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Calendar....

March 3—Spring Retreat

March 17—Metro South Spring Rally

Sept. 28–29 District Convention at Metro East High School

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LWML to benefit from programs

Do you still have 2011 Thrivent Choice Dollars that you have not directed to your favorite charity? You have until March 31, 2012 to direct your 2011 dollars.

The SID LWML is now on the list of organizations that can receive Choice Dollars. To direct Choice Dollars to the SID LWML, go to the Thrivent website, go to "Thrivent Choice," then to "Choice Dollars," then log in. Go into "Search Organizations" and type in "Lutheran Women's Missionary League" (don't type in the other stuff) and hit 'search.'

The District LWML will appear in the list to direct your dollars. Please consider our SID LWML when deciding what to do with your Choice Dollars.

It was decided at the January board meeting to use all the Thrivent Choice Dollars for the SID Mission Grants.

For any questions, call Ruth Ann Arbeiter at 618-73-4635.

When planning your estate, you can grow so preoccupied with how to distribute your material blessings that you may fail to share your true wealth: the Good News of forgiveness of sin and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

A Christian Preamble to your will or living trust provides a fine and lasting opportunity to share this belief with your friends and family. Through the Holy Spirit, this personal statement of your faith will comfort your loved ones in their time of loss and encourage them to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

For Christian Preamble examples, contact LWML Gift Planning Services at 1-888-482-8425. You may also want to visit the website at www.lwmlgiftplan.org. Or you may call Ruth Ann Arbeiter at 618-763-4635. Ruth Ann is our SID LWML Gift Planning Advocate for the Gifts of Love Program.

Mission Statement: *The Mission of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to encourage each woman in the district to grow spiritually and to use her God given gifts to praise God and serve people.*

From Helen... President Helen Mayer

The purpose of the president is to provide Christ centered leadership, using His wisdom and provision to seek opportunities in helping our LWML sisters use their gifts in service to the Lord.

Can You Hear Me Now?



“Can you hear me now?” Most of us have heard this catch phrase many times, and we can immediately “see” the product being advertised with these words. Good advertising will do that—it will cause people to talk about the product or service that is being advertised. Good advertising will cause people to want to have the product or use the service being advertised. The more you hear a phrase or slogan, the more it becomes part of your life.

Throughout 2012, in your LWML publications, on our web site, at LWML functions, etc. you will be hearing/seeing our (LWML) catch phrase for the 2012 District Convention: “Living with Jesus”. Not only is this our convention theme, but it is what we are all doing—“Living with Jesus” every day. We hope that by hearing it and by your using it, we will have a record attendance at our convention as your district board is working to make it a convention to remember. You will see more about it in the rest of the MISSIONETTE, so mark your calendars and please join us as we worship, celebrate and share ways to help each of us grow as we continue “Living with Jesus.”

My special thanks to all of you who are doing so much for your Savior through the LWML. There are so many exciting things going on in our district, thanks to you! There is not a doubt in my mind that Jesus is using each of you to bring others to Himself. May God continue to bless your work, as He gives you opportunity to serve as you continue “Living with Jesus.”

Another former board member is called home

Our Lord has taken another one of our LWML sisters and former board member home to himself. Anita Twenhafel, originally from Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoffman, went to her eternal home on July 27, 2011. The SID LWML received a special blessing from Anita’s estate in the amount of \$2,926.39.

At the January board meeting, the decision was made to place this special gift in the Student Assistant Fund.

Our sympathy to Anita’s family.



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Email addresses and changes to: Pat Hoffmeier

Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15

"The treasurer of the SID LWML is an appointed job, with a four-year term. The current four-year term is ending at the end of 2012. If anyone is interested in applying for this position, please let me know before Oct. 1, 2012, so I can make the appointment before the end of the year. God has given us all talents, and if you are willing to use your talents in this means of service, we are looking for you."

