

November 2018 NEWSLETTER

from our DISTRICT PRESIDENT



There were 140 women (and a few men) gathered at the Double Tree by Hilton in Richmond, Virginia, for our 27th Biennial 2018 Chesapeake District Convention the week-end of September 21-23. Under the theme "Our Journey with the Lord," we joined to pray and praise and conduct the business necessary to continue fulfilling our mission goals. You will find pictures and other notes from the convention throughout this issue of the Chesapeake Breeze, including our new officers for 2018-2020, and the approved mission goal and mission grants. For me some of the most memorable parts of the weekend included: the beautiful quilt zone banners; the awesome Bible studies

led by Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. John Johnson; Linda Arnold sharing a powerful message about "Jesus the great healer and barer of our scars"; and the generous offerings.

Now, we turn our attention to the national gathering of the LWML in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, 2019 "In Praise to the Lord." More information on this is provided for you later in this Chesapeake Breeze, and the registration information for the convention will appear in the Winter Lutheran Woman's Quarterly (as well as online at www.lwml.org). We are challenged to increase the number of attendees from our Districts by at least 5% on the number at Albuquerque, NM. I believe our District will increase that by 50% or more!

On the November 7-10, I was privileged to attend the national LWML Assembly of Leaders event "Fellow the Leader" in St. Louis, MO along with two other representatives: Vice President of Communications Michelle Baughman, DCMarVa Zone Christine Dennis-Johnson and Junior Pastoral Counselor Keith Beasley. We will be sharing our experience and what we learn with the Executive Committee and Zone Chairs at a future date. Look for more information in future issues of the Chesapeake Breeze.

Blessings on your Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations!

Teresa Tester, President
LWML Chesapeake District

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from our Junior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Keith Beasley

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. And His mercy endures forever. Psalm 118:1

As we look to Thanksgiving Day coming later this month, we may be asked to think of our blessings—maybe even to count them and be mindful of them. Yes, Thanksgiving is a time that requires some reflection (even in the midst of stuffing ourselves with the stuffing from the turkey).

As we ponder our blessings from God, the explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed helps us consider more fully all God so abundantly given to us:

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. See the importance of thanksgiving here: "For all of this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Yes, God certainly does give abundantly and He lovingly sustains us in our lives, and we can do no other to show our appreciation than to "thank and praise, serve and obey Him."



Martin Luther tells us from where thankfulness should come:

To begin with, we must rejoice at the less important good things which we enjoy according to the Second Table of the Law in that our bodies and possessions are protected. For these gifts are of minor importance when compared with those which we enjoy according to the First Table: that God has revealed Himself, has made known what He intends to do with us, gives us His Word, grants faith and the Holy Spirit, hears prayers, daily increases His church, etc. These things are so great that no tongue is able to amplify and praise them as they deserve.... To this David turns his eyes [in Psalm 122]; on this he meditates, and is so moved to gratitude.... For only those are truly thankful who receive the gifts of God joyfully and rejoice in the Giver. [From What Luther Says, #4354]



This Giving Tuesday, November 27 — You Can Make a Difference in a Changing World!

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 2018-2020

Mission Goal \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

1. Orphan Grain Train (<i>Millersville, MD</i>)	\$5,000
The shipment of humanitarian aid to Duk, South Sudan.	
2. Resurrection Lutheran Church and School (<i>Newport News, VA</i>)	\$4,000
Purchase and new gas stove to feed the homeless.	
3. Faith and Work Enterprises (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)	\$5,000
Provide Christ-centered training materials and Bibles.	
4. The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Office of International Mission	\$5,000
Fund Deaconess training in Latin America and the Caribbean	
5. Southeastern District, LCMS	\$5,000
Assist with student aid grants.	
6. St. John's Lutheran School (<i>Dover, Delaware</i>)	\$5,000
Funds to welcome more community children to meet Jesus.	
7. Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$4,000
Provide Lutheran books translated in languages of the people they serve.	
8. Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool (<i>Richmond, VA</i>)	\$4,000
Tuition assistance. Bibles for each student.	
9. The Wyneken Project (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)	\$5,000
Funds for the Liberian and Hispanic Outreach and the Lutheran Blind Outreach.	
10. Lutheran Mission Society/Compassion Place (<i>Baltimore, MD</i>)	\$2,910*
To fund the purchase of state of the art technical materials.	
11. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool (<i>Fredericksburg, VA</i>)	\$4,545*
Repair/replace existing playground equipment to enjoy Christian fellowship.	
12. Bethania Kids for India Library Resources	\$4,545*
Fund library resources including books, training CDs, and audio visual.	

