



“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

Oregon Leaguer

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Lutheran Women in Mission



CONVENTION TWENTY-TEN TRIBUNE FINALE!!




MITEy Walkers In For a Ponside Pleasant Surprise!

Thank you to everyone who registered for this year’s **MITEy Walk!** The route planned is such a sunrise surprise, you won’t be sorry you got up a wee bit early. It is simply gorgeous, and has been reduced to a simple mile, down and back, along the breath-taking golf greens and major wildlife ponds. That way, you have time to shower, dress, and be ready for the Saturday morning grand opening Processional.

BUT, the day you arrive and register please spend a few minutes with the Committee gals from Burns in the Golden Eagle Ballroom Mission Faire site. They will be there to gather your medical release forms & pledge sheets early and verify your registrationso we won’t have to trouble with them early the next dawn. And you will have the chance to personalize and decorate your gift visors (they are so cool!) get your LWML socks, and water. Look for the bundle of purple balloons!

AND THAT WAY....we’ll be ready to “roll out” Saturday morning. Such a way to greet the day and speak with God, in the beauty of Central Oregon. (See you there, at 6:00 a.m. Karen Starbuck & Amy Starbuck, Committee Chairs from Riley, Oregon...tell us if you’ve ever been there!)

Patti Reck & Sue Cummins 

CONVENTION 20-10 CO-CHAIRS!!!

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See You Soon in Beautiful Redmond OR!

MISSION FAIR OPEN Friday 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Come **EARLY** to convention!

The MISSION FAIR is on Friday afternoon ONLY!

Many opportunities to serve and participate in missions will be provided.

- ◆ Tie quilts for Haiti
- ◆ Pack health kits and school kits
- ◆ Make bag mats for Haiti
- ◆ Cut and laminate Sunday school teaching pictures, all to be sent to Haiti for use by the Lutheran churches and schools devastated by the earthquake.
- ◆ Write to military personnel and missionaries,
- ◆ Make gifts bags for the elderly and shut-ins
- ◆ And MUCH MORE!

Plan to come early on Friday to participate. A great time to visit with dear friends and make new ones, while we keep our hands busy serving.

CONVENTION INFO INSIDE THIS ISSUE!

Look inside for more convention information. This issue of the *Oregon Leaguer* replaces the initial convention newsletter that is normally received when you arrive at convention. We have updated and corrected information you need prior to convention and have chosen to share it with as many people as possible through the *Leaguer* format. You will find...

- ◆ Updated and corrected info on the Mission Grant Proposals.
- ◆ Candidates for office
- ◆ Information on the guest speakers for convention
- ◆ Other important reminders

MITEy Walkers! COME PREPARED!

Due to our late spring and chilly weather, please come prepared for your early morning walk. Warm clothing in layers, as well as a warm beverage are recommended.

To Do His Will To His Glory

Question:

Why have this convention and why am I attending?

Answer:

To be assured that our Lord is the everlasting God Creator who renews our strength and lifts us on wings like eagles to do His will to His glory.

PROCLAIM OUR GOD! EXPRESS OUR TRUST! ENGAGE OUR SERVICE!

Above is our convention goal followed by the objectives we aim to put in place in our hearts and lives both during and following our convention time together.

Recently I received a newsletter from a dear missionary friend, Ella Kunkel, whom I had visited when the LWML sent me to Ghana and Togo in 1993 to encourage missionary wives. Her husband Rev. Dan and son Dustin are back in Ghana for several weeks on a follow up ministry, and Ella has been sending me their newsletter. One incident Dustin writes about on his blog was his dad using words from this Sunday School song, "two little eyes to look to God, two little ears to hear His Word, two little feet to walk His way, hands to serve him all my days". Dan used this to help the children of God, old and young in Ghana to remember **what really matters**.

Another question: What does really matter, and what does this have to do with the question above or our goals and objectives?

The "two little eyes" song reminded me of our LWML League pledge. See what you think in reading it again.

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

In the pledge, look at some of these keywords applying them to our goal and objectives. **Consecrate or set aside:** hearts, lives, eyes, ears, feet, hands, service, voice, lips, silver, gold, dollars, coins, our will, every power of our life, ourselves.

Then also look at these key words and again apply to our goal and objectives. **whenever or wherever:** the pulpit, arena, platform, classroom,

assisted living home, convention hall, sports field, shopping mall, gas station, movie theater, a mission trip to a foreign country, a relative's house, someone knocking at our front door, a neighbor, a politician, waitress, caregiver, mail carrier, etc.

Then to tie things all together not only at convention but in our whole life we strive to reach the goal of: being assured that our Lord is the everlasting God Creator who renews our strength and lifts us on wings like eagles to do His will to His glory.

In our lives whether at convention, at home, in festival worship, in private devotions, at a mission fair, singing in the choir, doing convention business, having lunch with a new friend, doing a skit, bringing an in-gathering, leading with a prayer, voting as a delegate, serving as a hostess, running in the Mitey walk, carrying a banner, doing the dishes after serving your family dinner, witnessing to a caregiver, taking the late shift to help out a co-worker, at the Laundromat, in all we do, we strive to...

