



June 2017 NEWSLETTER

message from our President

Edi Collis

Dear LWML sisters and brothers — He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

I'm pleased to announce that the District paid our second mission grant -- Animal Husbandry Classes for Women's Protection Center in Nepal for \$4,950. God is good! Thank you for your faithful contribution of mites and prayerful support of these missions. Our next grant is to help establish the Bassa Community Health Center, District #3, in Liberia for \$5,000. Please pray for this mission and that we can pay this grant soon!

How many of you have made plans to attend the LWML convention in Albuquerque on June 22-25? This will be an exciting time, as LWML celebrates our 75th anniversary with the "Diamond Dazzle Jubilee," so come and party! When you register at the convention, make sure to check the convention newsletter for the time and location of our District caucus (along with our Carolinas District sisters) and our District photo. Both of these will occur sometime between 4:10 pm and 6:15 pm on Thursday, June 22. Please join us at the caucus so you can get a special noisemaker for the Saturday anniversary celebration.

The excitement continues this year with our Christian Life Retreat at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD on October 20-22. Come join your LWML sisters for a weekend of inspiration and fun! More information appears elsewhere in this edition of the *Chesapeake Breeze*.

Finally, I have some late-breaking news! Our **2018** Chesapeake District convention is scheduled September 21-23 at the Koger Center DoubleTree hotel in Richmond, VA! Mark your calendars now for this important event, co-hosted by the Blue Ridge and Tidewater zones. Please keep the planning committee in your prayers and watch for convention updates in the *Chesapeake Breeze* later this year.

Have a wonderful summer. I hope I'll see you in Albuquerque!

In His service,
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 37th Biennial Convention
June 22-25, 2017
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Convention Information at lwml.org/



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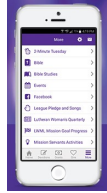
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- The League Pledge and Songs
- LWML Mite Goal Progress
- Mission Grant Updates and Thank You's
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Chesapeake Breeze is the quarterly newsletter of the Chesapeake District LWML. Send your news and photos by August 15, 2017 to Linda Roscoe, Publications Editor

from our Junior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt

"Jesus Is with You"

Have any summer plans? Vacations? Opportunities to get away for a little "R & R"? Some of us will spend a few days at the end of June in Albuquerque at the LWML convention. My family and I make an annual trip to visit my parents in Indiana each summer. My two sisters and their families are there too. And, not coincidentally, this visit is the same time as the county fair, which is in my hometown. Wherever our summer may take us, we know who goes with us. "Behold, I am with you always," Jesus promises (Matthew 28:20 ESV).

Usually we find great comfort in knowing Jesus is with us wherever we go. This is true especially when we are going through times that test our patience, our resolve, our confidence, our hope. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4a ESV).

However, there are those times when I'd rather *not* have Jesus with me. Do you know what I mean? Times when I'd like Him to leave the room or, at least, turn His head. These are the times when I am speaking words that should never be thought let alone be spoken. Times when I am doing things that hurt myself or others, and avoiding the hard or uncomfortable things God wants me to do.

Thank God Jesus stays with us! All the time. Everywhere.

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?" (Psalm 139:7 ESV). Jesus is with us to forgive and strengthen. He with us to lovingly correct and guide. With the Holy Spirit, He is with us to strengthen and lead us to be His faithful people.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
from "Abide with Me," text: Henry F. Lyte



Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2016-2018

Biennium Mission Goal: \$115,000

Faith House, Frederick MD – Women’s Shelter Startup Costs \$5,000

Assist with start-up costs to renovate building to house homeless women & children

PAID IN FULL

Animal Husbandry Classes for Women’s Protection Center in Nepal \$4,950

Provide classes & animals to give young women a self-supportive lifestyle

PAID IN FULL

Establish the Bassa Community Health Center, District #3, Liberia \$5,000

Fund community health center in poorest district of Liberia devastated by ebola

Student Aid Grants for SED Students in Christian careers \$5,000

Provide scholarships to SED students pursuing careers in full-time church work

Hot Meals capability, Redeemer’s Child Development Center in Richmond \$5,000

Assist with set-up costs to provide CDC children a hot meal daily

Food For Haiti, Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic Region \$5,000

Add non-perishable food to shipping container of donations for people in Haiti

Train Bible Translators in Southern Africa to Assist LBT Translators \$5,000

Equip nationals strong in local languages to work with LBT translators

Prison & Recovery Ministry, Grace Lutheran Church, LaPlata MD \$4,000

Produce video “When Did I Visit Jesus In Prison Or Invite Him In?”

