

# The Eastern District LWML



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Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness



*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year to all of you. Where does the time go and why does it have to move so fast? This time of year I am always open to a good snow storm hopefully never in the month of February when the LWML likes to hold meetings. Winter weather gives me the opportunity to slow down a bit and stay home to catch up on things that I avoid doing when the sun is shining and I am able to get outside. Do you have

a winter list of things to do like I do? I find that this time of year is also a time for planning the year's activities. So much is happening in the district with planning right now. We have the approaching district convention June 8-10, 2012 at the Doubletree in Lancaster, Pa. I do hope you are planning on coming, maybe as a delegate, guest or young woman representative. If you are not aware of opportunities to attend please contact your society president or zone president as soon as possible. With the theme of "My steadfast love shall not depart from you" hopefully gives you the same comfort it gives me. I hope to see you there joining the activities and being inspired to use your gifts in the ministry at your local congregations, zones and district.

Recently I attended my first internet cyber meeting for the planning of the 2013 LWML National Convention that will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa which is in our district on June 27-30, 2013. This is a very exciting time as we join five other districts in the planning of this amazing event. The theme has been selected and is from John 4:14-(Jesus said:) "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" There will be so many opportunities for us to volunteer so we need everyone to put these dates on their calendars as we move ahead. Prayers and support are needed as well.

So as we bundle up this January after the busyness of the Christmas season put up your feet and I would suggest reading the words of the hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling". To me the words talk about the mission we all have before us but it also speaks to me about what the LWML is about. In 2012 as we look ahead lets join together in serving the Lord with gladness.

**Linked together in Christ,  
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President  
rlb54@rochester.rr.com; 585-964-7844; 585-415-6368 (cell)**

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



## "GIVING WITH MEANING"

"The Days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

"In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Here we are again in the season of Giving. The previous church year is now complete and we move from celebration to anticipation. Each year we celebrate the major events in our savior's life; from the anticipation of his arrival, to the celebration of his birth, to the wisdom of his teachings, and the sorrow of his demise, to the astonishment of the resurrection, and the glory of His reign. We repeat it over and over again that we might always remember and never forget the gift of salvation and the joy of everlasting life. Yet each and every year we grow a little bit older, and closer to our own reunion with Christ. It's a cycle, but it's also an ongoing story as we grow ever closer in genuine expectation of our eternal reward.

This year is especially poignant for me as I am about to experience the very first Christmas apart from my mom, but also celebrate the birth of my granddaughter. Sophia Cassidy Louise Donley was delivered to us on November 16th (5 lbs. 15 oz. 19 ¼ in. long) and we will be dedicating her to the Lord on December 11th. I have great reason to rejoice in God's abundant blessings, yet my heart is torn by the loss of my loved one. The loss of my mother also reminds me of the loss of my dad and all of my loved ones throughout the decades. Life is real, and so is death, but the greatest news is that for us Christians, life is eternal while death is only temporal. Though I may not be able to wrap my arms around my mother this year, I assure you I shall rock my granddaughter, and celebrate with her, my Mother, my family and the entire Christian church from Adam through Sophia and beyond, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is His life that gives our lives purpose and meaning. "God (the father) so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16. God's love is real and not only for us but for every sinner that walks the planet. On Christmas Day we have acquired the custom of sharing gifts with our loved ones. Among other motives it is surely our intentions to communicate how much we care. For some it is easy but for others it is tough. Among the loved ones I've lost throughout the years, I once had an elderly and very rich Aunt. This of course caused me to ask, what do you get for someone who already has everything they could ever want or need? The answer is easy, care for those they love! Is there a gift that we can give to Jesus this year for all of the blessings that he has given to us? Yes! Care for those he loves!

On my desk is a list of 15 proposed grants to the Eastern District LWML ranging in requests from food, to clothing, to cribs, to housing, to an exercise bike and treadmill. But it's not about the things we can give. The things are merely a means of communicating God's love. But should these people first experience God's Love in a tangible way, then they are far more likely to accept God's greatest gift of all, His only begotten Son. We all know this season has become too materialistic, but you can help put the meaning back into the Season by learning to share God's love.

*Amen! Bruce C. Donley, Jr. Pastoral Counselor*



National LWML, after much prayerful thought, has decided to discontinue the MMV program. What a blessing it was to share this program with the members of Eastern District. I

still have many resources available to assist societies and zones. Please feel free to contact me at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) or [716-649-4678](tel:716-649-4678). God's blessings. Claire Carlson



Please join us in sending good wishes to Karen and Bob Rinne as they move from Pa to KS. We have been blessed to have Karen in our district and will miss her but know she will continue to be a blessing to others. She will be joining us for our February board meeting and upcoming convention in Lancaster.

Her new address is:

Bob and Karen Rinne  
14308 Melrose  
Overland Park, KS 66221

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-DONNA COLEMAN

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Happy New Year! It's time to renew the LWML Quarterly subscriptions. Have you noticed there is **NO** LWML Quarterly Order Form? I am trying something new this year. I am asking each zone to become involved in ordering of the LWML Quarterly for the societies/individuals in their zone. Instead of each society/individual sending me an LWML Quarterly Order Form, I have sent the zone presidents and treasurers a list of the societies/individuals that receive Quarterlies. I am asking them to appoint someone in their zone to contact each society/individual in their zone to confirm the information concerning the number of Quarterlies a society/individual receives and to make sure the mailing address for the LWML Quarterly is correct. Thus I will only be receiving a confirmation list from each zone. The deadline for submitting these lists is **MARCH 1, 2012**.

**QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:** Societies/individuals are still asked to send in their donation for the LWML Quarterly to their **ZONE TREASURER**. The rate for the LWML Quarterly is set (by the Eastern District LWML Board of Directors) at \$8.00 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.50 per subscription for 10 or more copies to the same address. This rate includes the cost of the Quarterly plus a \$1.50 contribution towards the cost of the Eastern District 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 LINK 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!

God's richest blessings to all in this New Year! Any questions you may have can be sent to Donna Coleman, 542 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468 or by emailing me at [dcoleman851@aol.com](mailto:dcoleman851@aol.com).

## Mission Grants

Gloria Deo! Glory to God. Our third mission grant of \$2926.80 which will provide furnishings and equipment to New Hope Lutheran Mission, Willingboro, New Jersey has been paid. God is good. However, now it is necessary to think about the remaining 4 grants that are waiting to be paid, so that the mission of each can continue. Our mite contributions seem to be small at this time and our need is great.

In our local society, we were each given a small Christmas stocking at our November 2010 meeting, and we were encouraged to put a nickel or dime in the stocking each day. That is such a small amount on a daily basis, but when we return the "filled" stockings at our January 2012 meeting, the amounts will quickly add up. This is an additional mite gift along with our mite boxes.

Fifteen grant proposals were submitted for the 2012-2014 biennium, and are being read and considered by a committee including Eastern District President Dr. Chris Wicher, LWML Eastern District President Rebecca Bessell and both District LWML pastoral counselors--Pastors Breight and Donley. Since we have only paid half of our grants for 2010-2012, and we are already thinking ahead to 2012-2014, our task seems monumental. But an extra nickel or dime given each day for mites adds up quickly and our goals can be more easily accomplished. Remember also that part of the mites sent to District is passed along to National. I am writing this as Advent begins, and so too our journey to the manger. Prayerfully consider your mites and bring them with you on your Advent journey and into the new year.

**Ruth Wurster**  
**Mission Grant chairman**  
**Eastern District LWML**



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



## THE ANTHRACITE AND PHILADELPHIA ZONES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT LWML

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

**JUNE 8-10, 2012**

AT THE

DOUBLETREE AT WILLOW VALLEY

LANCASTER, PA

FOR THE

### THIRTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Philadelphia Zone is busy with the Anthracite Zone planning the upcoming District Convention to be held in Lancaster, PA on June 8-10, 2012. Much work has been done and we are excited to host all of you! Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend! Business will be conducted along with fellowshiping with fellow LWML sisters from across our district, tours to the Sight & Sound Production of "Jonah" and visits to the Amish and an ingathering to support the Care Center for Christ in West Chester, PA and the Lutheran Academy in Scranton, PA. **Please see the registration form found on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of the "LINK". Please note that the registration form is 2 pages, both pages must be returned.** 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!**"

#### TOURS and LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES

There are two exciting opportunities available for your enjoyment before our convention begins. There will be a chance to see "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theater and also a tour of an Amish Village. Make sure you fill out the appropriate portion of the registration form if you wish to participate.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 @ 7:30 PM**—Enjoy the musical production of the Bible story of "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. See [www.sight-sound.com](http://www.sight-sound.com) for more information on the show. Tickets are \$49.00 per adult person. Don't forget a ticket for your spouse if he is attending! Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30 PM sharp to receive your Jonah Show Ticket and driving directions. We will be carpooling to the theater.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012 @ 1:00-4:00 PM**—Take a bus tour of famous Lancaster County Amish Farmlands. Our own private guide will narrate as you ride along. The bus will make 3 stops at typical Amish Farm and One-Room School, Amish Craft shop, etc. You will be able to ask questions of the guide as you go along! Tour bus departs hotel at 1:00 pm and returns at 4:00 pm. If you would like to go, the cost is \$20.00 per person. We will need a minimum of 30 people. Don't forget a ticket for your spouse if he is attending!



#### INGATHERING:

**Care Center for Christ— West Chester, PA**—For 25 years the Care Center For Christ has provided a ministry of presence and spiritual support to the West Chester community. The Care Center empowers those who have and those who receive through spiritual, educational, recreational, and social activities. The Care Center currently provides services to over 200 individuals - children, youth, and adults - annually. These services include pre-school, after-school, day camp, Girl and Boy Scout, and social service programming.



**The Lutheran Academy, Scranton, PA**—The school is owned by Peace Lutheran Church, Scranton, in association with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Scranton and is in partnership with the Immanuel Lutheran Pre-school and Day Care. The school is run by a Board of Directors who are made up of appointed representatives from supporting Lutheran congregations of NEPA.



**OUR SCHOOL MISSION**—To build up the lives of God's children through the training up of their mind, body and Christian faith; that every child might become lifelong learners, equipped to serve Jesus in their lives of service to mankind.

**MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUPPORT THESE INGATHERING OPPORTUNITIES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE LINK**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

34th Biennial Convention - June 8-10, 2012

DoubleTree at Willow Valley

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

[www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree](http://www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree)

phone: 717-464-2711

Name:		LWML Zone:	
Address:		Home Church:	
City:		Church City & Zip:	
State:	Zip:		
E-mail:		Phone: (     )	
I will be serving as a (circle one):			
Board of Directors Member    Delegate    Alternate Delegate    Clergy Speaker/Special Guest    Young Woman Representative    Guest    Conv. Committee Member			
<b>REGISTRATION - Deadline April 30, 2012 !!!</b>			
Mandatory Non-Refundable Registration Fee - Registration after APRIL 30, 2012 add Late Fee \$5.00			\$30.00
<b>LODGING</b>			
Room Rates (includes taxes & fees). Please circle your choice of lodging:		I will be staying:	
1 person per room	\$ 120.00 per night	_____ Thursday Night	\$
2 people per room	\$ 60.00 per night per person	_____ Friday Night	\$
3 people per room	\$ 40.00 per night per person	_____ Saturday Night	\$
4 people per room	\$ 30.00 per night per person	<b>Total Due for Lodging:</b>	\$
Spouse Attending?	No    Yes	Spouse's name:	
Roommates:			
<b>Note:</b> Roommates will be assigned if none specified and 2 or more people per room are requested.			
<b>MEALS &amp; HOSPITALITY</b>			
Meal Prices include gratuity and taxes, as well as hospitality refreshments provided during meetings.			
Meal Package (includes all five meals listed below) \$118.00			\$
<b>OR</b>			
_____ Friday Dinner	\$30		\$
_____ Saturday Breakfast Buffet	\$17		\$
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$17		\$
_____ Saturday Dinner Banquet & Entertainment	\$36		\$
_____ Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$18		\$
<b>Total Due for Meals:</b>			\$
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\$49 per ticket x _____ tickets =			Total for Sight & Sound Tickets \$
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\$20 per ticket x _____ tickets =			Total for Amish Farmland Tour \$
<b>Total Due for Tours:</b>			\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$



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phone: 717-464-2711

Name: _____	LWML Zone: _____
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**MITE WALK:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.

