

Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!

LOOK! Look at your Christmas card list and extend a personal invitation to your LWML sisters (and brothers) in Christ to join you at the LWML convention next June 25-28, 2009, in Portland, Oregon. The Host LWML Districts (Oregon, Utah-Idaho, and Washington-Alaska) will roll out the purple carpet to welcome you!



Dr. Mary Hilgendorf

Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Professor of Education at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Women's Leadership Institute, will serve as the Bible study leader and share with us her insight into God's Word.

Check out the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* for information and registration forms for the convention. Look for more updates at www.lwml.org.

New Christmas Card

Go tell it on the mountain — through the mail and everywhere — that Jesus Christ is born! The holiday season is quickly approaching, and so is the time to send glad tidings to all. The LWML's new Christmas card is the perfect way to share the joy of the Savior's birth with friends and family both near and far.

Recently, the striking card was featured in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which highlighted the LWML card in a large display package called "Tis Better to Give" about holiday greeting cards that benefit groups that raise money to help others.

Designed by LWML member Judy Newell, this beautiful card with Joy exuberantly written across the top in deep purple features a purple sky containing the star illuminating Bethlehem and the holy family



below. Product #16520 \$6.50. Each set contains 10 cards.

Along with Christmas cheer comes a great deal: Buy two packs of cards and get one free! The cards also make a great fundraising project for societies, zones and districts and are perfect for personal use as well as gift-giving. Contact the LWML Office at 1-800-252-LWML (5965) for bulk pricing. Order online at <http://shop.lwml.org>.

Together in Prayer

As we gather together in prayer, our thoughts are centered on the human birth of God our Savior. What an incredible Truth this begins, for only a human body can die and only a perfect God could pay the price of death needed to atone for sin.

Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped... And being found in appearance as a man, humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on the cross! (Philippians 2:6,8 NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him endured the cross... (Hebrews 12:2 NIV).

Dear Jesus, the birth of a baby is such a miracle and we are grateful for the blessing of children and grandchildren, but even more we are in awe of YOUR birth. For You to willingly veil your divine glory to live as a sinless human but still enduring every pain and sorrow, feeling hunger and loneliness, and experiencing betrayal and rejection, is mind-boggling. Thank You! As we decorate our homes with lights, angels and nativity scenes to celebrate Your birth, remind us through the holly leaves and berries that You came to wear the crown of thorns and through the drops of Your blood saved us. Help us share the real meaning of Christmas with our family and co-workers and to the world through the gifts of our Mites. Bless our worship and hear our prayers for peace on earth. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Service Available

The 2009 Prayer Service, written by Rev. Larry Miller, LWML Counselor 2003-2007, is now available to download from the LWML Web site. Go to www.lwml.org to download the service.

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.

Prior issues of LWML e-News are available at <http://www.lwml.org/news/lutheran-women-in-mission-e-news.htm>. To change your subscription settings, visit http://lwml.org/mailman/listinfo/e-news_news.lwml.org. Questions or comments about e-News? E-mail depcom@lwml.org

KFUO Visit

LWML President Jan Wendorf, Vice President of Human Care Deaconess Sylvia Johnson and Human Care Committee Chairman Sheila Lutz visited mission grant recipient KFUO radio on Oct. 27 in St. Louis. The three were in the KFUO studio as President Jan recorded a new CD entitled *Walking with the Lord; Verses from Psalms to Guide Your Steps*.

President Jan will be featured on KFUO every Monday at 8:05 a.m. CDT.

KFUO received a \$50,000 LWML mission grant this biennium for radio Internet streaming that has helped them adapt to new ways of communicating the Gospel around the world. As a result of the LWML mission grant and the live streaming it provides, you can also hear President Jan each week at 8:05 a.m. CDT each Monday at www.kfu.org.

The following are e-mails received by KFUO in response to their Internet streaming, made possible by the LWML mission grant:

Charles in Knoxville, TN: I really enjoy the Bible study program; I listen to the day



From left, LWML Human Care Committee Chairman Sheila Lutz, KFUO Promotions Director Joanie Harwell, LWML President Jan Wendorf and Vice President of Human Care Deaconess Sylvia Johnson outside the KFUO radio studio in St. Louis.

before's program on my half-hour commute to work, using the podcast.

From the Philippines: Your ministry is a blessing to so many pastors like me here in the Philippines

I want to let you know how much your work means to me; I drive a truck all day and thank God for your shows. Keep up the good work.

Bud from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada listens to the station via podcast.

Pastor Rob: We are listening from Pelabuhan, Ratu on the island of Java.

Ing-Marie from Sweden: It is amazing how God works! How He can use the Internet and KFUO and how your programs and USA Pastors can be a blessing for people all over the world.

President Jan to Ride in Rose Bowl Parade

President Jan Wendorf will ride on The Lutheran Hour float as well as sing in the choir featured on the float, entitled "Hallelujah!" in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1, 2009.

The Lutheran Hour float is the only Christian float participating in the world's most famous media event. To find out more about the float, go to www.petalpushers.org.

The Tournament of Roses Parade will be aired without commercial interruption on HGTV beginning at 8 a.m. PST.

Great Gift Ideas

Have you seen the beautiful liquid glass jewelry available from the LWML store? There are two new liquid glass crosses, as well as square and oval liquid glass earrings.

Check out <http://shop.lwml.org> for these and other great gift ideas! To receive your order by Christmas, your online order needs to be in the office by Dec. 18.

All LWML Districts Online!

Did you know ... as of November all of the LWML districts have Web sites? Check out www.lwml.org/links/index.htm to see them!

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