

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’ after-school/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!”