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## The President's Podium

**Karen Morrison**

**20th LWML Kansas District President**

### "New Beginnings"

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

The new year always brings expectations of change. Change in habits. Change in attitude. Change in lifestyle. Change in exercise. Change in diet. And usually, an expectation to change our time spent with God in word and in prayer. The first dictionary definition of change is: to make the form, nature, content, future course, of (something) different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone.

That is the type of change we anticipate at the beginning of a new year. We want to "change" a current behavior and turn it into a new behavior. But change takes time, patience and a lot of practice, not to mention stick-to-it-ness. My biggest problem with trying to change a habit into something more productive is staying the course. I might be really good for the first couple of months then . . . I get sidetracked and "Poof!" – resolve gone.

But this year, I plan to follow this plan. Like the old saying "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again!" It's very true. If you find that you have slipped off your new change track, stop. Remind yourself about the "Why" for making the change. Then forgive yourself for slipping. And I mean really forgive, The Forgive and Forget kind. Then Begin Again.

Another way to ensure that you stay the course is to get a buddy. Remember elementary school field trips? We always had to have a buddy. Well, you know what, that was a really good idea and it still is. So, confide in your favorite friend, tell her what you really want to change in your life this year, and have her help you keep accountable. And don't forget to lean on our highest power, Our Father and Creator. Our God, who gave us the words, "I can do all things through him who gives me strength." He wants to see you succeed even more than you want to succeed. So take it all to him each and every day.

Blessings on your personal new year "change" journey, whatever it may be. I'll let you know if this is the year that I do actually stay the course and forge a new positive change for my own life.

**Karen**



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR GAYLEN BUROW



## "The Hand-off"

Our high school's quarter mile relay team was fantastic. Even more so since there were only 64 students spread out over four grades. As fast as our guys were, the execution of smooth and efficient hand-offs was inspiring for those of us who were positioned around the track to cheer them on!

Amazing how a few hundred first century Christians managed to saturate the known world with the message of Christ. They had no cell phones, no talk shows, no skype. They did it without tracts or television, without pipe organs or praise teams.

What was Jesus' plan for reaching the world with the awesomeness of God's love and forgiveness? He chose disciples and poured his life into them. The Apostle Paul did likewise in instructing Timothy with all he knew. Timothy took the message and passed it along to reliable men and women who in turn passed it on and on and on.

Dear Father, Help me to be that reliable friend who is willing to daily learn from you and then to share what I have learned with others. Amen.

A fellow servant and brother in Christ, Pastor Burow

*"My child, find your source of strength in the kindness of Christ Jesus. You've heard my message, and it's been confirmed by many witnesses. Entrust this message to individuals who will be competent to teach others." II Timothy 2:1ff*



According to Wikipedia, the earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in A.D. 361.



## GOSPEL OUTREACH NEWS

Happy New Year from Gospel Outreach, known as the GO Committee!

Please remember that we will be needing applications for Mission Projects and God's Gracious Gift Fund grants for the 2014-2016 biennium. The applications are on the Kansas District website. The applications are due June 1, 2013. If you have a project in mind, please submit an application.

Each month, the LWML website features a Mission Project prayer. There is also a devotion and a fact sheet on the national projects. Check out the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Also, the Kansas District website includes information, pictures and a prayer about the Kansas projects.

We will be paying the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Financial Aid soon. Please remember the students in your prayers.

**Karen Eskew, GO Committee Chairman**



**Save the Date!**

**The LWML— KS District Christian Life Committee announces the 2013 Christian Life Retreat.**

**Our speaker for the event will be Deb Burma.**

**Join us for a rich and satisfying chocolate retreat based on Ephesians 1:7-8.**

**November 1 & 2, 2013**

**Double Tree Inn (formerly Airport Hilton)**

**Wichita, KS**

# COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

By Brenda Piester, VP of Communication



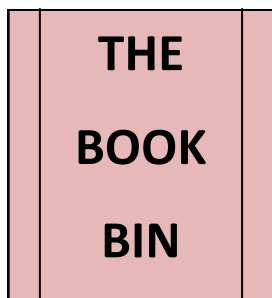
**Ad astra per aspera.** This Latin phrase is familiar to many Kansans and may be quoted this month as we celebrate our state's 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday. With all of Kansas experiencing Severe, Extreme or Exceptional drought, the meaning of the motto of Kansas hits pretty close to home, "To the stars through difficulties."

