

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyfully proclaim Christ, rejoice in his world!

Roxann Schwab, LWML CNH District President

I love the song "Pass It on" by Kurt Kaiser. One of my favorite verses is:

*What a wonderful time is spring,
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.*



We can always count on the coming of spring in all its beauty, after a gloomy winter. I live in the country surrounded by almond and walnut orchards and several grape vineyards. When the trees blossom, they are so beautiful, the grape vines are becoming green and sprouting. When we see the trees budding, the flowers blooming and the glory of creation all around us, it is a perfect time to share with others that our God created this beautiful world for all of us to enjoy. Think about it, He created all of it in only 6 days, and rested on the 7th. Genesis 1:1-2:3. What a powerful message.

In this Easter Season, we rejoice that our God not only created a beautiful world for us to enjoy, but he sent his one and only Son who was crucified, died, and rose again that we can become new each day. The scriptures tell us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come,"*** reminding us that we are a new creation in Christ. I pray that God opens our eyes to new opportunities and gives us the words to say and the confidence to boldly share our good news.

As Christians we need to embrace the opportunity to witness, not shy away from it. Our LWML Mission Statement: **As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

The song ends with this verse.

*I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.*

Don't you think we should be shouting to all the world how amazing our God is?

Enjoy your spring, take notice of the beauty, and joyfully pass on the good news that we serve a Risen Saviour. ♥

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

Retreat committee shares new ideas: Pray Partners and Talent Show!

By Cathey King, Vice President Christian Life

The Retreat Committee members—Cathey King, Judy Huber, Laura Lynn Ledson, and Margaret Peterman—are working hard to make your retreat informative, relaxing, and fun! New this year are Pray Partners and the TALENT SHOW. Please be thinking about what you will do to make the talent show a success. We are looking forward to hosting each of you and getting to know all of you better. God bless you and give you abiding peace and joy.

LWML CNH Retreat “Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts”

August 25-27 2023

Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)
43803 Highway 41, Oakhurst CA 93644

Join your sisters-in-Christ for a **RELAXING** weekend
of fun, renewal & inspiration!



Bible study Leader: Michelle Ule

Music Leader: Melody Hues

Servant Event:

Lutheran Braille Workers (*We'll print & compile Christian literature in Braille!*)
Phil's Friends: (*We'll color and sign cards for cancer patients.*)

Retreat Weekend:

*Registration includes: 1-4 per room, 5 meals, linens
Friday, August 25: Registration opens at 4 pm. Dinner at 6 pm.
Sunday, August 27: Retreat ends after Sunday worship.

*To register, see your President for the complete packet
or click here: [Retreat Registration](#)

♥ Bible Study ♥ Praise & Worship ♥ Music to Soothe Your Soul ♥ Prayer Partner ♥
Singing ♥ Gathering of Old & New Friends ♥ Servant Events
Delicious Meals ♥ Talent Show ♥ Free Time ♥ Outdoor Morning & Evening Devotions ♥

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS!

LWML CNH Convention: April 19-20-21, 2024 "Gifted to Serve by God's Grace"

By LaVada Terrell, Vice President Convention Planning

Please plan now to join us for our District Convention in April 2024! Committees have been formed and planning has begun. Mark the dates on your calendar now. We want to see all of you there!

Here is what you can look forward to:

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Convention Hotel, 1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002

THEME: Gifted to Serve by God's Grace

SCRIPTURE: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10 (ESV)

GOAL: Because of God's undeserved love to us, we are encouraged to share Christ through our service, ministry, and mission.

OBJECTIVES: Through Bible Study, prayer, and worship, we will ~

- ♥ Discover and embrace our spiritual strengths and gifts;
- ♥ Build our relationships through fellowship and servant events;
- ♥ Confidently serve God and others with joyful hearts.

Thank you in advance to:

Bible Study Leader: Jane Hoffmann

Music Leaders: Bryan and Stacey Widstrand

Registrar: Christa Hamilton

Friday Night Worship/Communion Service/Fellowship:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Redding; Pastor Bryan Cummings

Hosts: Zone 12, 13, 14 ♥



MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOSPEL OUTREACH

Partnerships: How many are you in?

