



June 2016 NEWSLETTER

message from our PRESIDENT

Edi Collis



A recent 2-Minute Tuesday (www.lwml.org) relayed the following story: "A woman was asked what she had been doing the past week, she answered, "On Monday, I ministered to Mexicans in Texas. Tuesday, I preached the gospel in Brazil. Wednesday, I operated on a man in Africa. Thursday, I taught in a mission school in Japan. Friday, I helped establish a church in California. Saturday, I taught seminary classes. Sunday, I distributed Bibles in Korea." Her friend, thinking her a bit "tetched" asked her to explain. "You see, by dropping monies in my Mite Box daily, I have been able to go to all these places where God the Holy Spirit is working.""

As I write this, we have just celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Do you remember how the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and were enabled to share the message of Jesus' love and salvation to the crowd that surrounded them? As a result of their testimony that day, 3,000 people were brought into a living relationship with their Savior and with one another.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we, too, can share the message of our Lord's great love to those around the world. By filling our Mite Boxes, we can fund outreach programs, both within the Chesapeake District and around the world. How blessed we are to have this opportunity!

This edition of the *Chesapeake Breeze* is full of details about our 2016 District Convention, to be held September 23-25 in Timonium, MD. The women of the PenMar Zone are excited and ready to host all of us for this convention, organized under the theme "Sow What?" We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Executive Director for Mission Development for the LCMS-SED, as our keynote speaker. LWML President Patti Ross will share news from the national organization, plans for the 2017 convention in Albuquerque, NM, and the "Diamond Dazzle Jubilee" celebration of the LWML's 75th anniversary. As a special treat, a son of our District, Phil Jaseph, will speak about his two years serving the LCMS in Kenya.

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message from Edi

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Remember that each society may send two delegates as part of their Zone Delegation to the convention to cast votes for officers and for mission grants for the 2016-2018 biennium. Please keep all of the delegates and our discernment process in your prayers over these next few months.

The convention is a wonderful opportunity to share the excitement of LWML with other women! Each zone may send **AT LEAST** one Young Women's Representative to this convention. I also encourage you to seek out the ethnic congregations in your areas and see if there is support you can provide to help some of the women in these churches to join us in convention.

As we near the end of the 2014-2016 biennium, we still need to fund four more mission grants to meet our district mission goal. This is a challenge, but I know through God's grace and your spirit of giving, these grants will be paid!

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.

Chesapeake Breeze is the quarterly newsletter of the Chesapeake District LWML. Send your news and photos by August 1, 2016 to Linda Roscoe, Publications Editor

from the VP of COMMUNICATIONS

Leslie Jaseph

We are jumping into summer already! Zone Rallies are completed, schools are ending, and graduations are all over social media. And we are just over a year away from the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque!

Do you have plans for the summer? Maybe to visit family, take a vacation, or a "stay-cation", just enjoying the peace of being at home. Is anyone planning on helping with a Vacation Bible School? Attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering? Maybe participating with a servant event or mission trip? Is your women's group planning a special activity or fundraiser?

We want to see what you are doing! Please submit photos and a brief description of the photo or event, and send it to me via email at LJaseph@aol.com. It will be posted on the Facebook page, and shared with webmaster Julie Schaefer for inclusion on the website. Let's use these as encouragement for others and to share the activities where we are involved.

We are at an all-time high for "Likes" for the District's Facebook page, are you one of them? If not, please connect with us, and invite your friends to visit too. I am happy to share your women's group events, news, outreach activities. And you can always find updated information about the district and national LWML Mission Grants. Don't forget to also "Like" the official LWML Facebook page as well. You will find different things on both sites.

May you feel enjoy a blessed, safe, and joyous summer!

Leslie

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13 ESV



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Lutheran Women in Mission

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod 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.

from the VP of Mission Grants *Penny Helmore*

Four of 14 mission grants remain to be funded (\$1,240) for the current biennium ending June 30. We praise God the projects 9 and 10 were recently paid! Let's help provide Sunday School materials to Bethania Kid's Ministry in India. Let's reach out to all of the children in Dover, Delaware with scholarships to St. John's Lutheran School where God is always present. Let's make every effort to fund all the grants.

