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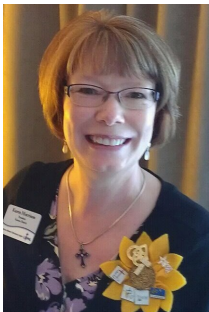
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE KANSAS DISTRICT

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*



Quenched! by the Water

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

As I sit here this morning, only the second day since my return from the Pittsburgh – Wow, convention experience, I'm not sure where to begin or which part to share with you. Everything was amazing, emotional, awe-inspiring, humbling, and motivating, all at the same time.

Quenched!

by the water of storms that took so many of us on unplanned travel adventures, in order to arrive in Pittsburgh.

by the water of the fountain that the District Presidents helped to fill on Thursday evening prior to worship.

by the water of rain which fell gently down as the Board of Directors stood on the convention center terrace for the Thursday morning prayer service.

by the water of the waterfall feature that led from the convention center down to the Allegheny River, running just behind the convention center and was our backdrop all weekend long.

Quenched!

by the worship on Thursday evening when 3,000 plus shared in the Lord's Supper and were literally "lifted-up" by Proclaimer Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor (can I hear an Amen! from those of you present).

by the worship on Sunday morning when Rev. Dr. Victor Belton took us on an emotional rollercoaster ride from the depth of sorrow and pain to the height of joy in our Savior who bought us with water and blood.

Quenched!

by the Word in two Bible studies led by Donna Pyle, a woman from Texas whose heart and spirit are even bigger than her Texas hair. She challenged us to allow Jesus' living water (fresh, clean, and pure) to fill us to overflowing and in turn to be "the biggest hose on the planet", gushing out to everyone.

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Quenched!

by the willing workers, the Mites in Action speakers:

Rev. Will and Patricia Main, from our very own Lawrence, KS, who were dressed in their full Native American regalia and earnestly showed the passion they have for their mission calling.

Maggie Karner, LCMS Director of Life and Health Ministries, who reminded us that it is not our work but God’s work. Our Job – Be Still, Stand Back, Get Out of the Way, and Let HIM do His Work.

Dr. John Nunes, who thanked LWML for their continual support of Lutheran World Relief, and reminded us that the quilts we so lovingly spend time on DO make a difference in the lives that they touch, sometimes even between life and death.

Quenched!

by the work of the 581 voting delegates:

who adopted the new LWML Mite Goal of \$1,830,000.

who selected 18 new Mission Grant projects for us to support during the 2013 – 2015 biennium.

who elected new Officers to serve on the LWML Executive Committee and on the next biennium’s Nominating Committee.

who smiled, laughed and even cried together throughout the convention, but took their role as district representative seriously and are ready to bring reports back to all of you.

Quenched!

by the walk (not the one back and forth between the hotel and convention center), but the walk with the Kansas District Banner and our two enthusiastic Young Women Representatives. It was a wonderful moment to hold that banner high, representing the women of our great state.

Quenched!

by the willing service of the volunteers in the six districts who hosted us in Pittsburgh, every face was always smiling and ready to help in any way possible.

Quenched!

by the woman who leads us, President Kay Kreklau, who is a woman filled to overflowing with Christ’s grace and mercy. It is a pleasure to serve with her in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. She continues to tell us to “Focus on Missions, not on Meetings”.

Well, for a woman who didn’t know what to say, I sure covered a lot, didn’t I. It was a wonderful convention journey, and I wish each and every one of you could have shared it alongside me. The next convention will be much closer to home – Des Moines, Iowa – June 25 to 28, 2015. Make a BIG note, put it on your refrigerator, your bathroom mirror, in your car, wherever you will see it often. My goal is to have the largest attendance in Kansas history at the 2015 LWML Convention!

Blessings, dear sisters and brothers, now that you have been “Quenched” by Jesus’ living water you are a Carefree, Refreshed, Child of God!

