

Good News

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Sisters in Christ,

As I begin to compose the article for the winter issue of *Good News*, we are entering the Advent season of the church year. We are looking forward. There are many things that happen in our lives that we look forward to....marriage, the birth of children and grandchildren, baptisms, confirmation, participating in sporting events, high school, college, job opportunities, gatherings with friends and family. We start planning. What will we need? The "to do" lists come out and we begin adding important things to them. We spend a lot of time getting ready.

The 21st Century is much different from centuries past. We have instant everything—texting, instant messaging, photos, e-mail, food and transportation! Wow! How things have changed from the stories that we heard our grandparents and great grandparents share! The nuclear family! Can we describe that? Have you noticed that it is unusual for children to know what it is like to have two parents who live together, know Jesus and support each other? Many school activities and social events are taking place that interfere with family time together. Relationships and the way we communicate have changed. It is easier to e-mail or text! Face-to-face communication is limited. Talking on the phone is being replaced by text messages. Face-to-face communication builds relationships, care and concern for others. It lets us see the person we are relating to—their verbal and non-verbal communication. You might ask: "What remains constant in our lives?" Jesus. Yes, Jesus and His Word are the constant stabilizing force in our lives. We need to continue to look to Jesus and trust in Him. "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2 (NIV)

Each day as we go forward into 2011, we are one day closer to Jesus' coming! Jesus came as a tiny babe born in Bethlehem. Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. He was surrounded by the sounds of animals in a humble stable. The angels, the inn keeper, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, King Herod and the wise men were all a part of that familiar Christmas story. Think about each of them and their response to Jesus' coming! Are we ready

for the babe in Bethlehem? Jesus' journey did not end in Bethlehem. His journey led to the cross where He died for our sins once and for all. He rose on Easter morn victorious over sin, death and the devil! All this so we can look forward to spending eternity with Jesus because of what He did for us on the cross!

As Sisters in Christ in the Indiana District, we have so many things to look forward to! God is blessing us as we are in His Word each day. We have the opportunity to pray for each other and those that Jesus brings into our lives, our churches, our societies and our communities. We can respond by reaching out to others with Jesus' love in so many ways! Maybe it is

- spending time listening to and encouraging a friend who is having problems with fertility
- taking a meal to a family in need
- providing transportation to an older adult who cannot drive to a doctor's appointment
- baby sitting for a family so the parents can have time together
- tutoring a school-aged child who is having difficulty learning
- choosing a family mission project to do together to bless others
- encouraging a teen to go along with you to select snack items and let them help you as you put a special basket together to give to family waiting for a loved one on the day of surgery

I pray that in 2011, you will look forward to setting aside a special time each day to spend with Jesus in His Word discovering those precious pearls He has for us. Then, walk with Him each day as you pray and reach out to touch the lives of others. Share your stories of how Jesus works in your lives. I am thankful for each of you and the things that I have seen and heard as you are reaching out to share the love of Jesus with others. I have had the privilege of being with you at many zone rallies this fall. What a blessing! Let us look forward to all the wonderful opportunities we have as Sisters in Christ to reflect the love, grace and mercy that comes to us through our Savior Jesus. I look forward to working with you as we serve the Lord together. Let us

- remain steadfast in God's Word
- continue to pray for and support missions and mission grants as we give our mites

- work together as we serve the Lord in our societies, zones and district
 - look forward to upcoming district and LWML events as we encourage all women in our district to participate in
 - ◇ Indiana District Retreat "Tapestry of Love" in Shipshewana, April 29 & 30
 - ◇ LWML Convention "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge" in Peoria, Illinois, June 23—26
 - ◇ Treatshop at Lutherwood (Lutheran Family and Social Services) in Indianapolis August 20
- May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in His care as you serve Him with **JOY** and **GLADNESS**.

In His Service,
Margie Wickert
President



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Lutheran Women's Mission League 2009-2011 Mission Goal \$1,825,000.00

The LWML mission goal is established at the biennial convention. LWML collects information and data based on the mites received from 40 districts in the previous biennium to help establish the mission goal for the next biennium. Each district contributes 25% of the total mites collected in its district to support the mission goal.

Delegates from the Indiana District attended the LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon, in June 2009. They prayed and sought the Lord's guidance and then voted on the mission goal selected by the delegates. Mites that are collected during the 2009-2011 biennium support the LWML Mission Goal and 19 mission grants selected at the Portland Convention. LWML Mission Grants are funded as mites are received throughout the biennium.

