

from our DISTRICT PRESIDENT

August 2019 NEWSLETTER

In Praise to the Lord" The theme for this year's convention is about declaring His glory among the nations and is the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit and God's marvelous works. In Mobile, we were fed by God's Word and Sacrament, nourished through worship and fellowship, and equipped by our speakers and activities to tell of His salvation from day to day and the work of Christ Jesus to all the earth and lead us in praise to the Lord. Days



were filled with service events, speakers, Bible Study, laughter, LWML business, and of course, music! There was a wonderful convention choir who sang for both opening and closing worship services and an inspiring Saturday evening program by the vocal performance "Voices of Alabama." The University students raised their voices together in PRAISE TO THE LORD. A big thank you to Rhoda Pollard of the DCMARVA Zone for creating the Chesapeake District banner that interpreted the convention theme in such a beautiful way! What an honor for me to carry our district banner in the procession. Despite the distance, over 50 women (and men!) represented the Chesapeake District in Mobile. We were blessed with two energetic Young Women's Representatives, Ashley Groves and Desiree Davis, and a new Heart-to-Heart Sister, Rosa Ammons. Those that weren't able to attend had the opportunity to watch the live video streaming of services and convention sessions on the LWML website (www.lwml.org/convention). Over 4,000 people watched the opening service! You can still go to the website to access photos, highlights, and video ar-

chives from the convention. Want to hear more? Print and share the list of new mission grants approved and pray for them and for our newly elected national officers. Consider inviting your Zone delegate to speak at your society meeting and/or rally, or ask Rosa, Ashley and Desiree speak about their H2H/YWR experience. It would be hard to adequately describe the convention Bible Study presented by Donna Pyle. Luckily, I don't have to try! You'll have the opportunity to see her at our fall Christian Life Retreat in Ocean City, MD. Full details about the Retreat are discussed elsewhere in this issue of the *Chesapeake Breeze*. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Retreat! Blessings on your summer!

Your LWML sister,
Teresa Tester,
District President, LWML Chesapeake District

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)
But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. (2 Timothy 4:17)*

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from our
Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR
Rev. Dr. John Johnson

The Unity of Christianity

There is an important thing that all Christians need to hold before ourselves so that the Church may prosper and God be glorified. We must never allow the norms of society to supercede the unity of Christianity. In our society there have been and continues to be a call for separation. Separation due to gender, race, age, income, political view points and many other reasons. When I was finishing at seminary in 1988 it was discussed and understood that Christians could be of all races, languages and backgrounds but White people will worship with Whites, Blacks with Blacks, Latinos with Latinos and Asians with Asians. After my first 20 years in the ministry the discussion was that Sunday mornings were still the most segregated hours of a Christian's week. It was still taken for granted that the norms of separation could not be overcome, even by the power of the Holy Gospel.



In Scripture there are several moments where the, “You’re not one of us” issue must be dealt with. The apostles wanted non-apostles not to cast out demons (Mark 9:38-41), Jewish Christians wanted separation from Gentile Christians (Acts 11:1-18, Galatians 2:11-21) and Joshua wanted Moses to separate from Jews who didn’t show allegiance to him (Numbers 11:27-29). All of these situations happened because believers allowed society (worldly views and attitudes) to supercede the Word of God and the power of Christian love.

I believe we sometimes forget just how awesome and amazing our God is. He is able to do anything and to create situations where opposites and even former enemies can not only exist together, but thrive in Jesus’ name. Now in my 31st year of ministry I have seen God do wonderful things. The women of the Chesapeake District of the LWML have worked with me and shown me great love for five years. Something that many people may have said was impossible 10 years ago. At Mount Olivet in Washington, DC we have a congregation where half of those worshipping are White. We are from different economic backgrounds, political views and life experiences and we thrive because we all believe in the power of the Gospel.

As our heavenly Father continues to make changes in his Church, accept the challenge to believe in the power of the Gospel and Christian love. We have the ability to welcome people who are different and witness to the world that Jesus Christ can overcome the world’s desire for segregation. We know that the Gospel is real and unity isn’t just a word.

I am truly blessed and honored to have this opportunity to serve the women of the LWML. May the Lord bless each of us individually and as congregations to love and encourage one another in thanksgiving for the salvation we share in Jesus Christ our King.



Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2018-2020

Mission Goal \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train (Millersville, MD)
The shipment of humanitarian aid to Duk, South Sudan. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; color: white; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 2. Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (Newport News, VA)
Purchase a new gas stove to feed the homeless. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; color: white; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$4,000 |
| 3. Faith and Work Enterprises (Baltimore, MD)
Provide Christ-centered training materials and Bibles. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; color: white; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 4. The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission
Fund Deaconess training in Latin America and the Caribbean. | | \$5,000 |
| 5. Southeastern District, LCMS
Assist with student aid grants. | | \$5,000 |
| 6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Provide Lutheran books translated in languages of the people they serve. | | \$4,000 |
| 7. Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool (Richmond, VA)
Tuition assistance. Bibles for each student. | | \$4,000 |
| 8. The Wyneken Project (Baltimore, MD)
Funds for the Liberian and Hispanic Outreach and the Lutheran Blind Outreach. | | \$5,000 |
| 9. Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place (Baltimore, MD)
To fund the purchase of state of the art technical materials. | | \$2,910* |
| 10. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool (Fredericksburg, VA)
Repair/replace existing playground equipment to enjoy Christian fellowship. | | \$4,545* |
| 11. Bethania Kids for India Library Resources
Fund library resources including books, training CDs, and audio visual. | | \$4,545* |

**Grants 10, 11, and 12 each received the same number of votes from the convention delegates, so will be funded proportionally to their initial requested amounts. If the mission goal is exceeded, each of these grants will be fully funded to the degree possible.*

We are in August...unbelievable! The summer is flying by and God's love continues to sustain me in everything that I do. I am approaching our next biennium with excitement as I begin to compose our paperwork for new grants. Now for the help! Begin thinking about grant applicants and plant that bug in their ear! I will be sending the letters in early November that will go to each of your congregations. God's blessings to all of you! *Martha McGlynn, VP Outreach & Mission Grants*



"Faith and Work Enterprises" has an innovative job readiness training program using tailor-designed curriculum to help men facing long-term unemployment, transitioning back into society from the corrections system, and /or experiencing homelessness, find jobs and experience life in Christ. They have found a building for their training (they have been using their church) and should have moved in by mid-July. Wokenfuss Candies has teamed up with Emanuel Lutheran teaching the men to make chocolate. The grant money will be used to help furnish the building and purchase additional training materials. From left to right: Martha MacGlynn, VP of Mission Outreach and Grants; Paula Ellison, Baltimore Zone Chair; Tina Jaision, Chief Operating Officer, LaChelle Redd, Workforce Development and Referral Services Director; and Rev. Martin Schultheis, Pastor at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

From our Young Woman's Rep Ashley Groves after the LWML Convention



Before going to experience the national convention in Mobile, Alabama, I had made the assumption that it would be similar to a district meeting but it was much bigger. Some of my expectations of going to the national convention would not be necessarily looked down on, but feel different. I did feel different going to the convention, but in a good sense. I was shown that even young women with multi-colored hair and piercings can

be apart of the LWML. I know and have seen the differences in the LWML community, but we all have one thing in common—our love for God and wanting to make a difference.

The amount of love shown through the convention was something indescribable. I had luncheon with Jaclyn Rychel from Ministry in Mission and it truly made an impact on my heart. She described the experience in building the Jacmel Lutheran Home and the thanks she gave for the grant received at the 2017 convention.

While speaking with many young women I found out how their home life was and how God impacted our

lives with LWML. Some have been a part of the LWML since childhood and others, similar to myself, are new to the LWML.

I saw how mites impact many who were given mission grants, listened to mites in action speakers, and read the mission grant statements. It is amazing to see how many missions are taking place this very minute and how people are donating to help make a greater change.

I have noticed how the YWR's in our own district are very few. Truly I was scared of joining LWML myself, but similar to what I learned at the district convention is we must be fearless and welcoming. Some may fear joining LWML because they feel it won't make a difference, but this opens your eyes to encourage others to join.

Speaking to youth at a young age about LWML and for guys men's prayer groups are especially important in growing their faith as adults. Church doesn't stop at youth and it doesn't stop at showing up to Bible study. Going to church means you learn and equip yourself to share God's love. Sharing how God loves you and how you can make a difference as a YWR or even a fellow member of the LWML is one of the most important things you can give to someone. The fact of the matter is I learned we (LWML) members make an impact on the world and joining also means you have a friend to help you in your journey as a woman sharing God's love.



Marge Bruning Gifts of Love Advocate

Rejuvenation

Throughout our world, winds of restlessness bring change to cultural landscapes. These conditions are captive to corrupt hearts, leaders or cultural circumstances dictating the plight of masses.