Bethesda Auxiliary – A prayer book for people with disabilities \$3,000

Publish & distribute “The Christ Connection” to reach people of all levels of disability

Sharing the Love of Christ with Immigrants in Detention (LIRS) \$5,000

Spanish Bibles for those incarcerated by Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Community Tuition Aid, Galilee Lutheran Preschool, Pasadena MD \$2,500

Aid local community to pay monthly tuition to send child to Christian preschool

Lutheran Heritage Foundation Bible Storybooks for Asian Families \$3,300

Print Christian books for children in heart languages of Asian families

New Program Helps

The 2017-2019 planner, *ReSOURCES for Planning Programs* will be available in print for a \$17 purchase price in the LWML Store at the Albuquerque convention. It will also be available free for download on the LWML Program Helps webpage www.lwml.org/program-helps in July.

Other program helps include new devotions: What God Can do with 57 Cents; What Shall I Do?; Dilemmas and Decisions (a new Bible Study). Lots more available on the LWML website.



Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

What better way to honor or remember a loved one or fellow LWML member than with a donation to Special Gifts? These funds are used for grants to help with educational opportunities, new projects where start-up or one time funds are needed or to help with an ongoing or established project.

Make checks payable to:
Lutheran Church Extension Fund *with*
"LWML Special Gifts" on memo line. Mail to: Sandy O'Hedy
116 S. School Lane
Smyrna, DE 19977

Given by: _____

Amount _____

In Memory of or in Honor of:

Occasion _____

Send acknowledgement of gift to:
(please print plainly)

Name _____

Address _____

Special Gifts Fund has \$4,014.02 as of the March 31.

Recent donations for memorials are:
Donna Shermeyer - from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LWML, York, PA
Hans Jacobson, Edgar Paulson, Esther Sontag - from Rev. Al & Marge Bruning

If anyone knows of someone or some project that could benefit from funds in the Special Gifts scholarship fund, please submit an application for the committee's consideration.

Gifts of Love

Estate planning is often avoided, even among Christians. No one wants to think about death. Many times, difficult choices need to be made and the process can be cumbersome. However, this end-of-life planning is as important of a time for the person who dies as it is for those who are left behind. You, as a Lutheran Women in Mission have the opportunity to help design your own Lifetime Plan for Giving, with the help of Linda Gage, LWML Counselor. Linda has helped many women in the Chesapeake District already and recently was a guest at the Baltimore Zone Rally, where she shared some valuable information with those ladies. If you would like to talk with Linda, please contact her at (toll free) 800-741-4138 or lindagage.lwml@gmail.com. If your society or zone is interested in having Linda come and talk with your group, please contact me, your Gifts of Love Advocate. Blessings to each of you as you prayerfully ponder how you will transfer your blessings.



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Concordia Lutheran Church Women Have Been Busy

For the past 18 months, a small group of women from this church in Hagerstown, MD gathered on Thursday mornings to make 70 quilts, 816 pillowcase dresses, 154 boy's shorts and 47 market cloths. This group (pictured) includes Cheryl Fertitta, Nancy Flicek, Karen Mullican, Karen Kreymborg, Sylvia Shives, Diana Braun, Barb Brittain and Betty King. All items will be given to Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Division. These items will be distributed by mission partners to orphanages, schools, churches and hospitals. This encourages and enables people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name to needy people



from our
District Convention YWR

Erin Pamoranke



Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruits 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

*A thank you note from one of the Young Women
Representatives who attend last September's Chesapeake
District Convention in Timonium, MD.*

Dear LWML Ladies,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the conference. It was a great weekend, but it was really what happened directly after that moved me.

I've had a group of Christians my age since I was in high school. From youth group to Teens Encountering Christ, to college ministry, I've always had those my age surround me. However, when I graduated college, I found it difficult to find this kind of group. I felt a little lost and I wasn't living out my faith.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me when I returned home from the LWML weekend. I remember calling my husband, upset with this realization that I wasn't living out my faith. My husband tried to reassure me I was doing good, but I told him God doesn't call us to be "good," He calls us to love Him with all our heart, our soul, and our strength; and He calls us to place Him in our lives so deeply we cannot live without Him. And I wasn't doing those things. My husband and I talked about how we could work on our faith and both said we needed to work on reading Scripture and incorporating prayer into everyday life.

What's awesome about marriage is that you get to see someone through the good, the bad, and the ugly; which probably doesn't sound awesome, but it is when you see improvement firsthand.

My husband and I started reading the Bible each day together and within a week, I noticed a change in him. Close to this time, there was family conflict and he looked up passages about peace and asked us to all pray before the discussion. I was in awe of how much reading Scripture changed our lives. It's amazing how quickly our God can work.

