



“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

Oregon Leaguer

Fall/Winter 2012

PEACE

Peace is something that I think we all desire. Well most of us anyway. We often wish on having our world without hunger, crime, war. We long for a world that is safe and free from trouble. The peace that we experience in the world is tainted with sin. The effects of that sin in our personal lives and the lives of others does not create peace.

What is your view on what peace is? In a fallen world our idea of peace is often very unrealistic. Jesus Christ himself talked about peace to the disciples . When Jesus spoke to them he said,

“²⁵ All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:25-27).

The peace that Jesus is offering is one of forgiveness, one of assurance that He is with them. It is that peace which transcends all human understanding, but gives true peace. In that peace there is no fear of punishment, no fear of retribution and a continual pouring out of the savior’s love for us.

This is accomplished by what Jesus has done for us, by keeping the law perfectly in our stead, and going to the cross to pay for all our mistakes past, present and future.

All who depend on Jesus Christ will know true peace. I often think in our hearts and minds when we think of peace we have a longing for the Heavenly peace which will be for all who believe in Jesus. This world will pass away and everything in it, and this world will never know true peace, but the love we have from the Lord will always be with us. My prayer is that you trust what he has done for your sake, and that you receive the peace that He wants to give to you.

Pastor Blesi



HELP NEEDED (DESPERATELY!)

Oregon District Webmaster Needed

Please Contact:

President Carolyn Stucky

VP Communications Barbara Northrop

2013 LWML CONVENTION BANNER

Pittsburgh, PA ~ June 27-30th

I am still accepting designs for the banner up until the first of the year. It needs to be based on the Bible passage John 4:14. The colors of red and aqua can be used if the designer wishes, but does not need to.

Theme: “Quenched by the Water”.

President Carolyn Stucky

FROM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR:

All women of the Oregon District LWML. Positions will be open for offices - summer of 2014. Please prayerfully consider yourself and note women that show talents for one of the openings! Never too early!

Joy through Christ,
Priscilla Greig

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CELEBRATE WITH PEACE

It is the season for celebrations. After Halloween comes Thanksgiving and then Christmas so fast that the stores cannot even get one season down before another begins. Perhaps the best is to put it all up at the same time so as to save some energy for actual celebrations.

Part of the celebration is gift giving. We hand out candy, invite people for a meal and give gifts in boxes and bags. Even the government has given a gift by declaring holidays so there is time off from work to celebrate.

God loves celebrations too. His son born on Christmas Day brought the angels of heaven to announce His birth. Jesus Christ lived for us and died for us so that we might live with Him forever. What a gift! It didn't stop there though. He gave us another gift – the gift often not opened. Hear His words in John 14:27- "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So do not be troubled or afraid."

Ah yes, that is what is really needed now. With that promised gift from Jesus the season will actually be a celebration and not one of fear, frustrations, and overly tired bodies. There will be time to celebrate by making intentional relationships with our neighbors, to have time to find out what is happening in their lives and to really listen. What is Jesus doing in their lives? Where is God at work? This is a gift worth giving to our friends and neighbors!

Coming soon there will be an opportunity to learn more about following Jesus and bringing more people into a relationship with Him. The LWML training in St. Louis was called PING, which stands for Prepare, Inspire, Nourish, and Go. We will also look at four other words as we view God's relationship with us: Pursuing, Investing, Nurturing, and Going. It is my desire to bring this material to you in a zone rally sometime this next year. It will build confidence in what God is doing in your lives and in the lives of those around you. The best life in this world is being a follower, a disciple, of Jesus and not just a "fan". That is something to celebrate!!

*In Christ's service,
Carolyn Stucky, President*

TOURS

Attending Convention in Pittsburgh?

Want to see some local sites?

Check out the tours that are available.

Go to www.lwml.org website and check out information on all the tours available.



SUPERSTORM SANDY

Two weeks after Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast, LCMS Disaster Response is in the area, organizing what will be an extensive, sustained effort to bring the compassion and love of Christ to His hurting people in the area. Damages are estimated to be in the tens of billions of dollars, and many residents are still without power or displaced from their homes.

