



Oregon Leaguer

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

Spring 2010

Lutheran Women in Mission

What's Coming...

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| Deadline to Register for the OR District Convention! | MAY 1 |
| Deadline for Housing Reservations at Convention Rates! | MAY 11 |
| OR District Board of Directors Dinner @ 5 p.m., Meeting @ 6 p.m., Trinity—Bend | JUNE 10 |
| OR District Convention "On Eagles' Wings" Eagle Crest, Redmond, OR | JUNE 11—13 |



June 11—13
2010

On Eagle's Wings

Oregon! The Eagle is landing!



Ladies, we're about to land and nest for three glorious days at the spectacular cliff-side of the famed Deschutes River...we are so excited, it's been a long time since y'all have "come out East!"

Seems like just months ago we were assembling our committees and cooing over the format, and how excited and privileged we were to host our own District Convention! Wow!


That was eighteen months ago....and now we are settling in on the countdown! 4-3-2-1 In less than four months we will greet you under the marvelous portico of the majestic Convention Center, and are we excited? You Bet! Things seem to be falling into place this winter: the organ is returning, and you are signing up to be in the choir, yes! We have marvelous speakers, guests, and Pastors who are lifting us up spiritually while we ride the air currents and every day on our theme from Isaiah 40:31.

We wait, our strength shall be renewed, and you will come away truly lifted up. **BUT WAIT!**

Have you done your part yet? Registered, sent in your money, and called the toll-free number below to assure your hotel or condominium reservations? Those deadlines are bearing down and by May 11 all totals must be in to assure fine-tuning on every aspect of this huge undertaking for us, your smallest wee Zone in all of Oregon. Please pray then, for the women of the four churches who have given their all to make this time memorable for you in every way.

EACH REGISTRANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER OWN HOUSING: call 1-800-682-4786, hold with a credit card; all unreserved rooms will be released to the public on May 11.

DON'T FORGET...we are going green, so wear your favorite polo shirt, bring your lanyard loaded with commemorative pins, bring a brag bag from your favorite convention of the past, and if you can spare a special one to share with a first time sister, that would be so gracious!

Patti Reck & Sue Cummins 
CONVENTION 20-10 CO-CHAIRS!!!

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ALERT!! Come EARLY!! MISSION FAIR is open on Friday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.!!

Come EARLY to convention! The MISSION FAIR is on Friday afternoon, June 11, from 1:00—5:00 p.m. ONLY!

By Saturday this area will be our dining area. Get a head start on serving and outreach even before the convention officially begins. Tie quilts, pack health kits and school kits, make bag mats, and cut and laminate Sunday school teaching pictures, all to be sent to Haiti for use by the Lutheran churches and schools devastated by the earthquake. Also, write to military personnel and missionaries, make gifts bags for the elderly and shut-ins, and MUCH MORE! A great time to visit with dear friends and make new ones, while we keep our hands busy serving.

On Eagles' Wings

The last weekend in January, I was privileged to attend, as your OR LWML District President, our LWML Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis. What a joy-filled, encouraging meeting as along with 39 more LWML District Presidents and the LWML national officers we met to worship and conduct our LWML business to God's Glory. I was especially inspired and uplifted to discuss convention planning with these women of God in His LWML Mission. Now, encouraging each of you in convention preparation and attendance is also my privilege.

Our OR LWML District is diligently working on our June convention. We are being guided in listening to God's Word in Isaiah 40 and 41 from which our theme verse was selected. Our Convention Theme Verse is...*those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31 NIV*

You are encouraged to read Isaiah 40 and 41 daily. What joy and strength God has for us in these two chapters. Over and over our Lord displays His almighty power and love for us saying: **I AM, I AM, I AM!!** How spectacular our Lord is!!! But He does not stop there. He says again and again in His promises—I will, I will, I will. Still not stopping with His strength and love He goes on to assure us by repeating numerous times: **Do not fear! Do not be afraid!** Our theme verse confirms His Words in a wonderful summary of hope.

