

Evergreen Echoes

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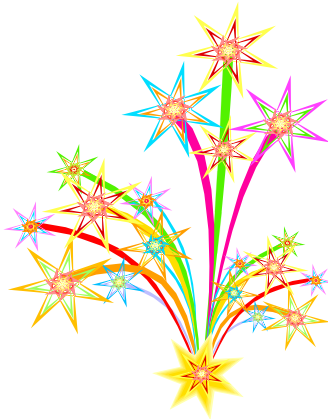


Sioux Falls!! Convention!! Delegates!!! These are some of the words that will be heard at the Board of Directors meeting on March 30 -31 in Yakima. It is time to get prepared to carry out our tasks as members of the LWML team. What a privilege and joy to come together with our fellow members in

Christ to be God's hands and feet in our world today. We will be hearing missionaries that we have assisted in their work; we will be voting on mission grants and officers; we will fellowship around the Word and Sacraments. We might even

find some time to sit and chat with friends – new ones and current ones. What a time we will have!!! If you are not planning on attending the Sioux Falls convention as a delegate or guest, you can be praying for those who attend. When they come home, ask them about their experience. Attend an event where you will hear the convention report. You are a vital member of the LWML Team!! Be informed about God's work on your team!!! And then Serve the Lord with Gladness wherever you are on this team!!

A Member of the Team
Elaine Nelson
President WA-AK LWML



Are you looking for a spark for your LWML or Women's Group?

Would you like to have someone to help to provide some guidance?
Some reinforcement? Some support?

Help is available from a Mission-Ministry Vision Consultant.

Pick up the phone or e-mail today to one of your

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Mission Statement of the LWML

www.LWML.org

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

District Pastoral Counselor—West

Dear Members of LWML,

As some of you already know, I have resigned my position as District Counselor for the WA-AK LWML. I really hated to do that, but my wife Angelia has breast cancer and so we felt that we had to cut back on some things and tackle this thing head on. We are very grateful that the cancer was discovered early and that the prognosis is good. She did have surgery to remove the tumor and will begin chemotherapy this next week (the first week in March). After she is done with those four treatments she will also have radiation. That will last about six weeks.

I can't tell you how thankful we are for all the love and support that we have received from family and friends. The members of our congregation and all of you LWMLer's have been such a blessing to us. You have prayed for us and have been so supportive. I know that there are many women of the LWML who have had cancer and so you know just what to say and it seems...just when to say it. We know that you are a gift to us from the Lord who knows our needs and well provides for us.

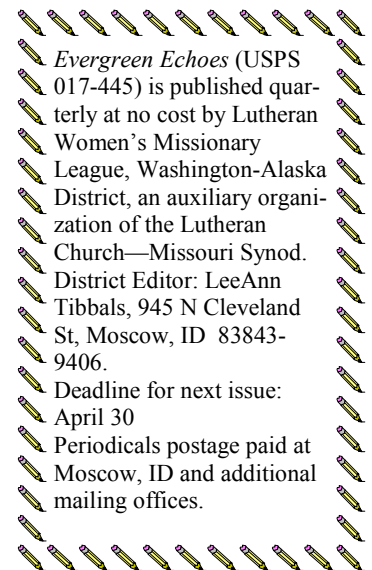
I look forward to seeing many of you again as we participate in district functions. Pastor Mark Griesse, a dear and long time friend of mine is eager to serve you in my place. I wish you all the Lord's richest blessings as you continue to serve Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Blessings, peace, power, and joy in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

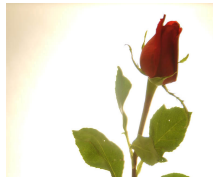
Pastor Kyle Heck

Spring Zone Rallies and Joy Shops

Alaska Zone:	April 21, Anchorage Lutheran, Anchorage
Blue Mountain Zone:	April 14, Bethlehem, Hermiston, OR
East Inland Empire Zone:	April 21, 10 AM, Concordia in Pullman
Hood Canal Zone:	April 21, 9:30 AM, Memorial in Bremerton
Inter-Valley Zone:	April 28, Bethlehem, Yakima
Lake Washington Zone:	March 17, 8:30 AM, Zion, Auburn
Mount Baker:	April 21, 8:30 AM at Trinity in Mt. Vernon
North Columbia:	April 12, Our Savior in Okanogan
Olympic Zone:	April 21, 9 AM, Epiphany, Kenmore
Puget Sound:	February Prayer Meeting, no Rally
Rainier:	April 21, 9 AM, Prince of Peace, Lakewood
South Columbia:	April 21, 9 AM, Zion-Emmanuel, Odessa



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Portland 2009: Let's "ROCK"!!!

