

The Joyful Servant

California-Nevada-Hawaii District



Fall 2021

President's Message



Dear friends,

The special moments at this summer's LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky are now wonderful memories.

If you were not able to attend, you are invited to view sessions of the convention on the lwml.org website, under Convention Central; scroll down and find Convention videos. Contact Communications Director

Lynnette Campbell for a list of Time Stamps of the activities. The inspiring message from Linda Reiser and the humorous interrupters, Jan Struck and Abbie Goehring are well worth your time. You might be able to use these sessions in your gatherings and you could even "participate" in the Bible studies led by Deaconess Heidi Goehmann, *Running on Solid Ground*. Check out the Bible study in the Convention Manual found online.

The elected officers are fulfilling their duties and Mite offerings are being gathered to fund the new Mission Grants to reach the 2021-2023 mission goal of \$2,150,000. The lwml.org website features all of the opportunities we have to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Continue to prayerfully fill those Mite boxes day after day. God is using our Mite offerings to fulfill His purpose.

With that being said, remember that our deadline for reaching our 2020-2022 District Mission Goal of \$248,000 is March 31, 2022. Search your hearts, pray for mission outreach, and continue to faithfully gather your mite offerings.

We now look towards the LWML California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention June 10-June 12, 2022, at the Nugget Casino and Resort in Sparks, Nevada. We will work under the theme based on Psalm 62:8 *Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us*, Trust in God's timing! The members of Zone 10 along with Vice-President for Convention Planning, Roxan Schwab are joyfully working to make this convention a reality. We hope to see you in Sparks!! Get the news out!

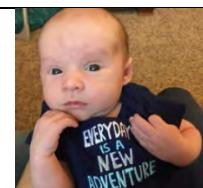
A few reminders - Giving Tuesday is planned for September 14 with the opportunity to help fund the Mission Grants for LWML.

Also, LWML is asking for names for the selection of Pastoral Counselor nominees for the convention ballot at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To be eligible, nominees must have served as a district pastoral counselor and are currently serving in the parish ministry. If you know of a possible candidate, contact me as soon as possible so we can meet the eligibility requirements before the October 31, 2021 deadline.

I pray that, as you gather as zones this fall, you take to heart the mission of the LWML which is to be **Lutheran Women in Mission, who joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

Joyfully in Him, Martha E Dubke - LWML CNH District President

My husband Dallas and I are happy to announce the birth of our first grandchild, a boy, James Dallas Micah Dubke, born on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, in Monmouth, Oregon. His parents are Rev. Dallas CR and Shannon Dubke; Rev. Dubke serves Faith Lutheran Church in Monmouth.



News from our Pastoral Counselors:

Safety First?

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Psalm 4:1

A few years ago I had one of our kids in for a checkup. Then came the part where the doctor asks me, the parent, to leave the exam room briefly. In just a minute I'm invited back in. Later I asked my son what the doctor did when I was out of the room. Well, among other things, the doctor had asked if my son felt safe, if he could sleep well. Normal questions. I'm glad that doctors are concerned for the safety of children.

So I'll ask you ... do *you* feel safe? Can you sleep well? Perhaps not since February of last year because of Coronavirus concerns. Or not since the outbreak of wildfires perhaps near you, or the worsening air quality that has spread. Or maybe not for a long time due to the simmering political divide in our country and our state. Or maybe it's a more personal reason that leaves you feeling less than safe: a health issue or a behavior or mental health concern. Maybe we just rarely feel ... safe.

The world clearly values *safety*. And we should too, to the extent that we as Christians were redeemed, were bought at a price, and therefore honor God with our bodies. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, right? So we avoid reckless danger and unnecessary risks. We value safety, whether physical or emotional safety. But how much concern for safety is too much? Can we be too concerned for safety? Yes. When it becomes a god. When it becomes "Safetyism" (See Haidt and Lukianoff's 2018 book The Coddling of the American Mind on this topic.) Then we're staring the first commandment in the face. **Have no other gods before Me. What does this mean?** We should fear, love and trust in God above all else.

We know that in this world we will have trouble, as Jesus said in John 16:33. We don't need reminders of that fact in these troubled days. What we need reminding of is the balance of that verse: **In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.** That's how we have peace, says Jesus, even in the midst of troubles--by resting in His arms.

And it seems that's how King David understood it centuries earlier in Psalm 4. After listing some of his troubles—his lying pursuers, those who mocked him and the Lord God—David concluded with a typical statement of trust: **In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.** In safety, really? Even when I don't feel all that safe? Even in the midst of troubles? Yes. The Lord alone defines and delivers **safety**.

In peace you can lie down and sleep. Why? Because the Lord is with you. He who has overcome the world through His death on the cross, is with you without fail. Though we experience Covid, or wildfires, or other great physical or emotional turmoil ... and we will experience them ... still the Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps. He will keep watch over you and grant you to dwell in safety, through faith in Him: safe *now* from the assaults of the evil one, and safe *forever* in His eternal dwelling place.



