



March 2017 NEWSLETTER

message from our Junior Pastoral Counselor

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt

“What will you give up?”

As I’m writing this, the season of Lent is about to begin. To mark this forty-day journey to Jesus’ cross and on to Easter’s open, empty tomb, some people engage in special times of prayer, worship, service and devotion. Others give something up for the forty days of Lent—favorite foods, Facebook, or some convenience. This self-sacrifice, however small, reminds us of the enormous self-sacrifice of our Savior.

This Lent, I’m inviting you to think about giving something up a little differently. What if you gave up some of these things for the season (and beyond)?

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| • Control | • Unreasonable Expectations of Yourself and Others | • Misspent Money |
| • Popularity | • Wasted Time | • Complaining |
| • Superiority | • Self-Ridicule | • Worry |
| • Over-Commitment | • Selfishness | • Greed |
| • Pride | | |

Ironically, *the more we give up, the more we have*. More time to spend with God and the people He places in our lives. More healthy relationships with family and friends. More faith in Jesus and His eternal promises. More money and possessions to share for the work of God’s kingdom. More peace of mind. More hope for the future.



Jesus tells us to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all [your earthly needs] will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33 ESV). Not only does Jesus tell His followers to seek God’s kingdom (that is, look for and work for the things of God), He goes ahead and gives His followers an everlasting place in that kingdom by His own death and resurrection. No strings attached. No question asked.

Think about this: *In Christ, you are richer than you could ever imagine!*

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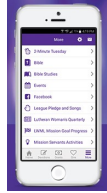
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Christian Life Retreat

October 20-22, 2017

Ocean City, Maryland

"Stepping Out: To a Life on the Edge"

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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from our

Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Dr. John Johnson

The Road to Albuquerque

Greetings to all my sisters in Christ who are also members of the Chesapeake District of the LWML. I hope that this title brings back nice memories of the Bob Hope / Bing Crosby "Road" movies. As a kid I loved watching them on WWOR and WPIX in New York City.

First for those who are going to Albuquerque, I hope that you are very excited. I wasn't planning on attending because of other obligations, but at the District Leadership Retreat my wife became so excited that the Albuquerque experience, like Cold Stone Creamery, became "Gotta Have It"! So at least for Thursday and Friday you will not be seeing a mirage, it will actually be us in New Mexico.

Second, for those who haven't made up their minds I really encourage you to come. The flights from Reagan National are very reasonable. Also the hotels available are not too expensive; especially if you room with a sister or two. Fortunately for me, I inflict my sleeping habits on only two people; my wonderful wife Christine and a brave brother in the ministry Rev. Arthur Litke, formerly of Dundalk, MD and now in the Pittsburgh area.

Now the thing that really makes the Road to Albuquerque exciting is that we must first travel through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Interestingly I enjoy the season of Lent more because I always find new ways to appreciate the awesome love shown to me in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ before I was even born as an indifferent sinner (Romans 5:8). When Easter arrives everyone is happy but I sometimes think that if people don't appreciate the struggle then the celebration is far less than it could be. None the less, we celebrate the resurrection and the victory of Jesus as the first raised knowing we too shall be raised to share the presence of the Father! Amazingly, we keep the party going with Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays in June. Then the LWML sisters and several wonderful husbands will converge on Albuquerque to celebrate all the wonderful ministries that will be supported, prayed for and celebrated to the glory of God. So grab a suitcase and join us for your own "Road" experience in Albuquerque!

LWML 37th Biennial Convention

June 22-25, 2017

**Albuquerque, New Mexico
Convention Information in the
Lutheran Women's Quarterly**



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	
Animal Husbandry Classes for Women’s Protection Center in Nepal	\$4,950
Provide classes & animals to give young women a self-supportive lifestyle	
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	

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Having just returned from a Board meeting in LaPlata, MD, I was pleased to present 34 Mission Grants for the ballot in Albuquerque, NM at the 2017 Biennium Convention. These grants span the globe, from Uganda to Siouxsland, from Egypt to Hawaii! LWML touches so many places and has blessed so many people! If you are attending the Convention, please review these grants carefully and prayerfully. You can find them on the LWML website www.lwml.org. If you are not attending, please pray for the delegates as we consider each grant individually. And remember, fill those Mite Boxes so we can meet our grant goal!

