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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Spring....beautiful flowers are blooming, birds are singing, trees are budding and the sun is shining brightly. You could call this a transformation or "makeover" of winter.

We also are changed....different because of who we are in Christ so that we can go out and make a difference. How do we do this? By being in the Word and by knowing what Jesus did we will be better able to know what is expected of us. As women we need to ask ourselves, "Who do we want to be like? Who encourages us?" The answer must lie in God's Word.

Want to find out more about this? Then plan to attend the LWML Treatshop, "**Extreme Makeover – Life Edition**", **August 20th, 2011 at Lutherwood Residential Facility, 1525 N Ritter Ave, Indianapolis IN.** Your Spiritual Resource Department is working to prepare for an excellent Treatshop. You will find a copy of the registration in this newsletter. You are all invited to be "made over".

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." Romans 12:2a (ESV)

Your Sister in Christ,
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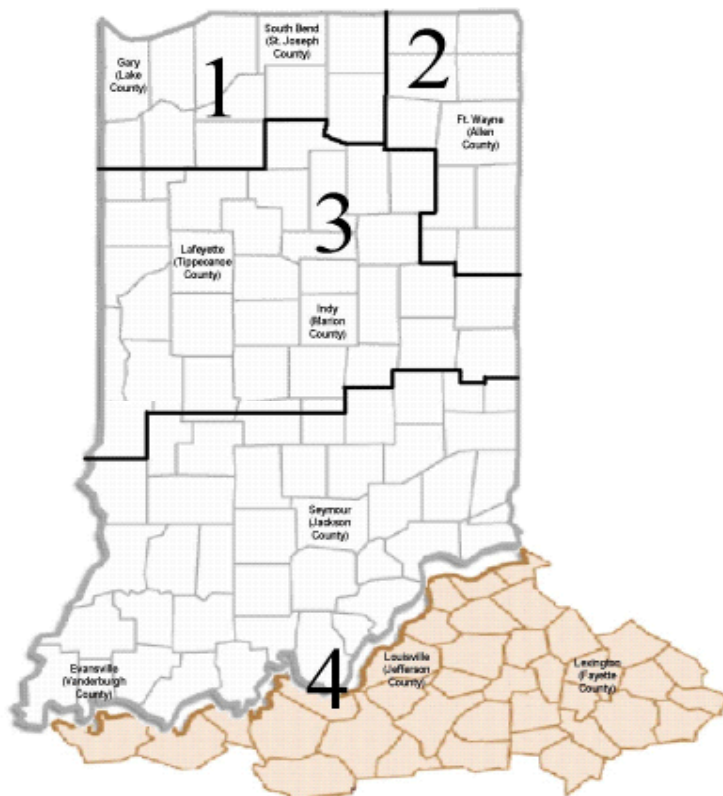
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Christian Life

Spring

2011

Spring, a change of seasons, we leave winter, snow and ice behind and come into a time of green grass, flowers and warm sunshine. We are all ready for this! I am usually anticipating summer after spring and then fall followed by winter. Seasonal changes are good. Other changes are difficult.



When you lose a job it is difficult. How will you cope with the loss of a paycheck? You worry about house payments, groceries and utilities. This is one of the changes that you can do without! What do you do when this happens? Phil. 4:13 says *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength"*. When we call on God and listen for his answer we receive his assurance that He is there for us at all times.

What are some of the changes going on in your life right now? Perhaps you now have a new boss at work, your closest friend is moving to a different state or your son or daughter is getting married and moving out. Are you reeling from all the changes coming your way? Even when the changes are joyful we still have a period of adjustment that can have us feeling as if our world is a bit out of control. In Phil. 4:19 we read, *"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."* What a comfort it is to know that God is watching over us and tending to *all* of our needs! Tell God how much you appreciate his love and care!

We recently lost our older dog. Even though she was old and sick I wasn't really prepared for this change. Our home seemed empty even though we had another dog. Through all the tears I finally remembered how lucky we were to have had her and thanked God for the wonderful years of her company. Whether the changes in our lives are good or difficult, we know who is there to guide us through them!

