



from our Junior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Keith Beasley

Coronavirus. I just added this word to my spell check function so that it does not keep auto-correcting when I type it in. This is just one of the changes—albeit very small—that I have experienced as our nation responds to this pandemic.

Of course, you have felt the effects, too. The guidelines, the restrictions, the executive orders, the church closings, the cancellation of your LWML zone rally, the school closings, the businesses shutting down, the working from home, the rush to buy toilet paper, etc.—these all have had an effect on you in some way. They bring various trials into your life. Some trials may be minor, even a bit of a nuisance. Other trials may be major—shifting major aspects of your life concerning your health, your income, and even your interaction with those whom you love. You are all suffering in some way because of the desire to limit the devastating effects this disease could have on you, your loved ones, and your neighbors.

Also, you have had to do without gathering together as God's people at your church. We are doing our best as children of God still to gather around His Word with our online worship services, Skype and Zoom Bible studies, and drive-thru communion. Hopefully, you have found a routine that helps you be in the Scriptures, in some way, so that you may *"hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them."*



The words from Saint James in his epistle give us hope and encouragement during these times: **"Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness"** (James 1:2-3).

The Coronavirus pandemic really has caused you to "meet trials of various kinds." I am not sure you would want to "count them as all joy"—maybe not at this moment. But, your faith, by which you know Christ and trust in Him, ultimately leads you to know that the Lord is working all things for your good (Romans 8:28). Yes, these trials try and test your faith—producing steadfastness as James the Elder says. In other words, as you meet these various trials in light of your faith in Christ, you are made stronger and will remain steadfast even as other trials come.

James continues: **"And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing"** (James 1:4). In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, and as you meet the various trials it brings, always remember that as you "let steadfastness have its full effect," ultimately you lack in nothing through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

In Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Pastor Keith

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from our DISTRICT PRESIDENT

What is considered an Active Society/Group and an Inactive Society/Group? This question has been asked numerous of times. So, my article for the Chesapeake Breeze will hopefully answer the question. Based to the LWML guidelines and as the District President what I have to report to national LWML are the following:

Active Society/Group must meets all or most of the following guidelines:

- Has officers or a networker/contact person
- Meets at least quarterly
- Participates in, or is aware and supportive of zone and/or district events
- Contributes to mites and prays for the missions mites support
- Subscribes to the Quarterly.

Active Member of a Society/Group must participate on a regular basis in her group activities she would be referred to as an active member. Active society/group members are eligible to represent their district at a national LWML convention which their zone and district bylaws.

Active Individual Member must meet all or most of the following guidelines:

- Participates in and is supportive of zone and/or district events
- Contributes to mites and prays for the missions mites support
- Subscribes to the Quarterly

Active individual members may be eligible for voting privileges at the zone level (refer to local zone bylaws), but **are not** eligible for voting privileges at the district level (LWML Chesapeake District Bylaws, Article III, Section 1e), and **are not** eligible for voting privileges as an individual member at the national level (LWML National Bylaws, Article II, Section 1e). If an individual member is elected by the zone to represent them at a national convention they may do so as they are classified as a zone representative.

The following describes a **Supporting Society/Group**: Does not have officers or a networker/contact person; Does not meet or contribute to Mites consistently, but continues to pray regularly for LWML This is what we refer to as “**Inactive**” for the purpose of reporting the number of societies/groups to national LWML, we refer to these groups as supporting.

A **Supporting Member of a Society/Group** is all communicant women in their congregation members of their society/group. The women in this category do not actively attend any LWML functions. The LWML District President should report them as supporting members of national LWML. Supporting society/groups are not eligible to represent their district at a national or district LWML convention, as their knowledge of LWML activities would be limited.

Have I answered the question? If not, email me at ttester9612@verizon.net.

Most of all, pray for continued blessings on the LWML and as we fight through this worldwide virus “COVID-19”!

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)



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- Held by God's Word
- Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- Surrounded by HIS Grace

Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2018-2020

Mission Goal \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

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| 1. Orphan Grain Train (<i>Millersville, MD</i>)
The shipment of humanitarian aid to Duk, South Sudan. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">\$8,000</div> |
| 2. Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (<i>Newport News, VA</i>)
Purchase a new gas stove to feed the homeless. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$4,000</div> |
| 3. Faith and Work Enterprises (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
Provide Christ-centered training materials and Bibles. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$5,000</div> |
| 4. The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission
Fund Deaconess training in Latin America and the Caribbean. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$5,000</div> |
| 5. Southeastern District, LCMS
Assist with student aid grants. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$5,000</div> |
| 6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Provide Lutheran books translated in languages of the people they serve. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$4,000</div> |
| 7. Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool (<i>Richmond, VA</i>)
Tuition assistance. Bibles for each student. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$4,000</div> |
| 8. The Wyneken Project (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
Funds for the Liberian and Hispanic Outreach and the Lutheran Blind Outreach. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$5,000</div> |
| 9. Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)
To fund the purchase of state of the art technical materials. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$2,910*</div> |
| 10. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool (<i>Fredericksburg, VA</i>)
Repair/replace existing playground equipment to enjoy Christian fellowship. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$4,545*</div> |
| 11. Bethania Kids for India Library Resources
Fund library resources including books, training CDs, and audio visual. | <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">PAID IN FULL</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$4,545*</div> |

**Grants 9, 10 and 11 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.*

Mission Grant Proposals Due

Now is the time to submit your Mission Grant Proposals for our 2020 LWML Chesapeake District Convention. The deadline is April 6, 2020.

