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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

~ Talking with God ~

*In prayer, I give
myself to God; in
the Word, God
gives Himself
to me.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LWML Sunday observed: October 7
LWR Pick-up in Kansas: October 9, 10, 11, & 12
Happy Thanksgiving: November 22
YWR application deadline: December 3
News deadline for Winter Sonshine issue: December 5



THANK YOU!

Please thank the LWML members who donated the school supplies (at the KAOL Meeting). We were able to take supplies to four additional schools and they were so appreciative. All of these schools have a very large percent of students from very low-income families. I am told some of the students come to school on the first day without even a pencil. Thank you again and may God bless you and be with you.

*--Bee Cline, Board of Social Ministry,
Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS*

Mark your calendar and plan now to attend the
2014 LWML Kansas District Convention at the
Marriott in Wichita, KS, on March 28, 29, & 30, 2014.

The hosts will be ladies of the Southeast Zone and
Wichita Zone, using the theme
"On Wings, Like Eagles" Isaiah 40:31.



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The President's Podium

Karen Morrison

20th LWML Kansas District President



*Whatever is true, noble, right, pure,
lovely, admirable - if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy - think about
such things. Phil. 4:8*

Do you put on Your Strong Suit every day?

Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verses 10 – 18, tells us how to “suit up” each and every day.

I have spent a couple of weeks wading deeper into the Armor of God scripture lesson. “Your Strong Suit” was the theme of our Kansas Assembly of Leaders the end of August. Plus, one of the Executive Committee goals for this biennium is to spend time in God’s Word prior to each meeting, so, the day before KAOL we spent 30 minutes going through many scriptures relating to God’s armor. After KAOL, I spent most of the next week doing some follow-up study on this scripture. Here are some thoughts about utilizing God’s armor.

Why do we need special armor every day? Scripture says: *Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* As we go about our everyday lives, it can be easy to forget that evil exists in our world; but it is out there, and like a stalking lion, is waiting for a moment of weakness to pounce. But we have a way to be prepared. God provides a word picture in scripture so that we can visualize His protection from head to toe.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist. Where does a belt sit? It sits at the middle part of your body, the core. Keeping God’s truth belted firmly at your core supports and provides strength. With the belt of truth firmly in place you stand tall, confident and ready.

With the breastplate of righteousness in place. A breastplate was used to cover a warrior’s chest and heart. Your heart keeps a balance on your emotions and your motivation. A solid breastplate based on God’s righteousness will keep your motivation looking outward and not inward to selfishness.

And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. Your feet get you where you want to go. They carry you forward to accomplish a goal. Your feet also support your entire body and provide you with a firm foundation. Keep your feet on the correct path by marching to God’s beat and not the world’s.

In addition to this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. A shield provided an extra measure of protection for warriors. Our shield is our faith in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Your shield is a necessity when the evil one showers you with negative comments, false accusations, or hurtful words. Keep your shield of faith thick and solid through study and fellowship.

Take the helmet of salvation. What does a helmet protect? It covers your head, and so protects your thoughts and attitude. Paul’s letter to the Philippians tells us “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...”. Our attitude can only model Christ when we are living out the hope of salvation every day.

And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The sword goes in your strongest hand. You hold it firmly and keep it close to your body, always watchful for attack from any angle. Hebrews 4:12-13 says *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edge sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joint and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* God’s Word is our strongest tool for everyday use, so we need to wield it like a warrior’s sword, as our ultimate protection.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying. The Lutheran Study Bible notes state: these are “reminders that the battle is spiritual and must be fought in God’s Strength, depending on the Word and on God through prayer”. What else would we need but God’s Strength, God’s Word, and Relationship with God through prayer!

Psalm 18:32 sums it up: *It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.* I’ll see you on the road “Suited Up” for our daily work.

Blessings, Karen

Do Not Forget...



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR JEFF DUNCAN

We often forget something, even things that we have been reminded not to forget. Frustrating, isn't it? How many times have you said, "I should have remembered" especially when it was something important; a friend's birthday, a meeting at church, your child's special day at school? As I write this I should have remembered the deadline for turning in an article—it was emailed to me several times!

Scripture reminds us "do not forget" as well. Several of those reminders come from Deuteronomy. Moses reminds a young nation of faith and calling "do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" (Deut. 6:12). We might scoff and think, "Who could ever forget the Lord?" Really, did I just ask that?

