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Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ;

I recently returned from our LWML Eastern District Retreat held at Camp Lutherlyn in Butler, PA. I want to express my gratitude to the Anthracite and Cataraugus/Allegany Zones, co-chairs Margaret Klees, Robin Swanson, and the retreat committee for all their hard work in organizing this lovely weekend for us. What an excellent job they did! Christina Hergenrader who has written books, Bible Studies and articles published by Concordia Publishing

House was our special Guest Speaker. Based on the theme "Fear not, for I have redeemed you, Isaiah 43:1, Christina discussed "Living in Faith instead of Fear".

Looking ahead, the Assembly of Leaders will be in St. Louis, Oct. 19-22 under the theme Adventures in Equipping Leaders. I will be attending along with our newly elected Pastoral Counselor Rev. Carl Emberger, Margaret Klees and Kathy Ippolito. We are looking forward to this event that will help district leaders to communicate with women and church workers in their zones and congregations and share the enthusiasm they have for the valuable work of the LWML.

We will be looking for young women to apply to be a Young Woman Representative to our LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, June 22-25. Susan Bell, newly elected VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources will be sending information to the Zone Presidents soon.

Autumn - When you feel that first crisp breeze, you know that summer is gone, and fall is in the air. The leaves begin to fall and turn beautiful colors. You see the power of God and his creation in this time of change. "The heavens declare the Glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
Psalm 19:1 (NIV)



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Blessings,
Dee





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THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER



My family and I returned from a visit to the Holy Land this summer. A highlight for me was seeing the Great Isaiah Scroll in the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem. The Dead Sea Scrolls, some of the oldest Biblical manuscripts, were discovered in the Judean desert near the Dead Sea between 1947 and 1956, many in caves near the ancient settlement of Qumran. They are about 2000 years old, dating from ~250 B.C. to ~67 A.D. Most are written on parchment (animal skin), though some are on papyrus. Most are written in Hebrew, though some are in Aramaic or Greek.

Most of the Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls found at Qumran were handwritten in the "square" Hebrew script or font, which is similar to that which I studied in seminary, and which was common in Judea during the time Jesus spent on earth with His disciples. A few scrolls, however, were written in "paleo-Hebrew" script, a very ancient script which resembles Phoenician script, which goes back at least to the time of King David (who reigned ~1010-970 B.C.) and King Solomon (who reigned ~970-930 B.C.), and perhaps even to Moses (who wrote Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy probably ~1446-1406 B.C.).

Although a few scrolls were found intact, most survived only as fragments. According to the Israel Museum, scholars have managed to reconstruct from these fragments approximately 950 different manuscripts of various lengths. About two hundred of these manuscripts are biblical texts. The rest include some apocryphal works and other non-biblical religious writings, such as materials for prayer, worship and devotions, commentaries, rules for the community, etc.

The biblical scrolls represent some of the earliest evidence for the biblical text in the world. Fragments of nearly all of the books of the Old Testament (also known as the Hebrew Bible) were found at Qumran, many with multiple copies, with the exception of the short book of Esther. (Arguably, the book of Nehemiah also was not found; the Hebrew Bible contains a book called Ezra-Nehemiah, and only one Ezra fragment survived.)

Prior to the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls, the earliest full Hebrew text of the Hebrew Bible was the Leningrad Codex dating from 1008 A.D. That text was the result of the work of the Masoretes - faithful Jewish scribes in Jerusalem and Tiberias from the 6th – 10th century A.D. who preserved the tradition of God's Word by scrupulously copying it by hand, and then counting and comparing the number of words and letters on each page to make sure of no error. Many of the Qumran texts are nearly identical to the Masoretic text, which is the basis for most modern translations.