Pastor Hal Toenjes
Senior Pastoral Counselor



LWML CNH RETREAT – August 27-29, 2021

THE GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN IS STILL THE GOD IN THE VALLEY



105 of us enjoyed a fun weekend retreat at the Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO). Attendees came from throughout California; 3 RVs; 4 one-day-ers; 23 from the Hmong communities of Merced and Fresno; we ranged from 16 to over 80 years of age and 46 were first timers.

Theme was *Plan Everything In His Time ... based on Proverbs 19:21 – Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*



The Bible Study Leader, Judy Huber, led us through an inter-active study based on the theme and Scripture with fun projects (pantomimes, skits, song composition) that everyone participated in. We shared a lot about the interruptions in our lives and what we can learn from them. Our lives don't always go as expected, as the last year had proven. We learned that when there are changes, interruptions, and detours in our plans (sometimes even interventions from the Lord), we at first panic, then accept them, adjust by asking God for help, and/or just leave it all in God's capable hands to lead and guide us.





Our two Counselors, Hal Toenjes and David Floyd, guitarists extraordinaire, led us in lots of singing, morning and evening devotions, and our Sunday worship communion service.



Ladies helped with two servant events: **a)** coloring bookmarks and notecards with encouraging words for Phil's Friends, who gives them to cancer patients offering hope and peace; **b)** assembly line of measuring, cutting, and sewing drawstring bags and then filled them with reusable, colorful, cloth menstrual pads, shields, liners, panties, washcloths, soap, and zip bags.



Mission Grant #4 was funded and Barbara Guevara, Gospel Outreach Committee, presented a check for \$6710 to Sue Xiong and the Hmong ladies, who wore their colorful hats. Sue shared about all the New Year celebrations that will occur in various locations from October through the new year. At their booth at the festivals where they share the gospel and hand out Hmong Bibles and devotional materials.



Bites for Mites: **a)** silent auction of a queen-sized afghan and purple quilt; **b)** lots of knitted hats, scarfs and small blankets for "sale"; and **c)** Sunday offering added up to \$3,054.50 – this will help fund our Mission Grants!



We remember that Jesus went away by Himself many, many times to regain His strength after the demands of His ministry, and to be alone with His Father. Jesus' solitude and silence is a major theme in the Gospels. It is how He began His ministry, how He made important decisions, how He dealt with troubling emotions like grief, how He taught His disciples, how He prepared for important ministry events, and it is how He prepared for His death on the cross. We leave the "mountaintop" and head back to the "valley," our families, churches, work, and communities sharing God's love to all and

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV) – How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Psalm 46:10 (NIV) – Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

We met many new friends and renewed "seasoned" friendships.

We'll remember the beautiful setting of ECCO with a pond, home to a swan, geese, and ducks, comfortable lodge rooms, delicious food, and friendly staff.

We pray the attendees' journey to the mountain top was prayerful and inspirational, that all were strengthened, renewed, refreshed, enlightened, and that the attendees will draw on this experience as they serve in their "mission" valleys.



The Christian Life Committee (Linda Bradley, Cathey King, Vicki Ewart, Pastor Toenjes and Pastor Floyd, and I) thank you for the privilege of organizing this retreat.
To God be the glory!



LaVada Terrell
VP of Christian Life

LWML CNH 2022 CONVENTION

It's time to get excited and make travel plans!

June 10-12, 2022

Location: Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV

Convention Bible verse: Psalms 68:8 RSV "Trust in Him at all time, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."

Reasons to attend:

- **Bible Study Leader: Michelle Ule (Santa Rosa, CA)**
- **Inspirational Leader: Beth Zier (Hawaii)**
- **Mite Walk**
- **Saturday Night Banquet Theme: Rock & Roll**
- **Servant Events: Hands on Projects**

Breakout Sessions:

- **Getting Started in Bible Journaling- Cathey King**
 - **Orphan Grain Train- Steve Magee**
 - **Raising Up Leaders... - Rev. Aaron Putnam**
 - **Rallies, Retreats and Other Events - LaVada Terrell**
 - **Ways To Share and Plant Jesus with Others - Rev. Doua Xiong**
 - **Heart to Heart - Linda Patel & Lynnette Campbell**
 - **POBLO - Cynthia Kahn**
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Great Venue:

Great Convention Center all on one floor.

Reasonable Room Rates- 4 to a Room-\$119.00 Plus \$15.00 resort fee

Family Friendly Area - Bowling Alley, Arcade, Water Park & Beautiful Lake Tahoe



Gospel Outreach June 2021

-Bev Vietor, VP Gospel Outreach

Our #1 Mission Grant that was paid.

Here is a thank you for the sewing machines.



THANK YOU

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.
1Corinthians 1:4

HOMES MISSION

DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Greeters in Christ from Kenya, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Office of International Mission works with Africa Lutheran Church leaders in partners in India and in all African nations. Our primary goals are to equip, enable, and encourage the church pastor in the work God has put before them to share the Gospel and build the Church.

It is our earnest desire to joyously participate in God's mission and to share that mission with you. Thank you for your support and pray as you partner with us to support the work of the African church. Your gifts in support of projects are living reminders that we are part of the body of Christ. Together, the local Lutheran churches and the LCMS can walk together and Jesus Christ each other in spreading the Gospel—Amen! Lutheran Charities—Amen! Merry.

