



women in mission and mighty mites

August 2018 NEWSLETTER

LWML Chesapeake District Convention September 21-23, 2018 Double Tree by Hilton 1021 Koger Blvd | Richmond, VA 23235

"Our Journey With The Lord"



"I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Revelations 22:13 NIV

Linda Arnold, Co-chair of the Women's Leadership Institute, Concordia University, Wisconsin will be the keynote speaker. Linda has a B.S. and M. S. in Nursing and has used her leadership skills with the LWML, most recently as VP for Communications and chair of Restructure Task Force.

Michelle Zollinger, LWML Public Relations Director, will be our LWML Rep.

Plan to join us for a weekend of worship, Bible study and fun.

Interest Sessions - Elections - Mission Grants - Entertainment & More!

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from our

Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Dr. John Johnson

We are into August and we are preparing for our next Chesapeake District Convention. There are still lots of items to finish and double check. Hopefully we will have a wonderful turnout where everyone will be blessed.

The theme of the convention is, "Our Journey with the Lord" from Revelation 22:13. This is an excellent theme because it naturally leads us to focus on God when life happens.



In the midst of all sorts of plans, ideas, hopes and goals where God is present life still happens. Things we

don't plan for and honestly would choose to avoid occur and in these moments we are tested. Tested to recognize that God isn't just on the periphery, God isn't just our "copilot" but in moments of trial and hardship we find that God is our everything.

St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 12 discusses a longterm illness or handicap that he begs the Lord to remove and God's reply is, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most of today's theologies ignore this important fact and focus on growing wealth, fame, power and personal acclaim. Sadly, we all know that when someone has things good talk is cheap. However, in the midst of pain, sorrow, illness or trials to recognize that God is your everything is a life altering moment that impacts your journey forever.

As we live our lives and walk our journey in Christ unwanted and even bad things will happen. However in those moments your faith can be strengthened in a way that is truly life changing. I hope to see all of my sisters (and some brothers too) as we search Scripture this September in Richmond

message from our President

Edi Collis



I hope you are making plans now to join your LWML sisters as we follow "Our Journey with the Lord" at our 2018 District Convention, September 21-23, 2018, in Richmond, Virginia. The women of the Blue Ridge and Tidewater Zones are co-hosting this year, and they are excited and ready to welcome you! Our keynote speaker is Linda Arnold, Vice-Chair of the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin and Michelle Zollinger,

LWML Director of Public Relations, will share news from our national organization. Christine Maconachy, our multi-talented VP of Christian Life, will serve as our music leader.

As the biennium came to a close, we praise God that all of our mission grants were PAID IN FULL before the end of July! We continue to pray for all the mission and ministry that is supported by our faithful women and their mites.

You will find the registration form and other convention details in this issue. Read all about the great plans underway! Remember that each society may send two delegates as part of their Zone delegation. Officers will be elected and new mission grants selected; be sure to talk with your society delegates about the upcoming business to be voted on at convention. Please pray for all the delegates as well as our discernment process over these months. But equally important, plan to be there to worship, be inspired by great speakers, sing with Christine, and meet and greet old friends and new!

Blessings on the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Your LWML sister, Edi

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3-5).

LWML Convention June 20-23, 2019 | Mobile, Alabama

Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations. Convention attendees will have opportunity to sing and rejoice in celebration of God's Word through worship and Bible study. They will go forth in His joy, declaring His glory to all, and telling of His salvation for all.



Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grant Proposals | 2018-2020

Proposed Mission Goal

(delegates will vote for one) \$110,000 \$115,000 \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

(delegates will vote for a maximum of eight (8) grants)

