday breakfast	\$15.00	
_____ Saturday lunch	\$20.00	
_____ Saturday banquet & entertainment	\$35.00	(Select one) _____ Roast Pork Loin _____ Orange Roughy
_____ Sunday breakfast	\$15.00	

MEAL TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsburgh city tour (DUCKY tour): Friday afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Sunday afternoon (after convention) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

TOUR TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choir \_\_\_ I would like to sing on Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Soprano \_\_\_\_\_ Alto

Participating in Mite Walk \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Please note any special needs: medical, transportation, dietary, handicapped accessible room, etc.

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks or money orders payable in full amount to: 2010 Eastern District LWML Convention****Mail to: Linda Bright, 400 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, 412-271-1119, (iamweebs@hotmail.com)****PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE with your registration & full payment.**

# Do you know where you will be in 2013?

I hope you are getting excited about the opportunity to host the 2013 national convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I know I am. We will be joined with five other districts: Atlantic, English New England, New Jersey and SELC. There are approximately **1208** days before the convention starts on June 27 – 30, 2013!



We need to begin fundraising for pre-convention expenses **now**. Each district is expected to raise \$3,000. I am coordinating the recycling effort with five other districts. There are many ways to fund raise through your Zone through free will offerings, bake sales and other creative ways to raise money Also start thinking how YOU would like to be involved in Pittsburgh. It will be a wonderful experience! Peoria Convention is **461** days away. Let's make a goal to send in funds by the year end 2010. If it were divided by 9 zones, each zone would contribute \$350.

I have been asked how the money that we will raise as a District will be spent. The newly appointed Convention Chairman, Maureen Consiglio, Atlantic District, provided the following information:

- We will have a booth at the 2011 Peoria convention. The booth space is \$450. We will work with the Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau about having one person come to promote Pittsburgh with their exhibit, brochures, buttons, etc. We will be able to volunteer to work in this exhibit during exhibit hours.
- Promotional items for the Peoria convention to hand out to attendees.
- Up front money when you purchase convention shirts. Companies usually require a shipment of 500 shirts initially, and then from there it might be smaller increments. Anyhow, you will need money to pay for the initial shipment - terms are usually 30 days with most vendors.
- BOD Dinner in Jan/Feb BOD meeting in Pittsburgh. Whatever, the Host Committee plans for the dinner, food, favors, entertainment, etc. This also includes the cost of the transportation from the BOD site to the venue where the dinner is being hosted.
- The gifts for the choir members.
- Any type of thank you gift you might want to give to the convention workers.
- Any type of thank you gift you might want to give to the Host Committee members.

The Host Committee pays for anything promotional for the convention from their funds.

I will keep you posted on where to send the funds. See you in Peoria in 2011 to help promote the 2013 convention and understand what the Convention committees do. We will need your help!

Darlene Byrns

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*From the Desk of*

**Donna Coleman, VP of Communications**

A special thank you to all the societies who reviewed the number of Lutheran Women's Quarterlies they were receiving and adjusted their orders. If your society finds that it would like to increase the number of Quarterlies available for your distribution to more members or prospective members, contact me at the email or address below.

**AS A REMINDER**...if your society has not covered the cost of your Quarterly subscriptions for 10-11, please try and do so as soon as possible. Payment is to be sent to Financial Secretary Jackie Blank, 6830 E. Bethany-LeRoy Townline Road, Stafford, NY 14130. Be sure to indicate on the check memo line "10-11 Quarterlies". The subscription cost also includes funds to help defray the cost of mailing the Eastern District LWML Link. A copy of which is provided to all societies. We are counting on 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 2010 Eastern District LWML Convention that will held in Pittsburgh, PA and the Fall LWML Retreat at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Information concerning the convention and retreat can be found in this newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTIFY**... me of any changes in society and zone officers (including name, office, address, phone number and e-mail address) so the Eastern District Directory can be kept up-to-date. A new directory will be published for the Board of Directors in June. I can be reached at [dcoleman851@aol.com](mailto:dcoleman851@aol.com) or mail them to 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468.

# News From Around the Zones

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE -- SPRING RALLY

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 17th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Ridley Park, PA. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Rally from 10-2 with lunch provided for a \$2 registration fee. The guest speaker will be Cori Kramer, our YWR rep for the Eastern District Convention in June. Cori has been to Haiti on 3 mission trips and will share her experiences and her hopes and dreams for the people of that country. The theme will be "Give Thanks in All Circumstances" using 1Th 5:14-18 as our text. We invite every lady that is able and available to attend. It will be well worth your while! For more information contact Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President at 610-518-0681 or [susanbell557@comcast.net](mailto:susanbell557@comcast.net)



## IN MEMORIAM

Fannie Green went to be with her Lord November 11, 2009. Fannie was a Philadelphia Zone President. She was also on several District committees. She attended the pilot International LWML Discipling Woman Seminar in St. Louis in March, 1989. Fannie was the mother of Jacquie Green. Jacqui serves as an MMV consultant for the Eastern District.

## PITTSBURGH ZONE

Eastern District Pittsburgh Zone LWML Prepares for 2010 Convention

The Board of Directors (which includes the elected officers, the pastoral counselor and a representative from each society in the Zone) met on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Monroeville.

Prayer Service offerings in 2010 will be divided between Lutheran World Relief for Motherhood Kits and the Campus Ministry with Rev. Eric Andrae.

Each society in the Pittsburgh Zone is asked to evaluate the proposed revisions for the Zone Bylaws; send any suggestions, comments, questions to Zone President Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter (814.345.5779 or [f.nlingenfelter@verizon.net](mailto:f.nlingenfelter@verizon.net)); it is hoped that a vote on the revisions can be taken at the Spring Rally, to be held with the Joyshop at Calvary Lutheran Church, Murrysville on Saturday, April 17.

