

## Only Two Months to Go!

LOOK! Look at the calendar! Only two months until we hear the majestic music of the opening service at the 2009 LWML convention in Portland, the beautiful district banners triumphantly enter the assembly hall, and we join with thousands of our LWML sisters in prayer and praise to *Look to the Hills...God Reigns*.



Have you made your travel plans? Now is the time to finalize your plans to be part of the LWML convention June 25-28, 2009! The registration deadline is mid-May. You don't want to miss strolling through Evergreen Park, the exhibit area, or helping at the Servant Connection. It's also time to get in shape for "Mission in Motion," the pledge walk that includes two walking trails to raise money for missions along with a low/no impact exercise option. All contributions go toward our LWML mite goal, so start obtaining those pledges now. The pledge form is available at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

## Together in Prayer

As springtime brings a renewal of life in nature, may we find daily renewal and reason to rejoice in Jesus. Bless us as we pray together on Monday at noon for the LWML.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* (Philippians 4:4 NIV)

My Lord and Savior, Thank You for dying for my sins. I find nothing more encouraging than to know You have forgiven me. Your compassion never fails. It is new every morning. I rejoice in Your faithfulness! Help me share Your message with my family and friends through words and actions and with those far away through my prayers and mite giving. By Your grace, and in Your name. Amen.

## A Note from the Road from President Jan ...

Last month, while in a hotel in St. Louis, I signed copies of the *Today's Light* Bibles to be given to the Young Women Representatives at convention. There were three

heavy boxes with 24 Bibles in each. LWML Office Administrator Norine Stumpf had made arrangements to have someone pick them up, and she gave them \$5 to tip the bellman. The bellman refused the money, saying that the LWML women who were there in October for Assembly of Leaders were the best group they had ever had and that everyone was so nice to the staff. He wanted to do something nice for the LWML in return! You are making a difference in the lives that you impact. Thank you! I am honored to be serving with you.

## Christian Preamble

A Christian Preamble to your Will or Living Trust provides a fine opportunity to share your faith with family and friends. Through the Holy Spirit, this personal statement of your belief 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 or e-mail [bilowp@oh.lcms.org](mailto:bilowp@oh.lcms.org). You may also want to visit our Web site at [www.lwmlgiftplan.org](http://www.lwmlgiftplan.org).

## LWML Exceeds Mite Goal!

Praise God! The LWML has exceeded its 2007-09 mission goal of \$1.7 million by \$75,730.17.

"The greater 'LWML family' actively met and exceeded the mite goal for 2007-2009," LWML President Jan Wendorf said. "People from all over responded to God's love in their own lives and joined together by God's grace and provision to accomplish this. I am humbled and honored by the trust given to Lutheran Women in Mission to be about their Father's business while it is still day. Sincere thanks to all who contributed."

Among contributions received by the March 31 deadline was an anonymous memorial gift of \$100,000.

LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick sent his congratulations to the women of the LWML: "What a blessing from the hand of the Lord, made possible, humanly speaking, by the generous hearts of some of His most precious children—the wonderful women of the LWML! The support provided by LWML for the LCMS and its related ministries is vital for the ongoing mission of our Synod and is most sincerely appreciated. Please communicate my sincere and heartfelt appreciation, on behalf of our entire Synod, to all the wonderful women among whom you are privileged to work and to lead."

## Mother's Day

Looking for a unique Mother's Day gift? How about LWML coasters? These stone coasters come in a set of four and absorb condensation. Perfect for hot summer days, and the best part is that they have the LWML logo and verse, "*Serve the Lord with Gladness.*" The coasters are available online at <http://shop.lwml.org> (catalog No. 10056) or by calling 1-800-252-5965.

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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