Learn more about LCMS relief efforts including:

- The Koinonia Mission House — shelter and mercy for Sandy victims in Whitestone, N.Y.
<http://mercyforever.lcms.org/2012/11/koinonia-mission-house-providing-families-shelter-and-mercy-following-sandy/>
- Report from LCMS Atlantic District President Dr. David Benke
<http://mercyforever.lcms.org/2012/11/dr-behnkes-latest-report-from-snowy-sandy-weary-atlantic-district/>

How can we help?

Go to www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster to make an online gift or visit www.lcms.org/disaster to learn how to give by mail or by phone.

Access disaster response resources including:

- FEMA's "When Disaster Strikes"
- Flood Relief Bucket Project
- Survival Kit Project
- Prayers
- Bulletin Inserts
- <http://www.Ready.gov>
- <http://www.FEMA.gov/Plan>

*Your servant in and
through Christ,
Rev. Glenn F. Merritt
Director,
Disaster Response
The Lutheran
Church-Missouri Synod
www.lcms.org/disaster*



YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE (YWR) - OREGON DISTRICT

Who is a YWR?

Any mature young woman who is preferably 22 - 35 years of age, a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attended a national convention as a YWR may become a Young Woman Representative.

Applications are found at the www.lwml.org website under Young Women. Applications are due January 1, 2013.

Send applications to:

Naomi Brown
165 NW 33rd Court
Hillsboro, OR 97124

e-mail address: n2d21brown@yahoo.com

JUNIPER ZONE GALS ENJOY GLORIOUS FALL TRAVELS AS JOHN DAY LADIES HOST RALLY

Seven amazing women of the host Society of Redeemer Lutheran, John Day, rolled out the red carpet for 22 of us attending our Rally, Oct. 13, two carloads from Faith, La Pine, and Trinity, Bend. (Remember: Travel meant leaving at 5/6 a.m. respectively.) It is always a joy to travel East to John Day, into the sunrise (or in this case, morning fog) every two years, and enjoy the joyful hospitality, fellowship, singing and worship in Pastor Blesi's hilltop church. After opening devotions in the sanctuary, we retired to the sunny basement fellowship hall for a 3.5 hour Bible Study-luncheon-prayer group activity, "Faithful Women," as we explored in small table groups the John MacArthur book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*. Each group was challenged to pick a woman of the Bible, read the chapter excerpts given them and Bible references about her, and we created two giant easel charts of: her gifts of the Spirit, and words describing her. We were served a marvelous hot buffet lunch and gingerbread cookies! The variety and color of table décor, cloths, favors and take-home snack bags, all of Thanks Giving themes, set such a festive aura. And we spent half hour at the close in a prayer-partner setting; no body wanted to leave....the LaPine carload, however, took a wonderful side-trip to the famed Painted Hills Ntl. Park, and is said to have stayed out well beyond curfew. It was all just a memorable day.

Pat Reck, Zone President



Pastor Blesi gets a "purple angel duckie"



Wall display of Gospel Outreach Projects

THERE IS A QUIET PLACE

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

God wants His children to have a quiet, peaceful, serene place within the busyness of life.

Why?

So we can know that God is God.

Where is that place?

At a quiet wooded area? At the seashore? A favorite rocker?

Be still there and know God's presence. He is waiting for you.

Please plan to come to the Oregon District
LWML Christian Life Retreat
September 20-22, 2013
Christian Renewal Center
Silverton, Oregon

Watch for details.

Oregon District Christian Life Committee

PRAYER AND POSTAGE



Share the love of Jesus this Christmas and throughout the year with a person who has intellectual and developmental disabilities through Bethesda Lutheran Communities Prayer and Postage program. You, your LWML, and your congregation can bring great joy to one or more individuals by sending them cards which tell the Good News of Jesus, and praying that our Lord will bless them each day. They love receiving cards in the mail. Good Shepherd Auxiliary, soon to be renamed Bethesda (Lutheran Communities) Auxiliary and our Oregon District LWML Special Ministries committee urge you to participate in this easy and very effective way of reaching out to those whom we often overlook. Also include those in your congregation and community who would be blessed by knowing they are being remembered in prayer. Bethesda Auxiliary Area Chairs have the Prayer and Postage information flyers available or you can contact Bethesda's Ministry Consultants Mona Fuerstenau (360-624-3847) or Michael DeDominick (503-407-0177) if you have questions or need copies of the flyers to get signed up for the program.

