

The Eastern District LWML



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Dear Sisters in Christ,

"I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:106

Here we are in 2013! This makes me look back and think about the happenings of 2012. Because I am a list person—did I get to check anything off? Well I can say I had a number of firsts which were not on the list. I am always up for a new adventure and am willing to try almost anything. This past fall included a number of those firsts such as the zip line at Camp Pioneer, visiting LWML groups at a variety of different churches in our district, having a whole lobster in front of me and wondering what do I do now, seeing the wonderful sites of the state of Maine and the glorious colors of Vermont and New Hampshire. God's handiwork is everywhere. I had the opportunity to join the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Team on a trip to Point Pleasant, NJ where much help is needed. So many other things happened in just the past few months that have shaped me and opened my eyes to so many things. It is so easy to get a bit complacent and secluded from things around you when you do not leave your normal surroundings. As your district president I have many opportunities to worship with others, visit groups and churches and see what works for them. Meeting so many wonderful women, men and pastors and seeing what they do makes me think about what happens in my own congregation and maybe how things could be done a little differently. Try something new maybe, and not just trying but understanding the giving and taking that comes with change.

Prepare, Inspire, Nourish Go (PING) was the focus for the recent trip Bev Wicher (Buffalo Zone), Linda Bright (Pittsburgh Zone) and I made to St. Louis this past October. It was a weekend full of sharing ideas and equipping us with tools to pass on to you. With over 100 in attendance the energy and sharing was contagious. You will be hearing more about this soon.



Let's look forward to the opportunity we have to be **"Quenched by the Water"** in Pittsburgh this coming June. Have you sent in your worker form yet? How about your convention shirt which can only be purchased prior to the convention? The winter quarterly includes the registration information for your planning whether you are a worker or an attendee. Keep in mind you will receive a discount on your registration if you are able to work two four hour shifts. What an exciting and wonderful opportunity for us to witness to the Pittsburgh area as well as having LWML ladies visit from all over to our district. As we join the 5 other districts, lets show the visitors the joy we have in hosting this event as well as what happens in the east side of the country. As it says in Isaiah 41 "I will strengthen you and help you" so we are never alone.

*Linked together in Christ,
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Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2

COUNSELOR'S



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DISMISS YOUR SERVANT IN PEACE!



Luke 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

This is, of course, the song of Simeon after having held Jesus in his arms for the first time. I would like you to ponder the life of Simeon, as well as Anna. How long they both had to wait for what Simeon calls "the consolation of Israel." That is the fulfillment of prophesy, the coming of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. But it wasn't just them; consider Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Phinehas, David and Jeremiah. To each of these God rendered a covenant, the promise of God's grace, the hope of everlasting life. Simeon and Anna got to hold Jesus, but to each of these the covenant was nothing more than a distant promise.

Consider what each of these men had to live through. Adam and Eve witnessed murder, the life of one son at the hands of another. Abraham witnessed Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot being carried away into captivity, and the tension that existed between Hagar and Sarai, based upon jealousy. Phinehas saw the men of Israel indulging in sexual immorality with the Moabite woman. David saw no end to violence, such as Goliath, Saul, Amnon, Absalom, the Ammonites and the Amalekites, not to mention his own sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah the Hittite. Jeremiah suffered through the siege of Jerusalem, and the seventy year captivity of Israel.

Consider your own life, what have you seen, endured, witnessed and lived through? Have you ever had to deal with loss, failure, sickness, death, rejection, addiction, abuse, or who knows what else? Life isn't easy, it is full of injury and abuse, yet despite all of that, God's promise is true. While the external evidence would seem to point to destruction and disaster, the consolation of Israel and the salvation of all mankind is even closer now than it ever was before.

In Luke 21 the disciple speaks of earthquakes, famines, tidal waves, pestilences, war and persecution, but then he says: "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Trial and adversity are not the signs of destruction but redemption. It is unfortunate but true that more suicides are committed during the holidays than at any other time in the year. It is a time when we often look back and remember those who have gone before, but do not let the losses get you down, your redemption is only just around the corner. Remember Jesus promise, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." It is time to rejoice! Therefore, may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Grace to you and Peace! Rev. Bruce C. Donley; Senior Pastoral Counselor



We are excited to share that Linda Gage has been led to accept the position of Gift Planning Counselor serving the LWML beginning February 1, 2013.

Linda stated in her letter that "this was not an easy decision, but one I believe that was God directed. It will be an honor to serve in this capacity and I look forward with great enthusiasm to the future.

I pray that by God's grace, together with the Foundation team and my fellow Lutheran Women in Mission, I can help to encourage and assist others to utilize the gifts they have received from God to bless their families and further God's Kingdom."



NEW EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

After a presentation from Linda Gage, LCMS Foundation, Gift Planning Officer; the Board of Directors decided to set up an Eastern District LWML Endowment Fund.

We have established an Eastern District LWML Endowment Committee consisting of Kathy Pavelock, Dee Grzyb, Susan Bell and Rebecca Bessell. Watch for information as to how you can participate in helping the work of the LWML Eastern District continue.

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-KATHY PAVELOCK

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Vice President of Communications. In this role, I have several responsibilities including: Coordinating the communications department (Editor and Public Relations), maintaining the Eastern District LWML Directory, and verifying LWML Quarterly Subscriptions. I am also responsible for relaying news from the LWML Eastern District President and as requested by National LWML. I invite you all to periodically visit our website at <http://east-dist-lwml.org>. The website is the fastest way to get information out to the most people. Past issues of the LINK are also on the website, in case you have misplaced your hard copy or electronic copy. I am planning on setting up an Eastern District LWML Facebook account in the near future as another way to get the news out. I will announce the launch on the web site, so be sure to bookmark the website!

Below are some important reminders related to the LWML Quarterly and the Eastern District LWML Directory. Please take a moment to read through them as a reminder.

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 them 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, 2013**. **Decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1, 2013. **Increases and changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You can mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).

LWML 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 and is currently \$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 the LINK 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. The LINK can also be used to glean LWML news to include with church publications. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants!

DIRECTORY CHANGES: To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date 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 (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 allows me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

God's Blessings to all in 2013! Please feel free to contact me at any time at: Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY or KMPavelock@aol.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!

You are all invited to attend the 35th biennial convention for

Eastern District LWML
JUNE 6-8, 2014
MILLENIUM HOTEL
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Mark your calendars and save the date.
More information will follow as details are known.

Ruth Wurster
2014 LWML Convention Publicity Chairman

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NOMINATIONS WANTED

Names are now being accepted for nominations to the District offices of **President, VP of Gospel Outreach and Organizational Resources, VP of Human Care, Treasurer, and Jr. Pastoral Counselor** to be elected at the next District Convention in 2014.

Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination, or encouraging someone from your society or zone to accept a nomination for one of these positions. Send names to **Linda Bahr, VP of Gospel Outreach and Organization Resources**, at: linda@gbahr.com, 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440 or call her at: 315-339-1979. Please include your name, telephone number, e-mail and postal address and the zone you are from. Nomination forms will then be sent to you.

Thank you,

Linda Bahr

VP of Gospel Outreach and Organizational Resources

The term of office will begin in June 2014 and will run for four consecutive years.

Job Descriptions

(For complete descriptions, contact Linda Bahr)

President—oversees the work of the Eastern District LWML including presiding at the District LWM Convention and meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She is responsible to appoint various committee members to the Board of Directors and sign payment vouchers. She keeps in communication with her Board to make sure all necessary decisions are being made, and visits and helps promote the work of the LWML among the Zones of the Eastern District. She also attends National LWML Board meeting when requested and National LWML Conventions. And other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President- Human Care—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She is the coordinator of the Human Care. She is responsible for issuing membership charters to new societies; reports to the executive committee and Board of Directors, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. Coordinates the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She reports to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; serves as chairman of the Nominating Committee, oversees the preparation of the Convention Manual, helps the president in appointing members to serve in appointed positions, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Treasurer—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Be bonded at the expense of the District LWML; receive deposit slips and monthly reports from the Financial Secretary; receive and deposit all other money in bank approved by the Executive Committee; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; make all payments as authorized; serve as chairman of the budget committee; submit records for financial review annually; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Counselor—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Serve the District LWML in an advisory capacity; attend all District LWML Conventions, attend the National LWML Convention as directed by the Executive Committee; submit articles to the Editor for publication in the Eastern District Newsletter; submit a written report for the Convention manual; serve as the spiritual leaders for the Board and Executive Committee and help with services at retreat and convention when possible; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

**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.**

DO YOU HAVE THE LATEST LWML ATTIRE?



2013 CONVENTION SHIRTS

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CONVENTION SHIRT YET?

DON'T DELAY— ORDER TODAY.

THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION. BUY YOURS NOW!

ORDER FORM AND DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE EASTERN DISTRICT WEBSITE WWW.EAST-DIST-LWML.ORG AND THE WINTER EDITION OF THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY.



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 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 Carlson.



EASTERN DISTRICT HURRICANE

SANDY RELIEF

Does your church or LWML want to do something to help with Hurricane Sandy? Did you know that the Eastern District has a Hurricane Relief group sending teams out to help.

Pastor Bjornstad from Scranton is heading up the relief effort. If you are able to help out in any way or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to drop an email to Rev. Kristian Bjornstad at yourpeace@verizon.net, or call him at 570-871-0448 or 570-343-9828. You can also contact Rev. Corey Eckstrom at 607-591-5919!

If you want to gather a group there will be plenty of work to do. We will coordinate with Good Shepherd Lutheran a work schedule to make it possible! Please contact Pastor Bjornstad to make arrangements! MORE AND MORE WORK WILL BE COMING ON LINE AS INSURANCE ADJUSTERS FINISH UP THEIR WORK AND REBUILDING CAN COMMENCE

IF YOU ARE NOT FROM THE SCRANTON AREA: they are providing "Bed and Breakfast" overnight housing for those who want to come from a distance to help!

More information and a link to volunteer forms are available on the Eastern District Website www.lcmsed.org



Now is the moment for the saints who know so clearly that all they have for time and eternity is a gift. To sacrifice for those who are in need.



