

The Joyful Servant

California Nevada Hawaii District

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President's Message



“Lutheran Women’s Missionary League holds largest convention in Peoria history” – so proclaimed the front page article in the local Peoria area newspaper on June 24. Yes, approximately 4, 668 attendees were treated to a wonderful convention that challenged each of us to

“live on the edge” – be empowered by being with Jesus to courageously speak of Him and live a life transformed by His love.

For four days, 14 delegates, one Young Woman Representative, Junior Pastoral Counselor, and I officially represented the CNH LWML District. Many others from our district also attended. President Jan Wendorf reminded us that “our presence supports the work and ministry of the LWML and our smiling faces reflect the face of LWML”.

Highlights of the convention included:


- † Opportunity to visit over 135 booths, the LWML store and the CPH store – the exhibit hall is the place to meet and be informed about the services and organization that spread the Word of Jesus worldwide
- † Servant Activities from Bible marking, tying fleece blankets, rolling bandages, assembling welcome kits, and donating blood gave LWML women an opportunity to put their servant hearts into action
- † Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, in his remarks during the opening night worship service, mentioned several women from Scripture who “lived on the edge” and asked us if we can do any less. We have a firm foundation and a directive to spread the word.

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Mission

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

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- † An energetic Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing that challenged all of us to be Barnabes – women who speak words of encouragement!
- † Inspirational speakers, missionary speakers, singing with our song leader, banner processions, Pastor Harrison playing the banjo, all contributed to a convention that will be long on memories
- † The adoption of a mission goal of \$1,825,000 for 2001-2013
- † Election of new officers that included our new president: Kay Kreklau from the North Dakota District
- † The “interesting” voting for bylaw amendments
- † Most of all, the joy of being with so many women of the LC-MS that were In the Word, Of the Word, and Walking with the Lord

I encourage you to go the www.lwml.org website and our own website, www.cnhlwml.org to stay informed and inspired.

What a joy to look forward to our own CNH District Convention. It will be every thing a nation convention is only on a smaller scale!

Marcia Houseworth
LWML CNH District President

Mission Grant Update - Project 7

Project #7, Hmong Ministry, St. Andrew, Stockton has been cancelled. Their plans have been changed and they can not sponsor a Hmong Ministry at this time.

The funds collected will go towards the next project, Mt. Cross Lutheran Retreat Center.

Gospel Outreach



The 2010-2012 biennium is slipping by fast. Things to Do:

- Go online for the latest Mission-a-Month: August was written by Diane Conrad.
- Keep your church bulletin board current with grant & poster.
- Compose an article for your church newsletter/bulletin about our grants.
- LWML Sunday is coming up soon, what an opportunity for publicity in your congregation about our mission.
- Send in your mites every month.
- Submit a grant proposal (Deadline Sept. 30)
- Pray that our Lord bless our mite giving and that the grants are effective in bringing the unsaved to Christ.
- Pray for our service men and women that God will defend them wherever they are.
- Pray for our country.

Be joyful and give thanks with a grateful heart to our Lord who is always near.

Ada Towers
VP of Gospel Outreach



Thank you from Project 6 Recipients

A quick note to let you know that the grant money is already being used. The project is expected to be completed before the end of the year. The entire congregation is excited about it and we can't wait to be able to put the kitchen to good use. Our families in need are increasing every week and the new space for the food will be put to good use. Thank you so very much for funding this project!!!

God Bless!
Adele Mitchell
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Kaneohe, HI

Christian Life

A Spiritual Spa-Makeover



I am delighted and excited! In a recent article in the "Joyful Servant", I encouraged you, my sisters of the LWML to invite your daughters and daughters-in-law to join us at Retreat. Some of you actually heard me and will be bringing family to join us as we gather in September. This is awesome!

In yet another article I wrote to my own congregation reminding them that each woman attending worship in our congregation is a part of the LWML. I reminded them that Carolyn Schoenborn would be presenting an "Extreme Makeover, God Edition! This is a spiritual Spa. As of this writing there will be "new" sisters from our congregation attending Retreat. I can hardly wait to see and experience the interaction of all of us!

However we do covet your prayers. The Holy Spirit is the One who makes us over. We are counting on your prayers though many of you cannot be with us in body. You are the body of Christ.