**CHOIR:** \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: SOPRANO ALTO

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**  
 We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form.  
 Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Condition Convention Committee should be aware of:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicapped Accessible Room
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpreter needed for (circle one):      Hearing Impaired      Spanish Language      Other:
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER: _____

**TRANSPORTATION:**  
 If you require transportation between an airport, train station, or bus station and the convention, please complete this TRANSPORTATION section!  
 Please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.

AIRLINE INFORMATION:		BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:	
Airport:		Station:	
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Bus Company / Train Company:	
Airline:	Airline:	Arrival Date:	Departure Date:
Flight Number:	Flight Number:	Bus/Train #:	Bus/Train#:
Arrival Time:	Departure Time:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:

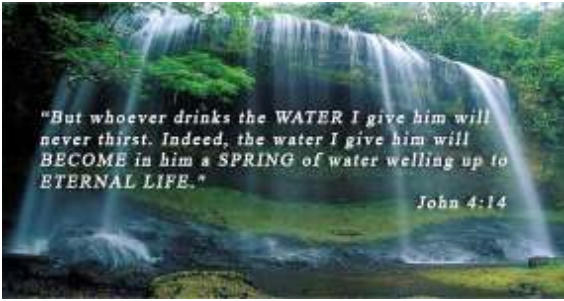
**PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:**

Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**2012 Eastern District LWML Convention**  
*\*MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM, FULL PAYMENT, and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size ENVELOPE (for return confirmation) to:*  
 Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Drive, West Chester, PA 19380  
 e-mail: dorimike@comcast.net phone: 610-429-2449



**WHERE WILL YOU BE JUNE 27-30, 2013???**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA, OF COURSE**  
**FOR THE 35TH BIENNIAL**  
**LWML CONVENTION**

More than 500 volunteers manage every aspect of the biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention. We are looking for many willing workers. If you can help fill out the form below. We will have lots of fun serving the Lord together in 2013!

**QUENCHED BY THE WATER**

Hosted by the Atlantic, Eastern, English, English, New England, New Jersey and SELC

**CALL FOR WORKERS**  
**Pittsburgh 2013 National Convention**  
**June 27-30, 2013 – Pittsburgh, PA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!** The members of the Northeast Coalition are hosting the 2013 Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **WE WILL NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF HUNDREDS OF WILLING WORKERS (including men!). It will not be necessary for you to attend any meetings in Pittsburgh prior to the convention.** Please complete this form and indicate how you would like to serve.

I would like to help with preparations **before the convention** - favors, centerpieces, sewing, calligraphy, flower arranging, etc. (circle areas of expertise). Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Before the convention** I would like to:

assemble packet materials     assist the Properties Committee     assist during registration

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 I would like to serve as a volunteer worker **during the convention**. My physical abilities are:

I must remain seated     I am able to stand for long periods     I am able to do a lot of walking

Workers are needed in the general categories listed below, to work in four-hour shifts. Those who volunteer to work eight (8) hours or more at convention are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Please check your area of interest by preference: 1, 2, 3, etc. **Someone will contact you by April 15, 2013 with further details.**

- Hostess (assist in a variety of ways – information/directions, greeting, lost & found, special needs, etc.)
- Usher (distribute handouts, gather offerings, direct people to seats)
- Page (Youth to deliver messages, run errands - must be a least 14 years old)
- Activities (servant activities, pledge walk, etc.)
- Transportation (greet at the airport, transport special guests to/from airport, hotels or Convention center)
- Child/Youth Care (assist with program)
- Food Services (hostesses and assist committee)
- I am able to handle heavy physical work (lifting, moving, securing props, running errands, etc.)
- I am willing to serve in any area
- I am willing to work more than eight hours if needed

In addition, I will pray for the convention, the speakers, and those serving on the Host Committee.

Please return completed form, by January 15, 2013, to:

**Personnel Resources Department Coordinator**  
**Honey Pabst, 386 Grundy Avenue**  
**Holbrook, NY 11741**  
**(631) 589-8353 hunny.pabst@yahoo.com**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please duplicate this form and share it with other members of your congregation. Thank you.**

*Thank you for your willingness to serve to God's glory in this capacity.*

**BUFFALO ZONE**

At our Fall Rally in October we enjoyed a presentation by our Speaker Rev. Alex Knowles new Executive Director of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Pastor Knowles shared with us some of his vision for Pioneer in the coming years. He shared that many programs have and will continue as usual. He stressed that he will be working hard to get more retreats to use Camp's facilities and that they will be looking for a Retreat Services Director for this purpose. Following Pastor Knowles' presentation Bev Wicher made a presentation on the Lutheran Malaria Initiative encouraging the ladies to support this initiative of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to help eradicate Malaria in Africa by the year 2015 focusing specifically on supplying Malaria nets to families in Africa. We took a plate offering for Lutheran Malaria Initiative. We collected \$157.81.



The Buffalo Zone will be having their annual Winter Service Project Sunday January 22 at 2 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 1230 Bowen Rd. Elma NY.

We will be making fleece blankets to be donated to Cornerstone Manor women's shelter. We are looking to make some for the women and the children. All ladies are encouraged to join us that day; it should be a great afternoon of fun.



**PHILADELPHIA ZONE**

The Philadelphia Zone held its Fall Rally with the English District Philadelphia Zone on Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. The theme was "I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds" from Psalm 9:1 and the Rally text was Psalm 9:18, "but the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish." Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Mark (Skee) Jurkowski led the opening worship service and the bible study based on Psalm 9:1. Susan Bell showed a video of the highlights of the 2011 National LWML Convention in Peoria, IL, this past June. Lunch was provided by the ladies of Christ Memorial's Women's Guild. The ingathering, led by Dorothy Koschmann was coats, hats and gloves for the homeless of Philadelphia. Rev. Joshua Gale, Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries called pastor to the homeless in Philadelphia was our guest speaker who told of his work in Philadelphia and how we can help.



The Philadelphia Zone wishes to thank Karen Rinne for 10 years of LWML service in our midst. Karen and her husband, Bob, will be leaving PA on December 15 and moving into their new home in Overland Park, KS on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be greatly missed and we wish them God's blessings for years to come as they enjoy being closer to family, particu-

# Upcoming Events

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

**Report of the Financial Secretary—Jackie Blank**

Mites received in November 2011                      \$1464.78

Our mites are coming in slowly. This is a concern if we intend to keep our commitment to fund the seven mission project approved by your delegates at the 2010 Eastern District Convention. So far only two have been funded. At this time we have received \$6396.08 less in mites than the last biennium in November 2009 and we have a larger mite goal. Remember to give regularly and to pray daily for our projects.

**A MESSAGE TO ZONE TREASURERS**

Your help is needed to assure funding for all of our grants. Please be sure to send in mites to the district treasurer on a monthly basis even if you have received only a small amount. As the mites come in and are joined by mites from other zones, they will help to fund the next grant. If you are not receiving mites regularly from each society in your zone, contact the treasurer and president of those societies and explain the urgent need for mites. Your job is an essential part of insuring that all mission grant projects are funded.

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



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## EASTERN DISTRICT LWML MITE CHALLENGE YOUR MITES MATTER!!!



Our Mites are very low and we only have a few months to pay all our grants. We are challenging you to find new ways to extend your Mite giving.

- \* As you plan your 2012 personal Mission giving, have you considered making a monthly donation to Mites over and above your Mite Box.
- \* Do you want to make a Mite donation in memory or in honor of someone special in your life.

Here are some other fun ways to up your Mite Box giving;

- \* Do you buy a coffee or soft drink every day?—Donate the same amount to your Mite Box
- \* Instead of that afternoon snack—Donate that amount to your Mite Box
- \* January is Hot Tea Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box for every cup of tea you drink.
- \* January is National Soup Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box every time you eat soup.
- \* February is National Chocolate Lovers Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box for every chocolate you eat.
- \* February is National Dental Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box every time you brush your teeth.
- \* March is National Nutrition Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box when you eat something healthy.
- \* March is National Music In Our Schools Month—Make a donation to your Mite Box whenever you listen to music.

I'm sure you can think of many more fun ways to give to LWML.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! TOGETHER WE CAN REACH OUR MITE GOAL!**

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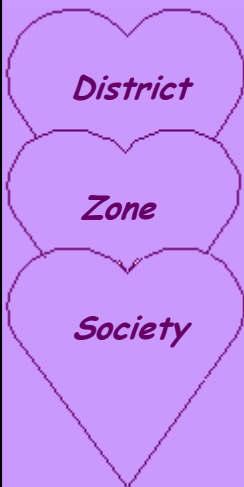
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Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness



*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24*

Dear Sisters in Christ,  
Happy Spring to all of you. Every morning before my feet hit the floor I say this verse to myself. Some days I am more awake than others, but for me the day needs to start this way. Every day is a gift and hopefully I will treat it that way. I believe we all have routines and comfortable actions that we take part in at home, work and church. In some ways I am a very routine person, but I do see as time moves on, the routine is not always necessary and changing the way I do things is good. Being the president of the Eastern District LWML has not presented any routines for me as of yet but

we will see. Serving the district as your president continues to be a learning opportunity for me which is a good thing. The district board meeting was held this past February at the upcoming convention site in Lancaster. What a wonderful location to come together for fellowship, relaxation and the opportunity to participate with your other sisters from the Eastern District on June 8-10 at the Doubletree Willow Valley in Lancaster, Pa. Delegate information was shared with the zone presidents so hopefully you are considering how you would like to participate. There are great tours planned as well as interesting speakers and entertainment. Yes, there is always some business to take care of but that will only be a small part of the convention. I do hope you are planning on coming. If you are not finding the information in the LINK, web site of [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org) or your zone president please do not hesitate to contact me. The theme of "My steadfast love shall not depart from you" hopefully gives you the same comfort it gives me. I hope to see you there joining the activities and being inspired to use your gifts in the ministry at your local congregations, zones and district.

I was just reminded that it is 14 months until the 2013 LWML National Convention that will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa which is in our district on June 27-30, 2013. This is a very exciting time as we join five other districts in the planning of this amazing event. The theme has been selected and is from John 4:14-(Jesus said:) "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" There will be so many opportunities for us to volunteer so we need everyone to put these dates on their calendars as we move ahead. Prayers and support are needed as well.

So as the trees and flowers are budding think about how you can spring forward affirming your relationship with the Triune God using your gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

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

COUNSELOR'S **What Not To Wear**

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Please excuse me as I borrow the theme from a cable show where friends enlist another style-challenged friend or family member to go on the show and learn how to dress and look better. Isn't it something how clothes can make you feel so different depending on how they make you look? If we are truthful, we may well have to admit we spend much more time worrying about clothes and looks for our bodies than we do about our souls. How often we are improperly dressed for our spiritual lives. On Ash Wednesday we don the garb of sackcloth and ashes and go to God in deep repentance for our sins that cost the life of Jesus Christ the Son of God. However, those are not meant to be the lasting attire we wear into the time of Easter and beyond. In the glorious resurrection of Christ, the Lord has won for us a robe of righteousness and holiness. This coats and covers the sinful nature that still lies within us but whose effect on our salvation has been neutralized by Christ's resurrection power. Do we wear a covering of uncertainty and still walk in doubt as to whether God has saved us? Do we wear a coat of timidity as we wonder if God would really hear and answer our prayer? Have we put on the judge's robe and live out our lives condemning others for their different habits, ideas and imperfections, and even judging God for seeming to be so harsh in His actions towards us and all humanity? Do not do it! Through our Savior God covers us with His divine protection and clothes us with garments of the resurrection. Here, no charge can be laid against us because Christ's own perfection is given to us. Here, our Father always hears and answers us since as He views us He recognizes our clothes as that of His own Son. So dressed, we live out our lives in love and grace towards others because of the kindness we have been shown by God in providing for us in such a way as this. As for the other kinds of garments I mentioned earlier – well, they are what NOT to wear!

**Linked together in Christ, Pastor Ronald M. Breight, Senior Pastoral Counselor**

**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 2012-2014 biennium and voted upon at the 2012 District LWML Convention.

