

MISSION MATTERS – SUFFOLK ZONE

Lutheran Women in Mission

Serving the Lord with Gladness – Psalm 100:2

Suffolk Zone, Atlantic District

November 2025 Issue 1



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Christmas Fair – November 15 (9am-2pm)**
Holy Trinity, Middle Island

Cookie Walk, Crafts, Gift Baskets, Handmade items, Jewelry, New Items, cakes, breads, cupcakes

- **Holiday Fair – November 15 (9am-3pm)**
Christ Lutheran, East Moriches

Grandma's Attic, raffle baskets, Famous Cookie Run, handmade items, soups and chili to-go

- **Bethlehem Supper – December 12 (7pm)**
St. Luke's, Dix Hills

Cost: \$15 | Evening of fellowship and inspiration Register by Dec. 5 with Trish Klare at 631-220-0851 or tsklare402@gmail.com

- **Winter Event – January 10 – Grace, Mastic Beach**

Theme: Rolling into 2026 - Looking at Proverbs 16:3 Ingathering focus: TBD

- **Atlantic District Festival of Workshops – March 7 – SUNY Maritime**

Details to follow

- **Spring Event – March 21 – Emanuel, Patchogue**

Theme: TBD | Ingathering focus: TBD

- **Women's Life Day – March 7 – Grace, Mastic Beach**

Details to follow

- **LWML AD Convention – May 1-2**

Joyful – Patient – Faithful (Romans 12:12)

- **Women's Retreat – May 15-16 – Immaculate Conception**

MISSION & INGATHERING FOCUS

Our Suffolk Zone ingathering events will not only provide us the opportunity for worship, fellowship, and good eats, we are also called to support local missions and ministries. Each event will have a unique theme and will include the collection of items that will be donated to those local needs. When planning your participation at an event, prayerfully consider donating some items listed within that event's in-giving focus. Thank you in advance for serving our neighbors in need!

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40



SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

This month we are spotlighting

Emanuel Lutheran, Patchogue, where a newly rejuvenated LWML society is planning its first "event" coming this spring! We will be making our own "fascinators" that we can all wear on Easter Sunday to worship looking our finest! Keep an eye and an ear open for the date, time, and all the info!



MIGHTY MITES

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and



national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.



FLASHBACK IN LWML TIME

The first convention of the LWML Atlantic District



President Mrs. Herman Hecker,
Boston, Massachusetts
Vice-President Mrs. Fred Nehring,
Bronxville, New York
Secretary Mrs. Louis T. Buchheimer,
New York City
Treasurer Mrs. Ernest Priebe,
Woodhaven, New York

Pastoral Counselors
Rev. Elmer A. Kettner
Rev. Martin C. Duchow
Rev. William F. Bruening

was held on Oct 14, 1942, at St. Luke's Church, NYC.

97 delegates
135 guests
and 10 pastors

were in attendance. Lutheran Service Center of New York - \$1,195 was the first "District Financial Project".



DEVOTION & PRAYER

Every month we pause to breathe in God's Word before stepping back into the work He's called us to do. We're everyday women with servant hearts, gathering strength from Christ so we can pour it right back into our homes, our churches, and our communities. May this devotion remind us that no act of service is too small when it's done in His name—and that joy in Jesus is what keeps our mission moving.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100:2)

Reflection: Service doesn't always look glamorous. Sometimes it's a sink full of dishes after a funeral luncheon or a late-night phone call to pray with a friend. Yet in each moment, God reminds us that He uses ordinary hands to carry His extraordinary grace.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting us into Your work. Give us joyful hearts and willing hands as we serve in Your name. Amen.



PRAISES & PRAYERS

Praises

- Thank You for the blessings of our recent Fall Event at Holy Trinity, Middle Island, the fellowship we shared, and the guest speakers from Mercy Center Ministries
- For mission grants funded this quarter

Prayer Requests

- For our Atlantic District and synodical leaders and missions
- For members who are ill or homebound
- For churches seeking to form/rejuvenate active societies
- For our families, churches, country, and government leaders
- For those in our hearts and minds

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

RESOURCE CORNER

Explore free materials, Bible studies, and mission updates at:

Lutheran Women in Mission (National):

www.lwml.org

Atlantic District Lutheran Women in Mission:

www.adlwml.org

Suffolk Zone Resources: available as needed/requested through zone contacts



SUFFOLK ZONE MISSION MATTERS **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our Suffolk Zone newsletter will only be as amazing a resource as the information that is provided by YOU! If you have any prayer requests, praises to report, self-authored devotions, historical notes to share, local mission updates or suggestions, or a unique theme for a future event, or an ingathering mission focus suggestion (to include the collection of items that will be donated to local needs).

All submissions are due to Kim Billings no later than the 20th of the month. Please call or text Kim at 631-379-4164 or email: jokisabe@gmail.com to submit. If you need help wording a blurb or other information, Kim is more than happy to work with you!