**...PROCLAIM OUR GOD!
EXPRESS OUR TRUST!
ENGAGE OUR SERVICE!**

AND IN ALL

TO DO HIS WILL TO HIS GLORY!

YES!!! AND ALL THIS ONLY BECAUSE OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, WHO REDEEMED US, GOD THE FATHER OUR CREATOR WHO LOVES US AND MADE US HIS OWN AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN US AND GIVES US LIFE.



Cynthia Behrens

PRESIDENT,
OR DISTRICT LWML

NEW LOVE LINKS PRAYER COORDINATOR:

We say THANK YOU! to **Esther Peterson** for serving as Prayer Chain Coordinator until recently. And we say THANK YOU! to **Jacquie Ingalls** for stepping forward to be the new Prayer Chain Coordinator with assistance from **Joyce Peterson**.



Anyone wishing to become a part of this prayer ministry should contact Jacquie at warjacq77@hughes.net.

Send prayer requests to Jacquie at warjacq77@hughes.net.

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Gifts From The Heart Info...

GREETINGS!!!

“They will soar on wings like eagles”

Grand News:

GIFTS FROM THE HEART will be located between Juniper Hall and Golden Ballroom. What a blessing!! Lots of room to gather all the blessings brought to the 2010 Convention. Praise and Glory to our Lord and Savior. For a complete list of in-gathering items for Gifts From the Heart, please see the Spring issue of the *Oregon Leaguer* on the district website: www.orlwml.org.

Deborah Lannen

2010 Convention Properties Chair



REMINDERS...

- ❖ Bring your own lanyards and tote bags from previous conventions.
- ❖ Bring extra convention tote bags if you have an extra to share.
- ❖ The “oldest” tote bag wins a prize!
- ❖ Mission Fair is only open on Friday, June 11 from 1:00—2:00 p.m.
- ❖ Everyone is welcome to the Opening Worship Service on Friday evening.
- ❖ Convention badges will be required for admittance to the convention floor beginning Saturday morning.
- ❖ Dress warmly in layers for the Mitey Walk on Saturday morning.

Welcome, Special Guests!

We welcome Northwest District President Paul Linnemann as the Festival Service Proclaimer.

President Linnemann was elected into office in June 2009 and is spending his first year in office traveling the district and connecting with as many people as possible. He is honored and thankful to be able to attend a portion of all three LWML District Conventions this year...WA/AK, ID/UT & Oregon.

President Linnemann began serving God’s call to ministry in 1980 as a Lutheran School Teacher in the Northwest District. His ministry journey continued through training and serving as a Dir. of Christian Education, Dir. Of Student Development and Asst. Professor of Psychology at Concordia—Portland, a Counselor for Lutheran Family and Child Services of Missouri, and then being ordained into pastoral ministry and serving as Pastor at Our Redeemer L. C. in Tigard, OR. During these years he served many congregational and District offices, as well as serving the community as a hospital chaplain, Pastoral Advisor for Good Shepherd Home, and on the Board of Directors for Forest Hills Lutheran School. He is married to Cindy, and they have three children.



We welcome Cynthia Khan of POBLO —People of the Book Lutheran Outreach—as Mission Presenter.

Cynthia serves as director of Women and human care ministries at POBLO. As a missionary she reaches out to people of all ethnic backgrounds, and to meet their spiritual needs she conducts international Bible studies, develops friendships, extends one-on-one evangelism, and shares the Gospel message through different innovative ways. God has blessed her service and many have been saved through the saving Grace of Jesus Christ.



Cynthia was born and raised in Pakistan; she is a third generation Christian coming from a Hindu background. She is married with four children. After her marriage, she moved to Saudi Arabia and lived there for ten years. She is a certified teacher who taught at different levels in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Wayne, Michigan. She has also served as Vice-Principal of a high school in Pakistan. The Khan family moved to Canada in 1994, and later the family moved to the US.

Cynthia and her husband Khurram were the first Pakistani Missionaries to join POBLO in 1995. Cynthia is a dedicated global citizen; she has served within an unusually broad variety of settings in different countries.

CHRIST CENTERED LIVING

Nourished by the WORD, guided by the SPIRIT, each woman is actively demonstrating Christ’s love.

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Welcome, Special Guests!



We welcome Deaconess Sylvia Johnson as the Keynote Speaker.

When Vice President of Human Care Sylvia Johnson attended her very first LWML rally over 40 years ago, something else was happening that would change her life forever. At the same time she was in fellowship with her sisters in Christ,

Sylvia's first daughter was making her entrance into the world. The Johnson's adopted Carolyn and brought her home just 11 days later. Since then, Deaconess Sylvia and her husband of over 46 years, Rev. Dr. Keith Johnson, have been blessed with two more adopted children.