212 POUNDS OF STAMPS COLLECTED

Recently **212 pounds of stamps** were delivered to Canada from our LWML! That is the most we have ever sent to the Canadian Bible Society. That means 212 Bibles going to foreign lands!

Thank you so much for saving your stamps, they truly make a difference!

Trudy Sallach, Stamps For Missions

Pittsburgh LWML
Convention
JUNE 27-30, 2013
IT'S LESS THAN
6 MONTHS AWAY!!



[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"

2013 PITTSBURGH LWML Convention How were we chosen for such a time as this?



Maureen Consiglio
2013 Convention
Chairman

In 2003, when Claire Carlson (Eastern DP at that time) attended her first LWML BOD meeting, she learned that the Eastern District was eligible to host a national convention. Knowing that her district was too small to do this alone, she approached Sylvia Johnson (English DP), Donna Gruel (NE DP), Ann Bajus (SELC DP) and Joan McHugh (AT DP) with the idea of forming a coalition ... the Northeast Coalition. The NJ DP was asked to join as well. I became involved when our sister Joan went to be with the Lord.

We started brainstorming at the BOD's dinner June 2003, in Oklahoma City, OK. We had a lot of fun talking about having the convention in Atlantic City. We envisioned the district presidents on floats, creating "one arm bandits" out of the mite box and witnessing on the boardwalk. But this was not to happen.

Claire researched the possibility of having the convention in Buffalo, NY; Syracuse, NY; Boston, MA; NYC; and Philadelphia, PA. These venues were too small, too expensive or too far toward the East coast. Pittsburgh was suggested and she contacted the Convention Visitors Bureau to start the creating the presentation.

At the 2005 convention held in Tampa, FL, the delegates chose to have the 2013 in Pittsburgh. WOW!! The Lord was on our side. Our dream was becoming reality. Rae Ann Spitzenberger created a flier for us right after the convention.

Whenever an opportunity arose for any of the "coalition" members to get together, we met in small groups at BOD meetings, over breakfast, lunch or dinner, and during our "free time" (which we have all learned does not exist).

Fast forward to today ... it is less than six (6) months to the start of convention. We need many MANY, MANY MORE willing workers to help make this convention happen. It is truly the chance of a lifetime as this may never happen on the East coast again! Come join in the fun! Fill out the Call for Workers form and send to Honey Pabst. Join the TEAM ... Together Everyone Accomplishes More. I hope to see many of you in Pittsburgh where we will be "Quenched! by the Water" (John 4:14).

Maureen Consiglio
2103 Convention Chairman

You will have the opportunity to:

- 🔥 participate in the "Servant Connections" on Thursday
- 🔥 worship with thousands of your sisters and brothers in Christ on Thursday evening and Sunday morning
- 🔥 visit the exhibits in "The LWML Neighborhood"
- 🔥 join the "Mission in Motion" fundraiser for mites on Friday evening
- 🔥 study God's Word with Donna Pyle, author of the Your Strong Suit Bible study
- 🔥 meet new friends and renew old friendships; and. . .
- 🔥 praise God through song.



Wet Your Whistle! Last call for volunteers! DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15

Take advantage of the \$65 discount on your registration for serving two 4-hour shifts. Deadline is January 15 to submit your Call for Workers form. There is an urgent need for hundreds of workers. In the meantime, let's toast the 84 volunteers who filled in all the positions on the Host Committee. We fervently pray for our leaders, volunteers and all who are involved in planning to make this event a great success, all to His honor and glory.

All the information you will need is in the winter edition of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. **If you are a worker, you must WAIT until you get your worker assignment and discount coupon before you register.** Check our district website www.east-dist-lwml.org for the latest updates and *The Water Cooler*, the newsletter of the Host Districts.

"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the LORD will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them" (Isaiah 41: 17).

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THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARETERLY
IT HAS ALL THE CONVENTION INFOMRATION**

News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

The Buffalo Zone held their Fall Rally in October at Faith Lutheran Church, Elma NY. We enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and heard a presentation from Tim Morrell, from Faith, about their Soup For Souls program and also had a presentation from the mission team that went to Fort Wayne, Indiana to work with Burmese refugees. We also enjoyed some of the soup from their Soup For Souls program.

In November we held our first planning meeting for the 2014 Eastern District LWML Convention in Buffalo. We were able to secure volunteers for many positions.

Our next event will be a Convention Planning Meeting, Saturday January 19 at 10 am at Faith in Elma.

Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President

NIAGARA ZONE

The Niagara Zone of the LWML has met a few times since we last submitted to the Link. Each time we shared a sense of mission and fellowship and learned more about ways to serve in God's Kingdom. The Spring Gathering was held on April 14th at St Paul's LC in North Tonawanda from 1- 4.PM. We tried a shorter meeting time to see if it was better scheduling for younger women as well as requiring less set up by participants and hosts. There was some support for this so we scheduled the Fall meeting for a longer time frame and the spring for a shorter one. The speaker, Joanne Lorenzo, Founder and Director of the Magdalene Project – a street ministry that serves the communities of Niagara Falls, NY was a dynamic advocate for direct service to women working on the streets of Niagara Falls and the families. An ingathering provided needed items, such as Bibles, Roses and monetary support for this mission project.

Delegates and Representatives of the Zone were uplifted by the Convention held in Willow Valley, PA. There was wonderful representation at the retreat at Camp Pioneer. A few congregations use this as a time for fellowship within their congregations as well as meeting with women from all over the District. In both these events. Niagara "Glimmers' of Light" written by Pastor Rengsdorf.

Our summer Picnic was hosted by reestablished Society at St Peter's, Northridge. We enjoyed hearing the report of YWR Liz Hurst and became more aware of the importance of encouraging younger women in becoming more deeply involved with the larger world of LWML at Zone and District levels. Pastor Robert Hoffman provided the spiritual anchor to the meeting by offering a devotion to start our meeting

Our Fall Rally was hosted by Emmanuel, Ridgewood. Officers were elected. The National Convention was a topic in the business meeting. Pastor Matthew Sorensen, our Zone Councilor, provided a memorable devotion based on nuclear energy guest speaker was Marty Nagy, Shelter Director of Lockport CARES, a homeless shelter serving, adults and families in eastern Niagara County . Lockport CARES ws started by a coalition of churches in Lockport because there were no services providing shelter to the Homeless on the eastern part of Niagara County. The shelter has room for up to 12 people and includes a playroom for children, bed rooms for adults, rooms that can accommodate families and a handicapped accessible room on the 1st floor. Marty shared that the group had recently acquired a house next to the homeless shelter that will be used as transitional homes for men in order to "break the chain of homelessness" God has blessed this ongoing mission which serves as an example of knowing of a need and finding a way to meet it in Christian service.

The Niagara Zone mourns the passing of Phillip Voelker, husband to Jan Voelker of St Peter's Northridge. Phil was a strong supporter of LWML, LLL and Camp Pioneer and was often part of both LWML meetings, retreats and conventions.

Laurie Bauch, Niagara Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone Eastern & English District Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Silver-Springs/Martin Luther School in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church was the host church. The Words of Welcome were given by Pat Gilde, President of the Philadelphia Zone, English District. The Response was given by Dorothy Koschmann, past Philadelphia Zone President, Eastern District. The Worship Service was led by Pastor Fred Gerlach of Bethany Lutheran Church in Trenton, NJ.

Sister Sally gave the program telling about her work with the disadvantaged children that attend Silver-Springs/ Martin Luther School. There was an ingathering for the children. A wonderful lunch was served and it was great to visit with so many LWML sisters.

The Philadelphia Zone Executive Board meeting will be on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. The Philadelphia Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at a location to be announced at a later date. Please plan to attend if you are in our area!

Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President

Mission Grants

ALMOST THERE!! We are close to being able to fund the 3rd Mission Grant for this biennium so **Zone Treasurers** get those mites sent in.

While you are all thinking about mites start thinking about Mission Grant project requests for the next biennium. Applications with instructions will be available in the Spring.

Mission Grants Chairman, Audrey Schneider



On behalf of **St. John Lutheran Church and Child Care program**, we would like to thank the



Eastern District LWML so much for the grant to purchase our new cribs that meet the new federal standards for cribs. We appreciate your generosity greatly. Please enjoy the pictures of some of our babies enjoying their new cribs.



GRANT UPDATE FROM KAREN BLACKMON

A new member to Faith asked me how my computers were at Under the Apple Tree (a before and after school program connected to Faith Church in Elma). Funny she should ask. I told her one won't turn on, one won't turn off, and one of the monitors won't work. I told her how we were given a grant from LWML for a laptop to help with our daily power point lessons for the children. It would take awhile to get it because we have to wait for donations to come in.

A week later she told me three new desk top computers and a lap top were on their way. Huh? She explained her husband had died several years ago. He loved children and they both worked with computers. Her wedding ring was stolen and she decided to use the insurance money to do something meaningful with it. When she learned about Under the Apple Tree she thought that would be a perfect place to honor her husband and the Lord. When the computers came we invited her to tell her story to the children and give them the opportunity to thank her and learn from her generosity.

We thank her and how her heart was moved to share with us. I also thank all who voted for our lap top and supported our ministry with prayers. The money earmarked for us can now be used to fund the next organization on the list. God places us where and when we are needed. Again, thank you and keep sending in those mites!

Upcoming Events

June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
Sept. 13-15, 2013	Eastern District Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer
June 6-8, 2014	LWML Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

April 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012

Mites: \$17,922.43

Memorials given in remembrance of (from Sept. 1, 2012 – Nov. 30, 2012):

Myrtle Shontz
 Phil Voelker
 Pauline Jock
 Gladys Kenyon

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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Dear Sisters in Christ,

“Jesus said....rejoice that your names are written in Heaven”
Luke 10:12

What is your name? At the PING training that was held last fall in St. Louis one of the table activities/conversation starters was centered around “MY NAME”. We were to introduce ourselves and share what we liked or disliked about our name, who if anyone we were named after, the origin or if we could have any other name what would that be and why. That made for an interesting conversation around the table and maybe something to try at an upcoming function. Names can be very interesting. Look further in this publication regarding naming the endowment that we are working on, maybe you have an idea.

I am sure you have had times where you have corresponded or talked to other people and said to yourself “I wonder what she or he looks like”, I know I do. When we see or hear someone’s name don’t you make a mental image of what you think the person will look like? The anticipation of meeting the person and maybe saying to yourself after that happens “she or he does not look like what I imagined”.