## NIAGARA ZONE

**2010 Spring Gathering  
April 24, 2010**

**Immanuel LC/Ridgewood (Lockport)**

Program: National LWML Prayer Service  
Ingathering: Health Kits and bars of bath soap for Lutheran World Relief

## BUFFALO ZONE

**Spring Workshop, May 1, 1st Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Tonawanda NY**



We will be making T-Top Tote Bags for Hope Seeds, Inc. Hope Seeds is a Christian, charitable organization which provides seeds and agricultural support to missionaries and mission teams. "I have given you every plant with seeds on the face of the earth and every tree that has fruit with seeds. This will be your food." Genesis 1:29 A simple bag, made of sturdy cotton or linen fabric, may be filled with donated items and seed. Ready for shipment, they are a source of encouragement for people in great need such as those found throughout the world like Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, Haiti and many others. Upon arriving at its destination, the 'tote bag' may contain a blanket, tooth brush/tooth paste, soap and small towel, small sewing kit, and small first aid pack. The recipient is able to reuse the 'tote bag' as an item of clothing, school bag, or a bag to take to market.



## 2008-2010 BIENNIUM GRANTS 6 & 7 PAID

We are happy to advise you that Grants 6 and 7 from the 2008-2010 Biennium have been paid. These grants were for:

**\$4000** for materials and advertising for a church plant in the Ridley-Interboro area of Delaware county, PA. Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries

**\$1500** for sewing supplies and materials for turbans and for Christian literature and Bibles to be distributed at two local oncology centers. Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY  
Thank you for giving generously to Mites and please continue to do so to enable us to continue the work of the Eastern District LWML

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>June 18-20, 2010</b>   | 2010 District Convention<br>Radisson Hotel - Greentree<br>Pittsburgh, PA |
| <b>Sept. 17-19, 2010</b>  | Eastern District LWML Retreat<br>Camp Pioneer                            |
| <b>June 23-26, 2011</b>   | 2011 LWML National Convention<br>Peoria, Illinois                        |
| <b>June 27 - 30, 2013</b> | 2013 LWML National Convention<br>Pittsburgh, PA                          |

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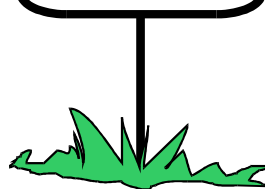
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*The mission of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the district in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world*



## RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

In 2013, Eastern District LWML along with five other districts will be hosting the National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh.

We need to begin fundraising for pre-convention expenses **now**. Each district is expected to raise \$3,000.

As part of that fundraising effort we are collecting empty ink printer cartridges.

Please save your empty ink printer cartridges.

### **Acceptable Cartridges:**

Laser jet and Inkjet cartridges – Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Apple, Dell and most Canon, IBM, Opra, 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.

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## **2010 LWML PRAYER SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE**

"Beautiful Feet" is the theme of the 2010 LWML Prayer Service authored by Reverend Philip Esala. The theme is based on one of the 2009 Portland LWML Convention verses — *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* Isaiah 52:7

**The 2010 LWML Prayer Service is available as a free download from the LWML Website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)**

The Prayer Service was created to reinforce the objectives from the LWML 2009 Portland Convention:

- Worship God the Maker of all things,
- Trust in the Lord who daily meets your needs,
- Declare God's peace and provision through tangible acts of mercy and grace, and
- Share the Good News of Jesus in everyday situations.

Divided into four parts, the Prayer Service includes readings, prayer time, recommended songs, and suggestions for advanced preparations that will enhance the worship of those attending the service.

The Reverend Philip Esala authored this service to provide encouragement to spend time in prayer, look for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with people in local communities in everyday situations, and to proclaim the peace only Christ provides as He brings us salvation through Him..

Reverend Esala serves as Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering, Ohio. He attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, while working as attorney for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation and as Assistant States Attorney in Illinois. Pastor Phil and his wife Deb are blessed to be the parents of four children.

Other archived Prayer Services are also available at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

2010 LWML Fall Retreat
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
REGISTRATION FORM
'For Such a Time as This'
District President Chris Wicher, Speaker
September 17-19, 2010

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

REGISTRATION RATES:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Day, Price. Includes Full-time, Part-time, Registration Fee, Day use fee, and Meals required (part time only).

Boxed table with 2 columns: Time, Activity. Includes Fri. Registration 3:00 pm, Fri. Dinner 6:00 pm, etc.

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, 2010 or a late fee will be charged.

HOUSING PREFERENCE: (All cabins have shower facilities)

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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 1-6 - (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 2010 Retreat

Please include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope with your deposit and registration form.

Send your completed registration form to:

Chris Gasslein, 316 Andrew Circle, Coatesville, PA 19320

Email: gassleinc@comcast.net Phone: 610-384-6093

\*\*\*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,

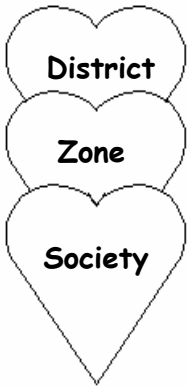
# The Eastern District

Lutheran Women in Mission

# LWML



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*Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness*



Dear Sister in Christ,

As your new president it is with a thankful and humble heart that I write my first LINK article. Just a short time ago many of us were gathered together in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Eastern District LWML Convention. Under the theme "I am the Vine; you are the branches we selected the grants that will be funded by your mites for the next two years. We also held elections for President, VP Gospel Outreach, VP Christian Life, Treasurer and Counselor. Together we heard from great speakers and the message continued to be reflected in our bible studies and Sunday worship. .

When I think about the past convention theme with reference to the branches it reminds me of our structure. The branch of the District which connects to the Zones which connects to the Societies. So as we reflect on John 15:5 lets bear fruit as we serve the Lord with gladness.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several of our outgoing officers and committee chairs for the past years of service along and the time they will spend transitioning with the newly elected group.