1. Request to provide laptop computers and other media equipment for autistic children enrolled in an after school program at Grace Lutheran Church Vestal, NY.—**Grace Lutheran LWML, Vestal NY.....\$4,780.00**
2. Request to purchase cribs for the infant/childcare program at St. John Lutheran Church in Hamlin, NY.—**St. John Lutheran LWML, Hamlin, NY.....2,100.00**
3. Request for laptop computer to enhance Bible story presentations at Under the Apple Tree before and after school program at Faith Lutheran Church, Elma, NY—**Faith Lutheran LWML, Elma NY.....\$ 968.95**
4. Request for instruments, music and costumes for Praise Dance/Musicians at Community Lutheran Ministry, Rochester, NY—**Community Lutheran Ministry, Rochester, NY.....\$4,955.00**
5. Request for materials and training for Operation Barnabus, which provides care for military families—**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Ministry to Armed Forces.....\$5,000.00**
6. Request to purchase materials to renovate a soccer field on St. Paul Lutheran church property, so that field could be used by community soccer teams.—**St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Hilton, NY.....\$5,000.00**
7. Request for an exercise bike and treadmill for women at Cornerstone Manor, a shelter for abused and battered women and children, Dr. Ellen Grant, the director, is a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cheektowaga, NY **Buffalo City Mission/Cornerstone Manor, Buffalo, NY.....\$3,500.00**
8. Request to purchase Gospel outreach materials and to start a resource center for Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs in the Utica, NY area.—**Trinity Lutheran LWML, Utica, NY .....\$3,000.00**
9. Request to fund biweekly summer lunch box lunches for children of low income families in Hop Bottom, PA—**Grace Lutheran Women's Guild, Hop Bottom, PA.....\$2,000.00**





**Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Eastern District  
34th Biennial Convention  
June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Double Tree Willow Valley, Lancaster, PA**

The Philadelphia and Anthracite zones cordially invite you to attend the 2012 Eastern District LWML convention to be held at the Doubletree at Willow Valley in Lancaster, PA. The convention dates are June 8th-10th, 2012. Our theme this year is **My Steadfast Love Shall Not Depart From You, from Isaiah 54:10**. Come and enjoy an uplifting and spiritual weekend with bible studies, worship, voting for officers and mission grants. Irene McFadden is our keynote speaker. Linda Arnold, VP of Communications brings us news from the national level. In addition, we will have a Mite Walk, Ingathering for two special organizations: The Care Center for Christ and the Lutheran Academy, and Interest sessions. Don Wharton highlights our Saturday entertainment and Jen Siek is our song leader. Come see old friends and have wonderful fellowship with your Christian friends. Looking forward to meeting you in beautiful Lancaster, Pa.



**Judy Grimm and Chris Gasslein**

*In Christian Love,  
Chris Gasslein  
Judy Grimm*

**TOURS**

**Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>  
JONAH  
Sight and Sound 7:30**



**Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Amish Tour  
Bus Tour 1:00-4:00**



**EVENTS ON SATURDAY**

**Mite Walk** – this event takes place Saturday morning before breakfast. Join other LWMLers for a refresh walk. Don't forget to get sponsors to support you and the LWML with their mites.

**Interest Sessions:**  
All convention attendees can select one interest session Saturday afternoon. The three sessions offered include:

- \* **Drawing young women into Bible Study** - Irene Mc Fadden, Eastern District Mission Board
- \* **Encourage people to use their gifts of service** - Linda Arnold, National LWML Representative
- \* **Mission trips (Short-term and Haiti)** - Pastor Donley, Jr. Pastoral Counselor and Dori Juskalian, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church

<i>HEAR THE WORD:</i>	<i>RESPOND TO THE WORD:</i>
IRENE MCFADDEN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER EASTERN DISTRICT MISSIONS BOARD DIRECTOR	GIFTS OF THE HEART IN PA CARE CENTER FOR CHRIST, WEST CHESTER THE LUTHERAN ACADEMY, SCRANTON
LINDA ARNOLD, NATIONAL LWML VP OF COMMUNICATION	MISSION GRANTS WHO WILL WE SUPPORT WITH OUR MITES?
REV. RONALD BRIGHT, PASTORAL COUNSELOR	MITE WALK FELLOWSHIP, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND COLLECTION
REV. BRUCE DONLEY, PASTORAL COUNSELOR	CHOIR SHARING OUR GIFTS AND GLORIFYING GOD



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## CONVENTION SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



### **Keynote Speaker - Irene McFadden**

Irene McFadden is always eager to share the Lord with others, sometimes with actions, occasionally with words. Although she was in church every Sunday (and sometimes in between) it was not till she was a young mother of two that she “got it” – that she could never do enough good deeds to make up for her sins - that Jesus covered her sins on the cross. Since then she can’t get enough of God’s love and enjoys digging into His Love Story written for her (and you!).

She is married to her college sweetheart, Joel, who is her biggest encourager. They have three grown children: Jill – a fund raiser for the Girl Scouts, married to John; Tom – a professor of linguistics, married to another linguist, Sandhya; Mark – an investment banker, married to Caton. They have two delightful daughters, Anna and Ellie and an adorable son, Cole.

Irene has had many roles – kindergarten teacher, pressed flower artist, watercolorist, beauty consultant, book-keeper, entrepreneur to name some. If you asked her what she’s been most blessed by she’d say being a wife, mom and grandma and mentoring other moms through Bible studies and inspirational speaking.

Irene is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA, having served many years as Preschool Board Chairman. Currently Irene serves on the church’s Outreach board and is involved with Women’s Guild and LIGHT (women’s bible studies). Irene currently serves on the Eastern District Board of Directors as Missions Chairman. We look forward to her inspirational message!



### **National LWML Representative—Linda Arnold**

We welcome Linda Arnold, Vice President of Communication, to our 2012 Convention. Linda sees God’s redemptive plan as a model for planning the work of the LWML. Involvement in LWML allows Linda the chance to use her God-given gifts to impact people around the world for Christ. She sees a tremendous opportunity in communication technology to share the love of Jesus in ways that would have been unimaginable to the women who founded the LWML.

Linda is employed by Lewis University in the College of Nursing and Health Professions in Romeoville, Illinois. As a full time faculty member, she prepares nursing students for their career as a professional nurse. She especially enjoys expanding their understanding of their role in meeting the needs of the under-served through service learning opportunities.

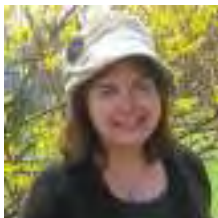
Linda enjoys spending time in the Word, and with her husband, children, and grandchildren, cooking, baking, and watching the Chicago Bears.



### **Entertainment - Don Wharton,**

Don is endurance personified, having performed over 3,000 concerts (at least one concert in all 50 states) since 1979. His encouraging and uplifting style has inspired thousands of people to greater service for Jesus Christ.

Don’s versatility has given him the opportunity to share his music with a wide range of audiences. He has opened for such Christian artists as Carman, Michael Card, Jessie Dixon and Don Francisco. He has also worked with 60’s recording sensations Paul and Paula and acclaimed actor Beau Bridges as well as performing the first Gospel concert at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. on September 29, 1998. Don is also a tremendous story-teller and is in great demand for banquets, school assemblies, and corporate functions.



### **Song Leader – Jen Siek**

Jen and her husband, Kevin have six children, James, Jessie, Jenna, Cassidy, Keith and Kimberly. They currently live in southwest Michigan. The Sieks were former members of Christ Memorial in Malvern, PA. Besides being kept busy homeschooling her children, Jen shares her gift of music singing in choirs and giving piano lessons. We are happy she is able to join us this weekend.

**Exhibitors**—The following are the exhibitors to date that will be at the convention—Bulletin Beads, Etc. (this is Judy Grimm’s beads that she makes for a fundraiser for national convention)—Concordia Publishing House—Eastern District LWML (this is the LWML store)—The Lutheran Academy—Lutheran Bible Translators—Lutheran World Relief—2013 LWML Convention—Orphan Grain Train—Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center



## *Gifts of the Heart*

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – June 8-10, 2012  
DoubleTree Willow Valley  
Lancaster, PA



The Eastern District LWML 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention Committee is pleased to announce the

### *2012 Gifts of the Heart Recipients:*

*The Care Center for Christ, West Chester, PA  
The Lutheran Academy, Scranton, PA*

We have selected two recipients – one from each of the Anthracite and Philadelphia Host Committee Zones. Below is brief description about and a list of needed items for each recipient, if your heart is so moved and you are able to help us support these two organizations working to spread The Gospel by serving those in need in each of their own communities.

#### The Care Center for Christ, West Chester, PA

*The Reverend Carl Guthrie and Dr. Gary Cashon founded the Care Center in 1982 as a outreach mission designed to help working class poor in the heart of West Chester, PA. For 25 years, the Care Center has worked to provide a ministry of presence and spiritual support to for families in this low-income neighborhood. On a street corner where drug dealing and violence are commonplace, children now come to a pre-school program 5 days a week while school students receive tutoring and homework assistance from personal tutors. Scouting for boys and girls, Kid's Explore enrichment classes, bible study and computer classes help our children elevate self-esteem and have greater success in the school system. Christ Memorial Lutheran in Malvern, PA has partnered with The Care Center to help them share The Gospel through children's Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, and other afterschool programs for kids.*

#### Items needed to help continue the Lord's work:

- Pre-school through Kindergarten Educational Workbooks
- Boxed snacks / crackers / pretzels
- Clorox Wipes & Paper Towels
- Donations to be able to purchase The Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum for Pre-school – kindergarten weekly Bible study classes.

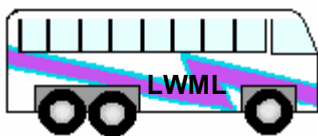
*... One final request was for all of us LWML ladies to write to a child a short note or card with a message of encouragement in their education and Christian faith. THAT would be very meaningful! This is a request we can easily grant! Please bring the notes and other gifts of the heart to the convention for delivery to the children.*

#### The Lutheran Academy, Scranton, PA

*The Lutheran Academy's mission is to build up the lives of God's children through the training up of their mind, body and Christian faith; that every child might become lifelong learners, equipped to serve Jesus in their lives of service to mankind. The Lutheran Academy serves the families of the Christian community at large, as well as any non-Christian family who chooses to enroll their children (understanding that the school is a Lutheran Christian school.)\* The school is owned by Peace Lutheran Church, Scranton, in association with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Scranton and is in partnership with the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool and Day Care. In 2011 we will begin our fifth academic year. Our commitment is to further establish a school that meets the educational and spiritual needs of our community. The Lutheran Academy is unique by being a Lutheran Christian school, using a high quality Classical Educational curriculum, as well as having a focus on Performing and Visual Arts.*

#### Items needed to help continue the Lord's work:

- \$5 or \$10 TARGET gift cards to be given to parents who need them for purchasing the required school uniforms.
- Boxed snacks / crackers/ pretzels
- Boxes of Tissues
- Notebooks & Paper Folders



#### **BUS TO LANCASTER**

We have arranged for a limousine coach bus to the Eastern District LWML Convention in Lancaster this June. We will be leaving Salem Lutheran Church, Buffalo at 7:00 am SHARP on **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2012** Total cost is now \$115 per person. This includes limo bus, stops, drivers' housing and gratuity. Other stops are St. John's, North Tonawanda, St. Paul's, Batavia and a possible stop in Corning or Binghamton.

Total payment (checks payable to Eastern District LWML) of \$115 must be sent to Eastern District LWML Financial Secretary Jackie Blank, 6830 E. Bethany-LeRoy Townline Rd., Stafford, NY 14143 **NO LATER THAN May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**. Please note district policy is **NO REFUNDS** unless a replacement is found by you for your place. Your seat will be reserved when full payment is received. There are a limited amount of seats available so commit early if you want to ride the bus.

According to Limousine chauffeur rules and regulations, the maximum hours a chauffeur can drive is 10 hours. So stops will be brief. There will be a restroom on the limousine bus. It is asked that you bring a lunch and beverage for Thursday. There will be a large cooler on board. **You must also register for the Thursday night housing on the convention registration form.** If you are diabetic, please bring snacks and plan accordingly. We will make dinner stops on Thursday and Sunday.

