

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

Staying connected and sharing those connections!

Roxan Schwab, LWML CNH District President

Blessings to all of you during this hot, hot summer. I want to share with you some great ways to be connected — from the cool comfort of your home.

Great ways to connect:

- ♥ **Check** our Website and Facebook for current information and events: [LWML CNH](#) and facebook.com/LWMLCNH.
- ♥ **Read** the *Christian Lifeline* emailed each month by Cathey King.
- ♥ **Read** my new message on the Website.
- ♥ **Share** the information you obtain on the website, the *Christian Lifeline* and the *Joyful Servant* with others.
- ♥ **Encourage** others to ask to be added to the email listing for this information.



As I travel to LWML CNH functions I often receive blank looks when I ask if they have seen the above-mentioned items. This makes me think that we have work to do in educating our friends. Do not assume that because they are a lifelong member of LWML they are receiving these items or reading them. As you will read in this edition of the *Joyful Servant* there are a lot of wonderful things going on in every zone.

A few changes have been made to the LWML CNH Executive Board since the election in April:

- ♥ The new appointed personnel position **LWML CNH Ambassador** was accepted by **Bev Viotor**. She will be reaching out to any new church worker in the district to welcome them and introduce LWML CNH to them. *More information to come.*
- ♥ **Karen Mauer** stepped down from her many years as Mailing Coordinator.
- ♥ **Candy Kiel** is now handling notices by email through Mailchimp (our email distribution service).
- ♥ **Cathy Pauley** is now the contact for changes to the rosters in the zone and groups.
- ♥ **Diana Kriegel** stepped down as Historian. If you love scrapbooking, please consider this important position.
- ♥ **Diana Kriegel** accepted the appointment of **Sunshine Chairman**, sending cards to LWML members of condolence, get well, birthday wishes etc. Please keep her updated on what's going on in our membership.
- ♥ **Senior Pastoral counselor Rev. Colter Knippa** accepted a call outside of the CNH to Cross and Crown in Tucson, AZ. He will be working in ministry in Mongolia and with the Qazaq people.
- ♥ **Rev. David Jung** has accepted the appointment as Pastoral Counselor to serve the two year vacancy.

I am very grateful for the years of service of Karen, Diana and Pastor Knippa. We will certainly miss Pastor Knippa and wish him safe travel and blessings as he steps out in faith. Karen and Diana are not leaving the LWML CNH; they are just moving into new ministries, as well. Karen will be serving in her Zone 6, and Diana will sharing sunshine with us all. *(continued next page)*

THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Soon the Nominating Committee will be reaching out to find candidates

We will have openings for our April 2026, convention for the offices of:

- ♥ President
- ♥ VP of Convention Planning
- ♥ VP of Organizational Resource
- ♥ Financial Secretary
- ♥ Recording Secretary

Please say YES!

When asked to run for office, know you can trust God to give you the strength to do so.

Finally, remember the LWML 2023-2025 Primary Focus:

- ♥ Proclaiming Christ – “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!” (Psalm 96:3).
- ♥ Supporting Missions – “And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15).
- ♥ Equipping Women – “Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will.” (Hebrews 13:20–21).
- ♥ Serving Others – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10a).

Blessings on your summer, enjoy the weather, your family and one another while *Serving the Lord with Gladness.*

Roxan

MESSAGE FROM LWML CNH AMBASSADOR

Heartfelt thanks and looking forward to serving you

By Bev Vietor, LWML CNH Ambassador

It was 3:15 pm on June 15, 2024, while the LWML CNH Board was having closing prayers, that I read Psalms 91, 121 and 23 to my husband Ed. I knew they were praying for us and sending the angels. The angels were coming as I was reading the second verse of *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*:

*O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*



My husband, a Navy UDT, (Underwater Demolition Team) leader took his last breath, listening to the Navy hymn. Under their wings he took refuge from his earthly life.

