



## November 2017 NEWSLETTER

### message from our President

Edi Collis



Dear LWML sisters,

What a wonderful time we had at the Christian Life Retreat in October! Deb Burma was an a fun and inspiring retreat leader, Jeff Smith provided us with lots of laughs as the Saturday night entertainment, and the Lord blessed us with spectacular weather in Ocean City for the weekend. Many thanks to our retreat planning team, headed by Teresa Tester, for a successful, God-filled event!

I'm pleased to share the good news that the Chesapeake District was able to pay our mission grants #4 - Student aid grants for SED students in Christian careers (\$5,000) and #5 - Hot Meals Capability for the Child Development Center at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA (\$5,000). Praise the Lord! However, there are still seven grants, totaling almost \$28,000, to pay before our deadline of June 30, 2018. Keep filling those Mite Boxes!

Soon it will be 2018! That means we can look forward to our District convention on September 21-23 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Richmond, VA. In my opinion, one of the best parts of the convention will be to select mission grants to fund for the 2018-2020 biennium, so look around you.

Is there a need at your church or in your Zone that would fit the criteria for a grant? The guidelines are on the Chesapeake District website ([www.lwmlchesapeake.org](http://www.lwmlchesapeake.org)) and Martha McGlynn, our VP for Gospel Outreach and Grants, would be happy to help you submit a proposal. Also, our Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the offices of: President, VP-Communications, VP-Human Care, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Zone Liaison, and Junior Pastoral Counselor. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions and, if God leads you in that direction, please contact Teresa Tester, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Happy New (liturgical) Year! Christ the King Sunday is November 26 and then Advent begins on December 3. As we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth, don't let the hectic holidays obscure the "reason for the season"—God's gift of His Son. Merry Christmas, and a safe and blessed New Year to all of you!

Your servant in Christ,  
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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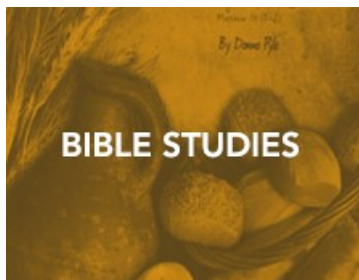
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Publications Editor

## from our Junior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

*Rev. Michael Pottschmidt*

### "Re-Gifting"

It's a social "no-no" to re-gift. Particularly as the Christmas shopping season is fast approaching, this kind of thing becomes important to remember. You know what I'm talking about—that article of clothing or knick-knack that some well-meaning friend or relative gave you, the one that is still in the original package because it's just not your style. You are not to re-wrap it and pass it on as a gift to someone else. (That's what the experts say, anyway.)

Yet, when it comes to the gifts God shares with us, re-gifting is acceptable and encouraged! The many good gifts God gives to each of us are meant for us to share with others. God's gifts of time, love-filled attention, words of encouragement, and material resources are not for us to keep to ourselves but are to be re-gifted.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, you know this quite well. You re-gift loose change and dollar amounts of various size and turn these "mites" into ministry opportunities near and far. You re-gift your time in order to demonstrate God's love to someone who is hurting or in need. You re-gift your energy and personal "know-how" to support Kingdom work in your family, your congregation, your neighborhood, and beyond.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!" (Psalm 103:1 esv). We truly have been blessed by God in so many ways. In these weeks of counting our blessings and sharing our blessings, we can re-gift that most special Gift of all—Jesus our Savior. He is the Gift that has changed our past, present and future, and what a privilege it is to share this Gift with others.

*Pastor Michael*



## Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2016-2018

*Biennium Mission Goal : \$115,000*

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

# 10%

At my church, St. Paul’s, Glen Burnie, MD, we have started something new! What! Something new?!! Believe it or not, yes, something new! It is called 10 for 10. We have been asked to increase our weekly offering by 10% for 10 weeks to hopefully get out of our deficit. Mmm, I wondered, could we do this with our mite giving? So let’s give it a try! As I reported at Retreat, we are right on target with our Grant

obligations. However, we are entering the Christmas season when our budgets are tight and we are asked to give to so many worthy recipients. Just 10%.....that’s not much! Grant #4 & #5 are paid. For the remaining weeks in 2017, can you increase your mites by 10%? I know I can!

