



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

# Oregon Leaguer

Winter 2015

## 2015 National LWML Convention-June 25-28-Des Moines, Iowa



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Here we are nearly 30 years later. Looking back, it was 1985 when the LWML gathered in convention in Ames, Iowa. Our dress and hair styles, communication, and technology were noticeably different at that convention: no cell phones or email capability — only dependence on land lines and the U.S. Postal Service. So here we are 30 years later. Certainly we’ve come a long way!

June 2015 will be here very soon and the LWML Districts of Iowa East and Iowa West are thrilled to have the opportunity and privilege of being hosts for the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa — Iowa’s capital city — at the cross roads of Interstates 35 and 80.

The convention theme has been announced — “Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap” — a very fitting theme for the heartland of America, where we recognize how bountifully God shares His love and goodness and how He equips us by the Holy Spirit to be in our Father’s mission field. Truly we will be fed by God’s Word and Sacrament, nurtured through worship and fellowship, and equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Lord’s harvest field long after the convention adjourns.

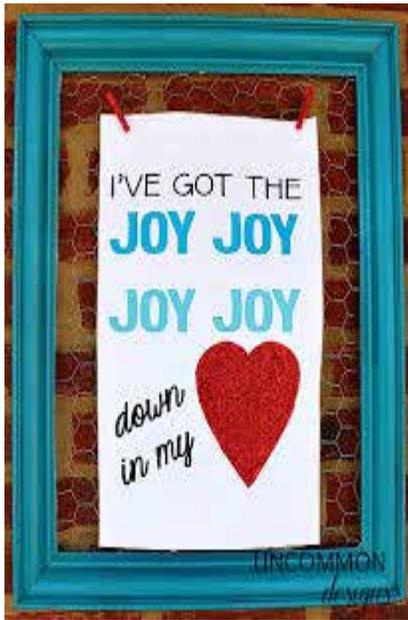
In this issue of the Leaguer, you will find the registration form for the National Convention on pages 4-5 with instructions for completing the registration form on page 6. For more information about the Convention, please visit [www.lwml.org/convention](http://www.lwml.org/convention).

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You are invited to join LWML sisters in Christ, June 25–28, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa, where excitement reigns and joys continue as they did 30 years ago. It’s a journey worth repeating, only this time around with different location, dress, and technology. One thing for certain is that our love and service to the Lord hasn’t changed. We are bountifully blessed and Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Marilyn Schroeder  
2015 Host Committee Chairman



## From the President ... Uncommon Joy

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1: 3*

When the phone rang at the crisis center there was a young girl on the other end of my phone line. She was not very happy and I feared for her lest she decide to not live any longer. During our conversation she asked me "Why do you do those things for others?" She did not accept my answer that I cared for her. She said, "You only do those things because you feel good. It makes you feel that you have done something so you're only thinking about yourself." The girl's question haunts me. Do I do the things I do because it makes me feel good? What would your answer have been to her question? Something was missing...uncommon joy.

It does seem strange to be celebrating with JOY and THANKSGIVING when there are so many problems all around. The news carries terrible stories and we know fellow disciples of Jesus are living among those people in the stories. In our own country we have so many unhappy with their government or the leaders of the government. We know people who are followers of Jesus who work in those fields. Our own LWML leaders have had all sorts of problems with health issues of their own or of someone very close to themselves. There is

enough "bad" and "sad" news to tempt one to think that there is no JOY and it is most assuredly "self-serving" if there is a pocket of joy.

This "uncommon joy" is different than the joy that most people think about at Thanksgiving or at Christmas. It is NOT the common joy which is often thought of as happiness. If there was a little flame of fire on the top of each person who had this "uncommon joy", we could readily see that the "uncommon joy" is dwelling among many neighborhoods and walking the streets among the crowds.

These people are those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, their help in every need, their comfort in every situation, their strength in all times of stress and fear, their hope for tomorrow and a peace that passes all understanding. Because they have experienced comfort in affliction they are able to share their comfort with others. They are the ones who are bringing the message of everlasting JOY to those around them. They have compassion for others and their needs, even beyond their own. And because they are compassionate they cannot help but take some sort of action to comfort others by words, cards, a touch, a listening ear or a plate of food. They even take a risk to reach out to those who are not "lovable" and are different from themselves by trusting in the Holy Spirit who dwells within them to give them the right words.

