

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

Over 3,500 attend national convention in Milwaukee!

Roxann Schwab, LWML CNH District President

It was a privilege to represent the LWML CNH District at the Milwaukee Convention. Over 3500 were in attendance, 69 from our CNH District. It was an uplifting experience, full of music, worship, prayer, and inspirational speakers. On Friday, I had the honor of carrying our LWML CNH District banner in the opening processional with our two Young Women Representatives.

The newly elected LWML officers for the 2023–2027 term are:

- ♥ President: **Eden Keefe**
- ♥ Vice President of Organizational Resources: **Arlene Naasz**, LWML South Dakota District
- ♥ Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: **Karol Selle**, LWML North Wisconsin District
- ♥ Treasurer: **Anita Werner**, LWML Rocky Mountain District
- ♥ Pastoral Counselor: **Rev. Mark Maas**, LWML Wyoming District



Pictured above: Pastor Colter Knippa District Counselor, Amazing Benamati YWR, Roxan Schwab DP, Kaelynn Weissshahn YWR.

\$2,350,000 mission goal adopted for the 2023-2025 biennium

This goal, adopted by the Lutheran Women in Mission voting body, by the grace of God, will fund 31 mission grants, as women and men respond in prayer and mite offerings during the next two years. I am very pleased that the two mission grants submitted by the LWML CNH were both selected! If we meet the mission goal, they will both be funded. They are:

- ♥ 14.Care for Street Children of Western Kenya — Capstone Ministries \$50,000
- ♥ 30.Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, California \$100,000

Bookmarks listing all 31 grants will soon be available at [LWML.org](https://www.lwml.org). You can also view the convention as it was livestreamed at [LWML.org](https://www.lwml.org). I am available to come and share convention highlights at your upcoming Zone events. Just reach out to me. **The LWML and the LWML CNH is looking for women willing to run for office or serve on a committee.** I have a favor to ask. **Will you please help us identify women in your group/society who would use their gifts to serve on the Executive Committee as a Vice President or to serve on a committee?** I know all of you have gifts! Why not share them? The time is now to step out and **Serve the Lord with Gladness.**

Pray Without Ceasing (LSB: Altar Book, Page 428):

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♥

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

- 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.* 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)
- 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, we will ~
- † discover and embrace our spiritual strengths and gifts;
 - † build our relationships through fellowship and servant events;
 - † and confidently serve God and others with joyful hearts.
- BIBLE STUDY LEADER:** Jane Hoffmann
- MUSIC LEADERS:** Bryan and Stacey Widstrand
- REGISTRAR:** Christa Hamilton
- HOSTS:** Zones 12, 13, 14
- FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP/COMMUNION SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP:**
Trinity Lutheran Church, Redding; Pastor Brian Cummings



Our LWML 2024 District Convention logo captures our theme from 1 Peter 4:10, that in Christ we are gifted to serve by God’s grace.

The sun represents God the Father who remains constant, powerful, over all things, untamable, and yet radiating His goodness toward us. He makes His unfathomable goodness known to us in God the Son, Jesus, who humbles Himself to serve us with His life laid down on the cross. A cloud then depicts God the Holy Spirit whom the Father and the Son have sent to abide among God’s people, raining the grace of Christ’s cross over us by the Word of Good News He has given Christians to tell. The same grace that instantly makes us right with God also transforms us into instruments of Jesus’ loving care for the world and empowers each of us to serve the people He places around us, resulting in an increase of peace, wellness, and joy in our churches and communities.

The hearts vary in hues as our spiritual gifts are unique from person to person. This reality invites Christians to consider what spiritual gifts Christ by His Spirit has empowered each of us to use. The Spirit enables our heads to understand God’s plan through the Scriptures. He enables our hearts to care about our neighbor as ourselves, to love as sacrificially as Jesus has loved them. He enables our hands and feet to meet the needs of the people we encounter wherever He may take us. Such service inevitably looks different for each individual disciple as the Spirit variously gifts us, and yet these gifts bind us all together in Jesus’ mission for His Church, for which we unite in service as the LWML. ♥

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1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

CNH retreat is August 25-27!