"...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25



SEEDS OF FAITH DELIVERED RIGHT **TO YOUR INBOX!**

Our Suffolk Zone newsletter will only be as amazing a resource as the information that is provided by YOU! The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show

how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.



Mustard Seed **Daily Devotions**

Start your day with a beautifully written devotion from LWML. Click this link to sign up for the free daily email that is sure to bless you!

[**Sign up now!**](#)



THRIVENT NEWS

Thrivent Coming to Long Island - on Saturday, November 8th at 12:30 at St. Luke's in Dix Hills and Sunday, at 12:30 at St. John's in Sayville. Both days

thrivent will be providing a luncheon along with programs to help members and churches use their programs. Members and non-members are invited.

Contact Honey Pabst at arthon@aol.com to respond



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Bethlehem Supper



Date: Friday December 12, 2025

Time: 7:00PM

Where: Memorial Gathering Room

Cost: \$15 per person

For the Women of St. Luke & LWML Suffolk Zone

Presentation by Ginny Wirsing (Atlantic District Lay Deacon)

Join us for an evening of fellowship and inspiration among women as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You must register by December 5th.

Seating is limited. DO NOT delay.

To register contact Trish Klare at tsklare402@gmail.com or call (631) 220-0851

Surprise Christmas Raffle

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday, November 15, 2025
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cookie Walk,
Crafts, Gift Baskets
Handmade Items, Jewelry
New Items, cakes, breads, and
cupcakes

Lunch and beverage
will be sold

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
93 Yaphank Middle Island Road
Middle Island, NY
631-924-6991

Christ Lutheran Church
Lutheran Women in Mission

HOLIDAY FAIR

Grandma's Attic Holiday Raffle Baskets
Famous Cookie Run Handmade Items
Soups and Chili TO GO

Saturday, November 15, 2025
9am-3pm
Christ Lutheran Church
177 Frowein Road
East Moriches

Proceeds to benefit local charities

LWML Atlantic District

Mission Festival

May 3, 2025

New Location!

Saturday, May 3, 2025
10 AM-1 PM

Carry on the word with gladness.
Psalm 103:1

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
4360 Rev. Theodore Witrock Crossing
The Bronx, New York 10466

27th Biennial LWML Atlantic District Convention

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



Lutheran Women in Mission
Atlantic District
invites you to the 27th Biennial Convention

Friday, May 1 - Saturday May 2, 2026
Crowne Plaza Hotel | Suffern, New York

Convention theme:
Joyful, Patient, Faithful

Scripture Verse:
“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”
(Romans 12:12) NIV

Convention Goal:
By the power of the Holy Spirit, I will live my life of witness to the glory of God.

Convention Objectives:

- + Embrace the hope of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- + Endure the hardships that befall us.
- + Talk to our Heavenly Father in all circumstances.
- + Be glad and tell our story of Jesus.

Stirring the Pot to Good Works

BY DEB SENG

Is anything more delicious than chicken noodle soup? It is said to be a cure for all that ails you — penicillin for a cold — convenience for a stressful week — comfort for a hurting heart.

Isn't God's church like chicken noodle soup? I know such a basic metaphor seems almost flippant, but Jesus used simple means — water, bread, wine — to convey salvation. Perhaps, chicken noodle soup could be used in a similar fashion, conveying a picture of the communion of saints on earth.

Consider the simple recipe. Good soup begins with high quality bone broth. The base, the beginning, of church is always Christ crucified for the forgiveness of our sins, rightly preached through the Word, and administered in the Sacraments. He is the nutrient-rich broth without which the other ingredients have no joining. Congregations — the people — are the added ingredients, each with their own texture, purpose, contribution. When combined, they blend into the warm, comforting, deliciousness we know as chicken noodle soup — the Body of Christ.

Good soup is made when all the ingredients are stirred well together. Consider Hebrews 10:24–25: *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

"Stirring" is necessary, vigorous, and purposeful. We need to "mix in" with those unlike ourselves, to promote and encourage others to use their gifts and talents. We need to bear one another's burdens.

The soup must be stirred as the kettle simmers, or the noodles may stick together, the vegetables may remain raw and crunchy, and our seasonings float atop without mixing in, resulting in a pot without comfort, without cure.

Just like delicious soup needs pieces of chicken, noodles, carrots, celery, as well as salt and seasonings, swimming together in simmering stock, our churches need all people living, breathing, and serving in Christ Jesus, our King.

May we all continue to gather around the Lord's Table, as He fills us with life everlasting, as we share in His meal. His meal is truly good for the soul! Q

Deb Seng, a member of Catalina Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona, was raised in the American Evangelical Church. She and her husband Dave are now grateful for salvation by grace alone, faith alone, and through Christ alone. They rejoice in God's redeeming power at work within their own lives and in the lives of their children. Deb has a background in providing faith-based counseling and developing teams to create and deliver social service programs. She was commissioned as a lay deaconess in July 2022 and is passionate about strengthening the Body of Christ — in service to God and to one another.