You might be wondering: How does the process of setting a mite goal differ between LWML and the Indiana District? In the Indiana District, mites are collected by societies during the biennium and sent to Deb Sorokin, Financial Secretary. Deb sends a remittance voucher to President Margie Wickert who signs the remittance voucher and sends it on to Treasurer Barb Hamm. Barb sends a check reflecting 25% of the mites remitted in the Indiana District to LWML. Barb keeps track of the total mites that are collected during the biennium. Seventy-five percent of the mites collected stays in the Indiana District to support mission grants that will be voted on at the next Indiana District Convention in Evansville in 2012. The mites that are supporting our current mission grants selected by our delegates at the Indianapolis Convention in June 2010 were collected during the 2008-2010 biennium.

Take a moment to reflect on the Mark 14:3-9 (NIV): ³ *While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.* ⁴ *Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"* ⁵ *It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor.* *And they rebuked her harshly.* ⁶ *"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."* ⁷ *The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.* ⁸ *She did what she could. She poured perfume on*

<i>Giving From Our Hearts for Mission</i>		Disbursed	Balance
1	Defray the Cost of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief	\$58,108	\$21,892
2	Concordia Seminary. St Louis Food Bank Relocation	\$50,000	PAID
3	The Carpenter's Hands - Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida	\$26,000	PAID
4	Psalm 69:14 Project - Emergency Disaster Aid in TX, OK, and LA	\$25,000	\$25,000
5	Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program Concordia Theological Seminary FW	\$36,000	PAID
6	10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania	\$25,000	\$63,000
7	Body and Soul Care for Children in India	\$50,000	PAID
8	LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials	\$50,000	PAID
9	Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles - Africa	\$100,000	PAID
10	Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism *Update*	\$50,000	\$50,000
11	The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants - Ohio	\$40,000	\$50,000
12	Human Care and Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia and Lithuania	\$43,750	\$43,750
13	Mission Support to Disabled Children - Dominican Republic	\$50,000	PAID
14	Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT)	\$100,000	PAID
15	Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan	\$45,000	\$45,000
16	International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Oriented Resources	\$30,000	PAID
17	Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru	\$0	\$100,00
18	Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission - St Louis	\$75,000	PAID
19	Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea (partially funded)	\$0	\$82,482

my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ *Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."*

This is such a familiar story. We have read and heard it many times. This woman had a relationship with Jesus. She knew Him personally. She acted in the moment, in the place where she was, with the very best gift she had to honor Jesus. She chose a flask filled with pure nard. Nard is made from aromatic oil extracted from the root of a nard plant. It is a rose-red substance known as spike-nard. The going rate was about three hundred denarii equal to a year's salary! The alabaster flask was sealed in a way that the neck of the bottle had to be broken in order to get the perfume out. Once it was broken it could not be closed again – no cork, lid or plug. Whatever was not used was wasted!¹ The underlined words in verse 8: "She did what she could" stood out as I read this passage. Because this woman received the love of Jesus, she understood and lived that love. Her gift touched Jesus and brought comfort to Him. Her gift and actions were rebuked by the disciples but Jesus supported her in His response to her actions. What if each of us did what we could every day in response to the love, mercy and grace we have so richly received from Jesus? We are in His Word, walking with the Lord, giving our mites, reaching out to share His love with others in so many ways throughout our Indiana District with **JOY** and **GLADNESS**.

We are on the "home stretch" as we continue to pray, support the 2009-2011 LWML Mite Goal, and send in our mites through the Indiana District. As of November 13, 2010, 64% the 2009-2011

LWML Mission Grants are paid. The LWML Mite Goal is behind by **\$490,018.00**. The deadline for receiving Mites to support the LWML Mite Goal is **March 2011**. You can go to the lwml.org website and check the progress we are making toward achieving the LWML Mite Goal. I would like to encourage you to use your creativity to increase awareness of mites and mite giving in your society. Some ideas might include:

- Share the story about mites, the Mite Box and how it is used with women in your church
- Create a poster board display about LWML Mission Grant recipients and Indiana District Mission Grant recipients in your church and encourage others to pray for them
- Mighty Mission Mites – Skit #51240 – available from LWML
- When you use a coupon to purchase an item, place the coins you save in your Mite Box
- Walk for mites
- Give a special additional offering for mites at your society meeting
- Designate all or a portion of a fundraiser for mites (i.e., bake sale; dinner; a family mission project)

Continue to pray for the LWML Mite Goal, LWML Mission Grant recipients, Indiana District Mission Grant recipients as you put mites in your Mite Box. All praise, and thanks to God who richly blesses us as we reach out in response to His love. May He also say of each of us "she did what she could."