*Human Care Department
Special Ministries Committee*

SAVE *the* DATE

January 1, 2013

[Pittsburgh Convention](#)

Young Woman Representative Applications

Due to Naomi Brown

February 23, 2013

[EC/Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Place - TBA

June 27 - 30, 2013

[LWML Convention](#)

Pittsburgh, PA

September 19, 2013

[EC/Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Silverton, Oregon

September 20-22, 2013

[Christian Life Retreat](#)

Silverton, Oregon

June 27 - 29, 2014

[Oregon District Convention 2014](#)

Embassy Suites-Airport Hotel
Portland, Oregon

EMERALD ZONE FALL RALLY

The Emerald Zone Fall Rally, October 21, was hosted by Messiah Lutheran LWML, Eugene Oregon.

Our Mission Project for the rally was an in-gathering of new socks, undies, and other clothing for the foster children of Lane County. Our guest speakers were Megan Beneveto, CASA representative and Linda McCarty, a Special Advocate working through CASA (Court Appointed Special Children of Lane County.) They shared the unknown, the fears and difficulties, foster children can face when removed from harmful environments. The advocates assess the needs of each case they are assigned and report directly to the Judge. Volunteers are always needed both as advocates and volunteers in the CASA facility. The bounty of items given will be in the CASA Closet, awaiting children in need.

Our Theme "I AM", was our bible study led by Counselor Pastor Markus. Discussion on the various names God is called; Lord, Redeemer, Jehovah, King of Kings, our Rock of salvation, God is the Word. The Second Commandment is our guide and reminder of how to use God's name. We remember that God put His name on us at our baptism and through faith we are made His heirs. *"Jesus said unto him, (Thomas and us) I AM the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me."* John 14:6

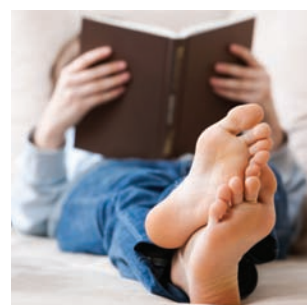


CARE CORNER

The Human Care Committee has a few ideas to share the love of our Savior with others in the church and in your community. Perhaps you can even find some time for yourself to find some rest and renewal in the Word for the upcoming year!

Here are some ideas:

December: Bake Christmas cookies as treats for the residents of a nursing home or other extended care facility. Be sure to obtain permission to bring in food to any residential facility. Conduct Advent devotions and or sing Christmas carols with the group.



January: Start off the year in a positive way so you can be a blessing to others. Set aside a special time each day to spend alone reading inspirational material and praying.

February: Have a "Souper Bowl Sunday" at church on Super Bowl Sunday. Collect canned soup and boxed crackers and give to your local food bank or Gospel Mission.



"You are a Blessing. May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed"
Psalm 20:4

Suggestions from your LWML Human Care Committee

UPDATE ON MISSION GRANTS FROM LWML (NATIONAL)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As the 2012-2013 LWML biennium draws to a close, there are Mission Grants (national) remaining to be funded before March 31, 2013. The LWML National Mite Report as of October 31, 2012 is on page 7. The LWML receives 25% of every penny, nickel, quarter and dollar given by the forty LWML Districts. At the end of October, receipt of Mites was \$(162,029.10).

Prayerfully consider a Christmas love offering given by you or your Society. 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.

Go in Joy, Serving Him.



NEXT LEAGUER
ARTICLES DUE BEFORE
MARCH 1, 2013

SPECIAL GIFT FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Special Gifts Fund Committee is pleased to announce that Danelle Putnam from Tillamook, Oregon has been awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship in October 2012.

Danelle is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Deaconess Studies Distance Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Danelle is fulfilling the residential requirements of the Deaconess Distance Program during the fall and winter terms. She is on a six month sabbatical from her work as a missionary in the Dominican Republic and will be returning to the Dominican Republic to continue working as a missionary. She will finish other class work on-line and through 1 or 2 intensive courses at the Seminary.

Many LWMLers have met Danelle and heard her share her experiences as a missionary. She was a featured Missionary Speaker at the LWML Convention 2009 in Portland. She is the daughter of Rev. George and Terry Putnam of Tillamook.