How precious is each one of you! I give thanks to God for your faith in our risen Savior, our Jesus. I thank him for your confidence. With words of encouragement you strengthen me and those around you! This brings Joy. This brings a witness to your faith and our Savior. This JOY is uncommon, but everlasting. It is blessed and I thank God for that gift in you.

Drawing deeply from the Well of Salvation with JOY,

*Carolyn Stucky, Oregon District LWML President*

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## Oregon LWML Grant Funds Christian Talk Radio Show

The Gospel Outreach Committee has truly ENJOYED being messengers while sharing your mighty mites with three grant recipients, one national, one international and one in Oregon.

The first recipient was Isaiah's Promise in Memory of Isabelle Schutz. The grant funds provide care and support for families of critically ill infants. Trinity/HOPE was the second recipient. Children attending The First Lutheran School, in Les Cayes, Haiti are receiving a noon meal each day along with hearing about the love and salvation and JOY provided by our Lord. The third grant, LPFM Radio Station, "traveled" to Rogue River. The congregation at Faith Lutheran Church plans to broadcast Christian talk radio from a Lutheran perspective during the day, and sacred music during the night. Pictured right, the Rev. Evan Goeglein, Pastor, and Nancy Fritch, Gospel Outreach Committee Member at Faith Lutheran Church in Rogue River, Oregon.

Through the grace of OUR LORD your mites are providing continuous JOY to many. Thank You!!



# The Counselor's Chronicle

In Advent we joyfully sing of Isaiah's prophecy, "The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with Child and will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). "O come, O come, Emmanuel....Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." Which makes this "the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la la la!"

And so we "come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant," singing "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room...." And we are moved to pray, "Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray."

As the Holy Spirit enters our hearts this season, "Good Christian men (and women), rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Now ye hear of endless bliss. Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this...Christ was born to save. Christ was born to save."

Our future is set! God's grace shines in all its glory! Forgiveness is ours! And we remember that most holy night! "A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn." And we "fall on your knees....," and join the angels: "Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies...Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth. Born to give them second birth...Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

We envision that "little town of Bethlehem; how still we see thee lie....The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

Yes, our fears are cleansed with "tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy." Tonight and every night, as we trust that "Christ was born to save," we "sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace."

Ladies of the LWML, deeper than any sadness or loneliness or pain or suffering that you may be suffering this season, Christmas joy is yours as you "Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!"

Our mission is to share the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10), and to "repeat, repeat the sounding joy!" Yes, let's "go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born" and spread our "joy to the world."

May each of you have a most blessed and joy-filled Advent and Christmas season filled with heavenly peace. Emmanuel has come and is here for you. May you have eternal joy and peace!

*Pastor Dennis Bohren, Senior Pastoral Counselor*

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## Mite Explanation and History

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the mite box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. Mite Boxes, available from the district, zone or LWML office, are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Local groups submit mite box offerings to the appointed district officer.

### **Mite Boxes - How They Began**

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman (Baptist) urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new mite box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words, "Woman's Mission to Woman," in gold letters on the side.

### **LWML Mite Boxes**

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totalled \$6651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thankoffering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to just tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then on the day of the meeting take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope and hand it to the secretary.



### **Times and Mite Boxes Change**

Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$1 million in mission grants.



# REGISTRATION FORM – PART 2 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Choir:** Rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 25, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Music and information will be sent to you. Choir attire will be black skirts or slacks and white tops. (NOTE: There is a \$5 charge to pay for choir music.)

I will sing in the choir:  Soprano I  Soprano II  Alto I  Alto II  Deaf Choir

**Special Needs:**  deaf interpreter  bringing own wheelchair/walker  
 large-print convention manual  wheelchair rental needed  
 vegetarian diet

**Travel to Des Moines:** Please indicate how you plan to travel:  airplane  charter bus  auto or van  train

**Thursday Servant Activities:** Complete the information below, indicating the NUMERAL of the servant activity time (I, II, III) in order of your preference. Assignments will be made on a first-come basis. A confirmation letter will be sent to you.

Times: I. 9 a.m.–11 a.m.      II. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.      III. 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

The \$5 registration fee includes all materials and a Servant Connections memento. Indicate on Registration Form-Part 1 the number of persons participating (registrant, spouse, child) and include the fee for each. If you are only participating in the Servant Connections on Thursday and not registering for the entire convention, there is a \$10 participation fee (please see line 8b). Detailed explanation on page C.

