

# The Joyful Servant

## California Nevada Hawaii District



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### President's Message



The work of the LWML for the 2011-2013 biennium is guided by three primary targets adopted by the LWML Board of Directors:

**Growing in the Lord** – Women of today find guidance for their lives, encouragement for their walk, and inspiration for joyful service through intentional study of the Word.

**Valuing All Women** – Women of all ages, stages of life, races, locations, and cultures are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of LWML.

**Living the Mission** – As the “Face of LWML”, women are engaged in opportunities to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ in their daily lives.

This fall I attended seven Zone Rallies where I witnessed the women of the CNH LWML district growing in the Lord, being active partners in the mission of the LWML, and truly using their LWML “faces” to impact the world through service projects! What a joy and a privilege it is for me to participate in so many well planned events!

By attending various rallies I have the opportunity to speak, in part, about a subject that is the primary and specific purpose of the CNH LWML: to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness through education, inspiration and service; and secondly, to gather funds for approved mission grants. To date, 6 of the remaining 14 projects have been funded. The range of projects this biennium (2010-2012) is truly characteristic of the LWML today – as guided by its Mission Statement: to assist each woman of the LC-MS in affirming her relationship with the Triune God, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

Our little purple mite boxes that sit on counters, window sills, desks, and dressers receive offerings that multiply their effectiveness when combined with so many other mite boxes. Adding our coins and currency to mite boxes with the same generous spirit that Mark describes of the widow's offering in his gospel, provides the necessary funds needed to support mission projects.

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# President's Message

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The *Bites for Mites* – funding Mission Grants one tasty bite at a time – is proving to be a wonderful project designed to be the added “push” needed to fund the 2010-2012 total Mission Grant goal. All the information is on the website [www.cnhlwml.org](http://www.cnhlwml.org).

God has truly blessed many people and projects through the work of the LWML. We are part of God's plan. Our job is to continue to plant seeds and let God do the rest. The LWML Mission Ministry Vision, MMV, developed a wonderful analogy of the LWML growing like a tree:

1. Women are “rooted” in the Word through regular Bible study, “supported” by each other through prayer and “grounded by wisdom from God.

2. Women are connected to each other through the “trunk”, creative, spiritual gatherings where mites are collected, women are encouraged and ideas are shared.

3. Women are “branching” out by participating in various Bible studies, seeking new mission service opportunities, and striving to involve all women of their congregation.

4. Women are producing “leaves” of mission outreach opportunities and sharing their gifts and talents.

Continue to be in His Word, share His love, and serve the Lord.

Joyfully serving together,

Marcia Houseworth  
LWML CNH District President



## 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.

CNH – LWML BIENNIAL  
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

**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

## News from Convention Planning

Yes, we have our logo!



**Bible Study Leader:** Pastor John Nunes, President/CEO of Lutheran World Relief, Concordia Professor, Parish Pastor, Public Speaker, Author, husband of Monique, father of five children

**Inspirational Leader:** Monique Nunes, School Administrator/Principal, Singer, Author, Bible Study Leader, wife of Pastor John Nunes, mother of five children

**LWML Representative:** Pat Reichert, LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

**Choir Director:** Rachel Durham, Director of Music Ministry, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa

**Music Leader:** Emily Kimbrick, Prince of Prince Lutheran, Fremont

**Registration:** \$75

**Room Rate:** \$99 per room (1-4pp)

Look for the Call Packet in February 2012.



LaVada Terrell  
Vice President Convention Planning

## Counselor's Wire

Dear Faithful Women of LWML,



Blessings as you as you near the celebration of Christmas! God has blessed each and every one of you with so many gifts and blessings! His grace is overflowing showing its wonder and majesty in the birth of

His Son as our Savior at Christmas. His grace for us is totally undeserved, but His grace and love for us are beyond our comprehension.

This coming April, we will be meeting at our Convention under the theme, "EXTREME SERVICE!" This theme comes from the words of 1 Peter 4:10-11, "*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*"

God gives us all gifts, but they're not for our personal possession! God gives us these gifts so we can use them for the good of others and to glorify Him as Almighty God! It's this concept of service that led the Executive Committee to EXTREME SERVICE. By your organization name and work you are doing the things that bring Jesus Christ to the lives of those you touch with His love and mercy.

