



South Wisconsin District

Mission Lamp



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

November 2018

WHO? ME? – LEADERSHIP?

Recently a pastor used Numbers 11: 14-16 to begin the lesson for the day. My ears perked up because the topic of leaders and leadership had been weighing heavily on my heart and mind in view of pending elections of zone officers as well as a new convention Nominations committee.

Before God, a frustrated Moses said, “I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” 16 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.”

God heard Moses’ concern, and laid out his plan to bring Moses through the valley of leadership uncertainty. The verses which followed mapped out how Moses would be able to receive relief from his leadership burden, by doing as God instructed. Moses first made his need known to God, then opened his heart and mind to the instruction given him. As we know from remainders of scripture, God provided.

If only I could choose new zone presidents, or future vice presidents, or the future district president. Our Lord Jesus chose his successors, and Moses chose his leadership team. Unlike the LWML, he hand-picked the twelve who were assigned the task of sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In Matthew 10:1 we are told, Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

One of my most treasured books is titled Leadership Prayers¹. One of the selections is titled Succession. Author Richard Kriegbaum states the fact that any leader can be “reassigned, neutralized, or eliminated” and “when I am gone they must have others to turn to, others whom they trust, who can tell them the truth. . . . I will not have the privilege of choosing who will lead after me . . . But I can help prepare leaders, and I can help the organization be ready for them.”

In this prayer by leaders, myself included, request is made that God make known the strong ones, grant wisdom that I might provide opportunities for future leaders to advance in skills useable by God. This prayer ends, “I will not last forever (in this position), God. Where are my replacements?”

While we continue to pray that God will equip us to be the leaders he has called us to be, we also know we must actively seek to increase our leadership wisdom and skills. Zone presidents are being offered a special training to assist and equip them for leadership. This training will be held November 10th at Bethlehem LC, Sun Prairie. Fellowship 9:00 a.m., trainings @ 9:30, finishing no later than 3:00 p.m. Contact Claudia Fairfield, correspondingsecretar. lwml.swd@gmail.com by October 31st to register. Each of us should take full advantage of the available trainings through the Leader Development Workshops March 16th @ Good Shepherd LC in Watertown, and March 23rd @ Beautiful Savior LC in Waukesha.

Do we doubt that God will equip us for the task he calls us to, as he equipped Moses? In conclusion, let’s refer to #850 in the Lutheran Service Book – God of Grace and God of Mercy.

Verse 1 - we pray that the God of grace and God of mercy will “on Your people pour your power; crown Your ancient Church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Verse 4 finishes with, Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore, serving You whom we adore.

Through Christ’s blood we have been preserved for the purpose to serve. Pray that God’s will be done in our lives, as we utilize the trainings at our fingertips to ready ourselves to serve to our full potential. Place your faith in his promise to provide what is needed to serve in gladness.

Barb Kaun

¹ Published by Tindale House, written by Mr. Richard Kriegbaum.



NEWS FLASH

Grant #1 for Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church has been PAID to Bethany Lutheran Church on Saturday, 9/29/18 in the amount of \$12,000. I had the opportunity to speak with a member of Bethany after the event. She had tears in her eyes as she recalled the long, rich history of how LWML has assisted the outreach at Bethany. She was so grateful!

The next grant is for the Food and Clothing Co-op at the Fort Wayne Theological Seminary for \$10,000. The bulletin inserts and poster for grant #2 is posted at lwml-swd.org. The BOD discussed the bulletin inserts and posters for the rest of the grants. All of the PR will be posted on the website in the near future. Some of the women plan to print them all off and make a bulletin board at their church. They will post a large "PAID IN FULL" sign over each grant as they get paid!

Kristen Kolell

To God be the Glory!



Thank you!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, to the wonderful ladies of the LWML. On Saturday, September 29th Bethany Milwaukee was again blessed by the LWML. A group of twelve ladies and two men worked together

to make our sanctuary and kitchen sparkle. Your gift of both physical labor and financial support given through this year's grant, greatly encourage us to continue the ministries of Bethany.