Karen



“Quenched by the Water”

The Kansas District banner is our visual interpretation of the John 4:14 verse. The hearts represent the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and their love that we are surrounded with daily. The Cross is in the shape of water droplets that represent the water Jesus speaks about in this verse. The spray of water coming from the center of the cross represents the “spring of water welling up to eternal life” that we receive through Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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Editor’s note: the banner was designed by President Karen Morrison of Wichita (pictured on left with banner), and was constructed by Jan Schemm of Emporia.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR GAYLEN BUROW



"My help comes from the Lord..." Psalm 121

Many ask about Linda's and my experience serving Juneau, AK, in partnership with Faith Lutheran. Praise and thanksgivings abound to our Father in Heaven and for our prayer partners in the LWML. Psalm 121: 1, 7 - 8 "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth." "The Lord will keep you from all evil, he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

Faith Lutheran had been struggling since the sudden departure last July of their pastor and family of three years. Still fresh in their memory was the closure of their school. The burden was increased with the failure of their oil furnace leaving a black film of soot over everything. As you know, the Lord, our God, is not known to waste painful experiences. He is ready to lift our downcast eyes to seek his healing and a new vision. First clean the soot and all the pronounced spider webs out of every corner. Then welcome the fifth visiting pastor and his spouse at the Juneau International Airport. Preparations for Lent, probing insurance coverage, a professional clean and paint contracts were co-mingled with prayers and discussions.

"Tour of Jerusalem," a Creative Communications drama, drew the congregation and its guests into one scene after another within the Holy City as if we were there on a modern day tour. A drama major prepped a cast of nine in the library prior to the worship and again we prayed. This impromptu revisiting of our Lord's passion grabbed our hearts and spirits in a way that left us amazed at his unrelenting goodness and grace both then and now. Linda was able to engage a trumpeter, flautist, chimes and voice choirs for our Lenten walk and Easter celebrations. Youth and young adults were drawn out to lead the Good Friday's Tenebrae service of shadows and darkness. Juneau's gray skies and dim light often conceal the snow capped mountains that encase this region. But when the sun comes out the glorious beauty of God's creation overwhelms one's ability to see it all even as our Lord's resurrection and resurrection living challenge us to separate the demarcation between the mountaintops and the heavens.

Even though Juneau is isolated just like the surrounding islands and areas of southeast Alaska, which can be reached only on the marine highway or through the air, their 30,000 people are connected by a culture of music and the arts. We were privileged to sing "Ode to Joy" with Juneau's symphony, enjoy a week-long folk festival and a weekend of the high school music jamboree composed of hundreds of talented musicians and vocalists from all over southeast Alaska.

I bear greetings from LIM Pastor Dave, and Lutheran Indigenous Ministries Volunteer Coordinator, Rosemary Sternbeck, and your LWML Alaskan sisters in Christ. God willing, we will return to Juneau for four months after the Kansas 2014 LWML convention. We look forward to engaging in the VBS of Faith Lutheran and to co-host VBS teams from the lower 48 traveling to and from various locations in Alaska. I will follow up on plans to train the Pastors of the NW District of the Alaska circuit in the use of Prepare/Enrich, a pre-marriage and marriage enriching assessment. After 30 years of training the Wyandotte County pastors and lay leaders, we have seen the divorce rate plummet in K.C., Kansas by 74%. Linda and I also hope to participate in a retreat with our Alaska LWML sisters in Christ. Please note that the parsonage has two guest bed rooms. The impact of your prayers were felt daily! Thank you.

A fellow sinner/saint/servant in our Lord Jesus,

Gaylen Burow, LWML Kansas District Senior Pastoral Advisor



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Did you know...

- ◆ *the first LWML Kansas District newsletter was published in 1944.*
- ◆ *the first Lutheran Family Retreat was held in 1966.*
- ◆ *the first district Lutheran World Relief pick-up began in 1984.*

Summer is here in the great state of Kansas. The GO (Gospel Outreach) Committee met in June to look at the Mission Project Proposal Applications, God's Gracious Gift Fund Applications, Financial Aid, Day of Prayer recipients, and Mission Walk recipients for our next district convention. We will bring our choices to the Board of Directors at KAOL in August. The results will be published in the Winter Sonshine for your consideration at convention in Wichita in March of 2014.