Thank you dear LWML Sisters for all your kind expressions of sympathy, in words, texts, calls and cards. Several even drove long distances to attend his memorial service way up here in Georgetown. I cherish your caring and deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ed was always proud of my participation in LWML CNH. He traveled to several District & National LWML conventions over the years and lots of Zone rallies. He worked on Penny, keeping her “together” for 8+ years. It is with his encouragement that I continue in LWML CNH as your Ambassador. I look forward to seeing you all this fall at rallies. ♥

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT GOSPEL OUTREACH

Heartfelt thanks as I looking forward to serving you

By Jan Froh, Vice President Gospel Outreach

1 Chronicles 16:24 comes to mind as I step into this commitment as your new VP of Gospel Outreach: ***“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.”*** What an opportunity and mission we have as Lutheran women in mission to do just that!



Mission Grants #1 and #2 funded!

The first two Mission Grants for the 2024–2026 biennium have been funded, and checks will go out soon. For that, many thanks to all those whose donations made this possible. #1: Maui Storms of Life Scholarship, Zone 12, North Sacramento, \$9,300. #2: Outreach to Chico State/Butte College students, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran, Chico, CA, \$4,850.

Please continue to submit your mite donations as promptly as you can so that we may continue funding the remaining grants. It would be an amazing blessing to finish Grant #3: Windows for God’s Children, Zion Lutheran, Terra Bella, \$10,400 before school starts! I know we can do it by the grace of God.

I am so grateful for the help, encouragement, and wordsmithing of Barbara Guevera, and I thank those who have put their trust in me to continue the efforts that Bev Vietor (dear Ms. Penny) accomplished so well for 8 years!

Thank you for your continued donations as well as your confidence in me. May God’s blessings be in abundance and please keep those mites coming! ♥

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION PLANNING

Rejoice...Pray...Give thanks

By LaVada Terrell, Vice President Convention Planning

This scripture has been impressed upon me the last several weeks by my Bible reading, study, devotions and friends, and it remains in my thoughts:

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”



In this short verse, we see instructions, and some powerful wisdom for our daily life. Paul wanted to encourage the Christians in their new life to help them in their spiritual growth.

Remember — we are never alone! We can thank God that He has promised to be with us always no matter what we’re going through. Because of Jesus Christ, we always have hope. We can ask God to help us maintain a joyful attitude and trust that God is working His plan perfectly for us. We just have to remember it’s not always what we want or in our timing.

We can always rejoice and give thanks in what God has already done for us, what He is doing for us every day – in ALL circumstances! And knowing He is with us constantly through the Holy Spirit, we can pray without ceasing (in other words, as a friend walking and sitting with us, we can converse). This also shows our continual and constant dependence (and connection) on Him for every step we take throughout the day for guidance and strength. This shows our trust in Him that He’s working everything out for us, in ways we cannot see!

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion, our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us. With Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

With voices united, our praises we offer, And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us, To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! [LSB #785] ♥

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

Planning for Fall 2025 Retreat underway

By Cathey King, Vice President Christian Life

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are pleased that our team has chosen to continue to work together. The following members were ratified at the June Board meeting: myself, **Judy Huber, Laura Lynn Ledson, and Margaret Peterman.**



We are already hard at work on the 2025 Fall Retreat. After looking at several retreat centers, we are seriously interested in using St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. We know this will be more expensive, but the facilities are all on one level and almost everything we need is in the same space.

We have a speaker in place and are looking for a music (guitar?) leader. Many great activities are being planned and you will not want to miss it! So start saving your pennies. We will be discussing registration cost-cutting measures at a board meeting soon.

Questions? Email me at mrsking1948@gmail.com.

Once again, I would like to remind all Zone and Group (society, circle) presidents to **be sure that each of your members receive all pertinent mailings from LWML CNH District.** Much thought and preparation goes into our writing and we do not know who may need to see any particular mailing. Thank you for sharing with everyone. Better to receive something twice than to not receive it at all.