Reference

¹J. B. Douglas and Merrill C. Tenney. *New International Dictionary of the Bible, Pictorial Edition*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987, p.

804. *Margie Wickert*, President

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
Calvary India Mission	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Restoration of Historic Emmaus Lutheran Sanctuary	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	Paid
Midwest Chinese Ministries	\$ 4,440		\$ 4,440
Risen Lord Lutheran Church	\$ 3,830		\$ 3,830
RUTH-Reaching Un-churched through Tuition Help	\$ 3,830	\$ 3,830	Paid
Total	\$106,800	\$ 64,030	\$42,770

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

Hymnals for Kenya

The Kenyan Lutheran Church does not have its own hymnal in the Swahili language. The hymnal serves, not only as a means for worship, but also for teaching of Biblical truths and doctrine. Deaconess Sandra Rhein, in connection with Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft. Wayne, is presently working on translating hymns into the Swahili language and



also setting those words to music that appeals to the Kenyan people. This will enable them to worship God in their "heart language" and will also serve as a teaching tool for learning about the Bible. Money given to this project helps with the production of the Bible and to conduct seminars in Kenya that will help the leaders learn how to use the hymnal.

LCMS Joint Seminary Fund



The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to assist students with tuition as they prepare to become pastors. The cost of education has escalated; many graduate and receive their first calls with a huge debt to pay from student loans. Their salaries often are not large enough for them to easily pay off this debt. Money given to this grant provides assistance to CTS-FW students as well as students who originally came from the Indiana District.



Counselor's Corner

As we enter a new year, we spend time reflecting on the past, present and future. This brings to mind a familiar hymn composed by Isaac Watts: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

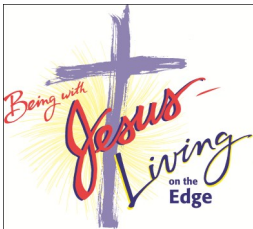
*Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure*

We enter 2011 knowing that God is with us, guiding and directing our paths. We thank Him for his grace, mercy and faithfulness to us which we have received through His death and resurrection. Let us continue to be steadfast, growing in God's Word, working together as the Indiana District LWML. Let us

reach out with Jesus' love to touch the lives of others so they too can come to know Jesus. We continue to put our faith and trust in Him as we serve Him with joy and gladness.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."
Psalm 90:1 (NIV)

Pastor Jeff Geisler
Counselor



Gifts from the Heart

And they realized they had been with Jesus.

“For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)

Participants attending the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, will be able to reach out with care and compassion with Gifts from the Heart. Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from your heart. You may bring these items in unlimited quantities. You will be directed where to place your items when you register.

Quilts—any size for Orphan Grain Train (pack in heavy duty clear plastic bag)

Men’s, Women’s and Children’s Underwear in the Original Packaging

(label correctly)

1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (securely taped onto package)

New Children’s Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books

New Bath Towel/Hand Towel/Washcloth

(pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

1 Bath Towel

1 Hand Towel

1 Washcloth

1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

Kits –Men, Women or Children (mark which one)

(all items are to be NEW and regular size. . .not travel size) (pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

MEN

- Men’s Socks
- Stick Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrush
- Bar of Soap
- 1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

WOMEN

- Women’s Socks
- Stick Deodorant
- Hand or Body Cream
- Toothbrush
- Bar of Soap
- 1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

CHILDREN

- Children’s Socks
- Box of 8 Crayons
- Safety Scissors
- Christian Coloring Book
- Christian Story Book
- Toothbrush

Vicky Geisler
Human Care Chairman

Public Relations

I just became a Facebook member! When I received a recent press release announcing that LWML is now on Facebook, I realized it was time for me to find new ways to connect with my Sisters in Christ in the 21st century. It is easy to “become a fan,” which means you can access the LWML Facebook page and read and post comments there. First, go to www.facebook.com/TheLWML. If you are already a Facebook member, click the “like” button at the top of the page to become a fan of LWML. If you are not a Facebook member, you can click on the “sign-up” button in the top left corner of the page and the system will guide you through the process.