Deaconess Sylvia was drawn to the LWML because of its emphasis on missions, but she soon found out that the organization's blessings go far beyond the Mite Box. Not only has she grown spiritually, but she also continues to benefit from the Bible studies, leadership training, service opportunities and friendships she has made. Deaconess Sylvia feels her life would not be complete without the love of Jesus Christ and the LWML.

It is Deaconess Sylvia's hope that LWML women of all ages and cultures, nurtured and inspired by their relationship with the Heavenly Father, daily spend time in the Word; seek new paths of caring, compassion, and giving; actively support missions; reflect the joy of serving God and His people, and are sensitive to 'today's' women in "today's" church.

We welcome Rev. Patrick Lovejoy as the Bible Study Leader.

Pastor Lovejoy is a living example of where our Mites go. Many know him from Servants' Heart in Guatemala, 2006. Patrick has a culturally diverse, huge mission heart and has many, many contacts with the women of Oregon as his roots are in West Linn and Oregon City. Ordained and installed August 23, 2009, Pastor Lovejoy serves at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, WA.

A short-term LAMP mission trip to British Columbia began what was to become an overwhelming desire to serve the Lord in the office of the Pastoral Ministry. His love for nature distracted him toward a career as a wildlife biologist, but the Lord continued to work on his heart and draw him toward the pastoral ministry. After graduating from the University of Alaska—Fairbanks in 2004, Patrick took a year to work and relax from studies. He said, *"I am so thankful for the pastoral support during that time and for the time reflecting on my life and prayerfully considering my service to the Lord. I still remember the time of day and the exit I was driving by on Highway 26 when I knew... 'I am going to be a pastor.' That day I turned my truck around and went to my church in Oregon City and began the Seminarian Scholarship application process."*

He is married to Sarah, and they welcomed their baby girl Lillian, on July 4, 2009 into their lives and family, and have not yet stopped thanking God for her.



Candidates for Office of the Oregon District LWML

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Deborah Lannen ~ Trinity, Bend

Deborah has served her local society as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Christian growth. She has attended society and zone retreats. At the zone level Deborah has served as Vice President, Treasurer, and delegate to District and LWML conventions. She is currently serving as Zone president. Deborah is now serving on the Convention 2010 host committee as Properties Chairman. She has served her local congregation on altar guild, wedding reception committee, and vacation bible school. Deborah was a business owner for many years, managing the office along with many other duties.

Deborah and her husband, Wayne, have two children and four grandsons.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Kathryn Timbs ~ Faith, Rogue River

Kathryn has served her local society for 5 years as treasurer. She participates in all LWML activities she possibly can. She has served her local congregation as Financial Secretary, and Human Care Committee. Kathryn has served the community on the Evans Valley Fire Department budget committee. She worked for 24 years as manager and AFS caseworker. Kathryn is now retired. She has two sons and nine grandchildren





Candidates for Office of the Oregon District LWML continued

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Allenda Wolfmueller ~ Faith, Rogue River

Allenda has served her society as Secretary, Vice president and is currently society President. At the zone level she is currently serving as Vice President. Allenda served on the 2008 convention host committee. Active in her church she has served on the Board of Education, and current Fellowship chairman. While residing in Texas Allenda served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, and Vacation Bible School Coordinator. Allenda attended Schreiner College and the University of Texas. While in Texas she served on the local level as society President for American Cancer Society and special events chairman on the state level for American Cancer Society. Allenda owned a watch manufacturing business and retail store while residing in New Mexico. Allenda and husband Chuck have three sons and five grandchildren.



Carmen Nagel ~ Trinity, Mt. Angel

Carmen has served her society as President and Christian Growth. Her service at the zone level has included Christian Life Chairman, and in the Washington-Alaska district she served as Zone President and Vice President. Carmen also served as Zone Christian growth Chairman while residing in New Mexico. Her district service includes Gospel Outreach Committee, 2009 National Convention Host Committee, Ushers chairman, Washington-Alaska District Recording Secretary and VP Christian Life. Carmen has organized district and zone LWML retreats. She has served as a mentor to young women. At the national level she has served as a Delegate. Carmen has served her local congregation leading women's Bible studies, children's choir and taught Sunday school. Carmen is currently serving on the call committee, and outreach committee. While residing in New Mexico, Carmen was involved with planting and building a local church. Carmen has taught at high school and college levels, and most recently worked for a financial institution. Carmen and her husband Darrel have two children and three grandchildren.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gayle A. Wolfe ~ Grace, Ashland

Gayle has served her society as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman Christian life. At the zone level her service includes President, Secretary, Nominating Committee, and Chairman of Christian life. Gayle's Oregon District LWML service includes Christian Life committee, Gospel Outreach committee, Convention Chairman for exhibits 2004 convention, 2008 Chairman for the Mitey walk. She served as delegate for the 2001 national convention. Gayle has served her congregation on Outreach committee, and Bible Study leader. At the community level she has served on the food bank and Operation Christmas Child. Gayle has BS in education and has taught at all grade levels from K through 12 grade. Gayle and her husband Gordon have two daughters, a stepdaughter, stepson, and seven grandchildren.

