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THE CANDLESTICK

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! What a joy it is to realize that we celebrate Easter every day. As we listen to God's inspired Word on Sunday, "...our hearts (should) burn within us..." (Luke 24:32) We must remember to hold fast to our

faith and not let the devil take hold of us. Satan prowls around like a hungry lion, looking for weak prey. Be grounded in the Word and live a Christian life.

In approximately 7 weeks men and women from different areas of the Atlantic District will be traveling to Sioux Falls, SD to attend the 32nd Biennial LWML Convention. We will have the opportunity to renew friendships, make new friends, study God's Word, listen to stories from missionaries, worship, praise our Lord, and sing, sing, sing! Jesus always has time for us and we feel His love..We love and enjoy people when we...

Speak to People – There is nothing better than a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at People – Did you know that it takes 72 muscles to frown, but only 14 to smile?

Call People by Name – The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name. If you don't remember it, ask.

Are Cordial – Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

Are Genuinely Interested in People – You can like almost everybody if you try.

Are Alert to Give Service – What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Add to this a sense of **humor**, a large dose of **patience**, and a dash of **humility**. You will be rewarded greatly through the love of God's people.

Your sister in Christ,
Maureen Consiglio
President

(Philippians 4:13)

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The District Convention in Sioux Falls is just around the corner...June 21-24, 2007. With your help, we are going to put out a special edition of *The Candlestick*. My goal is to have this in everyone's mailbox by July 1, so as you can see, it's a tight deadline. Send in your pictures (identify those in photos please) and/or short stories about your experiences via e-mail no later than June 27. If you miss the deadline, it will be included in the September issue. Stories can include the trip there (we all have funny airport stories), who you met, reunions with old friends, etc.

Thanks to all who share their thoughts through this publication and the updates given about the happenings in the zones. Without your help, this newsletter would not be possible.

Kind regards,
Kathy LaPorte, Editor

PASTORAL CORNER

The best part of summer is that there are some fantastic events ahead for the LWML and the LCMS in general. I have to be honest, though, I don't really care much for summer. Mostly, it's the heat and humidity that get to me. Still, with an exciting convention coming up (and air conditioning), I think even I can get excited about summer.

I also have some concerns about this summer. Concerns? About the LWML? No, actually, that's one of the parts that gives me great hope, enthusiasm for missions, and a clearer vision for what God allows us to do as part of His Church here on earth. My concerns are linked to other areas for which I have some concern. Let me explain just a bit.

For one thing, "summer vacations" sometime become "church vacations". It's so easy to not make an effort to get to church when we are out of town on vacation or when the beach or other activities seem to be calling for our time and attention. Missing Sunday worship can also cause us to forget about first-fruit giving and being a cheerful giver. Times of summer rest and refreshment are great for the body and mind but can easily become times when we are made more spiritually weak and vulnerable if we are not connected to solid spiritual things.

Might it be divine guidance that the LWML convention is at the start of the summer? Might the convention in Sioux Falls be the perfect grounding we need so that our faith is established firmly on The Rock for a busy time ahead? The convention, our daily devotions, and weekly worship are all fine gifts from God for the strengthening of our faith and the renewing of our spirit. We will need it!

But the convention is not just about those who attend. All sisters and brothers who will stay home can also stay connected with the events in Sioux Falls through the Internet. Not only that, I hope each of us will make the commitment to pray for the convention, the selection of mission grants, and those traveling. United in prayer, we will ALL be at the convention!

While you are praying, continue to pray for those attending our Synodical Convention in Houston this July. While this is a time when delegates gather to do the business of the Church, it's also a time when many would say that Satan is working overtime. I rejoice that we have strong and godly leaders who seek His will and work to boldly plan for the future of our work together as the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Still, along with the good work, Satan is trying hard to undue and cripple the Church. But we are Easter people and the One who conquered death and the grave has defeated Satan and all of his works and all of his ways.

As you are watering your flowers this summer, as you are mowing your lawn, as you are walking in the beauty of God's creation, I hope you are in prayer and remember the

wonderful words of promise we have from Jesus, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).