Confidentially as you love Him and serve others.

Yours in Christ - Rev. Shauen Trump
Regional Director - Africa

Thank you, Beverly and our dear sisters of the CNH District, for your generous support of the sewing project for our deafconcears in Kenya's seminary!! - Pastor Shauen Trump



Source - Lutheran World Federation District of Africa.

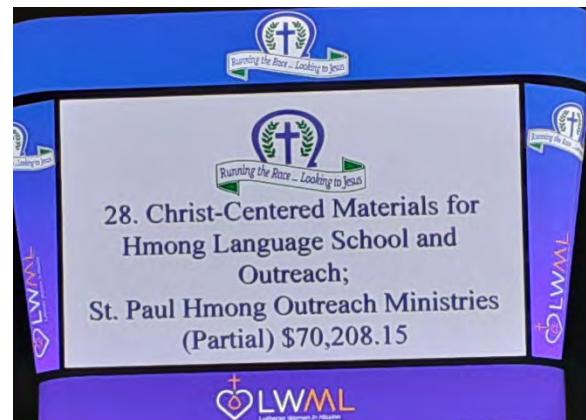


Pastor Doua Xiong of Hmong Outreach Ministry, in chains at national convention booth UNSHACKLED→

← Lynnette Campbell & Bev Vietor



From Lexington, KY Convention



Celebrating our CNH grant submission being selected to be LWML national

Grant #28—Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School & Outreach—St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries.

Waiting for the voting results at Lexington was a real nail-biting experience, as #28 was the last grant to be selected in the budget.

Praise the Lord!

Our LWML CNH has been partnering with this ministry, see the fruit, 23 Hmong ladies attended our fall retreat.



LWML CNH ladies at the Lexington, KY Convention



Presentation of \$10,000 check for grant #7, Seminary Training for Local Church Planters/Pastors LINC Bay Area to Pastor Aaron Putnam by Jill Ellwanger-President Zone 2 and Marcia Houseworth former District President

Results from the Retreat:

Penny sends 😊 hugs and 🍫 chocolate.

THANK YOU for the \$3,054.50 Bites for Mites collected during the retreat.



Our grant mites surely need this shot in the arm. The most current financial statement as of July 2021, has our mites for this biennium at 47% of our grant goal, with 67% through our collection months. We are currently collecting mites for Grant #10, *Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prisons*, Lutheran Braille Workers. Please think of gathering up extra mites as a THANKSGIVING offering for the remaining 13 grants that need funding.

We gather to ask the Lord's Blessing,

Penny

Bev Vietor



23 Hmong ladies (teenagers to grandmas) came with their festive hats while Sue gave us all the dates and locations of the Hmong celebrations coming up in their communities.



Sue Xiong receiving the check from our collection of Mites for #5 Hmong New Year Celebration Outreach from Gospel Outreach Committee Member Barbara Guevara

Greetings from Special Focus Ministries.

We were excited to have Amy Vang as a Young Women's Representative, and Linda Patel, as a Heart to Heart Sister, attend the National Convention in Kentucky this year. We look forward to hearing all they learned and experienced there; we know they will both be

valuable members of Special Focus Ministries for the LWML.



108 purple and gold homemade masks at registration



Linda Patel spoke at our retreat. She is also on the LWML (national) H2H Committee

Lori Fisher, chair of the Human Care Committee, had the wonderful idea of having purple and gold masks available at the retreat for our ladies. She had over 100 masks ordered and made ready for each of the women who attended. Thank you, Lori, for all you have done and continue to do for the committee.



Margaret Peterman, Lia Estadi, Carolyn Christensen and Dio Bellers from Prince of Peace, Fremont

Lori Fisher and I have also been working on and almost completed the guidelines for the Chair of the Human Care Committee, and for duties related to Human Care for which the VP of Special Focus Ministries is responsible. It is my goal to meet with Amy Vang, Kay Vang and Linda Patel in order to create a list of guidelines for the Young Women's Representatives Committee and the Heart to Heart Sisters, as well.

The Human Care Committee has confirmed that the Lutheran Braille Workers will be coming to the District Convention in Sparks, Nevada. We are also revisiting the idea of marking Bibles for prisoners as a servant event. Lori Fisher will be contacting the wardens to see if they are still accepting Bibles and, if so, to get a new release.



Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Your sister in Christ,
Rebecca Weisshahn,
VP Special Focus Ministries

Everyone is looking forward to
seeing each other again at our
LWML CNH Convention
June 10-12, 2022
The Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV



Lori Fisher welcomes Linda Patel. Both ladies are excited about working with each other under Special Focus Ministries.



News From VP of Organizational Resources



Our committee has been working on revising our bylaws to include virtual meetings and voting to follow Robert's Rules of Order especially with our current situation and future health and environmental emergencies. We also have some grammatical updates to our Bylaws and Standing Rules and Policies.

Elaine McFarlane
VP of Organizational Resources

News From our Parliamentarian

As the brand-new Parliamentarian, I'm in the process of studying the Robert's Rules of Order to better assist our President in running our meetings.