Bus registration forms will be available on the Eastern District LWML Website, from your Zone President or by contacting Claire Carlson at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) or home 716-649-4678 or cell 716-597-8568. Any questions contact Claire.—**Claire Carlson, Bus Chairman**



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Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**34th Biennial Convention - June 8-10, 2012**

DoubleTree at Willow Valley

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

[www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree](http://www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree)

phone: 717-464-2711

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I will be serving as a (circle one):			
Board of Directors Member    Delegate    Alternate Delegate    Clergy Speaker/Special Guest    Young Woman Representative    Guest    Conv. Committee Member			
<b><u>REGISTRATION - Deadline April 30, 2012 !!!</u></b>			
Mandatory Non-Refundable Registration Fee - Registration after APRIL 30, 2012 add Late Fee \$5.00			\$30.00
<b><u>LODGING</u></b>			
Room Rates (includes taxes & fees). Please circle your choice of lodging:		I will be staying:	
1 person per room	\$ 120.00 per night	_____ Thursday Night	\$
2 people per room	\$ 60.00 per night per person	_____ Friday Night	\$
3 people per room	\$ 40.00 per night per person	_____ Saturday Night	\$
4 people per room	\$ 30.00 per night per person	<b>Total Due for Lodging:</b>	\$
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<b>Note:</b> Roommates will be assigned if none specified and 2 or more people per room are requested.			
<b><u>MEALS &amp; HOSPITALITY</u></b>			
Meal Prices include gratuity and taxes, as well as hospitality refreshments provided during meetings.			
Meal Package (includes all five meals listed below) \$118.00			\$
<b><u>OR</u></b>			
_____ Friday Dinner	\$30		\$
_____ Saturday Breakfast Buffet	\$17		\$
_____ Saturday Lunch	\$17		\$
_____ Saturday Dinner Banquet & Entertainment	\$36		\$
_____ Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$18		\$
<b>Total Due for Meals:</b>			\$
<b><u>TOURS &amp; LEISURE</u></b>			
<b><u>THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 @ 7:30 PM</u></b>			
Enjoy the musical production of the Bible story of "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Tickets are \$49.00 per adult person. Don't forget a ticket for your spouse if he is attending!			
Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30 PM sharp to receive your Jonah Show Ticket and driving directions.			
We will be carpooling to the theater.			
\$49 per ticket x _____ tickets =		Total for Sight & Sound Tickets	
		\$	
<b><u>FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012 @ 1:00-4:00 PM</u></b>			
Take a bus tour of famous Lancaster County Amish Farmlands. Our own private guide will narrate as you ride along. The bus will make 3 stops at typical Amish Farm and One-Room School, Amish Craft shop, etc. You will be able to ask questions of the guide as you go along!			
Tour bus departs hotel at 1:00 pm and returns at 4:00 pm. If you would like to go, the cost is \$20.00 per person. We will need a minimum of 30 people. Don't forget a ticket for your spouse if he is attending!			
\$20 per ticket x _____ tickets =		Total for Amish Farmland Tour	
		\$	
<b>Total Due for Tours:</b>			\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$





## REGISTRATION FORM

Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**34th Biennial Convention - June 8-10, 2012**

DoubleTree at Willow Valley

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

[www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree](http://www.willowvalley.com/lancaster-pa-doubletree)

phone: 717-464-2711

Name: _____		LWML Zone: _____	
<b>MITE WALK:</b> _____ YES! I would like to participate in the Mite Walk. Details about the Mite Walk will be included with your return registration confirmation.			
<b>CHOIR:</b> _____ YES! I would like to sing in the Choir on Sunday. I sing: SOPRANO ALTO			
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS:</b>			
We would like you to be as comfortable as possible during your convention experience and hotel stay. If you have any special needs, please let us know how we may assist you by completing this section of the registration form.			
Please indicate below any special needs by selecting the appropriate category:			
	Medical Condition Convention Committee should be aware of:		
	Dietary Needs (such as food allergy, vegetarian, etc.)		
	Handicapped Accessible Room		
	Interpreter needed for (circle one):                      Hearing Impaired                      Spanish Language                      Other:		
	OTHER: _____		
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>			
If you require transportation between an airport, train station, or bus station and the convention, please complete this TRANSPORTATION section!			
Please indicate below ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE information. Transportation details will be sent to you.			
<b>AIRLINE INFORMATION:</b>		<b>BUS / TRAIN INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Airport:</b> _____		<b>Station:</b> _____	
Arrival Date: _____	Departure Date: _____	Bus Company / Train Company: _____	
Airline: _____	Airline: _____	Arrival Date: _____	Departure Date: _____
Flight Number: _____	Flight Number: _____	Bus/Train #: _____	Bus/Train#: _____
Arrival Time: _____	Departure Time: _____	Arrival Time: _____	Departure Time: _____
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE:</b>			
Photographs will be taken by our Convention Photographer throughout the convention. I hereby give the Eastern District LWML the absolute right and permission to use my photographed likeness/image in its future publications. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in publications, direct-mail pieces, or electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW). I release the LWML, Eastern District LWML, the photographer, their offices, employees, agents, volunteers, and designees from liability for any violation of personal or proprietary rights I may hold in connection with such use.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date	
<b>2012 Eastern District LWML Convention</b>			
<b>*MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM, FULL PAYMENT, and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size ENVELOPE (for return confirmation) to:</b>			
Dori Juskalian, 935 Cornwallis Drive, West Chester, PA 19380			
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*The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession.  
Deuteronomy 14:2*

The Buffalo Zone Invites You To  
The 2012 LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat  
September 14-16, 2012

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola NY

The ladies of the Buffalo Zone will be presenting the CPH Retreat  
"TREASURED" based on Deuteronomy 14:2

It will be a Bible Study Format

Come join us as we study God's Word together, sing together, worship together, relax  
and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation at Camp Pioneer.

**Registration Opens: May 1- Registration Deadline: September 1**  
**Registration form can be found in the LWML Spring & Summer LINK**  
**And the Eastern District LWML Website at [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org)**

**FALL  
RETREAT**

### LWML Retreat Campership—Application

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2012 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, 2012** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell  
7048 Benedict Beach  
Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



### RETREAT CRAFT

We will be offering a craft activity on Saturday afternoon at the Fall Retreat. We will be making beaded bookmarks. If you would like to participate in the craft we are asking that you send this form in with your registration form so we know how many supplies to buy. We are asking for a donation of \$2 to help cover the cost of supplies. Please include this with your registration form. We will also be making some bookmarks to donate to the Country Store.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the retreat craft; I have included \$2 with my registration fee.



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LWML Eastern District 2012 Fall Retreat
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
September 14-16, 2012

“TREASURED”
Deuteronomy 14:2
Presented by the Buffalo Zone

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

REGISTRATION RATES:

Full-Time- includes 2 nights lodging, registration, 6 meals and linens \$140.00
Part-Time – 1 night’s lodging at \$38.00 Circle one: Friday Saturday \$ 38.00
Registration Fee..... \$ 6.00
Day use fee (for no overnight stay) ..... # days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 8.00=

Table with 2 columns: Time and Activity. 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

Friday Dinner \$ 12.00
Saturday Breakfast \$ 7.50
Saturday Lunch \$ 10.00
Saturday Dinner \$ 12.00
Sunday Breakfast \$ 7.50
Sunday Lunch \$ 10.00

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

\*\*\*\*\*

\*Note: A deposit of \$25.00 will hold your place. All requests served on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration accepted before May 1. Balance due or payment in full must be received by September 1.

HOUSING PREFERENCE: (All cabins have shower facilities)

Non-Refurbished Cabins

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

Refurbished Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend needs to be paid with first registration)

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

Woodland Cottage (Extra \$150 for the weekend per cottage needs to be paid with first registration)

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

OTHER PREFERENCES: Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Church or Group \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable (in U.S. funds only) to LWML Eastern District 2012 Retreat
Please include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope with your deposit and registration form.

Send your completed registration form to: Bev Wicher—19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Email: lwmlretreat2012@gmail.com Phone: 716-913-4140

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

# News From Around the Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE



On Sunday, January 22; 18 ladies gathered at St Paul Lutheran Church in Elma to make fleece blankets to donate to Cornerstone Manor Women's and Children's Shelter in Buffalo. We had a great afternoon working together to "Serve the Lord With Gladness". We made

20 blankets which were delivered to Cornerstone Manor to be used for their residents and to be sent with home with them when they are able to leave.

Our Spring Workshop will be Sunday, May 5 from 2-4 at St. Paul, Batavia. We will be working on prayer favors for the Fall Retreat.

**Karen Blackmon, President Buffalo Zone**

## CNY NORTH



We are very excited to announce that the Eastern District has its first Friends into Serving Him Group. The group is part of the CNY North Zone and is under the direction

of Kelly Gilbert and being sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church Mary Martha society. This is a great way to reach our teens and expose them to LWML. For information on how to start your own group feel free to contact Kelly or Rebecca Bessell.

**Kelly Gilbert, Present CNN**

## CNY SOUTH

Several of the CNYS Zone Societies have been making quilts over the winter. Many went to Zion, Owego for distribution to the flood victims. Some have been designated for Camp Pioneer and others to local charities.

We are planning for this years Zone Celebrations with the first to be held at Zion, Owego on Sunday August 19. We plan to incorporate a work session to help Ruth Mueller and her Special Dress Committee for the 2013 National Convention in Pittsburgh as well as devotions and elections. Inter Zone fellowship is always an important aspect of our celebrations. Our second celebration will be held in the Fall. Date and place to be determined.

**Audrey Schneider, President, CNYS Zone**

## GENESEE ZONE

We would like to invite everyone to our Zone Spring Gathering which will be held on April 21, 2012 9 am til 1:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road, W. Fork, Hamlin, NY 14464-9601 The theme is : "A Journey of Faith and Inspiration" . The Bible verse is : "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" 1 Corinthians 12:27. Bible Study with Pastor Goodwin, Book Review/discussion by Cindy Tornes, author of I Gave you Each Other. We will be making stamped birthday cards for Monroe Community Hospital (supplies and instructions

provided) and have an Ingathering of school and art supplies (markers, glue stick, paper, colored pencils, etc) for Community Lutheran Ministry. \$5.00 registration at the door, lunch is provided. RSVP by April 16th [585-964-2550](tel:585-964-2550) Childcare or Deaf Interpreter upon request. Go to <http://www.cindyornes.com/book/> for more information about the book and the author.

**Kathy Ippolito, President Genesee Zone**

## NIAGARA ZONE

The Niagara Zone has scheduled the Spring Gathering to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at St Paul's LC in North Tonawanda from 1- 4.PM. The speaker will be Joanne Lorenzo, Founder and Director of the Magdalene Project – a street ministry that serves the communities of Niagara Falls, NY in knowing the love of Christ by reaching out to prostitutes, and people in the streets by distributing Bible tracts, New Testaments and The Gospel of St John as well as toiletries, food, and roses. This ministry also serves the needs of the children of these women in a number of ways. An ingathering of items to support this ministry will occur at this meeting. ([www.themagdaleneproject.net](http://www.themagdaleneproject.net)) We are trying a shortened version of the gathering to appeal to the time challenged working woman or women with children who might have difficulty giving up an entire day for an LWML zone meeting. We are looking forward to the District Convention this June, as well as to the National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA in 2013!

The Zone summer picnic /gathering is scheduled for the evening of July 24 at St Peter' LC Northridge (Lockport, NY). **Laurie Bauch, President Niagara Zone**

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Rally from 10-2 which includes lunch for a \$4 registration fee. The guest speaker will be Debbie Perkins with the Christian organization, YoungLives that ministers to teen moms and their babies. The theme will be "Who is like the Lord, Our God" using Psalm 113 as our text. We invite every lady that is able and available to attend! For more information contact Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President at 610-518-0681 or [susanbell557@comcast.net](mailto:susanbell557@comcast.net)

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

**Susan Bell, President Philadelphia Zone**

## Mission Grants

Since the last issue of the LINK, there has been much activity with mission grants. As I write this article, the fourth grant of \$2500 was paid to First Trinity, Tonawanda, NY for supplies---blackboards, school supplies, Bibles etc.---for a school in the Dominican Republic for teaching Haitian Refugees. Gloria Deo-Thanks to God for the blessings He has given us through our mites.

There were 15 applications for mission grants for the 2012-2014 biennium. These grant proposals were read by Ruth Mueller, Audrey Schneider, Rebecca Bessell, Linda Bahr, Irene McFadden, Eastern District mission liaison, Pastors Breight and Donley, District LWML counselors, Dr. Chris Wicher, President of Eastern District and myself. I then compiled the comments from them and the proposals were presented to the Eastern District LWML Board at their meeting in February. Another article in the LINK describes the grant proposals which will be on the convention ballot in June.

It has been a blessing to serve as Mission Grants chairman for this past biennium. I have learned much and pray that the mission of Gospel outreach will continue in our congregations and communities.

