



# SUFFOLK SON SHINE

**ONLINE NEWSLETTER OF THE SUFFOLK ZONE LWML**

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**WELCOME BACK!!!**



**Dear Friends:**

**We hope your summer has been refreshing. Now it's September and now it's back to business! Please take advantage of all of the opportunities to join together with the women of the Suffolk Zone in the many planned events as we "*Serve the Lord with Gladness!*"**

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



**"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."**

-- Proverbs 22:6

*A chaplain who was ministering to a seriously wounded soldier was requested by the dying man to write a letter to his former Sunday school teacher. "Tell her I died a Christian because of what she taught me in that class in church. The memory of her earnest pleas and the warmth of her love as she shared Jesus with me. Tell her I'll meet her in Heaven." The message was sent, and some time later the chaplain received this reply: "May God forgive me. Just last month I resigned my position and abandoned my Sunday school pupils because I felt my work had been fruitless. How I regret my impatience and lack of faith! I shall ask my pastor to let me go back to teaching. I have learned that when one sows for God, the reaping is both sure and blessed!"*

The opportunity for our children to be in the Word of God and His presence in His house is a wonderful blessing and privilege that we all share! Sunday School provides the children with continued spiritual growth in their walk with the Lord which first began at Baptism and stays with them throughout their lives. At each Baptism, congregations pledge to welcome, support, and share the good news of Christ with all those around, especially the children. As a new school year begins, it is important that we support, encourage, and pray for all the educational influences that our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are involved in. I pray that in all your congregations there is great joy and anticipation as the Lord provides yet again, opportunities to share and grow in His blessings!

~ Pastor Schenkel



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Did you know that you can now access the Atlantic District LWML at it's new website? Go to [www.adlwml.org](http://www.adlwml.org) to see the new set up! You can now receive the *Candlestick* online in PDF format, as well as many new features. Take a look!**



FROM THE PRESIDENT



### “SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER”

I am sure many of you remember that song. The words are *See you in September, see you when the summers through*. Well here we are, the summer is gone and it is September. I know the tears are flowing ... but we have so much to look forward to. Our Lord gives us a brand new day, every day, to experience something new, tell someone you love them, to help when help is needed, and most importantly tell someone about Jesus Christ.

Fall brings cooler days so that we can wear sweaters to hide what we ate over the summer. I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR! Goodbye shorts, tank tops (not that I ever wore one-or could wear one) and that all too flattering bathing suit (yeah right!). Fall is just perfect for the all-covering sweater, and perfect for that hot cup of tea. Won't you join us for a “spot of tea” at our **first Suffolk Social** on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity Lutheran in Islip? At the time of this article, we have about 50 women registered. Two special English ladies will be joining us.

Yes, the cold fall rains will come, the winter snowflakes will definitely fly, but God's world is beautiful and magnificent. The multicolored leaves will be seen throughout our area and if you have been thinking about the **Atlantic District LWML retreat at Tuscarora** in Pennsylvania, you will be sure to see the colors there. Please be sure to send in your registration form early.

Fall in October will be upon us soon and the days are cooler still. Sweaters and more sweaters (thank you God). Dress Barn is already having their “buy one sweater, get one 50% off” sale. What a bargain!!! There is another bargain that is coming up in October though, and that is the **Suffolk Zone Mini-Retreat** on October 21<sup>st</sup> at St. James Lutheran- “*Always Changing, Always the Same*”. For \$16, you get a continental breakfast, hot lunch, and all materials to be able to celebrate all the seasons with friends through bible study, fellowship, and singing. The deadline for registering is October 14<sup>th</sup>, so send in your registration as soon as possible as this retreat fills up very quickly.

This past Sunday, my pastor spoke about spending your time wisely because you don't know how much time you have on this earth. You can never get the time you have spent back again – so make it count! I think the fall events planned by the AD LWML and your own Suffolk Zone will be time well spent – in learning more about our Lord, getting closer to our Lord, learning what He wants us to do in the time allotted to us, and spending quality time with friends.

So “*See you in September, see you when the summers through*” at all three events!

Blessings on this wonderful cool day! Sweater season is not far off (yippee).

Ginny Wirsing  
September 2006

## WALKING WITH JESUS



### **Bound Up**

When the boys were little they were convinced that my kisses were magic. I don't know if this was true, but my kisses worked as though they had a soothing balm within them. Whether it was a cut finger, bumped head or leg, or even the occasional time when their feelings were hurt, a kiss from mommy was all it took for them to calm down and the hurt would go away.

Fast forward 10 years and now they think mommy kissing their boo-boos is childlike and yucky. Believe me they still come to me to bind their wounds and to tell me of their dangerous adventures, but now it's straight to either an ice pack (truly a gift from God) or the box of Band Aids.

I don't know when the magic of my kisses transposed themselves to the box of Band Aids, but it did. Now whenever the blood is flowing or the scratch is just too deep to be worn as a tattoo, a Band Aid is pulled out, put on them covering the wound, and the magic healing power begins its work. Our Lord even uses Band Aids. Listen to this:

*Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

At my age, when I experience things that hurt me, I tend to wrap myself up in my own type of band aid giving myself time to heal. Sometimes life shoots darts at me slowly and I recover easily. At other times however, the darts are rapid fired and I fall down flat on my face. The more things I experience the more tightly I wind myself up in what I think acts as my healing balm, but in reality it acts as a noose around my neck choking the life out of me.

When Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, Lazarus came out as a dead man wrapped in grave clothes.

*John 11:44a The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face."*

Sometimes I feel like this. My legs unable to move, my arms heavy at my sides, and my face blurred to the point that I cannot see clearly. Then Jesus, our dear sweet Lord, calls me out of the tomb that I have created for myself. Jesus calls MY name and tells me to come out of the dark hole I have found myself in.

The most wonderful thing happens. Jesus sends people to come and to un-wrap me. My friends who love me come to take off the ties that have bound me and to allow me once again to move freely under His wings. Whether it's a phone call, surprise visit, encouraging email, or even the almost obsolete hand-written letter, Jesus uses my friends as antiseptic to whatever ails me.

Jesus calls us out of the tomb, but He sends His angels to take off our grave clothes. Listen again to Lazarus' story:

*John 11:44b Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."*

It is then that I heal, it is then the time when my broken heart becomes whole again, it is then that Jesus can once again do His miraculous work with someone who is just so unworthy.

If you are wrapped up in your own grave clothes, remember that Jesus is there just waiting for you to accept His love for you. If you know of someone who is in need of some unwrapping, reach out and be used by your Father. We are here not for our own benefit, but to do the will of the Lord who loves us.

May your healing begin today.

Linda Guterres  
September 2006



## **SEPTEMBER SONG**

*Teach us to number our days aright. Psalm 90:12*

I recently attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration for my mother and father. At the gathering, my father sang to my mother the song that he sang to her on their wedding day, exactly 50 years ago to the day. That song was "September Song". The words to that song made me think of life and how quickly time goes by, and just how precious the time is that God has given to us.

*"Oh, it's a long, long while from May to December  
But the days grow short when you reach September  
When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame  
One hasn't got time for the waiting game*

*Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few  
September, November  
And these few precious days I'll spend with you  
These precious days I'll spend with you"*

I'm sure *September Song* was written as a reminder to us of just how quickly time passes with those we love here on earth.

But the words to this song also made me think of our relationship with God. How often do we put off a closer walk with Him. How often do we not have the time to grow deeper in love with our Lord? We say things like, "I'll read the Bible tomorrow" or "I'll get more involved in church work when I retire, when the kids are grown, after the summer", etc, etc. ***Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few.***

Each tick of the clock brings us ever closer to eternity. Now is the time to treasure your earthly relationships. But even more important than that, the time is now to walk closer to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our days on earth may dwindle to a precious few, but our days on this earth should be in preparation for an eternity with Him.

*Deb Graybosch  
September 2006*



## ***NEWS FROM AROUND THE ZONE: ST. JAMES LUTHERAN, ST. JAMES NY***

The members of St. James Lutheran Church have been busy reaching out to the people of Louisiana. Their first group of men and women found their way down there in January and they were quickly followed by another group in March. In addition, during the months of June and July two or more groups of high school and college students are scheduled to leave for Louisiana to help in any way they can. God bless them for their continued efforts.

St. James Lutheran is an active and exciting church to be part of for many reasons. The confirmation classes and youth groups are large and always involved with well thought out activities for fun or learning. There is Sunday school and Vacation Bible School for the younger children. There are groups for many interests including Bible study, evangelism, care giving and choirs.

The Social Ministry committee was very busy for St. Patrick's Day visiting an adult residence, singing songs and sharing home made cakes and cookies as well as, fellowship. The committee has been tireless in their efforts to find ways for the congregation to help others. At Easter they provided gift cards and Bible storybooks for the women and children at a shelter for domestic violence. They organized the collection of items for health kits to donate to Church World Services in May. There was a nutritionist visiting from Stony Brook University Hospital to speak about the roles of caregivers and nutrition for the ill and the elderly and provided blood pressure screening.

Looking ahead to future projects, they will be organizing the congregation to collect school supplies for Brighter Tomorrows. At Thanksgiving the congregation makes food baskets for people needing help. They will host the Suffolk Zone Mini Retreat this fall and send shoeboxes full of gifts for Operation Christmas Child and collect gifts for several local charities under the Angel Tree. Then they get ready and plan new activities for the following year.

**“Serve the Lord with Gladness”**  
**(Psalm 100:2)**

# SUFFOLK ZONE LWML MINI-RETREAT



*“Always Changing  
Always the Same”*

*Enjoy inspiration, Bible study, fellowship, food, singing,  
and celebrating the seasons with friends.  
Be sure to dress casually and bring your Bible.*

**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2006

**Time:** 8:30am to 3:00pm

**Place:** ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, St. James, NY

**Cost:** \$16 per person (includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** October 14, 2006

**(No registrations will be taken at the door)**

For more information please contact Ginny Wirsing at 924-7106 or  
Linda Guteres at 924-1776

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PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE SUFFOLK ZONE LWML MINI- RETREAT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH: JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE

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- ◆ I have enclosed my check (\$16.00) payable to Suffolk Zone LWML. I understand there are no refunds after the Registration Deadline of October 14, 2006.