Bev Vietor, Vice President Gospel Outreach

Think hard, I bet you are in more partnerships than you realize. You are in a partnership with LWML CNH. Need proof? Look at your mites box. Every time you add coins, you are investing in your partnership. LWML CNH is in partnership with 17 mission grants this biennium. Over the years we have had a strong partnership with many local missions/churches.

The Hmong Outreach in the central valley is one. Our LWML grant several years ago helped start the Hmong Language school. Several grants have also gone to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), a Recognized Service Organization of LCMS. LHF translates, publishes, and distributes Lutheran materials free to LCMS mission projects. One of the mission outreaches that LHF translates materials for is the Hmong Language. The Hmong Language School is the featured article in the March/April 2023 LHF newsletter. Read about how this partnership is producing fruit right here in California: [Hmong Language School](#)

Please remember all 17 of our mission partners. Go to our website to view each of these grants. Pray for the missions, another way to invest in these partnerships. Thank you for faithfully partnering with LWML CNH. We are doing a lot of work for our Lord. I hope to see many of you in person this spring at several Zone events that Penny is going to. ♥



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FROM YOUR COMMUNICATION TEAM

Working to keep you informed through newsletter, web site, social media

By Lynnette Campbell, Communication Director

The Communication Team has been working hard on our 2022-2024 plans. Here is a list of what we have done in the past quarter. We hope you like the new format of the Joyful Servant.

- ♥ Created a Facebook Page: LWML CNH
- ♥ Created an Instagram Page: LWMLCNH (Follow us at LWMLCNH)
- ♥ Created and distributed 5"x7" Information "How To" cards for the LWML CNH Facebook page and the LWML CNH Website. We have seen a significant increase in traffic on our Facebook page since distribution.
- ♥ Appointed Candy Kiel from Nevada as our News Editor
- ♥ Created a new format for the Joyful Servant & began using MailChimp to distribute the Joyful Servant
- ♥ Updated our mailing lists
- ♥ Made modifications to our website to make the forms more accessible
- ♥ Kept website and meeting dates current
- ♥ Added a Joyful Servant subscription form
- ♥ Added Retreat information, Registration form
- ♥ Added a Scholarship form for LWML Events

New Goal for 2023: Social Media

Help us increase our social media presence to inspire women! Our goal is to increase our social media presence (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tik Tok, etc) to reach out to women who use these platforms.

Social Media suggestions for submissions:

CONTENT CATEGORIES:

- ♥ Information about LWML
- ♥ Prayer requests - (e.g. "Please pray for the women of First Lutheran as they will be")
- ♥ Connect with us
- ♥ Announce an upcoming event and how to participate
- ♥ Celebrate with us
- ♥ Join us in celebrating this successful event
- ♥ Inspirational stories
- ♥ How LWML has impacted your life

FORMAT OF CONTENT:

- ♥ Post Ready Content of one-half sentence to three sentences about one of the categories above
- ♥ Photo you have permission to post or indicate that the Communication team can add images to augment text

WHEN TO SEND:

- ♥ When your LWML Group is planning an event
- ♥ When you want to invite others
- ♥ When you want to inspire others to do something similar
- ♥ When your LWML Group has completed a project or held an inspiring event. Join us in celebration and thank the Lord!

Send to Lynnette at: lca4him@gmail.com ♥

YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME!

Please send any comments you have about the Joyful Servant, LWML CNH website, LWML CNH Facebook Page, LWML CNH Instagram page or any other issue with communication to Lynnette Campbell at lca4him@gmail.com

GOALS: FROM THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Is it time to review or update your existing bylaws?