St. Paul preaches patience in suffering: "Be patient, then brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. – As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered." *James 5:7-8, 11a.* "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." *Matthew 6:34.*

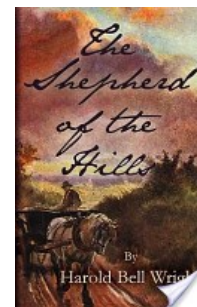
But what does all of that have to do with LWML? The **Communication Committee** is here to serve you—to make your tasks easier and more fulfilling as an LWML leader and member. Are you worried about the details? Let us help you find solutions. Are you concerned about your society or zone? Let us help you explore new ideas. *The Kansas Sonshine* newsletter gives important dates, inspiration, ideas and messages from President Karen, our Pastoral Counselors, the Vice Presidents and many more. *The Quarterly* manager assists societies in making payments and updating subscription information. Our LWML display, store, website and Facebook page each exist to give you interesting ideas, information, motivation, and support to promote LWML and increase engagement 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 to fulfill your roles in your zones or societies, please contact us—we are just one click away through the contact list on the website. **We are here to serve you!**



***"The Shepherd of the Hills"***  
Book review by Fonda Lawrence  
Christian Life committee member



Harold Bell Wright is the author of this most read book of American history – a timeless classic. The setting is in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri in the 1800's and depicts the lives of Ozark pioneers during the time when the vigilante Baldknobber gang tried to take over the region. The story is filled with romance and betrayal, with a message that is as true today as it was back then.

Old Matt's Cabin, the home of the main characters, still stands today outside of Branson, Missouri, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The homestead also features a 1,500 seat amphitheater where "The Shepherd of the Hills" story is performed by 90 actors and actresses. It was also made into a movie four separate times; one of the most popular was in 1941, starring John Wayne.

This book is a very heartwarming story. Enjoy!

("The Shepherd of the Hills" book can be checked out at your local library or purchased at book stores.)

Holy Cross Women's Retreat 2013



*Friendship Tea Party –  
Sharing Christ*

*“So when they met together, they asked Him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’” Acts 1:6-8*

*Steve and Nancy Cohen*

Apple of His Eye Mission Society, *featured speakers*

*January 19, 2013*

8:30 am—2:30 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
600 N. Greenwich, Wichita 316.684.5201

Cost (lunch included) is \$15 —  
please reserve by Monday, January 14

*I would love to come!* Number of people \_\_\_\_

Name(s) for nametags:

Check  Cash

Please send/take your reservation form and money to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Attn: LWML Retreat, 600 N. Greenwich, Wichita KS 67206 by January 14 so adequate preparations may be made.



This women's retreat will be a ladies event focusing on strategic missions, personal evangelism, and building community. There will also be presentations on various types of tea by Chelmsford Tea and Gifts, and on quilts by ladies from the Prairie Quilt Guild. Mark your calendars now, wear a vintage or modern hat if you would like, and enjoy a delightful day of tea, food, fun and fellowship!

**Deadline is**

**January 14 !**

The Special Focus Ministries committee says...

**Happy New Year!** Many of you probably set some new year's resolutions to work on in 2013, perhaps in relation to weight loss, pursuing new hobbies, financial planning or keeping in touch with old friends more consistently. Do you have any spiritual goals for the new year? We are actually a month into the new church year and it was easy to be excited and focused on scripture and spiritual growth during the season of special Advent and Christmas services. But what now? Will you stay in the Word through Bible study all year long or will you only read/hear scripture on Sunday mornings? Do your LWML society's goals include finding ways to include new ladies in your activities and mission projects or will you just continue with old routines?

If you desire to branch out to reach more women, the national LWML website can help. In the ministries tab you can find multicultural resources from the Heart-to-Heart Sisters. Also, there are great devotions and articles for teens that can be used whether or not you have a Teen LWML (Friends Into Serving Him) group organized. You can help the teen girls at your church get excited about mite giving by sharing the monthly teen mite calendars. Finally, there are Bible studies, devotions and newsletters specifically designed for young women aged 21-35. If you reach out to this group, they can then be a resource for your group in return, with their fresh ideas and contributions! We look forward to hearing from a couple of our young women in the district after they return from the upcoming national convention in Pittsburgh in June.

