



from our President

Happy New Year! How fast 2022 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!



mission. Be sure and take a picture of your group's 80 and send them to Linda Roscoe, Deb Poesse and Margaret Martens -- their contact information is at the back of this Breeze. We are planning a montage of your activities at the 2022 LWML District Convention in September.

In the meantime, I encourage you to "feed your Mite Box" and send your Mites to our District Financial Secretary, so that we can reach our mission goal of \$100,000 for the biennium, which is ending June 30. 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 2021 LWML National convention and the 2020 Chesapeake District convention. Pray for the mission grant recipients and the work that they do for the glory of God.

Most of all, pray for continued blessings on the LWML as we celebrate 80 years of 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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Send your news and photos by June 1 to
Linda Roscoe,
Publications Editor

from our Junior Pastoral Counselor

Good Day Beloved,

It's hard to believe that spring is here ... but it comes whether or not we are ready. It makes me think of the other things in our lives that we are not ready for them to come but they do ... seemingly without any warning. We have taken a journey this Lenten Season unlike any I can remember. The world is returning to some version of what we remember to be "Normal." AMEN!

Holy Week is just about upon us, and I hope you are prepared for the emotional roller coaster that this week brings. This week, in my opinion, is the most important week of the church year. Christ's birth is truly important, but it is solely in the events of this week that give us hope.

So, what will be different for us this year following Our Savior's resurrection? Will it just mean that we can finally have the things we gave up for Lent? Or does it have a deeper meaning. I pray you said a deeper meaning.

Once again let us ponder the words from Luke 23: 44-47 ... *"44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!' And having said this he breathed his last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, 'Certainly this man was innocent!'"*

In these verses from Luke, we see prophesy fulfilled. The curtain was torn in two and darkness encompassed the whole land. This is a sacrifice like no other man has made, nor father, for that matter. This was the biggest recorded act of love that mankind has been a part of. God knew that only through the death and resurrection of His one and only Son Jesus Christ would humanity have a path to eternal salvation. I love this scene as depicted in Mel Gibson's "Passion Of The Christ." After those last words were uttered by Jesus and He gave up His spirit, a huge tear dropped from Heaven. This is indicative of the sadness that God must have felt as He watched His Son mocked, ridiculed, tortured, and crucified for the sins of mankind.

Do not let this visual escape your thoughts during Holy Week and beyond. Jesus Loved us so much that He willingly endured all of it for you and me. So, if Christ could do this for us ... then why is it so hard for us to share a minute fraction of that love with others? That, my beloved is what must be different after Holy Week this year. We must be renewed in the love that is Holy Week. Let that love set us apart from the world. Amen?

He Has Risen ... He Has Risen Indeed ... Alleluia !!!



The 2022 Prayer Service is available
for download at
<http://www.lwml.org/prayer-service>



In honor of the 80th birthday of LWML, St. Paul's, Glen Burnie dedicated 80 prayer shawls. These shawls go to the sick, the grieving, the brides and grooms and the newly baptized. They have gone around the country and around the world.

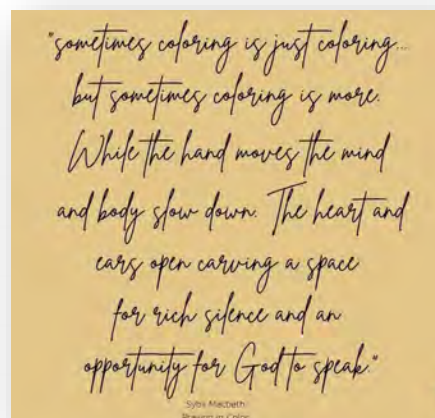
from our VP of Gospel Outreach

Portia Tomlinson

Ladies of LWML,

As a second installment on Visual Faith and Scriptural Coloring, we would like to focus on your Lenten prayer practice. Lent is a time to humbly search our hearts. Visual Prayer is a hands-on prayer practice that calls for a short “intermission” from daily activity to pick up a pen or pencil, pause and slow down. Create a moment of time to “be still” and open your mind to the Spirit. Choose a path to the cross.