Have a safe Summer!

Karen Eskew, Chairman of the GO Committee

KAOL Ingathering

At the 2013 KAOL in August, personal care items will be collected, which will be used in kits for distribution at homeless shelters. The Caring Service Committee is planning to assemble these kits from what is collected during one of the servant events at the District Convention in Wichita in March 2014. It is always exciting and amazing to see how much is collected at our LWML ingatherings. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Laura Hunter, Caring Service Committee Chairman

Ingathering items needed:

Travel-sized or hotel-sized:

Shampoos	Small combs
Conditioners	Hand lotions
Deodorants	Bath soaps
Toothpastes	Nail clippers
Toothbrushes	Nail files
Pocket-sized tissues	



Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) 2013
Friday, August 23—Saturday, August 24
Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Wichita

If you are serving the LWML as a member of the District Executive Committee or a District Committee member or a Zone President or a Zone committee chairman or a Society President, then the leadership training at the 2013 KAOL is for you! The invitation letter and registration form have been mailed to all of you, so please read the information carefully. Remember to bring your Bible, a 3-ring 1" binder, your favorite teacup, your ingathering items, and mites for the Mite challenge. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation also. Mark your calendar and plan to attend as we serve the Lord together.

FINANCIAL NEWS

As of May 31, 2013, the total of mites contributed to the LWML Kansas District totaled **\$78,632.27**. This puts us a little behind the pace needed to reach our goal of \$140,000 for the 2012-2014 biennium - - we should have been at \$81,666 by the end of May. I realize many societies do not meet during the summer months, but I encourage you all to be faithful in feeding your mite boxes and perhaps even ask your congregations to give mites one Sunday a month during the summer.

Thank you for your contributions to the Day of Prayer Offering for the Guinea Task Force! The cutoff for contributions was June 30; any contributions that come in after that date will go towards next year's Day of Prayer recipient, to be voted on by the Board of Directors in August.

Does your zone collect mites at the fall and spring events? About half of our Kansas District zones do, and that provides a welcome "boost" to our mite total.

I enjoy watching those mites arrive daily in my mail box! Hmmm, that's making me crave some M&Ms . . .

In His service, Kerri Lynne

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REMINDER TO ALL SOCIETIES:
 please remember to pay for your
 Quarterly subscriptions!

In Memoriam...



"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Dana Joy Muleski

(February 6, 1961 - May 14, 2013)

Dana Joy Muleski, 52, of Bremen, died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at Community Memorial Healthcare in Marysville.

Visitation was Sunday, May 19, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., at Kinsley Mortuary, Marysville.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Monday, May 20, at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg), Bremen. Rev. Jack Kirk officiated.

Kathy Pralle played the organ while the congregation sang "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace", "What a Friend We Have In Jesus", and "Amazing Grace".

The pallbearers were Gene Stohs, Andrew Myers, Brian Kruse, Kent Duensing, Curtis Richardson and Wayne Luedders.

Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Dana was born February 6, 1961, at Marysville, daughter of Eldor I. and Velma F. (Lohse) Duensing. On February 19, 1961, she was baptized and in 1975 confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from Marysville High School in 1979. In 1984, she graduated from Concordia College, Seward, NE. After graduation she taught high school religion and English at Cleveland Lutheran High School, Cleveland, OH.

On July 20, 1985, she married Steven B. Muleski at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bremen. They moved to Yorktown, VA, where she taught English to Japanese Executives and in Groton, CT, she was a technical writer for the supervisor of ship building. After returning to Kansas in 2003, Dana worked as an abstract writer at Marshall County Abstract with her best friend, Patty Holle.