These gifts are given as you walk by faith in Jesus Christ and live for Him alone. The world around you is in need of hearing they are loved by an Almighty God and He holds them close to His heart. This process is not always easy, and many times is met with persecution. That's what makes our service EXTREME!

May you truly know how much of a blessing you are to your congregation, your community, and to LWML. To say you're really gifted is an understatement!

In Him,

Pastor Norm Milz  
Senior Pastoral Counselor



# Human Care



**A**s you know, we will be having our convention in Rohnert Park, on April 20-22, 2012. The theme is **EXTREME SERVICE** and I want you to have all the information

regarding the **INGATHERING** we will be having at the convention. The following gives you information about the agencies and what is needed:

**REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION:** Founded in 1963, the Mission mobilizes our community to minister to the needy so lives are transformed. Groups/individuals can design meaningful opportunities to serve the homeless, addicted, and incarcerated. Emergency shelters, residential recovery, jail ministry, thrift store, and outreach events are all parts of the Redwood Gospel Mission.

## **Birthday Boxes for the Homeless Birthday Party –**

- Wrap an empty shoebox with birthday paper; wrap the lid and box separately.
- Fill the box with one each of the following items (use personal/travel size products that are new and unopened; white, athletic socks for a man or woman are best):
  - ✓ Band-Aids
  - ✓ Socks
  - ✓ Deodorant
  - ✓ Sunscreen
  - ✓ Devotional
  - ✓ Toothbrush
  - ✓ Toothpaste
  - ✓ Gum or mints
  - ✓ Lip Balm
  - ✓ Bottled water
- Enclose a birthday card with an encouraging note or Bible passage and sign your first name only.
- Close the box with the lid. If the contents are specifically male or female, please indicate that on the lid with a post-it note or tag. **DO NOT SECURE** the lid with ribbon, string, or rubber bands.

**COMMITTEE ON THE SHELTERLESS (COTS) INTEGRITY HOUSE:** Founded in 1988, Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) was an expression of Mary Isaak's and Laure Reichek's concern for children and adults who were sleeping outdoors in culverts, dumpsters, or in other unsafe and unsuitable conditions. COTS offers help and hope to homeless persons in Sonoma County by providing safe shelter and housing, helping people develop steady incomes, and helping them get back under a roof of their own.

**Items needed:** Quilts of all sizes

**OROVILLE RESCUE MINISTRIES:** This religious non-profit organization serves the homeless and disadvantaged in the Oroville area and its surrounding communities. The Oroville Rescue Mission operates a homeless shelter with 24 beds in the Men's Shelter and 14 beds in the Women's and Children's Shelter. The Mission serves three meals a day seven days a week and holds nightly chapel services. They give out blankets and clothing to homeless and disadvantaged people, who come to the shelter, as well as those who come for a shower and a safe place to sleep. In addition to helping the homeless, the Mission distributes food boxes to needy families in the community. The New Life Recovery Program is a Christ-centered discipleship program for those in recovery. The Mission's goal is to preach Christ crucified in order to reach the lost with the good news of the Gospel. As in the parable of the Good Samaritan, only the physical needs of the man were met. They operate under the premise that at times, all they can do is meet an individual's physical needs and thereby prepare the way to minister to the individual's spiritual needs.

**Items needed:**

- White socks for men, women, and children
- Bibles – new and old ones, any sizes, including children's

**HUMBOLDT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES (HDVS):** Founded in 1997, HDVS seeks to break the cycle of domestic violence through emergency services, education, and advocacy. A trained crises worker will work with the client to develop a safety plan that

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will work for them, including providing secure women's and children's shelter, food, personal items, and medical attention.

Items needed: Quilts, blankets, throws – all sizes

Please pass this information on to your societies and zones. Select one or all to start gathering the items for convention. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MONETARY GIFTS** for this convention ingathering.

I am happy to report that the Steinbeck recipients have all received their checks by this time and all are very grateful for the money. If you wish to help, any of them please contact me and I will send you information how to contact any of them.

Please keep the homeless, victims of disasters in your prayers and all those who you personally know that need prayer and loving care.

In His Service,

Georgan Sawyer  
Vice President Human Care

P.S.