So I thank you for giving young women the opportunity to grow in their faith and have fellowship with you. Sometimes we all need a weekend with gentle reminders of how we should be living and how we are currently living. The LWML weekend paved the way to a stronger faith for me and my husband, and I am so grateful for you all.

Thank you,
Erin Pamoranke
DCMARVA Zone

from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

“What a Friend We Have In ... Each Other”

Our Chesapeake District LWML Board met in Fredericksburg on May 6. Led by Pr. John Johnson, of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington DC, our closing devotion was based on 1 Corinthians 15:53-58. One of the questions posed to us was *“What gives you the strength you need to bless the people God has surrounded you with in your life?”* Everyone was given the opportunity to share answers that, as Pastor encouraged us, may help a sister or brother in the future or even today! All of the responses were uplifting, encouraging and profound. Here are just a few:

- Put myself in other people's shoes; praying for others.
- I sing “Counting blessings Instead of sheep;” When people ask why I am singing, I say “Why not?”
- Looking for Christ on my way to work to teach 4th grade, I reflect on the verse “Christ gives me the strength I need.” I pass a lawyer's office with American flag, and above it the Christian flag; then pass a steeple and the SON/sun is coming up behind it....
- Chatting with strangers
- “Bucket Philosophy:” Fill someone up because you are filled up with our Lord!
- Keep a book and every day list what I am grateful for; list prayers for specific families and also call and ask people what I can intentionally pray for.
- When I open my eyes, thank God for another day in Him and immediately pray to God to be a blessing this new day.
- Being a missionary right where I am; visiting people and bringing them laughter

A friend I have met through the Chesapeake Board is **Linda LaFleur**. She is your contact for sending in your mites, and receiving your donation report. I only just got to know her from the LWML Board meetings. Linda is Proverbs 17:17 “A friend loves at all times.” How patient she has been with me as I have asked many nuisance type questions about everything that is going on during the meetings; how supportive and encouraging she has been in sharing her love for LWML and its missions. She makes me laugh and she has brought me so much JOY! She is moving to Oklahoma to help out with her family, even though she loves where she is

right now; an amazing woman who is able to be a friend and servant to everyone she meets. She loves everyone unconditionally! I will miss her, my dear friend!

“What a Friend We Have In ... JESUS”

“I have you called you friends...I choose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last Love each other.” John 15: 15-17

This summer all of us have plans. Are they your plans, or are you praying to God each day to be in the all details of all your plans? If your summer plans are a result of only your planning; things probably will not go exactly as you planned. *“Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.”*

Proverbs 19:21. Some of us will have the opportunity to travel to the fruited hills of pink watermelons in Albuquerque, NM for the LWML Convention. Where are you traveling to? Maybe it is to a favorite family vacation spot, the hospital, a nursing home, your backyard and neighbor while gardening, or to worship and Bible study. Who will you take along with you both physically and in your heart? Who will you meet? What gift of the Lord can you share with whom you meet? When you travel through your journeys each day this summer, tuck the hymn “What a Friend We have in Jesus” in the back of your mind for support, comfort and encouragement.

“...Oh, what peace we often forfeit;

oh, what needless pain we bear...

We should never be discouraged...

Can we find a friend so faithful,

Who will all our sorrows share?

In His arms He'll take and shield you;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.”

My prayer for you all is that all of you will turn to your best friend, **Jesus Above All** ! May you encounter friends like Linda LaFleur who will love and treasure you for who you are, one of God's precious children. May you also go and bear His fruit as you “love each other” as Christ has commanded.

From one fruit to another, in Christ,

Christine Maconachy

VP of Christian Life

(My son, Pr. Sam Maconachy & his wife Liz, welcomed their baby girl, Cora Jo (in case some of you were wondering what name was chosen; Jo is in memory for the two great-grandmothers.)

Chesapeake District LWML Christian Life Retreat...

Stepping Out: To a Life on the Edge

October 20-22, 2017



@ The Carousel Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland

featuring
Retreat Leader, Deb Burma

Do you have timid tootsies? Are your feet frozen at the far end of the diving board, paralyzed in place? Stuck in your struggles with your fears or your worries, your need to please, your hurried lifestyle or more? Some days do you feel like you are taking the clichéd one step forward, two steps back?

Despite our timid tootsies, God has called us to STEP OUT of our struggles and away from our comfort zones to a life lived on the EDGE! How is this possible? And what could life look like w-a-y out there?

Join us for an uplifting women's retreat!

