

Together in Prayer

Let's say to the Lord, "All that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee." This month, as we pray together each Monday at noon, let's remember whose we are.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him (Psalm 34:8 NKJV).

Dear God, where do I begin in thanking You for all that You give? My faith, my family, my fellowship with all believers is enough to sing Your praises. But You so loved me that You sent Your one and only Son into the world, to teach, and to suffer and die in my place, for my sins. You gave me life and life eternal by grace through faith. Oh, that all would know of Your great mercy and sacrifice! Instill in me the urgency to share Your message with all I meet each day. Bless my service to others that they may know Your love through me. Hear my prayers for the unbelievers and open their hearts to Your saving grace. Help me to live my life with thanksgiving for all You have done. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!

Look! Look! Look at the many blessings God showers on you daily. With a thankful heart, prepare to be part of the LWML convention, June 25-28, 2009. The theme, *Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!*, is based on our two theme verses:

Psalm 121:1,2 (NIV): *I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Isaiah 52:7 (NIV): *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

The city of Portland boasts several public gardens, including the International Rose Test Garden, that invite you to look and see the wonders of our Lord's creation. On clear days you will be able to see the Cascade Mountains and Mount Hood prominently from the garden. There are also 7,000 rose plants of 550 varieties for your enjoyment.

Mark your calendar now and watch for more information and registration forms in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Also check out the latest convention news at www.lwml.org.



District Convention Reports

Carolinas: Brenda Isaac chaired her first convention with 140 in attendance under the theme "Streams of Living Water from Jesus our Rock."

Southern Illinois: Brenda Schoenbeck chaired her first convention. The 219 attendees explored the theme "Witness to the Rock of Salvation."

Chesapeake: Joan Kelly led her first convention, "Strength for the Journey." There were 228 attendees, including 5 YWRs and 3 teens

Florida-Georgia: Lois Ford chaired her second convention where 356 attended,

including 9 YWRs and 3 teens, explored the theme "Beautiful Feet...Beautiful Mission." Marilyn H. Treanor was elected as their new district president.

Nebraska South: Karen Christner, chairing her final convention, led the 412 attendees, including 30 YWRs and 10 teens, under the theme "My Rock, My Refuge." Welcome to new district president Sharon Goertzen.

Northern Illinois: Sherrie Smith chaired her first convention under the theme of "Peace That Passes Understanding" with 299 attendees, including five YWRs. Bylaws changes added a new Vice President of Communication.

Bible Studies in Spanish

Looking for Bible studies in Spanish? Check out the latest *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Bible studies in Spanish (and English) at www.lwml.org. Just click on Bible studies under the Resources link for a complete listing of all Bible studies from the *Quarterly*.

Mission Grants

For information on which 2007-2009 mission grants have been paid, visit <http://www.lwml.org/missions/> (click on Current Mission Grants). On the same page you can also download the mission grant PowerPak — 18 printable grant descriptions with pictures and prayers.

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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LWML Hosts Two Seminary Receptions

About 150 seminary and deaconess students and their spouses learned about "LWML Today" during LWML-sponsored receptions at the two LCMS seminary campuses.

LWML President Janice Wendorf shared information about the mission and vision of the LWML with students in their final year at the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. LWML Public Relations Director Peggy Turnipseed served as emcee for both events, and LWML Vice President of Human Care Deaconess Sylvia Johnson added words of wisdom about being a deaconess and a pastor's wife at the St. Louis event.

Also participating in the Fort Wayne



reception were Indiana District LWML President Ruth Thomas, seminary President Dr. Dean Wenthe, and Dean of Students Rev. Brian Mosemann. Participants in St. Louis were Missouri District LWML President Janice Rose, Dean of Ministerial Formation Dr. Bruce M. Hartung, and Director of Student Services Dr. Wally Becker.



Above and left, LWML President Jan Wendorf presents seminary students and their wives with LWML hats and resources.

Assembly of Leaders 2008

On October 24-26, 187 women representing all 40 of the LWML's districts gathered for the 2008 LWML Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis, Missouri. The Assembly of Leaders event, which is a leadership training conference held every four years, included speakers that addressed the LWML's current primary targets and goals: Christ-Centered Living, Telling the Good News, Partnering for Diversity and Building Up Our Sisters in Christ. In addition, the Human Care, Gospel

Outreach, Communication, Christian Life and Servant Resources departments of the LWML gave presentations filled with leadership tips.

The weekend also included fellowship, activities promoting diversity, singing, opportunities to study the Word of God and worship. Attendees were asked to form a plan to share what they learned with the women of their own districts in an effort to further develop other leaders who will "Serve the Lord with Gladness" all over the nation.



Former district Young Woman Representatives participating in Assembly of Leaders 2008.

Charitable Rollovers

Good news! Congress has passed the IRA charitable rollover for the taxable years 2008 and 2009. To participate, you must be an IRA holder over 70½. The IRA rollover gift is an easy way to provide for LWML while not increasing your taxable income. Simply contact your IRA custodian and request that an amount be transferred to LWML. Any amount can be given up to a maximum of \$100,000. For more information, call Pat Bilow at 888-482-8425 or e-mail bilowp@oh.lcms.org.

Web Specials!

Don't forget to check out the LWML Web site (www.lwml.org) for Web Specials at the beginning of each month. This month's Web Special is the teen hoodie — just in time for cooler weather and early Christmas shopping!