Rita Whitton,
a member of Bethany Lutheran Church

JOIN THE TEAM

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NEW BIENNIUM, NEW LOGO

Theme: Alive in Christ

Goal: Receiving His Gifts, Rooted in the Word, Abounding in Joyful Giving – Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML-SWD)

Bible verse: Colossians 2:6-7 ESV - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



**Rooted in the Word
Receiving His Gifts
Abounding in Joyful Giving**

CALLED TO SERVE, AND BE SERVED

The Lord be with you, beloved in Christ. In preparation for our LWML SWD Leadership training workshops coming next spring, I was reviewing a CTCR (Commission on Theology and Church Relations) document on the topic of servanthood. We are in need of being saved, and Christ saves us as only the Living Lord can. Yet, we are also in need of being served in this life. Jesus fulfills that promise, too. However, I need to remind you that He does His serving through means. This following document does a nice job of laying out how our Lord serves His beloved bride, the Church.

We know and believe that we are saved by God's grace grasped in faith, not by our works, so no patting ourselves on the back. Ephesians 2:8-9 says so. It's a great joy and relief knowing that our salvation is not up to us. We could work and work and never find the end. Instead, Jesus Christ has paid the price and made us one with God. But when we think of our new life in Christ, don't stop with verse 9. Read on to verse 10: "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Saved from sin also means saved for service, doing works called good because they are done by people made good by God's grace. Good fruit coming because of a good tree is the way Jesus pictured it. So service comes naturally from faith. Martin Luther put it another way in a famous pair of sentences:

- 1. The Christian is the perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.*
- 2. The Christian is the servant of all, subject to all.*

The first sentence speaks of our salvation: since Christ has freed us, no one can burden us with something to do to be saved. But because we are saved, we turn right around and serve the people around us. Being saved by Christ's grace means we now have a lot of time freed

up to find ways to serve others. We serve God by serving for him in his place.

How so? God gives us all sorts of "callings" in life—"vocations" in theological talk from the days when theologians spoke Latin. "Vocatio" = "Calling." That's not just a job, how someone makes a living. Vocations are all sorts of roles people fill in daily life. Ever since God created this world, both before and after the fall into sin, he has had people doing things to take care of his world and make things run.

Adam and Eve had callings: care for Eden, care for each other, and care for the family they started—really the start of society as people multiplied. Service in vocations has continued ever since. Think of the Small Catechism explanations to the commandments, where we read not only of what God's people don't do, but also how they help others. It's not that God couldn't do things directly himself. He could reach down and teach a class, but he uses teachers. He could build a building, but he uses construction workers. He could plow the field, but he uses farmers. He could manage a home, but he uses homemakers. He could help around the house, befriend older people, walk the dog, baby sit, and more, but he uses kids. Yes, you have vocations, too. The Bible does not say much about Jesus' childhood, but we know that as he grew up, he found approval in the eyes of God and people—he filled all the vocations that fell to him along the way.

We like to say God works through means. The Means of Grace are his Word spoken, read, and heard, as well as his Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These Sacraments also give us his promise of salvation. In matters of daily life, God also works through means to get things done, through people he puts in different roles. Some of the many examples have already been mentioned. But there are other means that are important because they also help communicate the Means of Grace. We are talking about vocations within

the church. Here, too, God uses people to work for him, to communicate his message of sin and grace.

So Christ gave us the role, or office, of pastor to preach and teach, to carry out the Sacraments in behalf of Christ's people—in short, to make sure we know that while we are sinners, we also have God's eternal forgiving love in Christ—and to remind us of verse 10 in Ephesians 2. In and since New Testament times, the church has found it useful to set up other roles, or callings, to work with pastors, to extend God's work through teachers, deacons and deaconesses, evangelists, and more. These serve as God's hands and do his work now in this world and for the eternal good of those they serve, teaching and telling and showing Christ's love. "For all which it is our duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey him," says the Small Catechism on the First Article of the Apostles Creed. Vocation is service. Think about that when doing life's tasks great and small. And think about service also in the church, in vocations there to build up the body of Christ. But whether with deeds or with words witnessing to what God has done for me, we know that for his children, vocation is thanks and praise. This is most certainly true!

(link to original document: <https://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=403>)

These words are meant to enlighten and encourage you to serve your neighbor. And as Lutheran Women in Mission, this means to serve the organization which serves the body in ways God intends. I encourage you to consult your society director, your Zone President and Barb Kaun your LWML SWD President as to ways you can serve. You have been uniquely created to serve the Body of Christ, and while our Head does equip those He calls, He, too, has granted each of you with distinct gifts to serve when and where He has placed you in this life.

