# Impressions

You have met Brandi and Tish. Now meet the final member of our Committee on Young Women, Carrie Brumbaugh!



# Introducing:

# Carrie Brumbaugh, Member of the Committee on Young Women

My LWML story begins with my mom. As a young girl, I watched as she excitedly went off to her first LWML Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. As I continued to grow and went on to college, Mom continued to be active in LWML. She had created strong bonds with LWML friends, and those bonds grew stronger each time they met. For me, LWML was a natural fit when I married and moved to our little town of Lyman, Wyoming. The LWML was meeting and it was exactly what I needed to become more acquainted and connected to the women of the congregation. A few years later, Mom wanted to encourage my love of LWML and offered to pay my way to the 1987 Fort Worth, Texas, convention as her guest. I thought, "Sure I'll go," but I didn't really want her to pay, so my Pastor's wife encouraged me to apply to be the Young Woman Representative for our district. I was selected and came back truly

on fire for the Lord, and the LWML. I have missed very few LWML events since

then. I love seeing our mites at work around the world and here in my own district. I have served at the local, zone, and district levels. Four years ago I was elected President of the LWML Wyoming District LWML. In June 2014, a new President was elected to serve the Wyoming District, but my life in LWML will not be over. I look forward to what my Lord has planned for me. Part of that plan is the privilege of serving on the Committee on Young Women with two amazing and wonderful sisters in Christ!



Eureka! Dinner and Diapers!

Submitted by: LWML Shepherd of the Valley, Wyoming District

Our evening began with pizza as we decided how to approach our project. Our mission: make diapers for Orphan Grain Train. We started by using the diaper pattern from the Lutheran World Relief website and a pile of t-shirts. We then formed an assembly line with one person cutting, one folding, one stitching, and another using a serger. The results were adorable, and we hope the babies and moms will enjoy using them, too! We made 32 diapers in about 4 hours, and enjoyed laughter and fellowship as we worked.

Follow this link for the diaper pattern: http://lwr.org/atflcf/%7B3F934D1F-3443-49CB-95AC-954E18EF5D03%7D/GI\_QK\_BCK\_DiaperTipSheet.pdf

Do you have an event that worked well in your society? Submit your idea to Carrie Brumbaugh at <a href="mailto:carrielwml@gmail.com">carrielwml@gmail.com</a>.

### Devotion

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b).

Have you ever thought, "Why isn't God listening to me? I prayed that my life would be changed. Nothing happened." As weak, sinful humans, we are tempted to blame and accuse. Sometimes we are even tempted to blame God for everything that goes wrong. Could our own human frailties be hampering us, keeping us from hearing God's good and timely answers to our prayers? Maybe we need to pray with the psalmist: Create in me a pure heart, O God (Psalm 51:10a).

Our loving and merciful God promises to listen and answer even when we are weak and fearful...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me (Psalm 50:15).

God's answers don't depend upon fancy words or even upon the strong faith of the one who prays. God answers in the right way and at the right time because He loves us.

Dear God, Forgive me for doubts and weakness. Strengthen my faith and help me to come to You with petitions that are pleasing in Your sight. Then help me to listen for Your timely answers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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# Did you know? What's up with all this Red?

You may have noticed that during a certain week after Easter (exactly 50 days after!) the whole town is "red," so to speak. There are banners that are red, the pastor wears red, the altar dressings (paraments) are red, and even the people sitting in the pew next to you might be wearing red. So what is up with all that red? Well, during Pentecost, red is used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit coming down in the form of fire and alighting on the apostles. Pentecost is the day traditionally used to discuss the Holy Spirit's work of spreading the Gospel. It is also known as the birthday of the church. So, next year when you see all that red, you will be "in the know!"

Mission Grant Focus
Mites. We collect them all the time as women of the LWML. Are you ever curious about the people our pocket change helps? We have highlighted three of the 18 mission grants chosen by the LWML delegates to support during the 2013 – 2015 biennium. Every quarter we will feature a new set of grants. Pray for these grants, and that the overall mission goal of \$1,830,000 in mites will be met.



## Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools - Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska

This grant will be used to reach hearts for Jesus by funding two part-time Native American instructional assistants and purchasing curriculum needed for students of the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska.



### I CAN - Serving At-Risk Children With Learning Needs

This grant will help to bring the love of Christ to children who are at-risk or have special learning needs through Lutheran Special Education Ministries' afterschool/summer programs.



### Bible Story Books in Sign Language and Written Text

This grant will help to reach children who are deaf in places such as Kenya and India with Bible story books, so that they may come to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# From the Heart of a YWR Submitted by: Chantear Song, Oregon District

Interested in going to the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by train? The big, bold print on the church's bulletin caught my eye immediately. I did not want to pass up the opportunity to ride a train across the country to a convention that sounded interesting and perhaps even fun. This was my first time ever hearing about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Filled with curiosity and eagerness to attend, I immediately jumped on board and approached a friend in church who happened to be the zone secretary. She asked my age and told me that I fit in the age group for a Young Woman Representative. How crazy was this? I was getting more than I asked for. I prayed that I could attend the convention and the next thing I knew, I was selected as one of two Young Women Representatives to represent the LWML Oregon District! I was grateful and surprised to be chosen. It just goes to show that God sometimes gives you more than you ask for and truly does have good plans for you, bigger than you can imagine.

Hello there! I'm Chantear (jun-tear) Song and my home is in Vancouver, Washington. I didn't grow up Lutheran; therefore, I am constantly learning new things each day about what it means to be Lutheran. I felt honored to be chosen as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) for the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; however, a part of me was scared. I sometimes perceived Christians to be uptight and judgmental. Honestly, the thought of being surrounded by women whom I thought were Lutherans their whole lives frightened me! I checked my emails constantly for updates on the convention, so I wouldn't look unprepared or out of place. Some advice that I read from a former YWR was to wear lots of purple, and I took that advice seriously! Now my purple clothes serve as a remembrance of my first LWML convention.

When I arrived in Pittsburgh, my insecurities and fears washed away. I was greeted by many women who showed everyone around them a reflection of Christ's love for us. I enjoyed listening to the speakers talk about their experiences in the mission field. They expressed how powerful and effective mites are as they are used to touch people and communities throughout the world.

One thing that I took away from this convention was seeing and feeling the joy of the Lord from the first day to the last. I'll always remember the smiles, hugs, and goodbyes from all the YWRs. What amazing faith I witnessed of many who face trials, yet continued to serve the Lord with gladness! In the end, I can truly say I felt "Quenched by the Water!"