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Happy Autumn! The leaves are changing from green to brilliant red, yellow, purple, orange, and magenta hues, while the sunflowers are still in bloom. Tall and magnificent flowers, brilliant and joyful, they are a crowd pleaser.



This is the time of year when some of our societies and zones hold their elections. Many times, it is the same people running again because no one else will. Can you help in some way? *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*(1 Peter 4:10) How will you use your talents to help your society, zone, or our district?

We held our Fall Retreat at Pioneer on the Lake beginning Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24, 2023. Our speaker was LCMS Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel. His message to us in a turbulent world is to keep on encouraging one another. The weather was perfect, and it was a wonderful time spent visiting old friends, making new ones, attending interest sessions, wandering the beach, and being in the Word at a place in the Son! Thank you to the Philadelphia Zone for all your efforts in making this a memorable event.

National News: As you know, Kathy Pavelock of the Central New York North Zone was elected in 2021 as the VP of Communication. We are blessed that she is on the national level as well as the Public Relations Coordinator for our district. This summer two women from the Eastern District were appointed to the national level as well – Rebecca Bessell – Mission Grant Committee and Linda Bright – Special Focus Committee. A job well done!!!

We are eagerly looking forward to our **80th LWML Eastern District Convention, June 14-16, 2024 at the DoubleTree Hilton, Cranberry, PA., hosted by the Pittsburgh Zone. WILL YOU BE THERE?**

I have chosen *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* (Jeremiah 29:11) for the rest of my term in office. I seek His wisdom daily to let me know the plans that He has for me to fulfill my role as LWML Eastern District President.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me. I would love to talk with you – d_e_grzyb@msn.com, 716-901-4167 mobile or 716-393-3670.

Blessings,

Dee E. Grzyb
LWML Eastern District President

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)



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"Now I Rejoice in My Sufferings"

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Why does a Christian rejoice in one's sufferings? And just as importantly, how?

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, he writes: *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship of God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints.*

(Colossians 1:24-26 ESV)

Why does Paul rejoice in his suffering? Because he knows that God is working **through** his affliction... not in spite of it but **because of it**, even through it. Does that mean that Paul understood it completely and in every detail? No, but he knew that it was for the sake of the church, for the sake of other believers (perhaps including you and me), and potentially (probably) also for the sake of unbelievers who may yet come to knowledge of, and faith in, the saving power of Jesus Christ. That's why.

Will we always understand the "why" of our suffering? No, at least not on this side of glory. We are not promised that. However, in His grace and mercy, sometimes the Lord does reveal some of it to us in this life – such as to Joseph when he forgave his brothers and told them how his suffering at the hands of his brothers was for God's saving purpose (Genesis 50), even though neither he nor they thought of it at the time of Joseph's suffering.

In the midst of our suffering, it is often very hard to see God's purpose in it. **Very hard!** Did the disciples understand the cross as they saw Jesus suffer in His crucifixion, even though He told them multiple times, in advance, that the Son of Man must suffer at the hands of sinful men? It's hard to see past the pain – one's own, or that of a loved one.

No, the disciples could not see past Jesus' pain, nor their own fear, in the moment. Not even for three days; not until Christ's resurrection. What was God's purpose in Christ's suffering and death on the cross? Nothing less than the full atoning for all OUR sin.

So, what is God's purpose in my suffering or your suffering? We don't always know, we don't even usually know at the time. We do know that Jesus is with us in our suffering, suffering with us since we are members of His body... and *if one member suffers, all suffer together.* (1 Corinthians 12:26a ESV) And we hear the words the Lord told Paul when he pleaded repeatedly for the Lord to relieve one particularly burdensome affliction, *My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.* (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

This doesn't mean that we earn anything through our afflictions and suffering, but rather that the Holy Spirit is working through our afflictions and suffering – often for the sake of **others** who may see: a witness of our faith in Christ as we look to Him in the midst of affliction (inspiring faith in them), an opportunity to experience Christ-like empathy as they see our suffering (softening and molding their heart), and an opportunity to offer care, support and Christ-like service (Gospel-inspired good works).

You know that whatever God is doing, it is good, and it is a part of His plan of salvation for the world. So your afflictions DO mean something, because Christ is IN YOU, and by Christ's afflictions He is reconciling the world to Himself. Ultimately, that's how Paul, and we, can rejoice in suffering.