Here's an idea to help the homeless during the holiday season. Our small church & congregation put together about 200 sandwiches to give the homeless. All it takes is everyone donating one large loaf of bread, enough lunchmeat & cheese for the sandwiches.

We put two slices of lunchmeat, one piece of cheese on white bread, put them in plastic sandwich bags and then put them in the bread bags we got our bread from. We did this last Sunday after the service, it does not take a long time to assemble the sandwiches, and everyone had lots of fun doing it. You can give them to an organization that gives meals to the homeless or go out in groups yourself to feed the people. We have Betty Chinn (Who has been on National TV) who does feed sandwiches to the homeless here in Eureka everyday. I contacted her and arranged to take the sandwiches up to her for her to distribute.

It is such an easy way to help those in need! This is the time for all of us to GIVE to others for all the blessings we have received. Hope you will consider doing something like this in your zones, societies, churches.



*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Convention Planning Committee for the third biennial convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been hard at work planning every aspect of the April 20-22, 2012 Convention. The theme for the convention is "Extreme Service". The convention goal is: *Because of God's extreme love, we are challenged to extreme service.*

Already scheduled to be part of the convention are John Nunes, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, leading us in Bible study. His wife, Monique Nunes will be the inspirational speaker. Pat Reichert, VP of Special Focus Ministries, will bring us news from national LWML. Gloria Edwards, former CNH LWML and LWML president will lead the Friday afternoon worship and service activities.

Fellowship, worship, singing, prayer, Bible study, service, business, elections, caring, humor are just a few of the components of a LWML convention. The dedicated Convention Planning Committee, the officers of the CNH LWML District and YOU are part of the dedicated women (and LWML men) who offer time, talents, creativity and commitment.

This letter is an invitation to all women in the district to offer your GIFT – whether it is time, talent, or treasure. Will you please?

✝ Pray for the leaders of the LWML as they continue the plans for the convention.

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- † Pray for special guests as they prepare and travel to the convention.
- † Pray for the continued mission of the LWML and its many projects, current and those that will be voted on, that they may bless the lives of people and point them to their Savior.
- † Offer your help by volunteering to help with one or more of the committees. Email VP of Convention Planning, LaVada Terrell, at [lavadaterrell@yahoo.com](mailto:lavadaterrell@yahoo.com), to offer your assistance.
- † Offer your financial assistance. A Love Gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 from congregations and/or societies will help cover expenses of this special time together. Your gifts may be sent to Jean Orsborn (5903 Debbie Lane, Paradise CA 95969), CNH LWML Financial Secretary. Please indicate 2012 Convention Love Gift in the memo line.

Serving with you,

Marcia Houseworth  
CNH LWML President and the 2012  
Convention Planning Committee



## Christian Life

### Growing Through Christian Life



**W**hat an encouraging time we appreciated as Carolyn Schoenborn led us through the Biblical perspective of an “Extreme Makeover, God Edition, at our Fall Retreat! Carolyn

went straight to Romans 12:2, where Paul reminds us to be transformed. It was indeed exciting as we went into small groups with poster paper and markers. Each group used a “group self drawn house” to represent their makeover. This was not easy. We each had a perspective of a make over...this in itself presented the first difficulty, which led us to be open to each others perspective of what God meant when He asked us to be transformed (or a makeover)of a renewal of our minds. We struggled but the Holy Spirit gave us new

insights as our original was very different from our “God Edition”. Pastor Beyer was able to marshal our struggles into a transformed body of renewed women in our Holy Communion Service.

The Sounds of Grace music group added to our study time as they took us into worship songs, then to patriotic and we all concluded in transformed Worship, as we remembered the day of September 11, 2001.