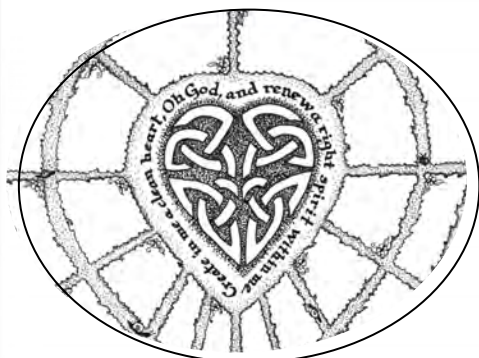
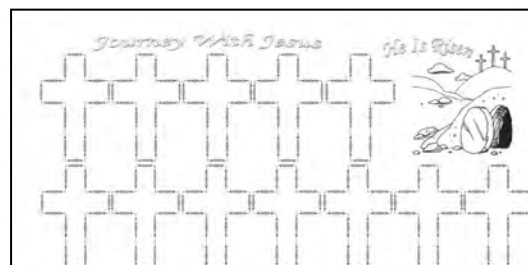
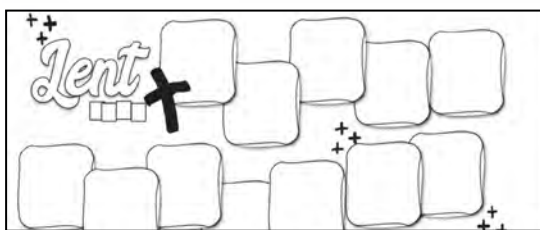
From <https://www.visualfaithmin.org/visual-prayer>: “In this way, visual prayer is both a process - writing, doodling, and coloring as you pray, as well as a product - a picture of time well spent with your Savior.”



For me, it is helpful to start each day in thankfulness, listing what I am grateful for and also to keep a list of those who need prayers.

Visit the Visual Faith website for more ideas <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>. The images below are just a glimpse of a fuller image available and can be found on the Visual Faith website.

Or check out the LWML Scripture coloring page <https://www.lwml.org/coloring-resources>



from our Christian Life Chair

Susan Sohn

12 Truths for Chaotic Times

There are times when the world seems so chaotic that we don't know how to pray or make sense of it all. God's Word reminds us *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."* (Romans 8:26 ESV)

During uncertain and unstable times, it is important to be rooted in the truth of God's Word - to be reminded of His sovereign care, eternal hope, and what He calls us to be and do. *"You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope"* (Psalm 119:114 NLT)

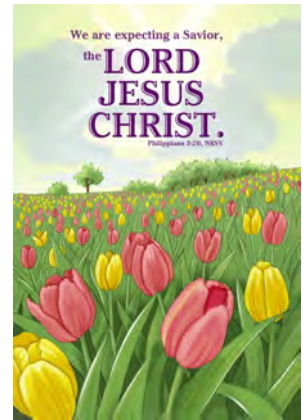
- God is still reigning over the nations. (Psalm 47:8)
- God is still in control of everything. (Daniel 2:20-21 NLT)
- God is still at work in the world. (John 5:17)
- God can bring good out of evil and light out of darkness. (Psalm 18:28)
- God will judge all wrong doing and bring justice to the world. (Psalm 75:2 NLT)
- God will be worshiped by all nations. (Psalm 86:9)
- God calls us to be faithful, courageous, and loving followers of Christ. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NLT)
- God calls us to put our ultimate hope and trust in Him. (Psalm 118:8-9)
- God calls us to pray for our leaders. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- God answers our prayers and gives us hope. (Psalm 65:5 NLT)
- God calls us to rescue and care for the vulnerable. (Psalm 82:3-4 NLT)
- God does not want us to grow weary of doing good. (Galatians 6:9)

The times do feel unstable and uncertain. But consider this: God sent His Son into this world – with all its chaos, violence, brokenness, heartache, and division. This is the world Christ came to save. This is the world where God works to renew restore, and redeem. This world is desperately broken, yet this world has a Savior – *Jesus Christ*.

