Psalm 46 (ESV) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fail; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fail, he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Dear Father,

We read your Word and we still fear. We hear Your voice but we still doubt. We experience Your miracles and yet we don't trust. Please forgive our unbelief!

We fall at Your feet and cry, "Mercy!" Remind us that we are forgiven, that we are Yours, that we have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus, and there is NO-THING that can tear us from Your hand.

You created the world, set the earth in its orbit, and yet You love us! We cannot fathom this! May we accept Your gift of grace and never stop spreading Your good news throughout the earth!

We ask for extra comfort and care for Nancy Graf Peters and her entire family as they adjust to life without their beloved Richard at their sides. Grant healing, wisdom, and peace to those who are struggling with ill and aging parents, raising children, facing their own physical needs or ailments, financial stresses, and those who are struggling with relationships. There are so many people who are broken and bruised-help them Father!

Give guidance and stamina to our Pastors and their families as they watch over our congregations. Help our congregations to respond to Your call and give us a clear path of how we might better minister to our communities.

Please bless the efforts of the LWML and show us the path You would have us travel as we help spread Your Word throughout the world. Help us to be generous and to wisely use the resources You have provided.

Thank you, Jesus, for our gift of eternal life. Help us never to forget the price that You paid on our behalf.

Amen!
Grant Highlight of the Month

Mission Outreach to Street Children in New Amsterdam, Guyana, St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY
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Deacon Urmatie Singh of St. Matthew’s in Brooklyn has partnered with volunteers from a local church in New Amsterdam, Guyana to do a weekly Bible teaching program for street children. This is a community in which there are many orphaned or abandoned children, and thousands of kids in this region are not receiving even the most basic physical or spiritual care. Deacon Singh makes annual trips to Guyana to visit and oversee the weekly mission work there. The funds will be used to expand this ministry to 50-60 children through the purchase of Bibles, games, and Sunday School materials.

Say hello to the new Atlantic District LWML logo!

This logo is to be used specifically for the Atlantic District. Please visit LWML.org for further details regarding all logo use.
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This picture can be used to track the receipt of mites for the 2016-2018 biennium. For each $4,250 collected, a section of the butterfly’s thermometer body can be colored in. There are 13 petals on the three flowers representing one of the mission grants. As each mission grant obligation is fulfilled, another petal can be colored. Enjoy!
URGENT PLEA!!!!

We have less than a year to go and we still need to fund 7 grants! Our mite collections need to increase in order for all grants to be paid!!! Please consider a special mite collection or event to increase our mite offerings.

Mission Trip opportunities from Pr. Rethinasamy, AD LCMS Mission Executive:

1. **Central America**: He would like to take a group of mission-minded leaders for a familiarization trip to Central America, tentative dates of May 5-12. LWML leadership or someone's congregation looking to expand their ministry globally can go on this trip.

2. **Nicaragua**: He would like to visit Villa Esperanza during second week of October. (Note: A young woman from Villa Ezperanza spoke at the last AD LWML convention.)

3. **Guyana**: He has been invited to preach among Hindu people through playing indigenous music and songs and presenting the Gospel. This could reach thousands of individuals through tent revivals, music crusades, house gatherings called Bhajans and Yesu Katha in several regions of Guyana. Local churches will follow up with interested people.

4. **Middle East**: In October, Pr. Rethinasamy will be taking a group of people to the Holy Land.

Please contact Pr. Rethinasamy at pastorrejr@gmail.com for further information regarding these great opportunities!
Summer months are great for spending time with a good book.

Why not consider this enjoyable, Christian-fiction, very Lutheran book called

The Harvest Raise,
by Katie Schuermann?

I'm confident you won't be disappointed!

Please visit CPH.org for pricing and availability

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP
GRANT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE!!!

You don't have to go out of the country to participate in a Mission Trip. Maybe there is a need in your local community or just a few miles away. The Gospel is needed everywhere and the LWML is working to get it there!

Have you ever dreamed of going on a Mission Trip? The AD LWML has approved funds to be used to support short-term mission trips. Take some time and review the instruction form and application that are available at www.ADLWML.org for further information.
Suffolk Zone Fall Event-HolyTrinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Ingathering for Lighthouse Mission
Event begins at 9 a.m.

AD LWML 2017 Annual Fall Retreat – Tuscarora Inn
October 13–15, 2017

Mid-Hudson Zone Rally-Lutheran Church of
Christ the King
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Refreshed with Hope-Sue Amerman, Speaker
When experiencing brokenness or pain, God wants to redeem, restore and refresh you with hope from His Word.
Registration and breakfast buffet 9 a.m.

AD LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES:
Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Concordia College Bronxville
Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Concordia College Bronxville
(Snow Date - January 20, 2018)

What's happening in your Zone? Please send me information regarding upcoming events to be publicized on this Zone Happenings page. Can't wait to see what exciting events are occurring throughout the Atlantic District!
The struggle you are in isn’t punishment; it’s training.

Max Lucado