We have His promise that our sufferings and afflictions will end. By the power of Christ, you and I will stand before God, perfect and blameless on the Last Day. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Rev. Jeff Nickel, LWML Eastern District Senior Counselor

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE—CAROL OBOT, CHAIRMAN



I welcome Susan Beltran as the vice chair on this committee. She has been a blessing to work with. For those who could not attend the Fall Retreat, I'd like to share the vespers we presented. Both can be found on the LWML website <https://www.lwml.org/program-helps-devotions>

. Friday was a litany on outreach "Who Is Our Neighbor?" It was a responsive reading where the zones could share who they have reached out to in mission. We sang the song "Hear I am Lord". Saturday vespers was a skit on "A Light for My Path" based on the Bible verse Psalm 119:105 *Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* The song was "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My

Feet". Enjoy the beautiful colors the Fall brings. ✨ God Bless!

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES – SUSAN BELL



The work of the Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Department is to engage, Encourage, and equip women to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their loving Savior with people of their communities and the world.

**THE 2022-2024 GOSPEL OUTREACH/ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Vice President of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources – Susan Bell
Mission Grants Chair – Susan Morris; Mission Grants Co-Chair – Margaret Klees
Leader Development Chair – Cathie Geske; Leader Development Co-Chair – Vacant
Structure Chair – Terry Hoffman; Structure Co-Chair – Darlene Garcia
Stamp Coordinator – Karen Blackmon; Nominating Committee Chair – Susan Bell
 (Contact information is on page 11 of this LINK)

MISSION GRANT NEWS

MISSION GRANT DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

The Mission Grant application submission deadline is quickly approaching! Please have your grant applications submitted to Mission Grant Chairman Susan Morris (morrissusan68@gmail.com) **no later than October 15, 2023.**

**GRANT 3 HAS BEEN PAID!**

Grant #3 in the amount of \$5000 has been paid to Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, Philadelphia PA. This grant will help to fund the purchase and installation of an Acorn Stair lift to assist disabled and elderly to the 2nd floor for worship and fellowship.

NEWS FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE



Zones, please review your bylaws periodically. If you need to make changes, please send a copy to Terry Hoffman so Darlene Garcia and I can review them for you. The contact information is listed below:

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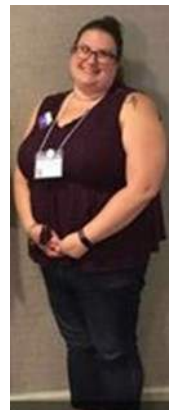
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Updated District Bylaws are on our website. They can be found at the following link: www.east-dist-lwml.org and clicking on **2022 LWML Eastern District Bylaws**

NEWS FROM THE LEADER DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN—CATHIE GESKE



Meet Margaret Klees, one of our two YWRs who joined me at the National Convention in June. Margaret is also part of the congregation where my husband serves as pastor and a dear friend of mine. Margaret is an amazing young woman who serves in our congregation Grace Lutheran Church in Hop Bottom, PA as our vice chair. Besides that position, Margaret helps with our youth group and is affectionately known as "Auntie Meg" by the children both in and out of our church. Her skills working with these rambunctious youngsters cannot be topped! When I asked Margaret what she thought of the convention in June, she replied that it was, "A great experience. I got to meet with many new people and catch up with people I haven't seen in a while. During the convention, I was able to talk with her about the voting process, and how things worked from an administrative perspective in terms of how manuals with grants are given ahead and how voting was done with the keypads." My personal hope is that she might go as our zone delegate next time around! In addition to being a YWR, Margaret is our Zone President and actively participates as a vendor in our local farmer's market held at our church. Margaret makes beautiful jewelry and hymn picture frames. Please feel free to see her crafts on Facebook at Bugs & Boots (her cute nicknames for her nieces). Margaret also enjoys kayaking, fishing and going geocaching. Make sure to say hi to her next time you see her!



Check out the reflections on convention from our two YWRs on page 5 of this LINK.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following offices of the LWML Eastern District for vote at the June 2024 convention in Pittsburgh, PA:

Vice President of Communication
District Recording Secretary
District Financial Secretary
District Pastoral Counselor

All offices serve a four-year term. Any LWML member may nominate a candidate for office. For ***Nominating Forms*** please e-mail Susan Bell at sbell_7238@comcast.net. You are encouraged to contact your nominee before you send us a Nominating Form, however the Nominating Committee is also ready to serve by making the initial contact. Nominees, except the Pastoral Counselor, should be members of the LWML and have served on the LWML Board of Directors (this includes district committees and zone presidents).