*Grants 10, 11, and 12 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.



LWML has long been a blessing to me, near and dear to my heart. Thank you all so very much for your prayers, cards, letters, visits and phone calls during my recent heart issues. A triple by-

pass is nothing to sneeze at (and very painful) and recovery has been a challenge. But knowing that so many of you have been praying for me has made my recuperation a breeze.

God is good....all the time!!!

Martha McGlynn, VP of Mission Outreach and Grants



Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

August - October 2018

In Memorium for:

Fred Kruelle

Walter and Constance Hoff

The balance in the Scholarship/Grant account is \$5,237.46 as of the end of September, 2018. The CD balance is \$15,000. This fund can be used by any LWML member or group to fund a startup project, a new project, or to help with an on-going or an established project. For more information about how to apply for a Special Gifts Grant see the Chesapeake District website at [lwmlchesapeake.org/ Mission Grants](http://lwmlchesapeake.org/MissionGrants).

Honor someone or remember someone with a donation to Chesapeake District LWML by sending a check made out to LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) with Special Gifts on the memo line to:
Sandy O'Hedy
116 S. School Lane
Smyrna, DE 19977



Christian Life Retreat 2019 in Ocean City

Plans have already started for the 2019 LWML Chesapeake District Christian Life Retreat. Expect it to be a fun packed weekend with Donna Pyle, Bible Study Leader and Dina Vendetti, Music Leader.

Date: November 1-3, 2019

Where: Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD

Theme: Perseverance: a Nehemiah Battle Plan

Scripture: Nehemiah 1-7

"We all have that one thing hanging over our lives that's been there a while. It keeps showing up. It sits smack dab in the middle of the room like the proverbial pink elephant. Everyone tiptoes around it but never discusses it. It could be an addiction to conquer, a habit to break, goal to accomplish, long-standing project to complete, relationship to restore (or toxic one to end), or even a debt to retire. What is your one thing? When it comes to persevering, observing the steps of Nehemiah provides lessons that you and I can learn and even deploy in our own lives to accomplish the extraordinary for the glory of God. The enemy will oppose us at every turn, but Nehemiah demonstrates how you and I can surround ourselves with people who are committed to God and our success. Nehemiah began with prayer and ended with praise as God provided the confidence, resources, and people that carried Nehemiah to successful completion."

Mark your calendar to attend the retreat in November 2019. Want to learn more? More information will come in a future "Chesapeake Breeze."

Susan Sohn

Christian Life Chairperson

Post Convention Cruise Out of Mobile, AL

After the 2019 LWML Convention in Mobile, AL, the LWML is pleased to offer a cruise on the Carnival Fantasy for FUN from June 24-29, 2019. This will be a time for a well-deserved rest and relaxation as well as fun and fellowship with your friends. The great fact is that you will cruise out of Mobile, the site of the LWML Convention. Would you like to take part in this fun get-away? McGehee Cruise and Vacation, Inc. will assist with all reservations for the cruise. Registration is now open. Please follow this secure link for further information and questions.

<https://form.jotform.com/81724876028969>

You can also find the link on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2019-convention. As with any cruise, it is best to book as early as possible so that you can get the cabin you prefer.



from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy

We have completed the Marine Corps Marathon, the Boston Marathon, the New York Marathon, and many other races in the past several weeks. The runners have trained long and hard; they have special running gear, do warm-up exercises, and run! The race course has been carefully set up for the runners to just run, with no obstacles, but with water stops along the way.

Perhaps some of you are beginning your own marathon to get ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many people will be in a race to get everything done for holiday gatherings and celebrations. Everything that is perceived as a must do/must have, to make everything just right.