It is a great blessing to the churches and organizations in our District to receive these Grants. Is the Holy Spirit gently leading your to submit a Grant application? For more details, contact VP of Mission Outreach and Grants, Martha McGlynn, marthamcglynn@verizon.net.

*May God, Our Heavenly Father so fill our hearts with love of Jesus that we act, as prompted by His Holy Spirit to seek out and assist ministries to apply for our Chesapeake District LWML Grants that they may be blessed.
To God be the Glory, Amen.*



Preschool Director Sherry Carter and Pr. Roy Minnix, senior pastor, as well as Preschool Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Richmond, VA accepting Grant #6 check from Chesapeake District VP Martha McGlynn.

Arise, shine, for your light has come



“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”

Isaiah 60:1

In Isaiah 12:2-6, we read the first servant song of Isaiah. Isaiah spoke to the people of Judah and Jerusalem who lived in a world that was unpredictable and out of their control. Isaiah’s message: **“I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation.”** To anyone who is caught up in fear, this is a reminder that nothing on earth can defeat the power of God.

As a facilitator in a grief share program, the participants and I work through grief journeys through the lens of the Bible. We interact with God’s Word, with each other and using videos, learn from “expert” Pastors, counselors and others. One of the “experts” we are privileged to learn from is Zig Ziglar. Beloved Zig Ziglar is internationally known for his faith and motivational quotes. One of his most difficult motivational quotes to follow for a person steeped in any type of loss or fear is:

Get Up! Get Dressed! Show Up!

Many times, it takes effort just to get up, let alone get dressed, and then to show up?? When we connect with God, our Heavenly Father, through prayer, and reading His Word, we can, at His pace, **begin** to get up, get dressed and show up. It takes time; it doesn’t necessarily happen overnight.

So how do we “show up” when we are directed to stay home?

LWML Board Member Sandra O’Hedy has been emailing jokes and humorous anecdotes...my church choir has been circulating favorite anthems, some people are sharing family pictures, and others are sending along prayers. I offer up the **“First Song of Isaiah”** on YouTube. Search online for YouTube “first song of Isaiah” and click on Stonebriar Music or use this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zcGKbaqluE. The video features a combined children, youth and adult choirs with orchestra. The music is glorious and I have listened to it often in the past several days. But also look for the bossy little girl, telling a young boy to pay attention; or a sweet boy taking a big breath before entering late; enjoy kids being kids! **It takes all of us, together to “Make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted...for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

If you want to share how you are “showing up” or if you need ideas on how to “get up, get dressed and show up” please text /call me at 410-292-3575 or email me clmacon@aol.com. If you like, I will share your story with others. If you like, I am here to listen to you, laugh with you, pray with you and be in the Word together.

We pray together: Jesus, you give us your peace.

We will not let our hearts be troubled; we will not be afraid.

We will “go out in joy and be led forth in peace.” (Isaiah 55:12)

Love in Christ,
Christine Maconachy
VP Christian Life

Explore the [LWML website](#) for a multitude of devotionals and Bible studies you can conduct alone, or with others by Zoom, email and phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Lexington Park, MD made over \$525 at their recent Spaghetti Supper to support Kate Phillips in the Dominican Republic. Our entertainment was "Friendly Feud".



Dear Ladies of the Chesapeake LWML,
We have received your generous check in the amount of \$300 toward our neighborhood garden "The Orchard." Thank you so much! We so appreciate your aid and in our efforts to reconnect our neighborhood so we can share the love of God in Christ Jesus with them. I have enclosed a photo of Pr. Rickert, just after installing our rain water collection system.

Blessings,
Kathy Rickert,
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Newark, DE

Special Gifts Endowment Fund

The Fund has a balance of \$5,004.74 as of February 28, 2020 and a CD of \$15,000. However, since that time, another \$90 has been added to the Endowment Fund.

Memorials Received

Linda Becker
Linda Becker
Doris Dell

Donor

Edi Collis
Karen Matthiesen
Carol Schmidt

In Honor of:

Jean Kohtz
Kari King
Karen
Matthiesen

Donor

Rev. Al & Marge Bruning
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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 the donation can be acknowledged especially a family member if in memory of someone and 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 more information and Guidelines for requesting a grant from Special Gifts Fund, go to the [Chesapeake District LWML website](#).



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)

Zone Rallies

As of this date, several have been postponed or cancelled. Check with your Zone Chair (emails on the directory page 8) for more information.