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Susan Bell, Chair; Bev Wicher, Margaret Klees, Anita Getty, and Chris Gassein. Thank you for your service, ladies!

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL FOCUS COMMITTEE



CONVENTION 2023 – MILWAUKEE

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League 40th Biennial Convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I was fortunate to attend, and be a part of this incredible group in the body of Jesus Christ. I had the opportunity to be trained as a LWML Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations representing the LWML Eastern District. The Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations program, recognizes that the body of Christ grows and is strengthened when all women are welcomed, mentored and encouraged to play an active part in sharing the mission of the LWML. The purpose of this is to bring faith, fellowship, and services to women of all cultures in each district within the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Through the brilliance and intelligence trainers of the program I have been taught the skills on how to engage women of all cultures to join the mission work. Actively educating the LWML community of groups and members about the gifts they have to contribute to the Lutheran Church.



I also learned that the diverse cultures of women participation in the Lutheran congregations will intensify the spreading of the Gospel to all races. The training was impactful on how we deal with other cultures in the body of Christ. During the training I was able to meet some wonderful, loving women from several districts. I can never forget their laughter, smart remarks, sharing of gifts, and their warm feeling of sisterly love.

During the Flags of the Nations procession on Saturday morning I had the honor to proudly carry my native land, Liberia's flag accompanied by Evelyn Seton Boltmann, one of our Heart to Heart Sisters who happen to be a Liberian from West Africa. The Bible studies, mission speakers and Mite Walk were wonderful to experience.

The morning devotions were very fulfilling and inspiring. I can't forget the beautiful music, joyous singing and the fantastic organist. She kept the congregation engaged during all the services with those familiar worship songs. It was incredible to see the work of the LWML foreign missions around the world. The missionaries work is incredible to see in the videos and listen to testimonies of God's provisions to his people from all around the world.



I am blessed to be a part of the LWML Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations. Thank you.

Roselyn Kamara/CHRIST ASSEMBLY LUTHERAN CHURCH – EASTERN DISTRICT

Serve the Lord With Gladness

Young Women IN MISSION

Reflections from our YWRs



Reflections from Margaret Klees

I had the amazing opportunity to attend the LWML National Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a Young Woman Representative (YWR). While there, I made many new friends and ran into people I knew from the Assembly of Leaders last October. The first service Thursday night was unbelievable. I had never heard so many people singing a hymn at the same time, and the sheer number of people there was amazing. I have been to district conventions in the past, so the business meetings are usually about the same, except national is about 100 times larger! Every day started with breakfast with all 75 of the YWRs and ended with a YWR debriefing. Within the 75 YWRs five of the ladies were pregnant and one of the YWR committee ladies! They took a group picture to document that memory. Friday morning Sarala, the other Eastern District YWR, and I were in the opening procession with our District President, Dee. Sarala carried the beautiful banner that Kathy Pavlock made. Friday Fest was a blast, after dinner, the exhibition booths had games, cornhole, chair volleyball, karaoke, and so many other things going on. Saturday morning, Sarala and I were in the flag procession that includes all the countries that LWML has members or have had some impact in. Sarala carried the name card, and I carried the flag for Turkey. The Saturday lunch

session I chose was with Rev. Doua Xiong where he spoke about his turning to Christ and his ministry to the Hmong. His organization received a grant from the 2021-2023 biennium to purchase Christ-centered materials for the Hmong language school and outreach. I thoroughly enjoyed his talk; he told us he almost didn't make it to the convention because his flight was cancelled and so he and his family drove nonstop from California in order to make it to the Convention. Saturday night's entertainment was a blast! The Lutheran Ladies Lounge Podcast did a live show. Those four ladies were a hoot and had the whole audience continuously laughing. One of my favorite parts was Lutheran Lady Feud, where some top officers joined teams with two of the podcast ladies. The first question, that had surveyed Lutheran ladies, asked what the best addition to Jell-o was. The top answer was vodka, the fact of which had people laughing hysterically. I unfortunately had to leave Sunday morning before the last meeting was over and service was held. Overall, this was a whirlwind weekend where I made many new friends and got to hear some great speakers. I would like to thank the LWML Eastern District for giving me this opportunity. I will cherish these memories forever.