If young Israel, who had very recently witnessed God's presence in the form of a pillar of fire by day and cloud of smoke by night, needs to be reminded "do not forget the Lord", what hope do we have being removed from this awesome viewpoint some 3200 years later? Indeed, every one of us is but two or three Sundays away from forgetting the Lord. How easy in this world of options and compromises is it for us to choose anything—perhaps everything—other than remembering the Lord?

Not so long ago, our school systems helped us. They wouldn't schedule school activities on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings. Maybe a little farther back, but still in the memory of some of us alive today, businesses didn't open on Sunday. It was assumed people would be remembering the Lord and you just didn't offer any other activities except worship. Can the same thing be said today—of society, of my family, of my own attitudes toward God, the church, and toward remembering the Lord and not forgetting the One who brought us out of slavery of sin and into new life through Jesus Christ our Lord?

We pray: *Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times we have forgotten You! Forgive our failure to worship in Your name or to care for our neighbors in need. Forgive us for shallow appreciation of Your covenant made through Your own Son's body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of all sins. Call us back to You! Teach us anew the way we should go and urge us to follow and to remember all Your benefits which are new to us each morning through Jesus Christ our Lord. Remember us, dear Lord...always! Amen.*



LUTHERAN FAMILY RETREAT

There were a total of 105 adults and children in attendance for the August Lutheran Family Retreat at Camp Webster in Salina. It was a wonderful weekend of fun and worship.

There were 33 first timers who received scholarships from monies given by the LWML KS District GGGF and also the LLL.

Thanks to LWML Kansas District

Capstone received a grant from the LWML Kansas District for office furniture and equipment. Thanks to Ann Jedele of Trinity Lutheran, Winfield, KS, for helping with facilitation of this grant.



From the Capstone Ministries
September newsletter

LWML PRIMARY TARGETS 2011-2013 Biennium

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

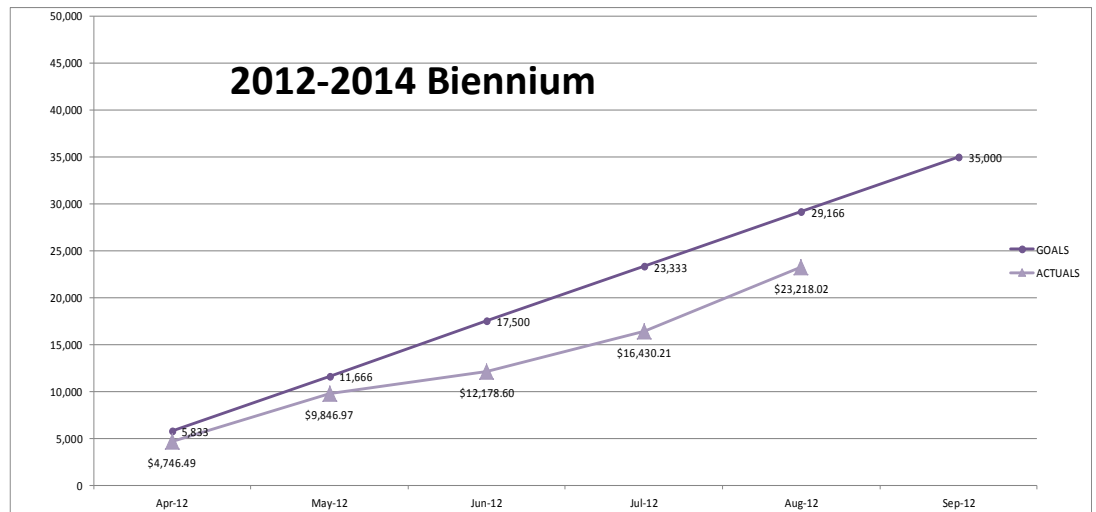
Women of all ages, stages of life, races, locations, and cultures are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of LWML.

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 graph reflects the current mite giving for this biennium. The top line (line with circles) is the monthly goal to reach our biennium goal. The bottom line (line with triangles) shows our actual donations to Mites.



Be sure to mail your mite collections to the Financial Secretary at the address below!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEWS

By this time, everyone should be fully back into their fall schedule – including those societies who do not meet during the summer. I am looking forward to receiving everyone's mites each month, plus what was gathered over the summer for those who did not meet.