Elaine McFarlane

News From Communications Director

With this fall 2021 edition of the Joyful Servant, we welcome Lori Fisher as the new LWML CNH News Editor. In this role Lori will coordinate the quarterly newsletter and assist with other news gathering for the district.

Please enjoy this issue. For the future issues email your local LWML news to Lori at dudetefisher@sbcglobal.net.



Thank you, Lori for taking on this role!

Welcome to the LWML CNH Communication Team!

Lynnette Campbell
Communications Director



News from the Nominating Committee

The LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky was a wonderful experience - Bible studies, mission speakers, a new Mission Grant Goal and Mission Grant selection, displays, and so much more that encompasses a convention. One highlight is the election of new officers. What a blessing to choose from pastors who agree to run as counselors and women willing to serve in leadership capacities.

Now it is time to do the same in the LWML CNH District. Preparations are underway for similar experiences in June 2022. The Nominating Committee has begun the work of seeking names for the following positions:

- ♥ **President**
- ♥ **Vice President of Organization Resources**
- ♥ **Vice President of Convention Planning**
- ♥ **Recording Secretary**
- ♥ **Financial Secretary.**

Are you the person who has a willing to fill one of these positions?

Please send any suggestions or your own personal interest to any member of the Nomination Committee:

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Jill Ellwanger jille9@hotmail.com

Sherry Bell sheryl-bell@comcast.net

Carole Sell geocann65@yahoo.com

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News From Zone 3 - North San Joaquin

Cathey King, President



So much has happened in the last few months since restrictions have lifted for a while. The Convention in Lexington was a thrill and blessing...odd to have so many people in one place! The district retreat at Oakhurst was so uplifting and restorative, body and soul both renewed.

Zone 3 is thankful and blessed to announce that National Mite Grant #28, the final grant chosen at Lexington convention, in the amount of \$70,208, was awarded to the Hmong ministries at Paul, Merced! We are so happy for them as they have been bolstered by this infusion of money to help with the job of bringing lost Hmong souls to Christ.



Pastor Doua and wife, LWML member Sue,
at Merced Hmong's New Year Outreaching 2019-2020.

The Zone 3 board met on Saturday August 21 at Grace, Modesto, to discuss, plan, and fellowship. Eight of our thirteen societies attended with totaling fourteen ladies. Along with greeting each other and sharing, we chose a nominating committee and heard plans for our Fall Rally at St Peter, Lodi. The theme is *A Journey to Serve* and includes brunch.



At Grace, Modesto, the two circles, Naomi (daytime) and Mary-Martha (evening) circles have happily begun again serving after worship snacks on alternating first Sundays of the month.

The Mary-Martha Circle has continued to meet via Zoom throughout much of the Pandemic. They recently had their first in-person meeting in the church library. Naomi has met off and on in the library during the pandemic and is looking forward to our first meeting of the LWML year with a possible 6 new members coming to the meeting!

Zion, Lodi, LWML/Sewing Circle ladies got together on June 19th for a work/fellowship party at Zion.

From left: Lorene Hoff, Jean Stroble, Kathy Sayler, Delores Simpfenderfer, Pauline Miller, Cindy Bohren, and Mary Duspiva. Not pictured is me(Marjorie Duerr) taking the picture and Tammy, who was still working! Little did we know that this would be the last time we would all be together on this earth because Delores went to be with our Lord on July 11. What a wonderful last memory we have of her sharing her childhood memories (she had polio) and her great knowledge of Lodi history and its people. Delores was our treasurer and she made sure to collect and send in our Mite money. We will miss her but take comfort knowing a time will come when we will be sitting around His table together.

News From Zone 5 – South San Joaquin

Zion Lutheran Church LWML Terra Bella, CA

Since our society is not very active in the summer months, we reminded everyone to bring their mite boxes to church in our worship service bulletins. This brought awareness to our church members, and it was very successful too!

Our officers have also met to make plans for the year and are very excited about some events coming up. Besides honoring LWML on LWML Sunday, we have some church events this fall that involve the LWML, our annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon in December. These all involve serving foods and making craft items/baked goods to sell. These homemade goods help raise money for some worthy projects in our church and in LWML. One project we have is to give money to seminary students each month to help support them. We are also looking at how to make our meeting/program nights more inviting so hopefully the younger women may be able to attend.



As always, it is in God's hands, just like our LWML Sunday theme states,
"Our hearts in HIS hand", which I love! "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly"
(1 Peter 4:8)

In Christ's Service
Linda Lynch

News From Zone 6 - North Bay

Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield, CA

Marian Durbin LWML President



A major source of pride in our organization is that in January of 2011 we "adopted" the Jonathan Federwitz family in Papua, New Guinea. All proceeds from our monthly bake sales go directly to this family in support of their mission, and our congregants have generous hearts!

During Covid we had ":No Bake/ Bake Sales" and were still able to meet our commitment to them.

Jonathan, Carrie, and their family have visited us twice and told us about their work, New Guinea life, and even preached on the two Sundays they were here. So, we do feel we know them. We look forward to their newsletters and have learned much about Lutheran Bible Translators.