1.	Redeemer Lutheran Child Development Center (Redeemer Lutheran, Richmond)	\$2,800
	The purchase of 14 tablets & Brightwheel software to improve our ministry.	
2.	Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place	\$3,200
	To fund the purchase of state of the art technical materials.	
3.	Orphan Grain Train (Millersville, MD)	\$5,000
	The shipment of humanitarian aid to Duk, South Sudan.	
4.	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$4,000
	Provide Lutheran books translated in languages of the people they serve.	
5.	St. John's Lutheran School (Dover, Delaware)	\$5,000
	Funds to welcome more community children to meet Jesus.	
6.	St. Paul's Lutheran School (Glen Burnie, MD)	\$5,000
	Aid in the redesign of our Children's Ministry.	
7.	Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool (Fredericksburg, VA)	\$5,000
	Repair/replace existing playground equipment to enjoy Christian fellowship.	
8.	The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission	\$5,000
	Fund Deaconess training in Latin America and the Caribbean	
9.	Bethania Kids for India Library Resources	\$5,000
	Fund library resources including books, training CDs, and audio visual.	
10.	Southeastern District, LCMS	\$5,000
	Assist with student aid grants.	
11.	Hope Lutheran Church and School (Virginia Beach, VA)	\$5,000
	Purchase musical instruments, confidence monitor, etc. for worship.	
12.	Faith and Work Enterprises (Baltimore, MD)	\$5,000
	Provide Christ-centered training materials and Bibles.	
13.	Mission Engagement Facilitator, Southeastern District	\$5,000
	Assist with the Southeastern District Coaching Network.	
14.	Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (Newport News, VA)	\$4,000
	Purchase and new gas stove to feed the homeless.	
15.	Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool (Richmond, VA)	\$4,000
	Tuition assistance. Bibles for each student.	
16.	The Wyneken Project (Baltimore, MD)	\$5,000
	Funds for the Liberian and Hispanic Outreach and the Lutheran Blind Out-	

Convention Offerings

Friday: Chesapeake District Mission Grants

Saturday: Lutheran Outreach at Virginia Tech (LOVT)

Sunday: National LWML Mission Grants

Convention reminder for all Society Presidents: Please let your Zone president know the name, address, and phone number of the two people from your Society who will serve as delegates and vote at the Convention.



Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

May - July, 2018

In Memorium for:

Katherine "Kitti" Schatz

Rev. Al and Marge Bruning
Barbara Wagner
Jan & Fred Rueter
Walter and Constance Hoff
Robert and Carol Sinibaldi
LWML of Christ Lutheran Church,
Norfolk, VA
Klara M. James

Vive Diefenthaler
Rev. Al and Marge Bruning

Janet Day
Rev. Al and Marge Bruning

Katherine Davis
Karen Matthiesen

Lois Schmiesing

Karen Matthiesen

Ian and Fred Rueter

The balance in the Scholarship/Grant account is \$5,149.15 as of the end of July, 2018. The CD balance is \$15,000

To honor someone or memorialize them with a gift to the Special Gifts Fund, send a check payable to **Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)** with Special Gifts on the memo line to Sandy O'Hedy, Special Gifts Chair, 116 S. School Ln., Smyrna, DE 19977. Specify if the gift is in memory of or in honor of with the name and address of who should receive the recognition.



OFFICER NOMINEES for 2018-20 Biennium

- **District President:** Teresa Tester, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bryans Road, MD; DCMARVA Zone
- **VP Communications:** Michelle Baugham, Peace in Christ, Walkersville, MD; Potomac Zone
- **VP Human Care:** Donna Thompson, Messiah Lutheran, Germantown, MD: Potomac Zone
- Financial Secretary: Yvonne Brown, Peace Lutheran, Washington; DCMARVA Zone
- **Recording Secretary:** Deb Poese, Lutheran Church of St Andrews, Silver Spring, MD; Potomac Zone
- **Zone Liaison:** Paulette Gaines, Peace Lutheran, Washington; DCMARVA Zone
- **Jr. Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. D. Keith Beasley, Good Shepherd, Roanoke, VA; Blue Ridge Zone

The slate of officers will be presented at convention for election to serve during the 2018-2020 biennium. Further nominations may be made from convention floor, provided nominees meet all the qualifications for the office and are present or have given written consent to serve, if



Dear Friends of Orphan Grain Train,

Your past support of the Mid-Atlantic Branch of Orphan Grain Train has been greatly appreciated. Once again we urgently need your prayers and help. Our warehouse landlord told us in mid-July that we must vacate the premises by August 11. This came as a shock and without warning! We are confident that our Lord has a purpose in this turn of events. While we do not yet know what His plans are, we trust in Him to provide us a future that brings hope to those in need. Psalm 20 encourages us: "May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!"