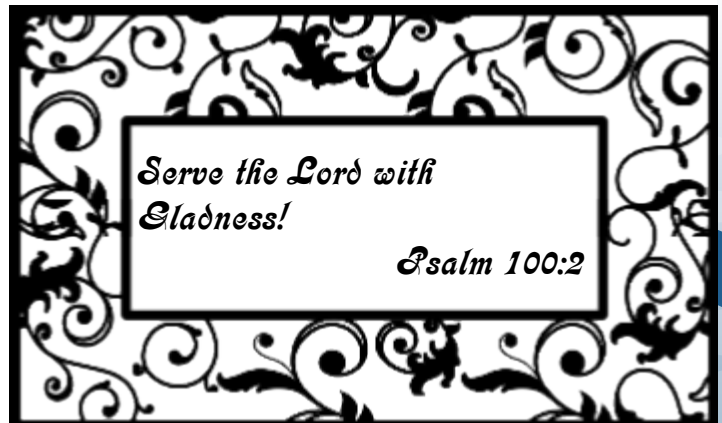
I want to nudge all of you to start planning for your Spring calendars now. We the Christian Life Committee will have Gloria Edwards join us during Convention at **Worship Extravaganza**, which is our opening afternoon session. This is before our evening opening and processional. We are very excited to have Gloria join us as she was our former district president, and then later became national president. Gloria has been traveling with Pastor John Nunes, Lutheran Word Relief President and Gloria will be sharing much pertinent information on the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Don't forget to include **Worship Extravaganza** in your package as you register for convention. Just a gentle nudge, the Sounds Grace music our delightful music team will join us too.

The Christian Life Committee is also setting up Retreat for 2013 at the St Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Batista, and for some of you this resonates happy memories. Again mark your calendars.

Finally as Advent is approaching remember the Hope we have in Jesus, Our Saviour. God raised Jesus to life and He lives with us! Alleluia!

Our Hope is Real,

Barbara Carr  
Vice President Christian Life



# Greetings from the Committee for Young Women!

Isn't it crazy how life can send you spinning and you just pray that God will see you through it? Are there just days that you want to rest quietly in the hands of the Lord, but your life is calling you to keep on the go? Such is the life of many young women right here in our church families. As women, we can help and encourage each other every day in simple ways. Pray for the women in your congregations, especially the young mom's, single women, and the newly married. Take a few moments and email them a personal note or the daily Mustard Seed Devotion that is available online. Continue to invite them to your LWML society and zone events; you might be surprised one day when she says yes. Offer to pay for a single woman's registration to an event, or even offer to babysit so that young mom might have the opportunity to attend a rally. WE are all Lutheran women in mission and sometimes that mission might start right at home as we support each other in faith and action.

Just a few notes about what the CYW is up to right now! We are looking ahead to the CNH LWML District Convention April 20-22, 2012 in Santa Rosa. If you know of a young woman in your congregation between the ages of 18 and 35 who is interested in LWML, consider talking with her about the possibility of attending as your zone Young Woman Representative. Talk with your society president or your zone president for more details.

May God Bless each of you in your service to Him!

The Committee for Young Women:  
Vickie Schmidt, Chair  
Mary Culpepper  
Annie Bosel



## CNH is Finally on Facebook!

Become a fan of our brand new Facebook page to stay up-to-date on CNH events, join Bible study discussions, discover service activity ideas, learn about our mission grants, connect with other CNH members and so much more!

[facebook.com/cnhLWML](https://facebook.com/cnhLWML)



# Gospel Outreach



**M**OTIVATION--- COM-  
MITMENT--- PASSION-  
-- MARINES

What do all these all have in com-  
mon?

There is a TV ad showing a woman running and as she is running, she is thinking about something she has lost and where she might have lost it. At the end of the ad we find that it is her motivation that she has lost.

**MOTIVATION:** It is easy to lose, something gets in the way and poof, it is gone.

**COMMITMENT:** A bit harder to lose, but something more attractive comes along and commitment is forgotten or put aside.

**PASSION:** is a very strong feeling or emotion.

**MARINES:** They get things done. A pastor of mine once said that the LWML is the Marines of the Lutheran Church.

LWML is a combination of MOTIVATION, COMMITMENT, PASSION AND GETTING THINGS DONE.

**THE CNH LWML CAN GET THINGS DONE:** By the end of March fund all of the remaining projects for 2010-2012 which are:

- \$5,000.00 remaining of the \$25,000 for St. Cross Adult Ministry Expansion
- \$7,760 for Worship Equipment at Sierra Lutheran High School
- \$5,000 for LBT computers for Missionaries
- \$2,500 for Chinese Seminary Field Worker
- \$4,000 for Lutheran Deaf Outreach Leader Training
- \$6,000 for Holy Cross Preschool
- \$5,500 for St. Mark Walk Through Bethlehem
- \$8,500 for Deaconess Carol Halter in Hong Kong

What does this all add up to? Motivation-Commitment-Passion-and Getting It Done--\$44,260.00.

