

## 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

### "The House that Built Me"

Roxan Schwab, LWML CNH District President



A Happy New Year to you all. I am so looking forward to 2024.

Miranda Lambert sings a song called ***The House That Built Me***. It speaks about the house she was raised in and what memories it holds. When I listen to it, it always reminds me of how grateful I am for my Christian home and church family.

Recently, I was looking for my Calvary Lutheran Church 1979 Cookbook for one of my family's favorite holiday recipes. I looked in my cookbook cabinet and it was not there. I searched other bookcases, asked my family if I had loaned it to them and still could not find it. As I was talking to my husband about this cookbook, I surprised myself as I began to tear up. The memories of the women whose names were in the book is what I really love about it. How lucky I am that God empowered them by His Spirit to raise me up in the Faith and built me, in God's house. The LWML women, Sunday School teachers, women who were there for my baptism, confirmation, marriage, birth of my children, who were not afraid of sharing their wisdom and faith with me. Who taught me and mentored me in a true and saving faith. I teared up again as I spoke of each of these wonderful Christian leaders and what they were to me. Sounds silly, but I will search until I find the cookbook. At my new church in Lodi, are the amazing LWML women who helped me raise my children and continue with my grandchildren. What a blessing to have such a strong Christian family. Hebrews 13:7-8, tells us ***"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."***

Each of us as LWML women, church leaders, bible study leaders have the same obligation to the young women of our congregations. We need to understand what impact we can have, even if we never hear about it. Share that we serve a Lord who came to Earth to walk among us, suffered on the cross, died, was buried and rose from the dead, so that we may have salvation. Continue to share your experience, love and understanding with the young women and invite them to LWML functions, not just the meetings. Take time to tell them of your faith in our Mighty God and what he has done through the LWML Mites. ***You are part of God's house that is building girls and women right now. Let's build them up Strong in Christ. Hold them up in prayer.***

Think of the younger women in your own church, or daughters of women in your church that you can bring to the Redding Convention in April. The Young Women Rep application is on the LWMLCNH website: [YWR](#)

Continue your good work of spreading the Good News to all who will hear. ♥

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## MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

By Cathey King, Vice President Christian Life

### Preparations for district convention are in the works

We are excited to have Pastor Colter Knippa, Junior Pastoral Counselor, leading “Worship and the Word” on Friday afternoon. Be sure to attend the convention and “Worship and the Word” for an uplifting experience.

Christian Life will have a table in the exhibit hall featuring photos from last summer’s August Retreat at ECCO in Oakhurst. Check out all the fun pictures. We are also hoping to provide an area with a candle and Bible somewhere quiet for anyone who wishes to pray or read and meditate quietly. ♥

## MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOSPEL OUTREACH

Bev Vietor, Vice President Gospel Outreach

### Grant proposal update

Our focus this year is on the Next Generation: youth, young adults, schools and new ministries in CNH. Wow, we received some creative, unique grant requests — for new ministries and some old faithful ones.

#### Here is my progress report:

##### COMPLETED:

- ✓ Log in the 29 grant proposals submitted last September.
- ✓ Prepare and send out all grant proposals in packets to the seven members of the Grant Review Committee.
- ✓ Grant review committee meeting held in Livermore at the LCMS District office.
- ✓ Recommendation worksheet complete

##### STILL TO DO:

- Prepare summary of each grant proposal and recommendations for Board meeting in February.
- Share the excitement of these grants that will be on the ballot at our April Convention.
- Continue to pray for our grant proposal process.

### Speaking of unique grants for the youngers...

Remember our Little Lambs of Belize that I mentioned in our last newsletter? In November, I had the opportunity to visit their school one Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to see the darling Lambs at their tables, neat and tidy in their uniforms. The mites also purchased books for two libraries (preschool and kindergarten).

Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention in April.