By Cathey King, Vice President Christian Life

The National convention in Milwaukee is over and retreat plans are now in full swing. Michelle Ule has written her Bible study, Meldoy Hues has chosen her songs, and Pastors Floyd and Knippa have written their morning and evening devotions and worship service. The Lutheran Braille Workers are ready, new cards and colored pencils await coloring for Phil's Friends, and the talent show is shaping up nicely.

My question for you is: "Have you sent your registration in yet?"

Christa Hamilton has been processing registrations steadily. Some who did not sign up for the talent show are being contacted by Judy Huber asking you to share your gifts with us. If you didn't sign up for the talent show and would like to, please call Judy at (209) 602-8560 for ideas. We have other new and exciting activities planned for the retreat, so please join us; see what we have to share!



DON'T MISS THIS CNH Retreat!

WHERE: Oakhurst on August 25-27, 2023

THEME: "Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"

MUSIC LEADER: Melody Hues

BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Michelle Ule

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:4

GRANT UPDATE

By Miss Penny, LWML CNH; Beverly Vietor, VP Gospel Outreach

We have now funded Grant #8!

International Seminary Students, St. Louis, \$10,000 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Yes, there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors in some parts of the world because options are few for advanced theological study for these pastors, and few overseas Lutheran church bodies have the resources to send their most capable students to the US for this advanced study. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis currently has 50 international students from 25 different countries. Our mighty mites are helping to provide support for educating these pastors. After graduation, the students will serve as seminary professors, theological instructors and church leaders in their respective countries. The estimated number of lives that these students/pastors/professors will impact in their home countries could be in the many thousands. A wide variety of cultures and ethnicities in many nations will be impacted, including a significant number of unchurched people. ♥



MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOSPEL OUTREACH

Bev Viotor, Vice President Gospel Outreach

Grant #7 Funded: Walking with Women Leaders

From Pastor Aaron Putnam: "A big THANK YOU to all of you at in the CNH-LWML for your continued prayers and support. Because of you, local missionary leaders continue to be raised up, developed and empowered for ministry right here in the Bay Area."

Linda Patel (shown at right) is one of the Women Leaders sponsored through Grant #7 (Walking with Women Leaders - LINC Bay Area, Hayward, California - \$18,050).

LINC is implementing a new program, focusing on Women Leaders. LINC realizes that women are vital in the community and family, especially in our churches. Partnering with LCMS CNH District Bay area churches and LWML, LINC develops leaders in the cross-culture communities for the ministry. This grant emphasizes the role of women in sharing the gospel of Christ. LINC wants to thank all the women in LWML CNH that collected mites for this grant, our largest this biennium.



Pastor Aaron Putnam with Linda Patel, one of the women leaders sponsored through Grant #7.

National Convention in Milwaukee featured 31 mission proposals

At the recent LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, 31 mission proposals were blessed to be awarded with grants to help expand spreading the Good News in the United States as well as around the world. It was exciting to read, see pictures and hear reports on the grant projects. I hope you have checked out these new grants your mites are funding. You can read about each mission grant on LWML.org.

Have you thought of submitting a grant proposal to CNH?

As thrilling as it is to see the national grants voted upon, it will be even more thrilling to have your own church's mission proposal on the ballot at our CNH District convention April 2024. Does your church have a pre-school ministry? Perhaps you have youth or college ministry at your church. Does your church have a special outreach ministry? Think about the various ministries you and your church are in. I bet they could use a special infusion of funds to help start or enhance the outreach.

The deadline for grant proposals for 2024 is September 30, 2023. It's not that hard to submit a grant; it is 2 pages of information and a cover form. Go to LWMLCNH.org, look under forms for 2023 Mission Grant Application forms. You'll find helpful grant guidelines, how-to-start information along with fact sheet and forms. If you have questions or need to pass an idea by me, please contact me at: edbev2@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to include your name, Zone, email and phone number. The Gospel Outreach Committee looks forward to evaluating your church's unique, innovative proposal to spread the Good News. ♥



Above: Roxan Schwab, District President, with delegates at National Convention; Opening service; Pastor Doua Xiong, Hmong Outreach.

Missed the National Convention? Watch it online!

By Lynnette Campbell, Communication Director

In June I was blessed to be able to attend the LWML 40th Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. If you were unable to attend, I recommend that you take some time to watch the livestream videos to learn a little bit more about our great LWML Organization and celebrate our LWML's 80 years!