Pray that Mites will pour in to bless our missions. Remember to check the latest date in June to turn in your Mites with your society's LWML treasurer. Every penny counts. **THANK YOU.**

Delegates will be voting on **fourteen** proposals for mission grants for the 2016-2018 biennium at the district convention, September 23-25 in Timonium, MD. **Nine** proposals, possibly more, will be funded. Due to ongoing difficulties in recent bienniums to fund all the grants

accepted, the proposed Mite goal options for the next biennium will be lowered. Contact for Mission Outreach and Grants is Penny Helmore, ukmompjh@aol.com, whose term ends this convention.

If you love missions and are interested in working with mission outreach and grants, please contact Deb Poese (Deb.Poese@verizon.net), on the Nominating Committee for national LWML. They are looking for nominations for Vice President of Gospel Outreach. Thank you.



Mission Grants to be Funded by June 30, 2016

Mite Goal: \$125,000

11. Bethania Kid's Ministries in India

\$5,000

Bethania Kids' Ministries care for over 980 children in 16 ministries in India, looking after their spiritual, physical, educational and emotional wellbeing. The proposed funds will be used to provide Sunday school materials.

12. Wellspring Mid-Atlantic Community Gospel Outreach, MD

\$5,000

Wellspring offers courses to assist leaders in numerous LCMS congregations. Assistance is provided by equipping, training, mentoring and coaching Gospel Outreach leaders, including lay leaders. The aim is to train 100 leaders for healthy gospel outreach in the Chesapeake District.

13. LINC Baltimore - Mission Planting Network

(partial funds) \$1,200

(LINC - Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition) The Mission Planting Network project for the Baltimore metro area is just beginning. In two years, it plans to train twelve teams of eight mission-minded local leaders to launch 2-4 missional communities.

14. Uganda Youth Conference - Uganda Lutheran Mission

(partial funds) \$1,200

Though the Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda comprises thirty-three percent youth, there are no formal programs for faith formation and development of church leaders that focus on youth. The grant proposed will provide for a formal program, including transportation, housing, food, hymnals and bibles.

from our SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Charles Long

Even after all this time
The sun never says to the earth
"You owe me"
Look what happens with a love like that
It lights the whole sky
~ Anonymous (attributed falsely to Rumi and Hafiz,
possibly Ladinsky is the author)

I read this poem while doing some internet research. I thought immediately of Jesus' words in Matthew 5. *For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust* (Matthew 5:45b, ESV).

Eugene Peterson paraphrases this in *The Message* to...

This is what God does. He gives his best – the sun to warm and the rain to nourish – to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. (Matthew 5: 45b, The Message)

Friends, we live in a universe overflowing with miracles of grace. The sun shines upon the good and the bad without distinction. Grace. The rain falls upon the righteous and the unrighteous indiscriminately. Grace. The air is breathed by the grateful and the ungrateful without judgment. Grace. While such grace should inspire unspeakable joy in people, it often goes unnoticed. The sun rises unobserved. The rain falls unacknowledged. The air is breathed unconsciously.



Sadder still, these miracles of grace go unnoticed by believers. What then shall we do? (Luke 3:10-14, John 6:28, Acts 2:37; see also Tolstoy 'What Then Must We Do?')

First, *be more aware*. Notice every photon of light that passes your irises. Every drop of rain, mist, and dew that falls trickles down your windows. Every breath of life-sustaining air that inflates your lungs. Be aware of the grace all around you.

Second, *be more grateful*. As you experience these wonders of grace, coming to you unearned, and certainly unmerited, give thanks. Thank you for the light of a new day. Thank you for the rain from above. Thank you for the air that sustains. All given graciously.

Third, *take action*. Though the light shines on all, some live in darkness. Let me be the one to bring light into dark places. Though the rain falls on many, still many thirst. Let me be the one to bear them water to quench their thirsts. Though the air is breathed by all, some suffocate in oppression, injustice, and despair. Let me be the one of open these prisons that those inside might breathe freely.

Awareness. Gratitude. Action. This is love and 'look what happens with a love like that – it lights up the whole sky.'

