

The Joyful Servant

California-Nevada-Hawaii District



Summer 2022



President's Message **Martha E Dubke - LWML CNH District President**

Dear friends,

Our hearts are filled with joy as we celebrate that Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

With that joy in mind, as Lutheran Women in Mission, let us continue to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Our LWML District Convention in Sparks, Nevada, June 10 through the 12th, is right around the corner. Continue to keep the ladies of Zone 10 along with all of those who are working on the convention in your prayers. They look forward to welcoming us in Sparks for a weekend where, along with convention business, we will be enriched by Bible study, inspirational speakers, breakout sessions, Mission Moments and fellowship.

May our Convention Theme, **Trust in God's Timing**, based on Psalm 62:8, *Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge*, uplift us with knowing:

- **that God's timing is perfect**
- **that we can trust in God at all times**
- **that we continue praising and praying at all times**
- **and that we are willing to share the good news!**

At the convention, offerings will be gathered for the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund during the Friday evening Communion Service. Saturday afternoon we will take an offering for the Rubin Memorial Fund and on Sunday morning, the offerings will be gathered for LWML Mites Offering with 75% going to the CNH District and 25% going to LWML.

Even though our convention has not taken place yet, plans are already being made for the next LWML CNH District Convention that will, Lord willing, take place in 2024. The setting will be at the Holiday Inn in San Jose, California. Region 1, which includes Zones 12, 13, and 14 will be hosting this convention.

Along with our District Conventions, you have opportunity to attend the next LWML Convention which is planned for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023. Many people will be joining together under the theme, "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" based on Psalm 33:12-13, *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind.*

Don't forget to include **What's your 80?** in your zone and group activities. As LWML celebrates 80 years of being in existence this year, you are asked to be creative as you make plans to celebrate! You may want to spend 80 hours of Bible reading this year or donate 80 cans of food to an emergency shelter, \$8 or \$80 extra mite offerings. Bake 80 cookies or 80 dozen and share with a first responders or emergency room workers.

Document what you do by taking pictures and writing a brief story. Details will be coming as to where to send in your photos and stories. You may be part of a montage featured at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. It has been a privilege to serve you as District President these last four years. Thank you again for your prayers, your encouragement and your support.

See you in Sparks for the LWML CNH District Convention! To God be the Glory! Alleluia! *Martha*

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Divine Holding Pattern...Prefect Landing -In God's Time

Counselor Rev. David Floyd

I remember when I was flying back to Minnesota some time ago, and as we were getting ready to land, the captain announced that we would have to circle around a few times as things on the ground weren't ready for us to land. This "holding pattern" lasted another 45 minutes! That was the longest 45 minutes I can remember! And even though it was uncomfortable, I had to remember that the pilot and the control tower were making sure that everything was right...everything was safe...before bringing us in for the landing.

If you're a frequent flier, you've probably been in this situation before. It actually happens fairly regularly. That's why planes usually carry enough fuel to make sure they can stay airborne long enough to land safely.

Have you ever found yourself in a "holding pattern"? Going through a turbulent time or a time of anxiousness not knowing what the future holds, and praying for answers that just don't seem to come? Waiting on God...in a divine holding pattern?

When God puts you in a holding pattern, it's not just a question of having enough faith to receive the answers and promises to your prayers. It's also a matter of having enough "spiritual fuel" to stay airborne⁽¹⁾ during those delays, waiting to get clearance to land. That spiritual fuel comes from being in God's Word and worship and being patient in prayer.

Waiting periods...holding patterns are part of the journey of faith. But when we find ourselves in them it's important to realize that we're not going through it alone.

God is in the seat right next to us...He's in the aisle bringing us refreshment and encouragement...He's in the cockpit, guiding us to our destination...guiding us to the place He wants us to be...and He's on the ground preparing to bring us in safely and on time.

The Bible says, ***"Wait for the Lord; be strong. Let your heart take courage."*** Psalm 27:14.

Find comfort in knowing that God is your captain and He'll reveal His answers at just the right time...and they always come in on time! So, use this time to learn, to grow closer to the Lord, and find joy no matter how long the struggle. Remember that God knows your needs, has heard your requests, and is carefully navigating the way to put it all in place.

You only need to open your eyes...take your focus off "how and when" what you've been praying for will happen...and turn your eyes to Jesus and God's promises.

This Divine Holding Pattern, this season of waiting, is about understanding that God's will is so much bigger and better than anything you can imagine. It's about growing closer to Him and understanding that these seasons are some of the most valuable seasons of your life.

Are you ready to find comfort in letting God handle the details of your life and allow Him to teach you what you'll need to know for the next season of your life? Then remind yourself that this season of waiting has a purpose, and you'll need to make the choice to trust in His perfect timing every single day. He'll make it all happen in His time.

And as we near the time for our District Convention... there are still a few preparations to be made. So, as we circle around waiting for clearance to land, let's continue to be diligent...carry enough spiritual fuel...so everything will be ready for a perfect landing in June!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Dave

⁽¹⁾ Agyeman Fordjour, AllWorship.com





LaVada Terrell, VP, Christian Life

I hope that these articles sharing about all the information on the lwml.org website helps you to know what's there and that you will go there and use that information. This time, we scroll across to the fifth tab – News & Events.

CONVENTION CENTRAL

- Listing of 2022 District Conventions
- District Convention Resources
 - Tellers – Ballot Voting & Counting Ballots
- 2023 National Convention – Milwaukee, WI
 - Flyer, Polo Shirt Order Form, Invitation, Promotional Sketch
- 2021 National Convention – Lexington, KY
 - Links to Manual, Opening Worship Service Bulletin, Service of Sending Worship Bulletin, Convention Newspaper Issues #1-4, Pre-Convention Devotion, Pro-Convention Devotion, Convention Minutes
 - Convention Videos
 - Sessions from Live Stream, Highlights, 2021-2023 Grant Video, Keynote Address by Linda Reiser, Humorous Interruptions by Jan Struck & Abby Goehring, Thank You, LWML! Video from the LCMS
 - Convention Photos
 - Convention Offerings
 - Links to
 - Convention History – listing of 1943-2023 locations, themes, presidents
 - Past Convention Highlights – 2007-2021
 - Upcoming Convention in Milwaukee, WI – June 22-25, 2023

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- View past issues in their entirety.
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- eQuarterly features and sign-up
- Bible Study Archives
- Spanish Bible Study Archives
- Writer Submission Guidelines
- Bible Study Guidelines
- Photo Submission Guidelines

LWML SUNDAY

- Downloadable materials
 - Bulletins, bookmarks, brochures, banner pattern, childrens' message, coloring pages, sermon

NEWS – Articles by title and date

PRAYER SERVICE

- Current Prayer Service written by LWML Pastoral Counselor
 - Downloadable materials – full service, bulletin covers, powerpoint, logo
 - How to use the Prayer Service.
 - About the Author

2022 LWML CNH CONVENTION

June 10-12 – The Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV

Read through the Packet and sign up today!!