Now our most urgent need is for a new space. We ask that you come along with us as we start this journey by praying that:

- The Lord will direct us in our decisions
- We find a space of 5000 sq. ft. or more equipped with restroom facilities and a garage door or loading dock
- We can remain in the greater Wilmington, DE area. Other locations will gladly be considered, but Wilmington is central to our wide-spread volunteer base

Who do you know, or do you know of someone who can help find space available to lease, share, donate or sell? Please call Cliff Kraft at (610) 420-0380 with any information or questions.

Thank you all for your support personally, financially, and spiritually. Although we do not know what lies ahead, we wish in all things to abide by His will. Please join us in prayer for the Lord's guidance to continue our mission of providing "Relief for Human Need Worldwide."

from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy



Many churches chose the VBS theme "SHIPWRECKED" this summer. On the third day of this popular VBS program, the verse was "Be Still and Know that I am God," Psalm 46:10.

What does it mean to be still? "Still" is a translation of the Hebrew word *rapa* which can mean "to cease." This is a call for those involved in some type of war to stop fighting. What battles have we all fought, little or small, in sharing the Gospel with groups of excited, noisy children OR in interacting with people we worked with. Maybe we fought with ourselves when things did not quite go the way WE had planned? "Be still" means to stop frantic activity, to let down and to be still

What does it mean to "know?" It can mean that we are aware and acknowledge God. We look to our Lord for His help. In acknowledging God, we acknowledge we can trust Him and surrender to His plan because we understand who He is.

Psalm 46 paints a picture of our entire world collapsing under disasters, chaos and war.

Verse 2: the earth gives way and the mountains fall Verse 6: nations and kingdoms fall

We can become embattled getting supplies, getting teachers, preparing lessons, decorating rooms, learning music, being on time, and much more. This can happen with any program, event or relationship! Remember Psalm 46.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Let us run to God, and fall into His embrace. Let us just chill in our Lord. Let us "Be still and know that He is God."

Christine Maconachy
VP of Christian Life

Note: I suggested in last quarter's Breeze, that you appreciate God's gift of water in your summer adventures, and prayed the "Lord guide you always...you will be like a well-watered garden..." Isaiah 58:11. I truly am sorry that you are all now rather waterlogged from this torrent of water and floods from this recordbreaking summer. I pray all of you have been kept safe. We for sure can now fully appreciate Psalm 46, and the power of God!

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.
George Bernard Shaw

Communication is something that we depend on to learn, share, and simply stay in touch with what is happening around us. Although we might feel overwhelmed with the sheer amount of words we read or hear each day. And yet without sharing information, people are left out of the loop.

Are you involved with your LWML group as a networker, or in your Zone as chair? Do you regularly pass on information you receive from President Edi or from the national LWML? And do you follow up for feedback and awareness?

Lutheran Women in Mission depends on free flowing communication to share the latest news about Mission Grants, Mite Offerings, and encouragement from your sisters in Christ. Beyond the emails sent, remember to share LWML and Chesapeake District Facebook posts, both pages are very active on a daily basis. And if you prefer Pinterest or Instagram, you kind find LWML there as well. All of these are forms of communication that will create awareness for the mission and ministry your Mites support.

This issue of the Chesapeake Breeze is a terrific source of communication for upcoming events. Our biennial convention is in September, and all the information can be found here. Please share this issue either as a printed version or by forwarding the email to friends. Add a few personal words to encourage and connect them to others to share a room, collect ingathering items, and read through the mission grants on the ballot. Most of all bring them along to enjoy a great weekend! I look forward to seeing you in Richmond, September 21-23 as we experience "Our Journey With Our Lord"!

Leslie Jaseph, VP of Communications



You are invited by the Blue Ridge Zone to the

Chesapeake District LWML Convention 2018

Bible Studies - Worship - Interest Sessions - Elections - Mission Grants - Entertainment - Much More!