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Greetings,

Have you checked out the LWML catalog recently? I was browsing through my copy to see what Bible studies are offered and was pleasantly surprised by all the choices.

I love to read so the next selection that caught my eye was a set of 3 books about missionaries which can be purchased individually for \$6.00 or as a set for \$15.00.

When I was 7 years old, my mother's cousin visited with his wife and 5 children while they were on furlough in the U.S. from their mission station in Brazil. It was my dad's birthday so they sang Happy Birthday in Portuguese and made some type of sweet tea with grassy stuff floating in it. That was the beginning of my fascination with missionaries.

The first book "A Rainbow of Saris" covers four missionary women in India from 1913 through 1993 and had numerous references to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and its generosity.



The second book is "Dreams Dawn in Africa." The first native Nigerian to come to the U.S. for pastoral training was Pastor Jonathan Ekong whose grandson



is now a student at Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis. You may have seen his family featured in the CTS magazine this past year. Another missionary in this book was Helen Schaaf Konz who grew up near the tiny town of Palmer, Kansas. She graduated from nursing school in 1944 and was called to serve in Nigeria. The reason I singled Helen out is because my mother's family moved to Palmer in 1934 when she was 8 years old. My grandfather had accepted a call to serve as a pastor in Palmer. He may have conducted Helen's marriage ceremony. The third name that caught my eye was Gertrude Bluemel, who was a nursing instructor at Valparaiso University in the early 70's when I was a student there. I remember she was elderly, single and had a little girl from Africa who attended Immanuel Lutheran School in Valparaiso. Now after reading this book, I know the story of how Miss Bluemel came to adopt Beverly.

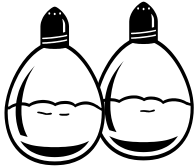
The third book is "One Cup of Water" which tells the story of five missionary women in China. I know it will be just as inspiring as the first two.

At one time I thought it would be so exciting to be a missionary when I grew up. However, I ended up marrying a farmer, moving 8 miles from home and raising 5 children. The Lord showed me a way to support missions through LWML and I haven't even had to endure the hardships of all these missionary women.



If you haven't looked through the LWML catalog yet, I encourage you to do so. You may find some gems as I did!

Gloria Field Christian Life Committee



PASS THE SALT!

Did you ever make one of those low sodium recipes in a diet cookbook and discover that it had little flavor? Perhaps you sneaked a bit more salt into it before it tasted worth eating? Did you know that God wants you to be "salty"? Matt. 5:13 (NAS) reads, "You are the salt of the earth."

God has made us, His people, the salt of the earth. As God lives through us, He wants to use us to flavor the world, to make others want to "taste and see that the Lord is good" as the Psalmist says in Psalm 34:8 (NAS). He wants to use us to attract others to Jesus.

Did you notice? "Salt of the earth"? He did not say "salt of Indiana" or "salt of the United States". He said "salt of the earth" – the whole world!

The "whole world" is a lot closer than we may think. The time is gone when people can be born, live and die surrounded by people just like themselves, with the same culture, language and skin tone. We live in a multi-cultural world. God has made us "salt" to every culture He places in our path. But we are "salt" with feet, and can walk away from the very folks God wants to draw to Himself.

Let us ask God to forgive us and open our eyes to see the people around us who need Jesus, regardless of language, culture, skin tone, age, physical ability, martial or economic status. They may be neighbors, people at the store or on the bus, parents of children at school, or even the person sitting next to us at church. Everybody needs salt to live. And everybody needs Jesus to live eternally.

So how can we be "salt" to those of different cultures who are placed by God in our normal, daily life? Here are a few suggestions.