This scholarship was NOT funded from your MITE Offerings. Contributions to the Special Gift Fund have been received as Memorials and Remembrances and are deposited in an interest bearing account with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The scholarship(s) are funded from the interest in the account. We challenge and encourage you to continue supporting the Special Gifts Fund with your donations. Contributions can be sent to the Oregon District LWML Financial Secretary, Glenda Dougherty, PO Box 2066, Hillsboro, OR 97123-1919

Applications for the 2013 Scholarship will be accepted beginning June 2013, with the scholarship(s) awarded in October 2013. The application form is on the Oregon District LWML website, www.orlwml.org. LWML societies will receive information, in the USPS mail, regarding the scholarship during the late summer months. Inquiries may be made to Rhoda Spidal, Special Gifts Fund Committee Chair by e-mail – spidalr@spidalfamily.com or by USPS mail at 2451 NW Goodin Creek Road, Gaston, OR 97119.



A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to all the Societies that have already submitted their Quarterly Subscription Renewal forms. If you have not received a renewal form and would like to order the Quarterly beginning with the summer issue 2013 please contact me and I will send you a form.

Quarterlies are \$5.00 per copy per yearly subscription for 10 or more to the same address. It is \$6.50 per copy per year for individual subscriptions and for 9 or less to the same address. It is a better deal to order at least 10 subscriptions delivered to your church; that way you may have extras to give to visitors or friends.

The November 30th deadline will be extended for a short time but please send in your forms as soon as possible. It takes time to check and re-check names and addresses to assure that we have an accurate subscription renewal list. If you fail to return the renewal form with payment you will not receive any Quarterlies next summer!

*In HIS Service,
Glenda Dougherty
LWML Oregon District
Financial Secretary
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SOUTHERN OREGON ZONE FALL RALLY

Southern Oregon Fall Rally hosted by Zion Lutheran in Klamath Falls. The theme of the rally was "God's Harvest" based on Matthew 9:37-38.

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

40 women very much enjoyed the Bible Study led by Pastor Scott and the wonderful hospitality of the Zion Ladies.

The guest speaker was Niki Sampson from the Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank and the ingathering of non-parishable items was counted by the Teen LWMLers from Gloria Dei in Central Point.



GOSPEL OUTREACH

The Scripture verse of Gospel Outreach is recorded in Luke 8:16: Jesus said, "No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light."

I cannot imagine living in total darkness without being loved or loving others. Because of God's love for us, we are able to live in Christ's light that shines brightly in the world. Light gives energy..energy to share in His love. It is easy to be filled with love this time of year...the love of giving and receiving. It is up to us how we use this light in the world around us and KEEP it glowing all year round.

Mission Grants Funded to Date:

Production Cost of Two Oregon District Lutheran Braille Workers' Centers.....	FUNDED	\$6,000
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana Food and Clothing Co-Op.....		\$6,500
Project "GO" (Gospel Outreach) - Share Jesus.....		\$5,000
Developing Religious Life Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.....		\$6,500
Unequally Yoked - PABLO.....		\$5,000
The Gospel for Latino People.....		\$6,500
Dream Catcher Youth Group.....		\$5,000
Rural Outreach - Burns, OR.....		\$6,020
International (Partner Church) Graduate Student Support at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.....	FUNDED	\$6,500
Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, Boys' Orphanage Kitchen.....	FUNDED	\$6,500
TLC Child Development Center, Mt. Angel, OR.....	FUNDED	\$2,660
Joseph Food Security Project.....	FUNDED	\$5,320

News from the 2012-2014 Mission Grants:

Joseph Food Security Project – Numerous e-mails have been received from Pastor Nicholas Salifu as well from Rev. Dr. Paul Fynn, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Africa. The receipt of the Mission Grant funds was quite the process and a lesson in TRUST! With the help of Christ Our Lord...Our Rock and Strength, the funds were received and have been distributed, according to God's plan.

Product ion Cost of Two Oregon District Lutheran Braille Workers' Centers - "Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Through you many people with vision impairment will be blessed. May God richly bless each of you abundantly." In Christ, Dr. Phil Pledger, President.

Blessings to each of you, dear sisters and brothers of LWML – Oregon District!

Carmen Nagel
VP – Gospel Outreach

WOMEN OF GRACE, ASHLAND SERVANT EVENT

The Women of Grace LWML, Grace, Ashland, met on Saturday, August 25th to assemble birthing kits for one of their members, Dr. Lucinda Kolo, to use on her second mission trip to a small village of Tanzania in October.