In Christ,

Pastor Peters, Senior Pastoral Counselor

MITE REPORT: ABOUNDING IN JOYFUL GIVING

September 2018 Mite Report

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium	\$ 204,500.00
Needed per Month	\$ 8,520.83
Received the Month of September 2018	
Mites collected this month (not designated)	\$ 9,932.48
Memorials/Celebrations this month	\$ 490.00
Mites designated strictly to SWD Only	
Mites designated strictly to National Only	
Sanders Fund	
Selle Fund	
Total for Month	\$ 10,422.48
Total Received to Date:	
Mites	\$ 14,941.04
Memorials/Celebrations	\$ 490.00
SWD Mites ONLY	
National Mites ONLY	\$ 100.00
Sanders Fund (principal & interest)	\$ 496.92
Selle	\$ 356.88
Beginning Balance from 2016-2018	\$ 2,049.30
Biennium Total	\$ 18,434.14
25% LWML Mites (51,125.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 3,857.76
75% LWML-SWD Mites (153,375.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 11,573.28

July 2018 Mite Report

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium	\$204,500.00
Needed per Month	\$ 8,520.83
Received the Month of July 2018	
Mites collected this month (not designated)	\$ 1,412.76
Memorials/Celebrations this month	\$ -
Mites designated strictly to SWD Only	\$ -
Mites designated strictly to National Only	\$ 100.00
Sanders Fund	\$ -
Selle Fund	\$ -
Total for Month	\$ 1,512.76
Total Received to Date:	
Mites	\$ 1,412.76
Memorials/Celebrations	\$ -
SWD Mites ONLY	\$ -
National Mites ONLY	\$ 100.00
Sanders Fund (principal & interest)	\$ -
Selle	\$ -
Beginning Balance from 2016-2018	\$ 2,049.30
Biennium Total	\$ 3,562.06
25% LWML Mites (51,125.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 353.19
75% LWML-SWD Mites (153,375.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 1,059.57

August 2018 Mite Report

Mite Goal for 2018 – 2019 Biennium	\$204,500.00
Needed per Month	\$ 8,520.83
Received the Month of August 2018	
Mites collected this month (not designated)	\$ 3,595.80
Memorials/Celebrations this month	\$ -
Mites designated strictly to SWD Only	\$ -
Mites designated strictly to National Only	\$ -
Sanders Fund	\$ -
Selle Fund	\$ -
Total for Month	\$ 3,595.80
Total Received to Date:	
Mites	\$ 5,008.56
Memorials/Celebrations	\$ -
SWD Mites ONLY	\$ -
National Mites ONLY	\$ 100.00
Sanders Fund (principal & interest)	\$ 496.92
Selle	\$ 356.88
Beginning Balance from 2016-2018	\$ 2,049.30
Biennium Total	\$ 8,011.66
25% LWML Mites (51,125.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 1,252.14
75% LWML-SWD Mites (153,375.00 needed for Biennium)	\$ 3,756.42

We are on our way to paying the second Grant for the Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Food Bank, Fort Wayne. Keep sending in your mites monthly; I love receiving mail. Please make checks payable to LWML SWD and include a receipt voucher. Vouchers are found at LWML-SWD.org under resources, and then society. God's Blessings!

Marilyn Belter,
Financial Secretary

Send mites to:

Marilyn Belter
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Outreach Opportunity

At the Fall 2018 Board of Directors Meeting, showing support for the Pastors' Wives/Widows Retreat was discussed. This retreat gives Pastors' wives and widows an opportunity to connect as sisters in Christ, build relationships, grow in faith, and support each other. The retreat information is as follows:

Pastors' Wives/Widows Retreat 2019

GOOD GRIEF!

(supporting each other through loss:
such as home, family, jobs, friendship)

April 5-6, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Speaker: Dr. Rev. Bruce Hartung

1 Thessalonians 5:11

What are some possible ways LWML Sisters can show support?