**Ruth Wurster, Mission Grants Chairman**

### Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors Offices Eastern District LWML

To date the following people have agreed to run for these Board positions. The full bios and complete list of candidates will be available on the Eastern District Website and from your Zone President when they become available. Thank you to these people for their willingness to serve the Eastern District LWML

#### **Vice President of Communication:**

Kathy Pavelock—CNYN Zone

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Teri Devan—CNYN Zone

Ruth Wurster—Buffalo

#### **Financial Secretary:**

Susan Bell—Philadelphia Zone

Robin Swanson—Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone

#### **Pastoral Counselor:**

Rev. Cory J. Eckstrom—CNYS Zone

#### **The Nominating Committee—**

**Linda Bahr, Chairman, (CNYN Zone)**

**Darlene Byrns, (Genesee Zone)**

## Upcoming Events

<b>June 8-10, 2012</b>	Eastern District Convention, Lancaster, PA
<b>Sept. 14-16, 2012</b>	Eastern District Fall Retreat
<b>June 27 – 30, 2013</b>	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA

### Report of the Financial Secretary—Jackie Blank

April 1, 2010-February 23, 2012

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Memorials given in remembrance of:

Dorothy Strussenberg

Honorariums given in honor of:

Genesee Zone

St. Paul, Hilton Adella Society

Lydia Stoelting

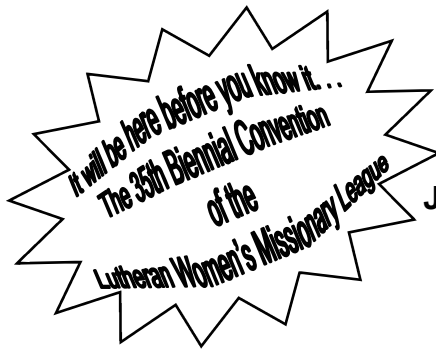
### CHRISTIAN LIFE CHAIRMAN—KAREN DEVAN

God's blessings to everyone. I hope you have all had a happy and healthy winter. The time has flown by and your District board and Convention committee have been busy preparing to greet you at the District Convention in June. I'm excited to see familiar and new faces at the convention and I'm also excited to let you know that we will have our LWML "store" at the convention. We tried this out last fall at the Camp Pioneer retreat and it was a nice success. We'll have a variety of items for sale and you will have the opportunity to shop for some LWML items while saving on shipping and handling. So ladies and gentlemen too, bring a little extra cash or your checkbooks and be ready to browse at LWML store table.

### offerings CONVENTION OFFERINGS

It was decided at the Eastern District Board of Directors Meeting in February that the offerings for the 2012 Eastern District LWML Convention will be as follows:

1. Eastern District Treasury
2. Eastern District Memorial/Honorarium Fund
3. Concordia Living Circle LWML, Brockport, NY for greeting card program for Monroe Community Hospital



June 27 - June 30, 2013

PITTSBURGH, PA



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

The 35th Biennial LWML Convention hosted by the Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey and SELC Districts will be held Thursday, June 27 - Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Convention attendees will have the opportunity for personal spiritual growth through worship and study of the Word as they glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; drink deeply from His Word; and share His overflowing love.

It is so exciting to have this Convention in our district. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts and talents to help with this convention. It will be a rewarding experience you will never forget. The "Call for Workers" form is available in the Winter Edition of the LINK and at our Website [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org). **PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

In the logo, the pitcher represents Jesus as the vessel used by God to convey His reconciliation to us. God allowed Jesus to be "poured out" for us; emptied as He offered Himself on the cross so we could in turn be "splashed" with a restoring

### CONVENTION GOAL STATEMENT

Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a well-spring of the Father's love.

### CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

Convention attendees will:

- Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Drink deeply from His Word
- Share His overflowing love

### CALLING ALL SEWERS



I am the Chairman of the Special Dress Committee for the 2013 Convention. We will be making items for the workers to wear at the convention. **We need your help!** Please let me know what you enjoy doing in the area of sewing and/or crafting and I will get back to you.

**Ruth Mueller,**  
Chairman Special Dress Committee  
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### RECYCLING CHANGES



We are continuing to collect ink cartridges, cell phones., laptop computers, etc. for recycling for fundraising for the 2013 Convention, but please be advised that some of the parameters have changed.

The Recycling Company **is now using UPS shipping labels** for your recyclables. Please dispose of any FedEx labels you still may have.

**URGENT: Please ship as many cartridges in a shipping box as possible**, at least 16 laser cartridges or 16 cell phones, or any combination. Take cartridges out of boxes and wrap in

newspaper. Make sure ink jet cartridges are in plastic bags. Try to have the shipping carton weigh close to 40 lbs. Pack as tightly as possible with added newspaper for tightness. Take your packed carton to your nearest UPS shipping location.

#### Remember:

- \* Toner bottles, toner tubes (from copiers), fax machine film, and printer ribbons **are not accepted.**
- \* **We do not accept Epson cartridges.**
- \* Remanufactured, refilled, and "compatible with" cartridges **are not accepted.**
- \* **We continue to accept** in addition to the laser and ink jet cartridges; cell phones, pagers, PDAs, I-Pods, MP3 Players, digital cameras, DVD video games, laptop computers, GPS systems, scientific/graphing calculators, tablets, eReaders and iPads. Include cords and accessories.

**Please continue to bring your recycling items to all Zone and District events.**  
**You can contact Claire Carlson for more details.**

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412-461-9837 [carol\\_kagemann@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_kagemann@yahoo.com)

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**FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-DONNA COLEMAN****KEEP US UP-TO-DATE*****DIRECTORY CHANGES, QUARTERLIES, and CONTRIBUTIONS***

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

**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date, please send any changes in society officers and zone officers including zone pastoral counselors and church pastors to me as soon as possible. Directories are published in February (even numbered years)/March (odd numbered years) and are distributed at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as soon as they occur it enables me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

**LWML QUARTERLIES**

Increases may be processed at any time. Decreases can only be made before March 1<sup>st</sup>, the National LWML deadline. If a decrease is received after March 1<sup>st</sup> it will not take effect until the following year with the summer issue.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

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

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

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# The LWML

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*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

*“My Steadfast Love Shall Not Depart From You Isaiah 54:10*

This was the theme verse from the recent LWML Eastern District convention held in Lancaster Pennsylvania. What a weekend! The opening worship, bible studies, speakers and closing service made for a wonderful time together.

The visit to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Jonah was a great way to start the convention weekend. The Philadelphia and Anthracite Zone ladies handled everything to perfection. The theme verse I found comfort in as I focused on chairing my first district convention. We handled business and elections very smoothly. If you were unable to join us this year I hope you will have an opportunity in the future.

One of the highlights for me was having lunch with the five young women representatives that attended the convention. What an interesting and joy filled group. Our LWML National Rep, Linda Arnold asked each of them to share their LWML story and to ask a question that they may have about the organization. I encourage you to seek out these ambitious young women and take a few minutes to get to know them they are a delight. They are Meghan Buckley-Anthracite Zone, Jennifer Carlson-Buffalo Zone, Liz Hurst-Niagara Zone, Rebecca Knoll-Philadelphia Zone and Christine Maurhoff-Pittsburgh Zone

What is your LWML story? That question made me think about my LWML story which I shared with these young women. I did not follow in the footsteps of an involved LWML grandmother, mother, aunt or sister. I became involved as an adult with the wonderful ladies at my church, St. Paul in Hilton, NY. They encouraged me and quickly got me involved. That encouragement and support still continues and comes from a much larger area now which includes so many wonderful women. If you are one that when you hear the great stories about how someone became involved with the LWML through family don't feel left out because now you know my story and I would love to hear yours.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Hope to see you at Camp Pioneer in the fall at the retreat held September 14-16, 2012.

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS PSALM 100:2**

*Linked together in Christ,  
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President  
rlb54@rochester.rr.com; 585-964-7844; 585-415-6368 (cell)*

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



*Together  
Serving  
the Lord  
with  
Gladness*



**GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW LWML COUNSELOR REV. CORY ECKSTROM**

Dear LWML family,



God bless you and yours as we partner together to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! I call you family because, like the LWML philosophy of every woman a member of LWML, it's important to view every person you meet as a creation of God and someone needing to know Jesus as Savior. They need to hear the Gospel. I look forward to getting to know you as your new pastoral counselor. If there is one thing that the Lord has led me through in my 15 years of ministry, it is the lesson of the lost. Luke chapter 15 covers loss of a coin, a sheep, and a lost son. God teaches us the need of extending prayers and efforts toward those who are not saved. How did God find you? How did He seek you out?

Do you have people in your family who are lost? Let's pray for them and boldly share Christ and his redemption with them. Do you have a lost cause or a black sheep in your family? God is especially skilled at breaking through sinful barriers to demonstrate His love. Do you have loved ones struggling with addictions, apathy towards God, or any other manner of manifestation of the sinful nature? Good! So do!! We have a lot to discuss, much to pray for, and an abundance of potential activity to encourage one another. I will focus in my articles and in other mails how to witness to these especially dear people in our lives.

**Working with you all in the white fields of the harvest,**

**Pastor Cory Eckstrom**  
**LWML Eastern District Junior Counselor**



**Kathy Pavelock**



**Ruth Wurster**



**Susan Bell**



**Rev. Cory Eckstrom**

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

Delegates to the 2012 Eastern District convention elected four new officers to four-year terms. They will serve with previously elected and/or appointed officers of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

**Vice President of Communication:** Kathy Pavelock—Central New York North Zone

**Recording Secretary:** Ruth Wurster—Buffalo Zone

**Financial Secretary:** Susan Bell—Philadelphia Zone

**Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. Cory J. Eckstrom—Central New York South Zone

The contact information for these new officers, as well as all members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors can be found on page 11 of this LINK.



*For your service to the LWML*

We wish to thank outgoing officers Donna Coleman, VP Communications, Karen Rinne, Recording Secretary; Jackie Blank, Financial Secretary and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Ronald Bright for the time they have given in service to the Lord through the LWML.

We also thank all the other candidates who were willing to run for office: Terri Devan, Recording Secretary and Robin Swanson, Financial Secretary and hope they will come forward to serve the LWML again in the future.

We thank the nominating committee, Linda Bahr, Darlene Byrns and Kathy Pavelock for all their hard work in securing nominees for all these positions.



**34th Biennial Convention  
of the  
LWML Eastern District  
Highlights  
Lancaster, PA  
June 8-10, 2012**

President Rebecca Bessell opened the 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) on Friday, June 8th 2012. Over 160 delegates and guests gathered at the Double Tree Willow Valley June 8th – 10th 2012 under the theme "For the mountains may depart and these hills be removed but, My Steadfast Love Shall Not Depart From You." Isaiah 54:10.

Delegates voted to fund eight grants for a total of \$24,400, elected four new officers to serve on the Executive Board and approved by-law changes.

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

Irene McFadden, Eastern District LCMS Board of Directors Mission Chairman addressed the body as our Keynote speaker. Linda Arnold extended greetings as Vice President of Communication on the National level. Reverend Ronald Bright conducted the Bible study on Saturday morning and Sunday morning Bible study was conducted by Reverend Bruce Donley. We enjoyed an inspiring worship service in the beautiful Chapel at Willow Valley.

Other convention highlights included our Ingathering Projects for the The Care Center for Christ, West Chester, PA and The Lutheran Academy, Scranton, PA. Saturday afternoon interest sessions were conducted along with a Pastor's Event. Entertainment for the Saturday evening banquet was provided by Donald Wharton, the Siek Family singers and comic relief by our former Public Relations Director Martha McGlynn.

Convention photos will be on the Eastern District LWML website, [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org).

Offerings received at convention benefited the LWML District Treasury, the LWML District Memorial/Honorarium Fund and Concordia Living Circle LWML, Brockport, NY greeting card program for Monroe Community Hospital.

Thank you to those who brought ingathering items, canceled postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society and those who participated in the Mite Walk.

The next Eastern District LWML Convention will be held in June 2014 in Buffalo, New York and will be hosted by the Buffalo and Cattaraugus-Allegany Zones.



**MISSION GRANT MITE GOAL OF 24,400 APPROVED**

As I write this, the 2012 LWML Eastern District Convention is past, and we are all looking forward to future activities and news about LWML Eastern District grant recipients. Delegates chose 8 grants to receive a total of \$24,400 from our mite offerings. These grants all have special needs and are all certainly unique.

My term as LWML Eastern District Mission Grants Chairman is completed and I am grateful to have served in this office, as I have learned much. I strongly encourage each of you to put your Mite Box where you will see it every day, and then prayerfully "feed" it with your coins and dollars. Society and zone treasurers continue to send in your mite contributions on a regular basis to Susan Bell, newly elected financial secretary, so that our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner.