Returning God's Blessings

Within the U.S., the debate seems centered on whether ingenuity and capital markets are just, or whether the government is obligated to intercede and reallocate wealth according to social expediency. Political transformation causes resulting innovation that is hotly debated. Does such struggle result in progress or regression?

Meanwhile, the daily patterns and responsibilities of homelife, work, social, emotional and spiritual concerns continue in a dynamic reconstruction cycle. Our lives circulate through a daily loop of replenishment or depletion. Although our bodies are subjected to the curse of our own refusal to follow God's will, opportunities for regeneration and restoration are available from an infinitely kind Spirit.

Thanks to the work of Jesus Christ in God who formed and redeemed all creation, the ever-present comfort of the Holy Spirit is ours. Those who live by faith in God's Word, know that renewal and rebirth result in repair and restoration of the mind, body and soul.

Despite differing motivations, people of faith recognize the undeserved favor given to reform their wayward tendencies. This miracle adds luster to the manna of time that transforms life's experience with an inner conversion. Only when God's reinvigoration occurs does a person find the restitution and revitalization that awaits in freedom's Jubilee.

As summer vacations also provide a time to rejuvenate, it's also time to consider renovating your own plans for when life's final renewal transforms us to eternal life. A 'Lifetime Plan for Giving' with a will,

trust or beneficiary designations can communicate your intent clearly, signaling a renaissance to rebuild the future.

Family gifts well planned can regenerate their lives for God's purposes. Renovation that remembers the Lord's work gives opportunity to leave assets to advance the Kingdom of Grace.

Contact Linda Gage at linda.gage@lfnd.org or at 800-741-4138, ext. 1 or Marge Bruning at mabruning79@gmail.com to learn how a trusted charitable guide can encourage you to plan and direct your passion to give to loved ones and cherished ministries so others might know that the rejuvenation is your hope.

Special Gifts Endowment Fund

The Fund has a balance of \$5,603.26 as of July 31, 2019 and a CD of \$15,000. The fund includes an interest deposit of \$74.79 from the CD.

For more information and Guidelines for requesting a grant from Special Gifts Fund, go to the Chesapeake District LWML website.

When donating to the Special Gifts Endowment Fund, please note if the money is in memory of someone or to honor someone, include an address where an acknowledgement can be sent. Mail your check made out to LCEF with Special Gifts on the memo line to Sandra O'Hedy 116 S. School Lane, Smyrna, DE 19977.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)



from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us.*

Hebrews 12:1



I love my “great cloud of witnesses!” They “get it!” They understood the challenges of living in this sinful world and now they cheer me on in God’s Word, Grace and Love. But **perseverance** ... that means not giving up, ever. WOW! Perseverance is defined as continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition; it is tenacity and effort required to do something even if it’s hard. Can I do this? (have you heard the phrase ... ***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*** Philippians 4:13)

Let us meet our challenges and be strengthened in His Word, led by Donna Pyle at our Christian Life Retreat in Ocean City, November 1-3, 2019. Meet your one thing that has hold of you: be encouraged and uplifted to keep moving forward. Nehemiah did, and so has Donna Pyle.

You won’t have to meet your challenge(s) alone. We will all be there for you, cheering you on. Come with friends, but be prepared to be surprised with a cloud of new friends. Friends who “do unto others as you would have them do for you” Luke 6:31. Friends who “love at all times...” Proverbs 17:17. (But if you also need moments of quiet & reflection, there is God’s beach, beckoning to you, to soothe and give you peace)

“Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, What! You too? I thought I was the only one.” C.S. Lewis

Christine Maconachy
VP Christian Life

2020 District Convention “Tell His Glory”

I hope you've pulled out your **2020** calendar and written in the Chesapeake District convention for September 25-26 in Gaithersburg, MD! The convention program committee met at the Gaithersburg Hilton location (which will become a DoubleTree in January) in July to tour the property, plan our new, exciting **TWO-DAY** format, and hear about the hotel's renovation plans. Stay tuned for more news in future editions of the *Chesapeake Breeze*!

Edi Collis, 2020 District Convention Chairman

Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch is holding an Open House at their 'new' warehouse on **Saturday, October 19 from 1-4 pm**. The warehouse is located at 8 Federal Rd., West Grove/Jennersville, PA. This location is not too far from Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum and other Kennett Square attractions. It is also near the Dansko shoe outlet store. So, why not make a day of it—come visit the warehouse, maybe buy a pair of shoes and relax in the Brandywine Valley area.

The Blue Ridge Zone Fall Workshop will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmville on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, 10 am to 3 pm.