Dana was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women Missionary League where she served as zone president. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Steven; parents, Eldor and Velma Duensing, Bremen; sons, Stanley Muleski, Greenleaf, KS, Bradley Muleski, Pittsburg, KS, and Mark Muleski, Lawrence, KS; brother, Don Duensing, Hoffman, IL; and sister, Shelly Myers, Topeka, KS.

A memorial fund has been established. Contributions may be sent in care of Kinsley Mortuary, Marysville.

(Submitted by Lynnette Scheele, Linn Zone)

2013 Lutheran Family Retreat



August 2, 3, & 4
Camp Webster
Salina, Kansas



The purpose of this family retreat is to provide families a period of relaxation and inspiration away from the daily routine, amid an atmosphere of Christian fellowship, and to promote a greater love for and appreciation of the Christian family.

Come and join other Christian families for a weekend of relaxation, worship, and lots and lots of fun and good food! Retreat fees are \$80.00/person age 4 and older, and \$15.00/person age 3 and under. A deposit of \$15.00 is required for each person age 4 and older by July 20. You can register and get additional information on-line at www.lutheranfamilyretreat.org or get a brochure from your LLL or LWML representative. Sponsors for this event are the Kansas District LCMS, Kansas Lutheran Layman's League, and the LWML Kansas District. This event is a wonderful summer getaway for all families!

BY FAITH

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 1:1

When was the last time you read Hebrews 11? Check it out to see an amazing HIS-story. Did you notice that spelling, HIS-story? (That word was part of a Mustard Seed Devotion I recently read.) The history of our faith is definitely HIS-story. When we read God's word or tell someone of Him we are sharing HIS-story. We can share the wonderful things God has done for us through Jesus Christ our Savior and the Faith He has given to each of us. If you need a little reminder of those who have gone before us.....read Hebrews 11. What an amazing God we have!!

Christian Life Committee

- * Preparations continue for the Christian Life Retreat, Nov 1-2, 2013. Deb Burma will be leading the weekend under the theme of "A Chocolate Life". Hope to see many of you in Wichita. Details are included in this issue of the Sonshine.
- * Last fall at KAOL each Zone was given a copy of the "Your Strong Suit" Bible Study/DVD by Donna Pyle. Have you had a chance to use it? We'd love to hear from any of you who have and would also encourage you to check it out if you haven't. Please send comments or questions to me at christianlife.debbie@kansaslwml.org.
- * If you are interested in more bible study/devotion opportunities from Donna Pyle, she has a facebook page and a blog - <http://www.hydratedliving.com>.
- * From the National Christian Life Committee.....

Every Picture Can Tell God's Story — Winsome Witnessing of Jesus Using Photographs is now available by ordering from the LWML store or by downloading from the online LWML store. This study was written by Diane Grebing who is currently serving as Christian Life Vice President of the Southern Illinois LWML District. Unique to this study is the use of the participants own photographs to assemble a "Witness Album" as they proceed through the six "Snapshots" (chapters) of the study. It comes as a Study Guide and Leaders' Guide. The Leader's Guide includes "Double Exposure" with leader helps and Bible study answers, and "Enlargements" which includes one and two-day retreat/event schedules and ideas. It is suitable for women of all ages and would be great as an intergenerational event or with youth groups. See it on www.lwml.org/resources/bible-studies.

Find Christian Life on the Website!

<http://kansaslwml.homestead.com> Click on the Christian Life Shield to look for resources.

<http://www.lwml.org> Click on "Resources" tab for Bible studies and Mustard Seed Devotions and on "Events" tab, then "Resources for Your Events" or "Prayer Service."