Just a couple reminders to society treasurers: Please make checks to "LWML Kansas District," not to Financial Secretary or me personally. And please use your personal telephone number and address on the remittance voucher in case I have a question and need to contact you. When you need more vouchers or mite boxes, just mark the appropriate place on the voucher.

Some of you may not realize that the Kansas District has an envelope to be used for special monetary gifts. Gifts can be designated for Financial Aid, God's Gracious Gift Fund, or District Mission Projects. This is a wonderful way to give a memorial for a loved one or friend, but it's also an awesome way to honor someone for a special occasion such as birthday, anniversary, baptism, confirmation, graduation, retirement, Mother's Day, Father's Day... well, you get the idea! These special gifts are listed every two years in the convention manual. Contact me if you would like me to send you a few of these envelopes to have on hand.

In His service,
Kerri Lynne Brown, LWML Kansas District Financial Secretary
114 2nd St.—Westphalia, KS 66093
financialsecretary@kansaslwml.org



Women's Retreat – Save the Date!

The Holy Cross LWML in Wichita will host a Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Steve Cohen, founder of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, will conduct a Bible study. His wife, Nancy, will be our guest speaker. Her presentation will be entitled "The Friendship Tea Party." It will be a ladies event focusing on strategic missions, personal evangelism, and building community at your church. There will also be a presentation on various types of tea by a local tea company. Mark your calendars now, plan to wear a vintage or modern hat, and join the ladies of Holy Cross for a delightful day of tea, food, fun, and fellowship!

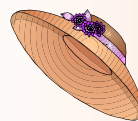


The 2012 Day of Prayer offering total was **\$4,289.12**. Thanks to all who monetarily supported our Day of Prayer recipient!



Our Saviour hosts Women's Retreat

"Lovely Silhouettes" was the theme for a women's retreat hosted by the LWML of Our Saviour Lutheran in Kansas City, KS. Nearly 40 members and guests gathered at a member's home and garden on June 3. Donna Petersen from Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park was our spiritual leader and presenter, using the theme to remind all of us of our many God-given talents and to encourage us to reflect God in our daily lives. The day was a terrific mix of Bible study, laughter, fellowship and even a wacky fashion show! The beautiful garden setting inspired a prayer walk that reminded us of God's presence in bridges we cross, the winding path of our life, and chances to jump for joy and swing out to new heights, always knowing that God provides shelter, respite, and most importantly, salvation through His Son. The Spirit worked through our presenter and all attendees, with everyone wrapping up the day with a group discussion of outreach ideas. The joy and refreshed attitude of each attendee inspired everyone to say "Let's do this again!"



Communication Committee News

by Brenda Piester, VP of Communication



Greetings from the "Heartland!" We have been blessed with a couple of showers of rain, and farmers are gearing up for sowing wheat. These tasks remind us of Paul's words to the Corinthians in Chapter 3:5b-9. "Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building."

Of course, this passage is about more than just sowing wheat, but isn't this wonderful news? God, through His grace, will grow the work—the planting and watering—we do in our congregations, societies, zones and across the district. Thank you, Holy Spirit!

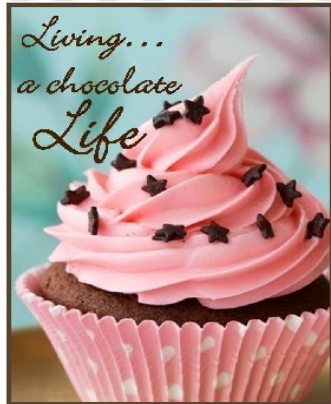
The **Communication Committee** has been BUSY this summer and fall! Chairman Shelly Keller and I have worked with Webmaster Mark Fuchs to make many updates and changes to the LWML Kansas District website. Each of the other four departments has their own page of information and resources. Browse through these pages and all of the other tabs at www.kansaslwml.org. PR Coordinator Sherri Rose has updated and revamped the LWML display to follow the theme, "Stand at the Crossroads." This was on display at Saints Alive After 55 and KAOL, and will be displayed at the Fall Educators Conference in October in Manhattan. Sherri is also responsible for the calendar on the website; contact her or me if you have additions to the calendar. LWML Store Manager Tammy Songer has been busy planning additions to the store display; thank you to all who made purchases at KAOL! Distribution Manager Cathi Clark is gearing up to send out the *Quarterly* invoices this fall; remind your treasurers to watch for them! We are pleased to announce that we are now on Facebook! Check out our page and "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/KS.LWML>. Thank you to our new Social Media Coordinator Darla Abbott for all of her work getting this started!