Where does this all come from? The help of the HOLY SPIRIT. Ephesians 3:19-20: And know how Christ loves us, more than we can know, and so you will be filled with all that is in God. Now to Him who by the power working in us can do far, far more than anything we ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all ages forever. Amen.

The Peace and the Love and Joy in Christ Jesus be unto us all,

Ada Towers  
Vice President of Gospel Outreach



With hearts and hands and voices, we praise our Lord!

Two students who have received help from the tuition grant funded earlier this biennium have sent you a thank you note.

Rev. Mark C. Sheaffer, Dir. of Financial Aid forwarded the notes to me as your representative. He wrote, "We rejoice at the kindness and generosity of this financial support. We give thanks to all who made these funds available to our students. May God continue to bless you and all the women of your district!"

Blaise Marin wrote,

"I am so humbled to be writing to you to thank you for supporting me this semester at the seminary. You are truly an answer to my prayers. Your tuition assistance grant was a huge blessing. It aided in paying the balance on my school account for the year. Thank you, and thanks be to God for using you.

I was born in Haiti. I moved to the states when I was 12 with my father and two brothers. I came to the seminary at Fort Wayne just about two years ago after a short break from undergrad because I felt the Lord's call to His Office on my life. As always when answering the Lord's call, it has been a thrilling journey filled with many ups and downs but in all things He has given me victory. I am now in my second year at the seminary, praise God, and am looking forward to going on Vicarage next spring.

I am so very thankful to you and the LWML for your support."

WALTER GILKEY wrote,

"I am writing to thank you and everyone in the CNH LWML District for your support. Your financial support has truly been a blessing to me. It will go a long way in helping me pay for

books and tuition.

I am what they call a second career student. that means that I didn't come to the seminary right after college. I worked in construction for a number of years before I came to the seminary. Before I started my studies, I worried about how I was going to pay for my seminary education. God has provided me with what I need. One of the ways he has done this is through the generous support of the LWML. Once again, thank you."

The address for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne is 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. I am sure if you sent an encouraging note addressed to them at Fort Wayne, it would be much appreciated.

# Reminders

## PRO-RATE AND MITES

It is time to send in your Pro-rate for 2012. Pro-rate is used to assist delegates in paying transportation costs to attend our District convention. If not paid yearly, your delegate will not receive funds for mileage. It is \$3.00 per member of your society. You will find the Pro-Rate form in this newsletter or you may find it online at [cnhlwml.org](http://cnhlwml.org). I am in the process of sending out reminders for those societies that have not paid for 2011, if you are unsure about the status of your society, you may email me at [jeanmko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanmko@sbcglobal.net).

Mites - please remember to send them in monthly. As we draw near to the end of this biennium, it is important for everyone to be aware of our goal and how close we are to reaching it. Our pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars really do go far when we add them all together.

Have a blessed Christmas,

Jean Orsborn  
Financial Secretary



## MAILING COORDINATOR

Just a reminder to all Zones and Societies, please send an updated Zone Record Form or Society Record Form if you have made changes recently. The form is on the CNH LWML website ([cnhlwml.org](http://cnhlwml.org)). This is the only way I have to insure that I have your correct information for mailings. Thank you.

Karen Mauer, Mailing Coordinator

## QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION DUE

I would like to remind all of the societies that the yearly Quarterly subscription money is due January 1, 2012 and delinquent March 15, 2012. Subscriptions are \$5.00 each for a minimum of 10 copies to one address. Subscription rate for 1-9 copies is \$6.50 each. Individual subscriptions are also \$6.50 each. You can download a copy of the form by going to ([cnhlwml.org](http://cnhlwml.org)), click on the Resources and Forms listing (on the left hand side of the page), and click on the third form listed.

If you need a form mailed to you or have any questions, please call me at 510/223-5297.

Karen Mauer, Quarterly Coordinator



## YEARLY PRO-RATE REMITTANCE FORM

Pro-rate is due annually January 1, deadline of March 31. The rate is \$3.00 per member. Please complete the form below and mail it with your check.