- Darlene Byrns-President
- Waneta Lingenfelter-VP Christian Life/Human Care
- Kathy Pavelock-Treasurer
- Karen Devan-Planner
- Martha McGlynn-Public Relations
- Linda Bahr-Archivist/Historian
- Chris Gasslein-Mission Grants Chair
- Karen Kusko-Christian Life
- Claire Carlson-Structure Chair
- Bea Hapeman-Chair Human Care
- Barb Brown-Chair Leader Development

There are committee openings as this next biennium starts so if you have an interest or talent which I may not be aware of please share that with me and let's see what best fits you. You may reach me at [rlb54@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rlb54@rochester.rr.com), 585-9647844 or 7048 Benedict Beach Road, Hamlin, NY 14464.

Hope to see you at Camp Pioneer this September.

Linked together in Christ,

**Rebecca Bessell**  
**Eastern District LWML President**

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3*

*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*





***“Go For the Gold!”***

My name is Bruce Donley, I am your newly elected Jr. Pastoral Counselor. I am married with 3 children. My wife Brenda is a good musician and vocalist, but she works as a paralegal. My son (Zachary) is 26 and living in Foley, Alabama, my daughter (Hannah) is 24 and going to Buffalo State to study Early Childhood Development, and my youngest daughter (Mariah) is now 16, has a passion for animals and is considering a career in Occupational or Physical Therapy. I was asked to write this article to introduce myself to you. You may be wondering

how anyone by the name of “Donley” (a name of Irish, and decidedly Roman Catholic origin) might become a Lutheran Pastor. The answer is simple, God called and I answered. Much like Samuel of old, I cried out in the middle of the night, *“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”*

Though my name may be of Roman Catholic origin, I grew up Presbyterian in Niagara Falls NY. I must say though I didn’t really give my life to the Lord until much later. In 1978 I graduated from high school and moved out to San Diego to seek fame and fortune as a draftsman. The plan was to get my education from a community college, as money was tight and tuition was free. However, as my wife loves to say, “man plans, and God laughs!” Things did not turn out the way I planned. I began attending a Pentecostal church at the insistence of my sister, and it was there that the Lord began to poke me in the ribs, so to speak. What I learned from them was a certain passion for the Lord, and a passion for the faith, but I still didn’t know what I believed, or why I believed it. I only knew that I did believe, and that I was being drawn to ministry.

After a year at Bronxville, my high school sweetheart also moved out to San Diego, and we began attending a Lutheran church together. It was there I began to understand the origins of the faith. I had never really even considered that faith could be founded on fact. The further I explored the more enamored I became. I had found the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow.

In my 20 years of ministry I have watched with a mixture of curiosity and frustration the petty quarrels that often break out among siblings of the faith. A part of me just wants to laugh at the things we find to fight about, but another part of me; a far more passionate part, wants to scream, “Do you not know the wealth that you possess? Do you not understand the rich heritage that you have been blessed with? Can you not see the church bodies clamoring to obtain that which you have been given by heritage?” Why do you waste so much time bickering, while the harvest is growing every riper on the vine. For me the doctrine of the LC-MS is a pot of gold, surrounded by briars, and the LWML is an oasis among the thorns. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into the harvest, to clear out the briars, that the gold of God’s Kingdom may begin to shine, and that the LWML may play her part in the harvest.

In Genesis 31:48-50 Laban says to Jacob, *“This heap is a witness between you and me today.” That is why it was called Galeed. It was also called Mizpah, because he said, “May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other. If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me.”* Mizpah is a watchtower. It is a vantage point set high upon a hill from which one can see the surrounding countryside. It was a sort of early warning system, both of impending danger, and of apparent victory. What Laban said as a veiled threat, I say with great affection, *Mizpah, “May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.”* May his Word and Sacraments be a rich reminder of the gold that lies at the end of our journey, that we may not be distracted by the things of this world, but rather join hands to sing praise to our King! *Go for the Gold ladies, Go for the Gold!*

*Amen!*

*Rev. Bruce C. Donley  
St. Michael Lutheran Church.*



- Sept. 17, 2010** Executive Committee Meeting  
Camp Pioneer
- Sept. 17-19, 2010** Eastern District LWML Retreat  
Camp Pioneer
- June 23-26, 2011** 2011 LWML National Convention  
Peoria, Illinois
- June 27 – 30, 2013** 2013 LWML National Convention  
Pittsburgh, PA

<b>Final offering information:</b>		
1st Offering	LWML	\$1201.00
2nd Offering	Christ Christian School	978.25
3rd Offering	Ambassadors for Holy Ghost Church & School	1135.00
The Mite Walk was \$1716.43		



**2010 Eastern District  
33rd Biennial Convention Highlights  
Pittsburgh, PA June 18-10, 2010**

The Convention was attended by 62 delegates, 23 Board of Directors and 105 non-voting members.

The actions of the convention portrayed the message of our logo He being the Vine and brothers and sisters in Christ being the branches, gathering together for the purpose of fulfilling the challenges, goals and opportunities of this mission organization.

The opening service with Eastern District President, Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher, was inspiring and enlightening as we focused on the theme of the convention.

Pittsburgh City Council Woman Darlene Harris welcomed everyone to the city and gave a brief description of what the city has to offer in terms of medical care, theater and arts, restaurants, etc.

We also listened to guest speakers David and Kathy Ludwig, described themselves as ambassadors to the children; Pat Reichert, LWML National representative spoke of how she became involved in LWML and how our young women are our future and encouraged them to attend LWML; Captain Mark J. Schreiber, retired Chaplain gave a very touching talk on our mission to the military personnel and families; Barb Stuffer of Sonshine Ministries gave a very emotional talk on the mission ending with the fact that she is retiring from her position but will continue to volunteer in some capacity. She conveyed her appreciation of the in-gathering items that are well needed by those who benefit from the service they provide.

Reports were given by various officers and committee chairs giving evidence that our organization is thriving and fulfilling.