Helen Mayer, President

Counselor's Corner

Rev. Mark Nebel



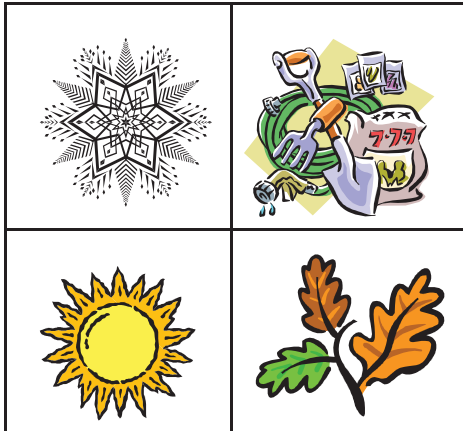
As I write this we are still in the midst of winter. As you read this, I expect that we will be looking forward to the beginning of spring. What are your reasons for welcoming this new season?

Perhaps you are a gardener. The arrival of spring means another opportunity to till the

ground, plant the seeds and watch for the growth to occur. Perhaps you enjoy mowing the lawn and smelling the aroma of freshly cut grass. Perhaps you play outdoor sports and can't wait to dust off the golf clubs for a round of chasing that little white ball all over the course.

Perhaps you are a baseball fan. The month of March means the return of games, though in far away places like Arizona and Florida. No matter where they are, it is good to hear the Cardinals' broadcasters call the game, even though I've never heard of many of the players that are in these games, especially in the later innings.

It will be a different year for us Cardinals fans. Tony LaRussa will not be in the dugout planning strategy. Dave Duncan will not be the one making the trip to the mound to straighten out the pitchers. There will be no Albert Pujols at the plate or in the field at the first base position. But the games will go on anyway.



As the seasons change we are reminded of the changes in our lives. We switch jobs, move to a different house, or adjust our clothing and hair styles. Sadly we bid an earthly farewell to one generation and with a different type of sadness we watch another generation grow and go out on their own. All along we wonder who that older person is in the mirror.

So also it is with life in our congregations. Those who were faithful and active in leadership in the past are called to heavenly glory. New leaders need to fill their roles. Activities that flourished at one time don't interest a new generation and they fade away. Different ministries take their place. At varying rates, our congregations are served by different church professionals.

Just as we get used to one pastor, he is called elsewhere and we welcome a new one among us. But the Lord of the changing seasons remains Lord of the changing church. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. His love for us stays the same. His forgiveness of us is constant. His promise of life to us endures. While all else around us changes, as it must in this life, our Savior Jesus holds on tightly to us. We can count on Him remaining true to His saving Word and true to us, His saved people.

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Mark Nebel*

What: Southern Illinois District Convention

When: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29

Where: Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville

“Living With Jesus” is the convention theme

Vice President of Gospel Outreach Mickey Roth



*Ephesians 5:2
Live a life of love,
just as Christ loved
us and gave himself
up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

In this Lenten season, we think of the sacrifices Christ made for us. He suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane, also when the soldiers mocked Him, and on the road to Calvary. Finally, He gave His life on the cross and thankfully we know this isn't the end of the story. Jesus came alive for us and conquered sin and death when He arose on Easter Sunday morning.

Thinking of Eph 5:2 we should then live a life of love-- following Christ. Study His Word, obey Him, serve Him. We serve Him giving our time, talents, and treasures. As ladies of the LWML we sacrifice and

give our mites and offer our prayers to support our mission projects.

Recently three Mission Grants were funded – all of these concerned people who have disabilities of some type or are held in bondage like Christ was during His suffering. Also \$2,000 was sent to the Braille Workers Center in Baldwin. They provide Bibles and other Christian material in large print to those with special needs to learn God's Word.

