



from our DISTRICT PRESIDENT

June 2019 NEWSLETTER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! By now I hope you've all heard the good news that the 2017-2019 LWML Mite Goal not only was met, but exceeded! The mites collected for the biennium totaled \$2,172,373.76 more than \$97,373.76 above our goal. On April 23, I had the privilege, along with Leslie Jaseph (LWML National Meeting Manager), to present a LWML National Mission Grant check to Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. All 26 mission grants were funded, thanks be to God! As you know, the LWML convention will take place in Mobile, AL on June 20-23. Our District delegates will have the opportunity to vote for a new mite goal and grants for the 2019-2021 biennium. What an exciting responsibility! You can see the 31 grant proposals on the convention ballot at the LWML website (www.lwml.org) under the Convention Central tab. How blessed we are to have so many opportunities to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the world!

By now, the 2019 Spring Zone rallies have taken place. From the pictures posted on Facebook, it looks like everyone had a wonderful time filled with worship and fellowship. Welcome to the new Zone officers! Please give them your support!

Please pray for the entire District delegation going to the Mobile convention. We are blessed to have delegates from all eight Zones, who will be joined by our two Young Women's Representatives (Desiree Davis and Ashley Groves), our Heart-to-Heart sister (Rosa Ammons), and our junior Pastoral Counselor (Pastor Keith Beasley) and numerous general attendees. All of us are looking forward to meeting with our LWML sisters from across the country for a "Praise to the Lord" experience.

If you can't make it to Mobile this year, I hope you will join us in Ocean City, MD at the Carousel Hotel for our Christian Life Retreat on November 1-3. The theme is "Perseverance: a Nehemiah Battle Plan" featuring retreat leader, Donna Pyle and Wendy Sue Fluegge as our music leader. Be prepared for some God-centered fun with this dynamic duo! I hope to see you there! I personally want to thank Christine Maconachy, VP of Christian Life and Susan Sohn, Christian Life Chairman of the hard work they are putting in to make sure this is the best CLR experience for everyone

Most of all, pray for continued blessings on the LWML as we celebrate joyful service!

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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Publications Editor

from our Junior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Keith Beasley

As we begin the month of June, we always find ourselves just about finished with the festival half of the church year. Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday come and go. Confirmation usually falls in here somewhere. In our daily lives, kids get done with school and the summer usually brings different activities and itineraries our way. In the church, we settle in for the Pentecost season—a season set aside for growth in the Christians faith.

Instead of growth, we often times seem to slip. We slip out of town a little early, or we slip back in a little late. We slip in extra time traveling, or maybe we slip in extra time sleeping, because there is just so much going on. We slip in and out of church so that we will be inconspicuous—of course, we don't want to bother anyone.

Yes, it is that time of the year as well when I will serve up a reminder not to slip away from Jesus. With all going on during the summer months, it is easy to slip. I know this myself. Because of schedules—travel, the LWML Convention, continuing education, Camp Linn Haven, VBS, vacation— we take time off from Bible studies and other church responsibilities and these gaps in the schedule makes it very easy to slip.



I hope that the words of Saint Paul will help us remember, whether we are on vacation or traveling or busy with other things, we need the Lord with us daily as we set apart our lives for Him. The Apostle writes: “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer” (1 Timothy 4:4-5 ESV). So as we travel, undertake summer activities, vacation, whatever..., we consecrate (sanctify, “make holy”) that time, that occasion, or that event by the Word of God and prayer.

Martin Luther talks about these very kinds of things in the explanation of the Third Commandment in the Large Catechism: “For the Word of God is the sanctuary above all sanctuaries, yea, the only one which we Christians know and have.... But God's Word is the treasure which sanctifies everything, and by which even all the saints themselves were sanctified. At whatever hour then, God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read or meditated upon, there the person, day, and work are sanctified thereby, not because of the external work, but because of the Word which makes saints of us all. Therefore I constantly say that all our life and work must be ordered according to God's Word, if it is to be God-pleasing or holy.”

Keep this Word which makes saints of us all and orders our lives with you this summer... so you don't slip.
God bless.

In Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Pastor Keith



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: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> | \$5,000 |
| 2. Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (Newport News, VA)
Purchase and new gas stove to feed the homeless. | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; 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: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; 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.*



Can't make it to the national LWML Convention in Mobile? Watch from home at livestream.com/TheLWML

You can also sign up to receive notifications when each session begins.

Pictured left: President Teresa Tester and national Meeting Manager, Leslie Jaseph presented a LWML National Mission Grant check to Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief.

In the Zones

Ingathering items were school supplies, non-perishable foods, laundry detergent, fabric softener and toiletries. Items were donated to area food banks, local women shelters and Orphan Grain Train.

Baltimore Zone

Several churches in the Baltimore Zone are hosting dinners for the Blind Ministry once a month. Another provides an after-school program for area children.

Blue Ridge Zone

At their Spring Rally, the speaker was Kitty Tabor of Feeding America of North West Virginia. They collected and delivered 196 pounds of food and sent them \$170.

DELMARVA

At their Rally, guest speakers were from Orphan Grain Train-Maryland Branch and three from "Men in Kitchen Mission." School supplies were collected for Sudanese children learning to read for the first time. They will go in the container to Sudan mentioned in Grant #1 paid by our District Mites. Guest speakers, Elfie Eberle and Ron Phipps agreed to deliver them.

Potomac Zone

Rally guest speakers were Terri Gray, Director of Faith House in Frederick, MD and Nichelle Coleman, of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of the National Capital Area. \$2,660 was collected and the amount was split between Faith House and Lutheran Social Services.

Tidewater Zone

Guest speaker at their Spring Rally was from WomenHeart. She talked about heart problems in women and that our symptoms are different from men. Clear description of what to watch out for and a reminder to always push the issue at the ER if you feel something is not right.

2020 District Convention "Tell His Glory"

SAVE THE DATE! BIG CHANGE! Based on feedback from previous conventions, our Chesapeake District LWML convention will take on a new look when we meet on **September 25-26, 2020 in Gaithersburg, MD.** The convention, hosted by the Potomac Zone, will span two days next year, instead of three. This means only one night's stay at the hotel, which changes its affiliation from Hilton to Doubletree next January. (That means yummy chocolate chip cookies!) The program will be streamlined, but we will still have Bible studies, hear from a national LWML representative, celebrate the Lord in a Friday evening communion service, choose mission grants for the 2020-2022 biennium, elect new officers, and many opportunities for fellowship and fun! Stay tuned for more information over the coming months. Mark your calendar for the Chesapeake District LWML convention, September 25-26, 2020!

Edi Collis,
2020 District Convention Chairman

From Former Young Women's Rep Kate Phillips

I have begun my deaconess internship, serving as an LCMS missionary to the Dominican Republic (DR)! I will be serving at a local church plant in Santiago, teaching women's and children's bible studies and going on evangelistic visits with pastors. My main focus



will be working with people with disabilities, particularly at our Bethesda Home, Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home). I spent the last week of May in St. Louis at the IC for new missionary orientation and am now working on building my network of prayer, encouragement, and financial support. I will not deploy to the DR for about six months because I need to raise the money to serve down there. I would love the opportunity to present about the work in the Dominican Republic at various LWML groups around the district. If you are in Mobile at the convention, I would love to meet you. My website is: www.lcms.org/phillips. God's Blessings!

from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy



“And God said,” Let there be light...” Genesis 1:3

We have one of God’s many gifts coming to us: SUMMER! God wraps His arms around us in a warm hug and all day long, God smiles at us with His wide, embracing smiles, during our long summer days of light. Finally the sun itself gets down on its knees late in the day to thank God for His Glory of each day.

As we find time in His sun at His summer picnic, we get to observe and enjoy: birds and bees party around summer blooms; children chase and move through games of challenge and tumblers; hugs hello and hugs good-byes at gatherings of friends and family; joggers, walkers, bicyclists dusting off roads and paths; cirrus, stratus and cumulus clouds dancing with the summer winds. How good it feels to feel His light, His warmth envelope us with kisses all over. How can we share His goodness, His light, His Eternal embrace?

In Acts 26:13, St. Paul sees “...a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions...” God says to St. Paul, “...I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light...so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

WOW!

Find and intentionally shout out, whisper, pray God’s Love and Light!