Source:

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Lead Writer, Hope for the Heart



from our Special Gifts Endowment Fund Chair

Linda Nau

Special Gifts is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone, while also supporting the mission and ministry of the Chesapeake District LWML. Monies from this Fund may be given in increments of \$100 up to a maximum \$300 for small mission projects, special expenses or other programs. All requests should reflect the mission statement of the LWML.

In the last three months, Special Gifts has **Gifts in Memory of:**

Rev. Al Bruning, Ron Collis, Jan Crawford and Marty Kruelle by Jan and Fred Rueter
Beverly McCarthy and Signe Worsham by the Women of St. Paul, Annapolis, MD



As of February 22, 2022, the Special Gifts Endowment Fund has a balance \$6,952.36 plus \$15,000 in a certificate of deposit.

For more information on and forms for donating a gift or requesting a grant, please go to our website, lwmlchesapeakedistrict.org. Choose the **Giving to LWML or Mission Grant tab** to reach the Special Gifts Endowment Fund section. If you have any questions, you may also contact Linda Nau, Chairman, at naule@aol.com or 804-514-0095.

2022 Chesapeake District LWML Convention Information



Karen Matthiesen, Claudia Jacobson and Teresa Tester have done a wonderful job of putting a convention together for us to remember for years to come. This is the first time we will have a condensed convention. We will start registering at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 23, convention starts at 3:00 pm and will close at 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 24. One night in the Doubletree hotel will be \$125.35. We have a great line-up of speakers from organizations that have been funded by our mites. Erin and Jake Pomrenke will be our music leaders. Tune up your voices for lots of praising the Lord during our worship services. Each church can send two delegates. Delegates will select officers and mission grants, via Election Buddy prior to convention. There will be a delegate meeting via Zoom on September 10 to discuss proposed mission grants, nomination of officers and proposed By-Laws changes

LWML will turn 80 in 2022. A list of suggestions for gathering 80 of something to share with an organization, can be socks or cookies or 80 hours of service. Let your imagination for your group's "80" We need pictures anyone may have of past events of the LWML and of your "80." These can be emailed or mailed to Archivist Historian, Margaret Martens at memartens@inbox.com or 508 Old Stone Place, Bel Air, MD 21015 (443-655-4742).

It's understandable, with grocery prices going up by the minute we will have to wait until closer to the convention to get a registration cost.

We will be updating our By-Laws and Job Descriptions before the convention. This will include adding the Mission Workers in Ministry, a new committee under Special Focus Ministries. Just a reminder, all Zone By-Laws need to be approved by the Executive Committee before they can be put in place. Group bylaws need to be sent to the Structure Chair and approved by the Executive Committee. A copy of each group's by-laws is kept on file by the Structure Chair.

Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2020-2022

Mission Goal: \$100,000

1. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, VA - Provide Bibles, Concordances, devotionals, and Bible study materials for their jail and prison ministries.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
2. Southeastern District, LCMS, Alexandria, VA - Provide student aid for pastors and/or church workers as they prepare to journey with the Lord.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
3. Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic, Smyrna, DE - Purchase supplemental food items and pay for shipping to a country in need of food, clothing and medical supplies.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
4. Grace Place, Calvary Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD - Create a computer lab as part of the newly forming Career Planning & Mentoring Center.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
5. Our Savior Lutheran Church & Open Arms Christian Child Development Center, Laurel, MD - Purchase cases of children's Bibles, English/Spanish outreach Bibles and Small Catechisms, providing devotional supplies for outreach in the Laurel community.	\$3,500	PAID IN FULL
6. Faith and Works Enterprises, Baltimore, MD - Continue community stabilization efforts toward establishing a mission to serve the Sandtown-Winchester community.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
7. Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, VA - Send five ethnic leaders for training to and reach out to Muslim neighbors in the DC Metro area.	\$5,000	PAID IN FULL
8. Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS); Ethnic Immigrant Institution of Theology (EIIT), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - Provide support for ethnic student/church worker to meet educational costs.	\$3,500	
9. The ESL Program at Lutheran Church of our Savior, Rehoboth Beach, DE - Replace outdated text books and provide meals and fellowship.	\$5,000	
10. Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, MO - Funds to support ongoing work in Nigeria for the Mbe translation of the Bible.	\$4,000	

Mission Grant #6 Faith and Works Enterprises receives their grant of \$5000.

