



Mission Lamp



South Wisconsin District LWML

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

February 2020

Unsung Heroes of the LWML

Is there a particularly debilitating fear God may be calling you to confront? How might the support and love of other LWML sisters encourage you as you walk through your fears?

Scripture is full of stories of forgotten lives—unsung heroes whose actions and sacrifices failed to win them worldly renown. Yet, these examples reveal people who God was able to use, and whose lives and actions mattered deeply to those who followed.

You may not be listed with the rich and famous, yet your life is still significant because it illustrates what is possible when our extra-ordinary God works through ordinary people who remain faithful to Him. Have you enlisted as one of my unsung heroes?

The Lord does not see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

Unsung heroes are committed to give more than they take. They are focused on the big picture and are willing to sacrifice time and effort for the good of others, whether in the family or the organization they work with.

There are many unsung heroes who have quietly worked to share the joy of *Lutheran Women in Mission*. Let us not forget to express our gratitude for their faithfulness in serving, regularly attending, and continuing support of the LWML.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

1 Timothy 1:6-7,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your participation in the LWML of the South Wisconsin District, past, present, and in the future.

Loving God, thank You for the new life You've given us, for freedom from all that would cripple us in fear and shame. May my every thought and action be grounded in You. Amen

Serving gladly with you,
Barbara Kaun, President

This photo is from the 1981 LWML Convention held in Milwaukee. These SWD women, many whose names have not been discovered to date, served on the PR committee.



Marlys Taege and Rita Burfeind were co-chairs of this committee, thus they are wearing the official committee sailor dress. In the back row on the left is Marion Goeman from Grafton, then Lauren Taege (Beale) is second from the left. Rita and Marilyn put together the daily newsletter that came out for convention attendees. Marlys worked with the Milwaukee newspapers. These are past un-sung heroes of the LWML SWD.

From our District Counselor

What about the women?

The pantheon of great martyrs include John the Baptist, Stephen, and most of the Apostles. *But what about the women?* Have no fear, there have *always* been faithful women! On March 7th the Church remembers Perpetua and Felicitas. In AD 203 both women received Christian instruction and were baptized. Perpetua was a noblewoman and Felicitas was her servant. Both had families and children. Both had been called out of darkness into the marvelous light of Christ (1 Peter 2:9). Unfortunately, they were living in hostile times.

The Roman Emperor Septimus Severus saw Christians as a threat to the government. Both women were imprisoned and given a chance to renounce Christianity and their baptisms. Thanks be to God, both remained faithful. This did, however, come at a cost. They were martyred on March 7th by Roman gladiators in the coliseum. Historians claim they greeted one another with the peace of Christ one last time before they died. They died as they lived, in the peace of Christ.

Lutherans have always remembered those who have died in the faith. In our own Lutheran Book of Concord we confess that we may “imitate their Faith and good works according to our calling” (Augsburg Confession 21).

We remember their devotion to God and look to them as examples. Women of the LWM pledge to “dedicate ourselves to Him all that we are and have.” In the story of Perpetua and Felicitas, we have an example of true dedication to the Lord. We rejoice that both women have now received their crowns of righteousness (1 Tim. 4:7). They stand with John, Stephen, and all the faithful in heaven.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us of the great cloud of witnesses that surround us (Hebrews 21:1). While we might feel alone, outnumbered, and anxious, the Lord has given faithful examples to look to. Untold men *and* women have counted their lives as second compared to the Kingdom of God. May we likewise persist steadfast in the faith, remember God’s mercy in Christ, and serve joyfully all the days of our lives. In the end, we too will receive true peace in heaven. We too will receive those crowns of righteousness. May the faithfulness of Perpetua and Felicitas strengthen our faith today and in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Rev. Adam Barkley
Junior Pastoral Counselor

1 Weedon, William. *Celebrating the Saints: the Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of Lutheran Service Book*. St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2016.

Notice anything different?

The LWML Logo is now a registered brand! Please update your files with the new logo.





For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19-20

A Multi-cultural Event for Women of Southern Wisconsin

Saturday March 14, 2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church

13445 Hampton Road Brookfield, WI

8:30 AM Doors open
9:00 AM Exhibits open
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Program



Lunch will be provided and a free-will offering will be taken

Register on line at lwml-swd.org/events/other

or e-mail Mai Thao at mnthao1@gmail.com

Or more information call 262-345-7771

2020 LWML-SWD Winter Getaway

1 THESSALONIANS
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February 7-8,
2020

Milwaukee
Marriott West,
Waukesha

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

Have you registered? It might not be too late. Please contact Wendie Staus at staushaus@gmail.com or Kati Meyerhofer at katidot@gmail.com ASAP to see if there is still room.