~ *Martha McGlynn*, VP of Mission Outreach and Grants

## Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

If you know of anyone who is pursuing education to advance the work of the LWML or the church, needs funds to support an ongoing or established project or start-up or onetime funds for a new project, please consider applying for a Grant from the Special Gifts Fund. Grants are awarded in increments of \$100 up to a maximum of \$300. See the web-site for application procedure and form.

Make checks payable to:  
Lutheran Church Extension Fund with  
"LWML Special Gifts" on the *memo line*.

Mail to: Sandy O'Hedy  
116 S. School Lane  
Smyrna, DE 19977

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of or in Honor of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occasion \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgement of gift to:  
(please print plainly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Available scholarship funds at the end of  
October are \$4,323.65.

Recent donation for  
memorials are:  
In memory of Ruth  
McCahan from Carol  
Doyle and Karen Smith.



## Oh, give thanks to the Lord

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!* 1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV

November is a month when many people share thanks or gratitude posts through social media. Sometimes it is only words, but often it is also a photo. It seems so appropriate these 30 days as Thanksgiving is already on the calendar, that we take time to consider the many blessings we have received through God's grace and love. Whether you choose to share them in a public forum or simply to a friend, take time to share your faith and gratefulness for His many blessings in your lives.

Do you go shopping on Black Friday? What about online shopping on Cyber Monday? Did you know there is a Giving Tuesday? This day is set aside to share a special gift with a nonprofit. LWML will be participating this year with Giving Tuesday with the theme of "Give a Little, Give a Lot," and have two generous donors who will be matching each gift up to a total of \$20,000! Please check the LWML Facebook page for updates throughout the day on Tuesday, November 28.



Chesapeake District needs to pay for this biennium's mission grants before June, and we have a long way to go. For every dollar donated to LWML, 75% stays right here in the district. So please consider any gift you can. If each individual gave just \$20 on Giving Tuesday, it would have a great impact. Especially with the matching donations! Read more at this link <http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday>.

You may have noticed the new logo and name being used by LWML since the summer. Officially the working name is Lutheran Women in Mission-LWML. This was a result of re-branding that LWML's Executive Committee participated in during the spring. The same logo with minor color changes is meant to be used by national, district, and zones. For an understanding of the symbol, please visit this link to view a video with explanation <http://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/2017-lwml-logo-reveal-video>.

May you enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season with those you love.

Leslie Jaseph  
VP of Communications



## Pictures! Pictures!



Kazoo playing at Ocean City Retreat



Women of Redeemer Lutheran, Fredericksburg, VA



Saturday Evening Entertainment at the beach  
Teresa Tester, Jeff Smith, Karen Matthiesen



LWML of St. Andrews in Silver Spring, MD



DELMARVA Zone at Ocean City



Grant check presentation to Redeemer Lutheran, Richmond

## Christian Life Retreat Wrap-Up

The Christian Life Retreat was held in Ocean City on October 20-22. I had an AWESOME time! It was great listening to our fantastic retreat leader, Deb Burma sharing her "Stepping Out to Life on the Edge" Bible study. I feel spiritually renewal and uplifted! There were 151 attendees (women and men).

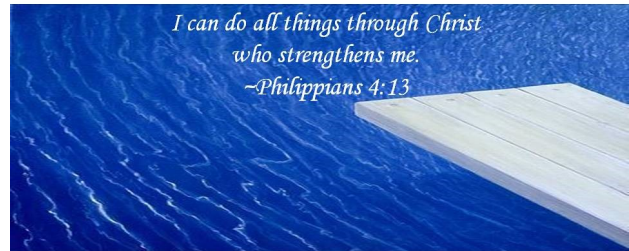
The Saturday night entertainment was Jeff Smith, from Salt and Light Ministries, who was hilarious! It's a shame that no one videoed Karen Matthiesen and I playing Pharaoh and Moses, which we had to sing opera style! That was hard to do since we both were laughing so much.

