

*Come Join the California-Nevada-Hawaii
Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2008 Convention
April 25-27, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield*



Inspirational Speaker and Humorist, Jan Struck hails from Appleton, Wisconsin. Jan shares that her elementary education was in a two-room Lutheran school. Her strong, Christian background led her to Valparaiso University where she received her theater degree. Jan's "Life Story" includes being a mom, teaching school, working administrative positions, and experiencing single parenthood after divorce. Her most recent "surprises" from a loving Creator have brought the joy of a second marriage and a combined family. She is delighted to have had a lifetime of bizarre experiences and an ability to see humor and irony in her faith journey. In sharing that journey, she continues to leave laughing audiences in her wake. Faith in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God"!!

Bible Study and Song Leader, Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, PhD is a baptized child of God. He has served as the organist and music director of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Laurelton, New York; Bethany Lutheran Church in Queens Village, NY; Grace Lutheran Church in Queens Village, New York; and Zion Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He has served as a choir director and music leader for national and district Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Youth Gatherings and national and district Lutheran Women's Missionary League conventions. He has also served as a speaker and Bible study leader for many of these gatherings. In 2001, he accepted the Call to be the Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx, New York, where he currently serves. He is also the Circuit Counselor for the Bronx and Upper Manhattan of the Atlantic District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is also an adjunct instructor at Concordia College in Bronxville, New York. He is currently a member of the Alumni Council of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.



Keynote Speaker, Terry Kieschnick, first lady of the LCMS and wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick, will inspire and uplift us as the convention's keynote speaker. In her 35 years as a pastor's wife, she has had many opportunities to share the love of Christ with people across the United States and all over the world. A mother and grandmother, Terry has dedicated her life to community service and spent many years in the professional workforce in addition to serving on numerous Lutheran boards and committees, including the Advisory Board for Pastoral Leadership Institute. She has a heart for all women who serve the Lord with gladness!

Janice "Jan" Wendorf, was elected LWML President at the Sioux Falls convention in 2007. Over time, many women have mentored President Jan and challenged her to serve the Lord in many ways. After her first convention, she became active in her zone and district, including serving as housing chairman for the 1991 international convention in Cleveland. On the national level, President Jan has served as Vice President of Christian Life, Chair of the Human Care Committee, chair of the Public Relations Committee and a member of the Member Development Committee. President Jan is married to Kent, a wonderful, supportive husband who is also a pastor. The Lord has blessed them with more than 30 years of marriage and three children. President Jan believes in the LWML because it is an organization that has been faithful to its core values and understands that we are about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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