Bethany Lutheran Church Vacaville, CA.

Georgia DeBarr



A member of LWML, I do not hold an office, but usually serve in other ways with projects and fundraisers.

Bethany Lutheran will hold a Craft Fair early November. I will submit an article and photos for next Joyful Servant.

News From Zone 7 - Mt. Diablo

Greetings,

The past two months kept me busy with medical issues, knee replacement surgery followed by a hairline fracture just below the new knee. I am doing better, but the fracture keeps me in a brace with very little weight on my affected leg. I feel badly that my duties as Zone 7 President have suffered. I have not kept in touch with the societies/churches in our zone as I would like, but they have all been in my prayers.

I do know that they are all faithful in collecting Mites! During this long period of rest and recuperation I have much time for prayer. The verse that keeps returning to me is "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:11 Thank you, Lord!

Zone 7 was planning an in-person Fall Event for mid-September at Faith Lutheran Church. I have been unable to meet with our board or be involved in the planning in any way. This has been heavy on my heart and in my prayers. This week I was in touch with Mary Wolkenhauer, president of Women of Faith. Her father went to be with our Lord in mid-July, and most recently her friend and key LWML helper, Sharon Hunter, was diagnosed with terminal cancer, needless to say, Mary and I are a bit overwhelmed. We prayerfully decided to postpone our Fall Event until the spring. I notified the Zone 7 board, and the response has been very supportive. We are planning to do a Zoom get-together in late September for prayer and fellowship to re-connect. Please remember us in your prayers.

Although I do not have news from all of the Zone societies/churches, I do have a few recent events to report from my society, Women of Holy Cross, Concord:

Women of Holy Cross, Concord

We sponsored a **"Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive" for Options Health in Concord** from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Options Health is a Christian organization that works with mothers and fathers dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, in many cases helping them keep their baby. Health care, counseling, parenting education, and needed baby supplies are among some of their services. We collected enough diapers and wipes to fill the back of my husband's truck. Options Health was very grateful for our support. We plan to repeat this as an annual event!



← In June we gathered in the courtyard after church for a **"Re-connect Gathering"**. It was a time of fellowship and sharing, our first group event since the pandemic began!



In August we met again, informally, to craft birthday cards for our **WoHC Card Ministry**. We send out birthday cards to the women in our congregation. We also send out anniversary cards, sympathy and get-well cards as needed. This day we made 70 birthday cards!



Serving the Lord with gladness,
Cherylene Brueckner, Zone 7 President

NEWS FROM Zone 8 - Peninsula

Several women from Zone 8 congregations attended the CNH District retreat held August 27-29, 2021 at the beautiful ECCO Conference Center in Oakhurst, CA.

The Conference Center was a peaceful setting in spite of warm temperatures and somewhat "smokey" skies due to ongoing fires burning to the north and east in the S. Lake Tahoe area. The grounds are peaceful and the rooms/beds are comfortable. and the food is plentiful and delicious!

The opportunity to join fellow Christian Women from congregations throughout the District in joyful singing led by two very talented guitar playing pastors--Rev. David Floyd of Faith, Pleasant Hill;



and Rev Hal Toenjes of Luth Church of Prayer, Bakersfield lifted our spirits! Early morning devotions were also led by the pastors in a beautiful outdoor "chapel" area overlooking a peaceful pond (with a white swan who has been attending the Retreat-in the pond for the last 8-10 years). We also had a hummingbird at both early morning chapel sessions listening in on Pastor Toenjes's messages.



After breakfast (great food!) more singing and Bible Study led by Judy Huber.

The group Bible Study "Waiting on the Lord" was led in a very creative way involving the women in skits and small group sessions to enable all to speak and share life experiences . Late afternoon and evening hours after dinner were involved with Service Projects for **Days for Girls** and **Phil's Friends** or Games and Snacks in the Chapel lobby. The day closed with an encouraging Evening Devotion.

Sunday worship/communion in the chapel was a wonderful expression of joy and thanks with hymns (Pianist LaVada Terrell) and prayers and inspiring messages.

Attending from **Zone 8** were: Lori Fisher, of Our Savior, Pacifica, Barbara Guevara, Zone 8 President from Trinity, Burlingame, CA; Linda Bradley of San Jose, Ca; Marilyn Taddey from Trinity, Palo Alto; Shirley Ganglehoff from Grace, San Mateo.

submitted by Marilyn Taddey, Zone 8

News from Zone 9 – Central Coast

From the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atascadero, CA

Vicki Zimmerman

A few Sundays ago, we had a visitor that came with a familiar family. After the service, this gentleman came to me and introduced himself. Pastor James Cerdonola from the Philippines. His current 'call' is with a Lutheran Seminary located at an elevation of almost 5800 feet. Pastor James noticed our beautiful quilts in the pews made my many of our LWML women.

When the individuals and families head off to Seminary, all they have are the clothes that they pack and a few personal items. No blankets at all. Pastor James had asked if we would contemplate sending some of these beautiful quilts to the Seminary for these families. My heart jumped inside my chest!