We are all Jesus’

Little Lambs,

Penny ♥



Left: One of the two libraries of books that mites purchased. Above: Little Lambs of Belize at their work tables, dressed in school uniforms.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
California Nevada Hawaii District  
presents:

# LWML CNH Convention April 19-20-21, 2024



## WHERE:

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)



## Bible Study Leader:

Jane Hoffmann

## Music Leaders:

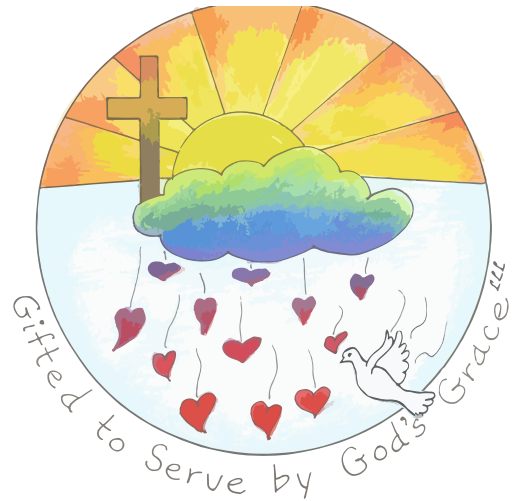
Bryan & Stacey Widstrand

## Registrar:

Christa Hamilton

## Hosts:

Zones 12, 13, 14



## Please plan to join us!

All Convention Info:

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Questions?

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## Goal:

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

## Objectives:

Through Bible Study, prayer, and worship:

- ♥ discover and embrace our spiritual strengths and gifts;
- ♥ build our relationships through fellowship and servant events;
- ♥ confidently serve God and others with joyful hearts.





## ZONE 3: NORTH SAN JOAQUIN

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MODESTO

## Reaching out to a family in need

*By Julie Goodwin, Zone President*

The Mary-Martha LWML at Grace Modesto wanted to share our Christmas story! We recently adopted a hospice family whose grandma recently passed away. Her daughter is a single mom with four children who are struggling with the loss of grandma in their lives. We adopted their family and provided warm winter clothes, pajamas, shoes, grocery gift cards and toys—special gifts for all! One of our members even secured a used but fully functional lighted Christmas tree for this family! ♥



*Mary-Martha LWML at Grace Modesto adopted a hospice family whose grandma recently passed away.*

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, JACKSON

## Share the warmth of God's Love

*By Judy Huber, Secretary*

Immanuel LWML of Jackson conducted a Winter Service Project collecting hats, gloves, and scarves to share with people in need in our community. Several dozen articles of winter warmth were donated to our local **Nexus Youth and Family Services**. The holiday months were busy! In November, we worked with our congregation to fill 25+ Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and also hosted a Baptism Lunch reception on a special Sunday when a family of four was baptized! For our Christmas event, we gathered at the Castle Oaks Golf Course restaurant for our annual Christmas lunch and gift exchange, along with our LWML sisters of Zion Lodi and Foothill Valley Springs. ♥



*Several dozen articles of winter warmth were donated to our local Nexus Youth and Family Services.*

## ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

### ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKLIN CA

## Serving the Armed Forces at Christmas

*By: Sharon Junge, LWML Society President*

After hearing U.S.A.F. Chaplain Philip Stewart passionately speak at our November LWML meeting, we were inspired to share the Good News of Christmas with servicemen and women, especially those who were on duty over the holidays. We set our sights on making 60 dozen homemade cookies, packaged with handwritten, personalized cards. We nearly doubled our expectations, making 115 dozen delicious cookie treats, all of which were personally delivered by Pastor Stewart to those on duty at nearby Beale Airforce Base. Tucked inside each package was a flyer on all of St. Matthew's Christmas services. **Pastor Stewart recommends the LCMS website for more ideas on how to support ministries for both veterans and active servicemen and women.** Resources - Ministry to the Armed Forces - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) ♥



*Chaplain Philip Stewart of Beale Airforce Base picks up 115 packages of homemade cookies and personalized Christmas cards for Airforce men and women on duty during the holidays.*

## ZONE 15: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN

### GRACE LUTHERAN, VISALIA

## Highlights from 2023: “Blessed to serve the Lord with gladness”

By Carole Sell, Zone President

### 3rd Annual Children’s Secret Room Sale held November 3rd

Children from Grace Christian School are invited to shop for presents for their family. Our Mary/Martha Craft Group make crafts all year for this event. The teachers bring over each class, one at a time. After the children purchase their gifts (nothing is over \$4), they are wrapped in tissue paper, placed in a gift bag and then offered a gift tag to write the name of the recipient of the gift (we help with that). Before they leave, we present each child with a goodie bag of treats.

