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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

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## President's Corner

### TIME

Looking at the calendar, it became quite apparent that the summer is just about over. Not only because I flipped the page over to the month of September, but now, only good memories remain from the many barbecues, and warm weather family gatherings that I attended over the summer months. In place of "fun in the sun", there is a return to heavier workloads, meetings, and an increase in church activities. As my calendar starts to fill up for the year, my head starts to wonder "how am I to do all that is expected of me?" It's quite clear that most of us, if not all of us seem to be in the same proverbial boat. We have family commitments, work commitments, church commitments, volunteer commitments, and the list goes on and on. Sometimes we feel that we are spread so thin, that we just can't give another bit of time to another person or another cause.

I don't know why I still find it so amusing how the Lord sends us messages just at the right time. As all of these thoughts of meetings and various other commitments were clogging my already full head and full calendar, I did take some time out for myself to sit and read the fall edition of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Right there in the beginning, first page, first article, was a piece written by Dr. Jean Garton. This article was just what I needed to read, at just the right moment.

Dr. Garton shed a new light on my troubled mind. She states that she does not feel that the Lord wants us to run around in circles, or to burn ourselves out, even for the sake of serving Him. She goes on to quote one of my favorite verses, Micah 6:8 "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we can live by the words of the prophet Micah. By spending time daily in devotion, we can take that humble walk with our Lord. As we meditate on God's holy word, the Spirit moves us to share that precious word of God's amazing grace, through His son Jesus Christ,

with those around us.

We all lead very busy lives, certainly with very little, if any, time to spare. The most important time that we spend each day is time spent with our Lord and Savior. If we take the time to make the time for Him, everything else will fall into place. James 4:8 states: "Come near to God and he will come near to you." That is God's promise. That is our assurance of His presence, even when we feel like we are running through the maze of life all by ourselves.

I believe that God doesn't call us to serve Him and then leave us on our own, struggling to balance time. He promises to be near us and never leave us. We may sometimes feel like we are being pulled in all different directions, but when those choking feelings start to take hold, the only direction we need to go is into the presence of our loving Father.

*Deborah Graybosch*  
President  
Atlantic District LWML



*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*  
**2 Corinthians 5:7**



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Jesus and Human Care

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we enter the month of September, I have to ask, what is the most important thing in a child's life? The answer is a child's education. Children have a great opportunity to learn and usually absorb with detail. Of course, even though they have regular school, they also have Sunday school at church. Throughout the district and throughout the synod, Lutherans are celebrating Rally Day or some form of Christian Education Day. We tend to think that Sunday school is mostly for children but it is not. Christian Education is for everybody, from the youngest believer to the oldest believer. No matter what our age might be, we are still children in God's eye.

What do we usually learn at church and in our homes? We learn about God and His wisdom for His children, *"for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul"* (Proverbs 2:10). God places great wisdom in our heart and that wisdom is our faith. God placed the seed of faith into our hearts. Our faith is in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Every day, God blesses the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League with a great opportunity. It is an opportunity to educate our sisters and brothers about our Risen Savior. Some people might state that they have heard and learned all they can about Jesus Christ. However, learning about Jesus Christ does not stop after a certain time. The more we learn, the more we grow in the faith and thus the more we act on our faith. The process continues until Christ returns. Who would not enjoy this process? Rejoice for the New Year of Bible Studies and Sunday school. This will be a great year learning what Jesus Christ did for us and what God continues to do for us.

This month, the Board of Directors will meet at Concordia College. Our leaders will come up with a plan to help spread the Word of God to all the people in the Atlantic District. We ask that you hold the Board of Directors in your prayers. I ask that you also pray for the Atlantic District and the LWML of the Atlantic District. Together we can find new ways to spread God's Word. Together we will grow as one body in Christ.

*In His Name,  
Pastor Travis Yee  
Junior Pastoral Counselor*



During his ministry Jesus took the time not only to address but to take care of the immediate, the pressing and urgent needs and requests of individuals, of groups of people, and of the crowds. He showed compassion, concern, and love, and with wisdom, clarity, and his own personal, unique, and dynamic touch responded to the needs, issues, and questions of the people. His care was all-encompassing and addressed the needs of the whole person—spiritual, physical, emotional, and social. He was never influenced or deterred by the age, sex, ethnicity, class, nor the social, political, economic and religious status of the person. Jesus addressed fathers, mothers, widows, religious leaders, lay people, government leaders, the affluent, the destitute, the forgotten, shunned, and the despised. With heartfelt interest and genuineness, he heard and responded to the distinct cries of helplessness, hopelessness, fear, despair, anxiety, pride, hatred, frustration, doubt and unbelief.