by Tiffany Harkins, SFM committee member

## LWML ladies make quilts for the homeless

A number of homeless families and individuals were the recipients of warm quilts, courtesy of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. "I think about it on a really cold night, hoping that the blanket that I helped make is keeping someone from freezing to death," said Loleta True, member of Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee. "Because there's just so much you can do, and that's my small little gift to the homeless." She was one of more than 30 members participating in an LWML event to make 40 quilts for area homeless people. The event drew participants from 15 area Lutheran churches to Hope Lutheran, where members worked together in teams to make the quilts. LWML members frequently get together to make quilts or take part in other service projects. But members from the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone, which includes Lutheran churches from Paola to Leavenworth, have been meeting as a group about once a year since 2008. This is only the second year, however, they have been working with Marcia Merrick, area homeless advocate and founder of Reaching Out Inc. based in KC, MO, to make and donate quilts to area homeless.

"One of the reasons that we're doing this for her is that I think people in the Kansas City area are more prone to donate to other areas and other countries," said Ella Schempp, a league leader at Hope Lutheran. "And we overlook the homeless people right next door to us." At the Saturday morning event, members enjoyed coffee, a little breakfast and good conversation while they combined the premade quilt bottoms and patchwork tops over soft batting material in a simple process known as tying. "Oh yeah, this is always fun," said Jane Drugg, member of First Lutheran in Paola, while she worked. "I don't think we ever shut up. It's for the fellowship, too, I think." Susan Wagner, member of Hope Lutheran, said the first zone event in 2008 was originally organized as a one-time deal, but "it was just so much fun; that's all anyone could talk about, is when are we going to do this again?"

The quilts were distributed to Merrick October 27 during an LWML event at Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park.



Members of the LWML make a quilt to donate to the homeless. Pictured are, left to right, Jane Drugg, Cindy Forsberg, Roena Iiams and June Wilson.

Article information and photo courtesy of Shawnee Dispatch news; submitted by Ella Schempp and Tammy Songer.

### ~Caleb's LWR donation~

12 year old Caleb Schempp (grandson of Ella Schempp) started mowing lawns this past summer and had projected out that he would make approximately \$300. His mom told him he should donate 10% of that income to a charity of his choice. In August, the LWML of Hope Lutheran was busy collecting school supplies for the LWR school kits. The summer had been very dry and Caleb did not make his projected \$300 but he gave \$30 to Hope's LWML to use for additional supplies or shipping. They actually completed 170 backpacks this year for LWR. Ella said "I felt this was pretty amazing, even if he is my grandson." Caleb is in the 6th grade at Hope Lutheran School in Shawnee.

Submitted by Ella Schempp



Caleb Schempp

## **Quilt for Pat!**

On September 12th, Pat Bruenger was presented a Comfort Quilt made by the ladies of the LWML of Grace Lutheran Church, Hill City. Pat was diagnosed with Lymphoma. She is doing well with her treatments and attended the September dinner meeting. (Submitted by Bonnie Schweitzer)



(Standing left to right) Deloris Hofstetter, Pat Bruenger, Redonda Patton, Gloria Gobin, Kameo Smith, Lola Summers, Gloria McWilliams, Shirley Winters. (Kneeling) Bonnie Schweitzer and Doris Lovelady. Not pictured is Barb Brandyberry.



## **SERVANT EVENT / INGATHERING OPPORTUNITIES**

by Gloria Raab, VP of Caring Service

Lutheran Women in Mission are gifted in service, and are always looking for ways to reach out to others. Here are two pressing needs for you or your society to consider:

Lutheran World Relief is challenging Lutherans to donate 500,000 quilts in 2013 to send around the world to people in need. If your society is unable to donate quilts, perhaps you can help with shipping. Shipping one quilt costs LWR \$2.25.

Because of the extensive storm damage on the east coast caused by Hurricane Sandy and the many people who have lost homes and possessions, Orphan Grain Train will need to replenish their supply of Mercy Kits. Kits can be shipped to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE or to one of the local warehouses in Kansas.

- ◆ St. John's Lutheran, Herington – contact Ginny Riebhoff at 785-258-3354
- ◆ First Lutheran, Phillipsburg – contact John White at 785-543-5717
- ◆ Grace Lutheran, Larned – call 620-285-2013

Instructions for assembling quilts and Mercy Kits are available under the Caring Service heading of the LWML KS District website.

