

Good News

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Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this article for the spring issue of *Good News*, we are in the midst of the Lenten season. I thought about Jesus' hands. His hands:

- ✠ Invite Matthew 11:28-30
- ✠ Heal John 9:6-7
- ✠ Provide Matthew 14:19-20
- ✠ Pray Matthew 26:36-45
- ✠ Protect Matthew 14:30-31
- ✠ Resurrect Matthew 9:23-25



His hands were hands of service. He healed the sick so we could know about compassion.

He held a child so that we would know about kindness. He touched those who were oppressed so that we could know about His love and concern. His hands bore two nails. Those hands were nailed to the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could know about His never-ending love as He gave His life for us. Easter Joy! The power of Jesus resurrection! We know that our Redeemer lives! Because He lives, we know confidence that He goes with us on our journey through each and every situation. Each day we can stand firm in our faith as we strengthened by God's Word. We can walk in His ways, pray and then with joy and gladness, reach out to share that love of Jesus with those around us. It has been very exciting to be able to travel all around our district, meet sisters in Christ at spring zone rallies, various meetings and events, and see and hear about what God is doing through you. God is at work! Our Indiana District. . .

- has presented 12 of the 14 mission grants for the 2010-2012 Biennium – continue to pray for the mission grant recipients
- Executive Committee recommended and Board of Directors voted to give an extra offering of \$5,000 to

support the national LWML mite goal \$1,825,000.00. As of March 29, \$129,742.00 is needed to reach that goal - continue to pray for the mission grant recipients that the Lord would bless the mites being given to accomplish that goal

- BOD had a special ingathering offering for the national LWML mite goal; we also collected vitamins for Groundwork for Guatemala at our March 12 BOD meeting. We thank God for an additional \$804.00 that was sent to national as well as a whole box of vitamins that will go to Guatemala in July
- is sending a woman to Peoria to be trained by LWML as a Heart to Heart Sister. She will be helping to train others in our district to motivate, equip and ensure opportunities for women of diverse ethnic groups to serve the church and witness to the world
- is sending two Young Woman Representatives to the LWML convention in Peoria – Jenny Parkos and Susan Hudson
- is sending 21 delegates, president and pastoral counselor to the LWML convention in Peoria. I pray that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to attend this national convention which is so close to us and that God will bless the ingathering gifts of the heart that we bring
- is scheduled to have a caucus and district photo in Peoria – all women from our district who attend the LWML convention in Peoria need to come to the caucus and district photo session. We will be distributing special “scarfs” that will identify us as the “Indiana District” as we attend convention
- is making a special banner that the president / YWR's will carry in a procession at convention
- is working together as societies, zones and district to serve the Lord with **JOY** and **GLADNESS**.

- I would like to remind each of you and encourage you to attend the following events:

Indiana District Retreat “Tapestry of Love” in Shipshewana, April 29 & 30, 2011

LWML Convention “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge” in Peoria, IL, June 23-26, 2011

Treatshop at Lutherwood (Lutheran Family and Social Services) in Indianapolis August 20, 2011

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in His care as you **CELEBRATE THE JOY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION!**

In His Service,
Margie Wickert
President

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Counselor's Corner

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.



I have had many parishioners over the years ask me why we often sit as we sing the beautiful hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." What they do not realize is that the stance this hymn speaks of is much, much more than simply a physical exercise such as "standing." The women of LWML have reflected their understanding of truly "standing in faith" as glowing witnesses around our nation and throughout the world.

Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.



The many banners that have been carried forth at District and National gatherings have shown our great love for Christ and that our ladies have indeed been ready to take up their cross and follow Christ. The creativity and joy reflected in each banner truly shows the victory in Christ as His loved children.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead



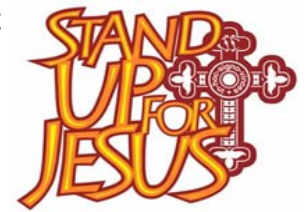
What an amazing victory we celebrate whenever the women of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod gather in Jesus' name. In the midst of all the disasters our world has faced in New Orleans, in Haiti, in Japan... and so many other places, we may not exactly feel like conquerors of the world in our emotions, but in our faith we follow Christ providing hope and witnessing to people everywhere.

Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.



So ladies, it is my honor to stand side-by-side with you as we battle the forces of the world and show everyone who has eyes to see that God's kingdom is indeed about standing firm in the faith. May our prayers continue at all times knowing that Christ will lead us in victory. Amen.

With God's love,
Pastor Geisler
Pastoral Counselor



Indiana District Mission Statement

The mission of the LWML Indiana District is to assist each woman of the Indiana District LWML in strengthening her relationship with the triune God so she is enabled to use her gifts in mission and service to the people of the world.



Ruth and Naomi Took a Stand

In the Book of Ruth, we find many wonderful examples of standing firm in the faith and showing God's love and care for others. Naomi was a loving wife and mother who never stopped reflecting God's light and putting the needs of others before herself. After the death of her



husband and her two sons, Naomi showed her love for her daughters-in-law by standing strong and urging them to return home to their families.

Ruth loved Naomi and would not allow her to push her away. Her compassion was blessed in so many ways and Naomi's faith was a wonderful witness for her. The women of the LWML are witnesses for others every moment of every day through their prayers

and support of so many missions with their mites. Thank you all for all you do in your homes, your churches and your communities by standing ever so strong in your faith.

Naomi's life was a powerful witness to the reality of God. Ruth was drawn to her and to the God she worshipped. May these two women be a great example of love and loyalty.

Blessings,
Vicky Geisler
Human Care Chairman

Indiana District LWML Mission Grants

2010-2012 BIENNIUM - \$106,800

	Grant Total	Disbursed	Balance
American Bible Society	\$ 1,000	\$1,000	Paid
Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries	\$12,000	\$12,000	Paid
Orphan Grain Train	\$12,000	\$12,000	Paid
Bibles and Books for Guatemala	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Paid
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op	\$12,000	\$ 6,000	\$6,000
Braille Bibles -- Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	Paid
LCMS Joint Seminary Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	Paid
Hymnals for Kenya	\$12,000		\$12,000
Ball State Lutheran Student Fellowship	\$12,000	\$12,000	Paid
Calvary India Mission	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	Paid
Restoration of Historic Emmaus Lutheran Church Sanctuary	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	Paid
Midwest Chinese Ministries	\$ 4,440		\$ 4,440
Risen Lord Lutheran Church	\$ 3,830	\$ 3,830	Paid
RUTH- Reaching Un-churched through Tuition Help	\$ 3,830	\$ 3,830	Paid
Total	\$106,800	\$ 84,360	22,440

At the recent biennial Indiana District LWML Convention the delegates voted on new grants to fund during the 2010-2012 biennium. They are listed above. There was a tie for the last two to receive any remaining funds. The delegates voted to split the amount of money available between Risen Lord and RUTH.

Miriam Neumann

Vice President—Mission Grants

Grant Presentation at Risen Lord Lutheran Church Taylorsville, Kentucky



Risen Lord Pastor Steve Gettinger,
Risen Lord LWML President Mary Deppen,
Kentuckiana Zone President Karen McKinney,
Indiana District LWML President Margie Wickert

Ball State Lutheran Student Fellowship

The campus ministry at Ball State University is conducted in cooperation with Grace Lutheran Church in Muncie. Along with providing worship and fellowship activities for Lutherans on campus, Lutheran Student Fellowship is also reaching out to the many international students attending the university. Under the leadership of Deaconess Shaina Mitchell, Bible Studies are conducted, fellowship activities are held, and transportation to worship services are provided to help make all students feel welcome and give those who do not know Christ as their Savior the opportunity to learn of Him. Our mites help purchase educational materials and supplies to assist in this ministry.