Margaret Klees, Antracite Zone

Reflections from Sarala Nunnam



My name is Sarala Vunnam, I am from Malvern, PA. I was blessed to represent Eastern District Philadelphia as YWR in 2023.

This is my first convention ever. Convention was so encouraging and helped me to get closer to God through Bible studies and fellowship. While listening to Mites in Action speakers and keynote speakers my heart was moved by how wonderful and amazing things are happening through LWML. All praises and glory to God. Also, I had a great time with my fellow YWR sisters in Christ. We prayed together and shared our testimonies which helped me to strengthen my faith. I got an opportunity to meet many wonderful women who are serving

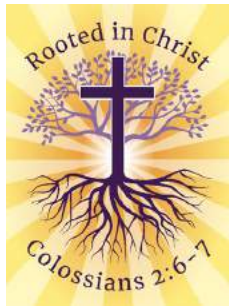
God with gladness.

I am thankful to my church and district president for this opportunity. Thank you so much for all your support.

Regards

Sarala Vunnam, Philidelphia Zone





40th Biennial
 LWML Eastern District Convention
 June 14-16, 2024
 Double Tree by Hilton
 Mars, PA



*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
 just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).*

The Pittsburgh Zone invites you to an inspirational weekend walking in our faith, rooting in Jesus Christ and abounding in thanksgiving with our fellow sisters and brothers. We will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary in the Eastern District! Pittsburgh has much to offer in history and tourism. Please join us.

The Committee has been meeting both virtually and in person. What a great group of dedicated women!



Diane Olmstead, Convention Co-Chair; Rebecca Bessell, District liaison; Linda Bright, Convention Chairman.

Gifts from the Heart Ingathering—Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Mission Statement

To serve our aging community with a continuum of high-quality caregiving options, provided in a Christian environment, and to serve those with limited funds to the best of our ability.

Vision Statement

Serving the Triune God by providing for the needs of His people.

A Mission of Caring

As one of the largest, most financially secure senior care providers in the country, Concordia offers a lifetime continuum of care that includes adult day services, home care, hospice, medical and rehabilitation services, memory support, personal care/assisted living, respite care, retirement living, skilled nursing, spiritual care and medical equipment.

The roots of Concordia Lutheran Ministries go back to 1881 when western PA religious leaders began exploring options for how to address the growing orphan population in the region. Since that time, the organization has evolved from a small, safe haven for orphan children to one of today's premier nonprofit Aging Services Network in the nation. It's a remarkable story filled with practicality and leaps of faith; discord and harmony; tragedy and joy; uncertain finances and unexpected providence.

<https://concordialm.org/about/>

Wish List of Items for Concordia Lutheran Ministries Activities Department

<p>New Items</p> <p>Small pocket Kleenex ChapSticks Handkerchiefs Word Search puzzles (regular and large print) 100-piece puzzles</p>	<p>Monetary donation by Check</p> <p>Make payable to: <u>LWML Eastern District Convention</u> Memo line: <u>2024 ingathering</u></p> <p>Look for the "Gifts of the Heart" table display. A place will be provided to receive your monetary donations.</p>
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News From Around The Zones

BUFFALO ZONE

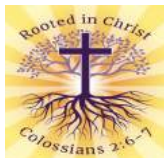
The Buffalo Zone ladies gathered for their annual summer picnic in August. We made tied blankets and Visual Faith® Ministry Seed packet encouragement cards to be distributed to the Jericho Road Ministries refugee center. We also collected items and donations for Camp Joy ministry of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. We had a great time of service, fellowship, devotion and some delicious food too!



Our **Fall Event will be Saturday, October 7, 9-noon** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eden
Guest Speaker—Ann Werk speaking about “JOY RESTORED” based on Psalm 51

Hands on Project—We will be assembling Fabric Kits and packing them up. These kits will be given to Lutheran World Relief.