- Stepping Out sessions in God's Word
- Renewing your spirit with LWML sisters
- Enjoying a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship

Find encouragement in your springboard to edgy living, rejoicing in the Savior's work in your life.

~He steps in so you can *step out!*

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

~Philippians 4:13





"Stepping Out: To Life on the Edge"
LWML Chesapeake District Christian Life Retreat
October 20-22, 2017
Bible Study Leader: Deb Burma

Carousel Resort Hotel
118th Street on the Ocean
11700 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842
<http://carouselhotel.com/>

Rooms are \$99 (Oceanfront) and \$89 (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 September 20, 2017

Registration fee of \$100 includes all sessions, Friday night reception, Saturday lunch and dinner,
and entertainment on Saturday night by Salt and Light Ministries.

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

Registration deadline is September 20, 2017

See reverse side for "What to Bring" and weekend details

Contact: Christine Maconachy,
VP Christian Life
clmacon@aol.com
410-969-4466

Teresa Tester,
Christian Life Committee Chair
ttester9612@verizon.net
210-240-3247

***** Registration Form – Cut Here *****

Mail this registration form with a check for \$100 made payable to **"Chesapeake District LWML"** to:
Linda Nau, 1810 Ethelred Ct, Midlothian, VA 23113

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 _____

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

Can you help with one of the following?

Registration _____ Greeters _____ Ushers _____ M&M Store _____ as Needed _____

Thank you!

Hotel Details

Hotel Check-in: 4:00 pm

Reservations: Everyone should contact the Carousel directly (800-641-001) and request the Chesapeake District LWML room block to receive the correct room rate (\$99 or \$89 plus tax). 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.

Restaurants: It's Ocean City! These are so many dining options. The hotel has two restaurants: the Seasons Oceanfront Restaurant, and The Bistro.

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

Retreat Details:

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

Bring: Your Bible, comfortable walking shoes, and your checkbook or credit card to purchase great items at the M&M (Mission and Mites) LWML store.

Gifts From the Heart:

- Gift cards for seminarians
- Toiletries and nonperishable food items for Open Kettle, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ocean City, MD
- Flip flops and new underwear for the Orphan Grain Train shipments

Offerings:

- 1) Friday evening worship will go to Chesapeake District Mites
- 2) Sunday morning worship will go to (TBD)

Saturday Night Entertainment:

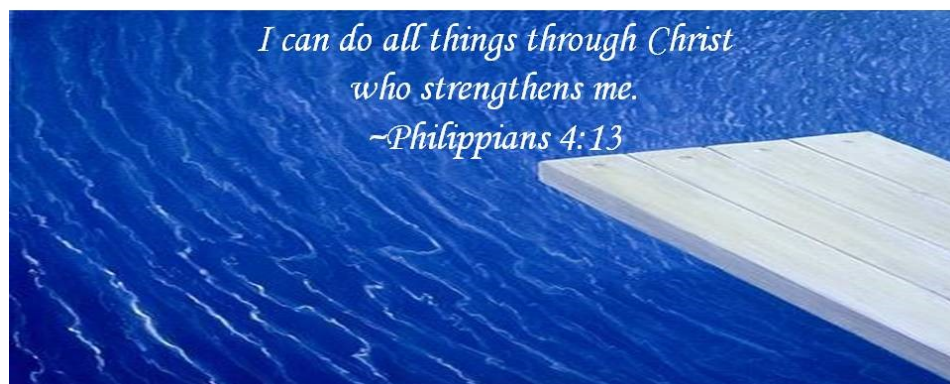
Salt and Light Ministries — *Encouraging the Body of believers by bringing the Bible to life.*

Life in the Mission Walk Pledge for Mites:

Saturday afternoon from 2:45 - 4:00 pm. Enjoy a casual walk with your LWML sisters. Use the pledge form to get sponsors that are not able to participate. All funds will go for Chesapeake District Mite Projects.

M&M Store will be open until 4:30 pm Saturday.

Registration form on other side.



Stepping Out Mission Walk

Stepping out Mission Walk will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2:45 - 4:00 pm.

The great Mission Walk will give those attending and our sisters and brothers in Christ back at home a chance to support our District Mite Projects by pledging to be a *COURAGEOUS WALKER!*

Use the form below to obtain pledges/donations from those staying behind. All monies collected will go to pay for the Chesapeake District Mite Projects that have not been funded. Check 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 during the retreat October 20–22, 2017. Make extra copies if needed.

Your Name _____

Congregation _____

Pledges for "Life in the Mission" Mite Walk

Name | Amount pledged

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Name | Amount pledged

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Total donations _____



Mite
Walk