Please go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/retreat> to find all the details. Join us as we learn to be encouraged by Christ to encourage others!

Events

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| February 7, 2020 | EC Meeting |
| February 7-8, 2020 | Winter Getaway, Marriott West, Waukesha |
| February 22, 2020 | Board of Directors meeting
Peace Lutheran Church
400 Hillcrest Drive,
Beaver Dam, WI 53916.

Pictures will be taken for convention manual. |
| February 29, 2020 | BOD in case of snow on 22nd |
| March 14, 2020 | Heart to Heart Event, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brookfield |
| March 15, 2020 | <i>Lutheran Woman's Quarterly</i>
Order Deadline |
| June 19, 2020 | Pre-Convention Board of Directors
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
701 Washington St., Grafton |
| June 20, 2020 | LWML-SWD Convention,
St. Paul Lutheran Church
701 Washington St., Grafton |
| Sept 11-12, 2020 | Fall Retreat, Holiday Inn,
Manitowoc |

LWML PRAYER SERVICE 2020

LIVING IN *love*, BEARING FRUIT



Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but also in the world, where it is often more difficult to love others. We are empowered by the love that Jesus showed us in His sacrificial death on the Cross so that we

would have life. Now we are blessed to live in His love, bearing much fruit for His sake. May this prayer service help us take time to reflect on His love for us, our love for Him, and how the fruit we bear is a result of living in His love. The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton is a native New Yorker and life-long Lutheran. He graduated from Concordia College in Bronxville, New York, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was elected president of the LCMS Florida-Georgia District in 2009.

Mission Grant Reflections...

Greetings to the LWML of the SWD

As we come to the close of the biennium, we are working to completely fund the last two grants - SWD Church Worker Grant for \$30,000 and Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp for \$16,795. Praise the Lord!

We also turn our attention to the proposed grants which will be voted on at the June 2020 convention. Please watch the website for information on how you can access the proposed grant video so you can be informed prior to voting.

Now, I would like to update you on a past recipient of a grant.

During the 2016-2018 biennium, the grant titled "Telling the Story" DVD Devotional Series for

Shut-ins - \$16,000.00 was paid in April of 2018. Rev Fleischmann kindly informed me that as of this fall, they finished recording the 60th and final sermon for the series. The next step is to record the music for the closing hymns. Final edits, designing a jacket cover, and recording the 60 "episodes" on DVDs will be completed in early 2020. A great deal of work has been put into this project and we praise God that the mites are being used to Tell HIS Story! May God richly bless you as we close out this biennium!

Kristen Kolell
VP Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Society leaders...it's that time of year again!

It's time to **reorder your Lutheran Woman's Quarterly!** Order forms are available on the LWML-SWD website: lwml-swd.org (Resources: Society)

Please note the price change on order form:

\$6.00 per yearly subscription when ordering 10 or more.

\$7.50 per yearly subscription when ordering 1-9.

There are ways you can save. If your society orders less than 8 subscriptions, consider ordering with another society. If you are ordering 8, you are paying the same price as ordering 10. Order the 10 and have 2 extra copies to share. No one should ever order 9 subscription, you pay more money than ordering 10.

March 15 is always the deadline for ordering. Deadline means the last date an order can arrive... beat the deadline, order early **before** March 15!

Questions?