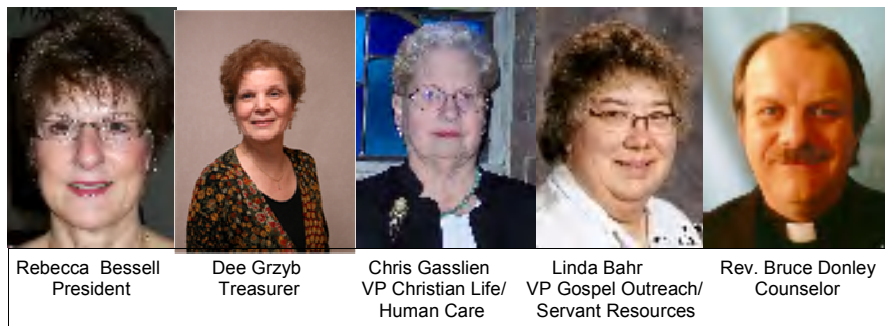
Thank you to those who helped in any aspect of the gathering of coupons, the assembling of cards, the ingathering of items for the Sonshine Community Ministries, canceled postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and those who participated in the Mite Walk.

**MISSION GRANT GOAL OF \$24,40 APPROVED**

Delegates to the Convention approved the adoption of a mission grant goal of \$24,400 for the 2010-2012 biennium. Nine grants were placed on the ballot for consideration. The delegates voted to fund the following seven grants in this order:

1. \$5,000 for ministry outreach to spouses and families of deployed military personnel for Renewal and Reconnection Retreats at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center—Joan Fritsch, Eden, NY
2. \$5,000 to provide after school spiritual and educational materials for community outreach of Unity Lutheran Community Mission in Homewood, PA—Cynthia Barnes, Penn Hills, PA
3. \$2,926.80 to provide worship furnishings and materials for new mission church called New Hope Lutheran Mission, Willingboro, New Jersey—Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA
4. \$2,500 to purchase desks, blackboard and Bibles for a Christian school in Haiti—First Trinity Lutheran Church, Amherst, NY
5. \$2,000 to provide equipment and resource materials such as visual Bibles for education inclusion ministry for the developmentally and physically disabled—St Mark Lutheran Church, Mendon, NY
6. \$3,700 to provide learning materials to learn the English language, food, rice cookers and Bibles to the Mohawk Valley Burmese Refugee Center to help 50 refugees from Burma, Southeast Asia—Grace Lutheran Church, Canastota, NY
7. \$3,273.20 to provide television air time for Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. in conjunction with Total Christian Television Network—St Paul Lutheran Church, Hilton, NY

Giving generously to your mites, and turning them in often will enable the grant recipients to receive their funding and carry out their missions. God bless all of you as you share His gifts with others!



**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

The delegates to the 2010 Eastern District LWML Convention elected the following officers to four-year terms:

- President—Rebecca Bessell
- Treasurer—Dee Grzyb
- Vice President of Christian Life/Human Care—Christine Gasslien
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources—Linda Bahr
- Pastoral Counselor—Rev. Bruce C. Donley

We wish to thank outgoing officers Darlene Byrns—President; Kathy Pavelock—Treasurer; Waneta Lingenfelter—VP Christian Life/Human Care; Rebecca Bessell VP Gospel Outreach/Servant Resources for the time they have given in service to the Lord through the LWML.

The nominating committee wishes to thank all the other candidates who were willing to run for office: Kathy Pavelock—President and Rev. William Dorrow and Rev. Larry Gerdes—counselors and hope they will come forward to serve the LWML again in the future.



# CONVENTION HAPPENINGS



Our New President  
Rebecca Bessell and hus-  
band Mark



## BANNERS

## OUR YWR'S

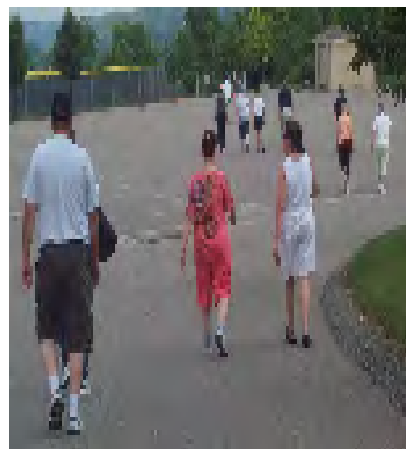
### CONVENTION COMMITTEE



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## MITE WALK



## Speakers



President Darlene with  
speakers Dave and  
Kathy Ludwig

## BIBBLE STUDY

### SPECIAL COMMUNION WARE

During the convention's Sunday morning communion service, two pottery chalices and two pottery patens were dedicated to the glory of God and for our use in the Eastern District. These pieces were designed and made by professional potter Frank Stofan, son of Frank and Alice Mae Stofan, Trinity, (Monroeville) Pittsburgh. He lives in Venango, Pennsylvania where he has his studio.

These communion pieces will be passed from one host committee to the next and used during the communion service at each upcoming convention. Special thanks to Frank for sharing his time, talent and "special treasures" with the women of the Eastern District LWML. His thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.





### FINAL WORDS FROM PRESIDENT DARLENE

Thank you for asking me to be your president for a second time. When you are a rookie, sometimes it's hard to get started. Panic sets in and you are not sure what path to take. The information that the person before you shares is invaluable and it helps you get started. The second time around is much easier. I jumped in and started working. It is very rewarding to be president. You get more than what you give.

The Board of Directors kept me on a steady path. They remind me that I am in charge. They pray, send cards and have encouraging words when life gets tough. Thank you to all of you.

I have enjoyed all the visits to the zones I have made in these past 4 years. Each zone is unique in how they 'Serve the Lord with Gladness'. It is good to have variety. I've learned many things from all of them. I thank you for all your dedication and hard work.

Through your mite offerings, we have been able to fund all the projects over the last 4 years. It is a great feeling to be able to send that email – our mite goal has been reached, all projects have been funded. In some cases we were over our goal – Praise God!

Our Gifts from the heart are an integral part of our district. The ingatherings at the zone level and district level helps us to reach out to others and touch their lives with your gifts. We continue to give to others through our time and talents.

The annual retreat at Pioneer Camp and Retreat center gives us time to reflect, renew friendships and meet new friends. If you have never attended, I would encourage you to come to Lake Erie and be with your Lord. It truly is a warm place in the Son.