Always for Him,

Martha McGlynn, VP of Mission Grants

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:
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Given by: _____

Amount _____

In Memory of or in Honor of:

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Update on the Special Gifts Fund

(Through February 28, 2017)
Stewardship account ending balance
\$3,852.88. CD balance is \$17,000.



Gifts of Love

Provisions, Protection and Providence

During life, people who care and are conscientious provide for their lives and for their children. During life, people instinctually protect those whom they love and the values they hold true. During life, all people live under the providence of a God who creates and sustains life. For people of faith, this providence extends into eternity under the saving grace of Jesus, God's only Son.

God's Word speaks about this inheritance that we have been given. God informs us in 1 Peter 1:4-5 that we are given *"an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power is being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*



If we are to live in the provision, protection and providence of our faith, it is consistent with these values that we also prepare for the time when our earthly lives will transition to a new life in the presence of Christ.

Christian stewards will be intentional about making sure that their estate plans give the provisions that are appropriate to loved ones so that they will be blessed. Stewards will certainly want to protect not only the property they manage but also the people and charitable beneficiaries who will receive it. Our motivation for this planning is a recognition of the providence of God for the benefit of His children during life and beyond.

If you would like to review your own plan to make generous provision in a way that protects blessings and honors God's providence, let us know. We would be pleased to help you develop your own lifetime plan for giving to bless the people you love and the ministries you care about. Contact Linda Gage, Gift Planner Counselor at linda.gage@lwnd.org or at 800-741-4138 x 1.

In Memory given to the Special Gifts Fund:

- Ruth Hughes from King of Glory LWML and Bob & Faith Staples
- Carol Zehnder from Bob & Faith Staples
- Marjorie Reid from Bob & Faith Staples
- Jack Tomlinson from Rev. Al & Marge Bruning
- Karen Chipok from Bob & Faith Staples and Bev Sweeney
- Donna Shermeyer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LWML, York, PA.

from our
Vice President of Communications
Leslie Jaseph



As you read this, we are into spring, with bulbs blooming, grass sprouting, and even warmer temperatures after our mild winter. We are

also in the middle of Lent, the penitential season leading to Easter, when we remember the resurrection of the Savior. Some of you may have given up social media during Lent, particularly if you feel it is a distraction from other things that deserve attention in your daily life. Perhaps you will fill this time with personal Bible study, prayer time, calling a lonely friend, writing cards to those who need a little joy, or volunteering at a local nonprofit.

However you spend these found hours, don't discard these new habits when Easter arrives. And when you return to social media, consider using some of these habits to connect with others. Whether it is participating in a Facebook Bible study, prayer group, or perhaps starting one with new friends, you can share God's Word and presence in your life with someone who needs to hear it.

On a different note, I want to thank Julie Schaefer for her many years of service as the Chesapeake District webmaster. It is a difficult task, and Julie juggled many things at the same time. We have been blessed to have her!

And we welcome Deb Poese as she takes on the task of keeping our webpage. Please help her as she updates the information. Take a visit to the page at www.lwmlchesapeake.org and notice there is a place for Zone News under the Zone/Officer tab. Spring Zone Rallies are fast approaching, so please send her the dates, theme, and speaker. Better yet, send her a flier if you have one. And don't forget photos and videos! They tell great stories!