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Spring Zone Rally Events

Zone	Rally Date	Time	Location	Bible Study	Speaker/Topic	Servant Event/Ingathering
1	4/18/20	9am-11am	Chapel of the Cross Lutheran, Milwaukee	TBD	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
2	4/25/20	8:30am	Bethany Lutheran, Milwaukee	Yes	To Be Determined	Items for Bethany
3	4/25/20	9am-Noon	Elm Grove Lutheran, Elm Grove	TBD	Julie Wohlrabe, Outreach to International Students	To Be Determined
4	3/28/20	8:30am	Covenant Lutheran, Milwaukee	Yes	To De Determined	To Be Determined
5	4/27/20	5:30pm	St. John's Lutheran, West Bend	Yes	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
6	4/18/20	8:30M	St. Stephen's Lutheran, Horicon	Yes	Deaf Ministry	To Be Determined
7	4/23/20	6:00pm	St. John's Lutheran, Sherman Center	Yes	Rev. Tom Fleischmann	To Be Determined
8	4/23/20	6:00pm	St. Paul's Lutheran, Sheboygan Falls	No	Julie Wohlrabe, Outreach to International Students	Outreach to International Students
9	5/13/20	6:00pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Two Rivers	TBD	Michael Ethridge-The Haven of Manitowoc	Personal care items for men
10	4/28/20	6:00pm	St. Bartholomew Lutheran, Brillion	Yes	Bible Study	Food pantry items
11	4/25/20	9am-Noon	Trinity Lutheran, Oshkosh	Yes	Pastor Stecker-That You Believe. That You May Have Life John 20:30-31	Bella Medical Clinic
12	4/28/20	3pm	Immanuel Lutheran, Auroraville	Yes	Turn Your Face to the SON	Tooth brushes & paste, combs, body wash
13	4/18/20	9:00am	St. John's Lutheran Church, Oxford	No	April Netz - Young Women in LWML	To Be Determined
14	4/18/20	9:00am	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Tomah	No	Shaina Wurdeman - What is a Deaconess & how to become one	To Be Determined
15	4/25/20	10:00am	St. Paul's Lutheran, Hillpoint	Yes	Bible Study on Eve	To Be Determined
16	4/25/20	8:30am	Bethlehem Lutheran, Sun Prairie	Yes	April Netz - Young Women in LWML	To Be Determined
17	4/21/20	6:00pm	St John's Lutheran, North Prairie	No	A Place of Refuge-What's new at A Place of Refuge	To Be Determined
18	5/2/20	9:00am	Divine Savior Hartford	No	Karen Lippert- Women of Faith	To Be Determined
19	5/16/20	9am-11:30am	St. John's Lutheran, Edgerton	No	Katie Meyerhofer-Support of One Another	Pregnancy Helpline Janesville
20	4/22/20	8:30am	Messiah Lutheran, Beloit	Yes	Rev. Jonah Burkowski-Women of the LWML	Shampoo, tooth-paste, body wash
21	4/25/20	9:00am	Prince of Peace, Racine	Yes	Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative	New personal care items and non-perishable food

See you there!



Abounding in Joyful Giving!

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium: \$204,500.00

Grant seven to Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World (\$12,000) is now fully funded! Keep those mites coming to my mailbox! We are working towards being able to paid grant #8 SWD Church Worker Grant for \$30,000.00. Our Biennium ends in June. I know we can meet our mite goal with the Lord's help!

By placing a mite in your mite box you share blessings from God and you thank God for his blessings and for mission opportunities. As you place your mites in the mite box remember to pray for our mission projects.

Mite offerings are used to fund the mission grants. 75% of mite offerings is used strictly for our SWD mission grant and 25% is sent to LWML.

Please make checks payable to **LWML-SWD**.

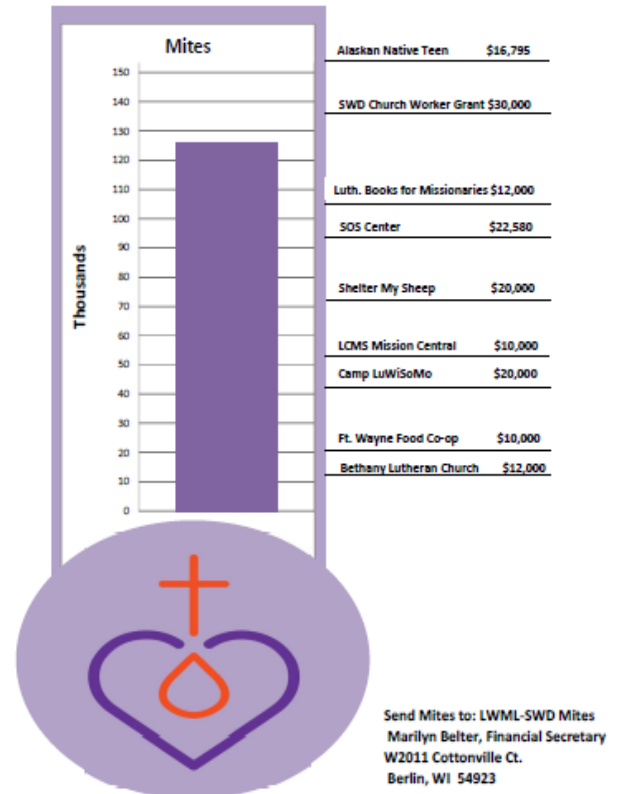
Here are some ideas/activities for your society to help with mite collection: Mite Box out at your Rallies, collect mites at your society meetings, a Sunday each month to collect mites, LWML Sunday Offering for Mites.

Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary

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South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2018-2020

January 2020



Dear LWML members of SWD ~

It was such an honor to be selected as a recipient of the In-gathering for the 2019 Fall Retreat! Thank you so very, very much! The items iO needed were hats, scarves, mittens/gloves and even socks and wow, did you ladies ever deliver! Again, WOW! There were even many handmade items, including some with little handwritten notes of Bible verses attached (see photo). Our international friends were amazed at the huge selection and so grateful, too. The idea that we offer these things as gifts to them, for **free**, is sometimes a foreign concept. But really, it only helps us, to help them understand about the free gift of faith and forgiveness we all receive from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for being our mission partners!

In His service,
Julie Wohlrabe iO Director



Christian Growth

What are YOU waiting for?

We have just come out of the Advent season...a season of waiting. And, of course, the first wait has passed as Jesus has come as a baby to grow and leave His message for all of us to hear and live daily in our own lives.

But we are still in another season of waiting... that of waiting for Christ's return that final time to take all believers to be with Him eternally in heaven...then there will be no more waiting!

Can you think back to different periods of your lives when you were waiting for something?

A young child waits for his birthday and Christmas, expecting that there will be presents and celebrations.

A teenage girl waits for that special person to call and ask her out on a date.

A young married couple has the date circled on the calendar when that first baby is expected to arrive!

An older than middle aged man waits for the day he can retire from his job and start another season of his life.

A fragile, aged woman waits for the time that Jesus will call her to her heavenly home, nevermore to suffer the pains of aging.

We, as Lutheran Women in Mission, are waiting for all of the new events that will take place now that we have entered the New Year!

Winter Getaway, Heart 2 Heart Sisters, Zone Rallies, District Convention...they will all be coming and will be here before we know it! Are you waiting as someone who will be an active participant? Or are you just watching from the sidelines?

Will you be inviting someone new to come with you?

We all have opportunities to share the Love of Jesus to the world around us...we just have to act on it! Instead of letting fear immobilize us, look to Jesus for strength! He has promised to be with us...always!

Sandy Kranz
Christian Growth Chairman

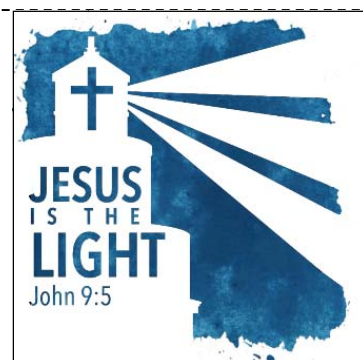


September 11&12, 2020

Mark Your Calendars!

*"As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world."*

LWML SWD Fall Retreat
Sept 11 & 12
Holiday Inn-Manitowoc WI



Speakers, Servant Events and Fellowship!

38th Biennial Convention of the LWML

South Wisconsin District

Saturday, June 20, 2020

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI



FOCUS ON INGATHERING:

2020 is here! Make sure to flip ahead to June in your calendar and add the LWML SWD Convention on Saturday, June 20. A jam-packed one-day convention is planned and we would love to have you join us.

At the convention, we will be gathering supplies for two organizations: A Place of Refuge and Lutheran Special School & Education Services. Both of these organizations are Recognized Service Organizations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

A Place of Refuge is a Gospel-focused service reaching out to women with the love of Christ with both words and actions. It is a network of volunteers who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin.

A Place of Refuge has requested the following items:

Toddler/Beginner Bibles
Pampers or Huggies diapers - Sizes 2-6
Fragrance free hygiene products for adults and children
Johnson & Johnson Baby Wash
Coconut oil from the health and beauty aisle
Sippy cups
Any size new sleepers
SpaghettiOs and the like (canned pasta)
Blank journal books

Lutheran Special School & Education Services (LSSES) has been providing quality, Christ-centered individualized instruction to students for over 60 years. They serve students who struggle with unique learning challenges and/or emotional difficulties. Their elementary self-contained classrooms serve children from second to eighth grade and resource rooms are available for first to eighth grade students based on openings through partner schools. Teacher consultants serve 3-year-olds through high school students in various Lutheran schools. In fall of 2018, they implemented a high school program in partnership with Martin Luther High School, currently serving ninth and tenth graders.

LSSES has requested the following items:

Pencils – Regular and Colored
Pens - Black and Blue ink
Markers – Thin, Thick, Sharpie, Dry Erase
Disinfecting Wipes
1-inch 3 ring binders
Crayola Model Magic
Glue Sticks
Stickers
Winter boots and warm socks – children's sizes.
Hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants – children's sizes

Please plan now to join your LWML sisters at the SWD Convention on

June 20, 2020, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI

General registration opens March 1, 2020

Be sure to check the LWML-SWD.org website for further details as they become available

Missionary Outreach for 2020

What's new for you in 2020? Our "2020 eyes" most likely envision a redo of some 2019 events. Sadly, what's done is done and our veil into the future is not giving away any secrets. Rest assured, missionaries in the field or hoping to go into the field, are facing similar unknowns. With them, however, culture, geography, weather and governments change the mix considerably from what they are used to in the United States. With a promise and a prayer these families continue to shelter under God's protective wing and, through prayer, are accomplishing exactly what God has planned for them to do.