- Pray for your pastor's wife
- Share information about the retreat; encourage her to attend; perhaps as a society sponsor her registration, share her email address (with her permission). This is especially helpful in getting information to pastors' widows, so she gets information directly
- Prepare "Pamper a Pastor's Wife" encouragement bags (fill a paper lunch bag with fun things such as: travel size lotion, tissue, candy, popcorn, etc., favorite bible passage, and a note of encouragement) to be shared at retreat, or any other encouragements that could be placed on the tables.

If "Pamper a Pastor's Wife" bags are sent to the Spring BOD meeting with your Zone President on February 23 the retreat committee will have them in time. If you have any questions please contact Cinda Poppe at cinda.poppelwml@gmail.com and thanks in advance for your support.



Rejoice that once again the missionary call has been embraced by couples from South Wisconsin District. Pastor Michael and Karen Schempf (Watertown area) are preparing their hearts and worldly concerns for him to serve as a theological educator in Uganda. Herman and Sheila Strozier (Milwaukee) will relocate to Eurasia so that Herman can serve in the role of business manager for the missionaries in that region. They join: Pastor David Baker family (Mongolia), Dr. Charles and Mrs. Cortright (Eurasia), Elliot Derricks family (Cameroon). Amy Formella (Sierra Leone), Deaconess Deirdre Christiansen (Germany), Pastor Jacob Gaugert (Togo), Amanda Groshek (Taiwan), Natalie Howard (Dominican Republic), Rachel Meyer (Uganda), Richard Sovitzky family (South Asia), Cindy Zirbel (Eurasia), Rev. Charles Ferry family (Taiwan), Rev. Dr Edward Naumann family (Sri Lanka).

The labyrinth of support people making all this happen is phenomenal. There is the calling agency (LCMS and Lutheran Bible Translators), people to help with the proper paper work, congregations in support, those in the mission field preparing for their arrival. Not the least among these are those who give their financial support and their prayers on their behalf. Thank you. If you receive newsletters from any one of these missionaries, you will be in awe of how God is using them.

P.S. At the last writing for the Mission Lamp, my daughter and husband (Edward and Monica Naumann) were waiting for paper work to be able to return to Sri Lanka. Praise the Lord, they are back in the field. Alfred James was born to them on October 4th and baptized on the 14th.

A Speaker's List is available on request from me as you plan for your spring rallies. Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Schempf as they are working on their support network.

LuAnn Roman, Missionary Outreach/Mission Education
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February 1 & 2, 2019
2019 WINTER GETAWAY

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

Join us for Bible Study, speakers, and servant events that focus on finding "Courage, Wisdom, & Strength through Christ for the Journey" of our lives that we face daily.

Our time together will be focused on Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Mark your calendars and join us February 1 & 2, 2019 at the Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center!



There are times when we feel like we are not good enough, we just can't live up to all that is expected of us. Sometimes it comes on suddenly, sometimes it is little by little. Join us at the Wintergreen Resort and Convention Center on February 1st & 2nd to be lifted up, encouraged, and strengthened. Our Keynote Speaker, Stephenie Hovland, and Pastor Adam Barkley will inspire and share how the Word of God is our courage, wisdom, & strength to get us through the tough times in our lives. Come, and be uplifted, and work on servant events to lift up others, find your "Courage, Wisdom, and Strength through Christ for the Journey." For more information go to LWML-SWD/retreats.

Joan Anderson

Winter Getaway Keynote Speaker

Stephenie Hovland, a lifelong Lutheran, wanted from third grade to be a teacher, mother, organist, and pastor's wife. When she met those goals in her twenties, she planned to be happy doing those things forever. But, as Stephenie discovered, happiness doesn't come from goal setting, or even meeting all your goals. Stephenie has struggled with her identity in Christ, a variety of health issues, and not being able to be Wonder Woman. She hopes to be a resource and inspiration to women. Life is hard. It's messy. Let's help each other see God's hope and hand in it all.