PITTSBURGH ZONE



Welcome back, Ladies and Pastors, too...The Pittsburgh Zone is excited as it is getting ready to welcome you to the 40th Biennial LWML Eastern District Convention, June 14-16, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Mars, PA celebrating 80 years in the LWML under the theme “Rooted in Christ” (Colossians 2:6-7)



Oak and olive at Kibbutz Tzuba – 15 minutes west of Jerusalem

What is the 80th anniversary gift...OAK! In case you were wondering. The following statement was taken from bristol-treeforum.org “There are many different types of trees in Israel, including **oak trees**. Oak trees are a common sight in Israel, and they are known for their

strong wood and beautiful leaves. Oak trees are also a symbol of strength and stability, which is why they are often used in construction. *Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.* (Amos 2:9)

God’s word mentions oak/oaks 28 times but in the Old testament only. The word tree/trees 258 both testaments 208 in OT and 50 NT, in addition, to our theme verse word root/rooted/rooting 66 both testaments 46 in OT and 20 NT. Wow!

Yes, what a huge 80th anniversary gift from God, who will lead our wonderful, strong, and rooted organization to our next Eastern District LWML Convention, which has a combined theme of oak, tree, and rooted!

We would LOVE to have you join us as we root ourselves even deeper in the LIVING Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

BethAnn Salinas, 2nd Vice President of Pittsburgh Zone LWML

PHILADELPHIA ZONE



Encourage One Another - what an awesome retreat we had, glory be to God! We were blessed with favorable weather, delicious food, and the best fellowship with our Christian sisters and brothers. President Pingel inspired us to expand our view on

encouragement towards others. It was great to meet him. We enjoyed new activities on Saturday afternoon like chair yoga. Looking forward to seeing you at next year's retreat.



Beth Quinn Philadelphia Zone

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PHOTOS

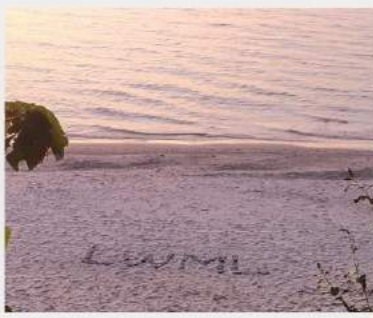


As we look forward to celebrating our 80th anniversary of the LWML Eastern District at the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania lets dig out those photos!

Photos of past district, zone, church ladies’ groups and any LWML event we are looking for. You can mail, email, text, give to your zone president or bring to the Fall Retreat. If these are photos and you would like back, please indicate your name, address and zone.

We look forward to sharing past memories at our upcoming convention in June.

**Thank you,
Rebecca Bessell, RLB54@rochester.rr.com
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RETREAT BY THE NUMBERS

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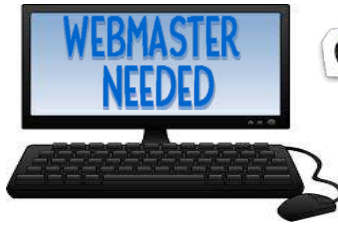
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26 FIRST TIMERS

107 ATTENDEES

\$7,130 INGATHERING FOR PIONEER ON THE LAKE





CAN YOU HELP?

below, please contact Dee if you are gifted in this area and willing to help in this position.

Do you have computer, website and Social Media skills? We are in need of a new Webmaster to maintain our Website, Kathy Pavelock has served us for many years and we thank her for her time and service. The job description is listed

LWML Webmaster – Volunteer Position

The Webmaster serves as the primary contact for all aspects of the LWML Eastern District website and social media platforms, handling a range of responsibilities that may include website and social media post design and development, routine site and content maintenance, and various updates to ensure the sites align with the mission, goals, and objectives of the LWML Eastern District. The webmaster serves on the Website & Social Media Committee with the Public Relations Director acting as chairman.

General Duties

- Serves as the primary contact for all aspects of the LWML Eastern District website and social media platforms.
- Develops and maintains the LWML Eastern District website and social media platforms in accordance with the organization's policies; collaborates with the Public Relations Director, VP of Communication, and other district officers for website and social media content.
- Monitors social media platforms for appropriate commentary and interactions.
- Encourages and facilitates consistent, creative, and unified design across the district website and social media platforms.
- Maintains and coordinates internet domains.
- Periodically evaluates website and social media effectiveness. Recommends changes to the Public Relations Director.
- Assists Eastern District Lutheran Women in Mission with use of the website and social media platforms through one-on-one support, user guides, and training sessions.
- Ensures compliance with LWML Eastern District policies, procedures, doctrinal reviews, and ethical standards; software licenses; and applicable state and federal laws and regulations including data security and privacy.
- Maintains current knowledge of best practices and emerging developments in web design, web development, and social media technology.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Required Skills/Abilities:

- Working knowledge of web design, website management, and social media platforms.
 - Knowledge of website and social media current best practices and standards.
 - Proficient with HTML/CSS and graphic design of images used on websites and social media.
 - Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
 - Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and image manipulation applications or related software.
- Strong analytical, troubleshooting, and problem-solving skills.