To access the recordings, just go to the [LWML.org](https://lwwml.org) and click on **News & Event** then select **Convention Central**. Here is a shortcut to the Livestream recordings: <https://livestream.com/thelwml>

To make it easier, I have created a table of some of the highlights I recommend. Just click on the link in the first column to go to the video then go to the Start Time listed in the 3rd column.

Session	Topic	Start Time	End Time
Thursday Evening, June 22, 2023 Opening Worship	Opening of Convention and Opening Worship	00:12:10	1:53:44
Friday AM, June 23, 2023	Bible Study Part 1 by Kaye Wolf	57.23	1:38:28
Friday AM, June 23, 2023	Humorous Interruption #1	2:16:00	2:22:43
Friday AM, June 23, 2023	Mites in Action Speaker #1 – LAMP Rev Dr. Steven Schave	3:16:43	3:33:00
Friday PM, June 23, 2023	Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, the Executive Director of the Lutheran center for Religious Liberty the LWML Convention	00:33:12	1:06:54
Friday PM, June 23, 2023	Humorous Interruption #2	1:07:06	1:12:12
Friday PM, June 23, 2023	Mites in Action Speaker #2 – Phil Zielke	2:26:00	2:49:37
Saturday AM, June 24, 2023	Bible Study Part 2 by Kaye Wolf	1:02:10	1:44:38
Saturday AM, June 24, 2023	Humorous Interruption #3	1:45:00	1:51:15
Saturday AM, June 24, 2023	Mission Moment – LCMS Chief Mission Officer Rev. Kevin Robson and two mission Families	1:52:00	2:15:04
Saturday AM, June 24, 2023	Mites in Action Speaker #3 - Kurt Buchholz	2:22:00	2:43:34
Saturday AM, June 24, 2023	LWML Canada President Linda Long	2:53:34	3:03:57
Saturday PM, June 24, 2023	Mites in Action Speaker #4 – Operation Barnabas – Chaplain Craig Muehler (Note: this includes a video by Zone 7 Sherry Bell's Son Aaron Bell)	00:30:30	00:54:47
Saturday PM, June 24, 2023	Rev. Dr. Matt Harrison LCMS President (It is not our job to save America...It is to proclaim Christ to those around us)	1:04:22	1:17:20
Saturday PM, June 24, 2023	Humorous Interruption #4	1:17:24:30	1:24:12
Saturday Evening Entertainment	The Lutheran Ladies Lounge - Live	00:07:14	1:21:15
Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023	Mites in Action Speaker #5 – Doua Xiong from CNH District Hmong Ministry at St. Paul, Merced, CA	00:55:00	1:08:47
Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023	President Debbie Larson's Report	1:22:19	1:33:00
Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023	Humorous Interruption #6 Including an impromptu song by Dr. Dana Vendetti	1:33:34	1:42:57

<u>Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023</u>	Invitation to the 2025 LWML Omaha, NE Convention	1:43:20	1:51:35
<u>Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023</u>	Thanks to the LWML CNH 2023 Convention Team	1: 52:00	2:00:00
<u>Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023</u>	New President Eden Keef Closing Convention	2:09:02	2:17:35
<u>Sunday Morning Session/ Worship, June 25, 2023</u>	Sunday Morning Closing Worship	2:32:00	3:24:36

The Communication team continues to work on our communication processes and the website and social media channels. I was able to attend the Technology Assistance Seminar put on by the 2021-2023 Information Technology Committee. Our Webservant, Carrie Rinaldo was able to attend a 2-part seminar online given by the CNH LCMS Technology team. We hope to leverage the information from both seminars in our future work.

Karen Mauer continues to maintain our contact list and coordinate with Candy Kiel our News Editor to ensure that all of you receive the important information LWML CNH provides.

Finally, our Social Media expert, Faith Xiong was married in June to Josh Good. We pray for God's rich blessings on this couple as they begin their life together. Congratulations Josh & Faith Good! ♥

ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

PEACE, SACRAMENTO

By Elise Spleiss, Zone Communications

"Living a Chocolate Life" Womens Retreat

We thank CNH Missions for their grant, which helped make our retreat so special!

