



May 2018 NEWSLETTER

message from our President

Edi Collis



It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! First it seemed like winter would never end, and then spring flew by in a flash! I hope you all have a relaxing, peaceful, and God-centered summer.

Before you know it, it will be September and time for our Chesapeake District convention. Mark the dates on your calendar – September 21-23, at the Doubletree Hotel in Richmond, VA. You don't want to miss it! For me, one of the best parts of the convention is when we get to choose the mission grants that will be paid during the next biennium.

Your District Board of Directors met at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, VA on May 5 and got a preview of the proposals that will appear on the convention ballot. The list will appear in the August *Breeze*, so I won't give anything away, except to say that it will be hard to choose between them!

The Blue Ridge and Tidewater Zones are our hosts this year and they are busy making plans for three days of praise, information, and fun. With the theme "Our Journey with the Lord," we are blessed to have Linda Arnold, co-chair of the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia-WI, as our keynote speaker. Michelle Zollinger, Public Relations Director for LWML will share news from our national organization, including plans for the 2019 convention in Mobile, AL.

Remember that each society may send two delegates as part of their Zone Delegation to the convention to cast votes for officers and for mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium. Please keep all the delegates and our discernment process in your prayers over the next few months. Also, please remember that each zone may send **AT LEAST** one Young Women's representative to this convention. I also encourage you to seek out the ethnic congregations in your areas and see if there is support you can provide to help some of the women in these churches join us and learn more about LWML.

As we near the end of the 2016-2018 biennium, we still need to fund four more mission grants to meet our district mission goal. This is a challenge, but I know through God's grace and your spirit of giving, these grants will be paid!

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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from our
Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR
Rev. Dr. John Johnson

When you look at your life what do you see? I'm sure you see a busy life with work, kids, spouse, community responsibilities, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, church, boards, committees and an occasional vacation. The idea of adding even one more commitment, meeting, email, text or phone call seems sadistic and impossible. I'm sure you wonder when will you be allowed some "me time." Life does seem to be an exercise in running from one crisis or issue to another. There seems to never be enough time in the day to accomplish everything you have planned much less the additions that are unexpected.

It may even seem like God is indifferent to what you are dealing with. However this isn't so. What appears to be indifference is in fact God waiting for you to acknowledge that you need him to guide your life. If we each let God guide our day we would find more time and pleasure than we currently experience.

I have found that when life is tedious or taxing I have somehow wrestled the daily control from the Lord. When I step back I'm at peace and sudden unforeseen events are no big deal. Despite being busy I find that I get a lot more done than I thought possible. Take a moment and consciously turn your day over to the Lord and rejoice in his guidance and love. You'll find that it is joyful and easy to follow where he leads!



Zone Rallies

Old Dominion Zone Rally | Saturday, April 7, 2018

The ladies of the Old Dominion Zone gathered at Redeemer Lutheran in Richmond one Saturday morning. 24 LWML'ers represented 5 Zone churches enjoyed a morning brunch. Zone Chair, Marge Bruning, welcomed guests. Natalie Hartwig's (Trinity Lutheran) devotion reminded us to turn to our family of believers, as did the disciples after Christ's crucifixion, for support & encouragement in troubled times. Natalie reminded us that all hymns in the Lutheran Service Book may be used as devotions. Our special guests Pastor JP Cima & wife Aimee were accompanied by their three children. Pastor spoke of his family's ten years in Hanoi, Vietnam, of Vietnamese people who became close friends, Christians & pastors, who are continuing their work since their ouster from Vietnam. The Cima's new assignment is in Cambodia, adjacent to south Vietnam! Monetary Gifts from the Heart were collected and presented to the Cima's. From the beginning of JP's vicarage in Vietnam, they have supported their own missionary work 100 percent! Please pray for them as they transition to Cambodia this summer.