Some of the Dead Sea scrolls resemble translations of the Hebrew Bible, such as the Greek translations known as the Septuagint (~250 B.C.), and the Samaritan versions of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

To me, the most interesting of the Dead Sea scrolls on display at the Israel Museum is the "Great Isaiah Scroll." Remarkably, this scroll of the Book of Isaiah, among the oldest found, was preserved in a clay jar in a cave in its entirety (all 66 chapters!), and it about 24 feet long. Scholars estimate that it was written around 100 years before Jesus Christ. Isaiah wrote about the coming of the Christ when he lived in the Kingdom of Judea about 740-681 BC, so this handwritten manuscript of the Book of Isaiah is four times closer in time to Isaiah's original than we are to it!

Writing in ~66 A.D., the Apostle Peter, a witness of Jesus' resurrection, quoted from the Book of Isaiah: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you." (1 Peter 1:24-25 ESV) Peter quotes Isaiah to remind us that the prophets prophesied about the grace that was to be given to human beings through the coming Messiah (Jesus), as Jesus suffered, died and rose in accordance with those prophecies, all for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life for all who repent and believe.



Indeed, the Word of the Lord endures forever!

Rev. Jeff Nickel, Senior Counselor

News from the Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell



What is the work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department?

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department is to engage, encourage and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior, with people of their communities and the world.

Introducing the 2022-2024 Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Team

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell

Mission Grants Chair – Susan Morris

Mission Grants Co-Chair – Margaret Klees

Structure Chair – Terry Hoffman

Leader Development Chair – Rebecca Futtly

Stamp Coordinator – Vacant



Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it. I Corinthians 12:27

Susan Morris, Philadelphia Zone, former Co-Chair of the Mission Grant Committee and former Structure Chair is looking forward to serving as the Mission Grant Committee Chair. **Margaret Klees**, Anthracite Zone, former Special Focus Chair and, also the Anthracite Zone President, is excited to join Susan as Mission Grant Co-Chair, helping to engage members, societies and zones in the Mission Grant process.

Terry Hoffman, Niagara Zone, was Treasurer of the Convention in Niagara Falls in 2018 and will now begin service as the Structure Committee Chair. We welcome Terry to the board!

Rebecca Futtly, Philadelphia Zone, has served on the Christian Life Committee and the Leader Development Committee in the past and we are thrilled to welcome her back as Leader Development Chair. Becca is committed to continuing her outreach to the young women of our district.

You can find the contact information for all of the above team members on page 9 of this [LINK](#).

Please keep the work and leaders of the **Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department** in your prayers. It is our prayer that we faithfully serve the Lord Jesus and His people through our service to the LWML Eastern District.

MISSION GRANT NEWS



We are excited to let you know that Grant No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000 has been paid. This grant will go to support Medical supplies for testing, video streaming, literature, and other miscellaneous items for The Heart of Tioga. This grant was requested by Central New York South Zone.



We are also excited to let you know that Grant No. 2 in the amount of \$5,000 is also ready to pay as soon as we get the necessary paperwork in. This grant will supply funds to purchase camp and retreat furnishings for Pioneer on the Lake, Angola, NY. This grant was requested by Susan Bell for the Philadelphia Zone.

Grants 3 and 4 were tied so will need to be paid together. When we receive the \$10,000 to pay both of these grants, they will be paid simultaneously.

Give generously to Mites so that we can pay our grants in a timely manner

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION—SHARON WOLFF



Well here I sit, contemplating another article for the Fall LINK, wondering where the summer months went. Ah I know... **June** was a blur, with convention and all the happenings in our church and school, July was just plain HOT as was **August**. Both months are busy in our church for budget and all that stuff and of course family gatherings!

So now we are in autumn, the season of harvest. I question my growth in my faith, and have I "harvested" or planted any seeds for God's Kingdom. Of course I may not know that answer until I get to sit with Jesus some day. I

love fall, the colors, the pumpkin goodies and fresh apples and of course **RETREAT** for LWML. I look forward to serving my District as VP of Communication for the remainder of my term.