Africa: Rachel Meyer, Jacob Gaugert, Michael Schempff, Elliot Derricks, Amy Formella. Eurasia: Cindy Wrucke, Kim Bueltman, Charles Cortright, Herman Strozier. Asia: Charles Ferry, Edward Naumann, Richard Sovitzky. And David Baker.

Throughout 2020 and the new decade, I boldly ask that you follow the example of St. Paul by giving thanks for these missionary partners in the ministry and the people they reach. St. Paul addressed the congregation in Colossae: *For this reason, we have not stopped praying for you since the day we heard about you. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through every kind of spiritual wisdom and*

insight. We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God. We ask him to strengthen you by his glorious might with all the power you need to patiently endure everything with joy. You will also thank the Father, who has made you able to share the light, which is what God's people inherit. (Colossians 1:9-12, God's Word for Life)

During January, I will be updating the Speakers' List and making contact with missionaries in the field. You are more than welcome to suggest a speaker/agency for consideration to the Speaker's List. Also, our Resource Library has the most recent 2019-2021 Christian Life Resources for Planning Programs (monthly ideas for your planning purposes). We also have the book, *Dedicated*, authored by Carolyn Blum which describes the history of the LWML since the last history book, *Wings*, in 1991.

Contact me to borrow either resource.

LuAnn Roman,
Missionary Outreach/Mission Education Chair
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Most Mission Trip

Where? Sri Lanka
When? March 30 - April 10
Why? MOST Ministries Eyeglass Clinic

The Holy Spirit may lead someone to act on this opportunity. \$4500 covers travel to the other side of the world and does include all expenses like travel, insurance, food, and lodging.

To learn more, go to MOSTMinistries.com. Or call LuAnn Roman, 414-380-2329.

LWML-SWD 2019 Fall Retreat Highlights

Green Lake Conference Center – September 19 – 21, 2019

Go and Tell the Story!

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesian 4:25

Our wonderful speakers were Karen Lippert, Rev. Rahn and Cindy Zirbel Wrucke.



Karen told us first about Jesus' story and his family history. The people in Jesus genealogy were far from perfect. Karen had us map out our own story by marking the significant events in our lives. We included our joys & sorrows related to spirituality, education,

marriage, children, jobs, health, finances, relationships. Lastly how we could Go and Tell the Story! All we really have to do is enjoy people and seek, recognize, and respond to what Jesus is already doing in the lives of the people around us.



Rev. Rahn informed us the many ways the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is helping to spread the gospel by placing a Bible in the hands of people in their language.



Cindy spoke of her work as a missionary to the Czech Republic



A big THANK YOU to the all the attendees for without you the Fall Retreat would not have been possible! A special thank-you to the members of the Fall Retreat Committee



Scholarship funds are available for young women who are studying to be professional church workers and are members of the South Wisconsin District. The application can be found on the SWD LWML website. Questions can be directed to Sarah Barkley at sfootloser@gmail.com or 224-430-3323. Applications are due by April 30, 2020.

LWML Convention 2021

Calling all BANNER designers...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Yes, I know it is just the beginning of 2020, but we all know how quickly the days go by. We also know how LWML tends to keep us thinking ahead. To that end,

I am inviting all you creative women who like to put your designing skills to work, to start thinking. At every LWML convention there is a processional of banners from all the districts. We already know the theme and verse for the 2021 convention in Lexington, Kentucky. It is "Running the Race, Looking to Jesus" and is based on Hebrews 12:1-2. LWML eNews 274 tells us the convention committee has set the goal:

The goal statement of the convention is:

**"Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us
and proclaim the joy of the Lord."**

Convention attendees will focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament, joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer, and serve our neighbors through witness and mission."

In the past the directives for the district banners include having the banner be based on the convention theme, may not use the convention logo, but may use the convention colors. It is to be 3 feet by 5 feet in size.

This should be enough information to get things started. I will be gathering all designs submitted and the Board of Directors will choose the final design. The design creator does not have to be responsible for making the banner, but could volunteer to do so. Please send your ideas, or any questions you may have, to me at my address below.

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Next deadline is April 15th so get those news-worthy items ready.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Ruth Weckwerth, VP Communications