- During a quick embrace of hello or good-bye: “I love you and Jesus loves you more.”
- Holding store doors share: “God bless you! Have a blessed day with your family.”
- Embrace and sit in church pew with visitor: “Hi, I am so glad you are here today...”
- Wear a cross necklace or bracelet every day.

Smile with the Broadness of God’s Love and Light to everyone, everyday!

Whatever God has planned for you each day, use His time to share His Light!

TRY: at the end of the day, make of list of those you reached out to, and who you could reach tomorrow!

As the sun bows down to our Almighty, Loving Father, get on your knees and pray to God. Thanksgiving leads to witnessing.

“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” Thessalonians 5:11

Love and Prayers,

Christine Maconachy VP Christian Life

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOU

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 IN OCEAN CITY, MD
CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT LWML WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Donna Pyle: speaker and author and active supporter of mission work.
Wendysue Fluegge: Christian Musician and Leader**



PERSEVERANCE! PRAYING THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES A NEHEMIAH BATTLE PLAN

What's your one thing; that one thing that's 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 persevered past seemingly insurmountable obstacles into His redeeming grace



"STAND UP AND PRAISE THE LORD" Nehemiah 9:5
Wendysue Fluegge is Christian musician who loves putting faith stories and Scripture to melody. Wendysue was the Song Leader for the 37th Biennial LWML Convention 2017, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the Song Leader for Deb Burma's recent "Extravagant Love" Cruise in February, 2019. She has a passionate heart for people and Jesus. Wendysue already has "Big Plans" to entertain (she is driving in her van from Wisconsin with all kinds of props and fun stuff for us) and also to lead us in our worship and praise.

What else? Yes, there's more! Musical purses, Bingo with Wendysue, a Christmas White Elephant Bazaar, Mite Walk on the Beach, Sunday Worship with Communion, Food, Fellowship and Fun with 200 Good Friends! Look for Registration Forms in August, 2019.

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... with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26b

The Chesapeake District LWML ladies represent a rainbow of colors and flavors. The Mite Notice Cards have been updated. The upcoming Mite notice will be a 5" x 7" postcard that has the new LWML logo on it. It asks the person submitting to include their email and zone. The email address allows an email to be sent to you letting you know that your donation has been deposited. If you do not have an email, please place your contact number and you will receive a phone call. Placing your zone information assists the District in keeping its records updated. I have created an email address for responding to Mite donations received and for questions about Mites.

Thank you to all who submitted funds for Mites, participated in the Mite challenge and submitted Quarterly donations. Since July 2018, the Chesapeake District has received mites from **62** churches and **6** Zones. If your church has Mites that need to be submitted, please forward them to me. So far **15** churches have sent in a donation for the Quarterly's to defray the costs. A yearly subscription of \$5.00 is requested, however, if under 10 subscriptions, \$6.50 is requested. The Chesapeake-District is reaching out to congregations LWML Networkers, Treasurers, President and or members asking them to check with their leaders to see if your church has submitted donations for the Quarterly's that their congregation is receiving.

Mite notices will be mailed to each church and Zone Chair soon. If your church does not receive a notice, please contact me. To assist with crediting funds correctly, please designate where you would like the funds to go when submitting a check/money order that is for donation.



The Mite Notice is mailed to each church's LWML contact person four times a year. Quarterly schedule is August, November, February and May. An exception is during the second year of the biennium when a letter is sent to each church Mite Contact person stating the amounts contributed to Mites and Quarterly's during that biennium. The letters are sent in May reflecting congregations' totals given as of April 15. This will be the information placed in the Chesapeake District Convention Manual in 2020.

For questions or concerns about your donations, please contact the Chesapeake District Financial Secretary email: cdlwmlfs@gmail.com.

Special Gifts Endowment Fund

- Presented Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark, DE a grant for \$300 to use toward a Community Garden.
- The Fund has a balance of \$5,514.48 as of the middle of May, 2019 and a CD of \$15,000.
- No donations were received during this quarter
- 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 donation is in memory of someone or to honor someone; include an address where the donation can be acknowledged, especially a family member if in memory of someone; mail your check made out to LCEF with Special Gifts on the memo line to Sandra O'Hedy 116 S. School Ln., 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)

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