By Marcia Houseworth, Vice President of Organizational Resources, Structure Committee, LWML CNH

One of the current goals of the Structure Committee is to encourage groups and zones of the LWML CNH to review and/or update existing bylaws. Another goal is for the groups and zones to consider developing current practice guidelines. The Structure Committee considered the fact that many groups and zones do not have any current bylaws and are already conducting business based on “what is working best” for their particular organization. Acknowledging this, the Structure Committee recommends that groups or zones, if not wanting to update current bylaws, use a Guidelines Model to establish an acceptable and workable guide for their particular group or zone. The following LWML CNH Zone/Group Guidelines is a model developed by the Structure Committee. The committee’s hope is that the document will help each zone or group develop a structure that reflects not only LWML but also the unique “way of doing business” that best suits them.

The Structure Committee is asking that Guidelines or updated bylaws for the zones be sent to the Structure Committee for review and approval before the June 2024 LWML CNH Convention in Redding. The committee is suggesting a working set of guidelines rather than a lengthy review of bylaws while adhering to the tenets of LWML. The Structure Committee is available to answer questions and provide guidance in writing guidelines.

Structure Committee: Marcia Houseworth (Chair), Louise Rickey, Martha Dubke, Linda Bradley, Cathy Pauly (Parliamentarian), Pastor Knippa (Pastoral Advisor). All contact information is found in the current Personnel Roster.

LWML CNH ZONE/GROUP GUIDELINES

REFERENCE: LWML CNH Bylaws

PURPOSE: The (name of the group which includes the name and location of the congregation) shall uphold and support the purpose and mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and shall be Mission minded with emphasis on education, inspiration and service; gather funds (i.e. mite offerings for mission grants, etc.); may also include Bible study, fellowship, etc.

GROUP NAME shall be name of the group which includes the name of the congregation (i.e. The Morning Circle LWML of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, LCMS).

MEMBERSHIP: All women of (name of group/congregation) are eligible to belong.

OFFICERS: Shall be selected as appropriate for the group. Elected as defined by LWML or equipped to conduct necessary business in an orderly business style.

MEETINGS AND FINANCES: Shall be conducted as appropriate for the zone/group, taking care to comply with goals and guidelines defined by LWML.

FINANCES AND FISCAL YEAR: Shall comply with goals and guidelines defined by LWML.

CONVENTIONS: Responsibilities as defined by LWML while meeting the needs of the zone/group.

COMMITTEES: Shall be formed as necessary for the zones/groups while upholding the goals and objectives of the LWML.

AMENDMENTS AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: Shall use proper etiquette and respect for the organization and the manner in which business is required using current Robert’s Rules of Order as a guide.♥

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ZONE 7: MT DIABLO

By Sherry Bell, President

BENICIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ladies from Benicia Lutheran knit booties and caps for local shelters and NICU. Another group of ladies are continuing with the Immerse Bible study.

OUR SAVIOR, PINOLE

Our LWML group made Valentine cards at the February meeting which we gave out for Valentine's Day the following Sunday. We also celebrated our meeting with soups and other goodies. Lenten supper and services were great with everyone participating and bringing delicious soups to share. Our Tuesday Quilting group has donated lap quilts, hats and scarves to the V.A. Hospital in Martinez.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN, LIVERMORE

Women are now studying "The Power of God's Names." So far it is a very pertinent study. The book can be purchased with or without videos.

FIRST LUTHERAN, CONCORD

Ladies assisted with the Easter egg hunt following service Easter Sunday.

HOLY CROSS, CONCORD

Starting in January, our ladies meet in the Parish Hall the 3rd Thursday of each month to play Mexican train dominoes. It's a fun, casual event; everyone brings their own beverage & one gal brings a snack to share after.

ST. PHILIP, DUBLIN

The Ladies from St Philip, Dublin and their friends have been busy supporting our community. In December/January we collected SOX for the homeless—over 400 pairs!!!! On Sunday, January 22nd the Youth Group handed out packages of socks, water and granola bars to about 25 people living on the streets. The rest were dropped off at CityTeam Oakland to distribute to their clients.