NOVEMBER 10TH WORKSHOP for Zone Presidents. All Zone Presidents are asked to attend the training workshop to be held November 10th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie from 9am to 3pm. If you are unable to attend, an alternate should attend for you. Please bring a bag lunch/beverage along. RSVP to Claudia Fairchild: correspondingsecretar.lwml.swd@gmail.com

Cindi Bohmann
Christian Life Chairman



As of September 25, 2018, the new LWML office address is:

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Lutheran Women's Quarterly

The first weekend of November we will "Fall Back," then we will "Spring Ahead" the second weekend in March. All societies are encouraged to spring ahead a little early by getting their 2019 Lutheran Women's Quarterly order form off the LWML-SWD website, and making a plan to send it in before the March 15 deadline. Remember a deadline is the last possible date it can be sent in...sending it in a month early is OK to do.

Last year 35 reminder calls were made after March 1, which were about the same number as the year before. It is fantastic there have been NO late orders for two years!!

Now for a new goal...No late orders AND no reminder calls! Can it be done? The challenge is on! Start sending in your 2019 LW Quarterly orders anytime.

Have extra LW Quarterlies? Share them with women in your congregation who have not attended your gatherings to help spark an interest in LWML then, invite them to your next event.

In His service,
Cinda Poppe

LEADER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS IN MARCH

The biennial Leader Development Workshops are scheduled for March 16, 2019 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Watertown, and for March 23, 2019 at Beautiful Savior in Waukesha. The theme of these workshops is "Led by the Spirit," based on Romans 8:14. Both workshops will have the same program and schedule.

"Why would one attend a leader development workshop?" "If I attend, I might be expected to do more than I want to commit to doing." "I have done so much already." "Let others who have been more involved continue leading, they do such a good job." "I could never be a leader."

The purpose of these LD workshops is to give the LWML SWD women the chance to grow in their faith and service to our Lord Jesus. If you are an LWML leader in your society or zone, now is the time to encourage a newer LWML-er to join you to learn about opportunities to let God use her and her talents to further the purposes of the LWML SWD. If you have not been a leader in your society or zone, now is the time to consider where and how God might want to use you.

The committee has gotten a slow start this time so watch the web site for more information, such as schedules, registration, and topics. In the meantime, knowing that "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called," prayerfully consider joining your LWML sisters on one of these Saturdays in March.

Ruth Mueller, VP Organizational Resources



LWML STORE

If anyone is interested in ordering anything from the LWML Store for the Winter Getaway in the Dells, please contact me with your order before Jan. 15th, 2019. The order form is on the LWML SWD website. You can also contact me if you have any questions. My email is dkamrath22@gmail.com or call me at 920-387-3367.

MEMORIES OF FALL RETREAT 2018

Despite some initial obstacles, 164 sisters and brothers in Christ enjoyed a wonderful, Spirit-filled, weekend in Oshkosh exploring the theme "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me."

With wit and wisdom (and numerous Kleenex and cough drops), keynote speaker Jan Struck did an outstanding job of challenging us to be bold in the spread of the Gospel, using our God-given, God-driven talents. Missionary family, the

Federwitzs, inspired us with stories and videos of their work in Papua New Guinea, giving us a true inside look at a missionary's life. Bible studies, exhibitors, a fun icebreaker, great music, and fellowship enhanced the weekend. Two local food pantries were thrilled to receive all the food, scarves and personal care items. The offering went to the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, and the cards for Veterans and active duty servicemen will go out to our LCMS Chaplains for distribution. If you missed out, be sure to join us for the Winter Getaway, coming up February 1 & 2, 2019.

Debbie Netz



Elaine Hull and Judy Gitzlaff reap information from exhibitors.



The Federwitz family enjoying ice cream.



Visualizing the number of people in a missionary support team.



Carrie Federwitz and daughter Rachel share details of life on the mission field.



A portion of Ingathering for Trinity Lutheran, Menasha food pantry.



Retreats are places to meet old and new friends.



PLEASE SHARE THE MISSION LAMP!



2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 10: Zone President's Meeting Fellowship; 9:00 am-3:00 pm Bethlehem, Sun Prairie
 - Dec. 1: TLC Scholarship deadline for Winter Getaway 2019
 - Feb. 1-2, 2019: Winter Getaway
 - Feb 23: BOD meeting; Elm Grove Lutheran
- See lwml-swd.org/calendar for more info!

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Want to share your news? What do you find uplifting or inspiring as you serve the Lord? Is there something you would like your fellow LWMers to know? The Mission Lamp is a great way to share photos, ideas, and upcoming events!

The deadline for the next issue is
January 15, 2019.

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