Mighty Mites! Your Mites have made an impact! This grant is to provide education, mentoring and linkage to critical services for people in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of West Baltimore. FAW was established in 2017 in partnership with Emmanuel Lutheran Church as an innovative nonprofit ministry around the mission of "Standing with local neighborhoods, building capacity for meaningful work and holistic wellbeing." Their threefold ministry incorporates a Gospel-centered approach focusing on 1) Community Stabilization, 2) Workforce Development and 3) Long-term Financial Literacy and Holistic Wellbeing. Community Stabilization helps people connect to supportive services for the essentials of daily living (ie: housing, food, transportation, drug treatment and mental health services) to create stability in preparation for employment.

Every penny counts. So keep those Mites coming. We are approaching the end of the biennium and have three more grants to fund totaling \$12,500. Please encourage your groups as well as your congregations to give toward these worthy grants. We are over 60% of the way there. You may also donate on line at our Chesapeake District website <https://www.lwmlchesapeake.org/>.



Grant #5 - \$3500 to Our Savior Lutheran
Church, Laurel, MD
Open Arms Child Development

Zone Spring Events

Zone	Date	Time	Location
Baltimore	April 2	9 am to 12 pm	St. Paul's, Catonsville, MD
Blue Ridge	April 30	10 am to 3 pm	Good Shepherd, Roanoke, VA
DCMARVA	April 30	9 am to 12 pm	Grace Lutheran, La Plata, MD
DelMarVa	April 22	9:30 am to 3 pm	Peace Lutheran, Smyrna, DE
Old Dominion	May 14		Redeemer, Fredericksburg, VA
Potomac	April 30	10 am to 2 pm	Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD
Tidewater	April 231	9 am to 2 pm	King of Glory, Williamsburg, VA

Contact the specific Zone Chair listed on the last page of this issue for details.

Cookie Baking

Last November, the LWML from Prince of Peace in Virginia Beach baked 116 dozen cookies for a jail ministry. During their December Advent breakfast, the group packaged the cookies in small bags to send to the inmates of the Virginia Beach jail. The cookies were delivered and greatly appreciated. One inmate reported that upon receiving the cookies the entire mood changed, including that of the grumpiest inmate who sported a smile, and that cookies and coffee made for a party like atmosphere. This anecdote serves as a small testament to the impact of humble servitude and the importance of caring for the less fortunate.



Tidewater Zone met for their Winter Retreat at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

Sixteen people stayed overnight, and we had five day-trippers who attended Saturday. Meals were provided by the center in the dining hall, and we had our own meeting room attached to the building with our rooms. Friday night we enjoyed a short devotion and our Pastoral Councilor, Pastor Graef, led us on the fiddle to sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Kathryn Wacker taught us about Chrismons, where they originated and their different styles. Did you know Chrismons can be beaded wire, foam board, Styrofoam, crochet, cross stitch, beaded felt, embroidery, or paper? The ladies learned how to do a beginner bead and wire Fish Chrismon. Saturday Desiree Davis led a devotion called "Conversation Hearts from God" and Valentine's Day Trivia. We shared the love by exchanging "gifts" that we found around the room and wrapped. Music was led on the piano by Diane Bahr. Chaplain Ryan Rupe led a Bible Study on Psalms. After a business meeting and worship service we blessed our in-gathering items: old towels, aluminum cans, Amazon gift cards, dogfood, leashes, collars, and dog toys given to support the Animal Aid Society in Hampton VA. A post dinner campfire with kettle corn was provided by Popcorn Bob from the WCRC who shared some of the history of the center. Just before bed we made one more Chrismon a bead and wire Latin Cross. Sunday morning, we made one more Chrismon. This one was slightly more difficult, a bead and wire star. What a wonderful weekend full of fellowship and worship and new and old friends. What a blessing to be able to meet at a retreat again!