

## President's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

June 2018

The LWML CNH District Convention held in Fremont, California in April, is now a wonderful memory and the mites for the mission goals for the 2018-2020 Biennium of \$105,274 are flowing in. Praise the Lord!!!

Thanks to your faithful mite giving, the first two grants, Grant # 1, Outreach to Chico State/Butte College students in Chico, CA, and Grant #2, K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry in Elk Grove, CA, have already been paid. As you continue to fill those mite boxes, keep the college students and the Comfort dog ministry in your prayers.

Because of being in Hawaii while my husband is serving as Interim pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Honolulu, I have had some special experiences that I would like to share with you.

Zone 11 President, Nancy Kunert, invited me to the Big Island, Hawaii, to participate in a Mother-Daughter Tea Party hosted by the LWML ladies of Christ Lutheran in Hilo, (close to where all the volcanic activity has been happening), and to worship with them as well. A full pancake breakfast was being held to raise funds for the victims of the volcano. During my stay, I met a few the people who had to evacuate. Thankfully, they and their families are safe, but they have no idea what they will encounter if or when they are allowed back into the area. Although only a small portion of this large island has been affected, you are invited to pray for those who have been affected physically, as well as emotionally, by the volcanic activity.

While in Ewa Beach, on Oahu, my husband and I visited Messiah Lutheran. This congregation was the Grant #14, Blessings from Heaven Preschool Roofing Project recipient of \$10,000, during the last Biennium, 2016-2018.

God's perfect timing allowed us to meet the pastor, Rev. Dan Truesdell, who "just happened to stop by." He shared with us how the Lord has blessed this tiny congregation in many ways. Through our partnership with the preschool, with weekly chapels and materials, children and their families have become part of the church family. Messiah has gone from wondering how to keep their doors open to seeking the Lord's guidance in order to serve all the people that are worshiping at this time. May Our Lord grant vision and direction as they have a real and dynamic witness to the Gospel!

I encourage you to use your God-given gifts to serve in your societies and congregations, and do so joyfully! Pray for the individual members of your society as well as for the officers of the LWML CNH District.

May we faithfully encourage each other to serve Our Lord with gladness! In Him,

Martha E Dubke

LWML CNH District President

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." Prov. 3:5*

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# Christian Life

LWML CNH Convention - April 27-29, 2018  
Doubletree Hotel, Newark, CA  
Rejoice ... Pray ... Be at Peace

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:4-7

The Christian Life Committee (CLC) was busy at the District Convention meeting new friends and seeing long-loved friends as well as fulfilling their duties.

Starting on Friday afternoon, the CLC hosted **SWAP**:

- **S** – The Bible Study was led by District Counselor Rev. Stewart Crown – He summed it up thusly: *And as you rejoice that the Lord is near and as you pray to Our Father, fully assured that He hears your petitions in the name of Our Christ Jesus the Lord, who will come to judge the living and the dead, His peace will be your fortress, guarding you. You are in Him; nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thus, your peace is assured.*
- **W** – Dave Anderson, the music leader for the weekend came in and led us in lots of praise and worship.
- **A N D**
- **P** – The P.R.A.Y.E.R. Service was led by District Counselor Rev. Bill Chu:
  - Praise God for His goodness and blessings.
  - Remember that I am a sinner and that I have a Savior.
  - Ask of any and all things that are on my mind.
  - Yield these concerns to God's wisdom and gracious working.
  - Excitement is the result of surrendering concerns to God.
  - Rejoicing is the expression of our trust that God is in control.

The CLC had a booth in the Exhibit Hall, sharing photos of the 2017 District Retreat held at Silver Spur Retreat Center in Tuolumne last August. There were also lots of inspirational goodies for the taking. Hope you visited all the booths during the weekend.

The CLC had set up a Prayer Chapel that was open all weekend for anyone to come and have some quiet time. It was there on Saturday morning that District Counselor Rev. Stewart Crown led the LWML Prayer Service, which *Celebrated 75 years of Commending Christ from One Generation to Another.*

I sure hope you didn't miss this Convention; it was a time of fellowship, fun, good food, inspiration, worship, ingathering, servant events, and learning lots about LWML.