At the Wedding of Cana (John 2:1-11), Jesus ushers in his ministry with the first of many signs and miracles (vs. 11). He addresses an urgent situation and miraculously solves a dilemma by turning water into wine; thus saving the day for a groom and his bride by taking care of a physical and temporal need. By doing this he showed that he cared about the social implications of running out of wine during such an event, and made quite an impression not only on the steward and the people attending the event, but on his disciples and the members of his family. Throughout his ministry, Jesus healed countless lives, restored life to the dead, delivered people from demonic bondage, and demonstrated his omnipotence and glory. Using his creative and majestic power, he fed five thousand plus people with five loaves and two fish (Mark 4:30-44), and on a second occasion four thousand more with seven loaves of breads and a few small fish. What a demonstration of his concern for the basic needs of humankind and of his ability to make provision for our daily bread (Mark 8:4-9).

Through his teachings and preaching, he opened the eyes of the spiritually blind, the minds of the ignorant, the hardened of heart and skeptic, and the ears of the religious and the self-righteous. Responding to the questions of the inquisitive, whether sincere or insincere, he showed how well he knew the human heart, as well as how much he cared for the individual person. (John 3:1-21; John 4; Matthew 12:25; 16:1-4; 11:16-19). Our Lord approached people with concern, compassion, love, and commitment in spite of their sin, shortcomings, limitations, deceit, and hatred. He leaves us an example to emulate and follow so we too can serve his people, the lost, and each other with compassion, concern and commitment.

As followers and disciples of Jesus, we are called to engage in this work of 'human care' which depends on the

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energy and power of the Holy Spirit. We, the children of our Heavenly Father, are the hands, heart, and feet of Jesus. As we become what we eat, we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, take care of the sick, and visit the prisoner. (Matthew 26:21-45). As the "light of the world," we shine so that those who are in darkness can see the one who is the true Light of the World—Jesus, the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

This season, as we are privileged to continue to serve as members of the LWML, may Jesus continue to be our model, guide, and help as we pray to be people who care about all people. May the Holy Spirit inspire and energize each of us to be the blessing we are each called to be.

To God be the Glory!

*In His Service,*

*Rosa I. Cruz-Molina*

*Vice President for Human Care*

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### **YWR REUNION**

Past District LWML President Julia Draper takes mentoring to heart and surely knows how to put her words into action. When Julia had lunch with the Young Woman's Representatives at the convention in April, she invited them all to her house for a reunion. In July, some of those YWRs took her up on the offer and spent the weekend learning more about the LWML and cutting loose with Julia and Triune Zone President Elsa Webb.

In addition to enjoying Julia's hospitality, the YWRs took home words of wisdom from Julia and Elsa, along with lots of goodies and resources to help them in their new role in the LWML.

Thank you, Julia, for hosting such a great event for our young women! Now that the YWRs have gotten a crash course in the LWML, be sure to invite them to participate in your meetings or speak at your next zone event!

*Rae Ann Spitzenberger*

*Young Woman's Advocate*



Pictured l to r: Julia Draper, Elsa Webb, Cheri Hardial-Pitamber, Angela Winkler and Rae Ann Spitzenberger

### **ALBANY ZONE EVENT**

Our Fall Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 from 11:30AM until 3:30PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12308 (Tel. 518-374-1811). Our speaker will be Karen Flewelling who carries out missions of mercy for Change for Children Association which is involved in drilling and/or rehabilitating wells and water systems in remote areas. Karen is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs.

At our business meeting we will be electing a new Zone President and Vice President. Our unopposed candidates are Janice Topping for Pres. and Jean Alverson for VP. We feel blessed that the Lord has brought these two women into our fellowship.

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### **MID-HUDSON ZONE RALLY**

Saturday, October 2

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King  
(Light at Rt. 22 & Pine Drive) Pawling, NY  
845-855-3169

[www.pawlinglutheran.org](http://www.pawlinglutheran.org)

9:30am - registration & light breakfast

10:00am - presentation on the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

We can make a difference to the children!

*Guests: Pastor Paul & Jessica Sauer*

Ingathering: Their schools need basic playground equipment (jump ropes, un-inflated balls, frisbees), children's books and current encyclopedia sets for classroom libraries, board games, school supplies, backpacks, cash donations to purchase school uniforms (t-shirt & dress pants) - \$10 for grades PK-8 and \$15 for high school students.

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### **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY PRICE INCREASE**

Please note that the LWML Executive Board has approved a price increase for the Quarterly to take effect next year with the **Spring 2011 issue**.