### 30th Annual Christmas Boutique & Lunch held November 4th

Our menu was chili, cornbread, salad and Brownie Sundaes for dessert. Our ladies made the delicious lunch but the youth from our church did a wonderful job of serving it to our guests. Our Mary/Martha Craft Group was busy all year creating beautiful crafts for this sale as well.

### Annual Candy & Crafts Sale December 2

We put on our aprons once again and made candy for our annual candy & crafts sale. All the funds we raise from these events is given to local and worldwide charities. Many are blessed to receive these donations.

### Holiday cheer for Sunday Bible Class for the Developmentally Disabled

On December 10th, our LWML ladies brought some holiday cheer to this special Bible Class. There are 10 students and each received a gift bag consisting of a knitted hat, scarf and gloves. There were many happy smiles as they opened their gifts. The teacher expressed how this act of love and care touched her heart. ♥



Above: Children from Grace Christian School shop in the “Secret Room” and Youth serve lunch for the Annual Christmas Boutique & Luncheon.



Above: Chili and cornbread served by youth at the 30th Annual Christmas Boutique & Luncheon. Right: Gift bags were delivered to the Bible Class for the developmentally disabled.



## ZONE 15: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN

### EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLOVIS CA

## Outreach supports families at Christmas and beyond

By Cheryl Deis, Women of Grace President

On December 19th, Women of Grace volunteers delivered clothing, food, art supplies, games, and a bicycle, supporting two families the Clovis Salvation Army selected as needy families. With the generous assistance of our congregation, those families were given gifts of love from the congregation to help them during the Christmas season and, hopefully, beyond.

On January 10th, Women of Grace volunteers, providing dinner and support to 34 families with friends or relatives in the Fresno Community Hospital ICU and Prenatal ICU, continue serving the residents of Terry's House with food, prayers, and compassion. The Women of Grace has provided this outreach for Terry's House residents for over ten years. ♥



Women of Grace delivered donations to support two families selected by Clovis Salvation Army.



Women of Grace has provided outreach for Terry's House residents for over 10 years.

## ZONE 14: REDWOOD EMPIRE

### ST MARK, SANTA ROSA CA

## Give me some "Bean Soup Magic"

By Laura Lynn Ledson, Zone President

The year was one of the best! A zone servant event at St. Mark created ten bags of bean soup for all the churches to sell as a mission project. Thrivent again helped fund a Bean Soup Luncheon in November where 80 of the parishioners and visitors enjoyed two varieties of the soup and three bean turkey chili. The surprise for the dining hall was when ten ladies transformed into the real bags of beans, burlap sacks and all. To the tune of Motown Sam and Dave's "I Thank You", the crowd rose and screamed ENCORE! One of the rewritten stanzas sang:

*"Redwood Gospel Mission, Share Our Wealth,  
Convention Fund, One for Israel,  
Without your love it's a crying shame.  
We join in mission work all in Jesus' name.  
We want to thank you!"*

Almost \$2,000 was enough to split handsomely between those missions, appreciated by all.