The Christian Life Committee will be doing SWAP (Study, Worship, And Prayer) on Friday Afternoon (1:30pm), will have a Display in the Exhibit Hall, will set up the Chapel, and will coordinate the Prayer Service on Saturday Morning.

We want to see you there!!

Vice President of Convention Planning- Roxan Schwab



2022 CONVENTION NEWS!



Date: June 10-12, 2022
Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV
Convention Theme:

Trust in God's Timing

Convention Bible Verse: Psalms 62:8 RSV:

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

YOUR SOCIETY/GROUP SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE CALL PACKET BY NOW.
PLEASE REGISTER NOW AND CALL THE HOTEL TO BOOK YOUR ROOMS.
YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE HAVE WORKED
HARD ON PROVIDING YOU A WONDERFUL SPIRIT FILLED CONVENTION.
GREAT SPEAKERS, BIBLE STUDY LEADER, BREAK OUT SESSIONS. SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET.
DRESS IN YOUR BEST 50's STYLE!



**** ATTACHED IS A BULLETIN INSERT PLEASE PLACE IT IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETINS AND
ENCOURAGE ALL WOMEN TO ATTEND.

THE NUGGET HOTEL HAS EXTENDED THE DISCOUNTED PRICING FOR THURSDAY AND
SUNDAY NIGHTS. BRING YOUR FAMILY AS THERE IS A LOT TO DO IN THE AREA.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE IS JUST MILES AWAY

[HTTPS://WWW.VISITRENOTAHOE.COM/THINGS-TO-DO](https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do)

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

When it comes to kid-friendly activities, Reno has a lot to offer. Indoor, outdoor, winter or summer – you name it, we've got it. Sure, we're bursting at the seams with nightlife, eateries, and outdoor recreation, but part of what makes this area so great is that there is something for everyone, little humans included.

Truckee and the Truckee River are just minutes away too:

[Visit Truckee-Tahoe California, Official Tourism Office](#)

<https://www.visittruckeetahoe.com>

Welcome to **Truckee, California**, where the Tahoe National Forest, Donner Memorial State Park and gorgeous Lake Tahoe are at our doorstep. A rich alpine environment supports mountain

- [Rock Climbing](#)
- [Made Naturally](#)
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June 2022 LWML CNH Convention In-gatherings



Austin's House

Austin's House has been providing emergency shelter and compassionate care for children in Nevada since 2007. These children have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Care is provided for boys and girls between the ages of birth to 18 years of age until they are either reunited with their families or an appropriate long-term placement is made. We are a private 501 cc3 organization and depend on the generosity of local citizens and businesses to donate goods, services, and money to cover our operating expenses.

\$10 gift cards to
Grocery Outlet &
Walmart stores

\$10 gift cards to
Grocery Outlets,
Walmart stores & for
special outings for
the kids Starbucks &
In-N-Out Burgers.

The Rural Center for Independent Living (RCIL) & Do Drop In is a day shelter for the homeless located in Carson City, NV. It is staffed entirely by volunteers, including Director Dee Dee Formaster. The center serves 10-50 homeless people per day which includes the elderly, unemployed, and disabled. They can receive individualized help in signing up for food stamps, and all other services to benefit themselves. Unfortunately, there is an extreme lack of affordable housing, so the center helps them fill out paperwork to hopefully get into stable housing and off the streets. The Center is funded solely by donations, grants, and fundraisers and they barely make ends meet.

In-gathering for First Lutheran Church, Greenville, CA and families impacted by the 2021



Dixie Fire. Since the devastating fires that erupted in July/August of 2021, our ministries have mobilized to help those families from First Lutheran in Greenville, CA and others who lost their homes and businesses in these catastrophic events. With initial money from the CNH District, we were able to help feed over 500 people during Thanksgiving, gave out hundreds of toys from Toys for Tots, sent \$3000 to the Plumas County Intervention and Crisis Center and the Salvation Army in Susanville, along with 72 cases of bottled water,

generators for families, air purifiers and water filtering systems and 5000 children's masks. Donations came in from churches all over the district and with the help of Home Depot and the Katie Grace Foundation we were able to give people sustainable gifts. It is through His grace that we continue to help our brothers and sisters through very tough times.

Thank you for the continued support to help
God's Children with your donations of ➡ ➡

Gift cards from Walmart, Safeway, & Costco
Checks welcomed payable to
"Mercy's Ministry St Luke" memo: Dixie Fire



In-gathering for Mercy Holistic Shower Ministry

Mercy Holistic Ministry's mission is to provide basic socio-economic and environmental services such as health, education, food, clothing, and natural resource conservation to the poor households, orphans,

street children, senior citizens and their families living in rural and urban centers with the intention of achieving both physical and spiritual well-being for the people. Mercy Holistic Ministry also inspires to spread the words of God in communities that reside in unreachable areas of the county. The ultimate goal of Mercy Holistic Ministry is to create a sustainable and diversified livelihood system among the target beneficiary communities through the provision of technical, material, and spiritual support.



Mercy Holistic Ministry

Hygiene Items
Bath Size Bar of Soap
Adult Size Toothbrush
Toothpaste Shampoo
Sturdy Comb Razor
Stick Deodorant
6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4")
secured together

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LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS
will have a braille workstation
setup for the ladies to press out a
book in braille from 12pm to 5pm
on Friday.



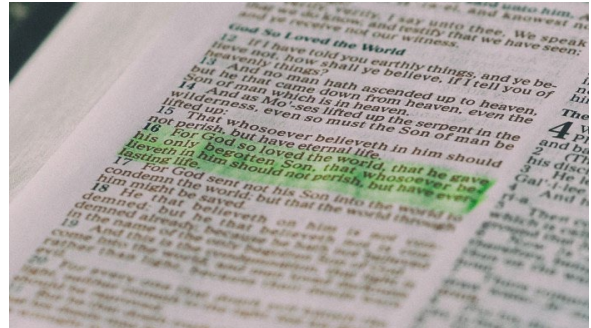
In-gathered Hygiene Items will be
turned into Hygiene Kits along with
a Gospel message for Mercy
Holistic Shower Ministries