Submitted by Debbie Lehman, VP of Christian Life



Pittsburgh convention photos

Ann Harms (Wichita Zone YWR), President Karen,
Tiffany Harkins (KC CrossRoads Zone YWR)

National LWML
President
Kay Kreklau



President Karen with the Kansas Zone delegates

LWML Kansas District Zone President Roster

(Elected and/or Re-elected at 2013 Spring Rallies)

Great Bend Zone: Lisa Brack

Herington Zone: Marilyn Riemer

Hutchinson Zone: Mary Schmidt

KC CrossRoads Zone: Tiffany Harkins

Lincoln Zone: Beverly Wiese

Linn Zone: Lynnette Scheele (interim)

Manhattan Zone: Judy Kolterman

Northeast Zone: Kathy Heiniger

Northwest Zone: Janice Cundiff

Southeast Zone: Kathy McGowen

Southwest Zone: Bernie Reetz

Topeka Zone: Cathi Temple

Wichita Zone: Betty Amey

As I look out my window this beautiful June day, all I can see is GREEN! We give thanks for today with the high temperature in the low 70's and that we have been so very blessed with spring rains. No, we are not out of the drought yet, but we are thankful for every drop of precipitation we have received. Our prayers continue for those affected by storms or continued drought.

The Executive Committee met last weekend to finalize plans for the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) on August 23-24 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita and to continue planning for the 2014 Kansas District Convention. Pastor Duncan led us in Bible study which included one of my favorite verses, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." (*Deuteronomy 8:10 KJV*)

The **Communication Committee** is here to serve you. Thank you for your prompt payment for the *Quarterly* subscriptions and the website fee; please contact us if you have questions about either. We are planning a session for all society presidents as a part of the KAOL in August. Please send any society news to the editor of the *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter; your story may be a new idea for another society's project. Watch for the LWML display at events this fall, visit the LWML store at the Christian Life Retreat in November, or go to our website or *Facebook* page to increase involvement of your members.

The *Leadership Guidelines* are available on the Kansas District website, and can serve as a guide for updating the zone and society bylaws. The **Structure Committee** looks forward to receiving, reviewing and approving the updates to your zone and society bylaws. **Please contact them if you have questions!**

If there is ANYTHING the Communication or Structure Committees can do to help you, please contact us—we are just one click away through the contact list on the website. **We are here to serve you!**



Lutheran World Relief

The 2013 LWR pick-up schedule is as follows (9 a.m. to noon each day):

Tuesday, October 8 – St. Andrews, Wichita

Wednesday, October 9 – Trinity, Hays

Thursday, October 10 – Trinity, Salina

Friday, October 11 – Christ, Topeka

⇒ Remember that **ALL** kits and layettes are to be assembled using the new guidelines.

⇒ See the kit and layette guidelines in this issue of the newsletter.

⇒ Also, **quilts** are always needed. Go to www.lwr.org for more information.

School Kits

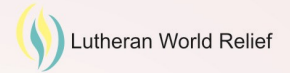


- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college rule paper approximately 8" x 10 ½" **NO SINGLE SHEETS**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- One 2 ½" eraser
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secure together with a rubber band.
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (NO standard backpacks).
Recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas denim and twill.

Remove all excess packaging, pack all items in a bag and close.

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Baby Care Kits



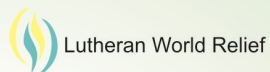
- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarns, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars(4 to 5oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Packing: Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Tips: Varying the sizes (up to 24 months) in the clothing items will make the kit more useful as the baby grows.

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Personal Care Kits



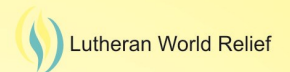
- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap (any brand, in original wrapping)
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

Packing: Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn

DO NOT ADD OTHER ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED

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Fabric Kits



- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
 - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
or
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
or
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- 2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

Packing: Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or strip of fabric.

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ZONE SPRING RALLY REPORTS

Northeast Zone—submitted by LaJean Rinker:

What an uplifting experience I had in Wathena with 42 LWML sisters and 3 pastors from the NE Zone. The afternoon began at 2 p.m with an opening devotion by Pastor VanVelzer who used the Adoration and Confession sections of the "Joyful, Joyful" devotion. This was followed by a message from Pamela Sonnenmoser entitled "What's in Your Cup?" based on the Samaritan woman at the well. She spoke about the "dirt" we have in our cups which "spill over" into the cups of people with whom we come into contact and how this influences their (and our) behavior. However, if we drink from the "living water" the dirt is removed from our cup and we can have a powerful witness on these individuals as we "spill" this water into their cups as well.