Not to be outdone, the **Structure Committee** of Kathryn Richard, Chairman; Janice Cundiff, JoAnn Meyer, and Phyllis VonFange accomplished the daunting task of proofreading and publishing the *Leadership Guidelines*. These are available on the Kansas District website, and can serve as a guide for updating the zone and society bylaws. Their work is just beginning as they look forward to receiving, reviewing and approving those updates. **Please contact them if you have questions!**

If there is ANYTHING we can do to help you to make your jobs in your zones or societies easier, please contact us. We are here to serve you!



LWML Kansas District presents a Weekend Women's Retreat...



Savoring the
Rich Indulgence
of God's Grace!

"In [Christ] we have...
the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the
riches of God's grace
that he lavished on
us..."
~Ephesians 1:7-8

November 1-2, 2013
Double Tree by Hilton
Wichita Airport, Wichita, KS
To Register: ...Info to come...
Cost: ... More Info to come...

Retreat Speaker
Deb Burma
Talks about savoring the
riches of God's endless
supply of grace in
Christ!



Living "A Chocolate Life," we sample everything from bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy. Some days are dark & lumpy, others are light and smooth. Whatever the shape, flavor, & texture of our days, and however our lives are packaged, we can savor the rich indulgence of God's *endless* supply of grace in Christ! He wraps us in His love and fills us with the sweet filling of faith in our Savior.

Are you craving something sweet? Join us for a rich and satisfying "Chocolate" get-away retreat! Speaker Deb Burma will tickle your taste buds for God's Word, packaged in an assortment of chocolate sessions where you will find "comfort food" for your soul! Savor a time of refreshing fellowship, satisfy your craving for the sweet sounds of worship & praise, and enjoy fistfuls of fun—all in one deliciously-fulfilling event!

Living "A
Chocolate Life?"



Deb Burma

Deb Burma has a passion for sharing Christ's love with women in a creative and engaging style, while speaking to their hearts and touching them in their everyday lives! Deb is a frequent guest speaker and retreat leader for women's ministries. She has authored many women's Bible studies, retreat materials, and devotion books, several of which have been published recently by CPH, including the new release of the devotion book, "A Chocolate Life". She has directed Women's Ministries, as well as Family & Children's Ministries, in multiple churches across the Midwest, including a special-events Women's Ministry, "WWW: Women Walking in the Word."

Deb grew up on a ranch in western South Dakota. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, and she has pursued dual careers as Stay-At-Home Mom and Ministry Leader, Writer, & Speaker ever since!

Deb is blessed with a beautiful family and currently resides in Columbus, Nebraska, with her husband, Cory, who serves as Associate Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, and their three terrific teenage children, Chris, Courtney and Cameron.

CHRISTIAN LIFE NEWS

by Debbie Lehman, VP of Christian Life

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1: 2-3

As fall is fast approaching, we are enjoying a little relief from the "trials" of the heat and dryness of summer. God's creation bursts into glorious color, and I pray you stop to enjoy some of that beauty! Since it was dry most of the summer, fires of any kind were not allowed, and we didn't get to have as many S'mores as usual this year. Hopefully this fall will provide opportunity to enjoy this little treat and maybe sing a little song!



So what do trials have to do with S'mores? Well, imagine yourself as the marshmallow. The world is the fire God uses to roast you to perfection. Are you golden brown or blackened and burnt by the trials you face daily? Either way, with the richness of God's Grace (Chocolate) and the Loving Arms (Graham Crackers) He surrounds us with, we are made to perfection! Take time to enjoy some fellowship with those around you, have a S'more or two, and especially praise God for his many blessings, including joy and perseverance!



S'more Song

S'more we eat together, together, together
S'more we eat together the plumper we'll be
For your treats are my treats
And my treats are your treats
S'more we eat together the plumper we'll be.
S'more we laugh together, together, together
S'more we laugh together the healthier we'll be
For your joys are my joys
And my joy are your joys
S'more we laugh together the healthier we'll be.
S'more we share together, together, together
S'more we share together the stronger we'll be
For your cares are my cares
And my cares are your cares
S'more we share together the stronger we'll be.
S'more we praise together, together, together
S'more we praise together the happier we'll be
For all of God's blessings
Let's send Him our praises
S'more we praise together the happier we'll be.