During February, "Month of Compassion," we put together "Soap Heart Bags" for families from Hively families. Hively is a local group that helps families with young children with everything from counseling to diapers. All items were joyously received. We also put together 18 Art Kits for the Hively children to fight off boredom from being inside during all this rain. The kits included, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, stickers, and sidewalk chalk for the children to enjoy the outdoors when the rain stops. The Heart Bags are sponsored by Mary-Martha and Thrivent Action Teams.

March is For MITES! We asked the congregation to bring in their MITE BOXES. They did to the tune of \$469.03!

Our latest Spring project was to create a living cross for Easter.



Benicia Lutheran ladies knit booties and caps for local shelters and NICU.



Our Savior LWML made Valentine Cards at the February meeting.



First Lutheran, Concord ladies assisted with the Easter egg hunt Easter Sunday.



Holy Cross, Concord, ladies meet monthly to play Mexican train dominoes.

St Philip, Dublin activities (left to right): SOX for the homeless. Soap Heart Bags. A Living Easter cross.

ZONE 10: SIERRA NEVADA

TRINITY LUTHERAN, GARDNERVILLE

Lenten Soup Suppers encourage attendance, fellowship & support charities

By Jan Lemburg, President Trinity LWML

To encourage attendance at our 6 church Lenten services at Trinity Lutheran in Gardnerville, NV, our society hosts Lenten Soup Suppers prior to the services. Two to three of our LWML women make sure we have enough soup, macaroni & cheese, bread and cookies for each meal. Members of the congregation provide the food. A free will offering each night collects monies that go to charities in the community and within our church. This year we collected \$950 from our 6 suppers. The last supper is a chili cookoff where \$50 goes to the charity selected by the winner of the cookoff. A bonus is the fellowship that our members enjoy at these suppers.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN, CARSON CITY

“Bloom where you are planted” Re-Connecting Rally set for June 3

By Teri Margullis

Please join us for this special get together. Roxan Schwab, LWML CNH District President will be here to help us celebrate our first meeting in three years!

BRING: your knowledge to share: How did you survive COVID? How do you encourage societies to continue to grow in all life's circumstances? Share your outreach. We will discuss upcoming retreats, rallies and the National Convention to be held June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00

LUNCH will be served.

FREE WILL OFFERING for Hannah Krenz, Zone 10 delegate for National Convention.

INGATHERING items needed for the National Convention: Puzzle books, fuzzy socks, hats (knit or crochet), gift cards of any denomination to Walmart or Target.

RSVP / QUESTIONS: Call or text Teri Margullis at 775.971.8323.

YOU ARE INVITED!

**LWML CNH Zone 10
Re-Connecting Rally**

“Bloom where you are planted”

Saturday, June 3, 11 am - 3 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1837 Mountain Street
Carson City NV



SHEPHERD OF THE SIERRA LUTHERAN, CARSON CITY

Fruit that Lasts! Save the Date — July 21, 22, 2023

By Kathy Jackson

DATE: July 21 (6 - 9 pm) and July 22 (8:30am - 4:30pm)

SPEAKER: Cindy Steinbeck, author of The Vine Speaks: Eleven Lessons from John 15.

TOPIC: Fruit that Lasts

SCRIPTURE: John 15: 1-5, 16

LOCATION: Shepherd of the Sierra Lutheran, 3980 US Highway 395 N, Carson City

CONTACT PERSON: Kathy Jackson at galejack1954@gmail.com. The cost will be \$75. ♥

ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTH HIGHLANDS

Sewing for “Days for Girls” is May 19 and 20!

By Pamela Haggard, President

Whether you sew or not, this will be a great opportunity for fun and fellowship while working on a wonderful service project. There are plenty of things to do that do not involve sewing. We hope you will join us:



May 19th and 20th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church

3644 Bolivar Ave., North Highlands, CA 95660

About Days for Girls: This organization distributes menstrual kits to girls in Africa so they can go to school without interruption. Zone 19 has been involved in this ministry for a few years now. We sew reusable pads and tote bags for the kits.

What to Bring: Your machines (straight stitch & 4 thread sergers), replacement needles for your machine(s), pins, pincushions, scissors, task lighting or magnifying glass if you need them. Also bring a lunch and your water bottle.