Linda Arnold Convention Speaker



Michelle Zollinger LWML Public Relations Director



Christine Maconachy Music Leader

Interest Sessions

- Leading and Leaning (Linda Arnold). Discuss best practices for tuning in to God's guidance in everyday life. Linda is Co-chair of the Women's Leadership Institute, Concordia University, Wisconsin. Linda has uses her leadership skills with the LWML on several levels.
- Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy! (Michelle Zollinger, LWML Public Relations Director).
 Through all stages of your life's joy-filled journey with our Lord, enjoy involvement in LWML.
- Gifts of Love: Returning God's Blessings (Linda Gage). Discover how you can share your faith, minimize taxes, bless your family, and make a lasting impact on ministry through your estate. Now is the time to put a plan in place. Linda is the LWML's National Gift Planning Counselor.
- Visual Faith 101 (Connie Denninger). Ready for a new prayer life story? This session will give an overview of Visual Prayer practices and Gratitude Journaling. Bible Journaling will feature the new Enduring Word Bible from CPH, introducing the new resources for families, schools and congregations with the Visual Church Year Project. Resources available for purchase. Connie blogs at Vintage Grace and is a Visual Faith Coach. She is the wife of the Southeastern District President.

- *Growing the LWML* (Cynthia Massengill) For YWR's, Heart 2 Heart sisters, Teens. This session will be held during the second session only, and will explore the working and functioning of the LWML and how teens and young women can be a part of the mission. Cynthia is the Young Women Chair.
- Convention Choir (Christine Maconachy). Rehearsal for the Sunday Worship Service will be held during the first session only. Christine serves as the District's VP for Christian Life and is a gifted musician.
- How a Deaconess Serves the Church (Deb Lennox and others). The Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA) brings together men and women who all seek to live out their calling to serve God. Learn about the history of the LDA and how a Deaconess serves the church. Deb Lennox has shared her spiritual gifts with many and is employed by the LDA.

Convention Hotel Notes

All the rooms and meeting spaces in the Doubletree have been renovated. Rooms are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators. Free parking. Indoor pool. Fitness Room. The restaurant will offer a buffet dinner on Friday evening in addition to their usual soup and salad bar. They will be open for breakfast, which is on-your-own and not included in the registration. Your chocolate chip cookie is waiting for your arrival!

Chesapeake District LWML Convention 2018

Friday, September 21- Sunday, September 23

Double Tree by Hilton | 1021 Koger Center Blvd. | Richmond VA 23235

Make hotel reservations directly with the Double Tree

Call -800-222-8733 or 804-379-3800 and ask for LWML Room Block

LWML Room Rate: \$104 + tax per room for 1-4 people



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please print in black ink.

Chesapeuro Statue					
Badge Name (first, last)	Check One				
Mailing Address	General Registration Society (Church) Delegate				
CityStateZIP	Zone Young Women's Rep				
Phone	Teen Executive Committee				
Email Address	Zone Chair Past District President				
Church/SocietyZone	Host Committee Clergy				
First Time Attendee? 50 Years Plus LWML'er	Deaconess Exhibitor				
	EXHIBITOR				
Registration Fees:					
Early Registration (postmarked by September 5, 2018) Regular Registration (after September 5, 2018) Teen, YWR or Deaconess Registration (Each of the above includes registration, Friday evening reception,	\$155 \$ \$165 \$ \$70 \$				
Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet and entertainment)					
Saturday Banquet and Entertainment for unregistered guest	\$50 \$				
Exhibitor Table fee	\$50 \$				
	TAL \$				
Total Amount E	:nciosed \$				
Delegates and YWRs: Send registration materials to your Zone Chairman. All Others: Send registration materials to Portia Tomlinson, 1013 Stokes Dr., Roanoke, VA 24019					
Checks should be made payable to Chesapeake District LWML must accompany regist	tration. Duplicate this form for yourself.				
Saturday Afternoon Interest Sessions (Mark your choices in order of preference, 1 through 4. Each person will be able to attend two sessions.)	I would like to participate in: Mission Mite Walk				
 Leading and Leaning (Linda Arnold) Engage, Encourage, Equip and Enjoy (Michelle Zollinger) Visual Faith 101 (Connie Denninger) Gifts of Love (Linda Gage) How Deaconesses Serve the Church (Deaconess Deb Lennox & others) Convention Choir (Christine Maconachy) 1st session only Growing the LWML (Cynthia Massengill) For YWR's, H2H's, Teens; 2nd session only 	Special Needs: Interpreter Needed Wheelchair Accessibility Dietary Restrictions (describe) Other special needs (describe)				



Your Name

Mission Pledge Walk in the Park

What could be more rewarding than a taking a walk in the park while raising donations for Mites? You will have an opportunity to do exactly that by joining us on our Mission Pledge Walk at the Chesapeake District Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

Our walk with be on the lovely trails in Huguenot Park on Saturday, September 22, from 7:15 to 8:15 am. The park is within easy walking distance of the hotel and has 2.3 miles of trails, so you can take a stroll or a power walk! As we walk the trails we will meditate on "Our Journey with the Lord!"