LaVada, Terrell, VP, Christian Life

# Gospel Outreach

July 2018

Warm summer greetings to all you wonderful mites collectors. Ladies – I want you to know that each mission grant we have paid has sent us, LWML CNH, that's you, sincere heartwarming thank you letters. Many times, the letters explain how our grant money has arrived just at God's perfect time for the program needs. Our mites are funding unique and important gospel centered projects.

The Gospel Outreach Committee has had a busy spring after the April convention. Thanks to God for showering us with mites in March we met our 2016-2018 biennium goal for grants of \$115,000, paying all 16 grants with \$1,426.70 rolling over into the 2018-2020 biennium grants. The collections from our convention and regular mites have funded:

- Grant #1. Outreach to Chico State/Butte College Students Redeemer, Chico, CA for \$2,200,
- Grant #2. K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Light of the Valley, Elk Grove, Ca for \$5,000
- Grant #3. Ministry to Adults w/Developmental Disabilities, Redeemer, Atascadero, CA \$3,300.

How exciting for these Gospel projects!

We are now collecting mites for Grant #4 New Hmong Ministry Plant in Fresno, Redeemer, Fresno, \$3,674. This is a CNH District mission outreach LWML has faithfully supported for various projects over the years and is definitely bearing Gospel fruit.

The 2018-2020 grant posters have been produced with photos and project summaries. Grant posters were put on the CNH website and email blasted through the CNH District. Please be sure to visit our website and CNH Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support of mites and prayers for our Gospel Outreach grants!!

Respectfully submitted,

**Beverly Vietor, VP Gospel Outreach**

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

Reported by: Beverly Vietor:

Dearest LWML CNH Sisters-in-Christ:

Thank you for supporting our Hmong Language School in the Central Valley of California with the \$10,000 grant paid in August 2017. We would like you to know that your grant made it possible for us to continue the school in Merced, September 2017 thru May 2018 with 25 students. A new Hmong Language School location was launched in Fresno with a test session February thru June 2018. Many parents signed, however we were only able to accept 60 students.

The seed of Jesus has been spread and shared with these kids through Hmong Language School. Rejoice, because of LWML's support, one of our language school families now has the freedom to attend church. Family members/cultural beliefs can be a road block for one to become Christian. We pray that more families will have that same freedom to be children of God, according to His will. We are very thankful and appreciated of your partnership in the spreading of the Gospel.

Thank You and blessings to you LWML CNH ladies,

In Christ,

Pastor Doua and Sue Xiong



Hmong Language School Fresno, CA -  
1<sup>st</sup> day of school-

Hmong Language School Merced, CA,  
students getting ready to sing Hmong  
Easter Song



Lutheran Women in Mission hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Mother's Day Tea, Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the afternoon at **Grace Lutheran Church in Visalia**. The event hosted a Children's Fashion Show sponsored by Susie Espinola, owner of Espi's Kids a specialty children's clothing store in Visalia, Ca. They were entertained by a Harpist, Linda Dunn out of Oakhurst and special guest speaker, Cheryl Braden, President of Care Pregnancy Resource Center also located in Visalia, Ca. They had a special raffle of eight beautiful baskets and a fun photo booth to capture Mothers, Grandmothers, Daughters and Granddaughters for this special Mother's Day. The event drew about 75 people and brought in approximately \$1,300.

**Lutheran Women in Mission: nurturing faith in Christ, making our faith meaningful and sharing encouragement!**





## LWML NEWS

### Lynnette Campbell Appointed as Communications Director

At the LWML CNH Convention held in April 27-29, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel in Newark, CA, we voted on quite a few bylaw changes. One of the changes created a new appointed position titled Communications Director. President Martha Dubke has appointed me (Lynnette Campbell) to be the Communication Director.

My role in this position is to help coordinate our communications between the LWML (at the national level), the LWML CNH (at the district level), the LWML Zones and the Society level. I also coordinate our Website, [www.lwmlcnh.org](http://www.lwmlcnh.org) and our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/LWMLCNH/> and our newsletter the Joyful Servant.