If you are interested please contact Dee Grzyb – d_e_grzyb@msn.com or 716-901-4167.




Memorials/Legacy of Love

**MEMORIALS
LEGACY OF LOVE DISTRICT ENDOWMENT**

Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. Every single day you went to work and earned money preparing you for the grand privilege when someday you get to bless family and ministry with those gifts through inheritance. There are so many thoughts and plans go into this grand design which there is free help available for your through the LWML.

Questions, please contact Rebecca Bessell,
RLB54@rochester.rr.com or 585-415-6368





**CHANGES TO THE LWML
RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Due to other obligations, Alice Pfonner is stepping down as the Eastern District Recycle Fundraising Chair. She has sent me an email with another option for continuing the recycling program.

**YOUR CHURCH OR ZONE
CAN RECYCLE DIRECTLY**

Each church in the Eastern District can assist LWML with recycling directly from their home churches. Please contact your zone president or zone treasurer for instructions.



THANK YOU!

Total for this year's *September* Day of Giving is
TO REMEMBER

\$39,039

**LWML SUNDAY
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<https://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday>



**THE KING
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PSALM 24:7-10
Lutheran Women
in Mission SUNDAY

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

March 1-2, 2024	EC/BOD Pittsburgh PA
June 14, 2024	EC/BOD Pittsburgh, PA
June 14-16, 2024	LWML ED Convention Pittsburgh, PA
September 2024	EC Meeting
Setptember 2024	Fall Retreat

Report of the Financial Secretary—Barb Williams

**Report of the Financial Secretary
June 1, 2023 – August 2023**

Mites: \$ 4,002.02

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Ruth Brighton
Given By: Beth Quinn

In Memory of Kristine Eggleston
Given By: St. Paul Adella Society, Hilton, NY

In Memory of Janet Havens
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In Memory of Elizabeth Holland
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In Memory of Esther Lexow
Given By: LWML Buffalo Zone

In Memory of Joan Ziegler
Given By: Susan Bell
Dorothy Koschmann

In Honor of Women of Philadelphia Zone
Given By: Beth Quinn

Legacy of Love – In Memory Milda G. Bell
Given By: Susan and Charles Bell

**Legacy of Love – in Honor of Helen Harmon –
90th Birthday and Thankfulness for establishing the
LWML Society of Zion**
Given By: Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, Accident, MD

Legacy of Love – in Honor of Dee Gryzb
For Faithful Leadership & Sharing the Love of Christ

Legacy of Love – Donation
Given By: LWML Buffalo Zone

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Here I sit on Labor Day, a very warm and breezy Monday this year. God's creation is turning a bright yellow, orange, and red along with the various shades of green and brown! Autumn approaches and soon the apples and pumpkins will appear everywhere! Funny how we relate certain things to certain seasons! And so we can do the same in our seasons of life! Especially our life with Christ. We all have mountain and valley experiences that help to shape our walk with Jesus and the journey that God has planned for us. What do we notice along the way?



My most recent valley was a long 6 weeks, but along the way I was able to remember and witness how "still" things can seem when things are moving all around you. How God promises to be with us no matter what and sometimes conversations with our "healer" is the only thing we can cling to. I can appreciate the true sounds of music and voices as I struggled with the various "tunes" in my right ear, and how through it all I could still sing. Covid helped me to see all the wonderful advantages that modern day medicine provides, of course by God's hands as well. So even though it seemed like a long season, God's provisions along the way were witnessed in full.

Please continue to send me any prayer concerns or thanks to be shared with prayer warriors all across the District.

Please continue to send any changes in the directory to swolff3@rochester.rr.com.

Have a blessed fall and approaching Advent season!!!!

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