You are invited by the Pen Mar Zone to the
Chesapeake District LWML Convention 2016 - Theme: "Sow What?"
September 23-25, 2016 in Timonium, Maryland

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers righteousness on you. Hosea 10:12 NIV

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



Rev. Dr. Brent Smith,
Keynote Speaker
Executive Director
Mission Development, SED



Patti Ross
LWML President



Rev. Charles Long and Betty,
Convention Musicians
Grace Lutheran Church
La Plata, MD

Interest Sessions

- *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy!* (LWML President Patti Ross). Hear more on how we can help every woman of the LCMS to Engage, Encourage, and Equip our Lutheran Women in Mission, and to Enjoy our work for the Glory of God!
- *Sow Here, Sow There, Sow Everywhere: Mission in the SED* (Rev. Dr. Brent Smith) Pr. Smith will share how the Southeastern District, LCMS engages in creative ministries to foster the growth of God's kingdom.
- *Gifts of Love* (Linda Gage and Marge Bruning). Learn about "The Benefits of a Christian Estate and Gift Planning." Hear inspiring stories about the ways gift plans can provide for your heirs as well as ministries.
- *Assisting Each Woman* (Maggie Harris and Dee Greenfield). The Heart-to-Heart Sisters program aims to motivate, equip, and ensure opportunities for multicultural women to serve the church, participate in LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ.
- *The Lutheran Church in Africa* (Phil Jaseph). Africa is one of the fastest growing mission fields in the world. Phil will share stories of LCMS mission work and how we can help expand the mission field.
- *Convention Choir* (Pastor Charles and Betty Long). This rehearsal to prepare for the Sunday Worship Service will be held during the first session only.
- *Growing the LWML – Teens and YWR's* (Cynthia Massengill and Kathryn Phillips). Held only at the second session, exploring the workings and functioning of the LWML, and how young women can be a part.
- *Mission Trip? What Does That Involve?* (Martha McGlynn, Susan Sohn, Teresa Tester) have participated in mission trips and will share their stories and answer your questions about going on a mission trip yourself.

Convention Hotel Notes

The Radisson chain purchased the Crown Plaza Hotel in 2015. Hotel renovations are ongoing. It is a non-smoking facility. Each room has one king or two queen beds, hair dryer, iron & ironing board, coffee/tea maker and is equipped with complimentary wireless internet. It offers a Nautilus Fitness Center and free parking. The "Northern Lights" restaurant will be open for Friday evening dinner. They will open for breakfast, which is on-your-own and not included in the registration.



Chesapeake District LWML Convention 2016

September 23-25, Radisson North Baltimore
2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093

Make hotel reservations directly with the Radisson Hotel
Call (410) 252-7373 and ask for LWML 16 room block
LWML Room Rate: \$102 + tax per room for 1-4 people

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please print in black ink.

Badge Name (first, last) _____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Fax _____ Email Address _____ Church/Society _____ Zone _____ First Time Attendee? _____ 50 Years Plus LWML'er _____	Check One Appropriate Category <input type="checkbox"/> General Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Society (Church) Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Zone Young Women's Rep <input type="checkbox"/> Teen <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Zone Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Past District President <input type="checkbox"/> Host Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor																
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Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

Contributions may be made as a memorial or to honor someone on occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or simply to the Glory of God. Make checks payable to: Lutheran Church Extension Fund with "LWML Special Gifts" on memo line. Mail to:

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Given by: _____

Amount _____

In Memory of or in Honor of:

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Send acknowledgement of gift to:
(please print plainly)

Name _____

Address _____

Update on the Special Gifts Fund

(February through April 2016)

Stewardship account ending balance
April 29, 2016: \$2,424.15

CD balance December, 2015: \$17,000

There have been no donations since
February, 2016.

Candidates for the 2016-2018 Biennium

- VP Christian Life - Chris Maconachy (DCMarVA)
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- VP Servant Resources - Pam Weimer (Pen-Mar)
- Corresponding Secretary - Amy Pearsall (Potomac)
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Nominees for Pastoral Counselor:

- Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, Trinity, Richmond, VA (Old Dominion)
- Rev. Jacob May, Emmanuel, Hampton, VA (Tidewater)

*Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Deb Poese, Chair;
Susan Sohn and Penny Helmore*

Upcoming events

Pray for these events, the leaders and the participants.
Mark your calendars and tell your family to avoid schedule conflicts.

2016

September 23-25: Chesapeake District LWML
Convention, Timonium, MD

December 3: Executive Committee Meeting

2017

February 24-25: Leadership Retreat & Board of
Directors Meeting, Grace, LaPlata, MD

October 20-22: Christian Life Retreat, Ocean City, MD



LWML 37th Biennial Convention
June 22-25, 2017
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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