LWML KANSAS DISTRICT FINANCIAL AID 2012-2013

*There were 33 students who applied for financial aid, and 31 met the requirements.
The total amount disbursed was \$20,700.*

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-SEWARD, NE

FRESHMEN:

Each student will receive \$650.00 per year

Natalie Bender

Alexandria Chitwood

Helena Dieckhoff

Nehemiah Langness

Christian Schultz

SOPHMORES:

Each student will receive \$550.00 per year

Erin Cernik

Rachel Dahlke

Taylor Johnson

Ashley Rengstorf

Casey Roberts

Elizabeth Stephens

Karen Webber

JUNIORS:

Each student will receive \$650.00 per year

Emily Beach

Malissa Carey

Sarah Langness

Robyn Meyer

Bryson Pond

Caitlin Saving

Rebecca Snow

SENIORS:

Each student will receive \$650.00 per year

Travis Ferguson

Samuel Fishburn

Andrew Hatesohl

Whitney Holle

Sara Schultz

Molly Ann Wells

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-ST. PAUL, MN

SENIOR:

Each Student will receive \$650.00 per year

Alyssa Burdett

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY-FORT WAYNE, IN

MA/DEACONESS II:

Each Student will receive \$1,500.00 per year

Christine Schotte

SEMINARY I:

Each student will receive \$1,500.00 per year

Reed Shoaff

SEMINARY IV:

Each Student will receive \$2,000.00 per year

Timothy Heath Jr.



REMINDER to Zone Presidents and Fall Workshop hosts: Be sure to submit an article regarding your Fall LWML event. Also send pictures if available. These will be featured in the Winter (January 2013) issue! Thanks!

GO! UPDATE

by Kim Burdett, VP of Gospel Outreach

The 2012-2013 Day of Prayer recipient is **The Kansas District Guinea Task Force for the choir in Gueckedou (\$1,800) and other projects as needed.**

The first \$1,800 will go to the choir in Gueckedou. Beth Heiney writes, "It has been built up and they have some really talented people. The choir would really like to create a cassette of their music so that they can sell it to raise funds for the church. They need \$1,800 to cover transportation, renting the studio, and purchasing cassettes and discs."

When the remaining funds are to be disbursed, the Gospel Outreach Committee will make inquiries with Beth as to her recommendations and how those funds would be best used. Current projects may include, per Beth's notes as of June 2012:

- ♦ Wheelchair for Pastor Esai
- ♦ General monies account -- emergency aid for pastors (almost depleted) and Women's ministry.
- ♦ Additional funds for roofs and tarps are needed. The project that we have will not cover all the buildings that have been requested, so this is always a need!! I currently have a list of 24 churches asking for zinc and 25 asking for tarps!
- ♦ Kuranko Outreach. Evangelist James Mara is a Kuranko who fled to Guinea during the war in Sierra Leone. He began working with Guinean Kurankos and has vowed that he will not return home until there is a viable Kuranko church. One village has recently asked James to come work and live among them to evangelize. This project would help with his moving as well as ministry in that area. Project cost: \$1,980.

And great news! We now have been able to pay the first two of our mission projects, \$6,000 for four school roofs and \$5,000 for the Kansas Division Orphan Grain Train. Our third mission project will be for \$5,000 for the Lutheran Bible Translators vehicle project.

Please lift these projects to our Lord as we thank Him for the abundance He provides. Blessings to each of you as you **GO** and reach out in ministry for our Lord, Jesus Christ.



MEET THE SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES TEAM!

by Joylynn Harlow, Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman

Greetings to you from the Special Focus Ministries Committee, the committee formerly known as Member Development. I am Joylynn Harlow, the committee chair. I live in Salina and attend Christ the King with my two children Ashlynn (3rd grade) and Daryn (1st grade). I was blessed enough to be a YWR in 2008 in Topeka, again in 2010 in Junction City, and a National YWR in Peoria in 2011. Tiffany Harkins is the Recording Secretary. She lives in Olathe and attends Beautiful Savior with her husband Nathan. She was a YWR in 2006 in Salina. Shawna Spiehs lives in Linn and attends Zion Lutheran Church with her husband Keith and children Riana (5), Aiden (5), and Keaira (3). Shawna was a YWR in 2010 in Junction City. Allison Lehmann has recently moved to Berryton (SE part of Topeka) with her husband Doug and two boys, Alex (3rd grade) and Jacob (1st grade), and they are currently looking for a church home. She was a YWR in 2010 in Junction City as well as a National YWR in Peoria in 2011. We all operate under our fabulous VP of Special Focus Ministries, Becky Schotte. Becky lives in Winfield and attends Trinity Lutheran with her husband Mark. She was a National YWR in Texas in 1989. We stand ready to assist you at anytime in your society or zone. As you can see from the above list of committee members, the YWR program has been a part of each and every one of our lives and is an integral part of keeping the Kansas LWML an ongoing, thriving organization. Please encourage your young women to apply to be a YWR so they too can begin their LWML journey. It is a life changing experience that can be the entryway into many years of future service (although don't tell them that, we don't want to scare them off!) The National YWR application can be found in this issue and on the Kansas District website.