Christine Maconachy, our District Representative, brought greetings from Edi Collis, our Chesapeake District President. She spoke of District & National Mission Grants, Chesapeake District Convention this September, & National LWML Convention in June 2019. She encouraged us to be involved, support Mites to fund Mission Grants, and spread the gospel message. New Zone officers were elected: Penny Helmore, Chair; Marian Dawgert, Co-Chair; Linda Nau, Secretary/Treasurer.



LWML Convention

June 20-23, 2019 | Mobile, Alabama

Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations. Convention attendees will have opportunity to sing and rejoice in celebration of God's Word through worship and Bible study. They will go forth in His joy, declaring His glory to all, and telling of His salvation for all.

Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2016-2018

Biennium Mission Goal : \$115,000

Faith House, Frederick MD – Women’s Shelter Startup Costs Assist with start-up costs to renovate building to house homeless women and children	PAID IN FULL	\$5,000
Animal Husbandry Classes for Women’s Protection Center in Nepal Provide classes & animals to give young women a self-supportive lifestyle	PAID IN FULL	\$4,950
Establish the Bassa Community Health Center, District #3, Liberia Fund community health center in poorest district of Liberia devastated by ebola	PAID IN FULL	\$5,000
Student Aid Grants for SED Students in Christian careers Provide scholarships to SED students pursuing careers in full-time church work	PAID IN FULL	\$5,000
Hot Meals capability, Redeemer’s Child Development Center in Richmond Assist with set-up costs to provide CDC children a hot meal daily	PAID IN FULL	\$5,000
Food For Haiti, Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic Region Add non-perishable food to shipping container of donations for people in Haiti	PAID IN FULL	\$5,000
Train Bible Translators in Southern Africa to Assist LBT Translators Equip nationals strong in local languages to work with LBT translators	PAID IN FULL	\$4,000
Prison & Recovery Ministry, Grace Lutheran Church, LaPlata MD Produce video “When Did I Visit Jesus In Prison Or Invite Him In?”	PAID IN FULL	\$4,000
Bethesda Auxiliary – A prayer book for people with disabilities Publish & distribute ‘The Christ Connection’ to reach people of all levels of disability		\$3,000
Sharing the Love of Christ with Immigrants in Detention (LIRS) Spanish Bibles for those incarcerated by Immigration & Customs Enforcement		\$5,000
Community Tuition Aid, Galilee Lutheran Preschool, Pasadena MD Aid local community to pay monthly tuition to send child to Christian preschool		\$2,500
Lutheran Heritage Foundation Bible Storybooks for Asian Families Print Christian books for children in heart languages of Asian families		\$3,300

MISSIONS ON THE MOVE!

Great news to my sisters in Christ, we’ve upped our budget proposal for 2018-2020! This September at our terrific convention, you will have three new choices to vote on: \$111,000, \$115,000 or \$120,000 for the next biennium. That means more Grants can be made possible for our District and boy, do we have great choices for you to consider. Watch for them in the next Breeze!
Martha McGlynn, VP of Mission Outreach and Grants



Check out lwml.org for more information.

Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

In Memorium

- For Janet Day, from Dorcas Circle, Trinity Lutheran, Richmond, VA
- For Pat Olsen, from: Carol Doyle and Karen Smith
- For Lois Schmiesing, from Martha McGlynn; Rev. Al & Marge Bruning; Walter & Constance Hoff

A \$300 grant has been awarded to Randy Ronning, Director of Family Life at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland Campus, Ashland, VA to begin an outreach into a predominately Hispanic trailer park. Planned is a "Meet and Greet" with the residents and Mr. Ronning. Lunch, games and prizes, music and resource materials, i.e. LWML & LCMS in English and Spanish will be provided to the attendees. Randy will follow-up with those who attend and express interest in hearing more about the Lutheran Church.

The balance in the Scholarship/Grant account is \$4,578.61 as of the end of April, 2018. The CD balance is \$15,000.00

To give a gift in memory or in honor of someone, send a check made payable to Chesapeake District LWML to Sandy O'Hedy, Special Gifts Chairman, which specifics concerning the gift.