LWML Sunday 2019



PERSEVERANCE: *Praying Through Life's Challenges*

LWML Chesapeake District Christian Life Retreat

November 1-3, 2019

Bible Study Leader: Donna Pyle

Musician and Entertainer: Wendysue Fluegge

Carousel Resort Hotel, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD

Rooms are \$115 (Oceanfront) and \$85 (Non-Oceanfront) per room night + tax.

Rooms can accommodate up to 4. Two bedroom condos are \$185 per night.

Make your room reservations directly with the Carousel Hotel at 1-800-641-0011.

Tell them you are with the Chesapeake District LWML to get the special room rate.

Room reservations deadline is Friday, October 11, 2019

Registration fee of \$105. This includes all sessions, receptions, Saturday lunch and dinner, speakers and entertainment on Saturday night by Wendysue Fluegge.

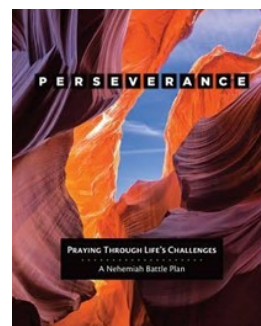
Note: You are on your own for Friday dinner and Saturday/Sunday breakfast.

Retreat Registration deadline is October 11, 2019

See page 8 for "What to Bring" and Weekend Details

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Mail this registration form with a check for \$105 made payable to **"Chesapeake District LWML"** to:
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Note: If a check is returned the individual who wrote it will be charged the bank fees.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

LWML Zone _____ Church Name & City _____

Special Diet Needs: No _____ Yes _____ Specify _____

Special Needs: Hearing impaired, blind, wheelchair, etc. Please specify _____

Interested in the "Perseverance Mission MITE Walk?" Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Can you help with one of the following?

Registration _____ Greeters _____ Ushers _____ M&M Store _____ as Needed _____ *Thank you!*



PERSEVERANCE: *Praying Through Life's Challenges*

*"...persevering with single-minded focus in God alone,
can lead us to a fuller life...."* Donna Pyle

Hotel Details

Hotel Check-in: 4:00 pm

Reservations: Everyone should contact the Carousel directly (800-641-0011) and request the Chesapeake District LWML room block to receive the correct room rate. All reservations must be guaranteed with an advance deposit equal to the first night's lodging. Room reservation changes or cancellations are accepted up to 72 hours prior to arrival date.

Amenities: All rooms have a kitchenette with mini fridge, microwave and coffee maker.

Restaurants: It's Ocean City! So many dining options, and the hotel has two restaurants.

Retreat Details

Registration opens at 4 pm on Friday. Servant Events from 2:45–5:00 pm. Welcome and Opening of Retreat at 7:00 pm. (Dinner on your own.)

What to wear: It is a beach weekend...come casual and comfortable, but remember it is November.

Bring: Your Bible; comfortable walking shoes; checkbook or credit card to purchase items from the M&M Store (LWML products) and for bidding on Christmas Silent Auction Items.

Also please bring:

- One purse for "Musical Purses." You will not get that purse back, but will receive a different one. *Inside your purse, put a Bible verse and any other small item you would like to donate.*
- Christmas Items for Silent Auction and Mini Bazaar (donations will go to Mites)
- New or Gently-Used Devotional Books to donate and/or exchange

Gifts From the Heart:

- Gift Cards for seminarians (\$10 or \$25)
- Nonperishable food items or cash for Open Kettle, St Peter's Lutheran Church, Ocean City (Items needed: soup, canned pasta sauce, creamy peanut butter, mac and cheese)
- Believe in Tomorrow House (Items needed: dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet tissue)

Offerings: 1. Friday evening worship will go to Chesapeake District Mission Projects.

2. Sunday morning worship w/ communion will go to Kate Phillips, a LCMS deaconess intern from SED and granddaughter of Lois Schmiesing (a lifelong LWMLer). Kate is raising money to serve as a missionary in the Dominican Republic.

Mission Walk:

Perseverance Mite Walk: Saturday afternoon from 2:45-3:30 pm. Enjoy a casual walk with your LWML sisters. *Use the pledge form on page 11 in the August 2019 Breeze.* All funds will go for Chesapeake District Mission Projects.

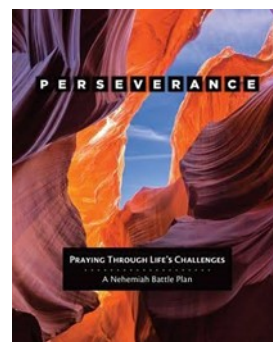
Saturday Night Entertainment: JOY-FILLED SURPRISES IN OUR LORD with Wendysue.