In Christ,

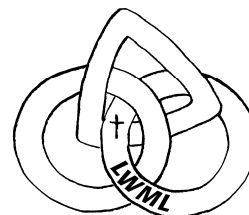
*Pastor William Wrede
Junior Pastoral Counselor*



It's Up to You

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make the difference,
You see, *it's up to you!*

Author Unknown



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.

Mission Outreach

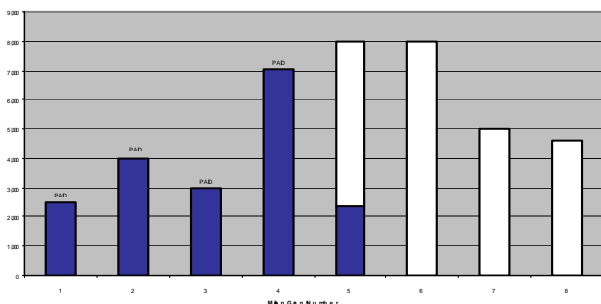
As of April 30, we have collected \$2,391 towards **Mission Grant #5 Our Savior's Needy Families** – a project in our “own backyard” located in Centereach, Long Island. This project will meet the dire needs of families in the community on a year round basis. Along with meeting the physical needs such as food and utility demands, the volunteers will be delivering Bibles, and offering fellowship, prayer, and ongoing communications allowing them to feel loved. The program is designed to let the disadvantaged know the love of Christ through the church body, bringing them into the acknowledgement and joy of our Lord.

With just about eleven months left in the biennium, the total amount in remaining District mission grants that we voted to support is approximately \$23,166. That is \$2,106 that we need to collect **each month** to support our goal. This is not an impossible goal. The LWML reached their goal and went beyond, at last count, by \$49,000. The summer months are coming and some societies take a well earned rest, but we need to continue to collect mites if we are to reach **and go beyond our goal!!** Be inventive this summer. If you have a yard/garage sale, give 10% to mites. If you have a Sunday school closing, sell baked goods for mites. Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming – sell carnations for mites or baked goods. Have a summer Bar-B-Q to keep in touch with your society sisters and church members and have a “Mites for Desserts”. **Any amount that you send in helps the cause in which we have pledged ourselves.**

Our next District Convention is April 26-27, 2008. You will be receiving more information from the Executive Committee in the coming months. As Vice President for Mission Outreach, it is my responsibility to send out mission grant application forms to all who are interested. If your society or church is interested in putting in a mission grant proposal for the 2008-2010 biennium, please send me your request via e-mail. My e-mail is listed on the contact link of this newsletter.

Blessings and have a **FILLED MITE BOX** summer!

Ginny Wirsing
Vice President
Mission Outreach



IF GOD IS FOR US...

I just read a devotion in *Portals of Prayer* based on Romans 8:31 which states: “*If God is for us, who can be against us?*” The devotion went on to say how the many difficulties in life can weigh us down. How we can't always understand why things happen. We question why there is sickness in our bodies, war in our world, crime in our streets, and the list goes on and on.

God promises us in this chapter of Romans, that no matter what, He is with us. The passage continues with the following: “*He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*” (vv.32, 35)

Six days after I read this devotion, a terrible event happened in our country. On April 16th, a deranged gunman murdered thirty-two innocent people on a college campus in Virginia. At a time like this, it's hard not to question why something like this can happen. Some might even dare say, “Why would God allow this to happen?”

Pastor Ken Klaus from the *Lutheran Hour* summed up the condition of sin in humans in a very succinct way. He said: “*the motivation stems from a sinful human heart where Satan's seeds of hatred found suitable soil for success.*” No one should ever say that God “caused” this to happen or God allowed this horrendous deed to happen. Acts like these are the acts of sinful man, not God who sent His Son into this world to suffer and die, to take all our sins upon Himself on that cursed tree; a God that only promises us peace, love and forgiveness from our sinful ways. Through His resurrection, He promises His presence with us always, through good and bad, and even unto the end of time.

Our prayers go out to the victims' families of this horrendous crime. Our prayers should also include the family of this evidently very troubled young man who performed this heinous act of violence. We ask God to comfort all those who mourn the loss of their loved ones and to bring healing and peace into their lives.