What a blessing, to send some quilts to individuals that are walking forward to help with God's will.

Pastor James and some of his family members, showed up on a Thursday to help pack up 22 adult quilts and 15 children quilts. He was so very thankful for our 'gifts'. I received an email from him once he was in Manila, regarding a couple other Pastors that were on the flights home. He told them of his adventure and these other individuals ask if our LWML group would be willing to help their Seminaries.



Look at all the ways we can reach out and help so many groups!

ZONE 11 – Hawai‘i

Dinnie Kysar, LWML Hawaii Zone 11 Secretary
Christ Lutheran Church, Hilo, Hawaii

LWML ZOOM EVENT – “Continuing God’s Mission in Unusual Times”

Zone 11 had such a wonderful response to our ZOOM LWML CNH Women in Mission event in March that we are putting together another pair of sessions in November this year. Choose one and join us on:

Saturday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Hawai‘i Standard Time
(1-3 p.m. PDT)

OR

Saturday, November 13 from 1-3 p.m. Hawai‘i Standard Time
(3 – 5 p.m. PST, daylight savings time ends November 7)

Our keynote speaker will be Pastor Bob Smith, Vacancy Pastor from Messiah-‘Ewa Beach, speaking on Prayer. There will be time to visit in small groups in an Ice Breaker Session, a second speaker, and Congregational Sharing.

See the Invitation attached. Deadline to register is October 25. Questions? Email me at
dinnie.kysar562@gmail.com

In the meantime, one of our major LWML ministries at Christ - Hilo is our Quilt Making. We meet once a month to piece together and tie quilts. Others sew at home and bring their work to the Quilting session. See photo taken from our Quilt Blessing before they were sent out to Hospice, the Veterans Home, and Dialysis patients as well as given to needy people. We also sell our quilts with the money donated to National to assist with the cost of mailing quilts overseas. With the money we also support such ministries as LAMP pilots and Bethesda Auxiliary (scholarships).



Quilt Blessing at Christ-Hilo, annually in November



Invitation from Hawai'i LWML Zone 11 to all women of the
California-Nevada-Hawai'i District

Women in Mission

“Continuing God’s Mission in Unusual Times”

Saturday, November 6 from 10am to 12 noon (HST) (1-3 p.m. PDT) or

Saturday, November 13 from 1pm to 3pm (HST)

(3 – 5 p.m. PST, daylight savings time ends November 7)

You are invited to ZOOM with US! We are offering two times and hope you will join us for one of them. We look forward to seeing you!

To Register: Email the following information to Dinnie Kysar at dinnie.kysar562@gmail.com by October 25. You will receive an invitation to the Zoom event of your choice.

Choose the date to Zoom:

- Saturday, November 6 from 10am to 12 noon Hawai'i time
(1-3 p.m. PDT)
OR
 Saturday, November 13 from 1-3 p.m. Hawai'i Time
(3 – 5 p.m. PST, daylight savings time ends November 7)

Your Name: _____

Your Email (for Zoom invitation) _____

Church affiliation (Name, Town, State) or where are you from?

News From Zone 13 - North Coast

Zone 13 was able to come together for a Quilt Tying Party in July and had another planned for September 11th. Unfortunately, because of the up tic in COVID in Humboldt County we will not be able to meet. Our hope is to send all finish quilts to Lutheran World Relief in October.

LWML at Grace in Crescent City is making their famous Grace Cooper Frozen Pies. As of this writing our pie count stands 225. The pie sale is slated for November 6th, @ 10am-3pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 188 Cooper Ave, Crescent City. Come early or you probably miss out on your favorite pie.

Because of COVID we will not have a full flung Christmas Bazaar. The ladies hope to be able to resume our usual bazaar next year.

Our Fall Gathering is scheduled to be held at St. Marks in Ferndale, Ca on October 2. President Martha Dubke will be our guest speaker .Pastor Ty Bramwell will lead us in Bible study. We have chosen the Bible Study "Living in the Days of Noah—Today." A new study published this year by LWML.

Marilyn Munz,
Zone 13 President

News From ZONE 14 – Redwood Empire

Finally, the Zone 14 Rally will be held this month after the long drought due to what else but the pandemic. The last plans are being implemented, changes put in place, R.S.V.P.s announced. On Saturday, September 25th, Good Shepherd Hall at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa will open its doors at 9:30am for the early registration with coffee, tea and breakfast treats. An ingathering to benefit Redwood Gospel Mission of men's and women's socks will be taken at the door. "And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me,'" from Isaiah will open the day. The inspiration for this theme came from the powerful hymn "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling". Our new pastor, Rev. Gary Gerloff, is the keynote speaker. We will sing some more to the notes of the keyboard played by Gregg Campbell. Elaine McFarlane, one of our district vice presidents, will give a shortened version of "Change", some guidance, and tools to see our lives in different forms. Then the proverbial potluck will be served by the ladies in a careful way. Also, space between seating and masks will be required. The afternoon continues with a few surprises up our sleeves. We must include a short business portion for a vote to be taken on president and vice president. Elaine and I will continue in our positions due to no other nominations. The gals will have a chance to shop at the LWML STORE AND MORE, where many lovely hand-made items by members and such will be on display. Safe travel home will end the wonderful day of fellowship.