Through the past 2 years we have been working on the plans for the national convention with others we have not yet met face to face. These are women from Maine to Arizona and many in our own district. I find it very exciting and it is with joy and anticipation that I look forward to meeting these ladies and hearingI know your name and it is great to put a face with it. As we prepare for God’s convention this June in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania let us continue to be the face of LWML in all we do, think and say. We have a wonderful opportunity to make a positive statement in every city we hold a convention across this great country of ours. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces as well as many new ones. I pray the first timers enjoy the experience and look forward to the next time they can attend a convention and recognize someone they met from the last convention. Lasting connections are made at these events so I hope you join me in meeting someone new.

Linked together in Christ,
Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District President
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*Together
Serving
the Lord
with
Gladness*



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



Dear Christian friends, Happy Easter to all of you!

As we look back on this Lenten season, remember the sufferings and death of Christ and His victory to truly appreciate what you have. There are many things we wish could be different in our daily lives. I wish my brakes would not have gone out. I wish my Mom would not have needed advanced dental surgery, suffered from bronchitis and had other health issues all at once. I wish I could have had my fixed-up car longer than a day before a snow storm made the roads so slick that I ended up in a ditch the next day.

Our jobs, our families and our situations are always in change. It seems as if the more we wish things to remain the same, the more they change. Due to economic restraints, my congregations have asked me to incorporate work as an interpreter for the Deaf to aid in my ability to remain here in ministry. I remember asking the Lord to help me to be able to continue the Deaf work I had been able to do in Nebraska, Iowa, and Pennsylvania. I didn't know the work would continue under this circumstance.

I recently met a Deaf-blind person. He does not complain about missing his hearing or his sight. Recently his hearing aids broke and his vision has been deteriorating for many years down to one small spot. He spends his moments using his voice and texting others. He encourages others while we consider his losses. Now I use his faith to encourage mine; to give perspective when I feel my situation too hard to handle. I no longer wish for a better economy so our vocations of God's gift of work and service in our communities can be easier, but instead, I pray for us to see His faithfulness in any situation and copy it.

The One who lost it all, including His life for our sakes calls us, not to worry, or compare or complain, but to praise and honor Him, respect His sacrifice. Praise Him for a new eyes to see and renewed ears to hear; but most of all, faith to believe when earthly senses fail. God bless you all and keep you!

Pastor Cory Eckstrom LWML Eastern District Junior Counselor

Mission Grants

Our Lord continues to bless us, as the first three Mission Grant Requests have been met totalling \$9100. We are working toward our fourth grant which will be \$3000 to reach "People of the Book" as requested by Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, NY. Please continue to send your mites in promptly.

As we save towards the 2012 Grants, be prepared to submit Grant requests for the 2014 biennium. Information has been given to your Zone Presidents. Prayerfully submit your grant projects as soon as possible.

Audrey Schneider
ED Mission Grants Chairman

A HUGE district thank you to everyone who made quilts, bookmarks, purchased items, collected funds and transported items to the Pittsburgh warehouse for the 2013 Pittsburgh Convention. You are so appreciated!!

Thank you also from:

President Kay Kreklau for the gift to Mites the Eastern District LWML made in memory of her husband Mark.

Rev. Chris Wicher, Eastern District President, for the gift that the Eastern District LWML made to the scammed teacher fund.

These gifts were greatly appreciated.

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-KATHY PAVELOCK

I am quickly coming to the realization that communications is not as easy as one would think. Sure, it might be easy to send something out in an email or post it on a web page or a Facebook page. But, the difficult part comes in encouraging people to read and understand what was intended to be communicated. My prayer is that many read this article and digest the intended messages. Below are some important notes related to the LWML Quarterly, the Eastern District LWML Directory and the Eastern District LWML Website. Please take a moment to read through them.

LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS: It's time to review the LWML Quarterly subscriptions. I have emailed to the Zone Presidents and/or Treasurers a list of the societies/individuals that receive Quarterlies. I am asking them 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 22, 2013**. **Decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1, 2013. **Increases and changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You can mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).



LWML 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 and is currently \$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.

Important Fact: These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants! One copy of the LINK 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. The LINK can also be used to glean LWML news to include with church publications.

Keep Us
Up To
Date

DIRECTORY CHANGES: To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me all changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers to me as soon as they are known. Directories are published in February and September and 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.

EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ON THE WEB: The Eastern District LWML website (<http://east-dist-lwml.org>) is a great source of information including convention information, The Link, upcoming events and officer contact information. A Facebook page has been created for "Eastern District LWML." Feel free to upload photos or make announcements on our Facebook page. Search for "Eastern District LWML Facebook" and our page will come up in the search results. Don't forget to "Like" us so you will see what others are posting.



Please feel free to contact me at any time at: Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 or KMPavelock@aol.com.

Help Us Name Our
Endowment Fund

The Endowment Group is moving along. Dee Grzyb, Susan Bell, Kathy Pavelock and Rebecca Bessell are currently looking for ideas as to what to call the Eastern District LWML Endowment. Do you have an idea? Please call or email Rebecca Bessell at [585-415-6368](tel:585-415-6368) or rlb54@rochester.rr.com with your suggestion. We will be selecting the winner at the September board meeting so get your entry in soon! **There will be a special prize for the winner.**




NOMINATIONS WANTED

As we focus on and prepare for the upcoming National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, let us not forget that we need nominations for elections at the 2014 District LWML convention. The offices to be filled are: President, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus (formerly Human Care), VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Treasurer and Junior Counselor. Please consider people whom you think would

be good for the jobs and contact them to see if they would be willing to be considered for nomination. Send all nominations to VP Linda Bahr at linda@gbahr.com or lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Telephone: [315-339-1979](tel:315-339-1979); Address: 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440. Thank you.

At the March meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following nominating committee: Linda Bahr 315-339-1979, lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Joy Belasic 716-675-0331; Karen Devan 315-761-4004 DPDevan@aol.com; and Donna Coleman 585-392-7491 dcoleman851@aol.com



President—oversees the work of the Eastern District LWML including presiding at the District LWML Convention and meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She is responsible to appoint various committee members to the Board of Directors and sign payment vouchers. She keeps in communication with her Board to make sure all necessary decisions are being made, and visits and helps promote the work of the LWML among the Zones of the Eastern District. She also attends National LWML Board meeting when requested and National LWML Conventions. And other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President— Christian Life/Special Focus—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She is the coordinator of Christian Life/Special Focus (Human Care) Department. She is responsible for issuing membership charters to new societies; reports to the executive committee and Board of Directors, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. Coordinates the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She reports to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; serves as chairman of the Nominating Committee, oversees the preparation of the Convention Manual, helps the president in appointing members to serve in appointed positions, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Treasurer—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Be bonded at the expense of the District LWML; receive deposit slips and monthly reports from the Financial Secretary; receive and deposit all other money in bank approved by the Executive Committee; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; make all payments as authorized; serve as chairman of the budget committee; submit records for financial review annually; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Counselor—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Serve the District LWML in an advisory capacity; attend all District LWML Conventions, attend the National LWML Convention as directed by the Executive Committee; submit articles to the Editor for publication in the Eastern District Newsletter; submit a written report for the Convention manual; serve as the spiritual leaders for the Board and Executive Committee and help with services at retreat and convention when possible; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

(For complete descriptions, contact Linda Bahr)



**REMEMBER TO KEEP SAVING YOUR INK CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES ,
LAPTOPS, ETC.**

**THESE GO TO HELP SUPPORT THE COSTS OF THE
2013 LWML CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH
BRING YOUR ITEMS TO ANY ZONE OR DISTRICT EVENT.**



The 2013 LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat
September 13-15, 2013
"Flowing Springs into Thirsty Ground"
Psalm 107:33
Speaker: Rev. Nathan Esala
Lutheran Bible Translators
Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola NY
Presented by the Pittsburgh Zone
Registration Opens May 1
Registration Deadline August 24
Registration form can be found in
LWML Spring & Summer LINK and
Eastern District LWML Website www.east-dist-lwml.org



Rev. Nathan Esala
and family

Our Speaker: Nathan and Sarah Esala, along with their children Karissa, Annaka, Aili, and Isaac have served as Lutheran Bible Translator (LBT) missionaries in Ghana, West Africa since 2003. Rev. Nathan serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) as translation advisor for the Komba Bible Project. Over the past several years he has been learning the language, developing partnerships with the Komba church and community leaders, analyzing and documenting the linguistic features of the language, training translators, and checking translated drafts for biblical accuracy.

LWML Retreat Campership—Application

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2013 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, 2013** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell
7048 Benedict Beach
Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential

News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

We have been very busy in the Buffalo Zone starting our initial preparations for the 35th Biennial Convention in Buffalo in 2014.

Our Spring Workshop will be held on Saturday June 1st from 9-2 at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cheektowaga. We are excited to have Rebecca Bessel, Linda Breight and Bev Wicher doing a PING Workshop with our ladies. We are hoping our ladies will leave with lots of new ideas of how to get our Zone excited about the continuing work of the LWML.

Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President



NIAGARA ZONE



The Niagara Zone of the LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission is planning a Retreat on May 4, 2013 which will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lockport NY from 9 to 4. We will be using the LCMS Bible Study, Baptized for this Moment. The study will be led by Circuit Counselor Matthew Sorensen and by women from the Niagara Zone. For fun as well as mission, the group will make Baptismal banners. Our business meeting is scheduled for the end of the day to encourage guests to come and to allow them the option of staying for the business meeting.

Volunteers from the Niagara Zone will be going out by Van as well as public bus to get to the National Convention in Pittsburgh. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there and for the opportunity to serve, as well as to see a National Convention – "just East of Ohio".

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Laurie M Bauch, Niagara Zone LWML/Lutheran Women in Mission

DISTRICT SHIRT FUNDRAISER

HAVE YOU ORDERED A DISTRICT SHIRT YET??

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 [716-649-4678](tel:716-649-4678) or patchroop546@aol.com.

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.



PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone is praising God for 65 years of faithful sisterhood in LWML in the Philadelphia area! May we continue to serve the Lord with gladness for years to come!