Peace in Sacramento hosted a women's retreat on Saturday, June 24 for 49 women. Churches represented were Cordova Lutheran, Rancho Cordova; Faith in Fair Oaks, Faith in Yerington, NV (almost four hours away), Greenhaven, Holy Cross, Light of the Valley, Messiah, Town and Country, Trinity and Zion. Our special guests were women without a home church. Besides praise music, skit, raffle, and service project, our Bible studies by Deb Burma included Bittersweet Times, Overflowing Grace, and Discovering Our Gifts. Breakfast and lunch were provided, as well as many chocolate treats!



Everyone enjoyed making pillows as our project for The Village at Heritage Park (senior center, assisted living, and memory care) in Natomas.

ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

HOLY CROSS, ROCKLIN

By Elise Spleiss, Zone Communications

April Spring Rally welcomes 60 women, plus guests

On April 29, 2023, sixty ladies from 11 societies, along with pastors and their wives gathered at Holy Cross in Rocklin for the Zone 19 LWML Spring Rally. A day of meeting and greeting, education and of course, good food and fellowship was in store for all. Zone 19 President Lana Sullivan called the meeting to order. Holy Cross President Barbara Hull welcomed all and thanked her ladies for all their work on the event.

CNH LWML District President Roxan Schwab greeted attendees and distributed folders to each pastor and his wife to share with the women of their congregation. Included was everything LWML for newcomers and veterans of LWML.

Lois Brauer gave a personal testimony on her confirmation 72 years ago as part of her devotion. She shared Psalm 119:105 and what it was like to memorize almost all of Luther's Small Catechism.

Bev Vieter (Miss Penny), CNH Gospel Outreach Chair, presented a great Power Point presentation on "The How, When and Where to Submit Mission Grant Proposals." The guidelines and criteria are simple but specific: Must be mission focused and will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. LWML has touched lives in 85 countries! From the first National mission grant in 1943 given to Christ Chapel for the Deaf in Cleveland, Ohio for \$15,000, to the current biennium with 28 national grants for \$2,221,176, we have come a long way! In 80 years and four generations, your Mighty Mites have collected \$1.9 million dollars to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

A special offering for the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund for children of overseas missionaries was collected and sent to our treasurer, Barbara Guevara for distribution.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity to meet and greet several of our pastors and their wives. We learned some interesting facts about them!



Donations for the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund were cleverly attached to these purple trees.



Jared and Michelle Eggebraaten (Faith, Fair Oaks); Rachel and Marsh Schamburger (Holy Cross, Rocklin); Alex and Dan Vang (Mount Olive, Folsom); Pastor Colter Knippa (Zion, North Highlands); Nancy & Richard Tom's (Trinity, Georgetown); Pastor Dave Poganski recently retired (St. Paul, Auburn).

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTH HIGHLANDS

Sewing for "Days for Girls" is July 21-22 and August 18-19!

Meet each day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

By Pamela Haggard, President

Hosted by: Zion Lutheran Church, 3644 Bolivar Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660

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.

There are plenty of things to do that do not involve sewing. So whether you sew or not, please come for some fun and fellowship while we work on this service project.

Questions? Contact Sandy Brazel at sandy.conroy@yahoo.com or 530.613.4631 or Pamela Haggard at pjjtrek@gmail.com or 916.425.8184.



ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

By Sharon Junge, President St Matthew LWML

ST MATTHEW, ROCKLIN

Jesus is Cool!! Service Project

Record high summer temperatures and few shelters for the area's homeless, prompted St. Matthew Lutheran Church's Women in Mission to create cool scarves for those facing scorching outdoor temperatures. So far, over 180 scarves have been made and distributed in Roseville, Rocklin, and Auburn. Homeless were reached at the Gathering Inn (a multi-service agency for the homeless), a cooling center, a homeless tent camp, a monthly meal service, and to those on the streets. Recipients appreciated the cooling scarves, smiling faces, and conversations shared by the Lutheran Women in Mission.

Women in Mission are Cooking! Serving Meals for Area Homeless

Every month LWM joins other St. Matthew members in serving a hot meal to area homeless. In collaboration with the First United Methodist Church, LWM helps plan, shop, prepare and serve a meal to 75 homeless in downtown Roseville. St. Matthew LWM engages members of all ages in serving a hot meal for the homeless and helping others feel the joy of serving Jesus in new ways.