“*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Deb Graybosch
Vice President
Spiritual Life



Devotions

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE AND WHAT THEIR LIVES CAN TEACH US SARAH, THE WIFE OF ABRAHAM

In the first two articles in this series we've examined the lives of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Martha, the sister of Lazarus and Mary. These women handled crisis events in their lives with grace because they were keeping their eyes on Jesus. They were ready to accept whatever God planned for them. This time we're going to look at a woman who thought the Lord's timing was off and learned better.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, had had an interesting life - 90 years of it, in fact - before the incident which we want to think about. She married Abram (his name was changed to Abraham later) when he was a young man living in Chaldea, but she bore no children. Her father-in-law Terah decided to take Abram and Sarai (her name was also changed later) and his grandson Lot (whose father Haran had died) and move the family to Canaan. However, when they reached the busy trade center city of Haran, still in Chaldea, he decided to settle there instead of proceeding to Canaan. He lived to be very old and it was only after Terah's death that God spoke to Abram and directed him to leave Haran and proceed westward.

Sarah's family did reach Canaan but there was a famine there, so they went on to Egypt where the food supply was better. Sarai was a very beautiful woman and Abram knew that his life might be in jeopardy because someone more powerful than he might desire her. He convinced her to tell people she was his sister (which was a half-truth, as she was his half-sister). Of course, the inevitable happened: Sarai attracted a lot of attention and Pharaoh took her into his harem. He also treated Abram with generosity because of Sarai. It wasn't until a blight of diseases affected his household that Pharaoh discovered that he had been lied to. He called Abram to him, told him off and sent him and his family and possessions away.

After they all got back to Canaan, Abram and Lot, who had been traveling along with them, separated, with Abram and his family and flocks going in one direction, and Lot and his family and flocks taking a different path: they just couldn't manage to stay together because they both had such huge flocks and the land couldn't support the grazing of so many animals in one area. Lot settled in Sodom.

After they had been living in Canaan for ten years Sarai still hadn't borne any children. As was the custom in that time, she decided to give her Egyptian maidservant Hagar to her husband so that she might bear his child. Hagar readily conceived and began to despise her mistress as a result. Everyone in Abram's community knew how important it was to him to have an heir: Sarai couldn't produce and Hagar was doing the deed. She felt superior to her mistress and made the mistake of showing it. Sarai didn't take Hagar's insults lying down. She went to Abram and he gave her permission to deal with Hagar in any way she wanted. Sarai mistreated Hagar and Hagar ran away into the

desert. There she encountered an angel of the Lord who told her she would have a son, Ishmael, and who directed her to return to her mistress and submit to her.

It was after Hagar gave birth to Ishmael that the Lord God confirmed his covenant with Abram and directed that he and all males born in his household were to be circumcised as a sign of that covenant. He changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah and promised that Sarah would bear a son to Abraham. He laughed in disbelief that a woman who was going to be 90 by the time she would give birth could do so. But God assured him that it would be so. So Abraham, a man of great faith, took the Lord at his word and that very day he and all his household were circumcised.

A short time after this three visitors approached Abraham's camp. He entertained them royally. It turned out that they were the Lord and two angels. The Lord promised that Sarah would have a son by the same time the next year. Sarah was standing behind the Lord and eavesdropping from inside the tent. When she heard what he said, she *"laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?' Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I now have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return next year and Sarah will have a son.' Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.' But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'"* (Gen. 18:12-14)

Sarah had a long history of thinking she could handle things her own way. She went along with Abram's big lie about her in Egypt and caused many people problems as a result. She couldn't stand waiting to conceive an heir for Abram and decided to make use of Hagar as a tool to accomplish her own purposes. Her plan was a disaster for Abram, who had two unhappy women to deal with; for Hagar, who ended up homeless in the desert; and for Sarai herself who felt diminished by Hagar's ability to do in a short time what she had spent her entire adult life trying to do. You would think that by this time Sarah would have learned that trusting in her own judgment didn't always work well. But she hadn't. She questioned the Lord's ability to handle her situation. Fortunately he didn't take great offense and, instead, showed her his power by giving her heart's desire: a son Isaac, whose name means "he laughs".