**Gloria Dei! Thanks be to God! Ruth Wurster**

**GRANTS CHOSEN FOR THE 2012-2014 BIENNIUM**

- \$2,100.00**—Request to purchase cribs for the infant/childcare program at St. John Lutheran Church in Hamlin, NY—**St. John Lutheran LWML, Hamlin, NY**
- \$2,000.00**—Request to fund biweekly summer lunch box lunches for children of low income families in Hop Bottom, PA—**Grace Lutheran Women's Guild, Hop Bottom, PA**
- \$5,000.00**—Request for materials and training for Operation Barnabus, which provides care for military families—**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Ministry to Armed Forces**
- \$3,000.00**—Request to purchase Gospel outreach materials and to start a resource center for Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs in the Utica, NY area.—**Trinity Lutheran LWML, Utica, NY**
- \$4,780.00**—Request to provide laptop computers and other media equipment for autistic children enrolled in an after school program at Grace Lutheran Church Vestal, NY.—**Grace Lutheran LWML, Vestal, NY**
- \$4,955.00**—Request for instruments, music and costumes for Praise Dance/Musicians at Community Lutheran Ministry, Rochester, NY—**Community Lutheran Ministry, Rochester, NY**
- \$ 968.95**—Request for laptop computer to enhance Bible story presentations at Under the Apple Tree before and after school program at Faith Lutheran Church, Elma, NY—**Faith Lutheran LWML, Elma NY**
- \$1,596.05 (partial funding)**—Request for an exercise bike and treadmill for women at Cornerstone Manor, a shelter for abused and battered women and children, Dr. Ellen Grant, the director, is a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cheektowaga, NY—**Buffalo City Mission/Cornerstone Manor, Buffalo, NY**

# Convention Highlights

Our Convention Chairs



Voting

Keynote speaker Irene McFadden



Mite Walk



"Mrs Rogers" Neighborhood Skit



Closing Worship



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

# ...and More Highlights



**Enjoying Banquet & Entertainment**



## Come to Buffalo in 2014!

### 5 YWR'S ATTEND CONVENTION

We were excited to have Young Women Representatives (YWR's) representing five zones of our district. These young ladies participated in the banner procession, led the convention in the pledges and the singing of God Bless America. They joined us for all convention activities and were able to have lunch with President Rebecca Bessell and National LWML representative Linda Arnold. We hope that these young ladies will become actively involved in the future of the LWML.

They are Christine Maurhoff-Pittsburgh Zone, Jennifer Carlson-Buffalo Zone, Rebecca Knoll-Philadelphia Zone, Meghan Buckley-Anthracite Zone, and Liz Hurst-Niagara Zone



### Mission Grant Goal Falls Short

As I write this, my term as LWML Eastern District Mission Grants Chairman is coming to an end. Sadly, I need to report that we fell short of our mite goal and were not able to pay all of our grants this biennium.

One grant recipient declined their payment as they were not ready to implement their program at that time. Because of this we were able to pay the next grant; but we were still only able to pay a partial payment of \$492.19 to Lutheran Ministries Media.

Part of the reason for this was that we did not receive all mite money in a timely manner before the March 30 deadline; the last date of our fiscal year. Several large checks came in after this date and therefore were not able to be counted for this biennium; they will, however be used for the 2012-2014 biennium. Please continue to pay your mites on time so that we are able to fully fund our grants. Please continue to prayerfully contribute to mites and to continue to pray for all our new grants.

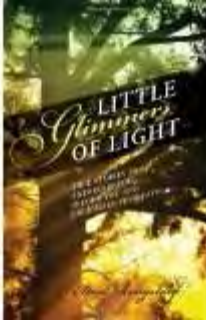


### Offerings

#### CONVENTION OFFERINGS

- Offering #1** for the treasury - \$931.00
- Offering #2** for YWR honorarium/memorial - \$938.71
- Offering #3** for Brockport - \$892.81
- Mite Walk Offering** was \$1700 plus another \$155 which totaled \$1855.00.

**LITTLE GLIMMERS OF LIGHT COMING YOUR WAY!**



Did you know? You can help the ED LWML and enjoy a delightful new book at the same time! Folks attending the June LWML convention in Lancaster heard about Little Glimmers of Light and received a copy of the prologue to whet their appetites to purchase the book and encourage others to do so, too.

The author, Rev. Elton Rengstorf, has graciously chosen to initially designate proceeds from the sale of the book, after publication costs, to benefit the Eastern District LWML in gratitude for the support of LWML for mission endeavors which he experienced first hand as he served as a missionary in the Philippines for over a decade. He concluded his final years there as President of the Philippine Lutheran Church and returned to the States to serve as Director of Camp Pioneer for another decade, again experiencing the support of the LWML with grants to help Camp serve others and he came to know a lot of our LWML members who attended Fall Retreats there. His personal recollections in the book reflect “true stories to entertain you, inform you and enlighten you.” Former ED LCMS President, Rev. David Belasic, encouraged Pastor Rengstorf to share his story which begins with his early years and includes interesting stories from the mission field and other areas where he has served.

**NOTE: The pre-publication cost of the book is \$17.75 which includes shipping and handling and such orders are due by July 31, 2012.** Plans call for the book to be available late summer. After July 31, the price will increase as explained in the printed order form available from your Zone President or from someone who attended June LWML Convention. Life Resources Christian Book Store in Amherst, NY will eventually be handling the sale of the book and orders can also be placed by calling the store at 716-836-4001 or 800-542-0464. Be sure to indicate proceeds to benefit LWML as eventually other ministries might also be able to take advantage of the proceeds. Questions? Contact Rev. Rengstorf directly at 716/940-5421 or by e-mail: ERengstorf@aol.com.

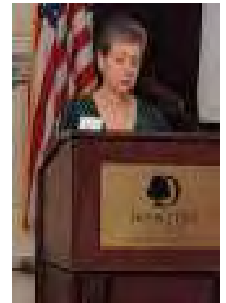


*Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).*

**35th Biennial LWML Convention  
David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, June 27 – Sunday, June 30, 2013**

**WOW!** Plans are well underway for this convention. Exciting speakers will include: Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Dr. LuJuana Butts, Donna Pyle, Mia Koehne, and Dr. Victor Belton. Dr. Dina Vendetti will lead convention participants in song. Invite your friends! Mark the dates on your calendar. Watch for more details in the months to come. .

It is so exciting to have this Convention in our district. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts and talents to help with this convention. It will be a rewarding experience you will never forget. The “Call for Workers” form is available in the Winter Edition of the LINK and at our Website [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org). **PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!**



Maureen Consiglio Addressed Eastern District Delegates



Some of the ladies from the 6-Pack coalition that joined us at convention

**Make a Big Splash!** *The Water Cooler* is the newsletter of the Host Districts for the Pittsburgh LWML Convention. Meet the team of leaders who made the big splash by stepping out in faith to serve at this event. Find out what needs there are from the Host Committee Chairman, Maureen Consiglio, Communications Coordinator, Claire Carlson and Creative Enhancements Coordinator, Lynn Batchelder who are featured in the first issue. Read inspiring words from Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Ronald Bright, who is from the Eastern District. As the team plans the details for the convention, pray the Lord will guide them in their decisions and all their needs will be met.

Check out your District’s website for all the latest updates and downloads for the 2013 convention. Complete and send in the Call for Workers form. Don’t forget to order your “Quenched! by the Water” Convention Shirt – it is a major convention fundraiser to help defray costs. “... everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters ...” (Isaiah 55:1).

**MORE BULLETIN BITS LIKE THIS ONE ABOVE—ONE FOR EACH MONTH, ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT CLAIRE CARLSON OR BEV WICHER TO GET COPIES.**

# News From Around the Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone had their Spring Workshop May 6 at St. Paul, Batavia where we heard Pastor Agne, from St. Luke Cheektowaga do a presentation on Jonah. Following the ladies worked together to make favors for the upcoming Fall Retreat.

Our summer picnic will be July 18 at Camp Pioneer. Come at 3 for games and fellowship; dinner at 6. Bring a dish to pass and table settings for yourself. Drinks, snacks and desserts will be provided by the Board. We will be finalizing details for the fall retreat and discussing the 2014 Convention which we will be hosting with the Catteraugus Allegany Zone. And don't forget your white elephant items for our auction. See you there.

**Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President**

## CNY SOUTH

Deaconess Rachel Rojas from the Bronx will be our speaker at the Zone Summer Celebration. The women of Zion, Owego are planning this special day of fellowship for our Zone and any other sisters who would like to join us. The date has been changed to Saturday, August 18 and the Gifts from the Heart will be school supplies that Rachel will take home with her for use in her programs. The theme for the day is from Galatians 5:13 "You are called to be free; use your freedom to serve". Join us if you are able.

Ruth Mueller will be showing us what needs to be done for the Dress Committee of the 2013 Pittsburgh convention after we have a business meeting for the election of President, Vice President and Counselor.

**Audrey Schneider, CNYSouth President**

## GENESEE ZONE

**St Paul, Hilton** recently participated in a Lutheran World Relief project. They packed and sent over 60 health kits along with over 50 quilts. They were dedicated them



## PHILADELPHIA ZONE



It has come and gone! After two years of blessed preparation with the Anthracite Zone, the LWML Eastern District Convention is over! It was a wonderful experience to share our corner of Pennsylvania with our friends from New Year and Maryland! We pray you have fond memories of sharing "My Steadfast

Love Shall Not Depart From You" with family and friends at the convention. We, in the Philadelphia Zone, would like to thank all of the members of the Philadelphia Zone who helped in any way, attended or prepared things in advance for our use during the convention. We would like to thank



all of the women of the Anthracite Zone who worked tirelessly to make all of the prayer favors, the large theme banner, the center pieces and much more! We would also like to thank the Executive Committee of the Eastern District for their loving guidance.

We were also proud to have a three generation family with us from the Philadelphia Zone. Former district president Dorothy Koschmann, her daughter Beth Quinn and granddaughter Maureen Quinn who served as page for the convention.

The Philadelphia Zone is looking forward to the joint Fall Rally in October with our friends from the Philadelphia Zone of the English District.

**In His Service, Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

## NEW FROM NATIONAL LWML

### LWML Introduces "A Cup with Kay"

LWML President Kay Kreklau enjoys a cup of tea while reading the Scriptures, or while in prayer. President Kay is inviting you to pray with her, and your brothers and sisters-in-Christ, on Saturday mornings for 9 minutes at 9:00 a.m. Just as steam from your cup, all prayers will rise up! Check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheLWML](http://www.facebook.com/TheLWML), or the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/missions](http://www.lwml.org/missions) for monthly mission grant highlights as a suggested focus for your prayers.



### Mark Kreklau-Called to Glory

Please keep President Kay Kreklau and her family in your prayers. Kay's husband Mark was called to glory on June 13, 2012.

*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*



*The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession.  
Deuteronomy 14:2*

**FALL  
RETREAT**

The Buffalo Zone Invites You To  
**The 2012 LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat**  
**September 14-16, 2012**

**Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola NY**

The ladies of the Buffalo Zone will be presenting the CPH Retreat  
 "TREASURED" based on Deuteronomy 14:2

It will be a Bible Study Format

Come join us as we study God's Word together, sing together, worship together, relax and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation at Camp Pioneer.

**Registration Opens: Registration Deadline: September 1**

**Registration forms can be found in this LINK and on the Eastern District LWML Website at [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org)**

**LWML Retreat Campership—Application**

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2012 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, 2012** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell  
 7048 Benedict Beach  
 Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

**RETREAT CRAFT**



We will be offering a craft activity on Saturday afternoon at the Fall Retreat. We will be making beaded bookmarks. If you would like to participate in the craft we are asking that you send this form in with your registration form so we know how many supplies to buy. We are asking for a donation of \$2 to help cover the cost of supplies. Please include this with your registration form. We will also be making some bookmarks to donate to the Country Store.

I would like to participate in the retreat craft; I have included \$2 with my registration fee.