Marlys Leder ~ St. Luke, Oakridge

Marlys has served her local society as Treasurer and is currently serving as President and contact person. At the zone level she has served as President and currently serving as Secretary. Marlys enjoys attending zone rallies. As Zone President she has attended Oregon District Board of Directors meetings. Marlys has attended district and national LWML conventions. Marlys has served her local congregation teaching Sunday school, and working with the youth group. She volunteers at a local thrift shop in her community. Marlys states her favorite job has been as a floral designer. She has attended LWML meetings with her mother since she was an infant.



Char Kroemer ~ St. John, McMinnville

Char has served her local society as President, Christian Life Chair, Bible Study Leader, and is currently serving as Vice President. At the zone level she has served as President, on the Nominating Committee, and currently is serving as Christian Life Chair. Her District service includes President, Vice President of Member Development, Special Gifts Committee Chair, Convention Chair, and Servant Resources Committee. Char has served National LWML as a Board of Directors member, on the Young Women Committee and Nominating Committee. She has served her congregation as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, keyboardist, and is in the choir. Char is Administrator/Principal/Teacher at St. John Lutheran School & Little Lambs Preschool in McMinnville. Char has a B.A. from Valpo and MAT from Concordia, Portland. Char is married to Gordon.



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Candidates for Office of the Oregon District LWML *continued*

CANDIDATE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY

Barbara Campbell ~ St. Paul, Roseburg

Barbara has served her local society as Secretary, Treasurer, and Christian Growth Chairman. At the zone level she has served as President, Secretary/Treasurer and Christian Growth Chairman. She served as Zone Delegate at National LWML. At the district level, Barbara has served as Vice President Mission Projects, By-laws Committee, and represented the zone at Board of Directors. She served on the 2009 Convention Host Committee as chairman of Tellers Committee. Barbara has served her local congregation as church/school Secretary, Bookkeeper. She serves on Altar Guild, sings in the Choir, serves as Community Outreach Director, and organizes greeter and visitor host schedules. She volunteers to help produce large print "Good News About Jesus" books in English, Spanish, Malayan and Tamil for Lutheran Braille Workers. Barbara's service to her community includes chairman of Douglas County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans serving as Congregation Coordinator Director, and Board of Directors of South County Resource Center and Teen Parent Program. Barbara has four children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Synopsis of Mission Grant Proposals for 2010-2012 Biennium

Attention Delegates: Correction in Mission Project Proposal #6

#1 LCMS Board for Pastoral Education, LCMS Joint Seminary Fund-Student Assistance.....Matching Grant - \$5,000

Purpose of Grant: This "Seminary Student Tuition Assistance Matching Grant" is to provide matching tuition for student assistance for men preparing for the holy ministry of the LCMS at St. Louis and Ft. Wayne seminaries, specifically those candidates of the Oregon District. If awarded, LWML funds will be matched, (1:1), by the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund through gifts from individual donors, family foundations, congregations and corporations, and thus, \$5,000 will become \$10,000. When funds are received, the seminaries will distribute the matched amount of \$10,000 to those students who demonstrate financial need.

#2 Ethnic Mission: Translating and Teaching the Word of God in the Pacific Northwest.....\$6,000

Purpose of Grant: Concordia University Portland, OR, and the NW District of the LCMS are using the "Leadership Advancement Process" (LAP) program to equip licensed deacons for ministry in ethnic congregations where their "language of the heart" is Oromo, Vietnamese or Spanish. The funds would allow translation of one full course of the New Testament into the three languages and would be taught within the LAP program. The translations would be put to use throughout the Pacific Northwest. Cost of translation is estimated at \$2,000 per course/per year.

#3 Resources for Translation Projects in Enga Province, Papua, New Guinea.....\$6,200

Purpose of Grant: The Lutheran Bible Translators of LCMS would purchase computers, printers, Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries for equipping and training translators who will be translating Old Testament Scripture into Enga. The New Testament was translated by LCMS Missionaries into the Enga and Ipili languages in 1988 and 2008, respectively. The requested funds will purchase two computers; two printers and translators' handbooks and Bible Dictionaries.

#4 St. John Lutheran School Curriculum Project in Eagle Point, Oregon.....\$6,500

Purpose of Grant: To provide social studies and health curriculum that will enable the school to meet the curriculum goals suggested by Concordia Publishing House for Lutheran Schools. The School was established in 1986, starting as a pre-school, and has grown to include first through fifth grades. Plans are to break ground for a new school facility in 2011. 94 students are currently enrolled with 50% of the students coming from unchurched families. St. John's Lutheran School mission is to reach children and families through a Christ centered, quality education, both academically and spiritually.