If you have any suggestions about how to improve communication between all these levels, feel free to send me a note or give me a call. My email is [lca4him@gmail.com](mailto:lca4him@gmail.com) and my phone number is 925-864-3627.

## NEWS from the Zones

### Zone 7 News

#### Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood

Women's Ministries, of Resurrection Ministries in Brentwood, had a delightful time on Saturday, June 30, as we hosted a number of our young ladies for a taco lunch and then engaged in setting each of them up with a sewing machine and colorful, fun fabric for stitching up pillowcases. The girls made a total of 10 pillowcases, which they will deliver to children in need in the local area. It was a special time of getting to know these young ladies a bit better and, for them hopefully it was a time of good food, fellowship and a job-well done! There's talk of making this an annual event!

Our ladies also gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month to work on quilts .....baby quilts, lap quilts, etc., for various needs. All women are welcome; some stitch, some measure and cut fabric, some iron and some come for the fellowship. The door is always open!  
Jan Perry

### Women of Benicia:

The Wings group at Benicia has been trying some different fellowship activities. One group started a book club, reading "A Voice in the Wind" by Francine Rivers (Wonderful!). Another group went to see "I can only Imagine" together. March was time to make flannel teddy bears for Project Linus and some fleece blankets. Next we plan to make Ziploc care packages for the homeless.

### Women of First Lutheran:

First Lutheran Women hosted the Zone 7 Spring Rally with the theme "One Body with Many Parts" based on 1Corinthians 12:12. Pastor Chu led us in a great study of the Bible. The Salad Brunch was awesome. Lynnette Campbell guided us in a prayer walk for Missions. She provided us with bookmarks and prayer encouragement cards for us to color. (Prayer walk and bookmarks are downloadable from LWML.

### Women of Our Savior:

We continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and we are now adding fleece blankets, encouraging people to make them at home.

### Women of Holy Cross:

February saw the WoHC having a luncheon together and crafting heart themed cards. President Joyce Liebe prepped everything and Samantha helped lead the Group – giving basic instructions and letting the gals get creative. Lots of laughs were had and women enjoyed pride in their creativity. It was a blessing for Joyce to share her hobby with others and to know others will be blessed in receiving the handmade cards.

Submitted by: SUSAN/MARCOS CONTRERAS, Zone 7 news

St Philip Church in Dublin

May 4, 2018



## Hello Beautiful! Uncovering the Beauty God Gave You!

*A seminar where Faith meets Fashion.*

Shari Braendel of Fashion Meets Faith ([www.fashionMeetsFaith.com](http://www.fashionMeetsFaith.com)) and author of *Help Me, Jesus, I Have Nothing to Wear*, will be bringing her exciting, fun and informative view of how today's Christian woman can look both fashionable and dignified. Shari will talk about color, shape, body type and accessories to enhance your individual style. She uses her own story of coming to know Jesus Christ personally to bless us all.

Join us on **Saturday, August 4**, from 8:30 to 4. **The Hello Beautiful!** seminar includes your personal **color analysis** done by Shari. Registration starts at 8:30 am with Shari's first session at 9am. The price is \$50 and include all seminar materials and lunch.

To start off the event, on Friday, **August 3**, 7pm to 9pm we will be holding a Meet & Greet of Shari; **Great Pairings: Fashion & Woman ~ Food & Wine**. This is a chance to meet Shari and others in an intimate environment, and with good food.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.stphilipchurch.com/hello-beautiful> or call SPLC office at 925-828-2117. Tickets are limited to the first 50 people.

- The seminar, Aug 4 is \$50 and includes all seminar materials and lunch
- The Meet and Greet, Aug 3 is \$20
- A bundle of both events is \$60
- These events will be at St Philip Church, 8850 Davona Drive, Dublin, CA 94568.