New prices will be as follows to the same address:

1 to 9 copies: \$6.50 per copy per year

10 + copies: \$5.00 per copy per year

For a little more than the cost of a greeting card, you can have this magazine full of wonderful articles, Bible studies, and much more come right to your door. Give a special someone a gift for a birthday or Christmas or any special event.

## Archivist-Historian (A-H)

Guidelines for saving materials:

- † Identify and DATE everything.
- † Label pictures accurately and clearly, by including a piece of white paper with name(s), date, place and purpose. Do NOT write on the back of photos unless you use a photo safe pencil.
- † Remove all tape, paper clips, and staples.
- † Photocopy all newspaper clippings

Materials zone A-H gives to the district A-H:

- † Copies of minutes – no staples and properly dated.
- † Pictures of special events labeled with names and dates.
- † Zone newsletter.
- † Zone history. Zone presidents may want to appoint someone to work on this project. It's interesting to read the minutes of past meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Consiglio, Atlantic District Archivist-Historian at [freetimetoday@verizon.net](mailto:freetimetoday@verizon.net). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Leader Development Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has made available free leader development resources on the LWML website. "Welcoming New Members..." and "Gaining, Training, Maintaining LWML Members" are the informative resources available as free download. The resources can be obtained by going to the following online address:

[www.lwml.org/resources/leader\\_development](http://www.lwml.org/resources/leader_development)

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### Tuscarora Retreat

Our annual retreat this year will be held October 15-17. The theme is "Transformed in Christ". Our retreat leader is our own Dr. LuJuanna R. Butts and our music leader is Dr. Jean Boehler (our past convention music leader).

Please make copies of the registration form and distribute them to your societies and churches. Also, please note the registration form must be received by Tuscarora no later than October 1.

Come spend a spirit filled weekend with your sisters-in-Christ.

*His blessing to all,  
Lynette Taylor  
Vice President for Spiritual Life*

## 2013 LWML CONVENTION PITTSBURGH, PA

In thirty-four months, the 2013 LWML Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. As part of the Northeast Coalition (consisting of Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England, New Jersey, and SELC districts), we "get to" host this convention. What an honor this will be to help spread God's Word to thousands of men and women who will attend the convention.

We "get to" raise funds to host the convention. The approximate amount needed is \$18,000. Each district is to contribute \$3,000. The societies "get to" be creative in the ways that they will raise this amount. All checks should be made out to "Atlantic District LWML" and sent to Ginny Wirsing, Financial Secretary. Mark your check "2013 Coalition Fund" in the memo area.

We also "get to" volunteer. As the time for the convention gets closer, many volunteers will be needed to help out in Pittsburgh. Presently, the need is for coordinators and committee chairmen. In this newsletter you will find a "Volunteer Application" as well as a "Spiritual Gifts and Talents" form. Prayerfully consider filling out the "Spiritual Gifts and Talents" form first. Then after evaluating your gifts and talents, consider volunteering for one of the many positions available on the "Volunteer Application".

Most important of all is we "get to" pray that God will bless our efforts in hosting the 2013 LWML Convention. The Lord is our Rock and our strength.

Serving Him together with you,  
*Maureen Consiglio*  
*Host Committee Chairman*  
*2013 LWML Convention*



**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT  
REGISTRATION FORM  
October 15—17, 2010**

Each person attending must fill this form out completely and mail no later than October 1, 2010. Please register early since rooms often fill up before the October deadline.

Please enclose a non-refundable check for \$60.00 payable to TUSCARORA INN (this includes a \$25.00 per person room deposit and \$35.00 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.

Cottages	2 double beds	\$190.71
Hillside Manor	2 double beds	\$216.46
Riverside Manor 1	2 double beds, TV	\$228.15
Riverside Manor 2	2 queen beds, TV	\$237.51

One Day Attendees (Saturday Only): Includes LWML registration fee and three meals—\$85.00

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: Lynette Taylor at [taylorlr59@aol.com](mailto:taylorlr59@aol.com)**

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Mark 6:31

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**EASTERN ZONE**

**SELC DISTRICT**

**JOINT RETREAT**

**WITH ATLANTIC, NEW ENGLAND,  
EASTERN, NEW JERSEY,  
& ENGLISH DISTRICTS**



**“Journey to Faith:  
The Trip For A Lifetime”**

**Friday, April 8 – Saturday, April 9, 2011  
Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA**

**Join Us As We Discover:  
What is Spiritual Growth  
Stages of Spiritual Growth  
Marks of Spiritual Growth  
Nurturing Spiritual Growth**