Calvary India Mission

Many people from India have immigrated to the Indianapolis area. Most are either Hindu or Muslim. Rev. Udhayanesan Raji is a native of India and came to the United States to witness to fellow immigrants from that country. To support his family, he works as a chaplain in a hospital but devotes many hours to personally visiting with the Indian population since personal contact is the most effective way of reaching them. He also conducts a Tamil worship service monthly at Calvary Lutheran Church and conducts regular Bible classes to which he invites people to come and learn about Jesus. Our mites help him to purchase educational materials and supplies to use as he witnesses for Jesus.

TAKE A STAND . . . Say yes!

Esther 4:14 ~ Who knows whether you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Has the Lord been preparing you for “such a time as this”? Prayerfully consider accepting a nomination to serve as an LWML district officer when asked.

The offices to be elected at the 2012 convention are

Vice President – Mission Grants

Vice President – Conventions and Communications

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Counselor

Contact the Nominating committee to volunteer or to suggest someone who is qualified to serve at the district level at this time.

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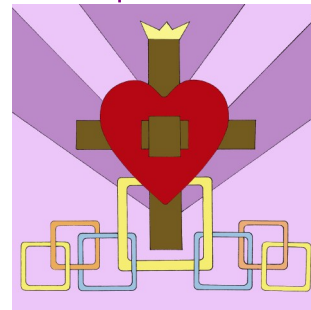
Public Relations

Be sure to stop by and shop at the Public Relations booth while you are at the Indiana District Retreat in Shipshewana! Some new LWML items that you will find are the V-Neck Cardigan, Doll Clothes, Wind Chimes, Purple Crock Wallets and the Purple Quilted Vest. There will be lots and lots of other items, too. In addition, you will save shipping fees.

Here is another good deal! LWML Greeting Cards can be ordered from the Web for just 20 cents each plus 9¢ shipping when you order 100. They can be mixed between Wedding (15761), Get Well (15751), Anniversary (15767) and Baptismal Birthday (15771) cards. To order, go to LWML.org and click on Shop, then click on Web Specials. When you order, your shopping cart will reflect the full price, but the LWML store will manually adjust it. I send baptismal birthday cards to my family and had to make eight cards just for March birthdays. As you can imagine, I have already taken advantage

of this great sale price--just 29¢ each for these wonderful Christian cards.

Hope to see you at the retreat; I will be at the PR table.



Dolly Jenkins

Public Relations Director

Standing in the Gap

Sin created a deep chasm, separating us from our God. God loved us so much; he could not allow this separation to exist. He gave his only son, Jesus, to die as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus' sacrifice created a bridge over that gap, redeeming us and rebuilding our connection to God. In response, we stand in the gap for others, linking them to the love we know in Jesus Christ.

How can you stand in the gap? Share the love of Christ in all you do, from hospitality, to listening, to sharing His Word. Another way is to give.

The Indiana LWML District Retreat is April 29-30. The Ingathering for this retreat is for Orphan Grain Train. We will be collecting new underwear and socks of all sizes for people in need. In addition, we will be collecting new small stuffed animals for children. Finally, we will be collecting new or gently used blankets and quilts. God weaves His tapestry of love through our lives. Praise God that His gifts to us can be shared and can show others His love, linking them to the everlasting life found through Jesus.

Whether you can come to the retreat or not, consider giving to the ingathering, and as always stand in the gap to share His love.

Do you have a quilt with a special story? Would you please share? If so, please send us your story (in 100 words or less), and then bring your quilt to the retreat. We would like to display the quilts and their stories. Send stories and any questions about the retreat to thibs@att.net

We hope we see you April 29-30...

Becky Thibodeau

Retreat Chairman

**Tapestry of Love
2011 District LWML Retreat
Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, Indiana**



TAKING A STAND – AT HOME

Our daughter's best friends (twins) used to go to Sunday School and church with us just because they were there and we were going. When our daughter got married, one of them told me how important it was to them; now as adults, both of them have joined Lutheran churches. We were surprised to hear how it affected them just to be a part of our lives.