Our Mission Pledge Walk will give those attending and our sisters and brothers in Christ back at home a chance to raise money for Mites by pledging to support a "park walker".

Use the form below to list pledges/donations. All monies collected will go to Mites, which fund District and national. Check should be payable to Chesapeake District LWML with *Mission Pledge Walk* in the memo.

So pack your walking shoes and join us at Huguenot Park during the Chesapeake District Convention, September 21-23, 2018

Congregation			
	Pledge Walk in the I	Park"	
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2		6	_
3		7	
4		8	
		Total Donations	



"Our Journey With the Lord"

Gifts from the Heart for the 2018 Convention

Gift Cards for Seminarians

Macy's, JC Penney, Sears, Walmart, Gas cards: BP and Shell, Applebee's, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Queen, Friday's, KFC, McDonalds, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Texas Road House, and Wendy's. Please make sure that the amount on the card is clearly indicated.





Eyeglasses for MOST Ministries

Adult-sized glasses, child-size glasses, non-prescription sunglasses, over-the-counter reading glasses



Fisher House, Portsmouth VA

"Supporting America's military in their time of need"

- Gift cards: Lowes, Food Lion, Walmart, Office Max, Farm Fresh, Home Depot, and Amazon.
- Kitchen pantry items: Nonperishable food items, canned goods, cereal, seasonings, storage containers, plastic baggies (all sizes)
- Travel size toiletries





Blue Ridge Women's Center, Roanoke, VA

Baby clothes, newborn to 18-24 months (girls and boys).
Baby grooming kits (with finger nail clippers), bibs, baby toiletries (Desitin, etc.)



Flip flops and new underwear (adult & child sizes)







Bulletin Blurbs for the Convention

Use these to promote the convention.

"Our Journey with the Lord" is the theme of the 2018 Chesapeake District Convention to be held in Richmond, Virginia September 21-23, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton (1021 Koger Blvd. Richmond, VA 23235). Convention registration is open now and the forms are available in the August *Chesapeake Breeze* or at www.lwmlchesapeake.org Gather your friends and come to Richmond for a weekend of worship, Bible study, interest sessions, great speakers and awesome music.

"Our Journey with the Lord" based on Revelations 22:13 NIV "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End", will be the gathering theme for those attending the LWML Chesapeake District Convention September 21-23, 2018 in Richmond, VA. Registration includes all sessions, Saturday entertainment program and all food (except breakfast). This will be a great weekend plan on joining with your fellow sisters in Christ at the Double Tree.

All are invited to the opening worship service with Holy Communion on Friday, September 21 at 8:00 pm at the 2018 LWML Chesapeake District Convention in Richmond, VA. You don't have to be registered for the convention to attend worship. The location for the weekend is the Double Tree by Hilton 1021 Koger Blvd. Richmond, VA 23235. Southeastern District President John Denninger will be the proclaimer at our closing worship service on Sunday morning. The 2018 convention theme is "Our Journey with the Lord," based on Revelation 22:13 *NIV*.

Time is short this year have you registered for the 2018 LWML Chesapeake District Convention to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Blvd., Richmond, VA 23235; September 21 -23, 2018. The registration form can be found in the August *Chesapeake Breeze* or at www.lwmlchesapeake.org

Last day to register for the 2018 LWML Chesapeake District Convention; "Our Journey with the Lord," based on Revelations 22:13 NIV "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" is September 5. Registrations forms can be found on line at www.lwmlchesapeake.org or in the August Chesapeake Breeze. Join us September 21-23, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Blvd., Richmond, VA 23235.



On June 6, Vice President of Communications Leslie Jaseph and President Edi helped present a check for \$40,000 from the Lutheran Women in Mission to Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. The check was a partial payment of LWML's mission grant of \$80,000 to LWR's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. This grant ensures the delivery of more than 35,500 quilts each year to those in need around the world. Also pictured are Gail Kolos, Geri Sicola, Carol Petzold.