Questions? Contact Human Care Coordinator, Sandy Brazel, at sandy.conroy@yahoo.com or 530.613.4631 or Zion Ladies’ President, Pamela Haggard, at pjjtrek@gmail.com or 916-425-8184.

LIGHT OF THE HILLS, CAMERON PARK

What’s your 80?

By Sheilah Gall, President

The women of LWML decided to participate in the Celebration of 80 Years of God’s Grace in thanksgiving for 80 years of LWML, by asking the congregation to donate 80 packages of diapers to donate to a women’s health and pregnancy counseling center in Placerville California, called PCS Health. As a result of this effort, 96 packages of diapers were collected. This translated into over 4,000 diapers. Our efforts contributed to PCS Health receiving over 35,000 diapers from an event run by a local radio station and from our LWML group. The radio station challenged listeners to donate diapers to 14 area pregnancy counseling centers. In all, over 155,000 diapers were donated, but PCS Health received the largest donation out of all of the area centers.

Right: The goal of 80 packages of diapers was exceeded! A total of 96 packages – or 4,000 diapers – were collected and provided to PCS Health.



Spring Rally focuses on “Rebuilding after Seasons of Struggle”

By Lavada Terrell, President

The Zone 15 Spring Rally was held on Saturday, April 15th, at Emmanuel Lutheran, Clovis. The speaker was Sybil Kolbert, who spoke on *Rebuilding after Seasons of Struggle* based on Nehemiah’s Prayer (chapters 2-4).

Pastor Scott led an interactive Bible Study on Mercy Before Sacrifice & Sacrifice Unto Mercy. Melody Hues led us in song; she will also be the Song Leader at the District Retreat at ECCO in August. Ingathering were items for Breaking the Chains (human trafficking safe house).

Emmanuel ladies prepared a delicious lasagne lunch and luscious desserts. Each Society prepared raffle baskets with different themes which raised \$445 to help those going to Convention in June. \$195.12 is going to mites.

It was a wonderful day spent with the Lord and our LWML sisters.



Clockwise from top left: Speaker Sybil Kolbert. Pastor Scott leading interactive Bible Study. Raffle baskets raised \$445! Melody Hues led us in song.

Left: Ladies from Grace Lutheran Church in Visalia and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Clovis.

Winter Retreat held January 29

By Lavada Terrell, President

On Saturday, January 29th, almost 50 ladies, and a few men, gathered together for the Zone 15 Winter Retreat at St. Nicholas Retreat Center in Dunlap, east of Fresno. Ladies came from San Francisco, Piedmont, Georgetown, Merced, and throughout Zone 15. Zone Counselor, Pastor Scott Jacobsen, led a Bible Study on Hebrews 13:20-21. Speakers included Bev Vietor, who shared about CNH Mission Grants; Sue Xiong spoke of Understanding Different Cultures as well as Stepping Out of Our Comfort Zones; and LaVada Terrell spoke about how we all have leadership qualities, need to recognize them, and use them for the Lord’s work. There was lots of singing, skits, singing from the Hmong Ladies, and enjoying a delicious Greek lunch. \$375 in mites were sent to CNH. An enjoyable, fun day for all! ♥



Singing was provided by the Hmong Ladies.

Treasured Women's Retreat on June 24-25, 2022 welcomed 48 women!

By Dianne Flynn, Peace Lutheran Church, Zone 4, Sacramento

THEME: *The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession.* Deuteronomy 14:2

Our church was filled with bling and sparkle as 48 women gathered at Peace Lutheran in Sacramento on June 24 and 25, 2022 for the LWML Treasured Women's Retreat. We welcomed women from 11 churches in our Zones 4 and 19: Cordova, Rancho Cordova, Faith, Fair Oaks, Holy Cross and St. Matthews, Rocklin, Messiah, Citrus Heights, Mt. Olive, Folsom, Zion North Highlands, Greenhaven, Peace, Town and Country, and Trinity, Sacramento.