Look around in your church, neighborhood, school, -- your community. If you look, really look, could you see someone who does not know who Jesus is? Is it that new neighbor you just met? No new neighbors? Then how about your child's school friend who does not go to Sunday School? When your child has a Saturday night sleepover, you could also invite her (or his) friends to visit your Sunday School with you the next morning (with parental permission, of course). Most will probably go home, but one might come with you. When these childhood friends discover that Sunday School and church are an important and regular part of your family life, they may also wonder why and enjoy visiting on Saturday night so they can go with you on Sunday morning. Will they say this aloud? Probably not. However, one day, perhaps 10 or 15 years later, one of them may say "I remember going to church with your family; your family was different from mine..." God was using you to reach them -- and you never even knew it was happening.

"And they said, 'Lord, when did we give you something to eat or drink?...' and He said, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, you did it for me.'" (Matthew 25:37-40 CEV)

Pat Potratz

Christian Outreach Committee



WHY DO WE NEED BYLAWS?

All organizations need a written agreement as to how the group will function. When they are first written, we tend to think that this document will serve us for many years. Any thought of revising our bylaws intimidates us. But they should be changed if they are outdated and no longer reflect the group's practices. It is a good idea to appoint a committee to review the bylaws at least every four years. Check the date, how are you doing? If you need help, contact me for a sample guideline.

LeAnn (Davis) Leffel

Structure Chairman

EXTREME MAKEOVER...LIFE EDITION

*...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Romans 12:2*

LWML Treatshop
Saturday, August 20, 2011
Registration 8:30 AM — 8:55 AM
Treatshop 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Lutherwood—Residential Facility LCFS
1525 N Ritter Ave
Indianapolis IN

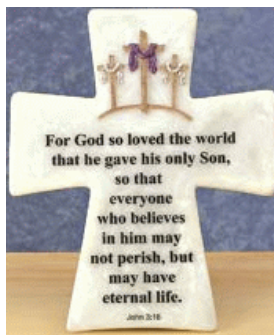
As women, you need to ask yourselves, 'Who do you want to be like? Who encourages you?' The answer must lie in God's Word. Choose 2 sessions to attend that day. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. All ladies of the church are invited. Carpool and make it a grand day!

Registration forms are due by August 1, 2011.
 (Forms are available in SRD Express, Good News and from the zone presidents.)

TAKING A STAND—Jesus is Our Savior

Some time ago, I was talking with a friend. Somehow, we got on the subject of God. I do not recall the conversation verbatim but I remember asking her “What god are you talking about?” and her response was “Well, you know, God is the same in all religions, He only goes by a different name.” Unfortunately, there are many people who agree with her. As Christians, we disagree. So often, though, we let conversations like this one slip by without seizing the opportunity to “Take a Stand” and make our beliefs known.

Some believe that there are many manifestations of God and many interpretations of the same God. Certainly Buddha and Allah are not manifestations of the God of the Bible. In Isaiah 45:5, He said “I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from Me there is no other God.” Only the triune God of the Bible is true. Only He made provisions to redeem His people. Only He, through His Son, Jesus, paid the price to obtain forgiveness for all the world. Only He is a Savior-God.



Some time after our conversation, I gave my friend a plaque with John 3:16 on it. In a subsequent visit, I saw the plaque on her window sill. I hope and pray that she will believe and come to profess “on Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

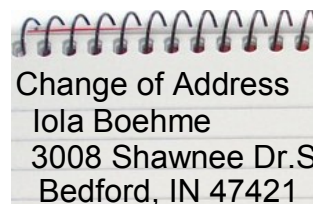
Betty Cook
Christian Life Committee

Send Articles

Zone officers need to send me zone event bulletins or programs and rally minutes. District Officers need to send minutes and agendas for district meetings. Materials do not have to be sorted before giving them to me, I will do that. Many zones have not sent in their 2010 data for rallies and workshops. Older documents always welcomed.