1. Focus on one person at a time.
2. Let her know you know she exists. Say, "Hi, My name is_ _ _"
3. Ask a question that will establish a link between you.
4. Show interest in her.
5. Make time in your life to talk often with her.
6. Share your life with her as opportunities arise.
7. Pray for her concerns and for God to bless her with understanding and faith in Jesus.
8. Share how Jesus hears your prayers, forgives or comforts you or helps you in trouble.
9. Allow her to share her life with you.
10. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let God love her through you by word and deed.

May God make you salty indeed for Jesus' sake!

Michele Yamanaka, Chairman

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The Creator's Tapestry



*Just as each of us has one body with many members,
and these members do not all have the same function,
so in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.*

-- Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

It all began one Sunday morning last fall when our pastor announced that he was going to start a nine-week sermon series, entitled "The Creator's Tapestry." During the nine weeks, he intended to discuss various Scriptural perspectives on the relationship of man and woman in marriage and in the church. He indicated that a weaving loom would be set up in the church sanctuary and that one of our church members had volunteered to begin weaving a tapestry in conjunction with the series of sermons. Each week, the members of the congregation would be able to see how the tapestry was progressing. Since the tapestry would be woven from material supplied by the members of our congregation, members were encouraged to bring in a piece of material and to attach a note telling why that material was special to them.

During his children's message on the first Sunday of the series, our pastor showed the children the weaving loom and explained how the vertical warp threads and horizontal weft threads might represent men and women and how the two are woven together in their relationships in marriage and in the church. He told the children that during the next nine weeks, he would take us on a journey from God the Father's creating work, to God the Son's redeeming work, to God the Holy Spirit's renewing work. And as he would share the stories behind the material being used in the weaving, they would see the tapestry taking shape before their eyes.

Yes, every piece of cloth told a special story: a piece from a baby's baptismal gown and a wedding gown; a piece from a favorite T-shirt and sweat shirt and fishing shirt and military shirt; a piece from a Valentine tie and an heirloom quilt. These were some of the materials brought in and these were some of the stories told. Each was special to the person who lived that story. Each one of these people and his/her story was one of the threads in our church tapestry. Even though each was made up of its own unique size, texture, and color, when woven together they became bonded into one tapestry.

At the end of the nine weeks, the tapestry was complete. All of the pieces of material had been woven together. We could now see the tapestry in its full glory. It was so special and so beautiful – a type of time capsule for future generations. Even though the stories can't be seen, each, having been written on the back of the piece of material used, remains as an imbedded, yet unseen part of the tapestry. Later, the tapestry was framed, hung in our church sanctuary, and dedicated to the glory of our God who creates, redeems, and renews us – man and woman.

To me, this tapestry serves as another way of telling about God's love and forgiveness for all believers. And it also serves as a visual reminder of the unity and interwoven lives we experience as God's children and His church. Without others, I am but a lonely piece of cloth. But when woven together with my brothers and sisters, I become an integral part of an amazing tapestry that proclaims His love and truth.

Stella Beabout

Human Care

Demonstrating God's love and concern by extending a helping hand to all in need.

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As Lutheran Women In Mission, we have so many opportunities to reach out with the love of Jesus to provide for the needs of others. There are people in need in our churches, communities, the Indiana District, our nation and the world. How can we help?

To those in need of food and clothing

- * Church and Community Food Pantries
- * The Seminary Food and Clothing Bank
- * If you know of a family in need you can make meals or pick up and deliver groceries to them
- * Invite that family to your home for a meal with your family
- * Go thru your closet and your children's closets – you can share those gently used clothes with a family in need

Disaster Support for Japan as they are recovering from the recent earthquake, tsunami and after shocks

- * "Hands on Projects" go to www.ogt.org and click on Special Projects
- * Lutheran World Relief – Quilts and Kits go to www.lwr.org/beinvolved
- * LCMS has sent \$200,000 to two Japanese Lutheran church bodies and is encouraging us to pray for those who are suffering as well as sending our contributions go to www.lcms.org/help

LCMS World Relief and Human Care – Hygiene Kits for Haiti

- * Toothpaste
- * Bars of soap
- * Feminine hygiene personal items (split into 2-3 days use / no large boxes)
- * Hair brushes and combs (large size)
- * Wash cloth and hand towels
- * Deodorant
- * Hand-sanitizing gel (small personal size)
- * Personal first aid kits (purchase a small one or make-up a kit with Band-Aids, triple antibiotic, and individual packets of disinfectant wipes)
- * Personal mending kit (couple of sewing needles, assorted thread, a few buttons)

Place all of these items in a zip-lock type bag (quart or gallon size), mark them "Hygiene Kit". These items can be taken to Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a strong partner in shipping relief items worldwide.