OFFICER NOMINEES for 2018-2020 Biennium

- **District President:** Teresa Tester, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bryans Road, MD; DCMARVA Zone
- **VP Communications:** Michelle Baugham, Peace in Christ, Walkersville, MD; Potomac Zone
- **VP Human Care:** Donna Thompson, Messiah Lutheran, Germantown, MD; Potomac Zone
- **Financial Secretary:** Yvonne Brown, Peace Lutheran, Washington, DCMARVA Zone
- **Recording Secretary:** Deb Poesse, Lutheran Church of St Andrews, Silver Spring, MD; Potomac Zone
- **Zone Liaison:** Paulette Gains, Peace Lutheran, Washington, DC; DCMARVA Zone
- **Jr. Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. D. Keith Beasley, Good Shepherd, Roanoke, VA; Blue Ridge Zone

The slate of officers will be presented at convention for election to serve during the 2018-2020 biennium. Further nominations may be made from convention floor, provided nominees meet all the qualifications for the office and are present or have given written consent to serve, if elected.



Nominating Committee: Teresa Tester, Sylvia Shives, Sandy O'Hedy

Extravagant Love Women's Retreat Cruise

February 9 - 14, 2019

Experience God's extravagant love aboard this women's retreat cruise! **Praise God** for His lavish love in Christ through uplifting music led by singer/songwriter Wendysue Fluegge. **Receive** His love through inspiring messages, rich in God's Word, from International author and speaker, Deb Burma. **Respond** to God's love as you engage in faith-journaling workshops, led by Connie Denninger and Pat Maier, co-founders of Visual Faith Ministry. The cruise travels to Haiti and Jamaica round trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas. For more information, contact Connie Denninger at condoit@aol.com or click for [cruise information](#).



from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

I am the Alpha and the Omega

Revelation 22:13

"In the beginning the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:1

Our Earth's surface is approximately 75% water. Now take that 75% and think of it as a whole. Of that whole: 96.5% of the planets' crust water is found in seas and oceans which are salty; 1.7% is in groundwater; 1.7% in glaciers and ice caps of Antarctica and Greenland; 0.001% is in the air as vapor and clouds. Of this 0.001% only 2.5% of this water is freshwater. Less than 0.3% of all freshwater is in rivers, lakes. Less than 0.003% of freshwater is contained within biological bodies. Maybe an apple will help you visualize how much freshwater is available for our use. Take an apple: $\frac{3}{4}$ is the saltwater; almost $\frac{1}{4}$ freshwater is unavailable. Now take the skin and shave a thin piece that is slightly larger than the size of a pen point. That is how much water is available for our use! Yet with that minute amount, **God sustains us.**



Summer is here, and we will be using water in so many different ways. But in all ways we can connect with God through prayer, reflections, thanksgiving, marveling at His Creation, and in wonderment at how He provides for us.

- Turn the sprinkler on; observe the birds or children that romp in JOY moving through the water: read Philippians 4:4-9
- Fix a glass of lemonade; have a refreshing "ahhhh" moment as you take a break from working outside: read Proverbs 11:25 & Psalm 42
- Listen to the rain; heavy clouds can be like heavy hearts, best relieved by the letting of a little water/pain with prayer; look for the rainbow; know God keeps His promises: read Genesis 9: 1-17

Take a Bible with you on your vacation or daytrips with family and friends. Before everyone climbs out of the van/car, read a Bible passage that sets the tone for hiking a trail (i.e. Great Falls, MD), swimming in the pool, visiting an aquarium, visiting a museum that has inside fountains, fishing, splashing in the ocean or a lake, boating, guided walking through a cave. Observe how water has formed rocks, enabled plants to flourish, creates stillness yet noise, movement yet peace. "Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it." Lao Tzu.