Shirley Gut
Archivist-Historian



Take a Stand—Make the Sign of the Cross

In our hymnal, the liturgy indicates appropriate places to make the sign of the cross as a token of our salvation. In the book, Lutheranism 101, it states that Luther suggested using the sign of the cross as a daily practice. Making the sign of the cross or not making the sign of the cross is our Christian liberty. We are not to be judged by whether we use this practice or not. And yet, I often have wanted to do this, but felt uncomfortable and unsure about it.

How many times have we wanted to express something, but felt compelled to hold back because we are not sure of the reaction of those around us? As leaders and mentors, we must be bold in our actions and words to speak and live God’s word. How can we make the “sign of the cross” in our words and actions so others can see Christ’s love and salvation? Examine and challenge yourself to be bold and step out and stand up for the salvation we all share so others can be reached.

Be sure to review and use the wonderful resources available on our LWML website to give you ideas and help with your responsibilities as leaders and mentors. Many items have been recently updated and refreshed.

Lutheranism 101, Kinnaman, Scot A., General Editor, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO, 2010

Sarah Rippy
Leader Development Chairman



LIFESTYLE MENTORING FOR WOMEN

Me? A mentor? I don't think so...Think again!

Mentoring can happen when you simply go out for coffee, drive to the airport, visit a favorite store, or walk around your neighborhood. Just think of anything two women can do together. Sound too easy to be true? It is not!

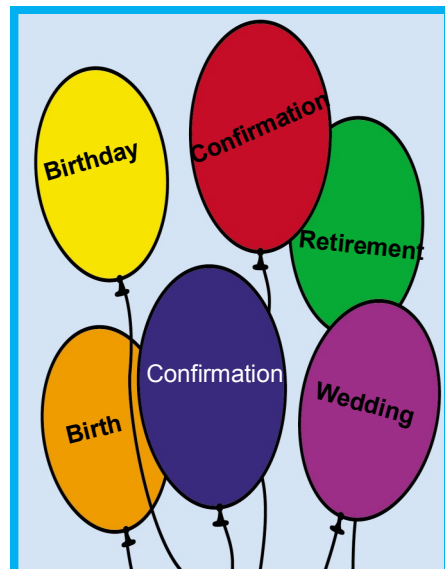
- Discover an exciting way to mentor the younger women in your life.
- Learn how to watch for "God" moments and lifestyle connections with others
- It's fun! Not time-consuming, not expensive.

That Makes Two of Us is a book authored by Connie Witt, a pastor's wife for more than 25 years. She and her husband recently started a ministry called REPLENISH, which focuses on refreshing and refueling Christian leaders. Connie co-authored book with Cathi Workman, the voice of the younger generation, who shares through her own perspective and extensive research. The book will guide you to understand lifestyle mentoring and the importance of investing in the women of the next generation. You will begin to cultivate relationships intentionally as you begin to view the next generation through a different lens. You will see conversations as opportunities to share what God has taught you through Scripture and your own personal experiences. The good news is that you do this through a personal relationship, not a program!

That Makes Two of Us, Lifestyle Mentoring for Women
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Mary Nichols

Leadership Development Committee



Invited to a celebration?

Need a gift idea?

Give some JOY!

Send an LWML JOY Card.

Your gift, along with others, will also be a gift to a future church worker in the form of a college or seminary scholarship.

"I thank my God every time
I remember you."

Philippians 1:3

Barb Smith

Scholarship Chairman

Sharing Your Ideas...One Event at a Time

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them," Matthew 18:20.