While you are on the LWML website, take a minute to read the daily Mustard Seed devotional. You may also sign up



online to receive the daily devotionals in your e-mail box. LWML has a new Christmas Mustard Seed Collection, *The Joy of Jesus*, containing 32 devotionals focusing on the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany seasons. This is the first time LWML has released something electronically before it has been published in hard copy. The *Joy of Christmas* Mustard Seed devotionals will be available in print at the LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, in June, 2011.

Faith Talk® is another great LWML resource. The Faith Talk®



materials were developed to better prepare women to witness about the hope they have in Jesus. This interactive workshop is in DVD format and utilizes an on-screen facilitator. The workshop includes heart stories, role-playing and discussion opportunities. It can be ordered from the LWML Store (order #14995), and some materials are available on line. Also, I have a copy of the workshop to loan within our district. If you would like to use it, please give me a call at 812-923-8719 or e-mail me at jenkinsfamily09@insightbb.com

Dolly Jenkins
District Public Relations Director



CAN WE TALK???

'When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.' Mark 6:34.

'Do you have a minute?' 'Can we talk?' 'Could you send me an e-mail?' 'Do you text?' 'Just drop me a short note.' 'The best way to catch me is to just leave a voice mail...thanks!'

And so it goes...except when it doesn't...indeed, this electronic 21st Century offers many things, except real face-to-face communication. And so we go...often milling around aimlessly, just looking for someone, anyone who will listen to us...kind of...sort of...like sheep.

One of the many things that I am so grateful for in my life is that the Lord provided me with incredible parents who absolutely would not waver about one rule: we would all gather for supper around the table, friends included. There would be no

interruptions. If someone knocked at the door, he was invited to the table. If the phone rang, it was ignored. Often, guests would comment that they couldn't believe the lively and spirited conversation that went on at our table, for often we did not agree with each other. However, some of my fondest memories are of 'table talk'; I learned so many interesting things about my own wonderful family!

I am blessed to be married and have a daughter, now a young woman. Incredibly, we did not discuss this, but my gift of a husband who also insisted that we all dine together at least once a day, begin with a devotion and prayer, and then...talk and share! Sometimes our daughter thought she was in prison. When she speaks of those times today, she longs for more of them. She has even entered a covenant with me in which she can feel free to 'tell me anything'. I am sure many of you can relate. That is a promise I eagerly made. But often I have been rendered speechless, even breathless, with the heartache and regret

that I have heard in her voice. Believe me, I do not regret that promise. But then, after listening and talking together, we can go to Jesus.

Our conversations with Jesus in prayer are never empty; He always answers. Although I admit that there are times that I long to be in that crowd at the temple, or at one of the many homes He visited or even at the shore, you know, face-to-face with Him. Our face-to-face encounters happen all the time as we are led by the Holy Spirit in prayer, in worship, and in our conversations around the kitchen table.

Yes, the incredible blessings of the 21st Century are a gift. Thanks be to God for the wonder of it all. Thanks be to God that He is and always will be the same. As you share everything with Him in prayer, may you then be blessed as you share compassion with each other in your face-to-face conversations.

Always in Jesus,
Linda Harlow
Christian Life Committee

Attention

Zone Presidents, Secretaries, Historians
Please send me programs and minutes of zone events. Any way you wish to present these items is fine.

Shirley Gut
Archivist-Historian

Zones Presidents, did you elect new officers this fall or are you a new zone president? Please send e-mail and postal addresses to me for the following positions:

- Christian Life
- Christian Outreach
- Human Care
- Leadership Development

Ruth Everson
Roster Coordinator



Someone Different?

As a little girl, I remember going with the youth group from our church to sing Christmas carols at the state school. The people acted and spoke differently from the people I was used to seeing and hearing. It made an impression on me. Two years ago, our church began inviting adults with developmental disabilities to our services. I was reminded of my childhood visit to the state school. I really felt a desire to get to know these women. The sponsor was Bethesda Lutheran Communities. I got to know this group of ladies and discovered that they loved to come and hear about Jesus.