The Philadelphia Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 13th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Holy Cross recently renewed their society charter and we are so thrilled that they have volunteered to host this event! Praise God! Their pastor, Rev. Tim Green will lead the opening worship service and new to Philadelphia pastor, Rev. Robert Kieselowsky will be our guest speaker telling us how we can partner with Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries (PLM) to serve the homeless and new Christians in the Philadelphia area. The ingathering will be gloves, blankets and toiletries for Pastor Gale's work among the homeless. We look forward to a great time of fellowship, worship and sharing God's love with our sisters and others!



Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President

Save
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Date

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

You are all invited to attend the
35th biennial convention

Eastern District LWML

JUNE 6-8, 2014

MILLENNIUM HOTEL

BUFFALO, NEW YORK



Theme: Walk In the Light

[Jesus said] "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12"

Mark your calendars and save the date.
More information will follow as details are known.

Ruth Wurster
2014 LWML Convention
Publicity Chairman

Purple Party Pleasantries

What do the LWML, the color purple and forty little ladies have in common? They all love Jesus, Camp Pioneer, and they were all at Pioneer. The weekend of January 11-12, 2013 marked our very first "Purple Party" here at camp Pioneer, an opportunity for girls ages 8 to 14 to get together for fun, fellowship, to grow spiritually and serve our Lord in ways that also benefit our community of Buffalo, NY!

Forty fantastic friends of Pioneer (and a few of our wonderful volunteers) arrived at camp on Friday night eager to reconnect with old friends and even make some new ones! After a quick welcome and some icebreaker games, we changed into our comfiest purple pajamas and gathered in Dallman Hall to watch one of our favorite princess movies—Tangled! Following an extraordinary devotion about the color purple and God's promises by our Program Director, Leah Sallach, it was off to bed we went, but we were too excited to fall asleep right away! The next morning after breakfast, our DCE intern, Kellye Koyn, led us in devotion on being princesses of the King of Kings! Our Eastern District LWML President, Rebecca Bessell, joined us to tell us about the LWML and to help us make fleece blankets for those in need! We made over 20 blankets, Praise God! The rest of the day brought on lunch, a birthday, a nature walk, plenty of crafts and purple manicures, and another devotion led by our intern Kellye. We learned that we are princesses of the King and even received purple tiaras to remind us how special we are to our Lord! We were sad to say our goodbyes but there are plans in the works for another Purple Party in the fall! Thank God for our friends, our God, and the color purple, reminding us



Ruth Hope, former District President has recently moved into an assisted living residence from her apartment. Her new address is 5949 Broadway - Room C117, Lancaster, NY 14086. She loves to hear from her LWML sisters. She will celebrate her 96th birthday in June.

Upcoming Events

June 27 – 30, 2013	2013 LWML National Convention Pittsburgh, PA
Sept. 13, 2013	Executive Committee Mtg. Camp Pioneer
Sept. 13-15, 2012	Eastern District LWML Retreat-Camp Pioneer
June 4-6, 2014	2014 LWML Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

April 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013

Mites: \$26,100.12

Memorials given in remembrance of (from Dec. 1, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013):

Frank Lingenfelter
Betty Ruh
Jean Hermance

In Honor of (from Dec. 1, 2012—Feb. 28, 2013)

Helen Williams

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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[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).

**IT'S ALMOST
HERE!
2013 Pittsburgh
LWML Convention
JUNE 27-30, 2013**

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO
BE A WORKER?
HAVE YOU
REGISTERED YET?
HAVE YOU ORDERED
YOUR SHIRT?
HAVE YOU LOOKED AT ALL THE
INFORMATION IN THE WINTER
LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY?
DON'T DELAY! DO IT TODAY!

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**WE ARE STILL SERACHING FOR
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WE NEED YOU!!
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The Eastern District LWML



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Together
Serving
the Lord
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Dear Sisters in Christ,



“For such a time as this” Luke 10:12

PITTSBURGH WOW I have so much to say about the national LWML convention that took place this past month in Pittsburgh; so let me start with a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who worked from home or if you came and participated in whatever way that you selected; whether it be a worker, helper, delegate, choir member, banner maker, etc. etc. This was an amazing convention and not because it was in our district but because we could truly be a part of God’s convention. I had the opportunity to meet many workers, men and women from all the host districts.

If you were unable to attend the convention and have access to a computer via LWML.ORG you can see photos, view videos and read the special updated publication from the convention newsletter, The Ripple. We had the opportunity to elect new officers as well as the to select the 18 mission grants that will be funded for the next 2 years. The mission goal of \$1.83 million was adopted.

As we experienced the convention theme of “Quenched! By The Water” we traveled to Jacob’s well through Donna Plye’s bible studies and the mission speakers. We learned not just to be spiritually quenched, but ways to be a quencher to others as well. Dr. LuJuana Butts stated “it’s not what you have to do, it’s what you get to do.” I recommend any bible studies or devotions written by either of these women, they are inspirational.

So as we enjoy the summer ahead of us and quench our physical thirst, let’s also quench our spiritual thirsts and share those with others.

The top photo is a clock (convention project) made by Liz Hurst our Young Women Rep who attended this convention. It keeps the focus of **SUCH A TIME AS THIS** to be quenchers to others.

O God, you are my god; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Psalm 63:1

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



15th Biennial LWML Convention
June 27-30, 2013
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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LOVE!

1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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This is, of course, a familiar verse of Scripture, but a less familiar word is love. While there are five different types of love in the Bible, the type of love spoken about here is “agape.” This particular type of love appears only nineteen times in the Septuagint (a Greek translation of the Old Testament). While there are many different kinds of love in Greek, 1 Corinthians 13 uses the word (agape). This is a type of love that only God is truly capable of, but Christians long to emulate. According to our text Love is patient and kind, not envious or boastful, not arrogant or rude, not insistent, irritable or resentful. Notice it does not say that it will never arouse such emotions in others. Genuine love is rarely appreciated, and often abused; hence we often fear genuine communication. Have you ever told a child “no”, or tried to explain our communicant policy to those of a different faith? It is seldom appreciated, but essential to their health and wellbeing.

Scripture teaches us that we are only capable of genuine love, in that God has first loved us. And the greatest example of God’s love for us is to be found upon the cross of Calvary. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so ever believeth in Him shall not perish but obtain eternal life” (Jn. 3:16). Love is the one thing that makes sacrifice possible and the only thing that truly gives sacrifice meaning. It is love that holds a church together and drives those pointless disputes away, it is love that can hold a marriage or a family together, and it is love that will hold the Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League together.

We are a family, sisters in the faith, children of God, and the bride of Christ. It is love alone that can hold us together; with love nothing can tear us apart. “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” Everything else will pass away but love never dies. So long as we truly love one another, and allow our love to shine before others, people of all ages; this world will never destroy us. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Now, may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Grace to you and Peace! Rev. Bruce C. Donley

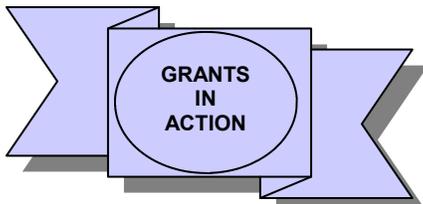
Grant Applications
Due Oct. 15

Mission Grants

GRANT REQUESTS WANTED FOR 2014-2016 BIENNIUM

It is time to look ahead to 2014 and begin thinking about grant proposals for the next biennium. Guidelines and bylaws concerning grants, proposals and disbursements are available from the zone presidents, on the Eastern District LWML website www.east-dist-lwml.org, or from grant chairman Audrey Schneider. Be creative in considering which projects in our zones, congregations, and communities would benefit from our grant monies. Grant recipients may only apply every 4 years. Send applications to Audrey Schneider, 4 Woodside Rd., East, Apalachin, NY 13732, 607-625-2645, jarms2@earthlink.net, if you have any questions or concerns. **The deadline for returning any and all grant applications is October 15, 2013.**

To date we have paid Grants 1-4, totaling \$11,525.
Keep those Mites coming as we work toward our Mite goal for this year.



**THANK YOU FOR \$2000 GRANT FOR
SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM
GRANT 2**



On behalf of the Summer Lunchbox Program, thank you for the recent grant of \$2000.00.

This grant money will provide a wonderful foundation as the Summer Lunchbox Program (SLB) winds down the 2012 season and begins building for 2013. Your support, along with that of various other individuals and organizations, enables SLB to feed families with hungry children during the summer months when school lunches are unavailable. The recession has left many in need and we earnestly attempt to provide nutritious foods to all who meet the program's guidelines.



Here are a few photos which show typical activities associated with the program: shopping for groceries at area markets; loading groceries; sorting at our staging area in preparation for distribution.

God's continued blessings to you and LWML.

Lorraine A. Stanton— for Summer Lunchbox Program



**THANK YOU FOR \$2425 GRANT FOR
POBLO MINISTRIES
GRANT 4**



Missionary Praveen sharing resources with a new American

Thank you for the \$2424 Grant to POBLO Ministries which will support purchase gospel outreach materials and fund a resource center for Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs submitted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, NY This grant will be used to bring the Gospel to new Americans. Lutheran members need a resource center to provide scriptural materials. The resource center provides teaching resources for Lutheran members. Resource centers will be completed and sent to numerous congregations.

"We have made a big impact on Nepalese families and the large downtown Somali community. By helping them with basic needs and loving them we haven been able to teach God's Word. Now,

a whole family has expressed their new faith in the Savior. I hope every church in South Wisconsin can get involved. We now have an invitation to be in the homes of these Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim families, and openly preach the Gospel!"

Missionary Ebou Faye - Milwaukee, WI



Resource Stand



LWML SUNDAY

Packets for the 2013 LWML Sunday were recently mailed to LCMS congregations and LWML units across the United States. The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the celebration of LWML Sunday; however, the observance may be on any Sunday.

The LWML is honored to have the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor as the author of this year's LWML Sunday materials based on the theme, "You Are My Witnesses." The service focuses on the Scripture verses from Luke 24:44-53. The graphic design for this year's service was created by Janet Hurta from Waco, Texas.