Events sponsored by Mary-Martha Guild of SPLC (LWML)

*And since nothing is as beautiful as a generous spirit, we will also be collecting gently used accessories and cash donations for Dress for Success ([sanjose.dressforsuccess.org](http://sanjose.dressforsuccess.org)) throughout the weekend.*

*CLOTHING ACCEPTED: Interview appropriate suits; Interview appropriate blouses; Professional separates (including blouses, slacks, skirts, dresses, blazers and jackets); work appropriate shoes; Jewelry and scarves; Handbags (briefcases, portfolios or work appropriate handbag)*

Questions? Call or email Denyse Blasdel: [925-577-7798](tel:925-577-7798), [dblasdel@aol.com](mailto:dblasdel@aol.com)

## ZONE NEWS

### Sierra Nevada

Our Spring Rally was hosted by St. Paul's in Susanville, Calif April 14, 2018. The theme was Making A Difference, Serving with Gladness with Pastor Lance Jennings, also including his sermon with Holy Communion. Zone 10 President Teri Margullis, gave a presentation "The God Box". We were blessed to have guest speaker Lori Fisher, LWML CNH Vice President of Human Care. The presentations and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Four women from Our Savior Sparks NV. and three women from Elko, NV attended the CNH Convention in Fremont/Newark, Ca in April. Some of the women had never attended a convention

before, their energy and enthusiasm of this new experience was continued as they came back and shared with all. Thank You Elko, for that 10-hour drive to be with us.

Zone 10 is rejoicing in hosting the next CNH Convention in Nevada, much excitement is shared within our 10 societies. We look forward to all events as we are spread apart up to 300 miles one way, and to be able to share in this is a humble blessing.

Our Fall Rally is being hosted by St. Marks Elko, NV September 22, 2018. More information in the next issue of Joyful Servant.

We have two new Zone 10 officers, Baylee Fraley of Our Savior, Sparks, NV. who was our YWR at the CNH Convention in April, She brings to us her new ideas and suggestions for Christian Growth as she focuses on women between 18-34. Carrie Mars also from Our Savior, Sparks has a Big job as she is taking over the Christian Outreach she has a special way of reaching out to our churches that are struggling within their LWML societies, with her passion and positive new ideas she will be a great addition to our board. Thank-You Baylee and Carrie.

Looking Forward to our Journey. In His Service,

Teri Margullis, Zone 10 LWML President

## ZONE 12 – North Sacramento Valley

On Saturday, March 17, 2018, during the Zone 12 Spring Rally in Paradise, CA, the topic of bringing a banner to the convention was brought forward. After some discussion, it was decided to use a banner that had been made several years back. The Zone 12 banner brought to the 2018 LWML CNH District Convention in Fremont comes with a very touching story, shared by Alvina Fredrickson, long-time member of the Brownsville LWML. Due to health concerns for her and her husband, she was not able to attend the convention. Highlights of the letter follow:



Attendees at the Spring Zone 12 Rally in Paradise, California



Martha Dubke, Kathy Richardson, Wendy Merrick, Linda Benfield, Holland Merrick, Laura Kegel, Sandra Clark, Jan Nugent and Linda Aiello

*In Alvina's words -*  
"All the health concerns have changed our lives for the present time. We know God has a plan, and so we continue each day thanking God for the good times He has showered on us.

The Cascade fire put the frosting on the cake. Life changed in a moment for many. We praise God every day for saving our home, and our lives that terrific night in October.

This is how the banner became involved. I smile every time I think of it. Out of everything, I try to find some humor. On this October Sunday afternoon, I took my "to go bags" out of the trunk, and repacked them with a fall set of clothes, as it was getting cooler.

The wind had been blowing very hard. We went to bed around 10 PM. I couldn't sleep, because of the high wind and got up several times. Then the power went out. I had lit a candle & had a flashlight, when I heard a banging on our door, sirens and saw a red glow outside on the hillside. We live on a dead-end road, with one way out.

I still don't know why a highway patrolman was here alerting us to danger. He was sent by God. He shouted, "You have 10 minutes. The fire is coming down the hill."

We got out to the garage, and the garage has an electronic opener. I had to lift the door to get the car out. As we drove down our mile-long driveway, suddenly the fire turned and burned uphill, towards Loma Rica on another ridge. We sat down at the hardware store in a parking lot, a safe area. Within minutes people were coming from all directions, but the fire turned into a fire tornado. All the homes behind us on Cascade burned. The fire department was able to get to our house . . .