Register Now for a Spiritual Fun-Filled Weekend Retreat
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CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT LWML WOMEN'S RETREAT

Carousel Resort Hotel 118th St. on the Ocean
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Donna Pyle: International Speaker, Author and Active Supporter of
LWML Missions

Wendysue Fluegge: National Christian Musician and Leader



PERSEVERANCE!
PRAYING THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES

What's the one thing that keeping you from a fuller life? Gifted Donna Pyle will lead us in her new Bible study to see how persevering with single-minded focus can help us recognize our idols and trust in God alone to help us endure through life's challenges. God, through the life of Nehemiah, provides insight into how we can respond to struggles in our lives. Walk with Nehemiah as a slave from Persia to Jerusalem as God gives him the strength to persevere past seemingly insurmountable obstacles into His redeeming grace. Donna Pyle led the Chesapeake District's Retreat in 2015 and was the Bible leader for the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama.



"STAND UP AND PRAISE THE LORD"
Nehemiah 9:5

Wendysue Fluegge is a Christian musician who loves putting faith stories and Scripture to melody. She was the song leader for the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM and Song Leader for Deb Burma's recent Caribbean Cruise "Extravagant Love" in February 2019. She has a passionate heart for people and Jesus. Wendysue has "Big Plans" to entertain (she is driving her van from Wisconsin with all kinds of props and fun stuff for us) and also lead us in our worship and praise.

What else? Yes, there's more! Musical Purses, Saturday Night Entertainment with Joy-filled Surprises with our Lord, (led by Wendysue Fluegge), Christmas Silent Auction, Sunday Worship with Communion, Food, Servant Events, Mission Walk, Ingathering, Fashion Show, Sisters of the Heart, Fellowship and Fun with 200 good friends.

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LWML Chesapeake District Christian Life Retreat Schedule November 1-3, 2019 | Carousel Hotel | Ocean City, MD Christian Life Retreat Schedule

Friday, November 1, 2019

Registration & Resource area open 4:00-7:00pm

7:00pm Welcome & Opening

Healing Harmonies & Worship with Wendysue

Friday Offering: *LWML Chesapeake District Missions*

8:45pm Zone Gatherings and Fellowship
(Rooms to be announced)

2:30pm

FREE TIME: Select one or more

2:45-3:30pm

Pledge Walk for Mites
(meet at registration table)

2:45-5:00pm

Servant Projects:
Devotion Book Exchange
Comfort Cards and Bible Bookmarks
Christmas Silent Auction
Writing in Gift Bibles

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00-9:30am Breakfast on your own

9:30-9:45am Gathering Music

9:45-10:30am **Bible Study Session 1**

10:30-10:45am Mission Update

10:45-10:55am BREAK

11:00-11:15am Gathering Music

11:15-12:00 **Bible Study Session 2**
Prayer before Lunch

12:00-1:15pm Lunch

Resource area open 12:30-1:30pm

1:15-1:30pm Gathering Music

1:30-2:15pm **Bible Study Session 3**

2:15-2:25pm Dedication of Gifts of the Heart

2:25-2:30pm Musical Purses

*Resource Room and M and M Store Open until 5:30pm
Last chance for M and M Store*

5:30-6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm

Sisters of the Heart Fashion Show
Evening Entertainment by Wendysue

9:00pm

Meet and Greet with Treats

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:00-9:30am Breakfast on your own

9:30-9:45am Gentle Yoga Praise

9:45-10:30am **Bible Study Session 4**

10:45-11:45am Communion Worship Service

*Sunday Morning Offering: **Kate Phillips**, LCMS Deaconess Intern from SED and granddaughter of Lois Schmiesing. Offerings donated to help fund Kate's missionary internship in the Dominican Republic.*

Departure: Carousel Check out 12:00pm



Walking with Perseverance for Missions Walk

The Perseverance Mission Walk will be Saturday, November 2, from 2:45-3:30 pm. Use the form below to obtain pledges/donations from friends and family. All monies collected will go to the Chesapeake District Mite Mission Grants. Checks should be payable to **LWML Chesapeake District** with "Walk for Mites" in the memo. So pack your walking shoes and join us at the Carousel Resort Hotel in Ocean City, November 1-3, 2019. *Make extra copies if needed.*

Your Name _____

Congregation _____

Zone _____

Pledges for "Perseverance Mission Walk"

Name & Amount Pledged

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