Finally, since many of you were not able to arrange your schedules to join us, we want to encourage you to mark your calendars today, for our Spring Convention in Rohnert Park for April 20-22, 2012.

Joyfully,
Barbara Carr
Vice President Christian Life

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Psalm 100:2

BITES FOR MITES BAKE SALE

FUNDING MISSION GRANTS ONE TASTY BITE AT A TIME
DISTRICT-WIDE FUNDRAISER FOR THE CNH LWML

Bites for Mites

Bites for Mites is a California-Nevada-Hawaii CNH LWML Bake Sale. Every society is being asked to participate in this district wide fundraiser to help meet our mission grant goals for the 2010-2012 biennium. The target date is November 20, 2011. If your society can't host a *Bites for Mites* Bake Sale on that exact day, it's okay. Pick another day that is better with your schedule. The necessary information and advertising material has been sent to all societies - the who, what, when, why, and how has been included. Hopefully, you'll be inspired to help fund mission grants one tasty bite at a time!



News from Convention Planning



From previous newsletters, you know the Theme, Goal, Scripture, Objectives, hotel and surrounding area information, and our Bible Study Leader, Pastor John Nunes. We now have confirmation for our Inspirational/Keynote Speaker – Monique Nunes.

Yes, Monique C. Nunes is married to our Bible Study Leader, Pastor John Nunes, President & CEO of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) since 2007. They co-authored the children's book, *Little Things Make Big Differences: A Story about Malaria*, in support of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. With a passion for service and deep commitment to LWR's core values, John leads staff in 17 countries in working to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering worldwide. Monique adjusts her schedule as often as possible to join her husband in his ministry, and using her gifts of teaching and singing, especially to children, all over the world.

Monique was also the "cover story" of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Winter 2010, where she talks candidly about her walk with the Lord, life with John and five children, her vocational positions, and her joy of serving God in many capacities.

Monique serves as an administrator at Baltimore Lutheran School (grades 6-12) in Towson, Maryland. A native of Chicago, Monique holds a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI, and a Master of Arts from Webster University, St. Louis. A former collegiate athlete, she holds track records in hurdle sprints at Concordia University, Nebraska.

In addition to having served as a principal for Lutheran schools in Chicago and Baltimore, and as a public school elementary educator in Dallas and Detroit, Monique is an accomplished singer and church leader. She has taught for Bible Study Fellowship and has led many workshops on topics of family life and women's empowerment, inspired by one of her favorite Bible verses: '*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.*' (Jeremiah 29:11).

We so look forward of meeting Pastor John and Monique at the Convention. They will indeed inspire us of their work with LWR, and their joy of serving the Lord in so many ways. We know their enthusiasm will be contagious!

I want to thank you for your time, commitment, dedication to LWML and the upcoming Convention. I ask that you also spend time in prayer covering all aspects of preparation, not only for the Host Committee, but also the attendees, hotel, transportation, speakers, musicians, EC, Marcia, me, and all the numerous little and big details involved. We give all to our Heavenly Father, of whom we give glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving.

LaVada Terrell
Vice President Convention Planning

CNH – LWML BI-ENNIAL
CONVENTION
20-22 APRIL 2012
Hosted by Region I
Zones 12, 13, 14

DoubleTree Hotel
Sonoma Wine Country
One Doubletree Drive,
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

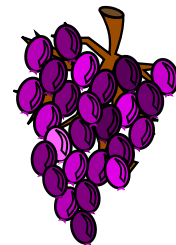
✠ (EX)TREME SERVICE

GOAL: *Because of God's extreme love for us, we are challenged to extreme service.*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

OBJECTIVES:

- Deeply know Jesus' Love
- Daily glorify God
- Compassionately Care
- Boldly Share
- Bravely Serve



Human Care



Fall is almost here and the Steinbeck recipients will be sending me proof of registration at their school very shortly, so we can send them their scholarship money. We have 11 stu-

dents this year.

My heart has been so heavy with concern for people who have to deal with the drought and extremely high temperatures in the Southern states and the Midwestern states. Then we have the poor people who are suffering from hunger, water, health issues in Africa. They all need your prayers. We all must be prayer warriors and keep them in constant prayers. If your society/zone is able to help, please pray about it and consider giving any help you are able to Human Care World Relief, who are in these areas trying to help people.