For the Servant events, ladies were busy coloring the SED Prayer Quilts, painting Kindness Rocks and marking Bibles for the Women's Maryland Correctional Facility.

For the In-Gathering we collected:

- Toiletries and nonperishable food items for Open Kettle, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City
- \$705 in gift cards for Lutheran seminary students (which will be split between the two LCMS seminaries, one in St. Louis, one in Ft. Wayne)
- For Orphan Grain Train, we collected: 85 flip flops; 29 Mercy Kits; 27 packs underwear (girls and women); 17 packs underwear (boys and men); and 4 containers of disinfecting wipes.

Teresa Tester,  
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*A thank you note from Elfie Eberle, Branch Manager of Orphan Grain Train, Maryland*

"Dear Teresa:

I have heard nothing but glowing reports on the Retreat at Ocean City! Many were blessed by attending. And many more will be blessed by the ingathering of flip flops and hygiene supplies. They will be put in a container going to India before Christmas and distributed by the Christian Medical Missions Group in Chennai to the very neediest. Orphan Grain Train's philosophy is shipment of life-giving, life-saving items to those in need. Normally one does not think of flip flops as life saving, but they are. You might have heard, in Haiti for example, many children contracted a vicious infection in their feet from walking barefooted and limbs needed to be amputated. How horrible! Thank you for the flip flops. The hygiene supplies are so important in maintaining overall health. Please thank all the women who generously donated these items for they are a great, great blessing to the recipients. They truly are the love of Jesus in tangible form. May you and they be blessed as you have blessed the needy."

*For more information about Orphan Grain Train, go to [www.ogt.org/md](http://www.ogt.org/md).*

## It is never too early!

The Chesapeake District LWML Convention will be held in Richmond on September 21-23, 2018. Our keynote speaker will be Linda Arnold, Vice Chair of the Women's Leadership Institute. Put this important date on your calendar for a weekend filled with God's word, fun, and fellowship with your LWML sisters. Our hosts for the District Convention will be the Blue Ridge and Tidewater Zones.

~ Karen Matthiesen, Meeting Manager, Co-chair





## from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

You all are amazing! In talking with many of you at the Christian Life Retreat at Ocean City, I am humbled by your courage and faith. Many of you are suffering and grieving: *for the loss of your husband, a child, or your Mother or Father, or friend.* A number of you are exhausted: *from being the caregiver for someone who is very ill, or some of you are very ill and in pain.* Some of you are struggling: *with family relationships in all kinds of baggage.* Yet you all found the courage and faith to get up, get dressed and show up at Ocean City. And you made a difference to all of us with your very presence.



As it gets colder, how much harder now, is it getting for you to get out of bed each day. How many of you would like to be “Linus” and carry around your comfort blanket. Guess what? You have your very own airy, soft blanket of **feathers** of Christ’s love that travels with you on all your journeys; it covers and embraces you with His Grace. As it gets darker sooner and sooner, is it getting harder for you to face your loneliness, loss and fears, or the work you have ahead of you. The next several months may be filled with “firsts” on your journey: *First Thanksgiving without your loved ones; First Christmas without everyone gathered in the traditions you have come to treasure through the years; First time celebrating differently; First time you are unsure about what is going to happen, the details, and how will you cope.*

In Isaiah 41, God reassures us with His abiding presence. “So don’t worry, because I am with you. Don’t be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you.” As we all journey through these upcoming holidays, let us pray for each other; know that you are not alone. Let us learn to trust in God. I pray you will be able to look at your situations from a different perspective, with His Light, the Light of God’s truth, and the bigger picture of eternity. For some, it will take us time, but our loving Father has all the time in His world for us. God bless and keep you all.

*Mercy peace and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1:2*

## Giving is God’s Business

St. Paul shares the beautiful hope we have in Christ—God’s firstfruits. **Faith and hope** are involved. Paul previously noted “*And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*” Romans 8:23-25.