And What's Your 80?

We often gather and distribute other personal supplies and clothing for the homeless, including 80 pairs of socks to recognize LWML's 80th Anniversary. ♥



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Women in Mission made 180 neck scarves, filled with hydrating cooling polymers to distribute to Placer County homeless women and men.



Above: LWM members greet three homeless women in Auburn and give them cooling scarves that can be worn around the neck to keep them cool in the summer heat.



Far Left: Women in Mission members, Nancy Hansen, Sandy Brazel, and Marcia Barthel join other St. Mathew members in preparing one hot meal a month for homeless in downtown Roseville, CA. Left: Members of all ages help serve.

ZONE 11: HAWAII

By Deane Kysar, Secretary, Mary Martha LWML Society

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, HILO HAWAII

Annual Mothers' Tea held May 27

Christ Lutheran Church's Mary Martha LWML Branch held its Annual Mothers' Tea on Saturday, May 27 in Hilo, Hawaii. A grand total of 30 mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, and friends attended, enjoying a luncheon with a variety of teas, juices, sandwiches, scones, salads, and desserts. They filled five tables on the church lanai, each place setting marked with a pretty tea cup. There were many new faces to greet since not everyone attends the same service and some attend other activities held at CLC.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the women of Christ Lutheran and Waikoloa Lutheran Church to learn more about each other and to see what they are doing and what they can continue to do as a missionary society. What a joyful event and a beautiful way to build community!



Some of the 30 attendees who enjoyed lunch on the lanai at the CLC Mothers' Luncheon

INVITATION to ZOOM with Zone 11-Hawaii

CNH Lutheran Women in Mission

REDEEMED TO RESCUE!

The greatest calling, privilege, and joy we now have is to rise up together and rally to the rescue of the most vulnerable of all – in our great Redeemer's name!

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked"

Psalm 82:4

Ice Breakers: Small Breakout Groups

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Mueller

Senior Pastor of Waikoloa Lutheran Church

Mission Director of Child Beyond International

Saturday, October 14, 2023

(CHOOSE ONE TIME)

9:00 to 11:00 AM (HST)* OR 1:00 to 3:00 PM (HST)*

Please join us – all LCMS women/friends are welcome!

***NOTE:** Zone 11 Hawai'i time Time is THREE (3) HOURS LATER in Pacific Daylight Savings time zone! Send your name, preferred time, church affiliation & location & email address for zoom link by Oct. 6 to: Dinnie.Kysar562@gmail.com ♥



Child Beyond International provides a children's home to boys and girls rescued from abuse, neglect and trauma. 24-hour care provides each child's essential needs of meals, clothing, medical care and counseling support, plus the warm, loving embrace of people they can trust. Best of all, each child is surrounded by experiences of God's love and introduced to the healing power of a relationship with Jesus.

ZONE 8: PENINSULA

By Lori Fisher, Zone 8 President

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO

Spring Gathering — “Coming to Know Christ” — held April 22

First Lutheran’s LWML ladies hosted 15 ladies, 3 pastors and 3 speakers at our Zone 8 Spring Gathering “Coming to Know Christ” on April 22. Our Zone Counselor, Rev Dr Martin Noland, led the bible study titled *The ABC’s of Putting on the “New Self”* from Ephesians 4:21-5:21. Our guest speaker was our own Sue Xiong, Director of the Hmong Language School’s Hmong Ministries. We learned how the Hmong believers are putting on their New Self coming to faith in Jesus Christ. We ingathered many toiletries, wash clothes and kitchen towels and an offering of \$245.

Our wonderful district reps Roxan, LaVada and Sue gave updates on the upcoming LWML Convention and District Retreat. Having completed Assembly of Leaders (AOL) training through LWML, they also shared wonderful ways to lead and grow our mission efforts. Lunch followed in First’s parish hall prior to our business meeting. ♥



Above: Ingathered items for Hmong Ministries and lunch fellowship in the parish hall.

