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Serving
The Lord
With
Gladness
For
74 Years*



Dear LWML Eastern District Ladies & Gentlemen:

This past Fall, I attended the Anthracite Zone Fall Rally on October 7, 2018. Donna Dreier was elected to be the new Zone President. We thank Dawn Corbin for her many years of service. I also attended the Philadelphia Zone Fall Rally in Ewing, NJ on October 20, 2018 with ladies from both the Eastern and English Districts. I hope to visit many Zone events in the Spring.

I, along with Beth Quinn, Sharon McGuan and Becca Fuddy were able to attend the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, November 7-10, 2018. Kathy Pavelock also attended as the LWML Information Technology Committee Chair. She helped with some of the sessions and kept the main meeting room's screens running smoothly! We learned a lot and will be sharing our knowledge with everyone over the next year or so. Watch for meeting days and times to share this information!

On March 1-2, 2019 we will have the Spring LWML ED Board of Directors meeting in Malvern, PA. The meeting notice will be sent out in January. Save the date now and plan an extra day or two to tour the Philadelphia area if time allows.

The information and registration materials for the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama came out in the Winter 2018 Quarterly. Housing reservations open on January 2, 2019 and early discounted Convention Registration begins February 1, 2019. The best way to ensure you are confirmed at the LWML room rate is by booking your registration online. Go to lwml.org/2019-convention to access the hotel weblinks. If you have never been to a national LWML Convention, consider going! You won't regret it!!

Christmas will be over when you get this, but I pray you all had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and were able to give to others and enjoy your families. I was able to participate in a gift choosing and wrapping for Veterans to give their loved ones, which was very rewarding. I pray you had similar experiences serving others.

Let me continue to challenge you to be in the Word daily and pray for ways you can serve Him at home, church and in your community. If you need prayer, do not hesitate to let me know. My cell number is: 610-937-1483 and my e-mail address is: susanbell557@comcast.net. I am here for YOU!

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***Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13***

It's hard to believe that another season of Advent has come and gone – or has it? Sometimes we forget that the season of Advent/Christmas is to remind us to be in constant preparation for Christ's second advent. God the Father promised that He would send "the Anointed One" (Messiah) and He did. God has fulfilled His promise and the Law by sending us His Son Jesus Christ. God will again fulfill His promise when He sends His Son, Jesus Christ, in the clouds at the end of the age. The desire and the longing of every Christian's heart is the return of the King of Kings. This is why we exhort, "Come, Lord Jesus." Time is flying and soon the Christ will appear, so let us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, work with haste to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ while it is still day light. Because the evening is drawing near when no one will be able to work.



Rev. Sean Walters – LWML Eastern District, Senior Counselor

LWML 38th Biennial Convention



Date: June 20–23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a)

Convention Goal Statement: Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will:

Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word.

Tell of His salvation for all.

Declare His glory among the nations.

Go forth in His joy!

Deadlines

March 1, 2019 Names of Certified 2019 LWML Convention Delegates and Alternates

Convention Information and Registration - see the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly latest edition

There are many gift from the heart items being collected and many servant event opportunities and tour options. Please see the latest edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly or the LWML website www.lwml.org/2019-convention for more details.

ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS – NOVEMBER 7-10, 2018



Thank you all for supporting Susan Bell, President, Sharon McGuan, VP Gospel Outreach/ Organizational Resources, Rebecca Futtly, Leader Development Chairman, and Beth Quinn, VP of Communication to be able to attend the recent Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, MO. There were close to 200 brothers and sisters in Christ gathered to worship, praise, and learn new ways to engage our members, pastors and potential members in the LWML.



Susan Bell, Beth Quinn, Sharon McGuan, Kathy Pavelock (LWML Technology Committee) and Becca Futtly

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President Patti Ross

Besides the general sessions, there were eight breakout sessions covering basic protocol, mission grants, resources and more resources, leadership techniques, using technology, engaging volunteers and reaching various generations and cultures. Between the four attendees all breakout sessions were experienced by at least two.

Each district put together a plan to bring the information back to their respective district. For our district there will be five events to disseminate the information. The first will be at the Spring Board of Directors meeting March 1-2, 2019. The other four events will be regional, also being planned for 2019:

1. Anthracite/Philadelphia,
2. Buffalo, Genesee, Niagara,
3. Central New York North and South,
4. Pittsburgh



Susan playing "Purple Feud"

Susan is working with the zone presidents to schedule. Please continue to keep these women and our counselors in prayer as they plan these events for you.

NEWS FROM THE Leader Development Committee Chairman Becca Futtly



Becca and Eva

Greetings from the Leader Development Committee!