With God's Word in our hearts we commit to our **Convention Goal:** *To be assured that our Lord is the everlasting God Creator who renews our strength and lifts us on wings like eagles to do His will to His glory.*

With our everlasting God Creator renewing and uplifting us as on wings of eagles we will complete our **Convention Objectives:** *Being enabled*

by our everlasting Lord God Creator through worship and Bible studies we will:

1. *Proclaim our God.*
2. *Express our Trust and*
3. *Engage our Service.*

Actually, our theme, goal, and objectives would work well as our own guidelines for daily living by being in His word and serving Him to His Glory. Our Lord says: **I AM! I WILL! DO NOT FEAR!**

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Portions of Isaiah 40: 28 & 31 NIV)

Cynthia Behrens

PRESIDENT,
OR DISTRICT LWML



CHRIST CENTERED LIVING

Nourished by the WORD, guided by the SPIRIT, each woman is actively demonstrating Christ's love.



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Request MITE BOXES
(free of charge)

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LOVE LINKS PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests that you would like to share with the women of the Oregon District who have signed up for the Christian Life Prayer chain, email Judy Chase at judy.chase@verizon.net.



Wanted!

Wanted: A woman with a heart for prayer and good computer skills. The Oregon District LWML needs a volunteer to distribute prayer requests through the email prayer chain. This ministry is not time consuming and reaches many women who desire to pray for the needs of others. Please contact Christian Life V.P. Judy Chase or President Cynthia for more information or to volunteer.

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Convention Information! Convention Information! Convention Information!

CONVENTION BAGS & LANYARDS

Please bring a favorite convention bag for yourself and any extra convention bags you would be willing to share. If you have an Oregon/LWML lanyard from past conventions please bring it. If you do not have a bag or lanyard one will be provided.

CONVENTION BAG CONTEST!

There will be a prize given for the "oldest" Oregon District Convention bag.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION & OPENING WORSHIP

The registration deadline for the convention is May 1, 2010. It is fast approaching.

If your registration is post marked after May 1, 2010 there will be a late fee assessed.

Friday night worship service is open to everyone. If you are traveling to Eagle Crest with a spouse, family or friend who do not plan to attend the convention, they are welcome to join us in worship on Friday evening.

Starting on Saturday morning, only registrants with a name badge will be allowed on the convention floor.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

EAGLE CREST RESORT

REDMOND, OREGON

Call 1-800-682-4786 NOW to make your own hotel/condo reservations for June 11—13, 2010. .

Come enjoy Eagle Crest and Central Oregon a few days early, stay a few extra days after convention---same hotel rates apply.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

At the Board Meeting last fall it was suggested the entertainment on Sat. evening should be provided by the zones. Yes, we are the entertainment! I know the Oregon District is blessed with lots of talent. So all you talented gals, and yes, guys too, Go For IT.

Your zone may be represented with a skit, songs, poems, musical performance, dance etc. You may have more than one performance per zone, but keep the time to five to ten minutes. Please send your "act" and time frame for the act to Sue Cummins either by email:

gwendewey@bendbroadband.com

or snail mail: 22850 Nelson Rd., Bend, OR 97701.

Visit the LWML Store!

The LWML STORE will have items for sale at convention this summer!!! Be sure to stop and see new LWML Items for purchase. We will have some "Woody" Bears - the official LWML Convention Bear from Portland - so be sure to add to your Bear collection! A great gift for your Secret Sister or a friend, the bears sell for \$7 each.

Look for the new bedside Devotions and Healing Scripture Bookmarks. At 20 cents each, these are wonderful to use as a little "gift" for people in the hospital, nursing home, or shut ins!

We also have LWML Ceramic Coaster sets with the LWML Symbol on the front – a set of 4 is \$15.

Take a look, and we know you'll find something to take back home with you!!!

Also, if you wish to purchase an **OREGON DISTRICT LMWL** Polo Shirt or Denim jacket with the **Oregon District Logo**, you need to get your order in by May 1st to guarantee delivery in time for convention! The order form is on the Oregon District website!

2010 District Convention ~ On Eagle's Wings
June 11, 12 & 13, 2010



Eagle Crest Convention Center ~ Redmond, Oregon

Articles for the Summer 2010 issue of the *Oregon Leaguer* are due

Saturday, May 15, 2010.

E-mail your articles/info or pictures with description to orleaguer@lorenzelec.com



The LWML catalog and websites have resources for personal and group devotions and Bible studies, along with other materials to enhance your spiritual "ready-ness."

Go to www.LWML.org and www.ORLWML.org.

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Gifts from the Heart 2010

This is an all district ingathering brought by convention attendees to go to local charities, and is separate from the Mission Fair activities.

~PLEASE BRING~

Grant County Food Bank: Redeemer Luth., John Day

- ◆ Non perishable food items.