The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession—Deuteronomy 14:2

**LWML Eastern District 2012 Fall Retreat  
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.  
September 14-16, 2012**

**“TREASURED”  
Deuteronomy 14:2  
Presented by the Buffalo Zone**

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

**REGISTRATION RATES:**

**Full-Time**- includes 2 nights lodging, registration, 6 meals and linens \$140.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Part-Time** – 1 night’s lodging at \$38.00 **Circle one:** Friday Saturday \$ 38.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Fee..... \$ 6.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Day use fee (for no overnight stay) ..... # days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 8.00= \_\_\_\_\_  
Meals required (part time only):

Fri. Registration	3:00 pm	Friday Dinner	\$ 12.00	_____
Fri. Dinner	6:00 pm	Saturday Breakfast	\$ 7.50	_____
Fri. Program	7:00 pm	Saturday Lunch	\$ 10.00	_____
Sat. Registration	8:30 am	Saturday Dinner	\$ 12.00	_____
Sat. Program	9:00 am	Sunday Breakfast	\$ 7.50	_____
		Sunday Lunch	\$ 10.00	_____

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

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\*Note: A deposit of **\$25.00** will hold your place. All requests served on a first-come, first-served basis. **No registration accepted before May 1. Balance due or payment in full must be received by September 1.**

**HOUSING PREFERENCE:** (All cabins have shower facilities)

**Non-Refurbished Cabins**

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

**Refurbished Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend needs to be paid with first registration)**

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

**Woodland Cottage (Extra \$150 for the weekend per cottage needs to be paid with first registration)**

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

**OTHER PREFERENCES:** Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Church or Group \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Make checks payable (in U.S. funds only) to LWML Eastern District 2012 Retreat  
Please include a business size self-addressed stamped envelope with your deposit and registration form.**

**Send your completed registration form to:** Bev Wicher—19 Vernon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
Email: [lwmlretreat2012@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlretreat2012@gmail.com) Phone: 716-913-4140

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



**DISTRICT SHIRT FUNDRAISER**

You too can have a Eastern District LWML Shirt for as little as \$20. It is a polo shirt in stone (beige) with Eastern District LWML map logo (see picture of Rebecca wearing shirt). Shirts run small. This is a fund-

raiser for our district to cover the cost of postage, insurance, etc. We will make \$6 a shirt. S- XL - \$20, 2X- \$22. (XL=1X) If you would like to order a shirt, please contact Claire Carlson at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) or 716-649-4678. Please contact Claire on larger sizes pricing. All shirts must be prepaid. Please send payment to District Treasurer Dee Gryzb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster, NY 14086. Checks should be made payable to Eastern District LWML. Delivery of shirts will be at zone and districts events. For anyone who ordered a shirt at convention, they will be delivered at our retreat. Any questions, please contact Claire.



**CONVENTION PHOTOS**

We thank Pastor Kristian Bjornstad and his daughter Erika for the fabulous pictures they took at the convention. You may access them on his website [prettygoodportraits.smugmug.com](http://prettygoodportraits.smugmug.com) or on our district LWML website [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org). Pastor



Bjornstad made it easy for everyone by not watermarking them or protecting them in any way. You may display any size of the picture you want and then "right click" on it and "save as" to your hard drive. You may order prints from his gallery. Prices are a bit higher than Walmart, but they will be better as well. **Claire Carlson, PR Director**

**Report of the Financial Secretary**

Mites	\$ 55,470.98
Quarterly	\$ 8885.00
Memorials/Honorariums	\$ 1380.00
Other	\$ 1046.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,782.92</b>

It is with joy that I have served the district as Financial Secretary (and previously as Mission Grants chair) and with wonderful memories of these 8 years as I look forward to other opportunities to serve our Lord. I am so thankful for the blessings I received in these positions and for the friendships made. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless each of you and the work of LWML.

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 14-16, 2012** LWML Eastern District Retreat-Camp Pioneer
- June 27 – 30, 2013** 2013 LWML National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
- Sept., 2013** LWML Eastern District Retreat, Camp Pioneer
- June 2014** 2014 LWML Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY

**From Treasurer—Dee Grzyb**

**“IN KIND DONATIONS” – What is it?**

Executive Committee and Board Members are reimbursed for valid expenses they have incurred (mileage for driving, meals, supplies, postage, etc.). When they choose to personally pay for some of these expenses it is called In Kind Donations. A member will record all expenses on an expense report and then deduct the amount they would like to contribute.

I thought you would like to know that we receive back approximately 1/3 of the expenses incurred by the Executive Committee and Board Members through "In Kind Donations". When I worked in the private sector I became very familiar with reviewing and approving expense reports. Your Executive Committee and Board Members are to be commended for taking their fiscal responsibility very seriously. It is a pleasure and privilege to be a member of this group.

Dee E. Grzyb—Treasurer LWML Eastern District

**RETREAT HOUSING INFORMATION**



To help make registration go a little easier for everyone I wanted to update you on housing no longer available for the upcoming retreat.

As of June 28th:

All Woodland Cottages have been reserved.  
 Refurbished Founders 1-4 have been reserved.  
 There are 3 refurbished Founders still available and 4 refurbished Family still available. There are still several non-refurbished cabins available and lots of space in Schroeter Circle.

It would be helpful if you could make a 2nd choice on your form and I will do the best to get you the housing you want.

**Thank You. Bev Wicher, Retreat Registration**

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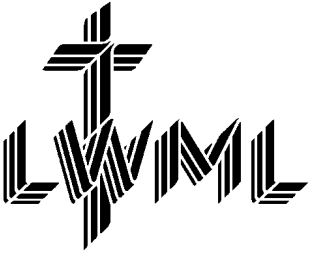
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[lwmlink@roadrunner.com](mailto:lwmlink@roadrunner.com) **Thanks Bev Wicher**



### RECYCLING FUND RAISER PROJECT



The 2013 National LWML Convention to be held in Pittsburgh will be sponsored jointly by a coalition of LWML Districts (Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey and SELC.) To raise funds to cover expenses, these districts are encouraging their societies to participate in a recycling campaign, which will have the added benefit of preserving God's creation. LWML members are urged to elicit support from fellow church members, co-workers, friends, family,

neighbors and local businesses by asking them to save items. **The Recycling Company is now using UPS shipping labels for your recyclables. Please dispose of any FedEx labels you still may have.**

**URGENT:** Please ship as many cartridges in a shipping box as possible, at least 16 laser cartridges or 16 cell phones, or any combination. Take cartridges out of boxes and wrap in newspaper. Make sure ink jet cartridges are in plastic bags. Try to have the shipping carton weigh close to 40 lbs. Pack as tightly as possible with added newspaper for tightness. Take your packed carton to your nearest UPS shipping location.

Remember:

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- \* We **do not** accept Epson cartridges.
- \* Remanufactured, refilled, and "compatible with" cartridges **are not accepted**.

We continue to accept in addition to the laser and ink jet cartridges; cell phones, pagers, PDAs, I-Pods, MP3 Players, digital cameras, DVD video games, laptop computers, GPS systems, scientific/graphing calculators, tablets, eReaders and I-Pads. Include cords and accessories, if available. These items do not have to be in working order.

Please contact Claire Carlson at 716-649-4678 or patchtroop546@aol.com on how to obtain shipping labels or for more information. **Please continue to bring your recycling items to all Zone and District events.**

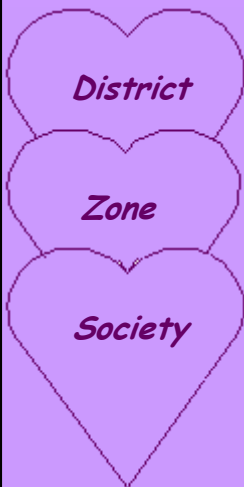
**May God continue to bless this effort to His Glory**

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# The Eastern District LWML



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Serving  
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with  
Gladness



Dear Sisters in Christ,  
*"For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10*

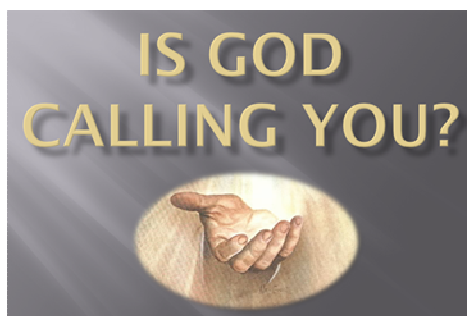
Where did the summer go? Based on my tan you would think I never worked or had a really great golf score. Well I can say neither is true, Still employed and also still working at lowering my golf score. As we close the summer season I hope all of you can join me in saying we are so very fortunate and were blessed in some way over the summer. God is good!

After the Eastern District LWML Convention in Lancaster I went back to my notes regarding the breakout sessions that took place. Since I wanted to attend all of them I moved around and spent some time at each. During my time with Linda Arnold and her subject of "Working With Volunteers" she mentioned that God focuses on people and not the task. I never really thought of us volunteers in that way but I believe it is true. She also mentioned Bill Hybels' book *"The Volunteer Revolution, Unleashing The Power of Everyone"*. I purchased the book and am finding it interesting and look forward to learning more. One of his comments is what is life about for you? As I consider that question it makes me think we should never stop learning and growing because learning is a way for God to develop us into more than we currently are and he never wants to stop so it is your and my job to try to fulfill God's will.

Every day we are faced with choices and opportunities. Take it to the Lord in prayer. It is hard for me to believe that as your district president two years have already flown by. With every convention there are changes in the committees as the chairs move on and the co-chairs take over the chair positions. At this point there are opportunities to serve in the areas of Structure, Leader Development, Christian Life and don't forget the 2013 national convention. As you think and pray about choices and opportunities ahead of you please consider actively participating in the next two years as together we work to serve the Lord with gladness through the LWML in your church, society, zone or district.

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS PSALM 100:2**

*Linked together in Christ,  
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## Giving Way to the Dawn

The Summer over and Autumn is rising. The leaves are changing and will soon be tumbling down. All of creation is in God's hands and there is nothing more beautiful than God's creation. The other day I took a picture of the sunset over Lake Erie and forwarded it to my wife and others. The response I got back was one simple word, "Beautiful!" There is no other way to describe it. It is we who so often destroy it. We are the ones who gather the leaves, start the fires and generate the smoke. When I was young I grew up in Niagara Falls, NY. Halfway between downtown and the suburb known as LaSalle stood the chemical plants such as Dupont, Hooker, and Occidental. These created some of the worst pollution known to man and were especially responsible for "Love Canal." The only place worse was just over the Grand Island Bridge headed to Buffalo. We are the ones responsible for the pollution, but God created everything perfect. The air was clean the skies were bright, the waters were crystal and safe to drink.

Still despite the pollution, there are those striving to clean it up. Likewise the world today has become polluted with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed and other forms of sin known to man, but there are those striving to clean it up. Just as Jehoiada hired masons and carpenters (*2 Chronicles 24:12*) to restore the house of the Lord, so the LWML has been working for over 65 years to help restore God's message and to help redeem God's people.

The US government seems to be convinced that the best way to assure the peace is to pass yet another law. If there are too many drunks, ban alcohol; if cigarettes kill, require warning labels; if some parents abuse their children launch an investigation after every accusation; if guns are used in the commission of a crime then outlaw them completely. Little by little and bit by bit, but most importantly if anyone is offended by the Christian faith, outlaw prayer in school and removed the Ten Commandments from the court room. The answer is not to pass another law, but to better proclaim the Law and Gospel, to be an example for the world in which we live, and to share God's love with everyone we meet.

This is the mission of the LWML, or to put it a little more succinctly, "to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world." To strengthen one another so that we in turn might restore God's people and redeem God's creation. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is a vital part of our church's ministry. Whether our ministry is like that of Jonah, where the people flock to hear God's Word, or that of Elijah where the people have rejected God's covenant, broken down his altars, and put his prophets to death, we should rejoice in the opportunities that God has given us to share His Word. While pride is perhaps not the best word to use, we should delight in God's work through our efforts. We may not always see the results, but God's Word cannot be stifled, and your works will be rewarded in heaven. So whether the crops are rising and the sun is shining, or the crops are dead and the snow is falling, remember the darkness will nonetheless soon give way to the dawn.

***Grace to you and Peace! Rev. Bruce C. Donley, Eastern District Senior Pastoral Counselor***

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## Mission Grants

God has truly blessed us. I am pleased to report that the first two Mission Grants of this biennium have been funded. **\$2,100.00** for the purchase cribs for the infant/childcare program at St. John Lutheran Church in Hamlin, NY and **\$2,000.00** to fund biweekly summer lunch box program for children of low income families in Hop Bottom, PA.

We are now working toward the third Grant designated for Project Barnabas which will minister to the needs of service personnel and families of the Eastern District. It is imperative that the **Zone Treasurers** send in the mites frequently. The **National LWML Mission Grants** are over half funded. We have until March 2013 to meet that Goal. Your prayers and mite offerings for these projects are necessary.