I was blessed to attend the Assembly of Leaders gathering in November, and one of the things it really reinforced was my love of community - especially my community of LWML sisters! It's so much easier to lead when you feel supported and connected. With that in mind, The Eastern District Leader Development Committee has created a **Facebook group** to help connect and support the young women of our district. We invite every young woman (typically 21-35) who is on Facebook to join us. The group is called "**Young Women of the Eastern District**". You can search for it and simply ask to join! If you'd like to share information about this group with your church simply email me at rebeccafuttly@gmail.com and I can send you a bulletin blurb or graphic for your website.





The Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Team
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To contact us, please see page 9 of the LINK.



**Gospel
Outreach**

**I'M JOINING IN
GOD'S MISSION THROUGH
Stamps for Mission**



Stamps In Action! Thank you to the many women who collected stamps over the summer for the Canadian Bible Society (CBS)! My husband Tim and I had the privilege of delivering the stamps to Toronto the day after Thanksgiving and meeting Kandis Cornwall, the society's new Volunteer Coordinator. Tim took our picture so you could "meet" Kandis and "be with us" as your stamps were delivered.

The Canadian Postal System was on strike part of this holiday season, so the Canadian Bible Society will be particularly grateful to receive stamps from us this year. Kandis smiled at me and said, "Stamps are just like the Mites! They are small, but mighty!" The stamps are used to buy bibles for "The Key to Freedom" program; a mission to share the gospel with men and women in prison. The bibles are given to the prisoners by chaplains who report that God's Word is

having a mighty impact. Chaplain Bill reports:

"I cannot imagine this ministry being as relevant to the lives of the inmates we meet without the Keys To Freedom Bibles. We have seen more men saved in jail in the last two years than any other time, and the Canadian Bible Society has played an important role in that!"

So ladies, again thank you and please continue collecting! Just a thought, I asked our whole congregation to help us. We are asking for members to give us all their Christmas envelope stamps. Let's see what happens! It is my prayer Tim and I will have to ask my daughter, Amy, to use her van on our next trip!



GUIDELINES FOR THE STAMP PROGRAM

Stamps collected are combined to create "charity boxes" and are sold to stamp collectors and vendors. The revenue generated allows the CBS to purchase Bibles for Canadian prisons.

- ◆ 1 pounds of stamps = 6 Bibles for distribution

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING

- ◆ KEEP THE STAMP ON THE ENVELOPE
- ◆ CUT OUT THE STAMP LEAVING ¼ INCH BORDER AROUND THE ENTIRE STAMP, CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE PERFORATIONS
- ◆ PLEASE COLLECT STAMPS ON WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED ENVELOPES, NO DARK ENVELOPES
- ◆ ASK YOUR CHURCH, OR SOCIETY TO COLLECT THE STAMPS
- ◆ IF YOUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING, PLEASE PUT A STAMP COLLECTION BOX IN YOUR CHURCH NARTHEX, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACE
- ◆ ASSIGN A PERSON TO GATHER THE STAMPS AND TURN THEM IN AT ANY ZONE OR LWML EASTERN DISTRICT EVENT. IF YOU BRING THE STAMPS TO A ZONE EVENT, YOUR ZONE PRESIDENT WILL GET THEM TO THE DISTRICT STAMP COORDINATOR, SHARON MCGUAN (MY CONTACT INFO IS ON PAGE 9 OF THE LINK).

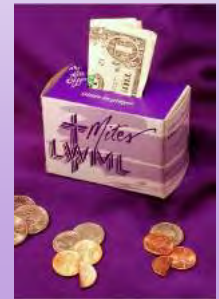
**Grants
in Action**

The Rochester Spanish Mission and the Reverend Luis Javier Flores have purchased a variety of Spanish worship materials for children and adults to support the mission outreach to the Hispanic population of Rochester, NY. These purchases were made possible as a result of a 2016 – 2018 Eastern District Grant (Grant #4). The LWML Eastern District praises God that this grant, its funding and all the purchases have been completed and we pray these materials will bring the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus to the people in the Hispanic community. The Eastern District also wishes to thank Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, NY for all their assistance to the LWML Eastern District and the Hispanic Church in Rochester in facilitating the ordering of materials. We especially thank Reverend William Miller for his kind assistance.

To God be the Glory!

GRANT 1 FUNDED

We thank God that our first Grant for the 2018-2020 biennium has been paid. Grant 1 (\$5000) is for funding for a summer day camp at Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY. Keep collecting those Mites and sending them in so that we can reach our Grant goal this biennium.



I pray the Lord Jesus fills your hearts with His joy and peace in 2019 as you reach out with the Gospel and share His redeeming love with everyone you meet.