Sitting in the car, in a parking lot for 6 hrs., it got cool towards morning. "I cleaned out the car," I thought, "all I have are these three banners lying on the back seat." I pulled up one, and thought, "I can't do much with it and the pole is in it." As it got cooler and we were desperate, the butterfly banner with the pole became a lifesaver. I gave Rick one, and I took the butterfly banner and managed to put the pole behind me and wrap the banner around my legs. The banners kept us warm, and I kept thinking, "I will replace them," even though Romey had told me, they were "old ones". I lost several butterflies but found some of the emblems later. The felt banners were a life saver in a time of need."

How wonderful to see how God provides for us in our time of need!

We rejoice that He is God as we pray for His protection and are at peace, trusting that He is in control!

Martha E Dubke – LWML CNH District President, member of Zone 12  
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### Zone 13 News: North Coast Redwood

What has been happening up North

The Zone has been busy quilting. We have met several times this years to tie quilts. With another Quilting Party scheduled for May 19, at Lutheran Church of Arcata.



St. Marks in Ferndale hosted our Spring Rally entitled "Blessed to be a Blessing" based on 1Peter 3:18a. Pastor Brumwell of St. Marks's led us in Bible Study. Beverly Hansen-Givens and her ladies served a wonderful lunch.

We were *blessed* to have Beverly Vietor as our guest speaker.

What a great *blessing* for eight ladies from Zone 13 to attend the CNH District Convention. A

special thanks to Arlene Krogstad, Jayne Kettner and Jeanie Tardif for the design and making the North Coast Redwood Zone Banner for the CNH District Convention in Newark.



## Zone 15 News

**ZONE 15 SPRING RALLY** was held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Our Savior's Lutheran in , Caruthers. The day's Scripture was from John 8:32 - *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* The Zone Counselor, Vicar Travis Wright, led the Bible Study about God's mission is also our mission – that is to win souls for His kingdom. The speaker was Debra Rush, who organized *Breaking the Chains*, an independent organization working with law-enforcement agencies to provide rescue, relocation, restorative, and residential services to female victims of human trafficking. Debra gave her personal testimony when she was involved in trafficking since she was 14 years old because of her mother, who is still in that business. The in-gathering include household/cleaning items, food staples, hygiene products, school supplies, and money for *Breaking the Chains*. The host Society served us a delicious Mexican lunch in honor of Cinco de Mayo day. The 54 in attendance truly enjoyed this wonderful day of inspiration and fellowship.

## Zone 19 News

Although our Society is recessed for the summer, we had a very strong, mission oriented year. We are supporting 2 LCMS mission families.: Mark & Stefanie Rabe serve in Ethiopia where Mark is teaching Ethiopian Lutheran pastors and church workers. Currently they are in the US to visit family, friends, and to update financial and prayer supporters. We will have a Skype meeting with them on July 8 at 9 am to interact with them and be updated on the Lord's work there. We also support Joel & Clarion Fritsche who serve in the Dominican Republic. Joel recently heads the mission outreach in teaching and training DR nationals as church workers and pastors. In addition, we support Linda Cruz (Zion Luth No. Highlands) in her short term missionary trips to Estonia. Closer to home we are involved with Youth for Christ at the Middle School across the street from our church. One area of support was to purchase teen-oriented Bibles which are given to teens participating in summer camps & ongoing Bible studies during the school year. Finally, we are supporting 2 Campus Crusade teams, the Cussons in central California and Aaron Kretzman in So. California. Both these teams have LCMS roots and are spreading the Gospel with college students. Our fundraising activities include an annual boutique, monthly lunches, miscellaneous

donation events, and a holiday cookie walk. Additional fellowship opportunities include a weekly sewing circle and a Ladies Night Out several times a year. ~ Jeannie Olthoff

The next "Joyful Servant" will be published on October 1, 2018.

Please submit articles by September 15 to Ruth Ferguson~ [ruthf@comcast.net](mailto:ruthf@comcast.net) and please put "Joyful Servant" somewhere in the subject line.

Please make sure all articles are submitted in a word document and please include or attach any photos you would like to use in your article. Thanks!

In His Service,  
Ruth Ferguson, Editor