The circumstances of life can seem cruel and unjust to us. We may face problems for which there are no solutions that we can discover. It is then that we are confronted with the most important choice of all: to give in to our cynicism and be defeated or to trust in the Lord and see what he will do. Maybe what he does won't be what we would like or expect, but we can trust that it is a part of his plan. He promises us, *"I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jer. 29:11) *"We need to count on the fact that "nothing is impossible with God."* (Lk. 1:37)

Alice Schuman
VP Leader Development



Parliamentarian

During your society's meetings, do you want to put something into action, but don't know how to go about doing it? You should be making motions. A motion is used during meetings to introduce new business to the assembly. It is a formal proposal that a certain action be taken.

Here are eight simple steps to correctly complete a motion:

1. A member must address the chair (whoever is running the meeting).
2. The chair recognizes the member and gives her the floor (the right to speak)
3. The member states the motion by saying "I move that..."
4. Another member must second the motion by saying "I second the motion".
5. The chair will restate the motion and then allow the group to debate it by saying "Is there any discussion?"
6. The member who made the motion has the right to speak first in the debate - but all members may participate and should be heard.
7. When the debate appears to be over, the chair asks "Are you ready for the question?" She will then restate the motion and call the vote by saying "Those in favor say 'aye'. Those against say 'no'".
8. The chair will then announce the result of the vote saying either "The ayes have it and the motion is carried." or "The noes have it and the motion is lost."

Action on the motion is not complete until the chair has announced the result of the vote. Making motions is the correct and easy way to ensure that the rights of all your members are being protected.

adapted from Pointers on Parliamentary Procedure

Email any questions on parliamentary rules, law, or procedure that you or your society have to:

ad-parliamentarian@adlwml.org.

*Heather L. Palkewick
Parliamentarian*



YOUR GIFT OF SERVICE

"Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders." – I Timothy 4:14

Women have been serving others throughout the ages. The Bible is full of stories about women who have set about the task of serving – Sarah served dinner to Abraham's distinguished guests, Mary and Martha often hosted Jesus and his followers, and in the last chapter of Romans Paul lists many women who have aided him in his ministry. Today women continue to serve in many roles – at home, at work, and at church. God gave women many special gifts in the area of service. While Paul was instructing Timothy to not neglect the gift of teaching he had received, this verse is applicable to all people in their vocations.

Have you ever considered your gift of service to LWML? Many of you have faithfully served your LWML societies through ingathering offerings and service projects. Some of you have also faithfully served your zones through leadership roles.

The nominating committee is looking for women who are willing to extend their gift of service to the Atlantic District LWML Board. At the next District Convention, April 26-27, 2008, we will be seeking to fill several positions that will be vacated by women who have faithfully served the District board. The positions that need to be filled are **Vice President for Human Care, Vice President for Mission Outreach, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee (a new position that requires a slate of five candidates!)**.

If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions or know of someone who has gifts in these areas, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Jessica Sauer (bronxwestchester-president@adlwml.org), or your zone president. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is asking you to share your gift of service in a new and exciting position.

*Jessica Sauer
President, Bronx-Westchester Zone
Nominating Committee Chairman*



*Serve the Lord
With Gladness*

Human Care



GREAT IDEA.....

We have found a company that will pay us cash for empty inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones. The company remanufacture the inkjet cartridges and sell them at significant savings to their customers.

Many societies in various districts are doing this program and using the profits for mites and for sending their delegates to conventions. We would decide what we would want to use our profits for. We can make up to **\$3.00** per inkjet cartridge and **\$2.25** per qualifying cell phone.

There is no cost to us. The company supplies us with free Fed Ex labels. All we do is collect them in a plastic bag, pack them in a box, and ship them. It would be great if we could do this as well.

We need a volunteer to coordinate this task. Prayerfully consider being that volunteer. I have all the information you would need and look forward to hearing from you.

*Honey Pabst
Vice President
Human Care*



...BUSY HANDS

Can you Knit or Crochet ??? Well if you can, we have a mission for you. Global Health Ministries is looking for people to knit or crochet bandages for patients in some areas of the world that suffer from slow healing wounds.