#5 Concordia University Students' Asia Outreach.....\$6,400

Purpose of Grant: To reach the younger generation of the world's emerging economic leaders in China through the "English Language Institute/China", (ELIC). Camp China is one of ELIC's four programs which trains, equips and supervises English teachers for work in China since 1985. China does not grant visas to missionaries but it does welcome ELIC's Christian English teachers. Funds will be used to send a teaching team of four Concordia Univ. students and one team leader to participate in the summer of 2011 in the ELIC Camp China program. The grant will fund 57% of their costs and the remaining 43% will be funded by the individual students. A secondary benefit of this grant is to introduce Concordia students to cross cultural work and to an important organization, the LWML of Oregon.

Synopsis of Mission Grant Proposals for 2010-2012 Biennium continued

#6 Religious Life Curriculum Project for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.....\$6,500

Purpose of Grant: To help Good Shepherd Auxiliary (GSA) fund Bethesda Lutheran Comm. with the development of a comprehensive series of religious life curricula for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (DD), designed for small group instruction, implemented in congregation or community based settings. The funds for printing the teachers' materials will be used as soon as the teachers' materials are written, which begins in 2010. Our LCMS cong. have needed quality materials for teaching the developmentally disabled the Gospel of Christ for many years and there has been very little doctrinally sound material to recommend. If the OR District LWML partners with the GSA in funding this project, it will be of great benefit to our Oregon congregations, the 225 people BLC serves in Oregon and over 2000+ people in 13 states, as well as those who care for family members with DD at home. The curriculum will be available worldwide.

#7 Out of the Orphanage and into the Family of Christ- The Development of Lutheran Group Homes for Children and Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Dominican Republic.....\$6,500

Purpose of Grant: To help fund the formation and functioning of Lutheran group homes for orphaned children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (DD), in the Dominican Republic. The group homes will be established through a Lutheran non-profit organization called "Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes". The group homes will be established alongside congregations being planted through efforts of the LCMS Dominican Republic Mission Team and its partners. Specifically, the funds will provide for staff training in the area of direct care-giving as well as spiritual-life training. In addition, church leaders and members will receive training to assure excellent care in the group homes and to equip them to share Christ's love and salvation with the children to make them part of the family of Christ.

#8 Financial Assistance for LWML Women Pursuing a Degree in Professional Church Work in the LCMS.....\$6,000

Purpose of Grant: To prayerfully and financially assist LCMS women from the Oregon District LWML in their last year of study as they prepare to serve in LCMS ministries as Deaconesses, Dir. of Christian Ed., Lutheran Teachers, Dir. of Christian Outreach and Dir. of Parish Education. Training women at our two LCMS Seminaries and Concordia Universities to share Jesus' love in Word and deed in classrooms, care facilities, congregations and in the mission field is the heart of this project. Funds would be given to selected 4th year (or last year of study) scholarship recipients when they send a copy of their registration receipt to the VP – Gospel Outreach of the OR. District LWML. The amount funded to recipients will vary.

#9 Opening a New Outreach Center for the Blind in Portland, OR and Providing Training for the New Director..\$5,000

Purpose of Grant: to open a new outreach center to reach out to blind and visually impaired people so they may "see" Jesus. Basic operation of the center would offer facilitating regular monthly gatherings where God's Word is shared; a monthly fellowship meal; Bible study opportunities; computer training and Braille classes. Grant monies would fund: two visits from advisory personnel for training and development, first 3 monthly meals; "Window Eyes" software, 2 years leadership training at Lutheran Blind Mission's Christian Blind Institute and coursework materials. Since 1999, LBM has established 60 outreach centers around the country, and plans are in place for 75 more centers to open in the next 2 years.

#10 The Gospel for Latino People.....\$6,500

Purpose of Grant: The grant will assist in providing funding for a circuit rider ministry to Latino people. Lutheran Latino Ministries, LLM, was founded in 1990 to provide ministry among the large group of Latino people living in Oregon's Willamette Valley. There are 600,000 Latinos living in Oregon of which 95% are unchurched. In 2005, Miguel Luna and his wife, Marta, were commissioned to serve as a Latino team. In 2008, Miguel Luna was ordained in the LCMS Ministry. The Lunas minister to four LCMS congregations: Ascension in E. Portland; Trinity in N. Portland, Faith in Woodburn and Trinity in Mt. Angel. The Lord is blessing the Luna's outreach with baptisms and confirmations and an increasing attendance at worship services. Funds will provide salaries, benefits and traveling funds for Pastor Luna and his wife, Marta, who is in her last year of study to become a Deaconess.

#11 Library Resources, Lutheran Seminary, Atsimoniniavaka, Madagascar.....\$6,000

Purpose of Grant: To build the library of the Lutheran Seminary in Madagascar by providing much needed books and/or computer manuscripts. The funds will be dispersed according to the priority list of manuscripts, books, CD's, and/or computers as set fort by the Dept. of Pastoral Ministry and Missions in consultation with Lutheran Seminary Professor Daniel Rakotonirina, or his successor. The island of Madagascar today has 3.5 million members of the Madagascar Lutheran Church, which began in the late 1800's. New churches are being started every month. The Madagascar Lutheran Theological Seminary had 100 students in 2008. The opening of the 2009 school year brought the student body up to 200 single and married men. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has more than 6,000 congregations and only 1,200 pastors.