"Jesus Above All"

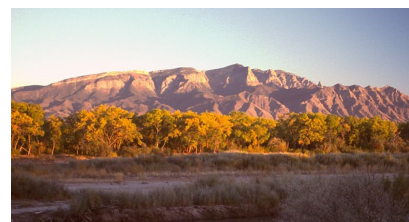
Philippians 2:9

In our culture our names function primarily to identify one person, one from another. Certain names have emotion or sentiment attached to them. Names can be a reminder to us of someone, something about that person, an ideal or one's faith. My son Sam, (God has heard), and his wife Liz, (God of Abundance), are expecting a baby girl this May. I am anxious to know the name they have selected, but they are keeping it a secret until God places their treasured baby in their arms. God's Son had many names in prophecy throughout the Bible. But the one name given and revealed by God when it was the time for His Son to come into the world is Jesus. Jesus, (God Saves) is God's beloved Son. It is the name we turn to in every prayer, worship and faith journey we take. In Philippians 2:10 we read "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." In Phil Wickham's song "My All in All" Jesus is the river in the desert, the fire in the darkness, the shelter in the tempest." The name of Jesus is to "be high and lifted up in all the earth." The one word, His name, Jesus, evokes all these powerful responses to His powerful, sustaining and redeeming love for us. God exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names because Jesus humbled Himself and went obediently to the cross and death for us!

Jesus says "...I am coming to You..." (John 17:11). Will you come to Jesus? We can be all on one accord, one mind, in one event confessing the name of Jesus through prayer, worship, fellowship, and yes through pink watermelons.

The name Sandia means watermelon. In June at the LWML convention, we will be surrounded by watermelons, the Sandia mountain range. Some say the Sandia range re-

sembles pink watermelons in the pinks of the desert sunset. We can gaze at the mountains, or use the second longest tram in the world to view God's creation from their summit, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. However we look at these mountains, it will be yet another meeting place, not the end of a summit, but a starting point to continue meeting, following, connecting and serving with Jesus, who is *our All, Above All*.



Christine Maconachy
Vice President of Christian Life

**Baltimore Zone Rally**

April 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Glen Burnie, MD

Blue Ridge Zone Rally

April 29 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amelia Court House, VA

DcMarVA Zone Rally

April 29 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
Washington, DC

DELMARVA Zone Rally

May 6 at The Lutheran Church of
Our Savior
Rehoboth, Delaware

Old Dominion Zone Event

April 1 at Christ Lutheran Church
Ruther Glen, VA

PenMar Zone Rally

April 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church
York, PA

Potomac Zone Spring Fling

April 1 at Lutheran Church of
St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD

Tidewater Zone

April 22 at Emmanuel Lutheran
Church, Hampton, VA

**from our
President
Edi Collis**

Happy New Year! How fast 2017 is flying already. By the time you read this, we will be well into the penitential season of Lent and preparing to celebrate our Risen Christ on Easter!

Because time is moving so quickly, I want to remind you about the 75th Anniversary LWML celebration in Albuquerque on June 22-25, with the theme "Jesus Christ above all." You can register online at www.lwml.org or use the registration form that was in the Winter edition of the *Quarterly*. If you register by March 14, you get an "early bird" savings of \$20 on your registration! Come join the Diamond Dazzle Jubilee! Please let me know if you are planning to attend so we can all get together at our joint District caucus with the Carolinas District, and be included in our District photo.

In the meantime, I encourage you to "feed your mite box" and send your mites to our District Financial Secretary, Linda LaFleur so that LWML can reach the mission goal of \$2 million for the biennium ending March 31. Remember, 25 cents of every dollar sent as mites to the Chesapeake District is for LWML.

I encourage you to pray. Pray that mites are received to fund the grants chosen at the 2015 LWML convention and the 2016 Chesapeake District convention. Pray for the mission grant recipients and the work that they do for the glory of God. Pray for our Chesapeake District delegates, our two YWRs —Hannah Card and Melissa Bauer, and Pastoral Counselor Michael Pottschmidt as they prepare for the Convention. Your zone leaders will have lots of information to share at your spring rallies regarding the 34 mission grants that will be on the Convention ballot and the officers that will be elected. Please pray for God's guidance in the selection process.

Most of all, pray for continued blessings on the LWML as we celebrate 75 years of joyful service!

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).

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