The next zone gathering is planned for 10:00am Saturday, October 30th this year. This will be our annual servant event to make thanksgiving cards for military families. The ladies will also work in another area of Good Shepherd Hall of St. Mark on quilts. A third group will bag dried beans of ten varieties, enough for delicious pots of soup. The churches present will have an opportunity to take these to their congregations to sell and benefit missions. We love working together!

All of this has been orchestrated through the zone executive committee. We have met a couple of times to hammer the plans. We love working for the Lord!

LauraLynn Ledson
Zone 14 President

News From LWML CNH Zone 15 – Central San Joaquin



The woman enjoyed a devotion, songs, and a delicious tea with assortment of tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, and desserts.



To
God
be the
Glory!



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More Zone 15 news:

Grace Lutheran LWML, Visalia is happy to announce the installation of Pastor David Jung on Sunday, September 5, 2021, followed by a reception dinner honoring Pastor David, his wife Eunah and their 4 children.



Before Pastor David even arrived, we reached out to him to lead a Bible study at our January 11, 2022 LWML meeting. We are very grateful for his immediate response as he said, "yes, I would love to do a Bible study for the group".





Please join us Saturday, November 6, 2021 for our
28th Annual Holiday Fiesta Boutique & luncheon
at Grace Lutheran Church,
1111 South Conyer Street,
Visalia.

Come see our wide assortment of handmade decorations, home goods, and gift items for all of the holidays. Our bakery is always filled with yummy treats: cakes, pies, cookies, breads, and jams.

Proceeds each year are donated to local and worldwide charities. We also sponsor two seminary students attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft Wayne, Indiana & St Louis, Missouri.

Boutique shopping: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Lunch will be continuously served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Adults: \$8.00 Children 10 & under \$4.00

Menu: South of the border Chili, corn bread, salad, beverage, and dessert.
Please phone Carole Sell 559 623 9588 with your reservations. Thank you!
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NEWS FROM ZONE 16 – Monterey Bay

Dorcas at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Salinas CA

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

As things began to open up on the central coast, the women of the LWML at Our Savior Lutheran Church celebrated by having a brunch and time of fellowship together based upon the verse, Joshua 1:9. We had a variety of bears set up around the room to symbolize the courage and strength that we can have in our Lord, Jesus Christ. We listened to a short LWML devotion based on this chapter and verse as well. The food was delicious as was the company.

We even played a game where we tried to stomp on balloons tied to each other's ankles! Inside the balloons were tucked Bible promises to carry through the challenging times in our lives.



It was a wonderful way to begin our LWML season!

Dorcas at Our Savior is also in full swing, meeting every week to make quilts for the domestic violence shelter in our area and to knit baby hats for the local hospital.

Unfortunately, at this time, there are only two active LWML organizations in Zone 16. It is my goal to visit each of the congregations within my Zone to share what LWML is doing and to encourage women within each congregation to join Our Savior at their LWML meetings and events and/or start their own LWML organizations.

We are grateful to God that we are once again able to meet with one another, and we look forward to combining with other zones in the future for various events.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President for Zone 16.

Your sister in Christ,
Rebecca Weisshahn



News From Zone 19 – East Sacramento

Zone 19 had 12 attend the LWML CNH District Retreat 2021



Our Judy Huber from Immanuel, Jackson led our Bible Study



Our Sandy Conroy (St. Matthews, Rocklin) provided the Servant Event:
Days for Girls



Sandy explaining to Wendy (Prince of Peace, Fremont) and Barbara (Holy Cross, Rocklin) how to make them.

**Ladies Thank You for serving,
you were *Fantastic!*
We are so very *PROUD* of you both!**



L-R: Judy (Immanuel, Jackson), Sherry (Faith, Fair Oaks), Jeannie (Cordova, Rancho Cordova), Pam (Zion, North Highlands), and Sandy Conroy (St Matthews, Rocklin)



Early Sunday found Barbara, her sister and Ada (Holy Cross ladies from Rocklin) packing to go home.

Zone 19 raised \$3,500 for Mites



The ladies in Zone 19 were challenged to give 7% of their stimulus check to Mites! (If they didn't need it to live on)

California is giving a stimulus based on income.
Why not Challenge your zone to give a %
IF they are able.

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Zone 19 President Sherry Clifton with Marilyn, Rita, Lissa and their President, Judy Schneider from Immanuel, Jackson)

Zone 19 continues from Messiah, Citrus Heights

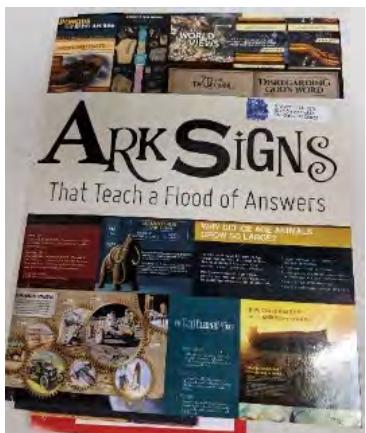
Messiah LWML Welcomes Zone 19 President Sherry Clifton July 14
"LWML Members Take a Step Back in Time"

Barely two weeks following LWML CNH Zone 19 President Sherry Clifton's return from the Kentucky convention, Messiah's Society in Citrus Heights invited her to give a report on the convention. On June 14 at their monthly meeting five members and Pastor Morris Stephens welcomed former Messiah member Sherry for a fascinating couple of hours travelling back into the biblical past.