Another \$2,000 was given to Camp Wartburg to help fund their Camp for People with Disabilities. This allows campers with special needs to feel God's love while en-

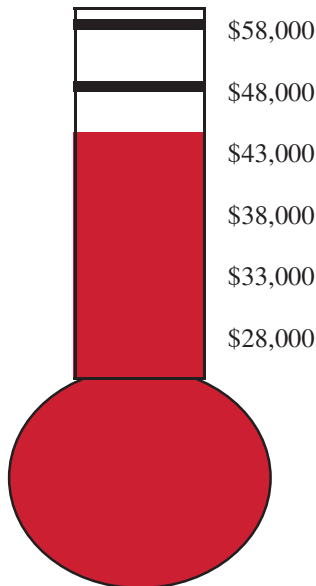
joying His outdoor creation at summer camp.

A grant of \$3,500 was divided between 10 prison ministries to proclaim God's love to those held in Southern Illinois prisons. Money was sent for mission work in the Centralia Prison, Graham Prison, the Haller House Youth Detention Center, Greenville Federal Prison, Dixon Springs Boot Camp, Tamms Max Prison, Lawrenceville Prison, Big Muddy Prison, Pinckneyville Prison, Vienna and Shawnee Prisons, St Clair County Jail and the Freed in Christ Prisoner Re-Entry Pro-



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2010-12 Goal



LWML MISSION GRANTS 2010-2012 BIENNIUM Total Mite Goal: \$58,000.00

Grant Name	Grant Goal	Disbursed	To be Paid-
Camp Wartburg's Camp for People With Disabilities	\$4,000	\$4,000	-0-
Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Centralia Tuition Assistance	\$7,000	-0-	\$7,000
Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Evansville Financial Aid Assistance	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$4,500
International & American Campus Ministry-SIU Carbondale	\$5,840	\$5,850	-0-
Lutheran Braille Workers Center At Baldwin	\$4,000	\$4,000	-0-
Metro-East Lutheran High School Edwardsville Tuition Assistance	\$7,000	\$7,000	-0-
Seminary Student Scholarships In the Southern Illinois District	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Shared Prison Ministry with The Southern Illinois District	\$7,000	\$7,00000	-0-
SIU Edwardsville Lutheran Campus Ministry Outreach Program	\$2,160	\$2,169	-0-
Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School East St. Louis	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Totals	\$58,000	\$44,000	\$14,000
Designated Gift to Giving Gardens—\$1,500 Designated Gift to Operation Barnabas—\$1,500 Designated Gift to Orphan Grain Train—\$50			

PRAY FOR MISSION GRANTS

Vice President of Human Care

Deb Albers



If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:1

Do you struggle in your service to the Lord? I know I do. I love to help other people. It is a natural thing for me. It can also be a draw-

back for me. I say “yes” to too many things and then wonder how I’m going to make it all happen. At that point, I suffer, along with the people I love the most, my family. (If my husband were reading this he would say YES, THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!) If you are like me, you struggle too. There is so much work to do for the Lord, what should I take on and what should I let others do.

That is a question that only you can answer for yourself. I’m not qualified to give you an answer because I haven’t found the answer myself yet. It is a work in progress.

I know that God wants us to serve Him with gladness. I know God wants us to serve others with the strength that He provides, so that He will be praised. I know that whatever our work is we should work at it with all our heart as if we were

working for the Lord instead of man. I know these things because it is written in God’s Word.

So... if you struggle, like me, being pulled from one commitment to another, put Christ first and ask for His strength and guidance in all things. I am so thankful that when I take on more than I should, God forgives me and helps me through it. Sometime He provides me with super women, like you, to lend a hand and accomplish the task at hand. Thanks for your service to the Lord! May our Lord guide you as you serve



FALL WORKSHOP—Zone President Deb Albers poses with Rev. Russell Johnson, pastor at Trinity, Nashville, during the Upper Kaskaskia Zone Fall Workshop in Nashville. Rev. Johnson, aka Martin Luther, presented a dialogue portraying Luther. Convention Delegate Lois Pigg showed the video highlighting the events of the Peoria Convention. Rev. Wietfeldt, associate pastor and principal at Trinity, gave a presentation on Lutheran schools. The ingathering of non-perishable food was given to the Irvington Food Pantry.