As drinking water is essential to life, drinking in the Word of God is essential for our relationship with God. **He is our Alpha and Omega.** God has promised **"...surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age."** Matthew 28:20

Christine Maconachy, VP of Christian Life

May the "Lord guide you always...you will be like a well-watered garden..." Isaiah 58:11

Note: Save the date, September 21-23. Come to Richmond for the Chesapeake District Convention and be immersed in His Grace!

LWML Chesapeake District Convention

September 21-23, 2018

Double Tree by Hilton,

1021 Koger Blvd. Richmond, VA 23235

“Our Journey With The Lord”



**“I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
Revelations 22:13 NIV**

Plan to join us for a weekend of worship, Bible study and fun.

Look for the registration form in the next issue of the “Breeze”



Mission Pledge Walk in the Park

What could be more rewarding than a taking a walk in the park while raising donations for Mites? You will have an opportunity to do exactly that by joining us on our Mission Pledge Walk at the Chesapeake District Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

Our walk with be on the lovely trails in Huguenot Park on Saturday, September 22, from 7 to 8 AM. The park is within easy walking distance of the hotel and has 2.3 miles of trails, so you can take a stroll or a power walk! As we walk the trails we will meditate on **“Our Journey with the Lord!”**

Our Mission Pledge Walk will give those attending and our sisters and brothers in Christ back at home a chance to raise money for Mites by pledging to support a *“park walker”*.

Use the form below to list pledges/donations. All monies collected will go to Mites, which fund District and national. Check should be payable to LWML Chesapeake District with *Mission Pledge Walk* in the memo.

So pack your walking shoes and join us at Huguenot Park during the Chesapeake District Convention, September 21-23, 2018

Your Name _____

Congregation _____

Pledges for “Mission Pledge Walk in the Park”

Name	Amount Pledged	Name	Amount Pledged
1. _____		5. _____	
2. _____		6. _____	
3. _____		7. _____	
4. _____		8. _____	
		Total Donations _____	

Chesapeake District LWML Convention

2018 Banner Specifications

- All banners are to be quilts made for use by a child, either a baby cribs or as “comfort quilts.” Suggested finished quilt size is approximately 36-38 inches wide by 48-50 inches long.
- You may use an idea from the convention theme –just don’t use the logo itself. Banner designers are encouraged to use their creativity in designing their quilt with the theme “Our Journey with the Lord” in mind. **However, any references to LWML, and/or your zone name should be detachable.**
- Remember that this quilt will be used by children: 100% cotton (regular or flannel) is recommended; do not use polar fleece. The batting can be polyester, cotton or a blend as long as it is low loft batting. Quilts should be machine pieced and machine quilted. Hand tied quilts can be a potential choking hazard and do not hold up to the frequent washings they go through.
- Identify your banner with the name of your zone, zone president’s name and address on the back of the banner in the bottom right corner. This identification should be about 3” by 5” and should be detachable.
- On the back of your banner, at the top edge, place **removable** loops for the 1” dowel to fit through. If you are using a dowel at the bottom of your banner, please make the same removable loops.
- Attach either a ribbon or Velcro fastener to the center lower back of the banner, long enough to go around the two-inch pole. This will help hold the banner to the pole as it is carried into the ballroom.
- Attach the banner to a 1” dowel with a screw eye on each end. As an aid to hanging the banner on the pole, make a small loop knot in the middle of the cord. Secure the cording through each screw eye, laying the cord flat along the dowel, with the loop at the center of the banner, and knot it on the outside of each screw eye. PLEASE USE A STRONG QUARTER INCH OR 8MM CORD. Be sure to attach the cord tightly because the cord will stretch when the banner is hung.
- Bring a banner pole and stand for your banner.
- At the conclusion of the convention, the banners will be the possession of their zone and may be donated to the recipient of their choice.
- If you have any questions concerning your banner, please contact the District President Edi Collis. Have fun making your banner! God’s Blessings as you plan and prepare to join your LWML sisters at convention!