### **President Karen to attend national Board of Directors meeting**

*On Thursday, Jan. 31, I will travel to St. Louis to attend my first national LWML Board of Directors meeting. District Presidents are invited to sit in on a portion of the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, Jan. 31 beginning at 3 p.m.*

*On Friday, February 1, we will be taken on a tour of the LCMS International Center and Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Then the Board of Directors meeting will run from 4 p.m. Friday afternoon through Worship on Sunday morning, On Sunday afternoon I will travel back home.*

*Please mark your calendars and keep the LWML Executive Committee, LWML Committee Chairmen, and all District Presidents who will be travelling to this meeting in your daily prayers. I look forward to sharing beneficial LWML information that I learn at this meeting.*

*Blessings, Karen Morrison, LWML KS District President*

### **Immanuel Quilters donate to LWR**



Kristie Rock

Over 20 members of Immanuel Lutheran and University Student Center of Lawrence worked on projects for LWR. Many thanks are extended to those who made it possible for Immanuel to send 40 quilts and 25 backpacks full of school supplies, as well as several personal health kits.



Mandy Sponholtz & Morgan



(left to right) Eleanor Woodyard, Velma Jahn, Peggy Brizendine, Lois Llewellyn

## **FINANCIAL NEWS**

The graph showing our progress towards the 2012-2014 biennium's mite goal is having some "technical difficulties" and hopes to make a return for the spring issue of *The Kansas Sonshine*! Your mite contributions are **\$48,695.90** as of 12/31/12 (a little short of where we should be - \$52,500). We will soon be at the halfway point of the biennium!

A special note to societies who have yet to pay for their *Quarterly* subscriptions: **please remember to send me a remittance voucher along with the subscription form.** ALL FUNDS sent to the financial secretary are to be accompanied by a remittance voucher. Thanks for your help on this.

### **REMINDER TO ALL SOCIETIES:**

**please remember to pay  
for your *Quarterly*  
subscriptions!**



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## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – 2012

submitted by Gloria Raab, VP of Caring Service

Lutherans across our wonderful state of Kansas are always very supportive of Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and 2012 was no exception. Trucks stopped at four different locations in October, and picked up 2,637 boxes totaling 52,805 pounds of kits, quilts and soap:

891 boxes at St. Andrews, Wichita  
589 boxes at Trinity, Hays  
492 boxes at Trinity, Salina  
665 boxes at Christ, Topeka

We praise God for the volunteer efforts of Ken and Muriel Greene from Tescott, who have served as LWR Key Leaders in Kansas for 29 years. They arrange for the trucks, set the pick-up dates at each site, and assure that goods arrive at a LWR warehouse in St. Paul, MN. (Kansans have donated 1,709,704 pounds of items to Lutheran World Relief during that time). The Greens travel to each location the day before trucks arrive, and spend the night on the church parking lot in their small motorhome. They look forward to meeting the volunteers at each site who help load the 24-foot trailers and provide a noon lunch to the workers.

While the Greens have had many good experiences in their ministry, such as seeing the various vehicles arrive with quilts and kits (from cars and cattle trailers to U-Hauls and grain trucks), there are some unfortunate memories as well. One year they fashioned a tent (of sorts) out of plastic in an attempt to keep rain off the volunteers—and had roads turn to ice before they returned home. This year a partially loaded trailer pitched forward and down while being loaded, as the truck driver neglected to secure the safety leg. Fortunately there were no serious injuries.

It's now time to start planning for the 2013 LWR collection. Can we fill 2,800 boxes for this mission outreach??



www.lwr.org



Muriel and Ken Greene



Loading the tilted truck

## MISSION QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



**2013 LWR  
pick-up dates!**

Tuesday October 8 – St. Andrews, Wichita  
Wednesday October 9 – Trinity, Hays  
Thursday October 10 – Trinity, Salina  
Friday, October 11 – Christ, Topeka

### THREE EASY STEPS FOR MAKING A MISSION QUILT:

Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" x 84" right side down on the table, followed by a filler measuring 60" x 80", and then another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" x 80", right side up on the top of the filler. Tie the layers together using crochet or similar cord, or machine-quilt them together. Bring the edges of the 64" x 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible. LWR Quilts should measure approximately 60" x 80". Full-size quilts best serve adult recipients and children as they grow older. Please donate only full-size quilts.

### GETTING CREATIVE:

Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric or any type of patchwork pattern of smaller squares. Twelve 21" squares or 48 eleven-inch squares sewn together using a half-inch seam allowance makes a 60" x 80" quilt. Recommended fabrics for Mission Quilts includes cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, fleece and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass). Please ensure that there are no stains or holes before using in a quilt. Use crochet or similar cord for tying. It is easier to thread and pull through than yarn and is more durable. Ties should be no more than 8 to 10 inches apart.