Giving is indeed God’s business! During this season of Christ’s birth, the whole world celebrates the Gift of a Son, given for us. God The Father gave us the firstfruits of creation as His Eternal Gift of love. Through it, we are given light from darkness - eternal life from death.

The evidence is clear! Giving is God’s business and He has given to us the fullness of His love in Jesus, our Lord.



This generosity proclaimed in the Gospel would be shared repeatedly in our lives, until all whom the heavenly Father has ordained, might know of their salvation in God’s great Generosity.

**Generosity** is described as a spiritual gift given to the church (God’s people) by Christ Himself. (See Romans 12:8). If you would like to talk with Linda Gage, LWML Gift Planner, contact her at 800-741-4138 or [lindagage.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:lindagage.lwml@gmail.com) or contact Marge Bruning at 804-798-6503 or [mabruning79@gmail.com](mailto:mabruning79@gmail.com).

## Seeking Nominations for Chesapeake District Offices

We are asking your assistance in providing recommendations for the leadership of the Chesapeake District LWML for the 2018-2020 biennium. We are in the process of assembling the candidates for the ballot that will be presented at the District Convention in Richmond, VA, September 21-23, 2018. Nominations are being requested for the offices below (with brief descriptions):

**District President:** Member of national LWML Board of Directors, provide leadership and coordination for the District, write Chesapeake Breeze articles, assist inactive societies and new groups, review all contracts, lead Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

**VP of Communications:** Oversee all work within the District on presentations, hard copy and electronic means to promote the LWML and its mission and to encourage others to do the same. In charge of the display rooms at the District convention and promote the District LWML at Pastor's and professional church workers conferences, Southeastern District conventions and at group meetings. Attend the LWML Assembly of Leaders meetings when they are held.

**VP of Human Care:** Select and oversee Gifts from the Heart projects for all District gatherings, become aware and inform zones about opportunities and challenges to provide human care, write articles for Chesapeake Breeze, assist with planning District Leader's weekend.

**Recording Secretary:** Take, transcribe and distribute minutes of all District meetings, work closely with the President.

**Financial Secretary:** Mail Mite box notices on a quarterly basis; receive, record and deposit all monies for the District, maintain financial records.

**Zone Liaison:** Serve as a contact between the Executive Committee and the Zone Chairmen, maintain list of all societies and zones within the District, and maintain statistical records.

**Pastoral Counselor:** Responsible for Bible study at District conventions, attends national LWML convention, proclaimer for worship service at District convention, plan and present Bible studies, and devotions as requested, write a Pastor's Message for the Chesapeake Breeze every other quarter, and assist in an advisory capacity. Please prayerfully consider women who have previously served or currently are serving in society, zone or district leadership positions for these offices.

- Submit their name for nomination on the enclosed form (see back of this page) before **March 1, 2018**.
- Give brief description of the individual's gifts and talents as they relate to the position.
- The nominating committee will contact them and provide more information about the position and its responsibilities.

*How about you?* If you feel called to serve the Lord at the District level, you may submit your own name for nomination and give a synopsis of your gifts and talents as they relate to the office.

Send nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee:

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## Chesapeake District LWML Nominee Form for 2018 Election

The District Nominating Committee is looking for assistance in preparing the slate of officers for the election taking place at the 2018 district convention. The following offices are to be filled:



**President, Vice President - Communications, VP Human Care, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Zone Liaison, and Junior Pastoral Counselor.**

Each office is for a four-year term and an individual is not eligible to be re-elected to the same office. Requirements for nominees are: at least two years experience as a society or zone officer; they should be actively involved in the work of their society, women's ministry, or zone at the time of nomination for district office.

The Pastoral Counselor is elected for a four-year term and may not be reelected to a consecutive term.

**Please return this form no later than March 1, 2018** to the Nominating Committee at one of the addresses on the reverse side. You may phone or preferably email if you have questions. In email correspondence, please use LWML preceding the subject on the subject line.

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The following name is submitted for consideration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

*(More than one position may be listed.)*

List the individual's service to LWML:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Person submitting the name.)*

*Form may be copied to submit additional names.*

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*Send Mites to Financial Secretary,  
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