Deaconess Judith Anderson



decided to start a Bible study on Tuesday night and wondered if I would come to help. There would be other clients from Bethesda homes that would join us on Tuesdays. I wondered if I could share God's Word with them the way I had with the ladies from our church. I prayed that God would lead and I would follow. God is so good. He helped me see that they are His children also and that we are all God's family.

So now, every second, fourth, and fifth Tuesday, I am at church helping men and women with developmental disabilities. Pastor Allen Parks, who has worked with adults with developmental disabilities, leads us in a Bible study based on the

week's Gospel lesson. We sing, pray, and socialize with each other during snack time. I have come to know most of the people who regularly attend the Bible study as Christian brothers and sisters. They have shown me that the Gospel message in the 21st Century is for everyone, not just those like me.

Many times we are given an opportunity to share God's Word. God has invited us to go beyond our comfort level to share the Gospel. In your own community look for ways to spread the Gospel to others that do not look or act exactly as you do. God's family is everywhere!

Marcia Huffman
Christian Outreach Committee

Indiana District Scholarships

Today's families face many challenges, some of which are financial.

How can LWML help?

The Indiana District LWML Scholarship Fund provides assistance for those students preparing for full-time church work in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Applications are now available for \$500 scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year. Students must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, have a good scholastic aptitude, and be enrolled in a LCMS college or seminary. Applicants must be a communicant member of a congregation of a LCMS Indiana District congregation for at least eighteen months prior to filing for a scholarship.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."
Philippians 1:3

To the Glory of God

a gift has been sent to
the Scholarship fund of the
Indiana District of LWML

From _____

How can you help?

Share this information with students in your congregation. Forms are posted on the LWML district website at www.lwmlindiana.org or may be acquired by contacting Barb Smith, LWML Scholarship Chairman, 8305 Rumford Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219 or email: bjsmith8305@yahoo.com. March 15 is the deadline for all applications.

Contribute to the Scholarship Fund by making a donation, using the Memorial cards in remembrance of someone, or by using the Joy cards for birthdays, anniversaries, or other special celebrations. Last year thirteen scholarships were given. Contributions should be sent to LWML Financial Secretary Deb Sorokin, 16471 County Road 20, Goshen, IN 46528.

Your gift can be a blessing to a person who will soon be a blessing to many!

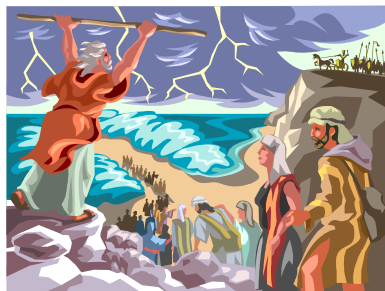
Barb Smith
Scholarship Chairman



Moses—A Leader Chosen by God

Exodus 14:1-15:2

Moses was a great leader in his time. He led the people of Israel on foot out of Egypt. He parted the waters of the Red Sea so they could cross and escape from Pharaoh's army which was pursuing them. He struck the rock which provided water to the thirsty people and when he spoke the people listened (sometimes). How can we in the 21st Century possibly compare to this leader of God in our day? GOD never changes. GOD was the source of all these miracles then and GOD continues to be our Source today. History always has such a grand feel to it, that we discount the events of today as insignificant. But every act of kindness, leadership, teaching, preaching, studying has an impact on our history and someone else's history. It is God's power to work within us



that counts, not our efforts to make it successful. Through our actions, God's word is made real to those people around us. We will never know the impact of those actions until we reach heaven. Then all will be revealed to us.

Sometimes as leaders we feel weak, timid, tired, angry or frightened. The great leader of Israel also felt these feelings. He did not think the people would listen to him. He certainly did not want to speak to Pharaoh and he could lash out in angry bursts of outrage. What kind of leader is

that? Today his resume might not be considered for a position of management. But GOD commanded Moses to take steps to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. He commands us also today. Do not wait for that "other person" to offer to take charge of some event or job. Do not wait until someone asks you to do a task; volunteer to do it. Pray about your commitment to God; follow His guidance; and reap the reward of a life in His joy and peace.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Heb 11: 1.