"Gifts from the Heart" Ingathering for the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, June 23-26, 2011

- * 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
- * New Children's Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books
- * Kits – Men, Women or Children (mark which one; all items are to be NEW, regular size; pack in zip lock plastic bag.

MEN/WOMEN

Socks
Stick Deodorant
Disposable Razors (**men**)
Hand or body cream (**women**)
Toothbrush
Bar of Soap
1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside bag)

CHILDREN

Socks
Box of 8 Crayons
Safety Scissors
Christian Coloring Book
Christian Story Book
Toothbrush

May the Lord bless you as you discover ways to reach out to share His love with those in need.

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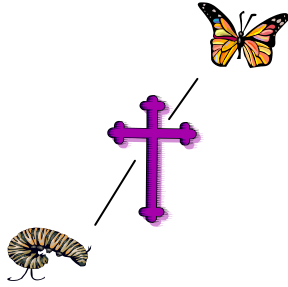
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EXTREME MAKEOVER.....LIFE EDITION



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TREATSHOP

August 20th, 2011

Ingathering for Lutherwood

Lutherwood is a licensed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility that specializes in the care and treatment of children who exhibit chronic behavior and/or emotional problems. Although external abuse and/or neglect can be contributing factors, many of the residents are struggling to recover from internal neurological, biological or psychiatric disorders. Lutherwood also provides treatment by specially trained and certified staff in the areas of addictions and sexually maladaptive behavior.

Admission criteria includes:

- ◇ boys and girls ages 6-21
- ◇ suffering from the effects of physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse
- ◇ exhibiting symptoms of psychiatric disorders
- ◇ failed hospitalizations or other less restrictive programs
- ◇ referral from child care agencies, juvenile courts, mental health providers and individual families

Lutheran Child and Family Services partners with Indianapolis Public Schools to offer a unique on-grounds school that provides a full-day educational schedule; eight classrooms; special education teachers; and a comprehensive curriculum for grades K-12. The goal is to prepare the student to return to public school upon discharge.

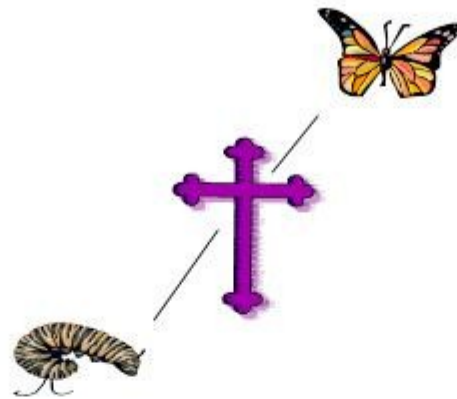
Pray for Lutherwood, the staff, and their program as they reach out to these special children with the love of Jesus. We will be gathering the following items for them:



School Pants	School Shirts	Underwear	Socks	Hair Care Products
<p><u>Pant Sizes</u> 32,34,36,38 and 40</p>	<p>Men's and Women's Polo Style Shirts</p> <p>Color: Blue or White</p> <p>Size: M, L, XL, 2X, 3X</p>	<p><u>Boxers for Men</u> Sizes M, L, XL, 2X, 3X</p> <p><u>White T-Shirts</u> Size: M, L, XL, 2X, 3X</p> <p><u>Women's Underwear</u> Size: 7, 8, 9, 10</p> <p><u>Women's Bras</u> Size 34-40 - Cup C-D</p>	<p>Men and Women's Socks Size 8-10; 10-12</p>	<p><u>Hair Care</u> Any Creme of Nature Shampoo Hair Oils Conditioner for Afro-American Hair Care</p> <p><u>Skin Care</u> Petroleum Jelly for skin care</p>

Bring your ingathering items along with you to the TREATSHOP. We will have a place for you to deposit them as you register.