**In His Service,
Sharon McGuan
Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources**

THE QUILTERS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BATAVIA NY



The quilters of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Batavia, NY had the opportunity to share our quilting process with other women of the Presbyterian Church in Bergen. They were interested in how we do our process and where the quilts are shipped and how many hands literally make light work. We enjoyed our morning with them, showing them our “steps” to quilting. A few of them stayed for lunch and our Bible Study led by Jackie Blank on The Shepherds Peace from the latest Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly. Our quilting group is open to anyone who wants to join us on Tuesday mornings. Our small circle of women (8-15) combine their talents, hearts, and love to put together these quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We usually hit our goal of 200 yearly. What a joy to

be able to share what we do with yet another group of Christian women who will combine their efforts now to provide warmth and comfort where God sees the need.





Legacy of Love



WHAT IS IT?

An *Endowment* to make a lasting impact on the *Ministry of the LWML Eastern District* for years to come.

WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

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

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

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

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Mark 12:42 “And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.”

In this reading we see the mite. In the LWML, the mite box is used daily by countless thousands of women, men, and children to raise the money needed to fund the various mission projects of the LWML. As an LWML steward, you know that what you are doing through the gift planning services is helping to build beyond that which is accomplished by the mighty mites. Guided by faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit has awakened in your heart the desire to build a foundation for future generations. Rejoicing in Christ, you as a LWML steward, are reaching out to assist women in the years to come.

NEWS FROM THE PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone ladies had the pleasure to join their sisters and brothers in Christ at the combined (English and Eastern Districts) Philadelphia Zone Fall Rally, in Ewing, NJ under the theme "Selflessly Sharing the Knowledge", 2 Kings 5:3. As Christians we are called to spread the gospel whenever and to whomever the Lord puts in our path. Pastor Koontz's message centered on mission is never extra and we are to be known as bearers of Good News. The ingathering was for two organizations - Concordia Lutheran Mission in Lebanon County and 4KenyaKids orphanage. Pastor Koontz's congregation, Mt. Calvary, Littiz, PA (English District) is the sponsoring congregation for the mission plant. Praise be to God for these two mission opportunities.



Pastor Woody Mather provided a first person monologue on Naaman, a commander of the army of king of Aram. A young girl from Israel had been taken captive in Damascus and served Naaman's wife. She was very much aware of God's saving presence and selflessly shared that knowledge with her captors. The women of Bethany shared a skit written by Cherie Voorhees Marching in the Lord's Army. The fellowship, food, and opportunities for spiritual uplifting made it a glorious day.

Our Spring Rally is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2019 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—BETH QUINN



LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's time to review the LWML Quarterly subscriptions. In January, I will send the zone presidents and treasurers a list of the societies/individuals that receive Quarterlies. I am asking zone presidents to contact each society (or individual) in their zone to confirm the information concerning the number of Quarterlies a society receives and to make sure the mailing address for the LWML Quarterly is correct. After each zone has verified their lists, I am requesting that they return the confirmed list to me. **The deadline for submitting these lists is MARCH 1, 2019.** Meeting this deadline helps me meet the national deadline of April 1, 2019. Decreases in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year. Increases and changes of address can be made anytime during the year.

All payments should be sent through the zone treasurers.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Thank you for the updates to the Eastern District LWML Directory. If there are additional updates, please send me all changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers to me as soon as possible.

Directories are published in February/March timeframe and are distributed at the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as soon as they occur allows me to keep the Directory up-to-date.



COPYWRITING/LICENSING FOR MUSIC

Do you include songs in your zone or society events? Are you aware that like books, music (words and score) is copyrighted? If you need help securing permission to use words or music scores for your events, I can provide assistance.

Rejoicing with you in the Savior's majesty Beth Quinn – 610-761-0263 – beth@quinnfamily.net

Serve the Lord With Gladness

Save the date
for the
38th Biennial Convention



June 12-14, 2020



DoubleTree by Hilton
6301 NY-298
East Syracuse, New York

2020
VISION "Live by Faith"
based on 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Hosted by the Central NY North and Genesee Zones

For more information, visit:
<http://www.east-dist-lwml.org>



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1-2, 2019	EC/BOD meeting Malvern, PA
June 20-23, 2019	LWML National Convention Mobile, Alabama
Sept. 20-22, 2019	Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 12-14, 2020	LWML ED Convention Syracuse, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018
Mites: \$6,728.68

Memorials Given in remembrance of
(September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018)

<p>In Memory of:</p> <p>Dolores Heilman Joan Sullivan Marie Jackson Judy Onderdonk</p>	<p>Given by:</p> <p>Susan Bell St. Paul Adella Society Catt-Alleghany Zone Gerry and Sharon Fuerch</p>
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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



Don't forget to check out the LWML Eastern District website
east-dist-lwml.org
And the LWML website
lwml.org
For updates and current resources.

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