Sarah Rippy
Leader Development Chairman



EXTREME MAKEOVER.....LIFE EDITION

Mark your calendar:

LWML Indiana District
Treatshop

August 20, 2011

Lutherwood
Lutheran Child and Family Services
1525 North Ritter Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219

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

Leader Tip

Consent Agenda: A Tool That Can Help Improve Efficiency at Meetings



A consent agenda can turn a board meeting into a meeting of the minds around the things that matter most. A consent agenda is a bundle of items that is voted on as a package, without discussion. It differentiates between routine matters not needing explanation and more complex issues needing examination. Discipline is required in working through a number of steps. Materials must

be collected and distributed in advance. The board members are expected to read the information before the meeting.

Introduce the consent agenda at the meeting and remove any items which board members feel require strategic discussion. Approve and document the consent agenda.

Items commonly found on consent agendas include:

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Financial report
- Confirmation of any decisions

discussed previously

- Chief executive and/or officers' reports
- Committee reports
- Informational materials
- Updated organizational documents
- Routine correspondence.

A consent agenda promotes good time management and leaves room for the board to focus on issues that need board discussion and approval.

Mary Nichols
Leader Development Committee

I Need One
Ideas, Ideas, I Need One
Ideas, Ideas, Let's Pray for One
Ideas, Ideas, Let's Contact the LWML Consultant

I
Need
One

Contact me when you need:

- 1. Program ideas.** (*"Commit to the Lord what - ever you do, and your plans will succeed," Proverbs 16:3.*)
- 2. Help surveying the women in your congregation.** (*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight," Proverbs 3:5, 6.*)
- 3. Ideas for a speaker.** (*"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him," James 1:5.*)
- 4. Help restructuring your society.** (*"The Lord will be your confidence. He will keep your foot from getting caught," Proverbs 3:26.*)
- 5. Ideas for mentoring women.** (*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer," Romans 12:10-12.*)
- 6. Help setting goals for your ministry to women.** (*"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps," Proverbs 16:9.*)
- 7. Encouragement in your daily walk as an officer in your LWML society.** (*"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," Philippians 4:13.*)
- 8. Help motivating your women to become more mission minded.** (*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers," Galatians 6:10.*)
- 9. Directions for starting a new society or encouraging an inactive society.** (*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you," Psalm 32:8.*)
- 10. Someone to advertise your successful ideas with others.** (*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with Gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" Psalm 100:1, 2. RSV*)

I am available to come to your church and help you explore opportunities to meet the needs of the 21st Century Woman. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing," 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

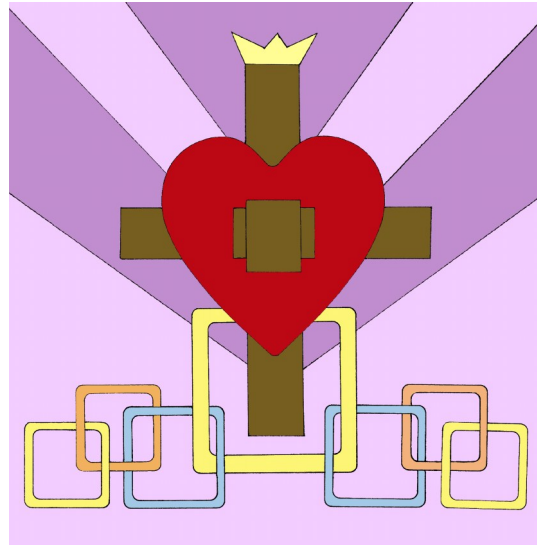
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Tapestry of Love
Colossians 2:2

2011 Indiana District LWML Retreat

Farmstead Inn
370 S. Van Buren Street (SR 5)
Shipshewana, IN 46565

April 29 – 30, 2011



Come and join us for a time of encouragement and love as we study God’s words to us.

- **Bible Study Leader Karen Lippert, Director of Women’s Ministry at Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hartland, Wisconsin, will unite us together in our study.**
- **Music Leader Susan Emmelman will encourage us with song.**

Registration is Friday, April 29 from 4:00 – 6:45 pm. The retreat will begin at 6:45pm and will end on Saturday, April 30 at 3:00 pm.

Registration Fee (\$50) includes meals and retreat. Make lodging reservations by calling The Farmstead Inn at 260-768-4595. Ask for the LWML rate by giving our account number 33077. Room reservations must be made by March 29, 2011.

Cut here and return this registration form:

I can’t wait for the 2011 Indiana District LWML Retreat! Here’s my registration information!