Conventions like this one, give us time in the word through worship and bible study and our speakers. We rejoice in the Lord with lifting voices to share the Good News. I can never forget the special friends, both new and old from our conventions.

A very special thank you to the ladies and gentlemen of the Pittsburgh zone who have worked hard for the last 2 years preparing for this convention.

National conventions bring a larger group together to serve our Lord. Serving with the national LWML has been a blessing for me as well. I have a prayer chain that extends throughout the United States. Serving twice has allowed me to meet many more people and to serve with awesome Presidents.

Where will you be in 2013? I will be working at the 2013 convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Please come and support us. The Eastern District, along with 5 other districts - Atlantic, English New England, New Jersey and SELC will be working on the convention. Please plan to come to Peoria in 2011 to experience a national convention and be ready to help

My boat has sailed into the port for some rest and relaxation. The Lord has a plan for me. I will listen as he calls me to serve with Him. I will miss working with you. I'll see you in 2012 in Philadelphia.

Currently my passion is working with the elders at a local nursing home. The elders share so many stories and are fun to be with them.

See you at retreat!  
Darlene

### NEWS from the VP of COMMUNICATIONS

**SOCIETY/ZONE OFFICER CHANGES:** Please send any society and zone officer changes as soon as they become known. This will allow our District Directory to be kept up to date. Changes can be sent to; Donna Coleman - 542 Burritt Road - Hilton, NY 14468 or via e-mail: [dcoleman851@aol.com](mailto:dcoleman851@aol.com). Include "LWML" in the Subject line.

**NATIONAL STATISTICS TIME.....**is approaching for the 2011 National LWML Convention Manual! Districts will be asked to report information for the National biennium April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2011 (with estimates for any zone events through June 2011).

**ZONE PRESIDENTS** – In early January 2011 you will be asked to complete a form with the following information; number of zone units, number of societies, and number of zone events held within the zone. Zone events include rallies, workshops, prayer services, joy shops, retreats, servant events, etc. Any zone event is considered a district event when counting for this statistical report. You will need to estimate such events through June 2011.

**SOCIETY PRESIDENTS** – Please assist your zone president by providing the number of active LWML members plus other women in the congregation who might help occasional with ministry (i.e. attend Bible Studies, participate in mission projects, etc.). This count is also for the time period of April 2009 – March 31, 2011 (again with estimates through June 2011).

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those societies who have covered the cost of their Quarterlies for the 2008 – 2010 biennium. Remember Quarterly changes, any increases in your order or changes in address can be forwarded to me at any time. Decreases can only be made in the spring of the year.

## News From Around the Zones

### CENTRAL NY SOUTH

Central New York South Zone will hold their first "Summer Celebration" directly on the shores of beautiful Cayuga Lake. Trinity, Ithaca, Christ, Interlaken and St. Pauls, Cortland are hosting. Rev. Cory Eckstrom will lead us in a Bible study under the theme " Beautiful Feet", Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."

We are inviting our husbands and the LLL to join us at this rally which begins at 10:30 am. Our Zone Counselor, Rev. Larry Hendricks, will close the afternoon with a Communion Service. If you would like to join us in this time of study and fellowship, please let me know so we can plan our meal and seating.

### PITTSBURGH ZONE NEWS

During the summer months, the societies are encouraged to hold (separately or corporately) prayer services using the suggested order of worship from National LWML headquarters.

The ingathering offerings from these services will be evenly divided between the International Student Ministry at First Trinity, Pittsburgh and the Lutheran World Relief/Brethren Service Center's Motherhood birthing kits.

The annual Joy shop and Spring rally were combined and held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Murrysville, PA. Rev. Eric Andrae, First Trinity Lutheran Church, gave an interesting presentation about international student program at his congregation. The Spring Rally opened with devotions by the Zone Counselor, Rev. Ron Rafferty; the meeting conducted by Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Zone President, consisted of numerous reports, unfinished and new business and the passing of the revised ByLaws.

The Zone Board of Director's meeting is set for Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Braddock. Lunch is included after the meeting.

The LWML Fall Retreat will be held at Camp Pioneer on September 17-19, 2010.

The Fall Rally will be held on a Saturday in October 2010 at Christ Lutheran Church, Forest Hills.

### NIAGARA ZONE

#### POTLUCK SUMMER PICNIC

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

6:00 p.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church,  
6149 Church Rd.,  
North Ridge (Lkpt.), NY

Niagara Zone ingathering for Lutheran World Relief at the April 20th meeting resulted in donations of 88 Health Kits, 370 bars of soap and \$187 in funds for LWR's Project Comfort Fund.

### PHILADELPHIA ZONE



The Philadelphia Zone held its Spring Rally on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Ridley, Park, PA. The theme was "Give Thanks in All Circumstances" and the Rally text was 1Th. 5: 14-18. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Arthur Boone from St. Mark's. The guest speaker was Cori Kramer speaking about the mission trips she has been on to Haiti and the relationship she

has with people in that country. She is planning another mission trip in December and will be our YWR to the District Convention in Pittsburgh. We were also blessed to have another guest speaker: Elvira Marquez, a native of the Philippines who has been very involved with LWML over the years. It was great to see and hear from her again! Our ingathering of underwear for all ages was forwarded to the people of Haiti.

Our Zone continues to donate clothing to our area Orphan Grain Train effort. Ladies also donate their time to sort and pack the clothing to be sent domestically and internationally. A silent and live auction will be held at the Sheraton-Great Valley in Frazer, PA on Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to benefit OGT! All are welcome!

We are saying "good-bye" with heavy but grateful hearts to our wonderful friend and Vice-President, Martha McGlynn as she & Brian move to Maryland. God speed, good friend!

### BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone Spring Workshop was held May 1 at First Trinity, Tonawanda. It was a "hands on" day for those who attended. We had cutters, sewers, ironers, put-in-the ties people. Our project was to make seed



bags for an organization called "Hope Seeds", which sends seeds and supplies to underdeveloped countries. The farmers have small plots of land on which to plant. If there is any extra after they feed their families, they sell it for cash to purchase essentials. The seed bags, made of cotton, can then be used as clothing for the women.