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#12 Repair, Repaint, Revitalize and Renew.....\$6,500

Purpose of Grant: To repair the exterior of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burns, Oregon, to repaint the entire exterior of the building, and to install a new sign at the street. To revitalize our congregation in the community and renew our mission outreach in the Burns area and Harney County. Repair work would begin in the summer of 2010, or as soon as funds were available, with painting immediately following. A new sign would be made and installed as soon as possible. If enough funds remained, energy efficient windows would be installed. The present church was built in the early 1960's. It was, and remains, the only LCMS church in the 10,000 sq. miles of Harney County. The church has not had major repairs done to it since it was built. Due to the closure of the mill, the railroad leaving the county and other industries closing, the membership has dropped to an older group of about 25 members. The congregation is served, twice a week, by Pastor Blesi from John Day, 70 miles away. In beautifying the church, it would become more visible and welcoming to the community. The church reaches out to the community through a free water color class, taught by Pastor Blesi, donations to the local hospice and the Harney County Food Bank and to the Women's Shelter. This small, mission church does make a real difference in Burns, and we could draw more people into our midst if our church was more appealing in its appearance.

#13 LCMS Campus Ministry Training Grant.....\$3,600

Purpose of Grant: LCMS Campus Ministry in affiliation with LCMS World Mission seeks to provide resources and training for current campus ministry and student leadership and for small groups or congregations interested in campus outreach in Oregon. The roots of the work of LCMS Campus Ministry date back to the 1930's, with the mission of providing a place where Lutheran students may gather and share their faith and fellowship with other students. The goal of LCMS Campus Ministry is to better equip and bring the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel to fellow Lutheran students and others who are seeking Biblical truth. The Campus Ministry's mission is to be a catalyst for Christ on college campuses with the goal of establishing 10 – 12 new campus ministries per year. There are currently three campus ministries in the Oregon District. There is an opportunity for at least three more because this is an ongoing project, implementation will begin as soon as funds are available.

#14 Sporting, Scoring and Soaring Soccer Clinic.....\$5,000

Purpose of Grant: 1) To share the message of Jesus Christ to underprivileged children and families of the Rockwood neighborhood in Gresham and Portland; 2) to use soccer as a connecting activity; 3) to develop leadership in LCMS youth through discipleship and outreach. The "SSSS" Clinic serves over 300 players and 50 youth servants; chapel, Bible studies and Bibles are provided as there is an ongoing financial need. This soccer clinic is unique in its multifaceted approach to sharing the Gospel by reaching children, ages 3 yrs. to 13 yrs. of age, and their families, while promoting discipleship, leadership and outreach skills in LCMS high school students, young adults and the congregation of Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland, OR. The mission's goal is the "Great Commission", Christian growth and discipleship, youth-Christ-centered leadership, church vitality and church leadership in the community.



MISSIONS

Large Sunday School Teaching pictures needed for Haiti.

Please bring these to the convention where they will be trimmed and laminated during the Mission Fair. The pictures should contain few or no English words.

Special Surprise Note for Convention Hotel Guests

Attention Convention Hotel Guests: Eagle Crest has added a Continental Plus Breakfast to your room reservations at no extra cost!



We are BLESSED to be a BLESSING! MITES at work in God's kingdom!



MITES INFO

Send MITES to Karen Prince, P. O. Box 543, Gaston, OR 97119 Request MITE BOXES (free of charge) Carmen Nagel: 503.634.2485 or e-mail: arcticcats@aol.com





NEEDED: MENTORS! Ladies, We Want & NEED YOU!

The OR District LWML’s Servant Resources Dept. requests you to prayerfully consider serving as a **MENTOR** to our Young Women Reps and Teens (FISH). This is an opportunity for all of us to be an example to a younger person, help develop their knowledge of LWML, and grow the LWML and its mission work.

Benefits: Tremendous

Term: 2 year commitment (from 2010 OR District Convention to 2012 OR District Convention). This may be extended, if both parties are in agreement.

Definition of Mentoring: Mentoring involves communication and is relationship based. Mentoring is also a process for the informal transmission of knowledge and support as well as entailing informal communication, usually face-to-face, between a person who is perceived to have greater relevant knowledge, wisdom, or experience (the mentor) and a person who is perceived to have less (protégé). Examples of a few Biblical mentors include: Lois and Eunice to Timothy, Ruth to Naomi, and Jesus to Peter – what terrific examples.

Guidelines: The Leader Development Committee (LDC), in conjunction with the Diversity Task Force, has put together guidelines that address the history of mentoring, techniques, expectations, etc., which will be given to each mentor at convention time, if attending. Otherwise the packet will be mailed after convention.

