

Together in Prayer

As LWML sisters, we gather around the Word each Monday at noon and lift our hearts and hands together in prayer because our Father has asked us to learn of Him as He reveals Himself through Scripture and come to Him in prayer that He might grant His blessings and comfort. Let us begin this new year with prayerful expectancy at what is to come and with thanksgiving give Him praise.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands (Psalm 31:14-15a NIV).

O Lord, we begin this new year with some fear and trembling, not knowing what lies ahead. And yet we trust You to never leave us nor forsake us, to always be with us, and hear our whispered prayers for help and reassurance. Protect us and our loved ones, dear Father, as we venture out on the "icy road." Keep us stable and upright, balanced and sure-footed as we minister to our family, co-workers and community and to the world through the blessing of our LWML mites! Place a song of praise in our hearts and minds today. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Mite Update

As of November 30, 2008, the LWML had received \$1,263,815 toward our total mission goal of \$1,700,000. Praise the Lord! However, with just four months left in our biennium, more than \$400,000 is still needed to complete this journey.

LWML Treasurer Helen Miller remarked, "We pray that we will meet our goal and encourage all to send in their Mites." Visit www.lwml.org and click on Missions for the latest LWML grant payments.

LOOK! Look at the year!

It is time to plan to attend the LWML 33rd biennial convention, June 25-28, 2009, in Portland, Oregon, where you can gather with your LWML sisters and *Look to the Hills...God Reigns*. Come join this activity-filled and action-packed weekend, complete with worship, Bible study, and fellowship with other sisters and brothers in Christ.



Registration opens March 2. Registration information is now available in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and at www.lwml.org. Take "A Closer Look" at the Saturday luncheons listed in the registration information. These luncheons give attendees an opportunity to look into the lives and work of our convention speakers. Luncheon topics include:

- **Heidi Floyd** – *God Reigns... when breast cancer strikes*
- **Dr. Mary Hilgendorf** – *God Reigns ... with Biblical women of influence*
- **LCMS President Jerry & Terry Kieschnick** – *God Reigns ... in our church body*
- **Ruth Koch** – *God Reigns ... in my grief*
- **Missionaries Michelle Hoepfner and Danelle Putnam** – *God Reigns ... in the mission field*
- **Jan Struck** – *God Reigns ... in my life story*

Look for more information about Camp Hood (child/youth care), Servant Connections (servant activities), *Gifts from the Heart* (ingathering), and "Mission in Motion" (pledge walk/exercise) at www.lwml.org.

Christian Will

A Christian Will benefits you, your family and the Lord's work through LWML. It can name guardians for your children, insure proper distribution of your possessions, leave a Christian witness and provide a gift for LWML. If you are thinking of preparing a Will or revising your Will and would like to include a Christian Preamble, call LWML Gift Planning Services at 1 (888) 482-8425 for a sample preamble brochure. You may also want to visit our Web site at www.lwmlgiftplan.org. Be sure to click on the Wills Guide section.

Watch for the 'Witness'

LWML is featured in the January 2009 issue of the *Lutheran Witness*. Melissa Salomon, Chairman of the Gospel Outreach Committee, is one of those featured on the cover; inside on page 16 is her story and another photo. There is also a picture of a Mite Box on page 20. The whole issue speaks to the importance of the LWML as an auxiliary of the church, and our women as an important part of the LCMS. Be sure to check out the January issue of the *Witness*!

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 President Jan Rides in Rose Bowl Parade

LWML President Jan Wendorf rang in the New Year on the Lutheran Hour float in the 2009 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

As the only Christian float in the parade, the Lutheran Hour Ministries float has been a strong witness for 59 years. An estimated 1 million people view the parade live. President Jan says, "What an opportunity to share God's love in Jesus with passersby. Many cheered for our float, joined in singing (or directing) the Hallelujah Chorus, and made the sign of the cross as we passed by. What an encouragement to have so many positive responses to our entry!"

For more photos of the parade go to www.lwml.org/photo_gallery/index.htm

President Jan also helped decorate the float as one of about 4,000 Petal Pushers, working side-by-side with volunteers ranging in age from 14 to 91.

If you missed the parade, go to www.tournamentofroses.com and "Click here to watch the Rose Parade online." The Lutheran Hour float is at the end of Part 4.



Above: The Lutheran Hour Float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2009. LWML President Jan Wendorf (second row) sang in the choir on the float entitled, "Hallelujah." **Left:** Dec. 28 was deemed "LWML Day" at the Lutheran Hour Float. Here are some young women who helped "push petals" with President Jan.



Above: President Jan helps decorate the Lutheran Hour Float. **Right:** The LWML was well represented in row two of the choir: President Jan, Laverne Mirly, Mitzi Johnson and Angelina Gomez.