### PACKING TIPS:

Pack completed quilts and kits, like items together. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the box. Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, weight not to exceed 40 pounds. Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.

## ***LWML Kansas District Zone News***

### **SOUTHEAST ZONE**

The Fall Workshop was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parsons, on Saturday, September 15. A total of 21 guests were present. The devotion was given by Pastor Rocco Mallardi and President Linda Runyon introduced Southeast Zone Pastoral Counselor, Mark Wenzelburger from Girard, who presented the Powerpoint video on "The Armor of God", based on Eph. 6:10, which was created by Donna Pyle especially for LWML. As Christians, we need to be robed with the full armor of God to assist us every day, to be ready and prepared with a defense against Satan, who is out there like a roaring lion, ready to tempt us and sway us to follow him rather than our Lord and Savior.

Elaine Engelman challenged the ladies against the pastors to have a lively mite challenge which resulted in a mite collection amount of \$123.14. Elaine Engelman and Debbie Lehman, District Reps, talked about the upcoming Wichita District Convention in 2014, adding there is always room for more volunteers to serve.

Debbie Lehman and Kathy McGowen presented a skit entitled "Outside the Box", even including the use of cell phones and texting to show the changes LWML has seen in the last 60 years, noting that our God and His Word never change. The ladies enjoyed addressing Christmas cards to the current LCMS missionaries, trimming and sorting of stamps and making more placemats for the shut-ins and those in nursing homes.

Pastor Wenzelburger led a brief Litany for the ingathering items for Safe Haven in Parsons, KS and the director, Melissa Brown, joined us for the day and gave a heartfelt thanks and told of her work for that organization. Pastor Mallardi gave the closing devotion and the ladies returned home being fed by the great hostesses of Parsons and by His Word about "The Armor of God."

*By Linda Runyon, Southeast Zone President*

### **HUTCHINSON ZONE**

I started my day early this morning leaving home at 5:30 am to drive to Hutchinson for the Zone Rally. I was thrilled to join the 57 other LWML women and three pastors for a great day. Our Redeemer at Hutchinson was host and 29 of their members were in attendance. Society President Mary Ann Kelly joyfully introduced seven first-timers who were members of a new fourth circle in their church! Pastor Chad Trunkhill led the opening devotion on the battle we face with Satan and emphasized Christ's death and resurrection have already won the battle for us. Pastor Russell Bonine, zone counselor, led a Bible study on Ephesians 6 and recommended the "Your Strong Suit" DVD and workbook for further study by societies.

YWR Jill Kruse reported on her convention experience. (Jill and I were paired as mentor / mentee at the convention and were both happy to see each other.) Jill is also considering applying for YWR to Pittsburgh. Committee Chairman reported to the group including a Caring Service Pumpkin handing out Kit Kats to help us remember the "kits" the LWML puts together for missions. Zone GO Committee chairman Elise Lorenz-Cleary and her cohorts presented a skit, "The I in Mite".

The group enjoyed a delicious salad and sandwich lunch followed by singing "through the Church Year" We sang the first verse of ten songs following the church year, Advent through Pentecost. The business meeting included approval of the new Zone Bylaws with a huge cheer! The M & M's made an appearance, too. It was a beautiful day spent with many Wonderful Witnessing Women!

*By Debbie Lehman, LWML KS District VP of Christian Life*

### **MANHATTAN ZONE**

What a gorgeous day to travel west to Wamego to join 37 LWML sisters and three pastors for the Manhattan Zone Rally. We had an inspiring opening devotion based on Eph. 6: 10 "Put on the full armor of God" by Pastors Mayes followed by an interesting Bible study on Lesson 2 of "Your Strong Suit" led by Pastor Rather. In this study we learned why we need to put on the full armor to defeat Satan and all his wiles along with the world and our own sinful flesh.

Their YWR gave a very informative and entertaining report of her time in Lawrence at the April District convention and commented how she hoped to attend many more conventions! We had a wonderful lunch prepared by the ladies of Mount Calvary in Wamego. You always know you are in rural Kansas when you have a "farmer's" lunch with generous portions and lots of choices! After lunch we made "turkey" favors for the ladies in Wamego, Alma, and Alta Vista to deliver along with "Meals on Wheels" with the Thanksgiving dinner. Our day concluded with a closing devotion led by Pastor Rather.