Yarn: For Knit or Crochet use Peaches & Cream or Sugar & Cream 4 ply cotton yarn (white or natural color only.)

Knit: With size 8 needles cast on 14 or 18 stitches. Knit both sides until bandage measures 4 feet. Bind off. Fasten ends securely.

Crochet: Use H hook, chain 13 or 17. Double crochet in third chain from hook. Double crochet to end. Chain 2. Double crochet to end. Continue until bandage measures 4 feet. Fasten off securely.

Wash and completely dry the bandage, roll it, and fasten it with a safety pin. Pack bandages in a box and mark it "Knitted" or "Crocheted" Bandages, include a note with AD LWML on it, and mail it to:

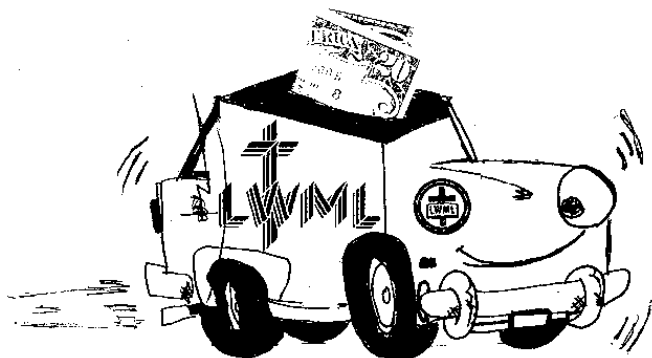
Global Health Ministries
7831 Hickory Street NE
Minneapolis, MN 55432

If you need more information, please contact me at arthon@aol.com

*Honey Pabst
Vice President
Human Care*

Remember to send in your mites monthly to:

Clara E. Wert
18 Westland Avenue
Queensbury, NY 12804



GoodSearch

It's only a penny, but we in the LWML know how pennies can add up! If you surf the web, consider using goodsearch.com as your search engine. On the search page, simply indicate that your organization is LWML National, St. Louis, and every time you search, LWML receives a penny. Keep those pennies growing!



MID HUDSON ZONE SPRING EVENT

“Plant Your Heart in Jesus”

A sun-shiny morning, a breakfast buffet, and a table filled with dozens of potted plants greeted guests at “Plant Your Heart in Jesus,” the Mid Hudson Zone Spring Event held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fishkill, on April 21.

The event opened with 30 enthusiastic young teens (members of St. Paul, Saratoga; St. Lukes, Dix Hills; and Our Savior, Fishkill) singing, “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord.” These young people — recipients of AD-LWML Grant #4: Encouraging Young Christian Evangelism — had spent the night at the church participating in evangelism training workshops led by Rev. Neil Mittlestaedt and DCE Jennn Partlow, in preparation to host VBS events this summer at mission congregations in the North Country and Montreal.

Linda Kneuppel, event coordinator, led the group in a Bible study on the Parable of the Sower (Mark 13), followed by an informative talk by Master Gardener Joan Carole Berube. Joan shared helpful tips about pruning, proper gardening tools, spring garden clean up, soil testing, and container planting. A listing of “deer-proof” annuals, perennials, and woody plants for Zone 5 (Hudson Valley) was distributed.

The event continued with an acoustic guitar hymn-sing-along led by singer-songwriter Jeannette Schaibble, who treated the group to her original composition, a musical parable called, “The Dandelion.”

The morning was capped off with a plant exchange — dozens of houseplants and bulbs went home with new owners! — and a light sandwich and salad lunch.

A spring morning filled with music, sisterly sharing, and the Word — what a great way to plant our hearts in Jesus!

Nancy Graf Peters



BRONX/WESTCHESTER ZONE CELEBRATES LIFE!

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, the women of the Bronx/Westchester Zone gathered together at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, NY, to celebrate life. The Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Paul Sauer of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY, led the women in Bible Study. Together they read God’s Word and discovered that God had a purpose for each of them and a purpose for all life. They finished their celebration of life with a celebration of Eucharist.