LaPine Community Food Bank: Faith Luth., LaPine

- ◆ Non perishable food items.

Please check expiration dates so items brought will still have a good shelf life.

H.H.O.P.E. Harney Helping Organization for Personal Emergencies (Women & Children)

First Evangelical, Burns

- ◆ Towels/washcloth
- ◆ Tooth brush/past
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Puffy nylon scrubber on a rope
- ◆ Shower gels
- ◆ Bath gels
- ◆ Hairspray
- ◆ Hair clips
- ◆ Mascara
- ◆ Perfume
- ◆ Lipstick
- ◆ Chap stick



Pregnancy Resource Center Central Oregon:

Trinity Lutheran, Bend

- ◆ New clothing items for baby from newborn to 2T/od- dler, Male and Female
- ◆ New maternity tops/pants, stretch camisoles, nursing bras, slippers
- ◆ New packaged crib sheets
- ◆ New rattles, toys to hang on car seats, teethingers
- ◆ Inspirational Books – not too much reading – encour- aging women to learn of their value. And, Your First Bible or biblical books for little ones.
- ◆ Nursing breast pads
- ◆ Soy candles (to keep our center inviting for our visi- tors,) bottled water for our nervous women.
- ◆ DVDs (approx. 45 min) or gift cards to purchase DVDs for our parent program – anything educational pertaining to Baby Care, Breastfeeding, Discipline, Overcoming Depression, etc.

Come One, Come All!



It's that time again! Get excited about attending the Oregon District LWML convention in June 2010. All are encouraged to come and share in the joy of fellowship with all the women (and men) of the Oregon District.

In the last year, the Department of Servant Resources has been focused on how our district could involve the young women and teens (Friends Into Serving Him) more formally. Before the convention delegates will be a pro- posed bylaw change to create a Young Woman's Commit- tee. The purpose of this committee will be to give voice to our young women and assist them in finding their identity and mission within LWML.

Come and meet the young women and teens of the Oregon District at convention! We hope that your socie- ties are busy selecting those who will attend. Embrace them and welcome them with your encouraging words. Share with them how LWML has strengthened your mission walk with God.

Along with the proposed bylaw for a committee for young women is another proposed new committee, "Special Ministries". This proposed committee will focus on the needs of those women who may feel that there is just not the right place for them in LWML. We are hoping to assist every woman in finding a place within LWML in our district.

As you can see, the phrase, "Come One, Come All!" is really meant to encourage all women within our congrega- tions to come check it out!

All the members of the Servant Resources Department look forward to seeing you at Convention 2010!

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice"

Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

Convention Choir...

LADIES, Do YOU Sing Tenor?

Carol Podwils, choir director for 2010 convention, needs tenors for the choir! The registration form did not have a box to check for this, so if you sing tenor and would like to sing in con- vention choir please do one of the following:

- ◆ If you have not registered please just hand write tenor on the choir line.
- ◆ If you have already registered and would like to sing tenor in the choir, please email Sue Cummins at gwendewey@bendbroadband.com with your name and she will add the information to your registration.

2010 Convention Highlights

Thursday: June 10, 2010

- 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors supper hosted by Trinity
LWML, Bend
- 6:00 p.m. OR District LWML Board of Dir. Meeting

Friday Day: June 11, 2010

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN

- 7:00 a.m. Convention Center opens for set up
- 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens,
Convention Center Lobby
- 12 noon — 4:15 p.m. Displays & Exhibits Open in
Convention Center
- 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. Open House Mission Fair,
Golden Eagle Ballroom
- 1:00 p.m. Banner Practice, Juniper Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Tellers meeting and training session
- 2:30 p.m. Delegate Orientation, Juniper Hall
- 3:15 p.m. Choir Practice, Juniper Hall
- 4:15 p.m. Candidate Meeting,
Presidential Suite – Hotel 1119
- 4:15 p.m. YWR Meeting, Suite TBA

Friday Night: June 11, 2010

- 6:10 p.m. Ecclesiastical Processional,
assemble in Rooms C & D
- 6:30 p.m. Opening Celebration Communion Service,
Juniper Hall
Ecclesiastical Processional, Juniper Hall
Offering #1 – Oregon District Mites
- 8:00 p.m. Intermission
- 8:15 p.m. First Business Meeting
Mission Presenter: Cynthia Khan, POBLO
Announcements: Convention Committee
Co-Chairs, Sue Cummins & Pat Reck
- 9:30 p.m. High Desert Dessert & Candidate Reception,
High Desert Room – all welcome