We are treasured by our Lord who paid the ultimate price for us. From a lump of coal to a dazzling diamond, we are continually being transformed in Christ. Four presenters led a Bible study about how we can shine brightly as we reflect God's light in a dark world. There was also fun with a skit, raffle, and even some stretching exercises. A praise team led us in songs, including an original song, "Treasured." Breakfast and a salad bar lunch were served with desserts of crown cupcakes, ring cookies, and bling lollipops.



48 women from 11 churches in Zones 4 and 19 enjoyed this Retreat.



A highlight of Friday evening was a young woman's amazing testimony about her journey from cult to Christianity and her beautiful dance.

Coming up June 24, 2023! *Living a Chocolate Life ~ Women's Retreat/Getaway*

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Psalm 119:103

Join us for a scrumptious Women's Retreat Getaway!

We will share encouragement, fellowship, and fun as we enjoy God's Word, praise music, a service project, raffle, skit, and lots of chocolate (including sugar-free). Whatever the shape, flavor, and texture of our days and however our lives are packaged, we can savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Wrapping us in forgiveness, the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior.

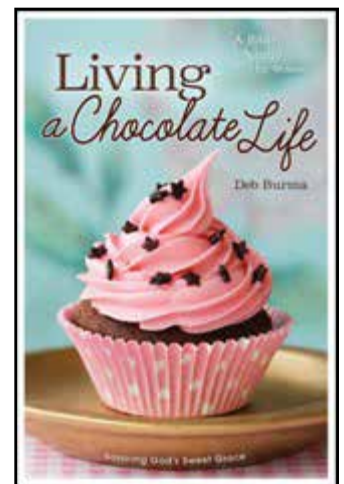
Sponsored by LWML Zone 4

at Peace Lutheran Church ♥ 924 San Juan Rd. ♥ Sacramento, CA 95834

Saturday, June 24, 2023 ♥ 9 am - 4 pm

\$15.00 (Includes meals and materials)

For more info: Contact Dianne Flynn at stoptheponi@aol.com ♥ (916) 335-4330



THANK YOU TO CNH MISSIONS FOR THEIR MINI-GRANT! ♥

ZONE 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN

Spring Rally, March 18, St. Andrews, Stockton

By Hannah Rickey, President Zone 3

Our Spring Rally focused on “Emerging Faith,” 2 Thessalonians 1:3. ***“We give thanks because your faith is growing abundantly and your love for one another is increasing.”*** Jamie Eisenbeisz shared experiences of “Emerging Faith” in short term missions, and The Good Shepherd Singers shared their mission story with song and praise. The District Young Women representatives to Convention in Milwaukee were introduced & supported for their willingness to “Serve The Lord With Gladness: Amazing Benamati (Zone 3) and Kaelynn Weissbahn (Zone 14). A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of St. Andrews, Stockton.



Above, left to right: Good Shepherd children, Luncheon served, YWR representatives, Jamie Eisenbeisz.

ZONE 12: NORTH SACRAMENTO VALLEY

ST PAUL LUTHERAN, RED BLUFF

Spring Retreat is May 13 in Red Bluff

By Martha E Dubke, President

The Zone 12 Spring Retreat, hosted by the LWML of St. Paul Lutheran, Red Bluff, will be on Saturday, May 13. Zone Counselor, Rev. Dubke will lead the Bible study, “Count Your Blessings.” The venue will be outdoors, weather permitting at John Wheeler Logging, 13570 St. Highway 36 E, Red Bluff. No registration fee. Bring your own lunch and a lawn chair. RSVP by May 7 – medubke53@yahoo.com. In-Gathering items for Gifts from the Heart for the LWML Convention in June.

Mission Fair May 7, 2022 in Redding

The LWML of Trinity Lutheran Church, Redding, hosted a Mission Fair following worship on May 7. Faith-based ministries including The Good News Rescue Mission and Life light, a local pregnancy center, will be featured.