As always, any changes in your churches and zones, or quarterly subscriptions, please forward them to me at swolff3@rochester.rr.com

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Sharon Wolff, VP of Communication ED

NEW BOARD MEMBERS SINCE THE LWML EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 14-16, 2022

NEWLY APPOINTED:

Financial Secretary—Barb Williams
 Parliamentarian—Anita Getty
 Planner—Teri Devan
 Chair of Leader Development—Rebecca Futty
 Chair of Structure—Terry Hoffmann
 Co-Chair of Mission Grants—Margaret Klees



RE-APPOINTED:

Archivist/Historian – Chris Gasslein
 Editor – Bev Wicher
 Public Relations Director – Kathy Pavelock
 Legacy of Love Coordinator – Rebecca Bessell
 Eastern District Recycling Fundraising Chair – Alice Pfonner

CO-CHAIRS WHO HAVE MOVED UP TO CHAIRMAN POSITIONS ARE:

Christian Life – Carol Obot
 Special Focus – Beth Quinn
 Mission Grants – Susan Morris

2024 Convention Liaison – Rebecca Bessell

Thank you for your willingness to serve

We are actively seeking to fill the following Co-chair positions, Leader Development and Structure.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL FOCUS COMMITTEE



Special Focus display from 2022 Convention

We hope those of you who attended the Fall Retreat at Lutherlyn had an opportunity to check out the Special Focus display highlighting missionaries, multicultural tips and the Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations program. The Heart to Heart — Sisters of All Nations (H2H) program motivates, equips, and provides opportunities for multi-cultural women to serve the Church, participate in LWML, witness to the world, and grow together in relationships as sisters in Christ. Our district leader, Beth



Quinn, is available to come to your zone or congregation with resources and information how you can reach out to multicultural women in your congregation and community. Please contact Beth at bethquinn@gmail.com



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS PROGRAM COORDINATOR—We are looking for a coordinator for the Stamps for Missions program who will gather stamps and deliver them to the Canadian Bible Society. The good news is that recently all restrictions have been lifted to cross the border into Canada.

WEBMASTER—We are also looking for someone to maintain, update and manage our LWML Eastern District Website.

Anyone interested in either of these positions, please contact Dee Grzyb and she can give you more information.



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS COORDINATOR—After serving for four years, Sharon McGuan has stepped down from being the coordinator. We thank Sharon and her husband Tim for bringing the stamps to the Canadian Bible Society in Toronto, Ontario. The last time they were there they took seventeen bags weighing two hundred pounds of stamps to the Society.

WEBMASTER—Kathy Pavelock has been serving as our webmaster for our website since it was created. She created our website and has put many years and much time into this position. Due to the responsibilities of her job of Vice President of Communication for LWML National, she would like to step down from this position. We thank Kathy for her many years of service.

Serve the Lord With Gladness

News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



18 ladies representing 9 congregations gathered together for our summer picnic at Lake Como Park in Lancaster NY on August 15. We enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and delicious food. We collected over 25 filled

backpacks and miscellaneous school supplies for Camp Joy, a summer program for the children of the inner city of Buffalo run by Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo NY. Barb Glover, the director of the program gave an inspiring presentation of how the program works and the way it impacts it's young participants.



GENESEE ZONE

What's Your 80?



80 Quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hilton, New York. The ladies at St. Paul started making and sending quilts to LWR back in 2005 and have made and sent quilts every year since then! St. Paul is also western New York's ingathering place for the LWR truck to stop to pick up quilts,

school kits and health kits from about 30 area churches. Quilts are also given to local folks who are sick, dying or in need of comfort.



PHILADELPHIA ZONE



The Philadelphia Zone fall event will be at Christ Memorial, Malvern, PA under the theme *You are my Sister!* As sisters in Christ, we have a unique opportunity to reach all women in our midst. Beth Quinn, district leader for the Heart to Heart — Sisters of all Nations program will be our speaker. Our ingathering is clothes for Orphan Grain Train (OGT) Mid-Atlantic branch. We will also be assembling hygiene kits for OGT. We look forward to fellowship, great eats, and shared ministry. See you there!