This below is taken from our LWML Human Care web article on Sharing Our Blessings with Others:

“Have you ever thought about how fortunate you are to live in a prosperous country? We take so much for granted. We have access to fast food whenever we want, stores to purchase items at the last minute, doctors to take care of our medical needs, homes to shelter us, blankets to warm us, air conditioners to cool us, and transportation to get to where we want to go, whenever we want. We have friends, family, and even pets to provide us comfort. We have so much available that we often fail to realize what it would be like to not have these items we so often take for granted. Each week this year consider going with-

out an item. At the end of the year, you will have 52 items to donate to a charity for someone who may need these items. As an alternative, you may choose to pray for the person who may need the item you are to do without or are thankful for.”

Here are some ideas of items you might consider giving for the 52 weeks : Pillow case, Bar of soap or soft soap, Wash cloth or towel, Tooth brush, Tooth paste, Comb or brush, Shampoo, Body lotion ,hairspray or conditioner, Nail file kit, mirror, Laundry detergent, Cleaning product, paper towels tissue, Aspirin or Ibuprofen, adhesive bandages, First Aid cream, cross necklace, coloring book and crayons, Child’s toy, Diaper or wet wipes, Notepad, pens or pencils, Hand held fan, Batteries, Bottle of water, scissors, Sewing kit or safety pins, Purse, Inspirational Card, breath mints or gum, Vitamins, Feminine products, toilet paper, socks or shoes ,Tweezers, deodorant, Watch, Lipstick or makeup, Hand sanitizer, Razor or shave cream, Sunglasses, plastic utensils, Canned Food, Money, Fast food coupons, Pet treats or toy, Coffee, tea, creamer or sugar, Cookies, chocolate bar or old piece of clothing (shirt, shorts, etc.).

You might have some other ideas of different items as well! Most of the items can be purchased at the Dollar Store, so it would not be a great sacrifice to your pocketbook.

In His Service,

Georgean Sawyer
Vice President Human Care



How can you help?

To learn more about WR-HC Disaster Response, visit www.lcms.org/disaster. For more information about LWR, visit www.lwr.org.

To make a gift to help WR-HC reach out through LCMS partners to assist people suffering in East Africa or to assist families suffering from Hurricane Irene:

- Mail checks (noting “Africa Drought Relief” or “Hurricane Irene Relief” to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

- Call toll-free 888-930-4438 or
- Go to www.lcms.org to make an online donation.

Any funds not needed for these relief efforts will be used for other disaster purposes as determined by LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

National LWML News

June 26, 2011 *

Yes, LWML Does Play In Peoria

PEORIA, IL — Delegates to the 34th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convened in Peoria, Illinois, from June 23 to 26, 2011. More than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation gathered to conduct business, renew friendships, and rally around God's Word. The LWML is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), the second-largest Lutheran denomination in North America.

The theme of the convention was "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge" based on the Scripture passage: And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:13b & 20 NKJV). The organization adopted a mission goal of \$1.825 million for the 2011-2013 biennium. The funds raised over the next two years by the organization's 250,000 members nationwide will be used to support the following mission grants:

1. Support for Lutheran Orphanages – Haiti \$70,000
2. Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device \$100,000
3. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God's Word through Print and Audio \$97,344
4. Outreach to At-Risk Children – Detroit, Michigan \$55,000
5. Cancer Care Package Ministry \$100,000
6. Crow Indian Ministry – Montana \$69,999.64
7. Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters – Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma \$50,000
8. Children's Nutrition and Care – Vietnam \$72,255
9. Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries \$75,000
10. Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection – Malaysia, Southeast Asia \$54,500
11. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative – Kenya, East Africa \$100,000

12. Two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$50,000
13. Project JOEL – Outreach to Youth – Central/South America \$75,000
14. Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center – Dominican Republic \$100,000
15. Missionary Family Care and Education \$100,000
16. Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care \$65,000
17. Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion – Lawrence, Kansas \$100,000
18. Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference \$27,500
19. Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished – United States/Mexico Border Partially funded at \$27,970.36

Dr. Ken R. Klaus was the designer and proclaimer for the Thursday evening worship service. Bible study leader Dr. Reed Lessing, Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate School at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, shared insights from Scripture with convention participants.

