

from our DISTRICT PRESIDENT

November 2019 NEWSLETTER



How quickly the first year of my presidency has gone by. It is hard to believe we are now preparing for Chesapeake District Convention 2020. So many exciting things have taken place. My trips to St. Louis, MO and Mobile, AL to represent our District at the LWML Board of Directors' Meetings and the 2019 Convention are all wonderful memories now.

By the time you read this, our Christian Life Retreat "Perseverance" will also be one of those memories. Wonderful memories of times shared with other LWMLers—some old friends and some new. Time spent in worshiping, praising and thanking God for our many blessings. Time spent spreading the Gospel message by word of

mouth, by our actions, by our prayers and by collecting our MITES. Four of our Grants have now been paid in full – spreading the love of Christ to the recipients. But we have a lot more to pay, so keep sending in those MITES!

At the November Executive Committee meeting we discussed and reviewed the first draft to the LWML Chesapeake District By Laws. District and zone leaders will gather at Grace Church, LaPlata, MD on February 21-22, 2020 to work on leadership skills. When you plan your Zone events keep these dates in mind as well as our Board of Directors' Meeting to be held May 2, 2020. We need all of our leaders to be present at both meetings.

Plans are underway for the 2020 Convention – "Tell His Glory" using 1 Peter 2:9 as our theme. We are preparing a slate of nominees for the 2021-2023 District offices and need you to keep this in your prayers. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve, please let Linda Nau, Nominations Chairman, know. In order to continue this great organization, we need women who are ready to stand up as leaders. Be a "Lutheran Woman in Mission." Remember, the Lord will guide and direct you as you work for Him. A new addition will be special time for TEEN LWML. Encourage your teens as well as the Young Women Representatives from your Zone to attend. Start now to save a few dollars each week so you will be ready to register when the time comes.

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 March 1, 2019 to Linda Roscoe, Publications Editor

from our Senior PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Rev. Keith Beasley

The Busyness of Christmas

We look ahead to the Christmas season, and we all have some idea how it's going to go. We know that there is shopping, and get-togethers, and special programs and....

Sometimes we are so busy that we seem just to go through the motions of Christmas and that we really don't take time to enjoy what it is all about.

In Luke's account of the first Christmas, we hear all about how Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem to enroll for taxation, how they can't find a place to stay, and how they end up in a stable. We then hear of Jesus' birth and of the visit of the shepherds. Sounds like Jesus' earthly parents and had quite a busy time surrounding that first celebration of the coming of the Savior.

Though it was busy, Luke makes mention of Mary slowing down and taking in all that was going on during that moment in time. Luke writes: **"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"** (2:19).



What might those things have been? Think of the announcement of the angel Gabriel to Mary: **"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."** (Luke 1:31-33). Consider what Joseph must have shared with Mary about his visit from the angel in which he was told that Mary **"would give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins"** (Matthew 1:21). Bear in mind what the shepherds would have told Mary about their experience with the angels out in the fields: **"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord"** (Luke 2:11).

Just these few passages from God's Word about the Baby born in the stable in Bethlehem give us plenty of things to treasure up and to ponder in our hearts. Hopefully, during this season of joy, as we recall our blessed Savior's birth, you will take time as you go through the Advent and Christmas seasons to treasure up all these things and ponder them in your heart.

In Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Pastor Keith

Giving Tuesday: December 3, 2019

What is Giving Tuesday? A day of giving, fueled by people sharing about non-profits on social media. It is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This Giving Tuesday, you can **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** when you donate to the LWML Mission Goal, thanks to two anonymous donors who will match up to \$20,000! Donate on Giving Tuesday and **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**! For more information, go to <http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday>.



Chesapeake District LWML Mission Grants 2018-2020

Mission Goal \$120,000

MISSION GRANTS

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

**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.*



Deaconess Sally Hiller and SED
President John Denninger accepting
Grant #5 check from Martha McGlynn.

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 you 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.

Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges

Thank you so much to Christine Maconachy for all she did to plan, organize and carry out a fabulous Christian Women's Retreat! It was wonderful to be with our LWML sisters to catch up, meet new friends and share the love and support we have with each other along with our friend Jesus.

Wendysue Fluegge began our Retreat with Healing Harmonies. A meditative worship time of song and prayer based on the A.C.T.S. formula: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication. She led us through a weekend of praying and singing praises to our Savior, King of Creation. A fun time was had by all participating in the entertainment provided by Wendysue Saturday evening as well.

Donna Pyle led a wonderful, uplifting Bible study on the book of Nehemiah! She spoke about how God shows us through the life of Nehemiah how prayer is the backbone of everything that He calls us to tackle. She challenged us to choose one thing to hand over to Him to deal with once and for all, and surrender our life to His calling. Nehemiah was a man of prayer. We need to be a woman of prayer. We need to acknowledge God's sovereignty. He is God! We are not! Take your struggles to

the Lord in prayer. Our God will fight for us! (Neh. 4:20) We need to persevere!