During the business meeting, we heard reports from each member of their Bd. of Directors as well as each society president who was present. They elected Kathy Heiniger from Fairview as their new president and Jill Lowe from Atchison as their new secretary. The ladies of the NE Zone are excited about hosting the 2016 convention in Manhattan with Jill as the Convention Chair.

Pastor Jones led the closing devotion which was the Thanksgiving and Supplication sections of the "Joyful, Joyful" devotion. The ladies of Christ, Wathena, served a delicious salad supper during which I had an opportunity to visit with several LWML sisters. Two ladies from the NE Zone will be attending the Pittsburgh convention along with Jill Lowe and her daughters. The ladies voted to send a donation to each of the Convention offerings along with Jill. Several societies will also be making the kits that can be taken to the convention.

Hutchinson Zone—submitted by Brenda Piester:

Mary Schmidt, Zone President, and Sandy Bachofen, Grace LWML President, welcomed the 46 members, 3 Pastors and 2 guests to Grace Lutheran Church, McPherson. Pastor Dale Dumpreth from McPherson led the Opening Devotions. Our beloved M & M's gave facts about LWML and announced that the national goal for mites in the 2011-2013 biennium has been reached. In celebration, they distributed gift bags to each Wonderful Witnessing Woman in attendance. Sarah Muehler, member of Grace, was the mission speaker telling about the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society and the involvement she and her husband have in Haiti with that organization.

Brenda Piester gave the District report. The Zone Delegate to the Pittsburgh Convention was introduced. Jo Wiebe, Haven, thanked the members for the opportunity to attend and asked for input into voting for officers or for selecting mission projects. President Mary opened the business meeting. Minutes were read by secretary Brenda Asher, and the Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis VonFange. Committee reports were given by Linda Stanton, Sandy Bachofen, Becky Moddelmog, and Elise Cleary. Mary Schmidt and Phyllis VonFange were re-elected to their respective positions.

Following a delicious plated luncheon, Barb Geuy led the group in singing songs about April and rain. Sarah Muehler continued the very informative and interesting presentation about Haiti. She was assisted by Heather Meyer who shared about how she and her husband, Rev. Seth Meyer, Canton, are also involved with Hope4Haiti. The Installation of Officers and the Closing Devotions were led by Pastor Russell Bonine, St. Paul's, Haven. An ingathering was held for Mt. Hope Sanctuary, Inc. Members brought their stamps for Lutheran World Relief, and sent those with Brenda Piester. The Fall Workshop will be held October 19 at St. John Lutheran Church, Moundridge.

Topeka Zone—submitted by Sherri Rose:

On April 13, 2013, the Topeka Zone LWML met at Redeemer, Lawrence with an attendance of 77 ladies and 6 visitors and pastors. Kirsten Oswald spoke to us about what it's like to be a missionary kid, spending 9 years of her childhood in Taiwan. Then her father, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Oswald spoke to us about the missionary work he was part of in Taiwan, as well as the future mission possibilities in Taiwan, Indonesia and Cambodia. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 Our ingathering items were for The Willow Domestic Violence Center, Lawrence. After a wonderful lunch provided by the Redeemer ladies, all who were interested met Pastor Will & Patricia Main at Haskell LIGHT house in Lawrence. Pastor Will presented the plans for the new LIGHT house building; several students gave us a tour of the Haskell Indian Nations University campus and shared their faith and life walk as students at Haskell. We were also treated to traditional fry bread made by students. It was a wonderful end to a great Spring Rally!



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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.*

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!



Lutheran Women in Mission

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.

Shelly Keller, Editor