In her keynote address, Deb Burma, acclaimed speaker and author, inspired and motivated convention attendees to live out the convention theme.

LWML President Janice Wendorf reflected on her four years as president. She encouraged attendees to continue to be in the Word, of the Word, and walking with the Lord. She thanked the LWML for giving her the opportunity to serve as president.

The 585 voting delegates elected Kay Kreklau of Drayton, North Dakota, as the 17th President of the LWML. Other officers elected to help lead the organization for four-year terms were:

- Pat Reichert of Hartford, South Dakota, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries;

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- Carolyn Blum of Hartford, Wisconsin, Vice President of Organizational Resources;
- Lois Anderson, Twin Falls, Idaho, Treasurer;
- Rev. John Heckmann, Gatesville, Texas, Pastoral Counselor.

Newly-elected members of the Nominating Committee are Beverly England of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who will serve as chairman; Cheryl Petersen of Elbow Lake, Minnesota; Sheila Lutz of Pekin, Illinois; Marge Bruning of Ashland, Virginia; and Sally Krueger of San Antonio, Texas.

The convention also featured processions with banners from all 40 LWML districts and the flags from countries where the LCMS has missionaries; activities for children and youth; singing led by Lana Gibbons; a “Mission in Motion” pledge walk and exercise; inspiration from speaker Katie Stam, Miss America 2009; presentations by Lutheran missionaries and luncheon speakers; and a performance by Sibling Harmony. The closing service featured Dr. Joe Meyer, Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria, Illinois, as proclaimer.



July 27, 2011

LWML Distributes Order Materials for 2011 LWML Sunday

Packets for the 2011 LWML Sunday were recently mailed to LCMS congregations and LWML societies across the United States. The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the celebration of LWML Sunday; however, the observance may be on any Sunday.

The LWML is honored to have Dr. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour®, as the author of this year’s LWML Sunday materials based on the theme Being with Jesus — Living on the Edge. He served as a parish pastor for 28 years in South Dakota, Minnesota,

Illinois, and Texas. Dr. Klaus served as Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) International Pastoral Advisor and became The Lutheran Hour® Speaker in 2002. Published works include Stories from The Lutheran Hour – A Changeless Christ in a Changing World, two prayer books for military personnel and their families, and daily devotions for Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The LWML Sunday packet includes an order form, a sample worship folder, sermon, children’s message, along with a children’s activity sheet that ties to the message. Also included are a banner pattern, LWML Children’s Mission Adventure Poster, a new LWML items flyer, together with additional ideas and helps for celebrating LWML Sunday. A DVD with a short video clip by President Kay Kreklau will be sent with the order of any bulletins or the Worship Service CD.

Some of these LWML Sunday materials are available as a free download on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/resources/lwml_sunday. To ensure availability and delivery, all LWML Sunday orders should be postmarked no later than September 1, 2011. Contact the LWML Office at 1.800.252-LWML (5965) for more information, or to place an order.



August 17, 2011

LWML Partners on New DVD Bible Study Series

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), along with Artesian Ministries, announces a new eight-lesson Bible studies series, Your Strong Suit. Written by Artesian Ministries author, Donna Pyle, the DVD series, based on Ephesians 6:10-18, was made with state-of-the-art filming and stunning graphic design. It is scheduled for an October 2011 release.



LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, “This excellent resource only requires a DVD player and a group of women who seek to learn more from God’s Word. Because of its versatility, the series can be used in a number of settings.”

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Filmed this past spring at Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, in front of a live audience, the Bible study series has gone through the doctrinal review process of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



Author Donna Pyle has been involved in LWML since 1997, having served as a Zone Young Woman Representative, Society President, Zone President, Texas District Recording Secretary and Vice President of Christian Life. Donna said, “No other women’s organization has impacted my spiritual journey as deeply as LWML. God has blessed me incredibly through the mission and ministry of LWML. Simply stated, I want to pass the blessing forward.” To learn more about this talented author, and her teaching ministry, go to www.artesianministries.org.