## Zone Spring Rally planned March 16, 2024

We will let you know what surprises we have planned for our Zone Spring Rally on March 16! We are also busy prepping for the convention as a zone host. We love working for the Lord! ♥

## ZONE 11: HAWAII

### Join by zoom or in-person April 13, 2024

By Deane Kysar, Secretary

#### Lutheran Women in Mission: "The Best Kept Secret" Rally

Our next Zone 11 rally will be via ZOOM on April 13, 2024, with a presentation by Heart-to-Heart Sister of all Nations Committee: Lynnette Campbell, Linda Patel, and Rebecca Weissahn. All LWML ladies in the CNH district are invited to zoom with us. Let us know if you wish to attend the 9:00 am (Hawai'i time) or 1:00 pm (Hawai'i time) session. Email:

[dinnie.kysar562@gmail.com](mailto:dinnie.kysar562@gmail.com).

#### Zone 11 in-person LWML Fall Retreat: OCTOBER 4-6, 2024 AT KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP AT HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

#### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, HILO

Mary Martha LWML society held a very successful Christmas Luncheon with 30 members and guests on December 16. Fundraising from Christmas Stockings raised money for our two missionaries. Quilting continues to be a monthly activity with quilts donated to the Y. Okutsu Veteran's Home and Liberty Dialysis Center. ♥



Christ Lutheran Church, Hilo's Mary Martha LWML society held a very successful Christmas Luncheon with 30 members and guests on December 16.

## ZONE 18: SANTA CLARA

#### FIRST IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, SAN JOSE

### Community Outreach Ministry Endeavor supports families at Christmas

Submitted by Linda Bradley, President Zone 18

Written by Jeannie Lyle, C.O.M.E. volunteer, member First Immanuel Lutheran, San Jose

The C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Ministry Endeavor) 2023 Christmas distribution was a huge success! On December 18, 2023, Community Outreach Ministry Endeavor, located at First Immanuel in San Jose, hosted its annual Christmas distribution. With help from Zone 18 LWML members and donations and financial support from other LCMS churches, C.O.M.E. was able to support 43 families and 116 children with gifts for Christmas.

"Every time we needed anything, from toys to food, God provided it," said a C.O.M.E. volunteer. "Not only were the families joyful when they received their gifts, but the volunteers were blessed to see God's hand at work in every aspect of the program." ♥



With help from Zone 18 LWML members and donations and financial support from other LCMS churches, C.O.M.E. was able to support 43 families and 116 children with gifts for Christmas. Pictured left: Volunteers. Right: completed gift baskets, tables of donations.





## ZONE 18: SANTA CLARA

### OUR SAVIOR, CUPERTINO

## Deaconess Carol Halter from Hong Kong Visits Zone 18

By Linda Bradley, President Zone 18

On October 21, 2023, Zone 18 held their fall event, "Give Thanks & Praise to the Lord!" at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Cupertino, CA. Women from Zones 1, 2, 3, 7 and 18 gathered to welcome Deaconess Carol Halter from Hong Kong as the keynote speaker. Pastor Adam Debner, Zone Counselor, opened with an inspirational Bible study, followed by Carol Halter's presentation. Carol has served as an evangelistic missionary among the Chinese people in Hong Kong since 1981. She does humanitarian, evangelistic, and educational work among Chinese people of all ages who live in Hong Kong. Carol shared about the various ways she ministers to the young and old, the gods many Chinese people believe in, and their traditions. Carol also displayed many Chinese artifacts.

Pauline Ha, from the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in San Francisco, shared a touching story of her Chinese family becoming believers in Christ. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. LWML CNH President, Roxan Schwab, shared an informative LWML Power Point presentation and encouraged attendees to attend the LWML CNH Convention in Redding, CA, on April 19-21. Carol Hack Broome presented information about the LCMS Board for National Mission.

The day ended with a video of Tabitha Dubke from Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School in Maui sharing about the church and school's outreach efforts to the Lahaina community. A special offering was taken and \$500 sent to the school to help support the scholarship applications of displaced students from Lahaina now attending Emmanuel Lutheran school.

Special thanks to Marla Stein who played the piano and to Thrivent Financial for their financial support of this event. ♥



Deaconess/missionary Carol Halter from Hong Kong was the keynote speaker at the fall event.