Pro-rate is used to assist delegates in paying for transportation costs to District conventions. If not paid yearly, your society's delegate will not receive funds for mileage to convention.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Pro-Rate Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Society Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Society Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Society Contact Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

### Make Checks Payable to LWML

#### Mail Form and Check to:

Jean Orsborn  
6038-A Clark Road, PMB#155  
Paradise, CA 95969

Pro-Rate Questions: Call 530-876-8923 or Email: [jeanmko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanmko@sbcglobal.net)

# National LWML News

October 31, 2011 News Release\*

October 26, 2011 News Release\*

## LWML COMMITTEES MEET TO DEFINE WORK PLANS FOR 2011-2013 BIENNIUM



ST. LOUIS, MO – Over 70 LWML leaders from across the United States met October 16-18, 2011 in St. Louis to establish goals and develop work plans for the 2011-2013 biennium of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary

League (LWML). The group met under the theme “Safe on the Edge” based on Isaiah 43:1-3a.

These leaders form the various committees, task forces, and teams of LWML. They addressed the needs of the organization and supported the organization through the development of programs, materials, and products. The work is guided by three primary targets recently adopted by the LWML Board of Directors, which include:

**Growing in the Lord**—Women of today find guidance for their lives, encouragement for their walk, and inspiration for joyful service through intentional study of the Word.

**Valuing All Women**—Women of all ages, stages of life, races, locations, and cultures are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of LWML.

**Living the Mission**—As the “Face of LWML,” women are engaged in opportunities to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ in their daily lives.

Those attending the Interdepartmental meeting generously provided 535 items, as well as cash donations, for the Gifts from the Heart Ingathering. The recipient of the gifts, Christian Friends of New Americans, is a cross-cultural ministry among immigrants and refugees that partners with LCMS churches in the greater St. Louis area.



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

## LWML Celebrates \$100 Million in Mites

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) has gathered \$100 million in mites since the founding of the organization in 1942! By the grace of God, faithful supporters from across the nation have given their mites to achieve the LWML’s ongoing mission goal. This amazing total combines funds from the forty districts and the national level of the LWML.

Supporters today are linked with the founders of LWML who gathered in Chicago nearly 70 years ago and have supported Christian outreach in 42 countries on five continents through the years. As Lutheran Women in Mission today celebrate this milestone, they join with those women of the past, as they continue to fill Mite Boxes to encourage the ongoing spread of the Gospel into the future.

LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, “Today we look forward to the mission work of the Lord set at the 2011 LWML Convention with a mission goal for the 2011-2013 biennium of \$1.825 million to support 19 grants. While the amount of funds raised has increased over the years, the mission today is the same – helping to reach out to share the joyful news of Christ around the world. Lutheran Women in Mission today share the same mission consciousness – mission education, mission inspiration and mission service as they join the early leaders to joyfully serve the Lord.”

The LWML offers many downloadable resources to help bring awareness to support the mission emphasis of the organization at [www.lwml.org/missions](http://www.lwml.org/missions):

- List of the mission grants for the current biennium
- Colorful Mission Power Posters for each of the 19 grants for the biennium
- Monthly Mission Grant Devotions featuring a different grant each month
- A Prayer Guide and Story each month – also available in large print
- Mite Marathon Flyers that offer fun ideas for supporting the mission goal

How can you help? Your gift will provide funding to assist LWML in continuing its heritage of mission-ministry in the church, the community and among the people of the world. Thank you for continuing to fill your Mite Box. You may also donate to the LWML and its mission-ministry in the following ways:

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Donate Online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)  
Gift Planning Services  
Endowment Fund  
Employer Matching Funds  
Mail Check or Money Order to: LWML, P.O. Box  
411993, St. Louis, MO, 63141-1993



August 31, 2011 News Release\*

## LWML SELECTS THEME FOR 2013 CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) announces the theme and Scripture verses for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention that will be held June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Theme: Quenched! by the Water

Scripture verse: [Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

Convention Goal Statement: Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father's love.

Convention Objectives — Convention attendees will:

- Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Drink deeply from His Word
- Share His overflowing love

The LWML Executive Committee reflected on the many challenges that everyday life brings in the world today. The theme for the 2013 LWML Convention reminds each child of God that, in spite of constant change, God continually provides life-giving spiritual blessings for all of His children who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, "Planning for the convention in Pittsburgh is well underway. It is exciting to know that those attending the convention will have opportunities to be filled to overflowing through worship, Bible study, fellowship, and uplifting experiences that will help to strengthen them as they share Christ with others."