The group cut 4 mil. vinyl into 2' x 3' pieces which will be used to cover the birthing table. Each piece was folded to fit into a quart sized zip lock bag along with a pair of vinyl gloves, a single edge razor blade to cut the umbilical cord, a 3' piece of string to tie the cord, and a piece of motel sized soap to clean the mother and baby. Since most of the villagers are unable to read, we also included a sheet containing picture instructions on how to use the kit.



The Women of Grace enjoyed a potluck salad luncheon. An offering was taken to help defray Dr. Kolo's traveling cost. An unexpected expense of a \$600.00 work permit recently required by the Tanzanian government was covered by a raffle held during the month of September by the Women of Grace.

Gayle Wolfe, President,
Women of Grace

OREGON DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

Come join us in prayer.

To have your name added to the e-mail prayer chain contact: Jacquie Ingalls
Ingalls.rose@yahoo.com



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
2011-2013 Mite Goal
 \$1,825,000

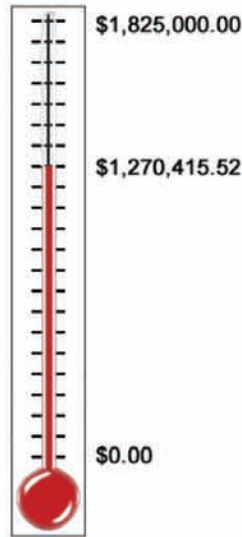


October 31, 2012 Report

Biennium Data

Amount Received:
 \$1,270,415.52

Amount Still Needed:
 \$554,584.48

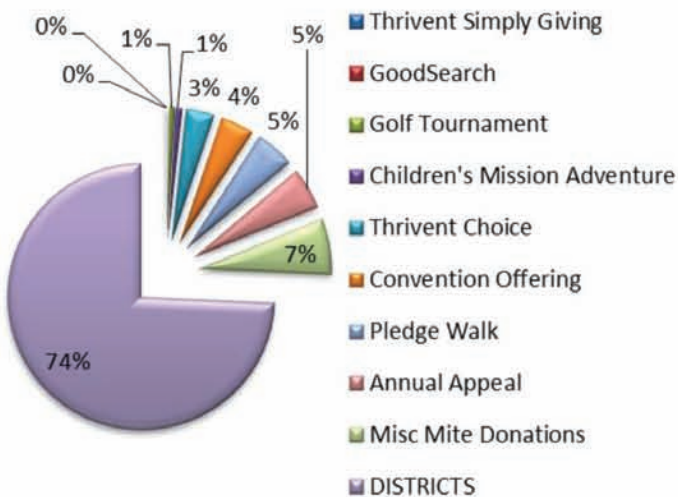


Average Monthly Funds Needed to Meet Mission Goal By March 31, 2013
\$110,916.91

Mites Received

Date	Received	Over(Under)
April 2011	\$ 11,707.27	\$(64,334.40)
May 2011	\$ 53,827.58	\$(22,214.09)
June 2011	\$171,566.07	\$ 95,524.40
July 2011	\$ 45,966.56	\$(30,075.11)
Aug 2011	\$ 43,767.74	\$(32,273.93)
Sept 2011	\$ 34,826.73	\$(41,214.94)
Oct 2011	\$ 62,129.17	\$(13,912.50)
Nov 2011	\$ 79,915.13	\$ 3,873.46
Dec 2011	\$ 98,353.82	\$ 22,312.15
Jan 2012	\$105,242.35	\$ 29,200.68
Feb 2012	\$ 70,902.84	\$(5,138.83)
March 2012	\$ 68,161.79	\$(7,879.88)
April 2012	\$111,982.56	\$ 35,940.89
May 2012	\$ 51,579.19	\$(24,462.48)
June 2012	\$ 55,063.59	\$(20,978.08)
July 2012	\$ 62,826.18	\$(13,215.49)
August 2012	\$ 43,141.74	\$(32,899.93)
Sept 2012	\$ 35,760.65	\$(40,281.02)
Oct 2012	\$ 63,694.56	\$(12,347.11)
TOTAL	\$1,270,415.52	\$(174,376.21)

Mites Sources



And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins [mites], which make a penny. (Mark 12:42)