## ZONE 12: NORTH SACRAMENTO

### TRINITY LUTHERAN, REDDING

## Operation Christmas Child & Zone Christmas gathering a success

By Martha E Dubke, Society President

November 1: Nine ladies from Trinity Lutheran in Redding packed 29 boxes for Operation Christmas Child as they enjoyed fellowship and pizza.

December 2: About 30 ladies from the zone attended the Christmas gathering also hosted by the Trinity Lutheran ladies. The film, *My Son, My Savior*, was shown during the lunch hour followed by Christmas carols and a gift exchange. Four groups were represented.

Convention bags continue to be made for the LWML CNH Convention April 2024, and the three hosting zones will be meeting in February 2024, for the final meeting before the Convention. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Convention. ♥



Fall Zone event collected items for Operation Christmas Child.



## ZONE 10: SIERRA NEVADA

ST LUKES, RENO NV

### December to Remember

By Jo Luckemeyer, LWML Rep for St Lukes Ruth Guild

December, as always, was a busy time of service for the Ruth Guild of St. Luke's. Our annual fund raiser, the **Basket Bonanza** was a huge success. About 40 ladies assembled 92 professional-quality gift baskets, which sold out in no time. Proceeds will fund the maintenance of our altar and other yearly activities, with plenty left over for charities.

Our traditional "**Older but Wiser**" luncheon treated about 100 seniors to a Christmas-themed event, with beautiful table settings, entertainment, singing and fellowship.

Caroling was a much-anticipated holiday treat for shut-in members of our church, as well as for other residents of the care facilities where they reside.

### Growing Our Women's Group

By Kathy Kubly, Past President St Lukes Ruth Guild

What's harder? Witnessing to non-Christians or getting believers to prioritize their Faith? What comes first... the chicken or the egg? Getting 'Sunday-only' Christians to consider anything more can be a challenge!

### So how did St. Lukes Ruth Guild grow its numbers?

Short answer — God. He gives ideas and inspiration to those who ask Him. Our Ruth Guild has a history of putting out an annual member's booklet which contains our bylaws; monthly meeting calendar of activities and events; the members directory including birthdays (just month and date); husband's name; and of course complete contact information. Having this 'bible' in hand acquaints familiarity with member's names/locations with a 'one of us' belonging. Last year we added a theme of contemporary love songs. With a twist to reverential mindset, we sang 'You Are Always On My Mind', 'You Light Up My Life', 'I'll Never Stop Loving You', etc.

Enticing women to 'taste' LWML/Ruth Guild requires intentional and positive introduction. Last year we commissioned and printed 500 professional handouts entitled "**What is LWML? What is Ruth Guild?**" This proved to be a great way to share our mission. We also began wearing Ruth Guild name badges: In church, hosting fellowship hour, greeting before services, and serving at funeral receptions—a great way to identify and show us in service.

Our primary purpose is the care and maintenance of the altar, which God so readily places in the hearts of women as a way to be active in living for Him. And, we have fun...events, parties for members and/or the congregation; and a Christmas Fundraiser which is enthusiastically anticipated by the congregation to curtail shopping and expenses. There are challenges – Take steps to not be seen as "the old ladies club." Instead, we strive to be open to new ideas, welcoming, friendly and inviting. ♥



Above: Our "Older But Wiser" Luncheon served about 100 seniors.



The Basket Bonanza sold 92 professional-quality baskets and brought in over \$3400.

## ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

### ZION LUTHERAN, NORTH HIGHLANDS

## Advent Tea, a mixer with munchies, Music, a Mission and More

*By Elise Spleiss, Zone 19 Communications*

Zion Lutheran LWML in North Highlands hosted their annual Advent Tea for approximately 60 attendees from all societies in Zone 19 on December 9, 2023. Participants were invited to decorate a table. Several answered the invitation with charming and unique decorations. A fast-moving mixer made getting to know one another fun and informative. Many brought festive and delicious finger food to share. Pam Haggard, Diane Hintz, Dianne Flynn, and piano player Joanne Hintz provided music and led the Christmas hymn and songs sing along.