The LWML Sunday packet includes an order form; one new Mustard Seed devotion sheet from *Water of Life*, with devotions, Scriptures, and prayers focused on trusting God; and a flyer of new products and resources. Also included is a free LWML Sunday CD that includes many useful materials to use on LWML Sunday.

Check out the LWML website for more information www.lwml.org.

FROM VP-COMMUNICATIONS-KATHY PAVELOCK

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

My prayer: Dear Lord, may the Women of the Eastern District LWML read and digest this article and the entire Link, such that the intended messages are received. For this and all things I pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

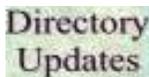
In this article, I try to share important notes related to the LWML Quarterly, the Eastern District LWML Directory and the Eastern District LWML Website. Please take a moment to read through them.

LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS: Updates, including decreases, to LWML Quarterly subscriptions were submitted on April 1, 2013. The end result was an increase of single subscriptions (32 to 33) and a decrease in multiple subscriptions (841 to 780). The total number of subscriptions decreased from 873 to 813. I have been informed of several mistakes, so please make sure that any other issues are brought to my attention so they can be corrected. As a reminder, **decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1. **Increases and changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You can mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).



LWML 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 and is currently \$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. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants! One copy of the LINK 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. The LINK can also be used to glean LWML news to include with church publications.

DIRECTORY CHANGES: To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me all changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers to me as soon as they are known. Directories are published in February and September and distributed at all 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.



EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ON THE WEB: The Eastern District LWML website (<http://east-dist-lwml.org>) is a great source of information including convention information, The Link, upcoming events and officer contact information. A Facebook page has been created for "Eastern District LWML." Feel free to upload photos or make announcements on our Facebook page. Search for "Eastern District LWML Facebook" and our page will come up in the search results. Don't forget to "Like" us so you will see what others are posting.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at: Kathy Pavelock, 8200 State Route 13, Blossvale, NY 13308 or KMPavelock@aol.com.

CONVENTION SCARVES

What a great time I had at my very first LWML national convention! I volunteered to work on the Host 'team' of volunteers, so I was able to wear those yellow shirts and beautiful scarves that so many of you made! Wondering what to do with my scarf, I had a thought! Our LWML here at St. Paul's in Batavia, supports a women's ministry at our sister church in Maniche, Haiti. Having visited there last January, they asked for a 'uniform' that they could wear while doing home visits, so that they could be recognized as part of the Lutheran Church of Maniche. Some of our scarves would be perfect for them and easy to transport to

Haiti.

After contacting Ruth Mueller, Special dress chairman, she has donated extra scarves from convention to support this project. This is good as so many of our Eastern District ladies (congregations in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York) gave of their time to make the scarves! We just didn't have the 500+ volunteers we were planning to get.

We also gave them to about 6 or 8 other groups after service on June 30th. Ruth is hoping our ladies will show off their attire at a variety of congregational and zone events in the months to come.

So if you are interested in donating additional scarves to the Haiti project, please contact Sharon Wolff at swolff3@rochester.rr.com God willing, she is planning to return to our sister church in Maniche, Haiti in January 2014.

If you have a group that is still interested in scarves, contact Ruth Mueller at 607-797-8453 rdvmm@aol.com



We are still seeking names for nominations for elections at the 2014 District LWML convention. The offices to be filled are: President, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus (formerly Human Care), VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Treasurer and Junior Counselor. Please consider people whom you think would be good for the jobs and contact them to see if they would be willing to be considered for nomination. Send all nominations to VP Linda Bahr at linda@gbahr.com or lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Telephone: [315-339-1979](tel:315-339-1979); Address: 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440. You can contact any member of the nominating committee, listed below for more information. Thank you.

President—oversees the work of the Eastern District LWML including presiding at the District LWML Convention and meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She is responsible to appoint various committee members to the Board of Directors and sign payment vouchers. She keeps in communication with her Board to make sure all necessary decisions are being made, and visits and helps promote the work of the LWML among the Zones of the Eastern District. She also attends National LWML Board meeting when requested and National LWML Conventions. And other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President— Christian Life/Special Focus—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She is the coordinator of Christian Life/Special Focus (Human Care) Department. She is responsible for issuing membership charters to new societies; reports to the executive committee and Board of Directors, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources—May perform the duties of the President in the absence of or request of the President. Coordinates the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department. She must attend Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. She reports to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; serves as chairman of the Nominating Committee, oversees the preparation of the Convention Manual, helps the president in appointing members to serve in appointed positions, and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Treasurer—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Be bonded at the expense of the District LWML; receive deposit slips and monthly reports from the Financial Secretary; receive and deposit all other money in bank approved by the Executive Committee; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; make all payments as authorized; serve as chairman of the budget committee; submit records for financial review annually; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

Counselor—Attend all Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings. Serve the District LWML in an advisory capacity; attend all District LWML Conventions, attend the National LWML Convention as directed by the Executive Committee; submit articles to the Editor for publication in the Eastern District Newsletter; submit a written report for the Convention manual; serve as the spiritual leaders for the Board and Executive Committee and help with services at retreat and convention when possible; and other duties as set forth in the Leader's Manual.

(For complete descriptions, contact Linda Bahr)

Thank you, your nominating committee Linda Bahr 315-339-1979, lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Joy Belasic 716-675-0331; Karen Devan 315-761-4004 DPDevan@aol.com; and Donna Coleman 585-392-7491 dcoleman851@aol.com



**REMEMBER TO KEEP SAVING YOUR INK CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES ,
LAPTOPS, ETC.**

**WE ARE CONTINUING THIS EFFORT AND THE MONEY WILL NOW GO
TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT LWML**

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO ANY ZONE OR DISTRICT EVENT.

For detailed information on what can and cannot be recycled, please contact Claire Carlson at 716-649-4678, patchtroop546@aol.com

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2013 Coalition Workers

Reflections from YWR Liz Hurtz



Let me start by saying how thankful I am for this awesome blessing to experience the LWML National Conference in Pittsburgh. My LWML sisters told me that it was going to be a mountain top experience and believe me when I say it was oh so much more than that! Upon my arrival, I was greeted by many women who are completely on fire for the Lord. Little did I know at the time that these were the women that had planned all of the YWR (Young Women Rep) experiences. With Brandi, Cindy and Mimi, I was able to experience firsthand how loving, Spirit filled, and organized the LWML is. There was time set aside to pray, hear

and talk about God's word, sing praises, serve, and learn about how we can help our districts and communities spread the word about God's love and His mission to serve all people with gladness.

One of my favorite aspects of the conference was seeing the mission grants that will be funded by our LWML mites. I never knew just how many countries are given hope by the funds we collect. It was wonderful to hear from mission grant recipients how the monies they received helped them not only clothe and feed those in need; but to give them shelter and a better education as well. When the woman from China spoke about how the Lutheran Church is growing in China and how the LWML was able to give them Christian children's books that were needed, I was amazed to learn the Chinese people were able to worship in churches in their communities



When the LWML president spoke to the YWR's during dinner, her testimony was an incredible, overwhelming witness to me personally. I could see the loss of her husband was extremely difficult to deal with, but she reminded me that God's love can help us stand strong even in those times of pain and loss. It also helped me to realize that all the stuff I complain to God about is rather ridiculous and I need to allow Him back in the driver's seat of my life.

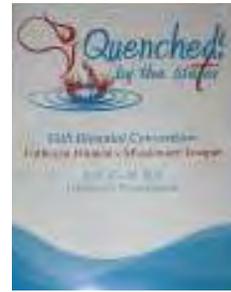
Donna Pyle's Bible study was a great reminder for me to get out of my comfort zone and share God's gift of love and salvation with joy - just like the woman at the well did with everyone she knew. Considering Vacation Bible School is next week, it was a timely reminder. Donna's passion gave me inspiration to never stop filling myself up with God's refreshing and everlasting water so I can share His words of truth and salvation with confidence and joy to everyone I come in contact with. I will definitely be sharing one of her Bible studies with the women's Bible study group at St. Mark.

Everything I saw and did at the convention quenched me with God's everlasting water and helped me see that with God all things are possible! The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is an organization that puts God first and gives women the resources needed to do the same. By doing this, they are helping to create families that are so quenched by Jesus' water that all they want is to sacrificially serve Him. I know for me, I will be adding more mission elements to Sunday School and youth group this year, so that the children that come to St. Mark will know what it means to be a servant and will have no fear of sharing God's love with those in need.

Thank you again my LWML sisters for this wonderful opportunity to be refreshed by God's Word and to make new friends who can be my mentors and prayer partners on this faith journey. I know that when difficult situations arise, I will be able to look back on this experience and remember that all I have to do is look to God and be quenched by His Word.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Eph 3:20-21
**Your LWML sister in Christ,
Liz Hurst**

Convention Highlights



- * Over 3,100 people were “Quenched! by the Water” in Pittsburgh, June 27-30, 2013.
- * A mission goal of \$1.83 million was adopted for the 2013-2015 biennium.
- * 18 mission grants were approved to be funded in this biennium.
- * Over 1,000 went on the Mission in Motion walk and raised \$69,392.60 for Mites.
- * 21,954 items were collected from the Gifts from the Hearts, including quilts, baby kits, men’s kits, bath kits, and devotional kits.
- * Over 4,000 different items were made and put together for various ministries in the servant connections area.
- * There were 7 different mission speakers who told about their experiences in the field and how LWML made it possible for them to continue their mission work.
- * Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor, Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, Dr. LuJuana Butts and Donna Pyle all inspired us with their message of being “Quenched! by the Water” and being “quenchers” in our world.
- * What an awesome experience and what a joy and blessing it was for our District to be part of this event. God truly blessed the weekend!



Rebecca and YWR, Liz Hurtz with district banner



Delegates at work



President Rebecca addressing convention



Pinning YWR



Working on servant activities

SOME OF OUR DEDICATED WORKERS



Rebecca & Mark Bessell



Host Committee outfit and badges worked so hard on by Ruth Mueller and her committee



Proud of our district speakers



Beautiful "Quenched! By the Water" Fountain with water from all districts merged into one



So many pastors!



Mission in Motion walkers



Over 3100 in Convention-Awesome!