*By LaJean Rinker, LWML KS District Recording Secretary*



### **LINN ZONE**

The ladies of the Linn Zone met on October 13 at Immanuel, Linn for their Fall Event. The host Pastor Richard Rikli led us in opening devotions followed by the Zone Counselor Pastor Rodney Fritz doing the Bible Study. Servant events for the day included that gathering of food for the Washington, Marshall and Clay county food pantries, cutting and sorting of stamps, eye glasses were brought as well for the Most Eyeglass Clinic. There was a short business meeting along with the Kansas District report given by Kerri Lynne Brown. The event concluded with a salad luncheon. Again we had threatening weather conditions so it was discussed that the 13<sup>th</sup> wasn't one of our luckier days to host (April 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Rally we cancelled due to the threat of bad weather) but we will try it again on April 13, 2013 for our Spring Rally to be hosted by St. John's at Palmer.

*By Lynnette Scheele, Linn Zone President*

### **NORTHEAST ZONE**

The Northeast Zone LWML Fall Workshop was held on September 30 at First Lutheran Church in Sabetha with a total of 35 members and guests present. We were privileged to have as our guests Kansas District President Karen Morrison and her husband, John, wearing his "First Purple" shirt, Pastor Michael VanVelzer, Zone Counselor, and Pastor Quentin Nuttmann from the Northeast Kansas Partnership.

Pastor VanVelzer and Pastor Nuttmann led the Bible Study entitled "Your Strong Suit", the video presentation by Donna Pyle based on Ephesians 6:10-18. Karen Morrison, District President gave a report on the changes and happenings in the Kansas District.

Esther Ideker, Kansas District Historian brought a very nice display featuring past conventions. She also had a display about Marcella Hanke, a past zone president. After the meeting there was a light lunch served by First Lutheran LWML and a time of fellowship.

*By Carole Feek, Northeast Zone President*

### **LINCOLN ZONE**

A group of women of the Lincoln Zone met in Plainville for the Fall Workshop on October 21. Pastor Larry McDermott of First Lutheran, Plainville, opened with devotions. Pastor Matthew Schneider, St. John Lutheran, Lincoln, and the Lincoln Zone counselor, led Bible study about problems facing America today. Following the business meeting, guest speaker, Lanette McClure, spoke and shared a video about Operation Christmas Child. Sophia Schofield spoke about her experience as a Young Woman Representative at the spring convention that was held in Lawrence. The salad supper was held in the church parish hall which was beautifully decorated in fall colors. Thank you to the Plainville LWML for a lovely afternoon.

*By Sophia Schofield, Lincoln Zone YWR from Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove*

### **NORTHWEST ZONE**

Grace Lutheran Church, Hill City, hosted our joint LWML/LLL fall rally on September 29. There were 29 women and 12 men in attendance. Rev. Adam Reichert led us in an opening devotion, followed by Bible study led by Rev. Dave Hutson. Rev. Hutson's closing thought was a reminder that just because we can't see it doesn't mean it isn't happening. He assured us that God answers our prayers in His own way and time; we see for the moment, God sees for eternity.

Kathy Holthus, Zone President, called the meeting to order. Following the business meeting and offering collection, LWML Kansas District president Karen Morrison presented a copy of the DVD, "Your Strong Suit", to the Zone as a gift from District. After a delicious lunch, President Karen gave an excellent and informative report highlighting District and National activities.

The servant events included clothing for Orphan Grain Train, 82 pairs of eye glasses for the Guinea Eye Clinic, and 95 pounds of food for Back Packs for Kids. Door knob hangers were made for two Hill City nursing homes and bandages were rolled for Medical Missions. We praise the Lord for blessing our meeting and with His help, we will keep our eyes on Jesus and the Cross.

*By Kathy Holthus, Northwest Zone President*

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Society Presidents:  
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*“God, our Father, if it is your will, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family in Jesus name, Amen.” I recently received this prayer from a friend—she must have known I needed this! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my LWML sisters for your thoughts, prayers, concerns, facebook messages, notes and cards recently received in regards to my husband’s health issues and also the passing of my mother-in-law Mary. I so appreciate all your kindnesses. ASAP—Always Say A Prayer—it’s comforting to know that Jesus listens to prayers and that you talked to Him for me! Blessings to you all! **Shelly Keller***



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*Lutheran Women in Mission*

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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

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