Love to all of you! **Cathey** ♥

ZONE 3: NORTH SAN JOAQUIN

ST MATTHEW | SONORA

Fall Zone Rally will be hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran October 19

By Barb Schmidt

After a truly blessed year, our local LWML ladies celebrated our summer break at our June meeting with a cook-out at a local picnic area called Indigeny. Now we're looking forward to fall and getting back into our LWML gatherings and meetings.

We're especially excited that this year's Fall Rally for Zone 3 will be at St. Matthew Lutheran in Sonora! We are already deep into our planning and are looking forward to seeing you all here.

Annual Christmas Faire is November 3

Our annual Christmas Faire will include homemade crafts, a bake sale, New-to-You sale, raffle items (including a quilt or two from our quilting ladies) and a delicious Luncheon. Watch for more info coming soon!



LWML Fall Rally

October 19, 2024

St. Matthew Lutheran
13880 Joshua Way, Sonora



Tentative schedule

9:30 am	Continental breakfast
10:00 am	Introductions, ice breaker, opening, prayer
10:45 am	Speaker: Dee Christopher
12:15 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Inservice talk by Jeanette Lambert on The Lambert Drop-in Center
1:30 pm	Closing information, messages, song, and closing prayer.

***Changes/details to be announced soon**

ZONE 11: HAWAII

TRINITY | WAHIAWA, HAWAII

Annual events coming up: Oktober Festival, Advent by Candle Light

By Pam Kilmer

Please join LWML Trinity later this year for our **Oktober Festival September 28!** We will gather outside under the tents for fellowship and German food. This is the kickoff to our Operation Christmas Child box drive.

Advent by Candle Light will be December 3. Join us for fellowship and dinner followed by an inspiring Advent service by candle light. Anyone who will be in the area and is interested in joining us is welcome. Please Contact Pam Kilmer for details and to RSVP:

pamgooder@hotmail.com ♥



Trinity Lutheran Church, Wahiawa, Hawaii LWML, hosted Derby Day Tea, last May. It consisted of a lovely high tea, fellowship, devotion, and race day centered games. This was the first time this event was hosted at Trinity.

ZONE 9: CENTRAL COAST

ZION | SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

Spring Tea features speaker from Fort Hope

By Edda Bevilacqua, Zone Secretary

The Zone 9 Spring Tea was held at Zion Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo, CA on May 18, 2024. Our guest speaker, Pat Loomis, runs Fort Hope, which supports children from low-income, single-parent and foster homes. ♥

**Zone 9 Events:
Next Board Meeting:**

August 17, 2024

Fall Rally

Zion Lutheran, San Luis Obispo

September 2024.

ZONE 12: NORTH SACRAMENTO

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

740 Moss Avenue, Chico, California

Theme: "Come and See"

Based on John 4:28-30

Bible Study: Led by Pastor Brennan DeForest

Assembly of Leaders Presentation: by President Roxan Schwab and Recording Secretary Sue Xiong

Young Woman Representative, Amy Finger will share experiences from the LWML CNH District Convention in Redding, CA.

Servant Event: Packets for college students will be assembled

Contact: By Martha E Dubke, Zone President: medubke53@yahoo.com



The theme of our event is based on the story of Jesus with the woman at the well.

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ZONE 19: EAST SACRAMENTO

ST MATTHEW | ROCKLIN, CA

New Ministry: HUGS for Kids—Hope in Uncertainty by God’s Strength Fleece Blanket Distribution