LWML Gifts of Love Booth



**The 2013 LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat
September 13-15, 2013**

"Flowing Springs into Thirsty Ground"

Psalm 107:33

**Speaker: Rev. Nathan Esala
Lutheran Bible Translators**

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola NY

Presented by the Pittsburgh Zone

Registration Opens May 1

Registration Deadline August 24

Registration form can be found in

LWML Spring & Summer LINK and

Eastern District LWML Website www.east-dist-lwml.org



**Rev. Nathan Esala
and family**

Our Speaker: Nathan and Sarah Esala, along with their children Karissa, Annaka, Aili, and Isaac have served as Lutheran Bible Translator (LBT) missionaries in Ghana, West Africa since 2003. Rev. Nathan serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) as translation advisor for the Komba Bible Project. Over the past several years he has been learning the language, developing partnerships with the Komba church and community leaders, analyzing and documenting the linguistic features of the language, training translators, and checking translated drafts for biblical accuracy.

LWML Retreat Campership—Application

A few full-time camperships are being offered for the Fall 2013 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, 2013** to:

Mrs. Rebecca Bessell
7048 Benedict Beach
Hamlin NY 14464

All recipients names will be kept strictly confidential



**Eastern District LWML 2013 Retreat
Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.
September 13-15, 2013**



"Flowing Springs into Thirsty Ground"

Psalm 107:33

Presented by the Pittsburgh Zone

Name:	Phone: ()	
Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Church:	Church City & Zip:	

PART-TIME	PART-TIME Registration Fee:	\$6.00	\$
	Day use Fee: (no-overnight stay)	\$8.00	\$
	Lodging: (check one) _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ # of days X \$40.00 =		\$
	<i>Lodging: Check your room preference below.</i>		
	Meals:	Friday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Saturday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		Saturday Lunch \$ 10.00	\$
		Saturday Dinner \$ 14.00	\$
		Sunday Breakfast \$ 8.00	\$
		Refurbished Cabin \$50 or Woodland Cottage \$150 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee
	Late Fee if postmarked after August 17, 2013	\$5.00	\$
		Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$

NOTE: A \$20.00 deposit is required with a part-time registration.

FULL-TIME	FULL-TIME Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals and Linens	\$140.00	\$
	Refurbished Cabin \$50 or Woodland Cottage \$150 (To be paid in full by first registration occupant)	Additional Cabin Fee	\$
		Total	\$
	Late fee if postmarked after August 17, 2013	\$15.00	\$
		Payment Enclosed	\$
		Balance Due	\$

NOTE: A \$50.00 deposit is required with a full-time registration.

LODGING	Non-Refurbished Cabins		
	_____	Founders Court (Cabins 17, 19-28- 2 twin beds, 2 occupants required) (Cabin 18-2 bunk beds)	
	_____	Family Court Cabin P, Q, R, S (2 bunk beds)	
	_____	Schroeter Circle 1-8 (each cabin - 10 bunk beds)	
	Refurbished Cabins (Extra \$50 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)		
	_____	Refurbished Founders Court 1-4 (Queen Bed, Futon)	
	_____	Refurbished Founders Court 5-8 (Queen Bed, Bunk Bed)	
	_____	Refurbished Family Court A (Double Bed, Bunk Bed) Handicap Accessible	
	_____	Refurbished Family Court B-C (Double Bed, 2 Bunk Bed)	
	_____	Refurbished Family Court J, L, N (Double Bed)	
_____	Refurbished Family Court K, M, O (2 Bunk Beds)		
Woodland Cottages (Extra \$150 for weekend. FULL Payment is required with the first occupant registration.)			
_____	Woodland Cottage 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7 (Each Cottage -1 Double Bed and 2 sets of Bunk Beds) (Minimum 4 per cottage)		
_____	ROOMMATE	CHURCH/GROUP	
_____	Wheelchair	Lower Bunk	Hearing Impaired
Other _____	Dietary		

NOTE: A non refundable deposit of \$50.00 will hold your place for full-time campers. All requests are on a first come, first serve basis. No registration accepted before May 1. Balance due must be paid by August 24, 2013. NO REGISTRATIONS will be accepted after August 24, 2013.

CANCELLATION: The \$50.00 deposit is non-refundable.

CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS: This cancellation will be reviewed based upon a written letter of notification to the district president.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE: A charge of \$15.00 will be assessed on all checks returned by the bank.

****Please make Checks or Money Orders payable to: Eastern District LWML 2013 Retreat****

***Mail completed Registration Form, Deposit and also include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED Business size Envelope to:**

Deaconness Nancy Lingenfelter, 102 Timber Road, Morrisdale, PA 16858, 814-345-5779, f.nlingenfelter@verizon.net

Or contact Waneta Lingenfelter's at 814-933-8107

News From Around the Zones

BUFFALO ZONE



The Buffalo Zone was privileged to have Rebecca Bessell, Linda

Bright and Bev Wicher come and make a PING (Prepare, Inspire, Nourish, Go) presentation to our Spring Workshop we also

had an in-gathering of toiletry items for a local nursing home.

We were all excited to be at and be able to help at the Pittsburgh Convention and were truly “Quenched! by the Water” in so many. Thanks to all who helped out in any way.

We are still busy working on planning our 2014 LWML District Convention in Buffalo June 6-8, 2014. We are still in need of many willing workers.

Our Fall Rally will be Sunday October, 6. Time and program to be announced.

Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President

GENESEE ZONE

The Genesee Zone Spring Fling was held on Saturday, April 27,

2013 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Mendon, NY, with the theme “...how much more will he clothe you” Luke 12:28 .

Pastor Smith held a devotional time. Memorial was given for the ladies who have passed on from our groups. The speaker for the morning was Marketta Gregory, columnist for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. She held a wonderful conversation with us about her job, her “ 40 Days of Hope” writings starting this past Ash Wednesday, her journey to this point in her life, and she read some of her columns. You can communicate with her on her blog at simplyfaithful.com.

After a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of St. Mark, many ladies stayed to work on the “little dresses for Africa”. Ladies donated the pillowcases that were sewn into little dresses, and 2 ladies brought their sewing machines and supplies. Completed dresses will be sent to the “Little Dresses for Africa” organization in Michigan for distribution to needy countries and even



places in the United States. We made about 100 dresses. It was an enjoyable day of fellowship, Bible study, service, food, and fun!



NIAGARA ZONE

Kathy Ippolita, Genesee Zone President

This spring, Trinity Lutheran

Church in Lockport NY hosted the LWML Niagara Zone meeting which was a day long retreat. The theme was “Baptized for This Moment” using the Bible study

based on the theme of this year’s National LCMS convention. Circuit Counselor Matthew Sorenson, Barbara Williams (our Zone delegate) and Pastor Alan Bauch presented separate portions of the study. Their contributions formed dynamic presentation on a topic we sometimes take for granted, that our Baptisms are part of our daily



walk in Christ- not a one time event. Participants brought their birth certificates to share the story of their own baptisms, plans to make Baptismal banners were issued (we ran out of time to make some to give away!!). Three women from Trinity made the lunch to encourage more women from Trinity to attend the study (instead of a having to manage the kitchen). The choice to hold the business portion to the end was to focus more fully on the topic and to allow guests not members of LWML to go(– yet we encourage them to stay!)

The business meeting included announcements, convention information, and plans for the Summer pot luck picnic to be held at Grace Lutheran in Niagara Falls on Saturday July 13 at 5PM.. This is a change from the usual Tuesday meeting (Many of the churches host evening VBSs and we found it difficult to find a weeknight that worked so we are trying a Saturday PM) At this meeting, we will not be collecting a fee per person but we will be holding a Mystery Auction /White Elephant sale...This can be fun and monies generated will go to the Niagara Zone’s funds for different ministries of the Zone. People can donate a white elephant (good but not needed in their home item) or wrap an item to be auctioned sight unseen.

Barbara Williams, our delegate to the national convention will share the information from the convention. We have a number people from the Niagara Zone Volunteering at the Convention in Pittsburg –they may have a few stories too

Laurie Bauch, Niagara Zone President



PHILADELPHIA ZONE

The Philadelphia Zone hosted our Spring Rally at Holy Cross

Lutheran Church in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Holy Cross renewed their LWML Charter a couple of years ago and we are thrilled that they were the hosts for this Spring Rally! They rose to the occasion! They had pastries and coffee ready and a beautiful lunch. The theme was “Jesus Is Lord” and the Rally text was Romans 10:9.

Loretta Bungo from St. Mark’s, Ridley Park was the pianist. Rev. Timothy Green led the opening worship service. Jacqui Green from St. Philip’s led the bible study. Dorothy Koschmann from Christ Memorial led the ingathering which was socks, blankets & toiletries for Pastor Gale’s ministry among the homeless in Philadelphia. Rev. Robert Keiselowsky from St. John’s in

Springfield was the guest speaker, speaking about the ministry of PLM in Philadelphia and showing a great, new video highlighting the mission of PLM.

The Philadelphia Zone is looking forward to LWML National Convention, June 27-30 in Pittsburgh. Many of us are involved. Jacqui Green is our delegate!

The Fall Rally will be Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church.

In His Service, Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President



Jacqui Green, Pastor Green, Evelyn Spann



**UPDATE ON
LITTLE GLIMMERS OF LIGHT**

This delightful and inspiring book by Rev. Elton Rengstorf was first introduced at the ED LWML Convention in Lancaster in June 2012. It contains stories from his childhood through his years of ministry where he served as a missionary in the Philippines and later as Director of Camp Pioneer and as Mission Executive for the ED LCMS before retiring after 50 years of active ministry. In the book he gives credit to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for the support given through grants that helped support his ministry over the years.

During the past year, Pastor Rengstorf has donated the proceeds from the sale of his book to various missions, including Pioneer Camp, Lutheran Hour and the ED LWML. Our district to date has received a total of \$1545 from such sales which were designated for district mission grants. He also designated any profit from internet sales for our District LWML.

HERE'S THE DEAL TODAY: Pastor Rengstorf now wants to offer the books to sell through LWML societies or congregations and to allow them to set the price for their sale after deducting the cost of \$7.50/book. Last year the book sold for \$14.95, with the District realizing a profit of \$7.45/book.