Saturday, June 12, 2010

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

- 6:00 a.m. “Mitey” MITE Walk
- 6:00 a.m.—7:45 a.m. Exhibits Open
- 7:45 a.m. Celebration Singing, Juniper Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Honored Guests & Dignitaries Processional
- 8:15 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 8:35 a.m. Second Business Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2010 *continued*

- 9:20 a.m. Bible Study #1: Pastor Lovejoy
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:20 a.m. Business Meeting
Missions Presentation and balloting for
Mission Grants
Introduction of Candidates and Balloting
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12 noon — 1:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 1:00 p.m. Celebration Singing Call to Meeting
- 1:15 p.m. Bible Study #2: Pastor Lovejoy
- 2:00 p.m. LWML Presenter: Sylvia Johnson
Offering #2
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. General Business
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet, Golden Eagle Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 8:00 p.m. Entertainment, Juniper Hall

*Evening Vespers led by Pastoral Counselors

Sunday, June 13, 2010

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

- 6:00 a.m. — 7:45 a.m. Exhibits Open
- 8:00 a.m. Celebration Songfest
- 8:15 a.m. Opening Devotions & Dedication of
Ingathering and Mission Fair Gifts
Human Care Comm. & YWR/Teens
Offering #3
- 9:00 a.m. Closing Business
Tellers Reports, Registration Reports,
Announcements
Remaining Business
- 10:15 a.m. Break for Housing Check out
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Installation and Rededication of Officers,
Sending
Convention Adjournment and Closing
Prayer



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Mission Grant Proposals for 2010 Ballot

1. LCMS Board for Pastoral Education, LCMS Joint Seminary Fund-Student Assistance Matching Grant — \$5,000
2. Ethnic Mission: Translating and Teaching the Word of God in the Pacific Northwest—\$6,000
3. Resources for Translation Projects in Enga Province, Papua, New Guinea—\$6,200
4. St. John Lutheran School Curriculum Project in Eagle Point, Oregon—\$6,500
5. Concordia University Students' Asia Outreach—\$6,400
6. Religious Life Curriculum Project for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities—\$6,500
7. Out of the Orphanage and into the Family of Christ—The Development of Lutheran Group Homes for Children and Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Dominican Republic— \$6,500
8. Financial Assistance for LWML Women Pursuing a Degree in Professional Church Work in the LCMS—\$6,000
9. Opening a New Outreach Center for the Blind in Portland, OR and Providing Training for the New Director — \$5,000
10. Circuit Rider Ministry to Latino People in Willamette Valley—\$6,500
11. Library Resources, Lutheran Seminary, Atsimoniniavaka, Madagascar—\$6,000
12. Repair, Repaint, Revitalize and Renew — \$6,500
First Ev. Lutheran Church, Burns OR
13. LCMS Campus Ministry Training Grant—\$3,600
14. Sporting, Scoring and Soaring Soccer Clinic— \$5,000
LCMS Youth Ministries Servant Event,
Ascension Lutheran Church, Portland OR

LWML "Mission Grant Selection 101"

As your delegate prepares to represent your society at the Oregon District LWML convention in June, and vote on the proposed mission projects that our mites will fund, the Gospel Outreach Committee would like to suggest that **all** members of your society be involved. Study and discuss **together** the proposed mission grants, and pray for each as you decide for which grants your delegate will vote.

The following guidelines could be used.

1. Open your Bibles and see what God's Word has to say about our involvement in missions.
 - a. Discuss why we send out missionaries: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15, 17
 - b. Consider the call of missionaries (what their "job" involves): Acts 26:17b-20
 - c. What support was given the first missionaries? Acts 15:13; Acts 21:5; Acts 27:3; Phil.4:10-20; Titus 3:13; 3 John 1-8
2. Pray for God's guidance and discernment.
3. Thoroughly read each proposal and discuss each, considering:
 - a. Outreach:
 - 1) What is the outreach potential of this mission?
 - 2) How many believers and the lost will be hearing the Gospel?
 - 3) Is encouragement of others involved?
 - b. Longevity of this mission and potential resulting missions:
 - 1) Is the project equipping people so that the mission will be on-going?
 - 2) How will relationships that the Holy Spirit can use be built or enhanced?
 - 3) Are Jesus' disciples actively teaching others to become disciples too?
 - c. Financial Matters:
 - 1) How far might each dollar "go" in spreading God's Word?
 - 2) Do you consider this Mission, as outlined, a good use of Mite offerings?
4. Have each member vote, and tally votes, in preferential order, so your delegate will be voting the wishes of the society members.
5. Remember to pray for the voting body at the convention, that our mites will support the projects that the Lord knows need the funds most.