We also have other people running: Shepherds! The shepherds were sound asleep. They had been working all day outside with animals. Imagine men who have had no washing machine, no showers and have been handling sheep day in and day out. If you have had the blessing to visit Bethlehem, you know rocks and dirt are everywhere. The shepherds were woken up and witnessed God's Glory! Immediately they ran to Bethlehem, midst sheep, rocks and dirt. When they had seen baby Jesus ***"they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherd said to them."***

Luke 2:18

There were no:

- marathon paths carved out for them and their safety
- cheering, encouraging crowds
- special running gear, let alone clean clothes, showers, and soap
- presents, cookies, Christmas outfits, Christmas programs, rehearsals

Instead the shepherds found a gift from God for them, for you, for me, for all of us. A gift of Hope, Love and God's Covenant Promise of His only dear Son, Jesus! ***The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."*** Luke 2:20 ***"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in heart."*** Luke 2:19. We are all accepted by Christ, no matter who, or

what, we are. Like the shepherds, we don't have to prepare anything; we can just run to Christ.

May we all run to the manger, glorifying God for His Gift of Jesus, our Hope and Salvation. May we share the news that Jesus, Emmanuel, is here with us. May we all find time throughout these days to ponder and treasure our Lord and Savior.

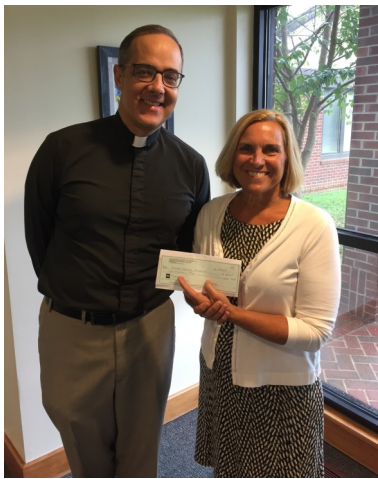
Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!



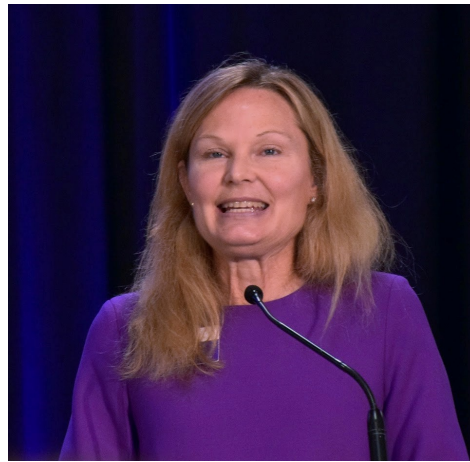
DelMarVa Zone Happenings

It is exciting to see how God has been working in the DelMarVa Zone. We rejoice in the fact that we were finally able to hold a LWML Brunch Event at Our Redeemer LC, Newark, in October. Though previously active, their LWML group has been inactive for a number of years. It was a time of fun, food and sharing of how to use resources provided by LWML as Pastor Rickert led a Bible Study taken the Fall Lutheran Woman's *Quarterly*. As a result of the event, they are interested in re-activating the ORLC LWML group rather than forming a separate regional group.

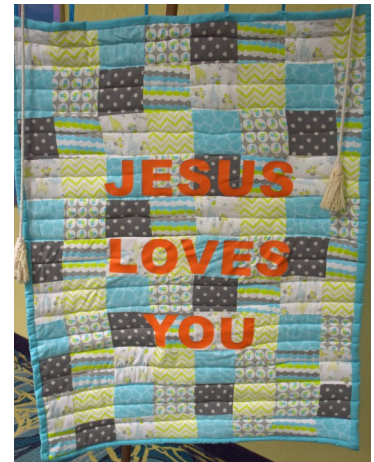
Meanwhile, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Salisbury, MD, a recently formed second small circle of younger working women has influenced the entire church and they celebrated LWML Sunday in a big way for the first time. Today, both circles have increased in membership, and are enjoying sharing ideas as they work together within their church. —Sandy Nickerson, Zone Chair



Susan Sohn presenting grant check to Pr. Jonathan Blanke



Michelle Zollinger, LWML Rep



Zone banners that become baby quilts



Young Women Representatives from the Zones



Senior Counselor
Rev. Dr. John Johnson



Chesapeake District Elected Officers and Pastoral Counselors 2018



Cheerleader Claudia Jacobson



Convention Choir led by Christine Maconachy



Chesapeake Presidents—Present and Past



Keynote Speaker Linda Arnold



Thank you Blue Ridge and Tidewater Zones for hosting the convention