2023 Convention



Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).*

Goal Statement: As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

Objectives: Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament.
- Honor God by serving our neighbors.
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

**START YOUR PLANNING NOW
WATCH THE LWML WEBSITE AND THE
QUARTERLY FOR MORE DETAILS**

RETREAT AT A GLANCE



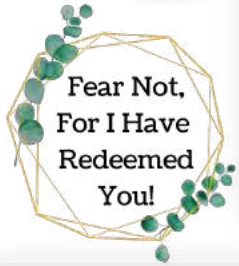
LUTHERLYN CAMP

Our speaker
Christina Hergenrader



WELCOME

A GREAT WEEKEND OF
FUN
FELLOWSHIP
and being
FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE



Fear Not,
For I Have
Redeemed
You!



- For the Retreat: Check-In...**
1. Journal: take 5 minutes to text yourself
 2. Pray: do retreat prayers feel different?
 3. Talk: connect with other women, make friends, create a group text
 4. Offer to Pray with another person



Bible Study
and Worship



God be with you
till we meet
again;





DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN.....

*Share your faith
Bless your family
Impact ministry*

There are so many ways to do this. If you would like more information or have questions please contact me the **Legacy of Love Endowment Chairman, Rebecca Bessell**, rlb54@rochester.rr.com, 585-415-6368, I would love to speak with you.



THANK YOU FROM YOUR EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE!!



A HUGE THANK YOU to all our Sisters-in-Christ who donated to the Gifts from the Heart for Vera House. We collected 328 toiletry items, \$170.00 in gift cards and \$485.00 in cash!!

Another HUGE THANK YOU to all who participated in the Prison Cross servant event whether making them on site or bringing pre-made crosses with you! We made / collected 772 prison crosses!!

LWMLers are very generous with their time and donations and you are very much appreciated!



In Memoriam



Our Sister-in-Christ, Claire Carlson was called home to her Lord September 5, 2022. Claire was president of the LWML Eastern District from 2002-2006. She also served as the public relations chairman for many years. Claire was also an active and cherished member of the Buffalo Zone and served there in many ways. More recently she served LWML in the Chesapeake District and on the National Convention Committee.

Active in her church and community Claire inspired many to get involved with the LWML. Claire is now joyfully serving the Lord with Gladness face-to-face.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-4	EC/BOD Via Zoom
June 22-25, 2023	National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sept. 22, 2023	EC Meeting Pioneer on the Lake
Sept. 22-24, 2023	Fall Retreat Pioneer on the Lake
Feb/March 2024	EC/BOD Pittsburgh PA
June 14-16 2024	LWML ED Convention Pittsburgh, PA

Report of the Financial Secretary—Judy Morrison

June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022
Mites: \$12,632.52

Memorials and Honorariums Given:
(June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022)

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ruth Guthman	Family Friends
Mother	Rhoda Fortune
Henry P. Rhodes, Sr.	Roselyn Kamara
Ruth Allen	St. Paul Adella
Joyce Redding	St. Paul Adella

<u>In Honor of:</u>	
Rev. Mother Etta Sherman	Rhoda Fortune

<u>Legacy of Love:</u>	
In Memory of Ruth Guthman	Rebecca Bessell
In Honor of Gretchen Putzman	Rebecca Bessell

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.

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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Deadlines to submit articles:

March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1

NEWS FROM NATIONAL LWML



New Introduction to LWML Video Available Now! The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Committee on Young Women would like to introduce a new video. This resource is a brief synopsis of Lutheran Women in Mission and the wonderful things God does through this organization. It provides an excellent way to introduce Lutheran Women in Mission to churches and communities. Use this video on LWML Sunday, at fall zone events, and at any other event. View the video here <https://youtu.be/oFjAtnoTGWw> on the LWML website. You may also find it available for download on the LWML Sunday page and under the Who We Are tab.

MISSION GOAL UPDATE: As Lutheran Women in Mission, delegates of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) voted to support an LWML Mission Goal of \$2,150,000 for the 2021–2023 biennium. As of August 31, 2022, we have been blessed with donations of \$1,740,500 towards that goal. We thank and praise God for the faithful and generous women and men who prayerfully support the LWML with their donations.



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- H** Held by God’s Word
- I** Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- S** Surrounded by HIS Grace

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