A highlight of the event was learning about and donating to our ingathering recipient, Saint John's Program for Real Change in Sacramento. Ingathering gifts filled a table, while attendees covered a money tree with \$111 in donations.

**Mark your calendar: December 14, 2024 is Zion's next Advent Tea. ♥**



*As a mixer, participants looked for three others who had the same answers as theirs in a fun word game.*



*Music for hymns and other Christmas songs was provided by Pam Haggard, Diane Hintz, Dianne Flynn, with Joanne Hintz on the piano.*

### MESSIAH, CITRUS HEIGHTS

## SAVE THE DATE: Zone 19 Spring Rally is Saturday May 11

**(MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND) AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN IN CITRUS HEIGHTS**

*By Elise Spleiss, Messiah LWML President*

At Messiah's November LWML meeting, we were joined by members of Zion and Faith. We had a fun and invigorating discussion on what our different societies are doing in the future, including assisting Messiah with the upcoming 2024 Spring Rally on May 11. This led to a spontaneous mini brainstorming/planning session.

Working together has brought out some wonderful ideas. We now have a theme, beautiful logo, worship, ideas for decorations, music, meals, speakers, homemade centerpieces and great giveaways. This is Mother's Day Saturday, a perfect time to honor all the motherly influences we have had in our lives. Yes, this is 3 weeks after the convention in Redding, we know we will come back with information and experiences to make it an even better rally.

We will be sending registration and other information to society presidents soon. ♥





## ZONE 7: MT DIABLO

### OUR SAVIOR, PINOLE

#### Our Savior hosts Fall Zone event benefiting Lutheran Social Services

By Shirley Schmeyer, Society President

Forty ladies attended our Zone 7 Fall Event on November 4. Donations were given to the speaker's organization, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Concord, which helps foster kids at LSS. Also, cash donations of \$475.25 were given to LSS.

Zone elections were held and Pastor Teller installed the new Officers. Thanks to Cynthia and Eileen for leading our singing. Many, many thanks to all our ladies that did a fantastic job of making this event a big success. Our LWML Christmas party and potluck was held at our monthly meeting Dec.4. There was more delicious food, and Maude and Charlotte showed us how to make stars for our Christmas tree. It was a lot of fun. We are looking forward to new activities in this new Year.



Jerry Metzger from Lutheran Social Services. He spoke at our zone 7 fall gathering.

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN, CONCORD

#### Combined Celebration: Will this become a new Christmas tradition?

By Joyce Liebe

Each December, our group (WoHC) has a Christmas dinner. When December 2023 found us with limited resources, we joined forces with other small groups (men, seniors, & young adults) & held a combined Christmas celebration luncheon. We catered the main meal and each group took the lead on various activities: devotion, Advent message, a handmade pinata, music, Bible Trivia and homemade baklava & Rum Cake for dessert. There were many benefits to our groups working together, including more hands to spread out the work & since it was held during the day, more of our older members were able to attend. **Bonus:** We had several visitors, including a few from a couple Zone churches in the area! This may become a new Christmas tradition!



### OUR SAVIOR, LIVERMORE

#### Sleep in Heavenly Peace ministry builds bunk beds for families in need

By Susan Contreras

A successful Bazaar raised money for needed sewing supplies. We shared beautiful quilting fabric with Our Savior, Pinole, due to the generosity of our community. Bev Trutner connected us with a ministry called **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, where volunteers build bunk beds for families in need, and we gave them 3 quilts. Bev's core of expert quilters also made 12 baby quilts for foster babies. Our church created and sent over 200 Operation Christmas Child boxes. The highlight of our New Year is the installation of Reverend Joseph Robb on January 14. We praise God for answering our call for a Pastor, and we praise God for the loving shepherding of Reverend Ted Hartman during the 15-month wait.