**Check for further information on the web site.**

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**Lutheran Women's Missionary League**  
**2013 Convention**

**My Spiritual Gifts and Talents**

**“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,  
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” I Peter 4: 10**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Gifts:**

**Talents and Abilities:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Administration

\_\_\_\_\_ Accounting

\_\_\_\_\_ Music/Instrumental (specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ Counseling

\_\_\_\_\_ Arts/Crafts

\_\_\_\_\_ Music/Vocal

\_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement

\_\_\_\_\_ Audio/Visual

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization

\_\_\_\_\_ Helps

\_\_\_\_\_ Bookkeeping

\_\_\_\_\_ People skills

\_\_\_\_\_ Intercession (prayer)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child Care

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations/Publicity

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerical

\_\_\_\_\_ Puppets/Mime

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving

\_\_\_\_\_ Communication

\_\_\_\_\_ Relate to Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Teaching

\_\_\_\_\_ Computer

\_\_\_\_\_ Scheduling

\_\_\_\_\_ Construction

\_\_\_\_\_ Sewing

\_\_\_\_\_ Creativity

\_\_\_\_\_ Story Telling

\_\_\_\_\_ Decorating

\_\_\_\_\_ Take meeting minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ Driving

\_\_\_\_\_ Writing

\_\_\_\_\_ Flower Arranging

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ Graphic Design/Layout

\_\_\_\_\_ Music Director

**Return both pages before November 1, 2010 to:**

**Maureen Consiglio  
Host Committee Chairman  
2013 LWML Convention  
25 Windover Lane  
Coram, NY 11727-1132**

**631-331-3088**

**freetimetoday@verizon.net**

“I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.” Philippians 4: 13

## Volunteer Application (Page 2 of 2) - Lutheran Women's Missionary League—2013 Convention

After prayerfully and carefully evaluating my gifts and talents, I volunteer to serve in the following area(s):

(The Five Coordinators will serve directly under the Host Committee Chairman. A chairman and committee members, as needed, will be appointed to serve under the coordinator of each department.)

Please check the area(s) in which you feel qualified to serve.

### **Communications Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Communications Department promotes the convention, and encourages and enlists spiritual support of and involvement by the hosting district.

**Committees:** Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Services (clerical support) \_\_\_\_\_

I would consider serving as chairman of the committee(s) I have checked. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Creative Enhancements Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Creative Resources Department envisions, suggests and carries out approved activities which appeal to our five senses, impacting one's convention experience.

**Committees:** Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Decorations \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_

I would consider serving as chairman of the committee(s) I have checked. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Facility Management Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Facilities Department provides the best possible physical arrangements for the efficient operation of the convention body.

**Committees:** Properties \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers \_\_\_\_\_ Worship Support \_\_\_\_\_

I would consider serving as chairman of the committee(s) I have checked. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Guest Services Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Guest Services Department seeks out and arranges for quality services to meet each individual's personal and membership needs.

**Committees:** Child/Youth Care \_\_\_\_\_ Packets/Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Food Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Tours \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

I would consider serving as chairman of the committee(s) I have checked. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personnel Resources Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Personnel Resources Department provides appropriately gifted people for the responsibilities of hosting the convention.

**Committees:** Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dress \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors and District President(s) are members of this department.

I would consider serving as chairman of the committee(s) I have checked. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Convention Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Reports directly to Host Committee Chairman)

Please attach a short paragraph outlining your special gifts for the position(s) in which you have volunteered to serve. (Include past or present service in LWML, service to your congregation, positions held in the business world or other organizations, etc.)

## ZONE EVENTS

### Albany Zone

09/25/10 Fall Event, Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott Terrace, Schenectady beginning at 11:30 am

### Bronx-Westchester Zone

10/30/10 Zone Event, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Yonkers, beginning at 9:00 am. Theme is "Anyone for Tea". Collecting items for children of the Marshall Islands.

### Mid-Hudson Zone

10/02/10 Fall Rally, The Lutheran Church of Christ the King, Pawling beginning at 9:30 am

### Nassau Zone

09/25/10 Rally, Trinity Lutheran Church, Glen Cove beginning at 9:00 am

### Suffolk Zone

10/30/10 Mini Retreat, St. James Lutheran Church beginning at 9:00 am, theme is "Faith Talk", preregistration is required

### Executive Committee

09/18/10 Executive Committee Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville beginning at 9:30 am followed by the Board Meeting

02/12/11 Board Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville, time tba

### District

10/15-17/10 Tuscarora Retreat, Mt. Bethel, PA

### National

06/23-26/11 LWML Convention, Peoria, IL



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.

## Executive Committee



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