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Toothpaste
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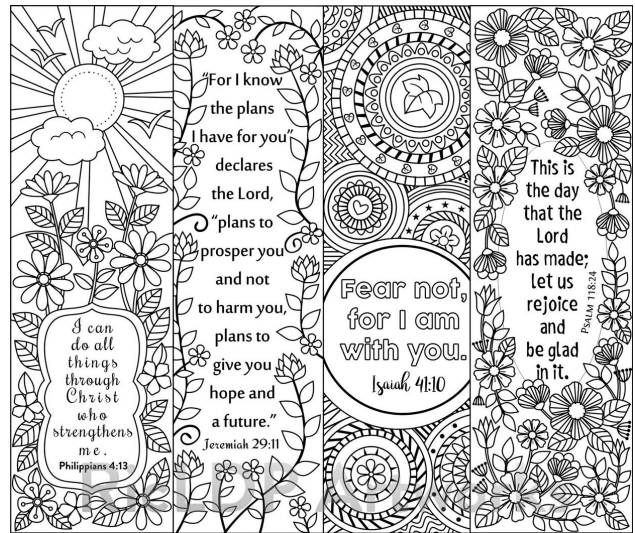


**MARKING BIBLES FOR LOVELOCK &
NNCC PRISON MINISTRY
using Lutheran Prison Ministries'
Gospel Message**

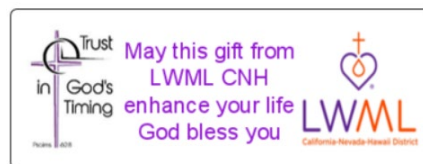
**Bible verses marked to guide the
reader through a summary of the
Gospel.**



Coloring Bookmarks to go with the Bibles



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- Music Leader Brittany Brown (Reno, NV)
- Saturday Night Banquet Theme: Rock & Roll
- Special Guest CNH District President Rev. Michael Lange

Servant Events / Ingathering:

- Marking Bibles for prison inmates
- Gift cards & toiletry items for homeless and children's shelters
- Lutheran Braille workers

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- Getting Started in Bible Journaling - Cathey King
- Heart to Heart - Linda Patel & Lynnette Campbell
- Households of Faith - Dionne Lovstad-Jones
- Orphan Grain Train / Showering The Homeless - Magee / Didanu
- POBLO (People of the book Lutheran Outreach) - Cynthia Kahn
- Raising up leaders so that our cities know Jesus - Rev. Putnam
- Rallies, Retreats, and Other Events - LaVada Terrell
- Ways To Share and Plant Jesus with Others - Rev. Doua Xiong

Great Venue:

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

Please visit <https://www.lwmlcnh.org/> for registration forms.

Available March, 15th 2022



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Psalms 62:8



Bev Viotor, VP, Gospel Outreach

Top of the Morning to Ye. Ah, but it was the end of St. Paddy's Day for Penny and myself.

We opened up our email and the little leprechauns jumped out at us. Oh my, was it a pot of gold at the end of rainbow?

Look for ye self, all the cute handmade thank you cards with a lovely photo note of the new bus.

That new bus is what our mighty mites purchased for Grant #14 Wheels on the Bus, \$10,000 for Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville, Nevada. Each preschool class (The Ducklings, Turtles, Bumblebees, Elephants, Owls, Giraffes, Knights, and Llamas) made a card and signed their names. The Knights of the kindergarten class took a "field trip" around the block on the new bus. Mrs. Rodriguez wrote "They loved it!" Your mighty mites are funding grant projects that bring the Gospel to so many people in many unique ways. When the grant recipients get our check, it really is like receiving a pot of gold from heaven for them.

THANK you dear LWML ladies for your support through mites.

Penny and Bev

The kids at Trinity Lutheran, Gardnerville pre-school met Penny during chapel and thanked her for collecting \$10,000 in mites for their new/used mini-bus



So here is the update news you have been waiting for:

Yes your mighty mites have funded all 22 grants for this 2020-2022 biennium.

Mites totaled \$125,005.31, the grant goal was \$124,000, that means \$1,005.31 rolls into our 2022-2024 biennium grant mites fund.

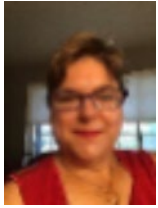
Are you jumping for joy?? Penny is!!

- ♥ Yes, we did take heart, we waited for the Lord, prayed and collected mites.
- ♥ Yes, there was a wee little pot of gold at the end of God's rainbow.
- ♥ Yes, we are blooming mites, funding 22 grants that share the gospel of Christ.
- ♥ Yes, per Psalm 33:21 "our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name."

See you dear ladies at convention June 10th,

Miss Penny





Rebecca Weissahn, VP. Special Focus Ministries

Human Care, Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations, & Young Women Reps

The June Convention is around the corner and our Human Care Committee has been busy at work preparing to help make this an amazing event. Please take a look at the In-gathering and In-service flyers for details.

For our In-gathering, we will be collecting gift cards for Austin's House, Do Drop In and for those who were affected by the 2019 Dixie fire. We will also be collecting hygiene items for Ministry Showers.

On Friday, we will have a room set up for the Lutheran Braille Workers to press out scripture, and we will have space for ladies to mark Bibles for Prison Ministries, and to color bookmarks to go along with them.

On Saturday, during the Orphan Grain Train/Shower Ministry breakout sessions, hygiene kits will be put together, with mustard seed messages to be included.

On both Friday and Saturday, in the display room, Special Focus Ministries will have tables set up where ladies will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Austin's House and Do Drop In, drop off gift cards and receive a printed copy of the various types of in-gathering ideas and activities that our fellow sisters in LWML CNH congregations do throughout the year.



Heart to Heart-Sisters of All Nations committee, Linda Patel and Lynnette Campbell will be leading a breakout session this year at the District Convention entitled,

Heart to Heart-Sisters of All Nations: One of LWML's Best Kept Secrets.

They are on fire for LWML and for sharing with us how we can reach out to women everywhere within our congregations, to share the wonderful things that LWML has to offer. Come and find new ways to include all our sisters in Christ in the LWML!

We are looking forward to including YWRs at the Convention this year and will be planning some fun activities to help them get to know each other and get excited about LWML.

Friday night we will have a low-key meet and greet for the ladies with snacks, fellowship, and decorating name tags.

We will also be having breakfast together Saturday morning.

At some point during the Convention, I will be introducing the YWRs by sharing a fun fact or two, that they would like to be made known about themselves.

Please look for your YWRs during the Convention and help them to feel at home; they are the future of LWML!

I hope you are all getting as excited about attending the Convention this year as I am; I think it will be a meaningful experience for all who attend.

 **Listen to this Devotion**

LIVING IN FAITH | Faith is ...Trusting that God's Time is the Best Time

IN THE WORD

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time (1 Peter 5:6).

OF THE WORD

We all experience days, even weeks, when everything in life seems to be going our way. But then suddenly, altogether unexpectedly, everything shifts into reverse. One day the sun is shining brightly; the next day all is dark and overcast. One week we are actively carrying out our responsibilities; the next week we are lying helpless in a hospital bed.