How much is too much control? The LWML Gifts of Love Ministry encourages God's people to respond to the presence of God's gifts in one's estate by putting together a gift plan that looks to bless the family we love and the ministries that are close to our hearts. Without planning, such desires are only wishes and may not happen, unless they are spelled out in wills/trusts or detailed in beneficiary designations for investments, IRA's, insurance contracts or even one's house.

The two most important questions you want to answer are:

- 1) How do I want this gift (inheritance) to bless family members? Starting from that goal, you can construct a plan of blessing.
- 2) How do I want this gift (bequest) to bless the ministry or ministries I care about? You might think of placing restrictions on how those gifts will be used.

There is a fine line between Godly planning and trying to become God ourselves. We don't want family to waste God's gifts. We want to make sure that future needs of family are addressed. We want to make sure that gifts to ministry will do more than purchase new bushes for the parking lot. But how do I know when I am getting too restrictive about the gifts I am planning, either withholding family gifts well into the future that could really jumpstart an education or career today or planning gifts for ministry that reflect values that are not widely held by others in that ministry, potentially orphaning my gifts with too many restrictions?

There is no easy answer to these questions. The process begins and ends with prayer, with prayer throughout, as we seek God's will. In a perfect world, a family inheritance will include discussion with children, grandchildren or other heirs. Planned ministry gifts will include discussion with ministry leaders to gain a clear vision for future ministry plans. Connecting gifts with those plans will maximize their effectiveness.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can be helpful with all of this, asking you the right questions in your quest to put together the right plan for family and ministry. Most of all, we desire this process to recognize throughout that all of these gifts are the Lord's gifts. Our questions center around the theme, "How can these gifts of the Lord bless others in the best way?" For help with this journey in faith, contact Linda Gage at 800-741-4138; Linda.Gage@lfnd.org.



2021 LWML Convention
June 24 through June 27, 2021
Lexington, KY

2020 District Convention "Tell His Glory"

I hope you've marked in the Chesapeake District convention for September 25-26 in Gaithersburg, MD on your calendar. The location of the convention is the Double-Tree Hotel. The next issue of the *Chesapeake Breeze* will have all of the convention details and reservation form. Remember this will now be a two day convention, rather than a three-day one.

Edi Collis,
2020 District Convention Chairman



Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic: Kate Phillips

To keep up with our own Chesapeake District's deaconess intern in the Dominican Republic, Kate Phillips and all of her happenings, you can subscribe to her newsletter. Send an email message to kathryn.phillips@lcms.org with the word ADD in the subject line. Specify whether you want to receive the newsletter by mail or email.

Grant Update from Faith and Work Enterprises



Dear Martha and the Chesapeake District LWML Board of Directors,

We are so thankful for your support through the 2018 mission grant that has contributed to our relationship-building, care, advocacy and gospel outreach in the Sandtown-Winchester community. Securing a suitable location within the 21217 zip code to hold the workforce development program and production operations for Pennsylvania Avenue Chocolates has proved to be a great challenge. Meeting the obstacles head on, we focused on the work we have been doing all along – providing referral and crisis care to residents who live in the neighborhood.

Our Director of Programs is present in the neighborhood six days per week conducting outreach and connecting people to services, offering prayer and building trust among a community that is very suspicious of anyone from the outside.

Crisis Care has become a primary aspect of Faith and Works mercy ministry in the spirit of the Southeastern District's iNeighborhood. Our Director of Programs has received 525 applications for Crisis Care, connecting individuals through referrals to 40 different programs for support in the areas of food, housing, financial, legal assistance, addiction, physical and mental health, education, pregnancy, parenting and securing the proper identification.

In addition, we conducted a Back-to-School Backpack drive in partnership with a few churches in the metro area and DTLR (Downtown Locker Room) where we provided just over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to area students. DTLR provided a DJ, a tent and staff to assist as we enjoyed the music, shared a lunch of grilled hot dogs, chips and watermelon, and enjoyed uplifting camaraderie.

Once each month we partner with teams from three area churches who provide a hot meal outreach, serving approximately 150 each month. In Novem-

ber, we conducted a coat drive in partnership with the Emmanuel Cares Ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Catonsville, MD. The ministry provided 76 winter coats along with hats and gloves.

In November 2018 after learning the space we were working to secure was no longer available, we partnered with Christ the King Episcopal Church near Security Square Mall who provided space to hold the classroom and candy-making elements of the Faith and Work program. Though the commute from Sandtown-Winchester included one stop by light rail and one bus route, we discovered through a small cohort of men that the distance and county location proved unsettling for our prospective participants and was therefore not a conducive learning environment for those we are seeking to serve.

We are close to securing a classroom space in Sandtown-Winchester and have partnered with Wockenfuss Candies on Harford Road in Northeast Baltimore to hold production one day per week on Saturday's.

Your grant has been a significant part of sustaining our uninterrupted presence in the community and the ability to provide Gospel outreach and mercy ministry through crisis services while working to secure a suitable location. We are thankful and grateful for your partnership in the work of serving the people of Sandtown-Winchester.

Sincere regards,

Tina Jasion, Chief Operating Officer