As a part of their celebration of life, the women of the Bronx/Westchester Zone collected items for the Pregnancy Center in New Rochelle, NY. The Pregnancy Center counsels women in distressed pregnancies. The Pregnancy Center also houses some women in their Eleanor Martin Residence who are pregnant and have no where to turn. The majority of items collected will benefit the women living at the Eleanor Martin Residence.

Jessica Sauer
President
Bronx-Westchester Zone



SAVE STAMPS!



Thanks to all of you who have been donating stamps as part of our District project. Try to buy commemorative stamps when LWML postage is required. The stamps should be cut from the envelope and have at least 1/4” of the envelope left around it.

Bring cancelled stamps to your society meeting or give to your zone president. Stamps can also be sent to the stamp chairman:

Linda Bizzaro
10 Academy Lane
Oakdale, NY 11769.

The money received from the sale of the stamps will go to the Interpreter’s Fund of the AD LWML to help pay for interpreters at zone events, District retreats and District conventions.

LWML QUEENS ZONE SPRING EVENT

The LWML Queens Zone Spring Event, hosted by the women of Trinity Lutheran Church of Locust Manor, was held on Saturday April 21, 2007, at Grace Lutheran in Queens Village, with the women all wearing hats. The theme was "Praise The Lord With Hats."

Pastor David Demera, our Queens Zone Counselor, gave the devotion." His bible verse was taken from Philippians 4:8. He was wearing a pin that simply said "whatever". Whatever is mentioned in this passage. He spoke about some of the questions people may be asking in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Questions like where was God? He concluded by stating that God Is Love even in the midst of tragedy. At the conclusion of the devotion, Pastor Demera put on a straw hat with flowers. It was such a surprise, and we all laughed.

We continued with singing "Shine Jesus Shine" followed by a message from our guest speaker, Pastor Sam Sunder Singh, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Locust Manor. In his message about mission referencing Acts 4:31-33, he suggested that we could help Ablaze meet its goal of bringing one million new members into our church. He compared our church with the early church that had nothing, yet grew. They grew because they were a praying church. A praying church has a link to God. They grew because they were a loving church, and shared with one another. They were a witnessing church, which is a great way to help people to believe. Paul was given as an example.

Joni Mazer brought greetings from the District, and invited us all to come to the District Convention in 2008, which the Nassau and Suffolk Zones are hosting.

We sang "Pass It On" as an offering was collected for the deaf ministry.

Doris Scheer gave remarks about the goal of \$1,625,000 for national mites having been reached. She also spoke about *The Candlestick*, and made copies to share with others who were unable to get it.

Pastor Demera installed the committee who are working together to serve the Queens Zone in the absence of a president. The co-chairs are Doris Scheer from St. John's Lutheran Church, College Point; Flora Holmes from Trinity Lutheran Church of Locust Manor, Jamaica; and Anita Friday from Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village. Our recording secretary is Doris Youmans from Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitestone. Flora Holmes is also our Treasurer. The ladies are all presidents of their respective societies.

Pastor Singh closed the business part of the program with prayer. We then sang "We are Marching in the Light of God" and marched around the church before going downstairs to the fellowship room for refreshments and the judging of the hats. The two pastors and two men who attended were the judges. The categories and the winners were the smallest hat (Rosemarie Lipinski, Grace, Queens Village), the largest hat (Cecilia Romney, Trinity, Locust Manor), the oldest hat (Janet Robinson, Emmaus, Ridgewood), the most outrageous hat (Inga Marinelli, St. Johns, College Point) and the prettiest hat (Mary Williams, Carter Methodist Church, Jamaica and Mercedes Little, English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Albans).

A great time was had by all.

Anita Friday



Contest Winners



SUFFOLK ZONE SPRINGS AHEAD

The Suffolk Zone had their "Spring Event" at Messiah Lutheran Church in Setauket on Saturday, April 14. Items for health kits and school kits were brought in for the ingathering. A video, "Partners in Hope" from Lutheran World Relief, was shown. After the video, women representing almost all of the societies in the zone put together 112 Health Kits and 40 School Kits. These kits were being sent to Lutheran World Relief to send out to needy women and children.