God is Lord. He rules His creation and His children with a *mighty hand*. When we pray to our God in our time of need, we may do so with confidence, knowing that the God who sent His Son to die for us certainly will also *...lift [us] up in [His] time*.

It has been said there are two ways to open a flower bud. You can force the petals apart and, in doing so, destroy the flower; or you can leave it alone until slowly but surely, God unfolds it. God's ways are not our ways. Nor is His time our time. But our comfort lies in the fact that His time is based on the true wisdom and knowledge of a God who not only knows us, but loves us.

WALKING WITH MY LORD

Help me, O Lord, to patiently bear all things and trust that Your timing is always best. For Jesus' sake and in His name I pray. Amen.

Mustard Seed: [Living in Faith](#). Author: Rev. Darold Reiner. 15/30 ©2007 Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. www.lwml.org

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One-Day Regional Event

"In His Time - What We Can Learn from Life's Interruptions"

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

Sixty-six women gathered in person (and 5 on zoom) on April 23rd at Prince of Peace church in Fremont, CA. It was a great opportunity to finally get together again in person to study God's Word, to get to know other sisters-in-Christ, and enjoy a beautiful, joy-filled day together. Judy Huber led the awesome, inspirational, thought-provoking Bible study "In His Time - What We Can Learn from Life's Interruptions". Attendees were introduced to many Scripture verses that clearly teach us to rely on God's timing in our lives and how God uses interruptions for His purpose. We learned so much!

We reflected on our own style of planning, our attitude about time, how we use time, and on the past "interruptions" in our lives.

There are 2 Greek words for Time: "Chronos" means our clock time, time we can manage (quantity); and "Kairos" means the right or appointed time, God time, a proper time for action (quality). There are many examples of Kairos timing, or God's timing, in the Bible. We need to be aware of the Kairos moments in our time and how we can use our time and even interruptions for His witness.

Although we try to control time, we need to give God control of our time, be in God's Word, repent and make changes, set the proper priorities, and be flexible for God's purpose.

A few special guests were invited to the event... Miss Penny interrupted the Bible study to share about mites and later Sparky interrupted the Skit Bible study to courage us to attend the LWML CNH convention in Sparks, NV, June 10-12. These interruptions were very entertaining.

During lunch, Lynnette Campbell shared information on the LWML Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations ministry. To hear more about this important ministry, Linda Patel and Lynnette will have a breakout session at the convention.

The event ended with 11 small groups each assigned to perform a specific Bible verse where God "interrupted" the lives of people in the Bible. The women did a great job of performing hilarious skits! See the following two pages.

A special thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success! We were very blessed that the number of registrations far exceeded our expectations. After all expenses, we are able to send 100% of the net proceeds in the amount of \$524.17 to LWML CNH Mites. Praise God!!

Serving the Lord with joy, The Planning Team:
Jill Ellwanger Zone 2 President
Barbara Guevara, Registrar & Zone 8 President
Rebecca Weissahhn, Zone 16 President
Linda Bradley, Zone 18 President
Judy Huber, Bible Study Leader



Sparky interrupting our Bible Stories of Interruptions



Rebecca and Kaelynn monitoring our zoom connection



4 of 5 ladies that joined by zoom

Bible Stories of Interruptions



John 2:1-11 Jesus is a guest at a wedding where his mother sends Him to market for more wine



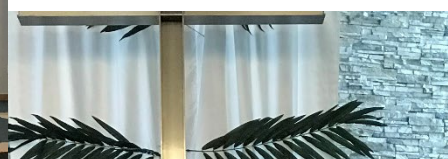
Mark 1:16-20; Matt 4:18-25 Jesus offers a job to some fishermen, "Come follow me"



Ex 3:1-22; 4:1-14 Moses alarmed at the sight of a burning bush while shepherding his flock



Acts 9:1-22 Paul is on the road to Damascus, and a bright light and a voice interrupt his road trip.



Luke 8:22-25; Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41 The disciples interrupt Jesus' nap on a fishing boat. Story told in song





Luke 10:38-42 While Mary is at Jesus feet, Martha interrupts them, demanding that He tell Mary to help in the kitchen!



Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Guess who's coming to dinner? Abram & Sarai have unexpected dinner guests!



Esther 2:1-18 Mordecai decides to enter Esther in the local "Queen of Assyria" beauty contest



Genesis 12:1-8 Abraham must pack up and move the family



Luke 1:26-38 Young virgin Mary is told by Angel Gabriel that she is going to be with child carrying baby Jesus



Matt 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17 A child keeps begging his mom to go see Jesus. the disciples do not want any interruptions

News from Zone 3 - North San Jaquin

Cathey King, President Zone 3

Zone 3 is stressing the "What's Your 80?" theme right now. At **ST PETER, LODI**, the ladies plan to register 80 blood donors for a blood drive. At **GRACE, MODESTO**, the Naomi Circle supplied 80 bottles of water to compliment the soup that the Mary-Martha Circle sold at their Soup-er Bowl fundraiser! Naomi spiritual sisters are working together to do projects as pairs!

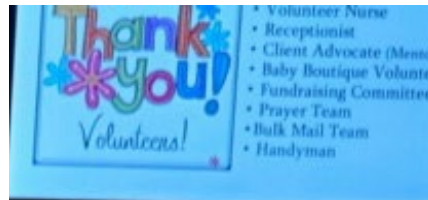
At **ST ANDREW'S, STOCKTON**, I was able to take part in their meeting when they made 80 witnessing bracelets for MOST Ministries. It was delightful to share the afternoon with these hardworking women.

GRACE, MODESTO, Naomi Circle, held a delicious fundraiser in March. Luther the Leprechaun invited congregation members to buy a loaded baked potato to fight the famine. The goal of 80 potatoes was not met, but everyone had a lot of fun, and the potatoes were a hit!

ZION, LODI, hosted a lovely spring rally with special guest speaker, Linda Patel, from Heart to Heart Sisters, Sisters of all Nations. The in-gathering was given to Directions Medical Clinic, a local pregnancy center. The ladies from Zion shared their preemie blanket squares. They exceeded the 80 goal with them! It was a lovely day from start to finish. The food was excellent, and Pastor Matt Duerr barbequed the chicken for lunch!



Heart to Heart - Sisters of All Nations Chair Linda Patel giving her testimony and how to reach out to other sisters around you



Directions Medical Clinic logo



Zone 3 Treasurer Sue Xiong



I know the other congregations have been hard at work on projects, but I did not obtain information from them, hopefully next issue!