We appreciate the ladies who came together and worked as a group to make the bags, and those who took some home to finish.

Our next event will be our Zone Picnic at Camp Pioneer on July 14, and we are looking forward to the Retreat at Camp in September.

### CANCELLED STAMPS COLLECTED AT CONVENTION

Bags and bags of cancelled postage stamps were brought to the Hospitality Room at the convention site -- in fact, almost 100 pounds - worth!!!! What tremendous enthusiasm and overwhelming "labor of love" were shown -- and for that, Trudy and Deaconess Nancy, stamp coordinators, THANK YOU!

The entire amount will be transported by car, across the Canadian border and to the London, Ontario's Canadian Bible Society headquarters. Then they will be packaged into one pound bags and sold to stamps collectors for \$5.00 per pound. The proceeds are then used to make a Bible at the national headquarters; so, for every \$5.00, a Bible can be made then sent to mission fields around the world, usually in the language of the respective recipients! With your continued concern and support, the Word of God --with its saving message of grace and redemption-- is shared!!! All stamps are accepted but the commemorative stamps are preferred."



*“For Such a Time as This”  
Esther 4:14*

*Yesterday, Present, Tomorrow*

We in the Philadelphia Zone hope you are all ready to come to Camp Pioneer, September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> for the LWML Fall Retreat and celebrate with us as we consider “For Such a Time as This!” Your retreat committee is very excited to have District President Chris Wicher as our keynote speaker. It will be a great chance for those of you who don’t know Pastor Wicher to get that opportunity! Along with Pastor Wicher we’ll have fun with musical interludes, good food, great snacks, extra free time, a very entertaining bluegrass group from Ohio and a weekend to refresh yourselves in the Lord. So ladies, mark your calendars, get those registrations in and prepare yourselves for a weekend of Spiritual renewal and fun! **The registration form is on page 8 of this Link.**



**OUR SPEAKER: DISTRICT PRESIDENT-CHRIS WICHER**



Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher is serving his first term as President of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Chris was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He was a member of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church where he was baptized and Salem Lutheran Church in Buffalo where he was confirmed and ordained in 1983.

In 1978 Chris married Bev, who he met at Concordia Bronxville before moving to St. Louis where he entered Concordia Seminary. Chris was a student at the seminary from 1978 – 1982. Chris stayed on at the seminary for another year after graduation and earned his Masters in Sacred Theology in 1983. Chris holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Lutheran School of Theology.

Before becoming Eastern District president, Rev. Wicher was pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cheektowaga, New York for eleven years. He was also pastor of Berea by the Water Lutheran Church in Goderich Ontario and Faith Lutheran Church in Newfane, NY. He served the Eastern District for one term as Vice President representing the Buffalo Region and three terms total as Circuit Counselor for Buffalo North and Niagara East Circuits.

Chris and Bev have been blessed with three sons – Timothy, Benjamin, and Gregory. Tim is married to Theresa and they are expecting their first child in July of 2010. Ben is a student at SUNY at Buffalo and Greg is a pre-seminary student at Concordia, Bronxville. Chris and Bev reside in Cheektowaga, NY

Chris enjoys gardening, reading, going to the movies with Bev, traveling, camping, desserts, and cross-country skiing. Chris has extensive training in Family Systems Theory, Healthy Congregations, and Bridge Building assistance for congregations.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 DON'T DELAY, REGISTER EARLY**

**LWML Retreat Campership—Application**

Full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2010 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, 2010** to:

**Rebecca Bessell, 7048 Benedict Beach Road, Hamlin, NY 14464**

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (For Registration Committee Use)
Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern District LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION RATES:

Table with 3 columns: Registration Type, Price, and Details. Includes Full-time (\$137.00), Part-time (\$36.50), and various meal options like Friday Dinner (\$12.00) and Saturday Breakfast (\$7.50).

Boxed table listing registration and program times: Fri. Registration 3:00 pm, Fri. Dinner 6:00 pm, Fri. Program 7:00 pm, Sat. Registration 8:30 am, Sat. Program 9:00 am.

Special Housing (see below) ..... Additional amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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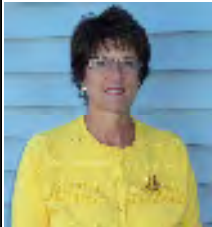
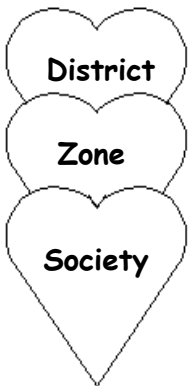
# The Eastern District

# LWML



*Lutheran Women in Mission*

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

*For such a time as this, Esther 4:14* was this past September's retreat theme. The guest speaker was our LCMS Eastern District President, Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher. We had wonderful discussion on this theme in our personal lives and changes that are quickly happening in the Lutheran Church around us from yesterday, today and tomorrow. We learned about some shocking statistics concerning Christians in this world.

He even brought his own story teller, Pastor Robert Knepel, who intrigued us with the story of Esther. President Wicher spoke about how relationship, sensitivity, communication and God's word taught in all its purity are key factors for us to think about. The Philadelphia Zone had us moving with a gift of a Pedi monitor and thinking about our wellness. The weekend also included singing, fellowship, devotions, food and entertainment from the Rose Avenue Bluegrass Band who came from Ohio to play for us. Camp Pioneer was on the move that weekend. Thank you to the Philadelphia Zone for all they did to make the retreat enjoyable for everyone who attended. Maybe it is your time...for such a time as this.

Keeping with the changing theme next year at retreat our theme will be *The more things change, Ecclesiastes 3:1* "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven". Our guest speaker will be Ann Werk, an author of devotional books along with being a principal, teacher, wife, mother and pastor's wife. Save these dates, September 16-18, 2011.