Time choice: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choice IV: I am scheduled as a blood donor (Participants in ONLY Choice IV will not pay the servant activity fee). Please see instructions on page C to schedule your appointment time.

**Friday Noon Gatherings:** Mark your choice with the LETTER of the Info Gathering in order of your preference. If indicating additional **registered** attendees, add names and Info Gathering selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_

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| P. Clergy                                | V. Men's Network/LHM  |
| Q. First Timers                          | W. Social Media   |
| R. Gifts of Love                         | X. The Time is NOW  |
| S. Heart to Heart Sisters Reunion        | Y. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Investment Management |
| T. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) | Z. YWRs and YWR Alums                                       |
| U. Lunch with My Friends                 |   |

**Friday Evening Mission in Motion:** This pledge walk will take place on Friday from 5-6 p.m. Please indicate below the full name of each registered participant. A confirmation letter and pledge form will be sent to you. Indicate on Registration Form- Part I the number of persons participating and include the fee for each. The \$10 Registration Fee includes a special Mission in Motion T-shirt.

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  (S)  (M)  (L)  (XL)  (XXL)  (XXXL)

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**Special Saturday Luncheons:** Mark your choice with the LETTER of the luncheon in order of your preference. If indicating additional registered attendees, add names and luncheon selections below. Reservations are on a first-come basis. All attendees must purchase the Saturday Luncheon, Registration Form- Part 1, page M.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_

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| A. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison | E. Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo          |
| B. Carly Hatcher             | F. Rev. Gregory Seltz               |
| C. Rev. Dr. James Lamb       | G. Jan Struck and Dr. Dina Vendetti |
| D. LCMS Missionaries         | H. Gary Thies                       |

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORMS PART 1 & 2



- *Please read carefully before completing the forms found on pages M, N, and O.*
- *Please copy forms and instructions to share with others and then complete the forms.*
- *Copy completed forms for your own records.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

Be sure to include your LWML District name.

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### Registration Schedule

**JANUARY 15, 2015**..... District Charter Bus Registration Opens

**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**..... Early Discounted Registration Opens (\$175 Registration Fee applies). You are encouraged to register as soon as you have made your decision to attend.

**MARCH 14, 2015**..... Regular Registration Opens (\$195 Registration Fee applies for registrations postmarked after the date of March 14, 2015).

**MAY 12, 2015**..... Postmarked/Emailed/Faxed after this date (\$220 Registration Fee applies).

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... CANCELLATIONS must be in writing, postmarked, emailed, or faxed, and signed by the registrant by this date. A \$45 processing fee will be retained.

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... Registrations postmarked after this date will be handled as on-site registrations. Catered meals will not be available.

**JUNE 10, 2015** ..... **NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE — NO EXCEPTIONS**

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### Registration Procedure

Be sure your forms are complete and the Total Remittance is paid by credit card, check, or money order. Incomplete forms will be returned.

***Make checks or money orders payable to: LWML Convention Registration***

**Mail** forms and payment to: LWML Convention Registrar  
P. O. Box 1818  
St. Charles, MO 63302

**Fax** forms with credit card information to: (636) 284-7371 **after January 15, 2015.**

**You may register for Convention on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).**

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### Questions About Registration

The Registrar's Office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2–4 p.m. (Central time) from January 15, 2015, to June 2, 2015. The Office will not be open Tuesday, April 15, or Thursday, April 17, of Holy Week. The Registrar's phone number is: (636) 284-7371.

Questions may be faxed to: (636) 284-7371 or emailed to: [lwmlregistration@att.net](mailto:lwmlregistration@att.net) at any time **after January 15, 2015.**

# Financial Secretary News

Joy comes to me when I open the envelopes from our Societies! It brings me Joy to see how our generous Oregon District LWML ladies regularly support our Oregon District through their offerings. I receive extra Joy when I find a personal note, greeting, or a smiley face tucked inside!

You might ask yourself, "Where in the world do my offerings go?" Our Oregon District budget for this biennium is \$180,000.00. Here is how it is broken out.

*Glenda Dougherty, Financial Secretary*

# Gospel Outreach News

The Gospel Outreach Committee is singing for JOY because the gracious ladies of LWML Oregon District have allowed us to fund the fourth mission grant. This grant helps International Students at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis complete their degrees in theology and become pastors and church leaders.