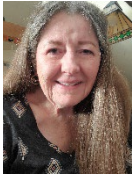
News from Zone 4 - West Sacramento

Peace Lutheran Church's LWML, Sacramento



On Friday, June 24 from 7 pm - 9 pm and continuing Saturday, June 25 from 9 am - 3 pm, we are sponsoring a Women's Retreat entitled "Treasured". This retreat is authored by the same creator, Deb Burma, whom we used two years ago for the "Beautiful Feet" retreat at Peace. Women learn that God makes His creation as unique as multi-faceted diamonds to reflect the light of Christ in this dark world. Please register with Dianne Flynn at stoptheponi@aol.com by June 17. Registration is \$15 including meals and materials.

Peace Lutheran Church is located at 924 San Juan Rd. Sacramento CA 95834.



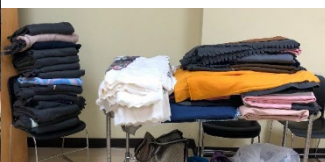
LWML Town & Country, Sacramento, CA Linda Meyer-Ehly

The ladies of LWML hosted a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for all the women of the congregation on March 13. We sang songs, had a nice Irish luncheon, and participated in the making of stuffed fleece bunnies that were donated to our Tijuana Mission.



*Jeanne Reynolds,
dedicated sewer & quilter*

Another activity that we worked on in March was the making of blankets for the homeless. Two layers of warm material are pinned together and then stitched. 110 have been completed in the last two months.



*A few of the many blankets
sewn for the homeless*

They are given to Yene Wolteji, who works with Bridging International to distribute them through that program.

On Saturday, April 16 the LWML sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt at the church. A number of families showed up and the children participated in an egg hunt, after which they received a bag of Easter treats. The bags were assembled by our LWML ladies

News from Zone 5 - South San Joaquin



In Christ's Service, Linda Lynch, Zone 5 Contact Person

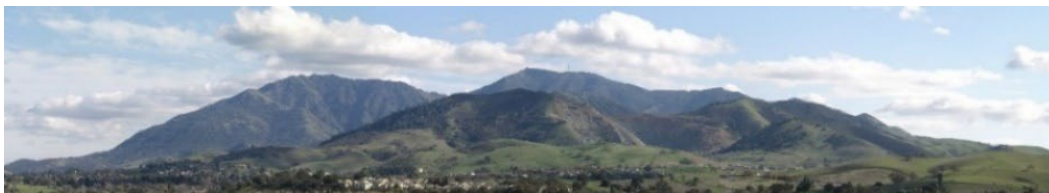
Although there are no specific events during the summer with our societies, many are making plans and looking forward to some fall events. Here's some of the ongoing activities from Zone 5.

Church of Prayer has a newer LWML society which started right before the pandemic hit, so they haven't been able to be very active. However, some of their women are being proactive in serving others by preparing casseroles and soups to serve after their church services. This provides food for church members and raises money to support three different missionary families. They have raised \$9,000 so far since the pandemic started. God has blessed their efforts.

Grace Lutheran Church Ladies Guild will be busy this summer planning their Swedish Meatball Luncheon, which is held before Thanksgiving. The ladies will be working on crafts to get them ready to sell at this event. This helps them raise money to give to various mission projects and to the seminaries.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Dorcas Society will be planning for their annual Back-to-School Backpack give away. This is a great community outreach event that involves their society, church, and community through their donations and participation. Last year they were able to put together 85 backpacks! They also will continue to hold a pie sale once a month after church where they sell a piece of pie for \$3.00. These proceeds go to their various love gifts for the LCMS recognized service organizations.

Zion Lutheran Church LWML will be working this summer on their crafts and homemade items for their annual Christmas Bazaar. They also hope to be able to do more in person visits with their shut-ins.



Greetings from Zone 7 - Mt. Diablo



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

As the Summer issue of the Joyful Servant is written, Zone 7 is excited to report that our Spring Event will be an "in-person" event, our first since the fall of 2020! We have hosted two Events on Zoom, for which we are very thankful. We host our board meetings on Zoom but returning to in-person Events brings us great **joy**, a joy that reminds me of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45).

*³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for **joy**. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be^[a] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."*

Our Spring Event theme, "Bear Each Other's Burdens" from Galatians 6:2, is a poignant reminder of what Christ did for us on the cross, bearing the weight of all our sins and giving us salvation and eternal life. As we "lift high the cross" and sing "Alleluia, Amen" this Easter, pure **joy** will fill our hearts! Read the notes below to see how the women in Zone 7 share how they are filled with **joy** as they "serve the Lord with gladness":

Benicia Lutheran Church: The Wings group (Women in God's Service) at BLC had limited meetings during Covid. We are excited about getting together more often without so many restrictions. This past year we've formed a ladies Bible study, a knitting group and a banner making group. For the Bible study we watched the first and second seasons of The Chosen and followed their corresponding Bible study books. We are now doing Immerse: The Bible Reading Experience (Messiah). We are two weeks into this new innovative way to read the Bible and really enjoying it so far. Our knitting group, from beginners to advanced, is concentrating on making baby hats (for hospital nurseries), patchwork baby blankets (each person makes a different square), and hats and scarves for the homeless. For some of us that aren't very good at knitting, the fellowship is the best part! We've needed a new Easter banner for several years and decided that this was going to be the year to get it done. We've had several sessions and it's almost finished, so looking forward to seeing it displayed in the front of the church on Easter morning! We have also continued to collect our mites every month with some help from the men in the congregation. We are truly blessed. He is risen. He is risen, indeed! Halleluia! **Liz Barriga**



Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Concord: Our Monday Morning Women's Coffee & Conversation Zoom chats continue, over 2 years now! Even though we are worshiping inside our sanctuary, this is a good way to share & support each other. AND we are thankful for being able to include those that no longer live in the area. One day in January, Alex (Roseville, CA) & Idalene (TX) joined us! During Lent several families provided Wednesday evening suppers, followed by our Lenten services, and many hands are preparing our annual Easter breakfast. *Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* Hebrews 10:25 **Joyce Liebe** (More News from Zone 7 continues next page)

(News from Zone 7 continues)

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore: At Christmas the congregation sent out more than 200 Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes filled with love and gifts. We were blessed by sharing Jesus' love with children. Our friend in quilting, Donna Witthoeft, went to Christ this year and we all promised to finish all the quilt tops she made for Lutheran World Relief. We are very busy. Several of our group have made baby blankets for foster children. Our whole church is supporting Shepherd's Gate's mission to give birthday parties for the women in their care. Some of our members made pillowcases with matching sleep masks for the women for their birthdays. We finished a quilt for a member using the blocks his deceased wife had pieced. See the pictures →.