Please mail registration form and payment to:

Linda Guteres  
3 Timber Trail Lane  
Medford, NY 11763



## **“Atlantic District LWML News”**

### **Atlantic District LWML Retreat “From Campground to Mountaintop – A Unique Camping Experience”**

**When:**                      **October 13 – 15, 2006**

**Where:**                    **Tuscarora Retreat Center  
Mt. Bethel, PA.**

#### **Retreat Leader: Jan Brunette**

**Jan is the author of four books, including *Touching the Hem of His Garment* and *Ye Shall Receive Power*. She has written articles for several publications including *Portals of Prayer*, *My Devotions*, *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Lutheran Women's Quarterly*. Jan shares the riches of God's word in her own unique, personal style. Overflowing with His message of HOPE, she attracts others to the sweet taste of knowing Christ. Jan's mission statement is: To touch the hearts and lives of others with Christ's love and to challenge them to grow in their faith through the study of God's Word and in their prayer fellowship with Him.**



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**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**  
October 13-15, 2006

**Each person attending must fill this form out completely and mail it after September 1, 2006 and no later than October 1, 2006. Please register early since rooms often fill up before the October deadline.**

Please enclose a non-refundable check for \$45.00 payable to TUSCARORA INN (this includes a \$25.00 per person room deposit and \$20.00 LWML fee). The balance will be paid upon arrival.

**Mail form and deposit to:**

**Tuscarora Inn**  
3300 River Rd.  
Mt. Bethel, PA 18343  
570-897-6000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**All rates listed below are per person, double occupancy. There is a 25% surcharge for a single occupancy. A 10% discount is given for each person with 3 or 4 people in a room. A cot is available upon request.**

Cottages . . . . .2 double beds . . . . .	\$146.00
Hillside Manor . . . . . 2 double beds . . . . .	\$168.50
Riverside Manor 1 . . . . . 2 double beds, TV . . . . .	\$177.50
Riverside Manor 2 . . . . . 2 queen beds, TV . . . . .	\$186.50

One Day Attendees (Saturday Only): Includes LWML registration fee and three meals.....\$50.00

Accommodations Preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to share with another single.

Sharing with one other full-price roommate – Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing with 2 or 3 other roommates at a 10% discount:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here for **NO** Friday Night Buffet.

Special Dietary Needs or Restrictions (Please explain on back of registration form)

Questions: Please contact Deb Graybosch @ (631) 981-9342 or email [dgraybosch@optonline.net](mailto:dgraybosch@optonline.net)

**If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him and he in God.  
And so we know and rely on the love that God has for us.  
God is love. Who ever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4: 15-16**



**PRAISE THE LORD...GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME...GOOD NEWS!!!**

Since the summer edition of the Suffolk Son Shine was issued, money has been received to fund the first two mission grants of this biennium. Checks have been sent to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holbrook for \$2,500 for mission grant #1: "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Pantry Mission Outreach"; and to SonRise Lutheran Ministries for \$4,000 for mission grant #2: "SonRise Lutheran Ministries Children's Camperships".

We are now in the process of working on mission grant #3: "Preparing God's Children for Life" in the amount of \$3,000. The Lutheran Church and School of Our Saviour in the Bronx, NY, seeks to "prepare God's children for life". Ninety-five percent of the school children are non-Lutheran and two-thirds are not baptized. This grant will enable Our Saviour to set up a scholarship fund to reach more unbaptized children and bring them into the school. Through this program, the church/school will be able to establish an outreach to these children and their families, and bring them into the church family through baptism.

**PLEASE CONTINUE  
TO  
SEND  
IN  
YOUR  
MITES  
MONTHLY**

Please forward all mites to:

Clara E. Wert, 18 Westland Avenue, Queensbury, NY 12804. Please note "mites" in the memo area of the check.

## Caring for Others

This week my husband and I purchased a copy of the new *Lutheran Service Book* for use at home. While looking through this wonderful book, I came across a hymn that spoke to me about caring for others. The title of the hymn is Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way. The first verse reads as follows:

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead.  
And bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

When we read our bible, we learn about the many ways that Jesus cared for everyone, and how He wants us to do the same. Jesus performed many miracles and instructed us to love one another. We can't do miracles, but by doing simple acts of love and caring, we can bring happiness and joy to others. Caring can be shown by a telephone call to someone we haven't seen, a note sent in the mail or perhaps paying a visit to someone who is not able to venture out. Make it a goal to do one thing each day, to bring joy and happiness to someone by a simple act of kindness.

Jesus said, "My command is this, Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Honey Pabst, VP Human Care  
AD LWML  
September 2006



## *JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!*



George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long, flowing, white robe with a long, flowing, white beard and long, flowing, white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm.

George W., struck by the man's appearance, approached the man and asked, "Aren't you Moses?"

The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling.

George W., unaccustomed to being ignored, positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?"

The man continued staring at the ceiling.

George W. then tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Aren't you Moses?"

The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes I am."

George W. asked him why he ignored him and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."