The committee wishes to share heartfelt thanks with each and everyone who so faithfully places their mites into their little boxes. Please check out [orlwml.org](http://orlwml.org) and see our "growing" graph. You may also check out [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) to see how your mites are helping to fund the national grants.

Blessings to you all!

*Janet Schultz,  
Vice President of Gospel Outreach*

## Willing Writers Wanted

Has God given you the gift to write? Are you willing to use that gift in service to the Lord through LWML?

The LWML is looking for Bible studies (preferably 20 to 30 minutes long), devotions (one page), sketches (preferably four participants or less), litanies, readings, retreats/workshops,

and brief icebreakers/mixers that will enable today's women to grow in the Lord and impact their world for Christ, as well as add meaning and interest to their gatherings and meetings. Submissions go through an extensive review before being used by LWML. Please prayerfully consider how our Lord might use you in this important way. Thank you in advance.

Please send your items to [depc1@lwml.org](mailto:depc1@lwml.org) along with your name, address, and phone number.



**\$90,000.00**

### In-Reach Ministry/ Operating Expenses

- Workshops/training for our Oregon District Leaders
- Retreats and Conventions
- Sending our leaders, delegates, and YWRs to national LWML Conventions

### Operating Expenses

- P.O. Box rent
- Storage unit rental to store our "Properties" for Convention, etc.
- Liability insurance
- Paper, ink and stamps
- Travel for District Board meetings

### Where does this revenue come from?

- Zone Rally Offerings
- Society Offerings
- Individual Offerings
- Annual assessment of each member
- Factory Funding
- In-Kind (money that was vouchered, but donated back to the District)



**\$90,000.00**

### Mission Grants

#### 25% to support LWML Mission Grants in...

- Alaska
- Haiti
- Nebraska
- India
- Southeast Asia...to name a few

#### 75% Oregon District Mission Grants

- Dominican Republic
- Kenya
- Peru
- Rogue River, Oregon
- Olympic Peninsula, Washington

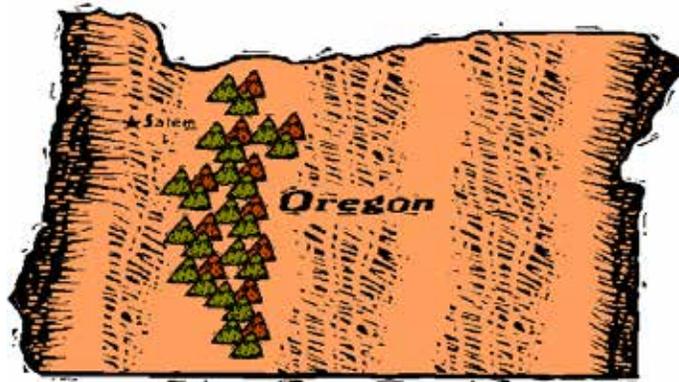
Our Mission Grants are paid through our Mite Box offerings, plus special offerings from Societies, Zones, and individuals.



# CLIP-N-SAVE

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2015-2016

LWML Board Meeting, Des Moines, IA...January 29-February 2, 2015  
Oregon District EC Meeting, Calvary Lutheran, Stayton, 7:00 p.m...February 27, 2015  
Oregon District BOD Meeting...February 28, 2015  
LWML Convention, Des Moines, IA...June 25-28, 2015  
Oregon District Retreat...September 2015  
EC/BOD Meeting...June 2, 2016  
Oregon District LWML Convention, Hilton Hotel, Eugene...June 3-5, 2016



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#### PRAYER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Would you like to have additional prayer support during difficult times and sharing praise for answered prayer? There is a district Prayer Chain available for your use. To have your name added to the Prayer Chain, email Jacquie Ingalls at [ingalls.rose@yahoo.com](mailto:ingalls.rose@yahoo.com). Please include your name and email address. Prayer requests can be emailed to Jacquie and she will forward the request.



and helping them use their gifts to serve the Lord. Be glad to be a part of LWML, and this year invite the women in your life to consider learning more about LWML with you.

Go to [www.lwml.org/now](http://www.lwml.org/now) and sign up to receive an email every other Tuesday that contains helpful ideas for sharing your passion and experience about the LWML with others in your personal circles at church and in your community. Be prepared to inform others about the heart and spirit of the LWML mission with every woman in your congregation, whether or not she may be active with LWML in this season of her life. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Become committed to helping LWML make an impact on the next generation! Become dedicated to sharing your heart for Jesus Christ, caring for your sisters in your community and congregation,