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**MISSION GOAL  
2011-2013  
\$1,825,000.00**

**As of October 31 - \$423,791.12**

**Total needed to meet goal:  
\$1,401,208.88**

**Amount Needed Every Month  
\$76,041.66**

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## Looks What's New In LWML

### LWML PRAYER SERVICE 2012 — “P.R.A.Y.E.R.”

Authored by Rev. Barrie E. Henke, President of the Oklahoma District of the LCMS, the Prayer Service is based on the acronym: **P.R.A.Y.E.R.** — **Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice.** Filled with responsive readings and suggested joyful hymns, it is now available to download free on the LWML website

[www.lwml.org/resources/program\\_helps/prayer-service.php](http://www.lwml.org/resources/program_helps/prayer-service.php)

### New Additions to LWML Online Store

Now available, LWML gift certificates in any amount can be sent electronically or through postal mail. These can be used through the Online Store or on purchases from the *LWML Product Catalog*.

“Instant Prints” are downloadable Program Helps – devotions and Bible studies for personal use or for sharing with a group. Some Instant Prints are free, and many more are available for \$2.00 or less! The number of Instant Prints available is increasing, so check back often!

## Focus on November Mission Grant

November's featured mission grant materials focus on the \$97,344 grant for **Lutheran Bible Translators**. You will find the *Devotion, Prayer Guide and Story* available for free download on the LWML website at

[www.lwml.org/missions/mission-grants.php](http://www.lwml.org/missions/mission-grants.php)

**NEW** Now available — 8 1/2” x 11” size set of all 19 of the beautiful 2011-2013 mission grant posters. #126000 \$7.50



**Any LWML orders totaling over \$50 placed online or from the LWML Catalog November 16 – December 8, 2011. Just in time for Christmas Shopping!**



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# News from the Zones

## Zone 7 News

Greetings from Zone 7, also known as the Mt. Diablo Zone.

Our Fall Rally was held October 1 at Grace Lutheran in Pittsburg, CA hosted by Women of Grace. As we would be celebrating Reformation at the end of the month, which brought the Word of God into the hands of the people, "Living on the Edge of Reformation" was our theme. Close to 50 women attended. We welcomed five "first timer" rally attendees, and enjoyed a lunch served by the women of Grace.

We were inspired by a Bible study led by Rev. David Reese, pastor of Grace. First, he showed us from 1 John 1:5-2:2 how God is light and as we walk in the light we have fellowship with God and with each other. Galatians 5:22-25 showed us how our lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit as we demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit. The final verses were from Ephesians 6, how we put on the full armor of Christ and live our daily lives under the protection of salvation won for us by Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Our guest speakers were from the Asante Network, which is a volunteer organization helping women in Tanzania and Uganda sell their handmade items in the United States. All of the proceeds are sent back to the women so they can develop home-based businesses to support their families. They make beautiful clothing as well as items for the home. Before and after the rally we were able to enjoy some early Christmas shopping from the items brought by Asante. A portion of our rally offering was given to Asante.

Our Spring Rally will be May 19, 2012 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Concord. The 19<sup>th</sup> is also Armed Forces Day. We are planning to develop a program for the Rally around the women who serve in our military and women who support husbands, sons, family and friends. We are exploring the opportunities for a

Zone 7 service project for fall/winter, or to present at our Spring Rally.

Article contributors: Sherry Bell, Zone 7 President and Cherylene Brueckner, Zone 7 Vice President of Servant Resources

## Zone 8 News

Zone 8 held an excellent Fall Rally on October 22nd at Trinity Lutheran in Palo Alto. Thirty-five people attended, including three pastors and four guests. Dr. Sam Murray, our guest speaker, was well received and the information he gave was very useful. The love offering collected for the Sacramento Chapter of Lutherans for Life totaled \$406.00.



Zone 8 President, Barbara Guevara standing in front of the Our Savior's society's BITES FOR MITES bake sale booth.

Also, Zone 8 has been busy participating in the BITES FOR MITES fundraising campaign. Three societies in Zone 8 have already hosted their BITES FOR MITES bake sales, raising a combined total of nearly \$1,000 for CNH mission grants!