By Sharon Junge, Zone President

St. Matthew’s started a new ministry that serves children and youth with chronic medical conditions at local children’s wards and hospitals. Working with a local pediatrician, several needs were identified for children who require long term hospitalization. One need is to provide a warm home-like environment through colorful fleece blankets. Our Women in Mission (LWM) group chose to take leadership for this effort, engaging others in this service project. On Easter Sunday, over six dozen blankets were distributed with instructions for families to make and return. LWM also held workshops and hosted a community-wide blanket making event as part of LOVE Rocklin Service Day, co-organized by St. Matthews. Over 80 blankets have been completed and are distributed on a quarterly basis. Children and families are thrilled to receive these cuddly, colorful gifts and the warm gesture of HOPE and LOVE. This growing relationship with local hospitals has identified other needs that we plan to tackle in the coming months. ♥



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FAITH LUTHERAN | FAIR OAKS, CA

“Love is Brewing”– 5th Annual “Retreat in a Day” held June 22

By Elise Spleiss, Zone Communications

The theme for our 5th annual retreat, organized and presented by Dianne Flynn and her team, was inspired by 1 Corinthians 13:13, “...but the greatest of these is love.”

All 11 of our LWML societies were represented with 65 ladies in attendance! We began the day with coffees of choice and a sumptuous breakfast. Faith LWML president **Alice Beltran** welcomed us, and a variety of speakers inspired us about each of the five elements of faith: LOVE, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS, FAITHFULNESS and OUTREACH. Speakers were: **Pastor Jared Eggebraaten** (speaking on LOVE), **Dianne Flynn** (COMPASSION), **Lydia Thompson** (FORGIVENESS), **Judy Schultz** (FAITHFULNESS), and **Ruth Tesch** (OUTREACH). Faith’s musical ensemble led us in an appropriate hymn or song for each element. We were also the first audience to see the newly created CNH Disability Awareness video preparing for Disability Awareness Sunday in September. In closing, we sang *Bind Us Together*.

Sheila Brown from Faith shared her thoughts on the day: “Today was amazing! All the Bible studies were very inspirational; all the details the ladies put into this event was very impressive. Everyone was very friendly; it was a lovely day.”

This day was made possible by a generous grant by CNH Missions and Faith contributions. ♥



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ZONE 7: MT DIABLO

OUR SAVIOR | LIVERMORE, CA

Spring gathering in Livermore

By Sherry Bell, Zone President

A wonderful spring gathering was held at Our Savior Livermore, with 33 women attending. Our speaker was from CityServe of the Tri-Valley, an amazing organization that provides coordinated services to needy people in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. A large ingathering of hygiene supplies was collected.

HOLY CROSS | CONCORD, CA

Christ, Coffee and Change gathering

By Joyce Liebe, Society President

The WoHC (Women of Holy Cross) Board thanks the 32 ladies and Pastor Munding (honorary member since he was Ordained/ Installed in 8/2019) who joined our *Christ, Coffee, & Change gathering* on June 9. We received positive feedback, especially on our “mug” sharing! It was heartwarming to see all the conversations happening before, during & after, including many between gals that don’t often get a chance to chat. We also had a Mite challenge, which brought in \$302 for our CNH District mission grants. What a blessing!

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8 ♥



Ladies from Our Savior, Pinole, CA brought back the plaque for the most ladies attending the Spring Gathering in Livermore Rally last May.



WoHC Board Members Joyce, Melarie, Cherylene, and Jan, hosted the June 9 Gathering.

ZONE 4: WEST SACRAMENTO

TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN | SACRAMENTO, CA

Please Join Us!

Luncheon | Taco bar

Saturday, August 10 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Town & Country Lutheran Church | 4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento

Guest Speakers: Melissa Solomon & Tere Montoya

~ Share your mission ideas ~

Raffle proceeds go to 1,000 Generations*

RSVP by August 2nd to Ann Kretzmann: annkretz73@gmail.com or Tracy Sanderson tracysanderson@comcast.net

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*1000 Generations is an extension of Lutheran Hour Ministries, working in the Tijuana area.



EXCITING CHANGES AHEAD FOR LWML CNH!

Big things are coming to LWML CNH!

We are working on something special that will enhance your experience and bring our community closer together. Stay tuned for more updates—you won’t want to miss what’s coming next!

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