Thank you to all who participated in the Silent Auction and the Pledge Walk for Mites. Our Ingathering tables were full of gifts from the heart for St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Believe in Tomorrow and Seminarian gift cards. "Rejoice with great joy." Neh. 12:43

Christian Life Chair, Susan Sohn



Wendysue Fluegge, Pres. Teresa Tester, Donna Pyle



Walking with Perseverance for Mites at Ocean City

Amy Pearsall Corresponding Secretary

Here is a Reminder to please send your funds for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

The number of Quarterlies can be increased any time throughout the year. It takes about six weeks to process; after processing, the new number will be mailed for the next quarter.

Decreasing the number of Quarterlies can only be changed once per year, in a request received by December 10th. A decrease takes effect with the Spring issue.

Per a memo from the Administrative Coordinator, in St. Louis:

"Effective with the Spring 2020 issue, the price of the Quarterly has increased for the first time in nine years. Our rates were no longer keeping up with the cost of paper and postage. Since the winter mailing list has already been submitted to the mail plant, any new subscriptions will begin with the spring issue at the new rates of 1 to 9 copies at \$7.50 each and 10 or more copies at \$6.00 each."

Special Gifts Endowment Fund

The Fund has a balance of \$5,202.47 as of October 31, 2019 and a CD of \$15,000.

A \$300 Special Gifts grant was given to Deaconess Katie Phillips for her work in the Dominican Republic. Grants were given in the amount of \$105 each to allow 2 ladies to attend the Christian Life Retreat in Ocean City, MD November 1-3, 2019.

An honorarium was received from Linda Roscoe for the 40th anniversary of Rev. Al & Marge Bruning.

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)



LWML Sunday at St. Andrew's, Silver Spring, MD

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.



from our VP of Christian Life

Christine Maconachy



How would you describe generous? Would you think of the many pleas you will be receiving in the mail to donate generously this season to help those in need? In this busy season, we will be asked to be generous with our time, our talents, and resources. How do we respond? How generous can we be? One definition of generosity says that generosity affects all areas of a person's life.

There are many examples of generosity in the Bible. Ruth devotes her life to Naomi; Joseph of Arimathea gives Jesus his expensive tomb; a poor widow gives two mites, the sum of all her possessions. In Acts 4, we learn "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had...there were no needy persons among them..."

On stage, at the 2019 Christian Life Retreat, I was blessed to see everyone's faces. I saw 150 women of one heart and mind in praise to our Lord through song, worship, Bible Study, dance, laughter and prayer. We had opportunities to give through the Mite Walk, offerings, Gifts of the Heart and the Silent Auction.

God empowered us with GENEROSITY!

Friday Offering #1	\$1,337.91
Mite Walk	\$1,171.00
Store & Auction	\$1,705.98
Sunday Offering to Deaconess Kate Phillips	\$2,296.50

(This does not include donations to seminarians & items for Gifts from the Heart)

The women at the CLR gave from a Spirit of Love: 1 Corinthians 13:3

When we reflect on the Grace & Generosity of God, what do you draw upon?

Jesus washed His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17)

Jesus fed the five thousand (John 6:1-13)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Thank you Lutheran women of the LWML Chesapeake District for the generosity you give freely to your families, your church family, and people you meet in your daily lives. Thank you Sisters in Christ for generously sharing the Light, Love and Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "Where grace happens, generosity happens." Max Lucado



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

2020 District Convention "Tell His Glory"

I hope you've pulled out your 2020 calendar and written in the Chesapeake District convention for September 25-26 in Gaithersburg, MD! The convention program committee met at the Gaithersburg Hilton location (which will become a DoubleTree in January) in July to tour the property, plan our new, exciting **TWO-DAY** format, and hear about the hotel's renovation plans. Stay tuned for more news in future editions of the *Chesapeake Breeze*!

Edi Collis, 2020 District Convention Chairman

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT LWML – NOMINEE FORM FOR 2020 ELECTION

The District Nominating Committee is looking for assistance in preparing the slate of officers for the election taking place at the 2020 District Convention. Under the current bylaws, the following offices are to be filled: Vice President – Christian Life, Vice President – Mission Outreach and Grants, Vice President – Organizational Resources, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer 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 and active involvement in the work of their society, women's ministry, or zone at the time of nomination for office.



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

Note: Proposed changes in bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the 2020 convention which could affect the titles and duties connected with the VP's of Mission Outreach and Grants and Organizational Resources and Corresponding Secretary. Contact a member of the committee for more details on any office.

Please mail this form no later than March 1, 2020 to any of the Nominating Committee members listed below. You may phone or preferably email them if you have questions. In email correspondence, please use LWML preceding the subject on the subject line. This form may be copied to submit additional names.

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For the position of _____

More than one position may be listed.

List the individual's service to LWML and any qualifications that would enhance her/his ability to do the job:

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