Thanks in advance for inundating us with applicants! God's blessings to each of you!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Special Focus Ministries Committee

August 15, 2012

To: LWML Zone Presidents

LWML Special Focus Ministries

(Zone Presidents and Zone SFM Chairmen: Please see that each society counterpart gets a copy of these pages. Encourage the use of the convention poster and clip art for the bulletin boards and church announcements.)

To: LWML Society Presidents

LWML Special Focus Ministries Chairmen

LWML Members

Greetings from the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee!

The national LWML will be hosting a special program for Young Woman Representatives at the national LWML convention June 27-30, 2013, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Kansas District will be able to send two Young Woman Representatives (YWRs). The suggested age is 22 through 35 (as of August 15, 2012). Other information about the application process is listed in the attached guidelines.

Young women are invited to be "Quenched! by the Water" (John 4:14) in Pittsburgh, PA. Please encourage any young woman fitting the guidelines to apply. The application does not have to be distributed only by the zone presidents or Special Focus Ministries members; any LWML member may, and should, encourage a young woman to apply!

The complete application needs to be postmarked no later than December 3, 2012, and should be received by the Special Focus Ministries Committee no later than December 8, 2012. Deadlines will be strictly followed so as to submit the YWR delegate names to the national YWR committee. Please direct any questions and/or applications to:

Joylynn Harlow

223 West Robson Rd

Salina, KS 67401

twoname@hotmail.com

In His Name,

Joylynn Harlow

LWML KS District Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District

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Special Focus Ministries Committee

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR

KANSAS DISTRICT YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE

What is a Young Woman Representative? The YWR (acronym) is a young woman who represents her church, society, zone and district for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); she does not have to be a member of LWML! She will attend the national convention as a special guest and have the opportunity to see how the LWML operates in its missionary service. More importantly, she is mentored on how to develop a strong relationship with God and others through her work in LWML.

Who may apply?

- She must be a mature young woman between the ages of 22-35 (as of August 15, 2012) who is a member of a church of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Kansas District.
- She shall have a deep love and devotion to her Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to participate in all aspects of the YWR program of the LWML.
- She must be able and willing to attend all sessions and YWR activities of the convention. YWRs will be seated in the Kansas Delegation but will not vote.
- She must be able to be away from home and/or work for the convention and the allowed travel time.

What can the YWR expect from the experience?

- She will be given a wonderful convention experience that will be spiritually uplifting, inspiring, fun-filled, entertaining and interesting, with her convention time being spent with planned YWR activities.
- She will be a special guest at the convention, and the District LWML will cover travel, housing and meal package costs.

What can the Kansas District expect of the YWR?

- The YWR will become an active participant in her society, zone and the district.
- The YWR will participate in the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) and the Kansas District LWML Convention the next year.
- The YWR will encourage other young women to become part of the excitement.
- The YWR will provide a written report of the convention experience that will be published in *The Kansas Sonshine* following convention, as well as in the next Kansas District LWML convention manual.

How to apply:

- Complete the attached form (4 pages) and return it to:
Joylynn Harlow, 223 West Robson Rd, Salina, KS 67401
Questions? Contact Joylynn Harlow at 785-452-8198 or twoname@hotmail.com.
- The application must be postmarked no later than December 3, 2012 and received no later than December 8, 2012.
Any late applications will not be considered.
- The Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee will select two Young Woman Representatives to attend the national convention.
- All applicants will be notified by January 15, 2013 of the YWRs chosen.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District

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Special Focus Ministries Committee



YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 27-30, 2013

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____, Kansas Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Birthdate _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Church City _____

LWML Zone _____

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Special Focus Ministries Committee

Please answer the following questions. You may use the back or another sheet if needed.