**Audrey Schneider**  
**Eastern District Mission Grants, Chairman**



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

**Jump in with Both Feet!** Make a commitment! Give it your all! Take the leap of faith! Decide to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, June 27-30, 2013. Come and see:

- \* Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Proclaimer at the Opening Worship Service.
- \* Dr. LuJuana Butts, Keynote Speaker and Educator, will share her passion for seeing people around the world through Christ's eyes.
- \* Donna Pyle, the Convention Bible Study Leader.
- \* Dr. Dina Vendetti, returns to the LWML stage as Song Leader.
- \* Elaine Bickel, Humorous Interrupter and past convention speaker.
- \* Rev. Victor Belton, Proclaimer at the Closing Worship Service.

More details are on our district website: [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org). Download the Call for Workers and Convention Shirt order forms and share them with others. Check out *The Water Cooler*, the newsletter for the Host Districts for the latest scoop!

**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET?**  
**WE NEED MORE THAN 500 VOLUNTEERS!**

**WE NEED YOU!** There are so many ways you can help—making favors, centerpieces, sewing, stuffing folders, helping with registration, hostesses for many areas, ushers, leading servant activities, transportation, child care and so much more. There is something you are gifted to do. Please prayerfully consider joining your sisters as together we joyfully "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

The Call to Workers form should be available from your Zone; they can also be found on the district LWML website [www.ast-dist-lwml.org](http://www.ast-dist-lwml.org). Fill one out today; don't delay; and encourage the women and men of your church to fill one out, too.

**DID YOU KNOW**

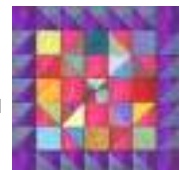
- 💧 ... that it has been over 50 years since a national convention has been held in the Northeast?
- 💧 ...workers at convention will receive a \$65 reduction on their registration in exchange for a commitment to work two four-hour shifts
- 💧 ...there is a PowerPoint download, poster and information downloads, nomination forms and all the latest information on the LWML Website [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).
- 💧 ...shirts will **not** be available at the convention. Buy yours now! Shirt order forms can be found on the Eastern District LWML Website at [east-dist-lwml.org](http://east-dist-lwml.org)
- 💧 ...that there will be so much to do....worship, speakers, voting, blood drive, golf outing, mission walk, servant activities and so much more!

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

**WATCH FOR THE WINTER EDITION OF THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY.**  
It will have all the information you need, including

**ARE YOU A QUILTER—WE NEED YOUR TALENTS**

We need untied quilts for the convention servant event. They can be either 50" x 60" or 48" x 48", and should be bound and ready to be "tied". Once you have completed them up to this point, they will need to be sent to Jan Simmons, 483 Justabout Road, Venetia, PA 15367. Please notify Jan by email ([janlwml@yahoo.com](mailto:janlwml@yahoo.com)) when you send a shipment so she can be expecting the delivery. Also, send a copy of your email to Brenda Fett ([bfett@stlukecabot.org](mailto:bfett@stlukecabot.org)) who is the Servant Activities Director. She will be keeping track of the number received. You can also contact Rebecca Bessell for more information.





The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession—Deuteronomy 14:2

# Retreat Highlights



We joined in Bible Study as we were reminded how God has changed us from lumps of coals into beautiful diamonds.

We worshipped together.

We fellowshiped together.

We had "Smores with Sisters"

....and 28 ladies and Pastor Donley went down the Zipline!



One of the greatest assets of the LWML is the women who are a part of it, and we all like to share our enthusiasm for the LWML's mission and ministry. The LWML has created a PowerPoint to enable you to do just that! It's called LWML 101.

LWML 101 brings us back to the basics of LWML. We hope you will use this tool in several ways:

- \* Use it to introduce all women in your congregation to the LWML. Our mission statement encourages us "...to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod..." LWML is for all LCMS women; share the mission and ministry of the LWML with them.
- \* You may also use this tool with women who are already active participants in the LWML. Because the LWML has existed for 70 years, our mothers and grandmothers (as well as ourselves!) may need to revitalize their knowledge of the basics. Consider using LWML 101 your local LWML group, at a zone event, or at a district convention. This PowerPoint is available on the LWML Website under resources.

**PLEASE KEEP US UP-TO-DATE**

October is the time for new officers. Please remember to inform us of all society and zone officer changes (including name, office, address, phone number and e-mail address) so the Eastern District Directory can be kept up-to-date. Send all your information to **Kathy Pavelock**, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 315-245-1590 [kmpavelock@aol.com](mailto:kmpavelock@aol.com). If you have a new president or contact person please also copy the editor at [lwmlink@roadrunner.com](mailto:lwmlink@roadrunner.com).



### STAMPS FOR MISSIONS UPDATE

We are most grateful to each and every person saving their stamps for us. Thus far this year we supplied 91 pounds of stamps, which means 91 Bibles from the Canadian Bible Society will go to foreign countries.

Please continue to collect your stamps and bring them to all zone and district events.

Blessings and Thanks!

Trudy Sallach, Stamps For Missions



# News From Around the Zones

## BUFFALO ZONE

The ladies of the Buffalo Zone enjoyed their annual picnic at Camp Pioneer July 18. We enjoyed great fellowship, food and did planning for the Fall Retreat and began to plan for the 2014 District Convention.

We were happy to host the Fall Retreat under the theme "Treasured" where we studied about how God has changed us from coal into beautiful diamonds.

Now we are starting to plan with the Cattaraugus/Allegany Zone for the 2014 District Convention in Buffalo.

Our Fall Rally will be October 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Elma at 1:00 where Faith's servant trip group will speak about visiting the Burmese people in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Karen Blackman, Buffalo Zone President**

## CNY SOUTH



Deaconess Raquel Rojas was presented with boxes of school supplies for her work in the Bronx. With her is Ruth Nearpass, President of Women in Mission of Zion, Owego and Pastor and Ruth Schian of Zion. These Gifts from the Heart were collected by the women of CNYs Zone for their

Summer Celebration in August where

Our Fall Celebration on Sunday Oct. 14 will be hosted by Women in Mission of Trinity, Wellsboro, Pa. They will treat us to an Oktoberfest and we will be joined by husbands and members of the LLL. Newly elected Counselor, Pastor Schian will lead us in a Bible Study the theme of which is "Do You Salt?"

**Audrey Schneider, President LWML CNYs Zone**

## PHILADELPHIA ZONE

Many of us were on hand for the Eastern District Convention in Lancaster, PA in June to host with the Anthracite Zone! We were so thrilled to see so many ladies attend from throughout the Zone. We pray you had a good time worshipping, fellowshiping, singing and meeting at the convention! We were glad to see you there!

We are looking forward to the LWML Retreat at Camp Pioneer this year! Thank you so the Buffalo Zone for hosting!

In the fall, we share the Fall Retreat with ladies of the Philadelphia Zone of the English District. They are hosting this year on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Silver Springs/Martin Luther School in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The worship leader will be Pastor Fred Gerlach from Bethany Lutheran Church in Ewing, NJ. The speaker will be Sister Sally Kerr who has spent the last 30 years working with the children at Silver Springs who may be physically, emotionally and sexually abused or who have been neglected in the past. An ingathering of athletic socks, girls underpants, sports trading cards and regular playing cards are being requested for the school.



We continue to help with sorting and packing at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Wilmington, DE. A live and silent auction will be held in Frazer, PA on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to benefit OGT. All are welcome!

**Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President**

## LWML INTRODUCES NEW BIBLE STUDY – AT TABLE WITH JESUS



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is pleased to offer a new Bible study written by LWML Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Kris Whitby. In the Bible study, *At Table with Jesus*, Rev. Whitby takes a closer look at some of the significant things that happened during mealtimes in Jesus' earthly life. This study invites participants to journey into the Scriptures and take a seat around the meal table where Jesus dines. Is Jesus talking to those with whom He is eating, or

might He be talking to those gathered outside the doorway? Could He be talking to people 2,000 years later?

LWML women are inspired for mission through the study of God's Word. Rev. Whitby shares, "May the Holy Spirit use this study to deepen our understanding of the grace our Savior extends to those who are privileged to dine with Him, and how He continues to set a place for us to be nurtured by Him."

This study consists of seven lessons with a study guide and leader's guide, each available for \$6.50. It can be ordered as a download from Shop LWML or as a printed copy from the LWML office.



# THANK YOU

## FROM LUTHERAN ACADEMY

At the LWML Eastern District Convention there was \$380 collected in cash and checks for The Lutheran Academy and \$350 in Target gift cards given for uniforms! PLUS, bags and bags of school classroom supplies! Everyone was just AMAZED when we came back and showed off everything! God is GOOD! PRAISE HIM! We SO appreciated it all and we are REALLY looking forward to the new school year! Blessings be yours in Christ. Thank you for all your work! **Pastor Bjornstad**

## FROM SUMMER LUNCH BOX PROGRAM GRACE, HOP BOTTOM

Thank you for the \$2000 grant payment for the Summer Lunch Box Program at Grace, Hop Bottom. This will go to supply breakfast and lunch supplies for people who otherwise have very little. Thank you so much.

# Upcoming Events

<b>March, 2013</b>	EC and BOD Meeting Rochester, NY
<b>June 27 – 30, 2013</b>	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Sept. 13-15, 2013</b>	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
<b>June 6-8, 2014</b>	LWML Eastern District Convention Buffalo, NY

## Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

**April 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012**

Mites: \$11,450.31

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Betty Bauer  
Irma Pettis  
Edna Dornseif  
Victoria Strehlow  
Erskine Dale

Honorariums given in honor of:

Rebecca Bessell  
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Karen Rinne  
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Treasurers are asked to forward money from their zone on a monthly basis so our mission grants can be paid in a timely manner and to assure that all are funded.



## DISTRICT SHIRT FUNDRAISER

You too can have a Eastern District LWML Shirt for as little as \$20. It is a polo shirt in stone (beige) with Eastern District LWML map logo (see picture of Rebecca wearing shirt).

Shirts run small. This is a fundraiser for our district to cover the cost of postage, insurance, etc. We will make \$6 a shirt. S- XL - \$20, 2X- \$22. (XL=1X) If you would like to order a shirt, please contact Claire Carlson at [patchtroop546@aol.com](mailto:patchtroop546@aol.com) or [716-649-4678](tel:716-649-4678). Please contact Claire on larger sizes pricing. All shirts must be prepaid. Please send payment to District Treasurer Dee Gryzb, 56 Hanover St., Lancaster, NY 14086. Checks should be made payable to Eastern District LWML. Delivery of shirts will be at zone and districts events. For anyone who ordered a shirt at convention, they will be delivered at our retreat. Any questions, please contact Claire Carlson.



*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*



**REMEMBER TO KEEP SAVING YOUR INK CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, ETC. THESE TO HELP SUPPORT THE COSTS OF THE 2013 LWML CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH BRING YOUR ITEMS TO ANY ZONE OR DISTRICT EVENT.**

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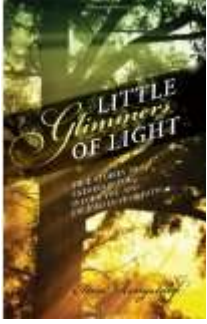
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**LITTLE GLIMMERS OF LIGHT HAVE ARRIVED!!**

Information about the book by this title by Rev. Elton Rengstorf was introduced at the June LWML convention in Lancaster and it's now in print and available to purchase. The author is graciously donating proceeds from the sale of the book to various ministries, and to date \$300 has been given to the ED LWML.

Copies of the book were available to buy at the Fall Women's Retreat at Pioneer Camp. Volunteers were also encouraged to be willing to accept 5-10 copies of the book to sell in their congregations. A packet of promotional materials has been prepared and will help such volunteers in promoting the sales to benefit our district. Contact Pastor Rengstorf directly if you would like to also help with this campaign. He can be reached at [716/940-5421](tel:7169405421) or by e-mail: [Erengstorf@aol.com](mailto:Erengstorf@aol.com).

Individuals can still purchase the book for \$14.95 from one of the volunteers or at Life Resources, 3902 Maple Rd., Amherst, NY 14226, if in the Western New York area, or contact the store to ship it to you ([1-800-542-0464](tel:18005420464) or by e-mail: [liferesources@verizon.net](mailto:liferesources@verizon.net)) and the cost will be \$17.95 which includes shipping and handling. Be sure to inform the store that you would like the proceeds to go to the ED LWML.

The book is an inspirational read in which Pastor Rengstorf shares some boyhood memories along with stories from the Philippines mission field where he served for over a decade before returning to the States to be Director of Camp Pioneer for another 10 years. He also served other pastoral assignments until his retirement and in observance of his 55<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary had the opportunity to author the book.

**Christmas is coming – and the book would make a great gift. Consider buying one or more copies for your church staff, friends, relatives and help the ED LWML at the same time.**

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