ZONE 18: SANTA CLARA

Inspiring service includes fellowship, prayer and donations for homeless

By Linda Bradley, President

On March 15, Zone 18 women gathered for ***“My Soul Rejoices: A Service of Prayer, Preaching and Song”*** at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in San Jose. Twenty women enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast, fellowship time together, and an inspiring prayer service led by the host Pastor, Isaac Schuller, and Zone 18 Counselor, Pastor Adam Debner. Attendees donated approximately 60 bags of toiletry items, socks, and Portals of Prayer for the homeless. First Immanuel Lutheran Church in San Jose distributes food and clothing to the homeless on an ongoing basis. ♥



Twenty women gathered for “My Soul Rejoices: A Service of Prayer, Preaching and Song.”

ZONE 14: REDWOOD EMPIRE

Spring Rally held March 11: *Walk in the Newness of Life*

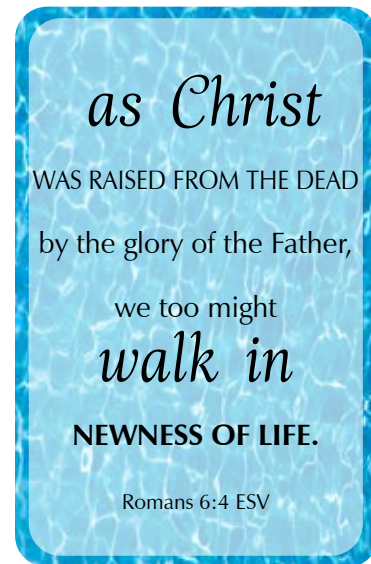
Laura Lynn Ledson, Zone Fourteen President.

The Executive Committee of Zone 14 met at the Union Hotel on 5 February 2023 to plan for the year beginning with the Spring Rally. We will be recognizing former zone counsellor, Rev. James Beyer, this spring with a plaque and gifts.

The ladies of Zone 14 met on March 11, 2023 in Cloverdale, California for their spring rally, organized by their President Rebecca Calloway. Rev. Fred Karlen of Grace opened the event in an inspirational devotion leading us deeper into Lent. The theme, *“Walk in the Newness of Life,”* was presented by the guest speaker Angie, representing Reach for Home. The women ingathered new home supplies and anything needed to move into a new apartment for the organization that helps the homeless in the Healdsburg and surrounding areas of Sonoma County. Also speaking was Gary W. Ledson from Redwood Gospel Mission about how the mission works through their seven locations and the newest of ventures. Rev. Gary Gerloff was installed as our new Zone Counsellor. Of course a rally would not be complete without the most delicious potluck lunch. A business meeting followed focussing especially on the duties looking forward to Convention 2024. We sang “Come to the Convention; Come”, which rallied all to participate in the various duties needed to prepare for the convention in Redding. Most important was the choosing of our delegate, Susan Meux, and alternate to this year’s National Convention in Milwaukee. A vote approved Dana Finger as our secretary to zone and Cindy as our treasurer for another term. We thank Rebecca and her church for hosting us so very well.

St. Mark had two bake sales, Bites for Mites to fund grants and the Bible Bakery to benefit their new student pastor, Eric Meux. Eric is also being serviced by other congregations in the zone as their new student.

The zone will start to organize the sewing of the bags for the convention soon, beginning to sew in July. We wish all wellness in your zones. Love the Lord! ♥



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JULY 15!

Guidelines for articles:

- ♥ Please provide short articles about future activities or successful past activities.
- ♥ Try to limit your articles to 50 – 100 words.
- ♥ Please include a title for your article.
- ♥ Provide your name, position, zone #.
- ♥ Photos when available are highly encouraged. Please provide a short caption.
- ♥ Submissions will be edited and proofed by the news editor & Communication Team prior to publication.
- ♥ Articles may be sent as an attachment in Word or typed in the body of your email.
- ♥ Include “JOYFUL SERVANT SUBMISSION” in the subject line of your email.

SUBMISSIONS FOR SPRING NEWSLETTER DUE JULY 15!

Tell us about your Summer events and what is planned for Fall.

Newsletter Editor: Candy Kiel

Email submissions to: candicekiel1231@gmail.com