Message from Pastor Rengstorf: I will provide five books to a local LWML society or congregation for \$37.50, to be paid after they sell the books. They may sell them for \$7.50 or whatever price they choose above that amount, and may keep the proceeds for a ministry of their choosing. Just email me to order at ERengstorf@aol.com (or call him at 716/754-7541 or contact by mail: 4969 Creek Road Extension, Lewiston, NY 14092).

We thank Pastor Rengstorf for his support of the LWML and especially for this opportunity which can continue to provide funds for mission grants of the District LWML or other ministries so designated by those willing to sell the books. Special thanks also to Ron Opferbeck of Life Resources in Amherst, NY who handled sales through his store to benefit the LWML and other ministries.

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

- Sept. 13, 2013** Executive Committee Mtg. Camp Pioneer
- Sept. 13-15, 2012** Eastern District LWML Retreat-Camp Pioneer
- June 6-8, 2014** 2014 LWML Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY

Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

April 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

Mites: \$34,946.35

Memorials given in remembrance of (from March 1, 2013 – May 31, 2013):

- Edna Hopkins
- Charlotte Karsten
- Phil Voelker
- Frank Blackburn
- Dick Countryman
- Jessie Wolfgang Benedict
- Patti Eckerson
- Voilet Wells

In Honor of (from March 1, 2013—May 31, 2013)
Lee Della Longway

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.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS



68 pounds of cancelled postage stamps were taken in May to the Canadian Bible Society in Kitchener, Ontario. The stamps were clipped and saved by the women from the Pittsburgh Zone and the women in the Erie area. As always, for every pound sold (for \$5), one Bible is published for people in foreign countries in their own language. Please continue to clip (not tear), leaving 1/4 inch around each stamp, save and bring these used stamps to the various events in District throughout the year for this ongoing mission endeavor. Thanks to everyone for your concern and support.

**Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter and Trucy Sallach
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March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1



A huge thank you to Terry Hoffman and Laurie Bauch for driving the 2 vans from Niagara County enabling many women to be able to attend the convention that might not have gotten there otherwise. You are a blessing, Thanks.

**ST PAUL WOMEN CELEBRATE
110 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Submitted by Bea Hapeman, Niagara Zone

In nineteen hundred and three
A group of ladies met for tea
A society we must make
In which all women may partake
They spent many many days
To think of many many ways
In which to serve the Lord so they wouldn't be bored.
Furnished the kitchen head to toe
So all the dinners could go go go
Banquets are held for daughters and mothers
fathers and sons, plus many others
Busy with projects for church and preschool
We're to St Paul a useful tool
Changes occurred
But have not blurred
Our same goal
To keep the church whole
We have a name
Not for fame

WOMEN OF ST PAUL

Here to serve the Lord and all
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League
We are a part
We give our mites from the heart
May we always spread God's word
Also to those who yet have not heard
We still hold monthly meetings to get our work done
Have a summer picnic and also a Christmas party
for some fun
Also remember the bazaar in November
Now one hundred and ten years have passed
What we've done for Christ will last!

MAY WE GO! GLOW! GROW!

*NOTE: The name of our organization was the Ladies Aid. We changed our name to Women Of St Paul in 2006. This poem was written and revised by Beatrice A. Hapeman for our 110th anniversary on May 18th, 2013. Original parts of poem were written by Beatrice A. Hapeman in 2003.

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Mark and I recently took a week vacation, a staycation except we started it out with a grand celebration of the Grimm's 50th wedding anniversary in Mt Top, Pa. That was the best way to start a week being together with celebrating the 50 years others have been blessed with. I am happy to say it was a good week but a week is never enough to accomplish the things you save to do both for fun and house projects. We were able to check a few off the list which was a good thing.

One of the items was to complete our estate plan which included our charitable gift plan. With Linda Gage's help we now have a plan to give back to God the wonderful blessings he has provided to us. It is hard to wrap your mind around planning for the future when you don't really know when you will be called home but I can say in the end it was kind of fun. Both Mark and I are very happy and comforted that the organizations that mean so much to us have been named. With Linda's guidance and patience we became very aware of the best solutions to how to leave a legacy to these organizations. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways and when you stay home for a week and enjoy your home and the activities that bring you happiness it becomes so real.

We all have so many gifts to share with others and the most important gift is ourselves. I know we have personal gifts that we don't always realize but can see it in others. You would be surprised what you can do once you step in. Based on the past few years I have done and experienced things I never thought I could do but thanks to the LWML and Camp Pioneer I can check off zip line! Seriously, I could give you a list of things that I am so thankful the LWML has presented an opportunity for me to participate in.

After preparing, working and enjoying this past LWML National Convention in Pittsburgh and revisiting the convention theme "Quenched by the Water" it makes me think how the LWML quenches others through the servant events that we do at national conventions as well as district conventions. When the LWML comes to your city or town many will be touched with the love of Jesus in some way, hopefully through collected items or hands on projects. So as we re-read the John 4:14 verse when 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", I pray this theme stays with you as you are a living spring.



Together
Serving
the Lord
with
Gladness



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WORDS FROM OUR PASTORAL COUNSELOR REV. CORY ECKSTROM

Ecclesiastes 3:10-17 (NIV)

"¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live."

Last weekend at Camp Pioneer we had a chance to be refreshed. We saw how important is it to be connected and stay connected to that sense

of spiritual dryness so that we can appreciate all the more when God quenches our dried up, sinful lives. Some of you were not able to join us, so I wish to refresh you by helping you remember the waters of your Baptisms that spring up from God's Word. Sometimes we do complain that our lives are a burden. While it is frustrating to wait, we must resist the temptation to doubt; we are created to wait, to be His stewards, to hope, not with any doubt, but with longing for our heavenly home. Many long to see what will of themselves after a loved one dies, a life change, or a child or grandchild departs from the path of following Jesus as Savior.

Faith and Deeds

"¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Faithlessness shouldn't surprise us, it could instead cause to pray. Jesus' faithfulness brought him to the death on the cross that we earned by our disobedience so that we would not have to die eternally. Jesus refreshes us with His truth, His life that we by faith follow, daily sinning, daily confessing, daily rising to life again.

Some of us sang this song around the Pioneer Campfire: "Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul, I know without, I'll never be whole. Savior you've led us through all the right doors and we thank you and praise You from earth's humble shores, take us we're yours... Jesus said, Come to the water, stand by My side, I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied. I felt every tear drop, when in darkness you cried. And I strove to remind you, that for those tears I died."

As Jesus heals us and our land for His service, we know that the world will continue to move farther away. Pray that many will turn to Him to His Word and Sacraments to live. Always praying for you and yours,

Pastor Cory J. Eckstrom, Eastern District LWML Junior Counselor



We are still seeking names for nominations for elections at the 2014 District LWML convention. **The deadline of November 15, 2013 and is rapidly approaching. This will be the last reminder in The Link.** The offices to be filled are: President, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus (formerly Human Care), VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources, Treasurer and Junior Counselor. Please consider people whom you think would be good for the jobs and contact them to see if they would be willing to be considered for nomination. Send all nominations to VP Linda Bahr at linda@gbahr.com or lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Telephone: 315-339-1979; Address: 7638 Gifford Road, Rome, NY 13440. You can contact any member of the nominating committee, listed below for more information. Thank you.

For descriptions of the positions see the Spring and Summer editions of the LINK which can be found on the Eastern District LWML website at www.east-dist-lwml.org or by contacting Linda Bahr. You must have consent of the person you are nominating. You can also get the necessary forms for nomination by contacting Linda Bahr or any member of the nominating committee.

Thank you, your nominating committee Linda Bahr 315-339-1979, lbahr@twcny.rr.com; Joy Belasic 716-675-0331; Karen Devan 315-761-4004 DPDevan@aol.com; and Donna Coleman 585-392-7491 dcoleman851@aol.com

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

I continue to pray ... Dear Lord, may the Women of the Eastern District LWML read and digest this article and the entire **LINK**, such that the intended messages are received. For this and all things we pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In this article, I try to share important notes related to the **LWML Quarterly**, the Eastern District LWML Directory and the Eastern District LWML Website. I realize that these notes are repeated in each **LINK**, but it can serve as a point of reference as needed. Please take a moment to read through them.



LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS: Following the last annual update to the **LWML Quarterly** subscriptions on April 1, 2013, I have been notified of several mistakes, so please make sure that any other issues are brought to my attention so they can be corrected. As a reminder, **decreases** in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year, and the deadline to do that is April 1. **Increases** and **changes of address** can be made anytime during the year. You may mail a Subscription Order Form to me at the address below. All payments should be sent through the Zone Treasurers (see below).

LWML QUARTERLY PAYMENTS: Societies/individuals are requested 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 and is currently \$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. **Important Fact:** These donations enable the District to use your mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants! One copy of the **LINK** 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. The **LINK** can also be used to glean LWML news bits for church publications.

DIRECTORY CHANGES: To keep the Eastern District LWML Directory up-to-date please send me any changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of pastors, society presidents, and zone officers as soon as they are known. Directories are published in February and September and distributed at all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. By sending the changes as they occur, allows me to keep the Directory up-to-date.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



www.east-dist-lwml.org

EASTERN DISTRICT LWML ON THE WEB: The Eastern District LWML website (<http://east-dist-lwml.org>) is a great source of information including convention information, the **LINK**, upcoming events and officer contact information. A Facebook page has been created for "Eastern District LWML." Feel free to upload photos or make announcements on our Facebook page. Search for "Eastern District LWML Facebook" and our page will come up in the search results. Don't forget to "Like" us so you will see what others are posting.



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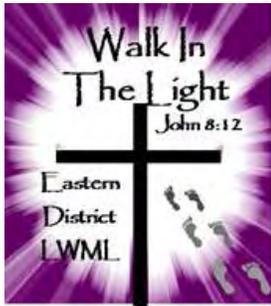


DEADLINE for submission of **MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS** for the 2014 Convention is **OCT. 15, 2013**. If you need forms contact your Zone President or Audrey Schneider at jarms2@earthlink.net or [607-222-0653](tel:607-222-0653).

GRANT 5 PAID

God has been good! Your mites have funded the 5th Grant for \$4,780 for equipment for G and E Therapies for autistic children at Grace, Vestal, NY. There are two more grants to be funded. Continue to give generously to Mites!