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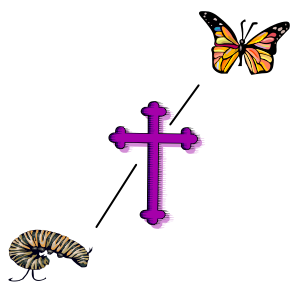
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**LWML Treatshop
Saturday, August 20, 2011
Registration 8:30 AM — 8:55 AM
Treatshop 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Lutherwood—Residential Facility LCFS
1525 N Ritter Ave
Indianapolis IN**

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.)



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“Extreme Makeover – Life Edition”

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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 email. If you would rather have it mailed, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail this with the registration form to:

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***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:

Leader Development



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I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead. Ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail. Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

LSB 729 - Text: Frances R. Havergal.

TRUST is a challenging thing to develop and once lost or compromised, it is difficult to get back. In human relationships loss of trust is one of the biggest relationship breakers. When we deal with our colleagues and sisters and brothers in Christ we must always seek to encourage trust, honesty and respect. And yet, we will at times be disappointed by the actions or words of others. So how do we build these trusting relationships and get people to step up?

It is hard enough to trust God in our own lives, and yet we should also trust that God will provide guidance and support in others' lives, also. When we seek leaders in our organizations, we should start with prayer. Psalm 37:3a states: "Trust in the Lord and do good." When Margie called me to talk to

me about being the Leader Development Chairman, she asked me to pray about it. I know she was praying, too. It made me feel confident in my prayers to know that our intercessions were aligned: How could I determine God's will in my life and with this opportunity? This is the first step to trusting another and building a working relationship - be honest about your offer, reach out to them to consider the position, and then let go and let God (do the hard work). God is faithful and will provide the workers in His harvest field. Don't doubt that for a minute!

God's Positive Answer.

YOU SAY:

"It's impossible"

GOD SAYS:

All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

YOU SAY:

"I can't do it"

GOD SAYS:

You can do all things (Phillipians 4:13)

YOU SAY:

"I feel all alone"

GOD SAYS:

I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

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Tip for Spring Time meetings: Three ways to Amend a Motion

As a matter of survival, the most common motion a group member needs to know completely is the **Motion to Amend a Pending Motion**.

The difficult part is remembering that the more urgent motions cannot be amended - Adjourn, Question of Privilege, Orders of the Day, Lay on/Take off the Table, Previous Question, Point of Order, Appeal, Parliamentary Inquiry, Suspend the Rules and Reconsider.

During the Debate step of a Pending Motion, one may move to Amend the Pending Motion. All one needs to remember is that there are really **only 3 basic processes of amendments**:

Let's Amend this Sample Motion: "I move that we buy a new sign."

- You can **Move to Amend** by inserting words or paragraphs.
- You can **Move to Amend** by Striking out (not deleting) words or paragraphs.
- You can **Move to Amend** by Striking out and Inserting words or paragraphs.

You can also Amend the Amendment, before it is voted upon: But you can only **Amend** the Inserted or Struck out words. You **can not Amend** a separate part of the **Main Motion** not covered by the Amendment that is currently being discussed! After the current Amendment is voted upon, you can **Amend the Motion** again and Amend this new Amendment.

If you carefully review these **3 Basic Processes of Amendments** (*insert, strikeout, and strikeout/insert*), you will agree that any other form is not an amendment. Proper usage of the **3 Basic Processes** will reduce the chances of chaos and confusion that is common during discussion of Motions and Amendments.

Refer to : <http://roberts-rules.com/parl14.htm>

c/o: Survival Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

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