Mission Grants

gram.

The amounts in these three grants were half of their totals and completed the funding of these projects. A designated gift of \$1,500 was sent to Operation Barnabas to fund their ministry to Military Chaplains and service members and their families.

The Grants Committee is now busy preparing information on grant Proposals for the District convention to be held Sept. 28 and 29 at Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville. Plan to attend to hear of “Living with Jesus” and to find out what projects will be funded.

Scholarship applications for SID students going into full time church work are now available on the web site—sidlwml.org. The deadline for scholarship appli-

Vice President of Communication Lucy Thompson



The purpose of this office is to inform the district of what has happened and what will be taking place in the LWML. The busiest holiday season is now under our belts, and we are ready to continue on to this new year. To start off 2012, we will have just had our Spring Retreat in Mt. Vernon. The Young

Women Reps are doing a great job of planning this event. I hope that all of you will have gotten to attend.

This fall we will be having our Convention on Sept. 28 and 29 at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville. The nominating committee will be looking for people to fill offices, there will be some by-law changes, and we will be voting on new Mission Grant Projects. Please keep a look out for the packets that will be sent to each society. Delegates will need to be readied for the convention.

National started a new campaign for January and February, "Mite Marathon." The flyer is available on our website under Communications from National page on the sidlwml.org website. Speaking of the website, I have had a chance to work on it again and hopefully you will be able to find information that you need there. The poster/registration form for the Spring Retreat is on the website and can be downloaded for you to use. The Scholarship application is available at the bottom of the Mission Grants-Scholarship Form page-it needs to be returned to Mickey Roth by May 1. As the planning for the Convention gets underway, I will try to keep the website up to date with that information as well. Leaving you with this verse,

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

BUILD – A –LIFE in CHRIST

March 3, 2012

Faith Lutheran Church

1104 N. 42nd St, Mt. Vernon, IL

8:30 A.M. Registration

Our Theme Verse: And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

During the retreat we will have fellowship time, communion service, hands on activities, singing, a take home memento, and lots of fun! Program ends between 3 and 3:30 p.m.

INGATHERING: Twin size blankets (boy colors)

Detergent like GAIN

Individually packaged snack items ex. pretzels, granola bars, microwave popcorn, whale crackers. Send the following info to Deb Albers, 22206 East Rd., Carlyle, IL 62231. Make checks payable to SID LWML.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Name: _____

RSVP

Address: _____

by

Email: _____

Feb.

Congregation/Society _____

20th!

Vice President of Christian Life Rosemary Fulton



Psalms 13:5-6 *“But I trust in your unfailing love. My heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me.”*

Sometimes out of fear we resist what God’s Word reveals to us about being a leader. Whether it is to step into the role of leadership or to be at peace with someone else who has been chosen to lead us.

It is evident that God has been with me in my life and probably in most of yours too. With Him all things are possible.

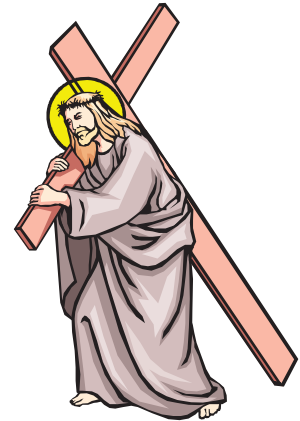
God you are in control of everything in my life. You see past my sinfulness and call me to do your

good work. Open my heart to be courteous and humble, always glorifying your name.

In Jesus most holy name, help me to confidently proclaim your truth. I pray that I might imitate the humble service that Jesus showed to me.

Keep my heart pure. I ask this in Jesus’ name.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Christ-filled Easter season.