The highlight of Sherry's presentation was our viewing of a portion of the video, "Genesis: Paradise Lost" which was introduced at convention, giving scientific evidence which can be used to "to expose flaws in evolution theory and support the biblical 6-day creation account." So often we know what we believe but it is hard to put into words. These books can give believers many answers to share with their friends and family.

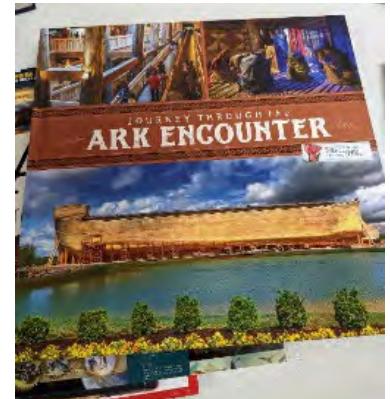
Our time together was all too short as we looked through and discussed two more books Sherry had purchased at the convention: "Creation Museum Signs" which

answers questions about Creation, and "Ark signs: That Teach a Flood of Answers." Our discussions left us with more questions than answers.



Finally, from her tour of The Ark Encounter, near Lexington, Sherry was able to bring to life for us what it may have been like to step back into time and be a passenger on the 510 feet long, 51 feet high, and 85 feet wide replica of Noah's Ark. The companion book to her visit, "Journey Through the Ark Encounter" can help answer them for us.

Sherry also shared with us the myriad of convention information and activities including the new 2021-2023 Biennium Mission Grants, speakers, exhibits, servant projects, and other outside excursions around Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World!



BR: Genny Luke, Ann M. D'Antonio, Zone 19 President Sherry Clifton,
Messiah LWML President Elise Spleiss; FR: Darlene Schlater, Terry Awtrey

*Thank you Sherry for your time and a
wonderful glimpse into an important part of
biblical history!*

**Mark your 2022 calendar for the LWML CNH
District Convention at the Nugget Casino
Resort in Sparks, NV
June 10-12, 2022
Theme; "Trust in God's Timing."**

(More Zone 19 news next page)

Zone 19 continues from Immanuel LWML, Jackson

Immanuel LWML of Jackson resumed meetings this past winter 2020/2021, taking precautions of masks and distancing.

We elected new officers and decided to set goals for projects that would help our community and reach out to members of our church who were not able to attend in-house worship or LWML.



Immanuel Jackson Ladies make Candy Cane Care Kits

At Christmas time we packed up Care Kits for Men and Women at our local Kit Carson Nursing Home. We crafted CANDY CANE Lapel Pins for the residents to wear, along with the Legend of the Candy Cane Gospel attached to each gift bag.

Our "craft sewing" group tied a stack of NO-SEW FLEECE blankets which were delivered to the local Women's Shelter.

We began a CARD MINISTRY—sending cards with personal notes at Valentine's Day and Mother's Day to friends and ladies of the church who cannot participate in the LWML meetings. We are also using the BLESSING CARDS from the LWML website.

At our April meeting, we enjoyed a "SPRING CLEANING" Bible Study, so our service project was to donate used clothing from our closets to the local women's shelter along with donations from our congregation. SERVE the LORD with GLADNESS!



*Judy Schneider, Lissa Leffler, Judy Huber, Mairlyn Heinitz, Reta Davidenas
from Immanuel Jackson attend the ECCO Retreat*

News From Secretary to the President



As Secretary to President Martha Dubke, I work with President Martha to coordinate the logistics and preparations for LWML CNH meetings, with assistance from Marcia Houseworth, update the personnel roster of current executive committee (EC) members, committee members, and zone presidents, and update the EC calendar of events. It has been an honor and a blessing to have served under 4 LWML CNH presidents over the last 20+ years.

Linda Bradley

LWML CNH MEETINGS

After not being able to meet in-person due to Covid 19, we are excited to be able to meet in-person once again as well as on Zoom. The next EC and Board of Directors meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **Thurs., Oct. 21, 2021:** EC Zoom meeting at 6 pm
- **Sat., Oct 23, 2021:** Board of Directors (EC & Zone Presidents) in person meeting (and on Zoom) beginning at 9:30 am PDT, at the LCMS Ministry Center, Livermore, CA

- **Thurs., Feb. 24, 2022:** EC Zoom meeting at 6 pm
- **Sat., Feb. 26, 2022:** Board of Directors (EC & Zone Presidents) in person meeting (and on Zoom) beginning at 9:30 am PDT, at the LCMS Ministry Center, Livermore, CA



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