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Zone _____ **Congregation** _____

Contact Number _____ **Dietary Needs** _____

Makes checks for \$50 to Indiana District LWML. Send registration form, check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (if you do not have email) to:

LWML
Janet Resner
2006 Hilcrest Ave.
Plymouth, IN 46563

Registration Due by March 31, 2011.
Janet’s phone: 574-936-8803

ZONE NEWS



The **Gary Zone** LWML Fall Rally was held Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Trinity, Hobart. The zone honored Pastor Engel for his years of counseling.

Rev. Timothy Engel, Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Portage, Indiana, has been the Gary Zone LWML Pastoral Counselor for the last 10 years. As we reflect on what has happened within the Gary Zone during this time we know we have grown in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. We

know the Lord has led us to be better informed Christian women. He has moved us to use our talents and gifts, and has opened many opportunities for Christian service.

Pastor Engel has been a most faithful and devoted counselor. He led every executive board meeting and rally with a Hymn Sing as he accompanied our singing with his guitar. He led us in prayers and always had an inspiring devotion with discussion. At the time he accepted this position our treasury was nil. Our financial records show that during his leadership we have given more than \$5,000 in mission projects. We also have been able to afford to send our delegates to state and national conventions.



We have been blessed with Christian women who have filled Gary Zone offices with excellent leadership with the encouragement of Pastor Engel.

We thank and praise God for Pastor Engel and for what he has done for the Gary Zone LWML.

We are sorry to have him leave, but wish him God's blessings in his ongoing ministry as he serves the Lord.

Dorothy Gutzler
Gary Zone Christian Life Chairman

The **Indianapolis West Zone** Fall Rally was held at Christ Lutheran Church in Brownsburg October 23, 2010. Our theme was *Bringing God's Word to Cameroon*. We had 34 ladies in attendance and a wonderful breakfast served by the ladies of Christ Lutheran LWML. Our guest speakers were Cory and Kara Fay who are with Lutheran Bible Translators and will be going to work with the Nizaa people in Cameroon next year. They are members of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and are currently in the United States visiting congregations and getting support for their mission in Cameroon. They shared what they have been doing this past year to prepare for their time of translating the Bible into the native language when they arrive in Cameroon. They have two children and Kara is about to have their third child at the end of November. We had an offering for them and collected \$405 to go towards their vehicle they will need to travel around the area when they arrive in Cameroon. We also had election and installation of officers.

Alice Farley
Indianapolis West Zone President



The **Decatur Zone** LWML met for a Bible study/workshop recently at Peace Lutheran Church Berne, Indiana. The Bible study was "God's Will in the Midst of Illness and Struggles." We assembled cancer pads for the American Cancer Society. We assembled about forty pads in approximately an hour and more were taken home to be done in societies.

Sandy Bauermeister
Decatur Zone President

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Submit district and zone materials (i.e., programs, minutes) for the district LWML's archives ... submit history of LWML zones (or an update) ... receive help on maintaining society or zone archives ... *Contact* Archivist/Historian, Shirley Gut, slcp@att.net

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Receive information on starting a new society ... information on becoming an individual LWML member: *Contact* District President, Margie Wickert, Margaret.wickert@ssfhs.org

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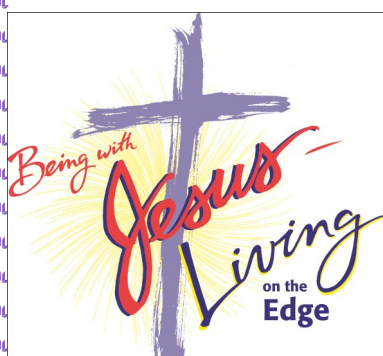
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Indiana District Mission Statement

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.

LWML Plays in Peoria

Check the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for the latest registration information on the 34th Biennial LWML Convention being held in Peoria, Illinois, from June 23-26, 2011, under the theme "**Being with Jesus –**



Living on the Edge." Registration information is also available online at www.lwml.org. Registration opens on March 1st. Review the information about the Friday Lunch Gatherings as well as the special interest luncheons on Saturday. Bring your children, who will enjoy spending time at Camp BWJ (Being with Jesus). Start gathering those *Gifts from the Heart* and plan which of the servant events you want to lend a hand. There will even be a Cyber Cafe! Check out all the details at www.lwml.org.