Have you done it yet??? Have you sent in your registration for LWML convention 2007 in Sioux Falls??? Registration has been open since **March 1st**!

We're looking for **at least** 100 women (husbands, daughters, and sons too) from the OR, UT-ID, and WA-AK Districts to attend and enjoy the convention; to learn something about what hosting an LWML convention entails; and to participate in the official invitation to Portland 2009.

- Send in your registration **today**.
- Send an e-mail (purplecontesa@aol.com) or snail mail (15902 SE 35th Street, Vancouver, WA 98683-3751) note to Host Committee Chairman Julia Riess to let her know that you will be attending.

Pack your umbrella (more about that later) and join the merry "rainmakers" from the Northwest in Sioux Falls, June 21-24. **Let's "ROCK"!!!**

Our District Meeting Manager, Edie Norris, is on the LWML ballot this year for Vice President of Servant Resources. Please keep Edie in your prayers during the election process this summer in Sioux Falls.

GOODSEARCH OVER \$3000!

As more and more LWML members are using GoodSearch to search the internet, mission funds are benefiting. We know that "mites" can be mighty, and now with thousands of searches made each month and a penny given to missions for each search, we've raised over \$3000 as of Feb. 22! Please visit www.goodsearch.com and type LWML under "I'm supporting" to participate.



Plan to attend the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, SD on June 21-24, 2007!

Registration and Housing is now open! Check your Winter LWML Quarterly for all of the information and forms or go to the LWML website: www.lwml.org

See you there!

Keep your WA-AK Board of Directors in your prayer as they prepare for the Board Meeting in Yakima on March 30-31.

The board members will be collecting Ingathering items to go to **Life Choices** of Yakima, a Christian based program for teenage pregnancies and crisis center.

Life Choice's Mission: "We are committed to providing physical, emotional and spiritual support to those with pregnancy issues, and encouraging our community to embrace healthy life choices."

Life Choice's Vision: "To see the people we serve experience the love of Christ."

Good Shepherd Homes Auxiliary Meeting

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA

Lunch will be served, please contact

Sharon Willweber (425) 776-1347 sawillweber@juno.com

For more information and to RSVP

Vice President of Christian Life, Carol Drager

"Where did all the people go?"

Stella Margaret, our two year old granddaughter is once again the inspiration for my Evergreen Echoes article. As has been said before... "Out of the mouths of babes."

In September she attended a party at her Aunt Christine's and Uncle Tim's where she was the center of attention, much to her delight. Everyone talked to her and picked her up and made a big deal of her. After the party she repeatedly asked when they were going to Aunt Christine's and Uncle Tim's again. When she did return to their home she immediately ran to the patio door. She looked at the empty patio for a minute and then ran to Aunt Christine and cried in a distressed voice, "Where did all the people go?"

This made me start to wonder whether our Lord and Savior might think this when He witnesses the decline in church attendance, the raising crime rate, and the seeming acceptance in the Christian community that this is a secular country. Often the secular media suggests that we shouldn't force (their word) Christian beliefs on anyone.

While we love our Lord, have deep faith and a desire to witness, we sometimes lack the courage, knowledge and skills of how to share our faith effectively.

This Fall District Retreat will give us the opportunity to learn how to tell our faith story to young, old, unbelievers and those who seem to be wavering in their faith. . Faith, Fun, and Friendship are the goals of the Retreat with the added benefit that everyone will enjoy learning the skills necessary to share her faith in various settings.

Theme
Plant a Seed
Tell the Next Generation
Psalm 78:4

2007 WA-AK Retreat
September 28 - September 30, 2007
Ross Point Camp & Conference Center
Post Falls, Idaho

Wanted: Recycling Queen.

Our current recycling coordinator, Pam Rafferty, is now serving as the District's Financial Secretary and would like to pass the crown on to another. The position entails responding to email questions about the recycling program, ordering boxes and labels as requested by members via the Funding Factory (FF) website, and requesting checks from the FF quarterly. The recycling queen also communicates with her subjects via the Evergreen Echoes. The EE is one of the best ways to communicate new program information. She also keeps the Parliament (the Executive Committee) apprised of the recycling program. For more information, please contact her majesty at theraffman@juno.com or at 509-586-4956.



Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request or want your email added to the prayer chain Send information to: MaryLynn Huntwork, huntwork@qosi.net
Please include prayer recipient's address for Human Care Dept. follow-up.

Human Care Department

MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ten scholarships were awarded at our convention in June at Portland. They are all dedicated to serving their Lord in their chosen career. The following women show the range of age and background.

Cathy Green returned to college after raising her family completing some of her preliminary courses at the community college near her home in Shelton, WA. She transferred to Concordia/Portland in 2005 toward a degree as a DCE. She has been a youth leader and teacher at Mount Olive in Shelton.

Serena Little graduated from Cascade Christian in June 2006 and began her studies at Concordia/Portland last fall. Her goal is to prepare for a career as teacher in secondary education with an interest in possible overseas missions. She participated in music, drama and sports in school and at her home church of Zion Lutheran in Auburn, WA.

Please remember these women in your prayers as well as the Scholarship Fund. Call or email me if you would like more brochures and memorial cards.

Marianne Bell, Scholarship Chairman



A young wife sat on a sofa, drinking iced tea and visiting with her Mother. As they talked about life, marriage, the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass and thoughtfully turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter. "Don't forget your Sisters." They'll

be more important as you get older. "No matter how much you love your husband and children you may have, you are still going to need Sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. Remember that 'Sisters means ALL the women...your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too. You'll need other women. Women always do.

What a funny piece of advice! The young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? I'm a grown-up! Surely my husband and my family will be all I need to make my life worthwhile! But she listened to her Mother. She kept contact with her sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually understood; Sisters are the mainstays of her life.

After more than 50 years of living in the world, here is what I've learned: Time passes. Life happens. Distance separates. Children grow up. Love waxes and wanes. Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors. Careers end. But Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach. When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf and waiting with open arms at the valley's end. Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you...Or come in and carry you out.

The world would not be the same without women, and neither would I. I thank God every day for my LWML Sisters in Christ. Through love, kindness, patience, mentoring, spiritual guidance, singing, Bible study, mission work and Glorifying God and Praising Him in all we do, I am a better person as God wants me to be. This work in progress Thanks all of my Sisters who have touched my life forever. To God be the Glory. Love in Christ, MaryLynn

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Teen LWML

Spring is coming. Now is the time to get to know those young ladies.

How about your society or zone making a concerted effort to get to know the teen girls and their families in your congregation? They are funny and beautiful. This spring have a "SPRING TEEN TEA".

Invite all the "teens" and their Mom's, Grandmas, Aunts and/or special Mentor Moms to come with them.

Simple How To Do!

Set the date and location: (Sunday afternoon around 2 or 3 is good and in the church parish hall is fine, smaller groups can be in a home)

Send out invitations, follow up with a personal phone call invite: (To every teen 12 through 19 and to bring her Mom/Grandma/Mentor Mom/Aunt)

Delegate out different ladies to Hostess:

(Simple foods, Tea settings, Tea, finger sandwiches, mini cupcakes or bars)

Have an opening ice breaker for them to discuss while eating.

(Where were they born, favorite time of the year and why, do they have any pets, favorite past time? You may be surprised at their answers)

Invite some entertainment: (find a local group that would like to practice a performance, usually an after school group, play, or coral group)

Add a little devotion: (A young lady may have a testimonial or devotion to share)

Decorations: (Keep it simple, a candle and a flower and a tea pot)

Follow up with a Thank You for coming and invite to LWML: (A hand written card is best)

There are many ways to do this. You can theme it on something like hats and ask everyone to wear their favorite spring hat. Don't worry so much about the event as the fellowship with the young ladies and their families.

Your mission field is as close as the young lady sitting in the next pew.

Questions? call Florence Jonen 360-705-4800

WA-AK District LWML Officers and Committees
To contact any of the board members below please click on the "Contacts" button on our website. You may email messages from there and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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A District Corresponding Secretary is still needed! The CS keeps the district roster information, currently in an Excel file. This includes all zone and society rosters. She reports at the District board meetings. This position also distributes the Mite boxes to the societies in the district. Interested? Contact District President Elaine Nelson.



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