The study includes an 85-page color-print workbook with wire binding that makes it easy to flip through and take notes. Additional workbooks are available to order. The eight lessons on four DVDs are entitled:

- His Mighty Strength
- The Powers Over This Present Darkness
- The Full Armor of God
- Truth and Righteousness
- The Feet of God’s Peace
- The Shield of God’s Protection
- Our Helmet and Sword
- Pray Without Ceasing

Preorders are now being taken for the DVD series, *Your Strong Suit*, as well as for additional study guides, online at www.lwml.org/shop, or by calling 1-800-252-LWML (5965).



Subscribe today and begin receiving devotions in your email daily. Go to www.lwml.org/resources/devotions/subscribe.html



A Newsletter for Young Women
To view the latest issue, go to www.lwml.org/resources/young_women/impressions.php

* Editor’s Note: LWML news releases are archived at lwml.org under news links. Thank you to Edie Norris, Public Relations Director, LWML for these news releases!

News from the Zones

Zone I News

Dear Sisters of the LWML! It is with great joy that my book "Bringing Christ to the Chinese" has been published and will be dedicated on August 28th at 4 p.m. at our Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in San Francisco. Please read the details in the following article. LWML has meant so much to our church over the years - first as a mission church and you all know the story how Geri Holt went to the 25th Anniversary celebration and LWML gave \$100,000 to build our church on Washington street. Now we are building a new church at 2400 Noriega in San Francisco to be dedicated next year! Praise the Lord!

Still serving the Lord with Gladness!
Jean Lee, Zone I

"BRINGING CHRIST TO THE CHINESE"



The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in San Francisco, will dedicate this book – the life story of Missionary Wilbert V. Holt and his wife, Geraldine, on the mission field in China (1945) and establishing the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod in Hong Kong (1949) and in San Francisco (1963) where the Lutheran

Church of the Holy Spirit was founded! Read their stories – in their own words with many interesting articles and pictures! This book was compiled by Jean Lee (Vangina E. Lee), a senior member of this church.

A dedication will also be held for the establishment of the Advanced Education Fund. This fund will provide Advanced Education for Lutheran Pastors and Scholarship Fund for individuals enrolled in Lutheran Schools studying for full time church work in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Donations and Royalties from

the book "Bringing Christ to the Chinese" will support this fund. A donation of \$50 to the Advanced Education Fund is suggested for each copy of the book at the dedication.

When: August 28, 2011

This book is also available at West Coast Church Supplies, 369 Grand Ave., South San Francisco, CA 94080. 1-800-767-0660, email: wccsthurley@ren.com

Zone 3 News

ZONE 3 LWML SERVANT PROJECT



Zone 3 adopted Mt. Cross bedding as a servant project at their Spring Workshop.

Seven complete rooms in the Lower Jensen dorm and three rooms in the Oak dorm were completely furnished with new sheets, pillow cases, and quilts with the bed skirts used to make valances for all the rooms. Mini blinds are already on the windows so the new valances that match the bedding add a refreshed welcoming atmosphere.

Three officers from Zone 3, Louise Rickey, Iris Samuel and Jan Sorge, spent two days and one night at Mt. Cross cutting, sewing and making up beds for that completed look. Donations are still welcomed to provide a mirror for each room, some attractive wall hangings and a chair for each room.

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This is a beautiful outdoor setting and we hope that by making the rooms more attractive for the adults who have retreats there, more and more of our Lutheran women and men will utilize this Lutheran Ministries facility.

Article by Jan Sorge, President, Zone 3

Zone 8 News

ZONE 8 PLAYED IN PEORIA!

Six members of CNH Zone 8 trekked to the American heartland to attend the 2011 LWML national convention in Peoria, IL this past June. Justina Fisher of Our Savior's in Pacifica, CA represented the CNH District as our only Young Woman Representative, attending a variety of special convention events just for women between the ages of 18-35. Justina also represented our district in the dramatic banner processional along-



side CNH District President, Marcia Houseworth.