The Elijah Bible Study has been an eye-opener. Our Women's Bible Study group recommends it to learn more about God's active presence in the world working through individuals. *Susan Contreras*



Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pinole: The ladies of LWML at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pinole have been busy. We had six Wednesday soup suppers and then service afterwards. The ladies (and some men) made 3 different soups for each night. Pastor Teller put his cooking skills to work on two soups. We have excellent cooks in our group (and wonderful eaters) which makes a great lead in for Easter. The Tuesday Quilters have been active. Quilts were taken to Windsor Manor, a convalescent home in Concord and Birthright of Concord who assist women with unplanned pregnancies. We refocused our lap quilts to baby quilts and receiving blankets. *Shirley Schmeier*

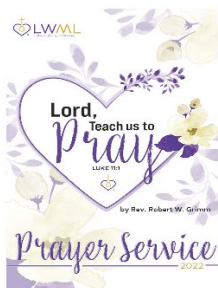
Faith Lutheran Church in Pleasant Hill: We are hosting the Zone 7 Spring Event on Saturday May 14th. We are excited to have an in-person gathering and to see everyone from the Zone. We are collecting new and gently used towels to support the needy in Contra Costa County. We are also planning on restarting our Rummage Sale in October. *Mary Wolkenhauer*

Resurrection Ministries in Brentwood: Following the isolation caused by COVID, it was a blessing to congregate once again on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a simple dinner and a Bible Study. This year each family brought a meal of their own, rather than serving our traditional soup supper. We were grateful to enjoy each other's company and fellowship once again. Speaking of tradition, we are eagerly looking forward to the serving of communion on Maundy Thursday, when we will return to the individual communion cups and wafers. While we have been very grateful for the prepackaged containers the past 2 years, knowing those, too, contained Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, there's something very special about returning to what we knew and loved pre-COVID.

The Wee Care preschool at Resurrection has been grateful for the congregation's sponsoring of a number of fund raisers on their behalf due to the financial impact resulting from COVID. The most recent fundraiser was through the ordering of See's candy for Easter. This is always a popular one for who can resist chocolate bunnies and marshmallow eggs?! Wishing you all a truly blessed Easter! 🐰 *Jan Perry*

News from Zone 8 - Peninsula

-Mary Deger Seevers, LWML CNH Zone 8 Christian Life Chair.



On March 5, 2022, LWML CNH Zone 8 hosted the 2022 Prayer Service authored by Rev. Grimm in person and via Zoom. Trinity Lutheran Women's Guild of Palo Alto hosted 14 women and Rev. Stewart Crown officiated. Marilyn Taddey, Trinity Society President, was the organist for the live event. The Christian Life Committee of Zone 8 opened up the event to LWML CNH and hosted 18 women online From Hawaii, California, and New Jersey.

A link to the event is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/wfl7R42GCjM>



**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
CALIFORNIA~NEVADA~HAWAII
ZONE 8 ~ SPRING GATHERING
May 14th, 2022 ~ 9:30am — 1:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1245 El Camino Real
Burlingame, CA**

One Body in Christ

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

-Colossians 3:14



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul A. Krueger
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - Senior Development Officer

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jeffrey Schufreider
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Burlingame

Registration: \$15.00 ~ BYOB Lunch ~ Dessert Provided

**Free Will Love Gift Offering to support the efforts of
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**

**Ingathering Items for Dakota:
Gifts cards in \$5 increments for
Target & Walmart**

**Please make out any check donations to:
LWML CNH Zone 8
memo: Dakota**

Questions? Please email President Barbara Guevara at tisbarb@sbcglobal.net

News from Zone 10 - Sierra Nevada



Zion Lutheran Church, Ruth Circle, Winnemucca, NV

Serving the Lord with gladness, Debbie Kliewer, Ruth Circle Secretary

Greetings from the Ruth Circle ladies. We are a very small but mighty group. January 2020-from proceeds from annual craft/bake sale we purchased needed items for altar and new stole for Pastor. We hold monthly meetings to plan the annual events, staff appreciation dinner, Ash Wednesday dinner, Maundy Thursday soup supper and Easter breakfast. Due to the fear and panic put into hearts and minds of America and world, lockdown happened March 15, 2020, so no April-May meetings. Our President felt a June meeting would be very beneficial to all Ruth Circle members, which we had. Our meetings include dinner, Bible study and business. July-August we recessed. We resumed meeting September 2020. Planning annual events, purchasing Bibles for 5th grade catechumens, and supporting monetary and prayers to our own "adopted" high school student desiring to attend Sierra Lutheran High school in Carson City, beginning

his freshman year 2018. Before him, we had "adopted" seminary students/families for many years. Hosted a fellowship potluck for our pre-school and Childcare director's retirement. 2021 we continued meeting, collecting offerings and mites, hosting annual events, even a men's luncheon.

Invited all Zion ladies to annual Ruth Circle Christmas party, a great evening enjoyed by all. Here we are in the new year of our Lord 2022. As the Lord so wills, we will continue our meetings, annual events, look for another "adoption" and plan more much needed congregation fellowship potlucks. Making our church family strong to be witnesses for the Lord, telling all "Christ crucified for you".



(Editor combining two half pages)

News from Zone 12 - Upper Sacramento Valley

Submitted by Sandra Clark, LWML Zone 12, chairwoman

The ladies of Zone 12 - upper Sacramento Valley - will be hosting a Spirit-filled Retreat at Faith Lutheran Church in Burney, California. We have come to love the ladies in Burney and because of their small numbers and great distance, we have included them as a part of our 2 active societies in the zone.

We invited ourselves, much to their delight, to come and spend a Saturday - April 30th. in Christian Fellowship and Spiritual Growth. The church is a beautiful, converted home nestled in the tall forest trees. Included in the event will be a relaxing time spent together at Burney Falls State Park to relax and enjoy the beautiful water Falls and surrounding grounds. The fresh mountain air is calling us to share in this memorable spring weekend.

The theme for the retreat is "HEADING FOR HIGHER PLACES" based on Habakkuk 3:16, "*The Sovereign LORD is my strength, He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He enables me to go on the heights.*" The Saturday morning Bible study will be led by Jayne Cummins, wife of Pastor Brian, Trinity Redding. A special ingathering will be in conjunction with "What's your 80" celebration of the faith-filled "80 years of LWML Serving the Lord With Gladness"

Those that wish to stay overnight will be lodging in a local motel and return on Sunday morning to worship with the 4-5 families that make up Faith Lutheran. Pastor Geta Dirasse will lead in worship and holy communion. Then it is "back down the mountain refreshed and ready to continue in our mission to bringing the "Lost and erring into eternal fellowship".

News from Zone 11 - Hawai'i

Dian Mahoney, Treasurer Zone 11

March 26 was our Zone 11 event, "Spreading the Word in Africa" and was attended by 22 participants from California, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Wisconsin, and Missouri!!

Pastor Mark Zier led us in a devotion entitled "Everyday Missionaries" and how we need to be alert and then respond in our walk with God. Our open heart is all that is needed.