Faith Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Indiana, wanted to plan a cross generational event so they invited Katie Stam, Miss America 2009, for their annual Spring Gathering of Friends. Here is a timeline of the things they did to prepare for this event:

***Prayed for God's guidance** as they planned and for women to attend their event.

***Set the date** with Katie's manager-Six months in advance.

***Publicized the date in their weekly church newsletter** for the three months prior to the event.

***Gave all women and girls a "Save-the-date" card** and invitation on Sunday morning-Two months before the event.

***Set the menu and requested food donations**-Two months before the event.

***Asked 18 women to serve as hostesses** and invite others to join them at their table-Two months before the event.

***Made glass beaded bracelets** to serve as napkin rings and table favors.

***Secured a list of men to help serve** the buffet dinner.

***Gave all girls a special invitation** during Sunday School.

***Planned a meet and greet/photo time** with Katie.

For more information or **to share an idea or special event in your church**, contact me.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing," 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Emily Rogers

Mission Ministry Vision Consultant

SKIT – 2011 TREATSHOP, AUGUST 20, 2011
LUTHERWOOD – RESIDENTIAL FACILITY LCFS
INDIANAPOLIS IN
EXTREME MAKEOVER – LIFE EDITION



SETTING: Two gals are finishing up a ‘day away’ at a spa, one, a very involved LWMLer and one, not so much...

LWMLer: Don’t you just love it when we can plan days like this...just once in a while...to get away and be pampered. I’m so glad you agreed to join me!

Friend: (Looking at her nails) Yep, it has been fun...

LWMLer: I love this ‘makeover’ kind of thing. It makes me feel brand new...I sure wish that show would show up on my doorstep; Ty could holler my name anytime...

Friend: Yeah, I guess...

LWMLer: What’s wrong; you seem down, don’t you like your new nail color???

Friend: Oh sure, it’s just that, you know, you can change your nail color, your hair color, your clothing, whatever...but if you really don’t have any excitement about what is going on in your life...you know...on the inside...well, it doesn’t much matter. Sometimes I feel like I have absolutely nothing to look forward to...

LWMLer: You’ve gotta be kidding me! I was just going to say how much I am looking forward to our LWML event on Tuesday night next week when you will be presenting the program! It’s always so great when you lead us!

Friend: I’m sure glad you’re so excited; I feel like its nothing but the ‘same old, same old’ when it comes to those things...I’m not looking forward to it at all...

LWMLer: Hey, you know what???. What are you doing on Saturday, August 20???. I want to take you with me to the Treatshop, a wonderful day of encouragement for all of us ladies. As a matter of fact, the theme this year is ‘**EXTREME MAKEOVER...LIFE EDITION**’! How perfect, eh???. I bet you’ll get just the dose of excitement that you need, and be treated...you know... have new things shared with you, by lots of ladies from around our Indiana District! Come on, what do you say???

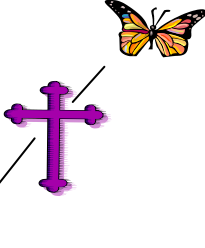
Friend: Are you sure that is for all of us? I mean, I thought that was only for officers and such...

LWMLer: Not so, all ladies are invited. So, are you in???. Let’s go and find out what great stuff that the Lord has been sharing with all kinds of other gals...why, you can even share your wonderful program ideas...and you can show off your really cool new nail color too. Jesus makes us new each day; we just need to be open to the things He has in store to bring us closer to Him...so...

(read Romans 12:2 verse together) “...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

“Extreme Makeover – Life Edition”

LWML



...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Romans 12:2

TREATSHOP

Saturday, August 20, 2011
Lutherwood – Residential Facility LCFS
1525 N Ritter Ave
Indianapolis IN
317-359-5467

Join us for further insight into an “Extreme Makeover”. You will obtain program ideas, program helps and lots of encouragement. The District SRD Committees are prepared to help you create and develop ideas that can help you with events in your Zones and Societies. You can register for two informative sessions. One in the morning and one more in the afternoon. Sessions are being repeated so be sure and choose two different sessions.

Be sure to invite others from your congregation, in addition to your society, zone officers and committee chairmen. Your society and congregation will benefit from the information, materials presented, ideas and networking with your Sisters in Christ from all over our District.

A donation of \$7.00 will cover a light breakfast, lunch and the materials distributed at the Treatshop.