Allison Baltzersen also of Our Savior's in Pacifica, CA served on the national Information Technology Committee (ITC) at convention, educating and sharing online resources available through the lwml.org website and the [facebook.com/theLWML](https://www.facebook.com/theLWML) page. For fun, the ITC took "cover girl" photos of convention-goers in front of an oversized *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* magazine cover and made the photos available for download through the Facebook page. The ladies of Zone 8 didn't pass up this fun - the group struck poses and gave the camera their best Barnababe smiles!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Zone 8 Fall 2011 Rally

Life Together

Psalms 73:24

Ladies in Christ, please join us for:

A morning of prayer, song, Bible study led by Pastor Crown, presentation by Dr. Sam Murray on matters of medical practice and bioethics, ingathering of school supplies for area Lutheran schools and fellowship with other LWML Lutheran Women in Mission. FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME TO ATTEND!

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1295 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

WHEN: Saturday, October 22, 2011 9:00am-2:30pm

LUNCH: Bring your own (Trinity will provide drinks & desserts)

OFFERING: Lutherans for Life

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10

Ingathering Items:

- #2 Pencils
- Small spiral notebooks
- Post-it® notes in fun shapes & colors
- 8-pack boxes of crayons
- 3x5 lined index cards
- Pocket dictionaries
- Black Sharpie® markers
- Expo® white board markers, erasers and cleaner



Article by Allison Baltzersen, Zone 8

Zone 12 News

Zone 12's Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 and will be hosted by our Gridley Society. Plans for the Rally will be presented to the Zone Board on Saturday, August 20. If approved, the theme will be based on Isaiah 26:4-"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal." With all the unrest in the world, it is always a good reminder that our trust is in the Lord and He is our Rock.



Our Paradise Society has started a new Human Care project-Sunshine Boxes. Member Bonne Weber makes each Sunshine Box individually unique. Bonnie makes these boxes to give to those going through trying times to help uplift their spirits. These

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specially-made boxes are filled with God's love and Word. They contain Bible quotes, inspirational sayings and suggestions to uplift someone's day. We have been gifting these boxes to Congregation members who are in nursing homes, homebound, and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

While many societies take time off during summer, life goes on in our congregations. Our Paradise society grieves the loss of Ellie Stenbeck. Ellie was an active member in our society as well as at the District level and more importantly, the wife of Pastor Mark Stenbeck. Also, the husband of Bev Knaak, our Society Vice President and Zone Treasurer, was called home; as was the husband of member Joyce Rose. We rejoice that they are together with our heavenly Father but grieve with their families and friends.

Summer also brought a celebration with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Bluff on the ordination of Rev. Dallas C. R. Dubke, son of Rev. Dallas and Martha Dubke. Rev. Dubke is a past Circuit Counselor and Martha, in addition to being the proud mom, is an active LWMLer.

Submitted by Kathy Richardson, Zone 12 LWML President



The next publication date for *The Joyful Servant* is December 1. Please submit articles by November 10 to Lisa Brown, News Editor, newseditor@cnhlwml.org

Mission Grant Submissions for

2012-2014 are Due by September 30!

Make sure that your proposal meets all the guidelines. (VPs: This is very important when you sign a proposal) A grant must be under the umbrella of the LCMS as to administration of the grant. You may log on to LCMS.org for a listing of Recognized Service Organizations (RSO). If you have any questions, please contact Ada Towers*. A member has spent many hours putting together a grant which although very worthy would be administered by an outside organization. A society sometimes gives to local missions of their choice, but for a grant to be viable has to meet the guidelines.

Another note: If you think your current grant (2010-2012) may not be paid this biennium, it may be re-submitted by Sept. 30. If it so happens that it will be paid, we can always remove it from consideration. We don't do carryovers, but if a grant is re-submitted as so happened in the past, then it has a chance for being selected for the next bi-ennium.

Another suggestion by Ada Towers: If you are working with an RSO, it would be better for your society to submit the proposal rather than have the RSO submit the grant. Again, an opinion, just because we have a 2-year budget doesn't mean padding the proposals when a lesser amount would be sufficient. A mission that has specific targets is much better than funds needed for transportation or salaries. If a mission is one the CNH District has in their calendar, it shouldn't be an LWML grant unless it targets a completely different aspect.

We will be looking very closely at the budgets in the proposals and if they are not specific, you may be asked to re-do the budget portion.

* Email Ada at vp_gospel@cnhlwml.org

Go to www.cnhlwml.org for a list of Fall Zone activities, rallies, and retreats!