In our icebreaker Nancy asked us "what is a missionary" and "how have we been one". Our perceptions of missionaries may have changed a bit! All of us are missionaries every day in our interactions with those whom we meet.

Our speakers, Krista Young and Serena and Elliot Derricks shared their experiences in their time in Africa. Krista is the partnership coordinator for Africa Region and works with churches and other groups to have a deeper understanding of culture and context in various projects in community health education, agricultural endeavors, evangelizing, confirmation and promoting general education.

Serena and Elliot are with Lutheran Bible Translators in Cameroon working in literacy programs and translating the Bible into three dialects for the people in their surrounding villages and with their three children. Language development builds bridges according to Serena. The community is involved in decisions that are made, and they want people to be able to read in a language they know. Elliot shared how hard translation can be at times. They use three languages French, Fulfulde (market language because of 12 dialects around), and English when working. If you want more information, or to receive their newsletter, or to support their efforts, they can be contacted at LBT.org/derricks and lcms.org/young.

Some congregations shared what they have been doing for others like quilting efforts for various organizations, making 80 baby quilts for LWML 80th anniversary, Angel Tree donations, Christmas stocking collections for mission families, blessings bags at Christmas and New Year, trick or treat bags for Food Bank donations, working with Compassion Network to provide needy families with vouchers for food at Easter and Thanksgiving, prayer walks, diaper and baby wipes drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

We closed with the video by Beyond the Walls Choir singing "I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky" which brought tears to many eyes and a Mustard Seed devotion available online at LWML.



News from Zone 15 - Central San Joaquin

LaVada Terrell, Zone 15 President

On January 29, 2022, the Winter One-Day Retreat was held at St. Nicholas Retreat Center in Dunlap. Pastor Scott Jacobsen led an interactive Bible Study on Philippians. Linda Patel, Chair of Heart-to-Heart – Sisters of All Nations, shared her testimony and journey from India to England to San Francisco and to Christianity. She also talked about how to approach women of multi-cultural backgrounds – become friends with them and share how the Lord has blessed you. Hopefully, in time, they will become interested and might take you up on your invitations for Bible Study, worship services, and LWML activities.

Mite boxes were also filled with \$200!



After a delicious Greek lunch of chicken, potatoes, salad, and honey cake, Miss Penny came and shared a video about a day in her hometown of Georgetown; and afterwards, she shared about all of our current Mission Grants. Lots of singing, fun, and fellowship was had by all.

April 30, 2022, the Spring Rally will be held at St. Paul's in Selma. Vicar Travis Wright will lead an interactive Bible Study. Diane Chrisman will be the speaker from Terry's House, which is a place where families can stay while a family member is in a nearby hospital. Ingathering will be items for their kitchen, can goods, snacks, beverages. Since COVID, we cannot go prepare meals and fellowship with the families, this way, they can do it themselves. More on our Rally in next Joyful Servant.



Grace Lutheran/Visalia
Carole Sell President



January meeting/Program - At the beginning, I shared information about my Swedish father who immigrated to America in 1923 and then presented a program about Churches in Scandinavia. Refreshments with a Swedish/Norwegian theme were served afterward, provided by my Norwegian friend & LWML member Linda Okland and I.



February meeting/Program - Kindergarten children from Grace Christian School sing for us every year after our February meeting. Afterwards we present them with valentines given by each LWML lady placed in pouches made by our Mary/Martha Craft Circle.

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March meeting - Jacquie Walker from Sequoia Braille Transcribers. This non-profit organization was established over 50 years ago to help blind children & adults. They are the only group doing this type of work between Sacramento & Los Angeles. Our society here at Grace has been donating annually since 2015.



Emmanuel – Women of Grace Cheryl Deis, President

On Saturday, February 19th, Women of Grace were honored to have Assemblyman Jim Patterson speak to our group. He discussed how challenging it is to be a Christian in a dominant non-Christian legislature. Current issues involving safety, homelessness, and ProLife in California were discussed. Assemblyman Patterson explained why he supports the passage of A.B. 582 (Gavin's Law) and the repeal of proposition 47.

Assemblyman Patterson introduced A.B. 582 (Gavin's Law) to increase penalties for leaving the scene of an accident. The bill was introduced after the death of Clovis Unified administrator Gavin Gladding, who was hit and killed while running. Patterson also supports the repeal of Prop 47, which was a ballot measure passed in 2014 that made some non-violent property crimes, where the value does not exceed \$950 misdemeanors. The proposition also made some simple drug possession offenses into misdemeanors. Crime statistics involving those types of crimes have increased statewide since that measure.

Emmanuel Lutheran has welcomed their new pastor, Dan Hues. As our guest, it allowed our group to learn more about our new pastor, his family, and his vision for Emmanuel. He stated that he has wanted to go into ministry since he was five years old. His past congregation was Zion Lutheran in Portland, Oregon. His wife Melody has terrific musical talents. Daughters Harmony 6 and Cadence 4 were readily accepted into the Emmanuel family with their enthusiastic personalities.

A morning of crafts and cookie decorating involved Central California Mennonite Services residents on Saturday, March 26th. CCMRS is a residential facility for mentally challenged adults.

During April, we will be presenting children and women of Evangel Home with Easter baskets and gift bags. This facility provides a haven for abused women and their children or those with substance abuse challenges.



Flyer promoting our annual Mother's Day Tea, Saturday, May 7, 2022. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Price \$20 includes lunch and entertainment. Theme "the roaring 20's". Because of Covid our last Mother's Day Tea was in 2019. We are planning a wonderful event. You will be served a delicious lunch plus an assortment of desserts and of course "Tea". (Gluten Free food will be available). We will also have many Raffle Baskets to bid on for adults & children each unique and filled with a wide variety of items.

News from Zone 18 - Santa Clara

First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lydia Ladies, San Jose, CA Serving the Lord with gladness, Beth Braun of Publicity Chairperson

For the past 2 years our First Immanuel Lydia Ladies have been Pen Pals to our group of shut-ins (ones who are incapable of attending church services) and to our stay at home due to COVID concerns. We send a card or call to 20 of our members each month. We want them to feel the love we have for each and every one of them. We want them to know that they are still very much a part of our church family.

Due to COVID we have not met in person for the past 2 years, but we did not want to eliminate Lydia Ladies from our schedule. We have been meeting on Zoom and it is working great! We even had our last 2 Christmas parties on Zoom. These parties had everything – devotional, games, refreshments, prizes. They were well attended.

These methods can also be used by other congregations and societies to connect and encourage each other.

News from Zone 19 - East Sacramento

Spring Rally Zion - North Highlands, submitted by Bev Vietor



Thank you LWML ladies of Town and Country Lutheran Church Sacramento for making and donating to LWML this purple quilt for Zone 19's Spring Rally's silent auction. Barbara Standley-Dunn won this quilt with the silent bid of \$300 towards CNH grants, WOW!