1. The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
2. What is your knowledge of and level of participation in LWML, if any?
3. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the Kansas District at the national convention?

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Special Focus Ministries Committee

4. What groups/activities have you been active in at church?

5. What do you feel are your gifts and talents?

6. Ask someone who knows you well (perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply) to complete the attached **letter of reference** form (page 6).

7. This application must be postmarked no later than December 3, 2012, and received by the Special Focus Ministries committee chairman no later than December 8, 2012. ***Any late applications will not be considered.*** Please return the application (pages 3, 4, & 5), **AND** the letter of reference (page 6) to:

Joylynn Harlow

223 West Robson Rd

Salina, KS 67401

twoname@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Special Focus Ministries Committee

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

Letter of Reference

Applicant's Name _____

"Why do you feel that this individual would be a good Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the national LWML convention?"

Reference written by:

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Email _____

Local LWML Society President Signature _____

NOTE: Please return this completed letter of reference to the YWR applicant, so she may submit your letter with her application to the Special Focus Ministries committee chairman. The application must be postmarked no later than December 3, 2012, and received no later than December 8, 2012. Any late applications will not be considered.

THANK YOU!

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT STAMPOREE Project

All Proceeds go to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund

Buy and Use Commemorative Stamps

Save all stamps –

(except the Liberty Bell – Forever Stamp).

NO:



Please save Foreign Stamps, Pre-Sort Stamps and Bulk Rate Mail Stamps, too!

Place stamps on envelope in the upper right hand corner allowing 1/4 inch space on each edge (leave 1/4 inch on all sides of stamp).

Use Commemorative High Value stamps to mail packages and ask recipient to save stamps for you. (Don't let the post office use metered stamp.)

Trim stamps from the envelopes, and leave at least 1/4 inch around stamp. DO NOT SOAK STAMPS OFF ENVELOPES! Damaged stamps are those that are torn or the perforations have been destroyed. If in doubt, send them to the stamp chairman to be assessed.

Rough sort the stamps by Cent Values (39 cents, 44 cents, etc.), and sort into these categories:

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| ~ Air Mail | ~ Non-Profit (Bulk Mail Presort) |
| ~ Christmas | ~ Double Plus (more than one stamp) |
| ~ Love | ~ Foreign (no backing) |
| ~ Forever | ~ Foreign (with backing) |
| ~ Uncanceled | ~ US Stamps (no backing) |



Stamps can be brought to any LWML Kansas District Event as we have found a way to get them to the Texas District without having to spend postage to mail them.

If you have questions, please contact LWML Kansas District Vice President of Caring Service, Gloria Raab at caringservice.gloria@kansaslwml.org or 316-685-5628.

Attention LWML
Society Presidents:
Please make copies of
this newsletter and
distribute them to the
interested people in your society
and congregation.
Thank You!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LWML Kansas District
1315 E. 6th Ave.
Apt. 209
Winfield, KS 67156

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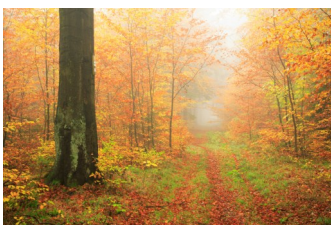


Have you viewed the new Christian Life Committee feature on the website? They are now doing book reviews. The current selection reviewed is **"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"**, by **Joanna Weaver**. Check it out, or better yet, read the book!



Kansas LWML is on Facebook! Be sure to "like" our page! And you can follow the national LWML on their Facebook page too! Join today!

LWML Kansas District
Mission Statement:
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the LWML Kansas District will nurture, motivate, and prepare LCMS women to serve the Lord with gladness.



MAILING REQUEST

Please help the Communication Committee and Distribution Manager to reduce and possibly even eliminate the hard-copy distribution list by locating one person in your society or congregation who has access to the on-line version of *The Kansas Sonshine*, and who would be willing to print off one copy of the newsletter to then make copies to distribute to all society members.

This would lessen the expenses on the district for postage of mailing hard copies to societies and individuals, and the money for this expense could be put toward mites instead. You can print the on-line color version in gray-scale using your printer settings, or you can print the black and white version, both available on the website.

We hope that one person in your society could be responsible to see that each LWML member gets a printed copy of *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter if they are not able to read it online. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Shelly Keller, Editor