As summer has come to a close I look back to the activities of the past few 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. Fall Zone LWML events are in the works too. Lutheran Women never slow down. I hope all of you will have the opportunity to celebrate LWML Sunday in your congregations and involve new ladies in your activities. As we move ahead in the coming months may the Lord continue to bless the ministries in your congregations and zones.

Linked together in Christ,

**Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President**  
**rlb54@rochester.rr.com 585-964-7844**

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

*Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness*



Have you seen the movie "One Night With The King". This captivating film tells the story of how beautiful Esther dares to speak truth on behalf of her people.

After hearing the story of Esther at the Fall Retreat, you may be interested in renting this movie.

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COUNSELOR'S

The Richest Man in the World



When my family and I moved from Wisconsin to Pittsburgh some three years ago, I began to learn the proper pronunciation for some words associated with that area. I learned how to say such words as, "Monongahela." Not a small task! Along the "Mon" river, as it is often referred to, one can still see the remains of the great steel industry that once dominated life in Pittsburgh. One of the men chiefly involved in developing the steel mills of Pittsburgh was Andrew Carnegie (pronounced Car-NAY-gie). Mr. Carnegie came to America from Scotland as a laborer. Over time he got into the steel industry and focused his efforts there. Andrew Carnegie sold his steel interests to J.P. Morgan in 1901. In doing so, he became the richest man in the world. Not bad. Andrew Carnegie – the richest man in the world – was quoted as saying, "The man who dies rich dies disgraced." He put his money where his mouth was. He spent the rest of his life distributing most of the wealth he had amassed by enriching the lives of others through libraries, education, cultural development and the like.

The story of Andrew Carnegie connects well with that of Jesus. Jesus is the richest man who ever lived, yet He spent His life giving of His riches to help others. Jesus had in His possession the universe and all that is in it. Yet as He died upon the cross He did so as the poorest man in the world. He gave everything he had: His throne of glory; His power; His honor; His clothes; His life. He did this to make us rich. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor so that you thru His poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9.

The world is a better place because of the generosity of people like Andrew Carnegie. What is more, we Christians of humble beginnings have been elevated to the status of the super-rich through Christ. We are rich in God's grace. We are rich glory as the children of the light. In the end, we will inherit all things through Him. Who's the richest person in the world? You!

Rev. Ronald Breight, ED LWML Senior Counselor

**LWML Primary Targets**  
Organizational Goals for the 2009-2011 Biennium

**GROWING IN THE LORD**  
Through intentional study of the Word, women of today find guidance for their lives and are encouraged in their personal daily walk with the Lord.

**EMBRACING OUR DIVERSITY**  
The body of Christ grows and is strengthened when sisters of every age, class, culture, and ethnic group are sought out to participate actively in the mission of LWML.

**SHARING THE HEART AND IDENTITY OF LWML**  
LWML enables and equips its members and advocates to share with others the vision and direction of LWML as it emphasizes mission outreach locally and globally.

**LWML MISSION STATEMENT**  
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PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

**June 23-26, 2011  
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**"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)

In less than a year the opening worship service for the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention will begin with joyful praise for the work the Lord has done through LWML. The voices of the convention choir will be joined by the thousands of others in attendance. The words of proclaimer Dr. Ken Klaus will focus on the theme "**Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge.**" Today is a great day to begin your plans to be in Peoria, Illinois, Thursday, June 23–Sunday, June 25, 2011.

**There is talk of a planning a bus to the Peoria convention, possibly with those from the other host districts for the 2013 convention in Pittsburgh. We want many members there to support our invitation to Pittsburgh, which will be done at this convention. Please let Claire Carlson know if you are interested in a district bus by contacting her at 716 648 4678 [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com).**

## NEWS FROM VP OF COMMUNICATIONS—DONNA COLEMAN

**REMINDERS**

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**STATISTICS FOR NATIONAL:** Time is drawing near to report the statistics of the Zones.

**SOCIETY PRESIDENTS** - be ready to report to your zone president in early December the number of women that are involved in your society.

**ZONE PRESIDENTS** be ready to report on the number of zone activities and number of women involved in their zone for the biennium July 2009 through June 2011. This information is gathered from each district and is included in the National LWML Convention Manual. I will be contacting ALL Zone Presidents for this information in late December. In advance, thank you for your help.

**LWML QUARTERLY**

I would like to encourage each society to continue receiving as many subscriptions as needed. Where else can we receive a publication of this quality, sent four times a year, for barely a little more than the price of a greeting card? It is my prayer that the Bible studies, devotions, news and events in zones and societies, as well as feature stories of our LWML sisters in Christ all around the globe will be inspiration and motivation for all societies to continue receiving this publication.

**QUARTERLY DEADLINE CHANGE:** As many of you are aware, **increases in Quarterly Subscriptions can be made at any time of the year**, however, I have been notified that the deadline for decreasing Quarterly subscriptions to the National LWML office is **March 1<sup>st</sup>** thus a new deadline to decrease subscriptions for the Eastern District will change to **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**COST CHANGE:** As of the **Spring 2011 issue** of the LWML Quarterly the cost will become:

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**Watch for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Order Form in the Winter issue of the LINK.**

## *2013 Convention in Pittsburgh— Start Planning NOW!*



2013 is fast approaching. Eastern District along with Atlantic, New England, SELC, English and New Jersey will be hosting the 2013 LWML convention in Pittsburgh. We were blessed to have Host Convention Chairman Maureen Consiglio address our June convention. The six districts have to raise some funds to cover hosting expenses. We will have fundraisers, one of which being recycling ink cartridges. See flyer elsewhere in this issue. Please advertise this in your congregations as well. It is very easy to do. Zone presidents have mailing instructions. Mailing includes postage paid labels so there is no cost to do this. Anyone can bring ink cartridges and other recycled items to any zone or district event. I am happy to prepare items for

mailing if they are brought to any district gathering.

We are so blessed to be working with our sisters from fellow districts in the Northeast Coalition. Much help will be needed to host a national convention.