**We are BLESSED
to be a BLESSING!**

**MITES at work
in
God's kingdom!**



Who's Who?

Greetings in our Lord! This may be my last article. I'm not quitting but I might be fired. Why? No, who's who? That's *my* question. When I'm with the women of our LWML Oregon District, I don't always know who's who. St. Paul writes, "Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity" (1 Timothy 5:1 - ESV). Okay, but who's who? Who are the mothers and who are the sisters? Am I a father or a brother? At our recent BOD meeting, I began our devotion saying "Good morning mothers and sisters" and then quickly said I leave it to the group to decide who's who. Why? Yes, back to that question! People don't always appreciate being classified as "old." Young people don't always care to be called "young," too, but that's less the case. When does a woman go from sister to mother?

So, what's my problem, you ask? Well, to be truthful, it's this: I'm getting old! I'm 57 (58 next month) but I'm starting to notice what growing old looks and feels like. I'm still

middle aged, but, hey, I'm getting senior discounts without anyone asking if I'm a senior! I must look the part. I do feel it. So, I guess I'm becoming an "older man." I don't like that, but I better get used to it.

Here's how I plan to do it. Keep hanging out with older people. Hang out especially with LWML women, most of whom are my age and older. Who's the mother, who's the sister? Don't ask! We know them when we see them. But I want to tell you what I see in the women of LWML – especially mothers. They are among the most vital, hip, savvy, youthful, energetic, faithful, fun, and joyful servants I've met in Christ. Each time I'm with them – mothers, sisters all – I'm inspired, directed, and just plain happy to be alive in the Lord, no matter how old I am. Plus the bonus: getting taught that getting older is just getting better; through Christ our Lord! Amen! Beautiful, every one! Enjoy!



Blessings,

Pastor Daniel

SR. PASTORAL COUNSELOR



Breaking NEWS!

We praise and thank our Almighty God as Pastor Roger Blesi has consented to be our Junior District Pastoral Counselor joining Senior Counselor, Pastor Daniel Faragalli. The OR District LWML Board of Directors in meeting on Saturday, February 26, 2010, and President Paul Linnemann of the LCMS NW District have both approved his appointment. Pastor Blesi lives in John Day and serves two parishes: Redeemer Lutheran Church in John Day, OR and First Lutheran Church in Burns, OR.

Human Care

The Human Care Committee invites you to Learn More about Ministry to those with Disabilities.

"Serve Wholeheartedly"

(Ephesians 6:7) is the theme for the annual meeting of the Oregon Unit Good Shepherd Auxiliary. All are invited to come for an inspirational day as we hear of Bethesda Lutheran Communities' (BLC) ministry of sharing God's Word with people who have developmental disabilities (DD). Joyce Schultz, VP of the Auxiliary will be the speaker. Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, OR on May 15th at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served. Good Shepherd Auxiliary is now the official auxiliary of BLC since its merge with Good Shepherd Lutheran Communities in September 2009.

Please contact Terry Putnam by email at terryatnetarts@gmail.com, about membership in the Auxiliary and to learn more about ministry with those who have disabilities.

Devotional Prayer as we...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Thank you for the good works you've prepared in advance for me to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Work in me to will and act according to your good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)

Keep me from living to please myself. Move me to live for you. (Romans 14:7-8)

Keep me from looking only to my own interests. Move me to look also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)

As I have opportunity, let me do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:1) Amen.

...Serve the Lord with Gladness

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Scholarship Recipients!

After prayerful consideration, the following applicants were selected from many great applications:

Stephanie Baune of Trinity, Bend

Stephanie is a Senior at Concordia Irvine, CA - DCE Program, and will be doing a 5th Year at CU Irvine

Stephanie Heldt of Bethlehem, Aloha

Kindergarten Teacher at Forest Hills Lutheran School.

Stephanie is working on her Master's Degree at Concordia, Portland with an emphasis on Reading.

Your donations to our Special Gifts Fund make these scholarships possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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