Packet of Cards: To make a mentor’s life much easier a packet of cards has been created to assist the mentor in communicating with her protégé on a regular basis.

Deadline for volunteering: June 9, 2010 – E-mail Jean Marie Herkamp at ajherkamp@onlinenw.com or call her at 503-835-1067 (home) or 503-642-9328 (cell).

The LDC needs time to match mentors to protégés (ideally within their Zone) and prior to our June 2010 Convention at Eagle Crest. Our objective is to have mentors and protégés meet, if both are at convention, and distribute all appropriate documents at that time. If you are moved to volunteer as a mentor please send the following information to Jean Marie: name, address, e-mail, phone #, and zone.



“There is a Season for Everything” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

This article will be the last one I write for the *Leaguer* as my four years as VP—Gospel Outreach will soon be fulfilled. It has been an honor to be selected to serve the OR District in this important office and it has also been a privilege to work with the Board of Directors and the Societies, to reach our common mission goal – that of funding the Mission Grants.

Within the last two bienniums the Oregon LWML has funded mission grants here in Oregon with a grant to the “Little Lambs Learning Center” for a State approved kitchen remodel, and the all important scholarships to our Oregon Seminarians in their senior year, as well as the “Lutheran Latino Mission”. Other areas of the U.S and Canada that have realized mission grants from the OR LWML are: the “Concordia Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op”, in Ft. Wayne; the “Lutheran Blind Mission”; The “Alaska Evangelism Camps”; and the LAMP “Sports Ministry” and LAMP “Morning Star Club Mentoring Program” on the Makah Reservation, WA. Worldwide we have funded missions in Africa, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. I have received thank you letters, addressed to the Oregon District LWML, that have indicated the depth of need, and the gratefulness to the LWML for its assistance. It is difficult to read these letters without becoming emotional and, at the same time joyous, because their situations are bittersweet.

The funds for two of the mission grants from the 2008-2010 Biennium- “GO—Share Jesus” and “Lutheran Women in Ministry—Encouraging Missionaries”, were approved to be forwarded to the next biennium by the Board of Directors at the BOD meeting in Eugene on Feb. 27, since the mite goal of \$58,000 was reached and these two mission grants were not used during this biennium. Therefore, the grant monies for “GO—Share Jesus” are available and any woman of the LWML- OR District who wishes to put together or join a group already formed to go on a short mission trip, may apply for a \$500 scholarship. Applications are available from the VP—Gospel Outreach.

I wish to thank the members of my committee who have been supportive in all ways throughout the past four years. They are: Carmen Nagel, Terry Putnam, Gayle Wolfe, Mae Smith and Allende Wolfmueller.

Also, numerous emails and phone calls have been exchanged between me and Pres. Nancy Nibblett, and more recently, Pres. Cynthia Behrens, in doing the Lord’s work. These two women are “shining stars” and exemplify what I believe a Lutheran Woman in Ministry truly is.

I praise God for all He is purposing to do in and through each of us as we seek to serve and honor Him.

Blythe Tovrea
V.P. OF GOSPEL OUTREACH

Keys that Don't Work

*Wb*le look*ng for a comp*ter for o*r off*ce, * fo*nd one that was cheaper than all the rest. *t looked l*ke all the others except one th*ng: two letters wo*ld not work. The other twenty-fo*r letters worked f*ne. *t had all the n*mbers and p*nt*at*on marks, b*t for some reason, * j*st co*ld not make myself cons*der *. Yo* m*ght th*nk * was wrong not to s*ggest we b*y th*s comp*ter.*

*After all, *n the Lord's cb*rch yo* can always f*nd a few who do not work. Everyone knows *t makes no d*fference; after all, someone else can *s*ally make *p the d*fference. *nder these c*rc*stances * do not th*nk yo* wo*ld have wanted a comp*ter on wh*ch all the keys wo*ld not work.*

Why do yo expect o*r Lord to be sat*s*f*ed when all they keys *n H*s cb*rch aren't work*ng? *n case yo* are wonder*ng how keys not work*ng well ca*se so m*ch tro*ble, j*st look what happens when "U" and "I" don't work!!*



It would appear that "You" and "I" are more important than we might have imagined.

How often do we think that the small task that we are doing is insignificant or unimportant? Or how often do we think that someone else will do a better job, or has more time or is more "gifted"? There are a variety of gifts mentioned in scripture which speak to the necessity of everyone discovering, developing and using his or her gifts in ministry in the Body of Christ. Helping individuals accomplish this task is one of the goals of the Christian Life Committee of our District.

It has been a privilege to serve as Christian Life Vice President these past four years. As "You" and "I" and all the sisters of the LWML work together in using our gifts, we will continue to grow in accomplishing the mission of "assisting 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."



Let's be keys that work.

Judy Chase

V.P. OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

LOVE LINKS PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests that you would like to share with the women of the Oregon District who have signed up for the Christian Life Prayer chain, email Jacquie Ingalls at warjacq77@hughes.net.