We need many people to be working on The Host Committee, both as chairman and workers. "The Host Committee serves the needs of convention attendees and provides adequate facilities and personnel for the business and programming of the convention." There are five departments under the Host Committee Chairman: Communications, Creative Enhancements, Facility Management, Guest Services, and Personnel Resources. Each of these departments has a coordinator as well as committees serving under them. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on any of these committees you must fill out two forms; "My Spiritual Gifts and Talents" form and the "Volunteer Application Form." Both forms should be sent back to Maureen Consiglio by **November 1, 2010**. These forms are available from either Rebecca Bessell or Claire Carlson.

*Claire Carlson, Eastern District Liaison for the 2013 Coalition*



2010 LWML Retreat  
Camp Pioneer  
Sept. 17-19

*"For Such a Time as This"*  
*Esther 4:14*  
*Yesterday, Present, Tomorrow*



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**WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH THIS FUNDRAISING PROJECT**

# Upcoming Events

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

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## Mission Grants

The ladies of the Eastern District LWML approved 7 grants totaling \$24,400 at the 2010 Biennial convention. We encourage you to give generously to your mites, and turn them in often in order to enable the grant recipients to receive their funding and carry out their missions. God bless all of you as you share His gifts with others!

### FOUR NATIONAL LWML GRANTS PAID IN FULL!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted at the Portland LWML Convention in June 2009 to use their mite money to help fund mission projects throughout the nation and into the world. Recently the LWML sent funds to five more of those mission projects in the amount of \$220,000. "Hooray and praise the Lord!" exclaims LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach Marilyn McClure. The grants include:

- \* **Body and Soul Care for Children in India \$50,000**
- \* **LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials \$50,000**
- \* **Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles-Africa \$50,000**
- \* **Mission Support to Disabled Children- Dominican Republic \$50,000**

Funds in the amount of \$20,000 were dispersed to Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Since June 2009, the LWML has distributed \$710,750 for mission projects. Eight grants for the 2009 -2011 biennium have received full payment.



# News From Around the Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE

Fall Rally—Sunday October 3  
 St Paul Lutheran Church, Eden NY  
 1 pm Lunch—2pm Program  
 Speaker—Ann Werk, Author & Educator  
 Topic: The Joy of the Call  
 Also business meeting, election of officers and devotions *Ferb Fern Suckow, Zone President*

## CENTRAL NY SOUTH ZONE

The Central New York South Zone's first Summer Celebration was held on the shores of beautiful Cayuga Lake. We had 40 people in attendance including Women from St. Paul, Cortland and Christ, Interlaken who are not currently active LWMLers. Our morning began with a communion service and concluded after lunch with a short meeting and a continuation of a Bible Study led by Rev. Cory Eckstrom. The topic of the day was "Beautiful Feet" based on Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news". The Gifts From the Heart were donations for the Feed My Hungry Children campaign at Trinity, Ithaca.

We look forward to more times of fellowship with our Sisters as we continue to grow and celebrate our Lord at our next Summer Celebration. It will be hosted by Trinity, Ithaca's society in 2011. Perhaps another Zone would like to join us?  
*In His Joy, Audrey Schneider, Zone President*

## GENESEE ZONE

The next Genesee Zone Workshop will be Saturday, October 16th, 2010 at Hope Lutheran Church 1301 Vintage Lane Greece, NY 14626 from 9 am to 2 pm.

"Authentic Beauty" *"He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him" Isaiah 53:2*

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Kirk Dueker, Associate Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church

Special Guest : Sheba Sunayana, Founder and Director of Compassion Clement Orphanage in India (A Free will offering will be collected to help support her work) Event Fee \$5 at the door (childcare and interpreter upon request)

RSVP by October 12<sup>th</sup> to Event Contact Person: Leanne Bohn: Phone number: 720-1833 , Email: [leanne@thebohnfamily.com](mailto:leanne@thebohnfamily.com).

*Kathy Ippolito, 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*

## NIAGARA ZONE

Niagara Zone Fall Rally—Saturday, October 9, 2010  
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church—Corner Scott & William Sts., City of Tonawanda, NY  
 Business: Elections of officers, zone delegate/alternate to 2011 National LWML Convention and Bylaws Revisions  
 Potluck luncheon at noon  
 Topic: Buffalo Burrito Project (BBP) for the homeless  
 Speaker: Chaplain Deborah Greatrix-Tyler and other volunteers  
 Ingathering: Clothing items for BBP ministry  
*Kathi Rickus, Zone President*

## PITTSBURGH ZONE

The Board of Directors Meeting of the LWML met on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Immanuel Lutheran in Braddock, Pennsylvania, opened with devotions by the Zone Counselor, Rev. Ron Rafferty; the meeting conducted by Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Zone President, consisted of numerous reports, unfinished and new business.

The Fall Rally will be held at Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. with the ingathering of children's shoes or money for Haiti being sent by the Orphan Grain Train.

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell, our newly elected president of the Eastern District will be the guest speaker at the Rally.  
*Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter, Zone President*

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Eastern District and English District ladies of the Philadelphia Zone will meet together for our Fall Rally hosted by the English District and the ladies of Martin Luther Chapel in Pensauken, New Jersey on Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to spending time with our LWML sisters in Christ! A great day of fellowship, worship and speakers will help us focus on being better servants for Christ! We will be electing a new vice-president and secretary for our zone. We have excellent candidates who have graciously answered the call to serve.

By the time you read this, the LWML Eastern District Retreat will be history. Our zone has enjoyed putting it together and celebrating "For Such a Time as This." We thank you for your attendance and willingness to participate. May God bless the sharing of your experiences with family and friends. We especially want to thank our Eastern District President, Chris Wicher for serving as our guest speaker, bible study leader and preacher. Keep walking!

Our next task of love is planning the 2012 Eastern District Convention in the Philadelphia area with the Anthracite Zone. We look forward to this time of working together and planning a successful convention for everyone to attend. Details will follow!

If you are in the Philadelphia area on Sunday afternoon/early evening Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> please plan to attend the Orphan Grain Train live & silent auction at the Sheraton-Great Valley Hotel in Frazer, PA! All are welcome!

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