Region III Event: Adventures in LWML held May 6

By Lori Fisher, Zone 8 President

The Regional III Event “Adventures in LWML” was held on May 6, 2023, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Menlo Park. The day was perfect as our LWML CNH Assembly of Leaders led the event. We had a great turnout with 34 women in attendance from Zones 2, 7, 8, 16, 18 and beyond. President Roxan Schwab welcomed everyone and introduced the zone presidents and the day’s speakers. Pastor Doua Xiong led an inspirational Bible study and a Sending Service. Our LWML leaders shared about being a leader, venturing out of our comfort zone, mission grants, convention and dates to remember.

Ingathering benefits New Creation Home Ministries

New Creation Home Ministries, East Palo Alto, was the recipient of an ingathering of items for their residential homes and their Mother’s Day dinner. We were awestruck to see how much was donated. What a wonderful blessing! Special thanks to the Bethany members for their extra generosity and for hosting the event.



Above left: Region III Event included 34 women from Zones 2, 7, 8, 16, 18 and beyond. (Right) Ingathering benefited New Creation Home Ministries.

ZONE 8: PENINSULA

By Lori Fisher, Zone 8 President

GRACE LUTHERAN, SAN MATEO

Thank you, Counselor, Rev. Dr. Martin Noland!

On May 18, following the Ascension of Our Lord's Vesper service at Grace Lutheran, San Mateo Zone 8 President Lori Fisher and Shirley Gangelhoff presented their Zone 8 Counselor, Rev Dr Martin Noland, LWML CNH gift cards of appreciation for all he has done to help further the mission goals of LWML on top of his pastoral duties at Grace. Specifically, 2020-2022 CNH Mission Grant #16, Mary Martha LWML CNH Pastoral Care - Mary Martha Circle, LWML, Trinity, Georgetown, California - \$2,500.

Fall Gathering set for October 21

Our Fall Gathering is scheduled for October 21, 2023 and will be hosted by Grace Lutheran, San Mateo. ♥



Zone 8's Rev Dr Martin Noland, counselor; Lori Fisher, President; and Shirley Gangelhoff, Gospel Outreach.

ZONE 12: NORTH SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Five represent Zone 12 at National LWML Convention in Milwaukee

By Martha E Dubke, President

Five ladies from Zone 12 attended the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in June. We met up with long-time friends and made new ones, participated in the Convention proceedings and enjoyed the Worship Services and fellowship.

We are hosting LWML CNH District Convention in April 2024 — Mark your calendars!

We are working hard to prepare for the LWML CNH District Convention in Redding, California next Spring, April 19 – 21, 2024. As we meet together over the next months to work on the preparations, we look forward to being your hosts and welcoming you. Excitement is growing!

Plans are underway for a Zone Rally in Redding

We are looking at the the first part of October. More info to follow! ♥



Ladies from Zone 12 who attended the LWML Convention in Milwaukee: Mary Clancy, Martha Dubke, Kerry Link, Linda Benfield, Marjie David.

ZONE 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN

By Judy Huber, Secretary, Immanuel Jackson Zone 3 (previously zone 19)
IMMANUEL JACKSON

Sewing Group makes custom pillowcases for kids

The Sewing Group of Immanuel Jackson LWML has been busy making custom pillowcases for kids. They were delivered to the young patients and families at the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. An inspirational Bible verse card was attached to each pillowcase.

ZION LODI, IMMANUEL JACKSON, FOOTHILL VALLEY SPRINGS

Summer Luncheon Fellowship, "Three in One" meets in Lodi

The societies of Zion Lodi, Immanuel Jackson, and Foothill Valley Springs combined their annual summer luncheon events, thanks to the hospitality of Pastor Matt and Margie Duerr at their home in Lodi. The three congregations are consolidating, therefore the LWML members of each church hope to meet together occasionally and work on mutual projects as a part of Zone 3. We enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and shared some past sewing projects and community mission projects ideas.



SAVE THE DATE!

Grace Lutheran Women's Retreat
Sponsored by LWML Mary-Martha Circle

Encountering God

Mystery. Beauty. Surrender.

FEATURING
Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva
of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rocklin, CA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
617 W. Orangeburg Avenue, Modesto

It's FREE! Registration Coming in September!
Questions? Email Pam Knepper at pknep@frontier.com

**GRACE LUTHERAN,
MODESTO**

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**Free retreat this
fall is open to all
in the district**

By Pam Knepper

Please join us for a fall women's retreat on Saturday, November 11, 2023. This is a free event open to all in the district! See the details at right.