### ST. PHILIP-DUBLIN

#### Our focus this year is "Be a Missionary, No Matter Where You Are!"

By Andrea Green

We ended 2023 filling 60+ shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. In February, we will supply the local Senior Center with portable first aid kits as part of our community's Bags of Love Month. We will highlight mission projects for our congregation in March which is Mites Month. Easter will be filled with many flowers and we may even take on a community Mothers' Day outreach project. ♥

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#### Notice of an opportunity for LWML women:

By Sheryl Bell,  
Zone President

A recorded training on Caring for the Caregiver will be available from the District website after February 10. There is a small fee, and a workbook will be available to download.

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## ZONE 6: NORTH BAY

### BETHANY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES, VACAVILLE CA

## Serving shut-ins, foster youth and families

By Karen Mauer, Society Treasurer

At the October society meeting of Zone 6, the ladies decorated small pumpkins with flowers and leaves to be given to our shut-ins at Bethany Lutheran Ministries in Vacaville. They were fun to make and provided a good time for fellowship. At present, the group is raising funds to build a shade structure in the preschool area as there is none at present and it is extremely hot in summer months.

We assembled Christmas Eve Family Bags for foster youth and their families, wrapped gifts for children of military personnel at Travis Air Force Base, and assembled cookie boxes for our shut-ins at our Christmas meeting/potluck luncheon. At present, five of the society ladies are looking forward to traveling to Redding for the upcoming LWML CNH District convention. ♥



Pat Green, Carole Wilson, Barbara Bessemer, Katy Green, and Carol Schmidt decorate pumpkins with flowers for shut-ins at Bethany Lutheran Ministries, Vacaville.

## ZONE 1: SAN FRANCISCO

### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, SAN FRANCISCO

## LWML Love in Action celebrates birth of Jesus

By Pauline W. Ha, Zone President

On 12/16/23, LWML Love in Action celebrated the birth of Jesus over a delicious Thanksgiving & Christmas luncheon at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco. Forty attendees gathered to make goodie bags, sing, play bingo and share the meaning of *“Serve with Gladness”*.

Guest speaker Ms. Krissel Potter shared her experience as an educator and community builder. She’s the director of HUG (Help-U-Grow) Preschool, an early childhood education ministry at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

Pauline Ha, president of LWML Love in Action shared her testimony as a HUG parent, a church member, and how God has blessed HUG Preschool since the congregation envisioned this mission a decade ago.

Special thanks to, Lynnette Campbell and Rebecca Weissahn for their sharing and representing LWML CNH. May the Lord continue to grant them wisdom and strength to serve.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year filled with joy and continued unity in *“Serve the Lord with Gladness”*! ♥



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## ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

### TRINITY LUTHERAN, GEORGETOWN

## Mary/Martha Society holds December, January events

By Lavada Terrell, Zone 19

♥ December 2, 2023: **Holiday Bazaar & Tea** was open to the public. Craft items and tea goodies were made by the members. All proceeds go to mites and outreach projects. Afterwards, many of us went into town to see the Christmas tree lighting and parade. Fun day!

♥ January 4, 2024: Bible Study had their **Christmas luncheon** combined with honoring the Leader celebrating her 92nd birthday. It was held at member's home, which was decorated outside and every room inside. A delicious lunch and a great time was had by all! ♥



The Holiday Bazaar & Tea was open to the public. All proceeds go to mites and outreach projects.



The Christmas Luncheon honored their Bible Study leader who celebrated her 92nd birthday.

## ZONE 4: WEST SACRAMENTO

### PEACE LUTHERAN, SACRAMENTO

## "Come Create Christmas"

By Susan Ambriz, Zone Treasurer

The "Come Create Christmas" event on November 25 was well attended especially by the coordinated outfits of the Pevy boys and Mom and Dad, Pastor Pevy. Lots of cookies to decorate, gifts to make, songs to sing, pizza to eat, and friends to make! Next event in the planning! Santa was a big hit and a big surprise! ♥



## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: APRIL 15!

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### SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER DUE APRIL 15!

Tell us about your past successes and what is planned for future.

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