Make your check payable to INDIANA DISTRICT LWML. Registration will be confirmed by e-mail. If you would rather have it mailed, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail this with the registration form to:

PENNY LETTERMAN
P. O. Box 607
Boonville IN 47601

Questions?
Penny – 812-568-7290 or
pennyndon@insightbb.com

*Registration deadline is August 1, 2011. Driving directions and ingathering information will be included in your confirmation letter.

*Detach and mail this form, your check and stamped self-addressed envelope today

TREATSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Church _____ City _____ Zone _____

Please choose one morning session A:

____ President (circle one: society zone) ____ Human Care
____ Christian Life ____ Christian Outreach ____ Leader Development

Please choose a different afternoon session B:

____ President (circle one: society zone) ____ Human Care
____ Christian Life ____ Christian Outreach ____ Leader Development

Special needs: `

COMFORT QUILTERS



The Comfort Quilters from St. Peter in Huntington, Indiana meet on Wednesday mornings to put together tack-tied block quilts for Lutheran World Relief. To raise the requested donations to cover the cost of shipping, the ladies auction off a few quilts at church events during the year. This fun quilt seemed a "wee bit" fancier than most, and was put up for sale at the Shamrock Luncheon in March.

We are always surprised when we open a bag that has been dropped off in the quilting room. We have two ladies that put together most of our tops at home, and I am not sure which one came up with this design. While it is as cute as can be, it was not appropriate for the LWR quilt ministry. Nonetheless, it seemed perfect for the soup and salad luncheon that the church ladies put on in the spring.

The wife of one of our seminarians a few years ago warned us not to make our quilts "too fancy or too nice" as they will end up on the black market. So when a quilt top comes in that is a little too fussy, we will put it in the silent auction. This has enabled us to send a generous donation to LWR each year. Our donation "kitty" is quite substantial this year and we think this one will put us over the \$500 needed to sponsor a brick at the Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza at the LWR headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

PJ Eddie

Fort Wayne South Zone President

ZONE NEWS

INDY EAST ZONE NEWS

The Indianapolis East Zone LWML will have its Spring Rally/ Prayer Service on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran located at 8540 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219. We will have Marilynne Pena representing the Hispanic Ministry and Jane Smith representing the Tamil Speaking Indian Ministry joining us to speak about their mission work in these two ministries. We will have our Prayer Service led by our Pastoral Counselor Pastor Samuel Ruiz. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 9 a.m.

The Indianapolis East Zone LWML has been working on revisions in its bylaws. We will submit those to Indiana District for approval. We have changed the day and forum for our Fall Rally. We have also changed our election of officers from spring to fall following the Indiana District's suggestion.

Kathy Ford

Indianapolis East Zone President

BLUEGRASS ZONE NEWS

The Bluegrass LWML Zone held its Spring Rally, combined with Spring Prayer Service Saturday, March 5. We sent out a special invitation to veterans, current military personnel, and their families. Our guest speaker followed the prayer service with a special presentation from *Leslie Haines, the Executive Director of Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries*. It really was an exciting and informative morning learning about the unique issues faced by our military and their family members that will awaken your heart!

Leslie Haines served two deployments since 9/11, as a military police commander. She was medevac'd out of Iraq for injuries sustained in Kirkuk, and then began the long (not completely finished) series of surgeries, before coming off active duty and going on to seminary to become a deaconess. Leslie is a wonderful speaker; she will grip your heart and fill it with the passion she has for military veterans and their families. She will fill you in on what they are going through, both during deployments and afterwards.

We also had, as one of our guests, Beth Pennington from Lexington's Military Missions. Beth also shared with us the difficulties she has seen during and after deployments. Military Missions delivers care packages to our troops while they are deployed. Volunteers do everything from bringing in donations, packing individual packages, packing the boxes and even paying for and mailing these packages. The troops that receive them are very, very grateful.

We finished the meeting with lunch and visiting with the new faces that came to hear Leslie. It turned out to be a marvelous meeting!

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