If you have any questions, please contact me at pknep@frontier.com



ZONE 10: SIERRA NEVADA

TRINITY LUTHERAN, GARDNERVILLE

Working together in God's ministry

By Karen Keller, Outgoing Secretary, Trinity LWML

New officers elected

Trinity's LWML is looking forward to working with three new incoming members of our board. They were installed at our April luncheon meeting and are becoming acquainted with their responsibilities this summer with our "official" business year starting in September. Sherri Carlson is our incoming society President, with Kathy Andersen stepping in as Vice-President to work with her. We were fortunate to have long time active LWML member and former Zone 10 President Jan Lemburg as our society President through these past "pandemic years." Karen Keller has been our society's secretary for many years and is passing this opportunity to Kathy Ransom. Both Jan and Karen plan to continue to be active in LWML. We are fortunate to have Barbara Henningsen as our society treasurer. She has served many years on the board with wonderful attention to detail.

Connecting Caring Sisters program uses "flower groups" to connect

We now have a dozen committees to work with our board to serve in God's ministry. Trinity's **Connecting Caring Sisters** program that we call our "flower groups" continues with enthusiastic participation. Again, most of our members asked that their names be drawn in February for another "flower group." Each group has the name of a flower with 4 to 5 ladies in a group. A group decides how often they want to meet and what they would like to do together. This year Sherri and I happen to be part of the For-Get-Me-Nots. Our group has been meeting once a month for lunch. We choose a Bible study from an LWML Women's Quarterly Magazine to read and discuss at the next lunch. Between eating, the fellowship and the Bible study, our lunches can be lengthy! These "flower groups" have helped our ladies become better acquainted and this fellowship has helped our members feel more comfortable working with one another on our various projects. We are happy that our ladies are volunteering to work together in God's ministry! ♥

ST LUKES, RENO

Confirmation celebration is long-standing tradition

By Kathy Dickens, Co-Chair

Our Ruth Guild has a long tradition of celebrating Confirmation each year with a luncheon for the confirmands and their families, as well as inviting our entire church family to welcome and celebrate. Ruth Guild members provide the flowers, food and refreshments every year. This year, the cakes were made by the mother of one of the confirmands. In a break with tradition, a "grazing table" was set up. Grazing tables are more diverse and include more sweets than a traditional meat and cheese charcuterie board. This year, we celebrated five confirmands. Thanks to co-chair Elizabeth Henningsen who joined me in heading up this year's event.

At right: Co-chair Elizabeth Henningsen showing the "grazing table" that was a big hit this year.



Pictured are our new board members, left to right, Kathy Anderson, Barbara Henningsen, Kathy Ransom and Sherri Carlson.



ZONE 7: MT DIABLO

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN, CONCORD

Spring gathering held June 3

By Sheryl Bell, President

Zone 7 held their spring gathering June 3 at Holy Cross Lutheran, Concord. Around 40 women were in attendance plus guests. An informative and inspiring presentation was given by Options Health, a non-profit Contra Costa County organization which provides compassionate care to women, men and their families. An ingathering of diapers and other needed supplies was presented. Holy Cross ladies served a wonderful lunch and very creative cookies. A good time was had by all.

Other churches in the Zone are invited to Mexican Trains!

Holy Cross has also been hosting Mexican Trains game playing get-togethers once a month. Women from HC and other churches in the zone are invited. Lots of fun!

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN, PINOLE

From President Shirley Schmeyer

Our ladies are busy planning a Fall Event that we are hosting. Thank you to all our wonderful helpers. We look forward to sharing more info soon.

FIRST LUTHERAN-CONCORD

Several ladies are attending the LWML CNH retreat, and also providing rides for women in other zones who are attending.

Movie nights are being held once a month and VBS "Stellar" was great with 100 kids! ♥



Holy Cross held an all-church Birthday Party in April. "Table topic" cards helped initiate conversation. Good food, a devotion and singing Happy Birthday also included, of course.



Ladies from Our Savior look forward to hosting a Fall event.

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