Article by Allison Baltzersen, Zone 8

## Zone 11 News

Zone 11 is the H in CNHLWML.

Hawaii, the island state, is separated by thousands of miles from California and Nevada, and it is also separated by miles of water between the islands. So when the ladies in Zone 11 held their fall retreat on the Big Island of Hawaii in September, it was a very Big Deal.

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And a very expensive deal for travelers. Besides outright asking for donations, funds for travel were raised by such things as a Chili Cookoff where a chili luncheon was held, and contestants were awarded large wooden spoons for winning entries in the “hot”, “mild”, or “non-traditional” categories.

Another idea to raise travel money was the “2-bit fund”. When LWML members gathered they collected quarters, and over a two-year period it added up quickly.

The retreat was held at the Volcanoes National Park at the Kilauea Volcano .

On Friday night we saw God’s awesome power at the edge of Halemaumau Crater where molten lava glowed in the dark. We began our Bible Study with Pastor Schneider that evening. In keeping with the theme “Living On The Edge”, he led us throughout the retreat to consider “Are there risks involved in being a Christian?” and asked us if we could step out of our “comfort zone” to be a disciple.

On Saturday, we boarded a bus for a tour of the park where we viewed and felt the steam vents in the crevices of the volcano. We walked the Devastation Trail through a black lava flow and through the ferns of the lush rain forest.

Throughout the tour, Pastor Seto talked about being “On the Edge”: on the edge of losing it, on the edge of amazement, of humility, the edge of devastation and a deep hole, and finally to being brought to shelter in the grace of our loving God.

We also had presentations that day about tsunamis and about growing tea. And lets not forget the food. We were at an R&R facility for our military, where they fed us like we were at bootcamp, oh so delicious.

Wish you were there! Of the thirty-three women who attended, all would agree it was an inspiring, rewarding, and faith filled weekend. We are truly blessed.

Aloha,

Mary Hutlquist, Zone 11 President

## Zone 12 News

On October 9, 2011 the Brownsville Lutheran Community Church of Joy celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In addition to the Sunday Celebratory Service, a luncheon was held at the Community Center. Charter members shared memories on how the Church was started and how it was purchased for \$1 and a septic system put in a member. It was a beautiful day not only weather-wise but as a time to visit with the LWML Brownsville society and Past District LWML President Sandy Haugner. Back in 2006, Brownsville received a District LWML Mission Grant of \$5,000 for renovation on a mobile unit to be used as a fellowship hall. Picture below is from their grant presentation in May 2006.

Submitted by Kathy Richardson, Zone 12 LWML President



If your society still hasn't hosted a **BITES FOR MITES** bake sale to raise extra mites for our CNH mission grants, don't worry - there's still time!

Host your **BITES FOR MITES** bake sale and send us your best photo before December 31st to enter the bake sale photo contest and help us reach our fundraising goal!

Refer to the Instructional Letter on the **BITES FOR MITES** page of our website: [www.cnhlwml.org](http://www.cnhlwml.org).

Memorial Service for Kathie Lindquist  
September 10, 2011  
LWML CNH District President 2002-2006

The LWML was a part of Kathie's life for many years. The motto of the Lutheran women's Missionary League is *Serve the Lord with Gladness* and that is the way Kathie served. She encouraged, she mentored, she modeled her faith and over the years held an office in many areas; the last as a district president. She will truly be missed.

At one time Kathie quoted from God's Precious Love, a book by Joni Erickson Tada:

"wouldn't it be wonderful to so win God's favor that he delights in choosing you for special purposes? It's the desire of every Christian to be handpicked by God for a unique task he has in mind. So if you desire to be used in the Lord's service, take heart. God will always take what we give Him – when we give to him with out strings attached. Whatever you give unreservedly to God, he will take. What ever God takes, he will cleanse. What he cleansed, he fills, and what he fills, he will always use".

God picked Kathie for special tasks and she relied on Her Lord and Savior to provide the means. Well done, good and faithful friend.

The next publication date for *The Joyful Servant* is March 1, 2012. Please submit articles by February 10 to Lisa Brown, News Editor, [newseditor@cnhlwml.org](mailto:newseditor@cnhlwml.org)