Our annual Suffolk Zone Retreat at Cormaria Retreat House in Sag Harbor was held May 11-12. With the Retreat House located right on the Peconic Bay, many women enjoyed a long walk on the beach or a quiet walk on the grounds. Our speaker this year was our very own Jessica Sauer, Young Women Advocate of the Atlantic District LWML. Her topic was "Living Water". This retreat is by far the most popular event that we hold, with close to 70 women attending each year.

As you may know, the Suffolk Zone loves to try new things. This year we are having a *Ladies Holiday Extravaganza* on November 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Islip. This will be a day of "eating and shopping" – two of our most enjoyable pastimes. We will have outside vendors for shopping and a hot catered lunch. Each society in the zone is encouraged to support itself by having a table to sell their home-made crafts, new items, old items, etc. All profits will go towards mites. Vendor registration is open to anyone in other zones in the District. The form can be found online at <http://www.adlwml.org/11.html>.

If you would like more information, please contact me at gwirsing@optonline.net

Ginny Wirsing
Suffolk Zone President

NASSAU ZONE

The LWML Nassau Zone Spring Event was held on April 14, 2007 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bethpage, hosted by the women of the Dorcas Aid.

Dorothy Melvin, society president, extended a sincere and warm welcome in the name of Jesus, followed by a greeting by LWML Nassau Zone President, Joni Mazer. The Rev. Herbert Kern conducted our Communion Service with great joy as we celebrate the miracle of Easter. Other participants included Anne Balfour, Pianist; Ed Andreassen, Chancel Assistant; and Florence Klemm and Helen Nelson, Registrars/Ushers.

Following the service, we officially installed Pastor Kern as the Nassau Zone Pastoral Counselor. Joni Mazer warmly welcomed Pastor Kern and we all prayed together for his continued health and service to the Lord.

We were entertained with an LWML skit entitled "Bags" performed by members of St. Paul's Dorcas Aid. A short business meeting followed discussing the upcoming convention, mission grant projects, a luncheon in honor of Alma Kern's 85th birthday, and many other exciting happenings in the Atlantic District LWML. We were delighted to have guests representing the Atlantic District LWML - Doris Scheer, Queens Zone President and Eunice Bailey, Chair, Mission Advocacy and Grants, both from the Queens Zone. Doris shared warm stories of past experiences in the LWML, and Eunice spoke about her current responsibilities in the LWML with much enthusiasm.

Our day was further brightened by the Andreassen Trio of Dad, Ed Andreassen and daughters, Janice and Linda, who sang a wonderful rendition of "The Old Rugged Cross". There wasn't a dry eye in the house after hearing it. More fellowship followed with lunch and dessert.

Our beautiful event came to a close with warm goodbyes and God's blessings to all of us.

Dorothy Rabas
Member, St. Paul's Lutheran Church



IMPORTANT DATES

Albany Zone

- 6/9/07 Rally, 11:00am—3:00pm, Zion, Schenectady
9/15/07 Fall Event, 11:30am—3:30pm, Good Shepherd, Glens Falls

Queens Zone

- 10/27/07 Fall Rally, time TBA, Immanuel, Whitestone

Suffolk Zone

- 6/2/07 Zone Meeting, 9:30am, Grace Lutheran Church, Mastic
10/20/07 One Day Mini-Retreat, 9:00am—3:00pm, St. James Lutheran Church, St. James
11/3/07 “Ladies Holiday Extravaganza”, 10:00am—3:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip

Board of Directors' Meetings

- 7/27-29/07 EC & Convention Chairmen, Convention Planning Meeting, Schenectady
9/8/07 Our Savior, Fishkill
11/10/07 Concordia College, Bronxville
1/12/08 Concordia College, Bronxville
1/19/08 Snow date for 1/12 Meeting
3/1/08 Concordia College, Bronxville
4/12/08 Pre-convention Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville
4/25/08 EC Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ronkonkoma
5/17/08 Transition Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville

District Events

- 10/12-14/07 Annual Retreat, Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA
Retreat Leader: Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY
4/26-27/08 ADLWML Convention, Courtyard by Marriott, Ronkonkoma

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