Trinity Georgetown, Mary Martha Circle Ladies are so proud of our Diane Buchholz. She served 14 years as Zone 19 Parliamentarian. Zone 19 honored Diane, center, and Sherry Clifton (out-going 12-year president on right) at their spring rally in March. Vice President Alice Beltran left, is making presentations.



Look who Bev met at the rally? Jan Froh, who wrote up our 2020-2022 #1 grant—Sewing Machines for Kenyan Deaconesses. Jan has some exciting updates on "our" sewing machines, Deaconesses and the church.



I encourage you to ask her to come speak at one of your gatherings or rallies.

Rev. Froh & Jan,

**Blessings on 50 years together this coming June.
May our Lord bless you with many more years together.**



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Immanuel, Jackson, submitted by Judy Huber, Christian Growth

Five of our members attended our Zone Rally at Zion North Highlands and were inspired to hear about the ministry to people with disabilities. Our monthly meetings have been creative and full of purpose! We crafted and shared Valentine Candy treats to share God's LOVE. Our Bake Sale and Craft Sale generated almost \$300 for "Bites for Mites!" At our April meeting, we shared the LWML Bible Study

"Women with Jesus at the Cross and the Tomb," and made plans to get busy this summer with possible projects for "What's Your 80?" --such as sewing children's pillowcases, marking Bibles, and collecting 80 dimes and 80 quarters, etc for our Mites!



JESUS LOVES YOU! In February we made Valentines Treats with God's Sweet WORD to give to our members and our neighbors!



Cindy, Debra, and Judy say, "Almost sold out!" We had many tables of Baked Goods and Craft items for a "Bites for Mites" sale on March 20th after church.

God greatly blessed our efforts!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Rocklin, CA Sharon Junge, LWML President



Arlys Clinton (L), St. Matthew LWML Treasurer gives a check to Acres of Hope Director of Family Services, Diane Larson (R), to support the purchase of gas cards for the women residing at Acres of Hope

St. Matthew LWML Supports Acres of Hope

St. Matthew's LWML is actively supporting *Acres of Hope*, a one-of-a-kind Christian ministry that inspires hope for homeless women and children. *AOH* provides a two-year residential program in Auburn, CA, where it walks families through a process of change, healing, and growth to overcome the cycles of homelessness, trauma, addiction, and poverty. The two-year program focuses on the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the families to help them overcome their circumstances and build positive lifelong habits and skills.

AOH was selected as the name benefactor of St. Matthew's LWML's Makers Marketplace, where over \$5,000 was raised this fall to support Acres of Hope programming. In April another check was given to *AOH* for gas cards to support the women in their studies and job training.

To learn more about this inspiring grace-based program check out their website [About Us - Acres of Hope \(acresofhopeonline.org\)](http://About Us - Acres of Hope (acresofhopeonline.org))

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More pictures from Zone 19's Spring Rally



ZONE 19 EVENT/RALLY

By Elise Spleiss, Zone 19 Communication Coordinator

"Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame." Luke 14:21

This scripture was the theme of the Zone 19 LWML Rally at Zion in North Highlands. The rally was a joint effort of Zion and Cordova in Rancho Cordova. Music was a special treat for attendees. Our honored guests from Zone 4, Peace Lutheran in Natomas, joined our guest speaker, providing inspiring praise music reminiscent of our Walther League days such as, "Here I am Lord" and "They'll know we are Christian by our Love". It was so good to be singing together like this. The entire event was definitely a "you had to be there" moment!



Pastor Alan Flynn gave a fast-moving, thought-provoking Bible study on witnessing and evangelism. He gave practical ways to fold Christian witnessing naturally into personal interactions and daily conversations.



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Dianne Flynn of the Disability Task Force was the speaker. She shared her experiences as a grandmother of a child with Down syndrome, starting a disability ministry at Peace in Natomas, and the work of the CNH Disability Ministry Task Force (DMTF). Dianne has written two children's books, one through the eyes of four-year-old Cody, now 11, the other through the eyes of big brother Jeremy, then six, now 13. They are both heartwarming and funny, a compelling look at a world many of us are not familiar with, yet full of many blessings. The books help to dispel negative attitudes still held by some about Downs Syndrome and other childhood disorders. But if you ask Cody, his extra chromosome is Love!



It was a special day with 80 ladies from nine societies in attendance. Besides the camaraderie, we enjoyed the Bible study, speaker, music and good food. Our hosts had spent many hours on food, handmade decorations, and general preparations for our arrival. We took a special time to thank and say good-bye to our Zone president of 12 years, Sherry Clifton. We bestowed many gifts and presentations on her, she now has a well-deserved rest, but will be going on to other adventures, we're sure. We are praying for someone to step into her shoes. The times are changing, but God has the perfect person out there. Is it you?



Finally, we held a raffle for a beautiful quilt made by one of our Town & Country members, with all donations going towards the CNH Mites grants remaining to be paid. (As of this writing our goal was nearly met!)

See you all in Sparks!

SAVE THE DATE...for our Executive Committee & Planning meetings in Livermore:

Friday, Sept 23, 2022, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., EC meeting in-person and on Zoom

Saturday, Sept 24, 2022, Planning meeting 9:30 a.m. continental breakfast
(EC, Zone Presidents/Contacts, Committee members),

Meeting from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in-person and on Zoom. Lunch will be served.



SUBMISSIONS FOR FALL NEWSLETTER

What's happened since Convention & Upcoming Fall Gatherings

APPRECIATED BY September 3rd

Email submissions to Lori Fisher at dudettefisher@sbcglobal.net
cell: 650-922-0998



LWML Nominations Open

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Nominating Committee has asked for nominations to be considered for election at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Offices to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President of Organizational Resources
- Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
- Treasurer
- Nominating Committee (5)



The LWML Bylaws state that the Nominating Committee shall submit the names of at least two (2) candidates, if possible, for each elective office to be filled and nine (9) candidates for the next biennium's Nominating Committee. Any member of the LWML may suggest a name to be considered for nomination. Please assist the Nominating Committee by publicizing this request for nominees. District presidents, please share this information with your board of directors, executive committees, and in your district newsletters.

The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2022.

Links to the nominating process are below and at lwml.org/nominations.
[Nomination Form for Officers and Nominating Committee](#)
[Guidelines for Selection of Nominees](#)

Nominees should review the *LWML Handbook* (Bylaws, Article VI — sections 1, 5, 6, & 8 and Article VII) and the *LWML Procedures Manual* (Section II, Elected and Appointed Officers and Section V, Nominating Committee-Elected). Both documents can be found on the LWML [website](#).