Advent by Candlelight presented in unique way

In an effort to acquaint the ladies of the congregation with the LWML, St. Paul’s Nokomis held an event featuring “The 12 Days of Christmas.” They discovered the 12 Christian meanings hidden in the gifts of the song. The song calls the giver “my true love.” Who could that person be? Who loves you and gives you many things each day?

The only one who does all that is God, and the women read together *Every good and perfect gift is from God.* James 1:17.

Bible readings and songs accompanied the program. The program can be obtained from St. Paul’s Ladies Aid. Contact Rev. James Norton.



SUCCESSFUL EVENT--St. Paul’s Nokomis held an event during advent that brought over 70 ladies in attendance. The members of the LWML served as hostesses and invited guests. They each decorated their tables, served her eight to ten guests with food and presented them with a favor.

Vice President of Servant Resources

Pat Wernsing



I saw a church marquee sign the other day that said “Start 2012 with God”. Shouldn’t we start every year with God? How about everyday, or hour, or minute?

As we quickly move from New Year’s resolutions, to Lent, and then to Easter, God should always be the focus of our day.

And along with the focus of God is prayer. It’s during times of stress, conflict, or illness that we really stop to think more of prayer, which is sad. We need to pray unceasingly.

I have been praying a lot more than usual, due to

sitting at the hospital bedside of my daughter. God has answered my prayers, as she is improving more each day.

God never gives us more than we can endure. I may have been stressed quite a few times during the past two months, but God’s love and comfort saw me through. Praise the Lord

(PTL) as Deb frequently says.

Speaking of comfort, have you been asked to serve on the SID LWML Board of Directors or to fill another job? If so, please prayerfully consider serving. God’s comfort and love will see you through.

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. Psalm 119:50

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

“Serve the Lord with Gladness!” is the motto of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Four women at St. Paul’s certainly have faithfully lived according to that motto!

Grace Fincham has served as the LWML president at St. Paul’s from 1988-89, co-chaired the office from 1995-96, and then served from 1996 to 2012! Grace faithfully served as President for a total of 18 years!

Fran Kohl served the LWML as treasurer from 1996-98. She then became the vice-president from 1999-2010. She returned to being the treasurer from 2011-2012. Fran has served for a total of 12 years as an officer!

Connie Chrusciel served as treasurer of St. Paul’s LWML from 1999-2010 for a total of 11 years of faithful service !



Shirley Schnoeker served as president from 1983-1984. She then became secretary of St. Paul’s LWML from 1996-2012 Shirley faithfully served as an officer for a total of 17 years!

Fran will continue to serve St. Paul’s LWML as treasurer. Grace, Shirley, and Connie are stepping aside from their officer duties, but will continually “Serve the Lord with Gladness” as they faithfully support the new officers and the work of St. Paul’s LWML!

Serving You Are:

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***Blessed
Easter!!***

Board Notes:

—Much time was spent reviewing the bylaws, so they can be presented to the delegates at convention.

—2012 Convention: Discussed where we are and where we need to go, what is done and what we're working on.

—District Spring Rallies plans were reported.

—Final plans made for Spring Retreat.

—Continuing improvements of district web page—check it out at www.sidlwml.org.

An Invitation

The Women's Christian Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo, is hosting a Women's Mini-Retreat "Growing Through Life's Trials" on Saturday, April 21 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The free retreat will include breakfast and fellowship, singing and listening to the wise words of educator, author and speaker, Jane Wilke.

Registration information is available in March on Immanuel's website www.immanuelwaterloo.web.officelive.com or call the church office at 618-939-6480.

Loving Gifts

Memorials

- Peggy Banks*
- *Laverna Fritsche*
- Ruth Gielow*
- Olga Haake*
- Eileen Klieboekeer*
- Marlene Paulsmeyer*
- Marge Schrieber*
- Marge Stellhorn*
- Dorothy Symank*
- *Anita Twenhafel*



Anniversaries

Vernon and Jane Lucht (55)

Birthday

Lillian Gaultney (80)

*Denotes Stent Assistance Fund