**Eastern District Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League
35th Biennial Convention
Hosted by the Buffalo and Cattaraugus/Allegany Zones**

WALK IN THE LIGHT

What: Eastern District LWML Convention

When: June 6-8, 2014

Where: Millenium Hotel
Buffalo, New York



Millennium Hotel, Buffalo



Linda Reiser, former National LWML President will be the featured speaker.

Jesus said I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Ruth Wurster—2014 LWML Convention Publicity Chairman

ABOUT THE LOGO— The logo is as appears above is based on The theme “Walk in the Light” from John 8:12 “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”.

The logo was created by Pam Maconaghy and Bev Wicher, from St. Luke, Cheektowaga. The purple outline represents the color of LWML, the cross is in the center with the light of Christ beaming from it; and finally the footsteps representing the people of God walking from the darkness into Christ’s light.



Bev Wicher, Convention Chairman,
Claire Carlson, Convention Co-
Chairman, Kathi Rickus, District Liaison

CELEBRATING

70
YEARS

Did you know...

*The Eastern District
LWML will be celebrating
it's 70th anniversary in 2014. Come
to the convention and be part of our
70th year!*

2014 District LWML Convention - Gifts from the Heart Ingathering

Harvest House Baby & Children's Ministry

Imagine the heartache of the mother who is unable to provide her child with something as basic as a pair of pajamas or the shame of knowing that her child's threadbare coat no longer fits, but must last another winter. This is why the Baby and Children's Ministry exists. At the Baby and Children's Ministry, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and other caregivers have their pride and dignity restored as they "shop" for the items their children need. In 2012, this ministry gave free items to more than 5,800 children. The Baby and Children's Ministry is the largest provider of free baby and children's clothing and furniture items in the Buffalo area, helping families referred by nearly 200 social service and health agencies.

ITEMS NEEDED

Children's clothing up to size 14
 Infant Car Seats with Base (less than six years old)
 Car Seats (less than six years old)
 Cribs with **stationary** sides
 Pack N Play Portable cribs

Especially needed: Newborn onesies, Newborn sleepers and Children's socks

**Bottles for Babies™**

Help Harvest House
 "change" a life

**Bottles for Babies Programs**

Empty Baby bottles were distributed at our district retreat. Individuals, groups or societies may fill them with monetary donations and return them to the convention.

PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO OUR CONVENTION NEXT JUNE IN BUFFALO

**LWML SUNDAY**

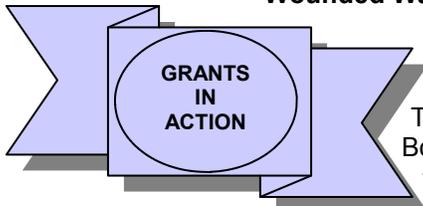
It's not too late to celebrate LWML Sunday at your church. The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the celebration of LWML Sunday; however, the observance may be on any Sunday. Use this opportunity and great material to share your love of LWML with your church. There are many great resources on the LWML website www.lwml.org that you could also use including LWML 101 and 102 and other power point presentation for you to use.

The LWML is honored to have the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor as the author of this year's LWML Sunday materials based on the theme, "You Are My Witnesses." The service focuses on the Scripture verses from Luke 24:44-53. The graphic design for this year's service was created by Janet Hurta from Waco, Texas.

The LWML Sunday packet includes an order form; one new Mustard Seed devotion sheet from *Water of Life*, with devotions, Scriptures, and prayers focused on trusting God; and a flyer of new products and resources. Also included is a free LWML Sunday CD that includes many useful materials to use on LWML Sunday.

Check out the LWML website for more information www.lwml.org.

“Wounded Warrior” – Putting on the Whole Armor of God Eph. 6: 10-24



Grant 3 received \$5000 for LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces for materials and training for Operation Barnabas in the Eastern District. This grant was facilitated by Rev. Alex Knowles of Camp Pioneer and Bob Forester from the Eastern District Office. Pastor Knowles wishes to thank the LWML for all their support on this project. Rev. Knowles worked with Bob Foerster and the Ministry to the Armed Forces in preparing for the 2 events that were funded by the LWML grant.



Goal of the Project: Sensitize congregations to the unique ministry needs of returning warriors and their families (in their congregations and in their communities), and, encourage and equip them with tools to proactively meet those needs.

Conference Summary: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a debilitating anxiety disorder resulting from exposure to a major trauma involving death or the threat of significant injury. The pastors of the New York Regional Conference and the Pennsylvania Regional Conference invited Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Hokana, a clinically trained hospital chaplain with a specialty in spirituality and post-traumatic stress disorder to bring his 25 plus years of military service and his astute grasp of the topic to their respective conferences: May 7th and 8th at Canandaigua, NY and May 14 and 15 at Ligonier, PA.



Throughout his daylong multimedia presentation, Lieutenant Colonel Hokana outlined for our pastors what it is like for those grappling with this life-unsettling disorder and gave education and encouragement to their ministry of support for afflicted individuals and their families. Attendees learned that ministry care givers need to remind those affected with this powerful anxiety disorder that the affliction is nothing to be ashamed of, that it does not go away on it's own, and that it demands the full attention of those suffering, their families and their caregivers to deal with it effectively.



Most clearly however, Chaplain Hokana, reiterated time and time again that this affliction can be overcome through God's grace, the Holy Spirit and a commitment to see the battle through. Chaplain Hokana astutely stated to both audiences that whether PTSD resulted from a bomb blast or a tornado blast there is victory in Christ Jesus, who knows our heartaches and inner turmoil better than we ever could.

Measurement of Success: The most striking testimony to the powerful nature of Chaplain Hokana's presentation and the timely nature of the topic was the compete stillness in the conference room, the rapt attention of the pastors and the much larger than normal percentage of pastors who remained at the conference for the second day of presentation.

**The 2013 LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat
September 13-15, 2013**

"Flowing Springs into Thirsty Ground" Psalm 107:33



Rev Esala addressing the assembly



Climbing the Zip Line



Beautiful Pioneer Sunset



Waiting to Zip Line



Enjoying the Beach



Singer Josh Krull



Communion ware brought back from 2013 convention

News From Around the Zones

ANTHRACITE ZONE



**LWML Anthracite Zone
Fall Rally**
St John's Lutheran Church
Pittston, PA
Sunday, October 6, 2013
Registration at 2:30 PM
**Please Contact: Sharleen
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By September 29, 2013

BUFFALO ZONE

Many of us from the Buffalo Zone had the opportunity to attend and participate in the work of the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. Everyone agreed it was an amazingly rewarding experience.

We enjoyed our annual summer picnic at Camp Pioneer, July 10 where we joined for fellowship time and meeting time. We were greeted by Rev. Alex Knowles from Camp Pioneer, Linda Gage, who shared with us her new job with the Foundation and LWML, we had an update on the 2013 Convention and discussion on the upcoming 2014 district convention in Buffalo.



Our **Fall Rally** will be Sunday, October 6 at 1 pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Elma NY. We will hear from Gail Galfo from Women's Veteran Health Care on their program "She wore

these" addressing the needs of returning deployed women veterans and their needs. We will also be having a Gifts From the Heart Ingathering for this organization. In addition we will have a business meeting and election of officers.

Karen Blackmon, Buffalo Zone President

PHILADELPHIA ZONE

Many of us were on hand for the LWML National Convention in June in Pittsburgh to host with the five other districts besides Eastern District! We were so thrilled to see so many ladies attend from throughout the Eastern District. We pray you had a good time worshipping, fellowshiping, singing and meeting at the convention! We were glad to see you there!

We just returned from the LWML Retreat at Camp Pioneer this year! Thank you to the Pittsburgh Zone for hosting! A great spiritual and fun time was had by all!

In the fall, we share the Fall Retreat with ladies of the Philadelphia Zone of the English District. The Eastern

District Philadelphia Zone are hosting this year on November 2nd at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA. The speaker will be Pastor Joshua Gale, pastor at Shepherd of the City in Philadelphia. An ingathering of money for Luther Small Catechisms and LSB hymnals for his church, which was just started about a year ago, is being requested.

We continue to help with sorting and packing at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Wilmington, DE. Recent help has been given to areas in New Jersey suffering from the effects of Super Storm Sandy.

Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone President

SCARVES FOR HAITI



The LWML from St. Paul's in Batavia, supports a women's ministry at our sister church in Maniche, Haiti. Having visited there last January, they asked for a 'uniform' that they could wear while doing home visits, so that they could be recog-

nized as part of the Lutheran Church of Maniche. Some of our scarves would be perfect for them and easy to transport to Haiti.

So if you are interested in donating additional scarves to the Haiti project, please contact Sharon Wolff at swolff3@rochester.rr.com God willing, she is planning to return to our sister church in Maniche, Haiti in January 2014.

A Cup with Kay

LWML President Kay Kreklau enjoys a cup of coffee while reading the Scriptures or while in prayer. President Kay invites you to pray with her, and your brothers and sisters-in-Christ, everyday, and especially on Saturday mornings for 9 minutes at 9 a.m. Check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheLWML or the [LWML website](http://www.lwml.org) for monthly mission grant highlights as a suggested focus for your prayers. Take the time every day and especially for 9 minutes at 9 a.m. on Saturdays to connect with your Father in Heaven along with others around the globe.

There are also Bible studies centered around tea available on the LWML website, share them with your friends.





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The Executive Committee and Board

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Dee Grzyb, Treasurer

PURPLE PARTY

Camp Pioneer will once again be offering a "Purple Party" slumber party for girls ages 8-14. Come and enjoy an overnight with a mission focus involving crafts, mission project, Bible study and great fellowship.

JANUARY 10-11, 7 pm to 4 pm
Ages 8-14
Cost \$50

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- Feb, 2014** Board of Directors Meeting, Buffalo, NY
- June 6-8, 2014** 2014 LWML Eastern District Convention, Buffalo, NY
- Sept. 19-21, 2014** Fall Retreat, Camp Pioneer

Report of the Financial Secretary—Susan Bell

April 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013

Mites: \$40,899.22

Memorials given in remembrance of (from June 1, 2013 – August 31, 2013):

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- Ed Dornseif
- Rhoda Henrich
- Paul Clark

In Honor of (from June 1, 2013—August 31, 2013)
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 Pastor Gerald & Judy Grimm

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