Women's Day

Greetings in our Lord! I'm writing this on the eve of Mother's Day. It's always held on a Sunday in May. So, it's always a special day at worship. Here's what we do in our congregation. We give a tulip or rose to every mother, woman, and girl entering the sanctuary. Yes, every female, young and old, gets a flower. The mothers are especially honored, of course, but as first among equals. Why? For one, there is usually a Hannah or two or three in the congregation, women who would be mothers but can't be for reasons of barrenness, singleness, or divorce (1 Samuel 1:2-6). But the main reason we give every female a flower is because they are all an Eve – mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20). Not all women are mothers, but all women are life bearers in the special ways God made them (Genesis 1:27).

Girls get Barbie; Boys, GI Joe! Give a doll to a little boy and he'll use it for target practice. Give a doll to a little girl and she'll care for it like a mother her child. All women are so endowed by God! They are nurturing, supporting, caring, giving, serving, and loving in ways men can only marvel at. It seems they have a double dose of such divine traits (Isaiah 66:13)! Every girl is an Eve in the making. She becomes a woman, and if it is the Lord's will, a wife and mother. And the world is a beautiful, bountiful, balanced and blessed place for each and every one of them, young and old. Wherever they be, there is beauty in abundance, love aplenty, compassion, wisdom, virtue, and grace; there is an Eve, a Sarah, a Rachel, Hannah, Miriam, Deborah, Martha, Mary, and Mary, and Mary the mother of our Lord! Not all women are mothers, yet by them the Lord bears life in our world (Proverbs 31:10-31). Happy Women's Day!

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

SR. PASTORAL COUNSELOR



The LWML catalog and websites have resources for personal and group devotions and Bible studies, along with other materials to enhance your spiritual "ready-ness." Go to www.LWML.org and www.ORLWML.org.

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New Editor for the Oregon Leaguer!

Welcome Becky Barth!



Starting with the Fall 2010 issue of the *Oregon Leaguer*, there will be a new editor! Thank you to Becky Barth for stepping forward and saying “here I am!” Becky has newsletter experience, and produced “The Hardrock News” for the Sunshine Mining Company in Boise, ID and a newsletter for the Arabian Horse Club of Central Oregon.

Becky “retired” in 2000 and moved to Bend with her husband that same year. She currently works part-time for Concordia University Education Network (CUEnet) as a Recruitment Counselor. The rest of her time is spent helping her husband keep up with their ranch and horses. Most of their family lives in the areas of Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho, and they especially enjoy going there to visit their three darling grandsons.

Please note the NEW EMAIL ADDRESS to send your articles to. It is ORLeaguer@gmail.com.

Articles for the Fall 2010 issue of the *Oregon Leaguer* are due Sunday, August 15, 2010. E-mail your articles/info or pictures with description to ORLeaguer@gmail.com. **PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!**

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What's Coming...

OR District Board of Directors Dinner @ 5 p.m., Meeting @ 6 p.m., High Desert Room—Eagle Crest, Redmond OR	JUNE 10
OR District Convention "On Eagles' Wings" Eagle Crest, Redmond OR	JUNE 11—13
Board of Directors Transition Meeting	JULY 9—11
Juniper Zone Retreat hosted by Faith L.C. LaPine OR at LaPine State Park	JULY 15—18
Oregon District Executive Commi./BOD Meeting	SEPT 24—25
FALL ZONE RALLIES	
Interstate Zone Rally @ Immanuel L.C. Portland OR	OCT 2
Juniper Zone Rally @ Redeemer L.C. John Day OR	OCT 9
Mt. Hood Zone Rally @ Faith L.C. The Dalles OR	OCT 9
Southern Zone Rally @ Grace L.C. Ashland OR	OCT 9
Pacific Zone Gathering @ Trinity L.C. Sheridan OR	OCT 16
Willamette Zone Rally @ Peace L.C. Salem OR	OCT 16
Emerald Zone Rally @ Messiah L.C. Eugene OR	OCT 16
Myrtlewood Zone Rally @ Christ L.C. Coos Bay OR	OCT 23
West Hills Zone Rally	TBA



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Human Care Corner

Having just returned from the Dominican Republic, and seeing the poverty there, makes my heart ache for the people of Haiti who are so in need. Some of the mission fair projects at convention will be going to Haiti to help ease the people's needs and to let them know that Jesus loves them. A couple of other urgent items that are desperately needed have been posted on the LCMS—World Relief and Human Care website (www.lcms.org/worldrelief), and MISSION: HAITI (missionhaiti99@aol.com). Also, going to www.lcms.org and clicking on "disaster response" will get you updated information on all the disaster relief efforts with which the LCMS is involved. Please check these sites for needed items.

Two items which you could **bring to the convention** or start collecting in your congregations are:

- ♥ Shoes: sandals and flip flops are needed for children, youth and adults.
- ♥ Children's multi-vitamins



Terry Putnam
HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

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.