

MITE BRIGADE

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT

ENABLING WOMEN IN DC, DE, MD, NC, PA, VA, AND WV

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A Word from the President

We are in the final countdown in the 2004-06 biennium which ends in September with the District Convention. We are happy to report that eleven mission grants have been paid, with just three grants remaining to be paid by the end of the fiscal year June 30. The CAME grant presentation pictured here was in March.



Deb Poese and Edi Collis present the CAME grant check to Pastor Mark Hricko, at Lutheran Church of St. Andrew

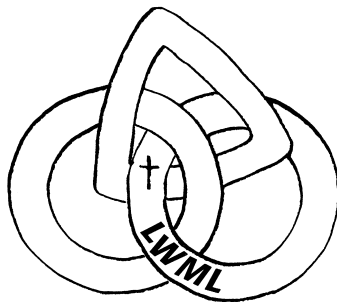
Your president had the privilege of bringing greetings on your behalf at the Southeastern District Convention on May 6. I shared three things: our Mission Statement, our Mite Box™, and the LWML Pledge. Both SED President Diefenthaler and LCMS President Kieschnik had good words for LWML and expressed appreciation for the support we provide throughout the church body in all areas of ministry.

Most zone rallies have taken place and there have been some changes. One big change was the joining of Baltimore East and West into a single Baltimore Zone. This had been considered and discussed for several years since the two zones had been holding joint activities such as their annual Prayer Breakfast and their Spring Rally together for several years. There are six new zone chairmen on board. See the Zone Leader list on page 8.

You will find a guest registration form and other information about the Chesapeake District Convention coming

in September. The Host Committee and the Executive Committee are planning what we hope will be an exciting and informative event. Keep in mind a convention is held to conduct the *business* of LWML while a retreat is held for *spiritual renewal* so the two are totally different in character. There will be new officers elected, a new set of mission grants selected, and one bylaw change. These will be detailed in the August Mite Brigade along with information about our Keynote Speaker, Rev. Tich Luu and our LWML Rep., Janis McDaniels. Plan now to attend.

Sylvia Shives, District President



Mite Brigade Note

The Mite Brigade is now available to anyone in PDF format by request. You need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to download and print the MB. If you don't have it you can download it free by going to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Please e-mail the President, sylvia.shives@myactv.net, if you would like to receive the Mite Brigade by email.

Copies will still be sent to all churches at the church address and to networkers unless you request it be sent by email.

What is chesapeakedistrictlwml.org?

The name of the new district website! Up and running but still under construction by Marge Bruning and Linda Roscoe. Check it out!



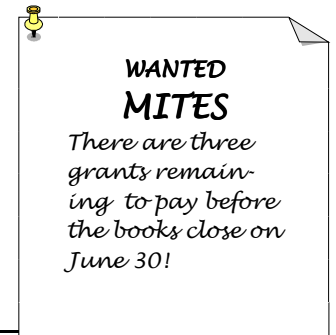
The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Mission Grants 2004-2006

Mission Goal for the 2004 – 2006 Biennium \$120,000

Mission Grants

1. Help & Emergency Response, Inc. (H.E.R. Shelter), Redeemer, Portsmouth, VA	<i>PAID</i>	\$5,000
2. Student Aid Assistance, Southeastern District LCMS	<i>PAID</i>	\$5,000
3. New Ministries Start-Up Grants - Southeastern District LCMS	<i>PAID</i>	\$4,800
4. Campus Outreach Ministries King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA-	<i>PAID</i>	\$3,000
5. Raven Rock Lutheran Outdoors Ministries - SED-LCMS	<i>PAID</i>	\$5,000
6. Cross-Over Ministry, Inc. - Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond VA	<i>PAID</i>	\$4,300
7. Chemo-Cap Ministry - Trinity Lutheran Church, Lexington Park, MD	<i>PAID</i>	\$1,000
8. Bibles for Prisoners Ministry- Women of Good Shepherd, Callao, VA	<i>PAID</i>	\$1,000
9. Tell the Good News about Jesus to Children – Oxon Hill Lutheran Church, Oxon Hill, MD	<i>PAID</i>	\$3,000
10. Center for Asian-American Mission and Evangelism (C.A.M.E.) The Lutheran Church of St Andrew, Silver Spring, MD	<i>PAID</i>	\$5,000
11. The Little Ones Lutheran Preschool Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Rehoboth Beach, DE	<i>PAID</i>	\$3,000
12. Grace Lutheran School - Grace Lutheran Church, La Plata, MD		\$5,000
13. Radio Ministry of Grace Ethiopian Fellowship, Springfield, VA Southeastern District, LCMS		\$5,000
14. Advent Lutheran Elementary School - Advent Lutheran Church, Forest Hill, MD		\$3,900



Gospel Outreach

Gospel Outreach News.....

This spring, has been a flurry of activity for this VP of Gospel Outreach! I've waited and watched in amazement how the Lord is bringing to completion the work of our LWML mites as we begin the final days of this biennium's mission grants. Ten grants have been paid and we anticipate with the publication of this edition of the Mite Brigade that the next will be sent to Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth Beach, DE for the Little Ones Lutheran Preschool. What wonderful news this is to each of our grant recipients and those who will be blessed by their ministries. Please continue to lift up to the Lord our remaining three grants. We pray He will help us in our efforts to fully fund each of these grants and that they will share the love of Christ and spread His Good News to those touched by their ministries.

We will come together September 22-24th in Richmond for our district convention. Our executive board is very busy planning for this special event. Among the work being done is the prayerful consideration of the mission grant proposals which have been submitted this spring for our next biennium. This is a difficult task as each proposal has many people fervently involved in carrying out their ministry. Our common thread of purpose is discerning proposals which earnestly seek to share the Gospel through their ministries. We've been presented with a variety of opportunities in which this can be accomplished. We undertake this task fully trusting the Lord to guide us each step of the way.

The proposals for the convention ballot will be published in our next Mite Brigade issue.

It remains an honor for us to serve as your executive board, devoting ourselves to the mission of the LWML and spreading the Gospel to the Glory of our Risen Lord!!

Donna Siverd -VP Gospel Outreach

OUR EASTER CHALLENGE by Pastor Jerry Todd

A Christian young man named Tom brought an unbelieving friend of his named Harry to church on Easter morning a number of years ago. How Tom got Harry there, I don't know. Maybe he bribed him with the promise of a great lunch afterwards. Anyway... as the power joy-filled service progressed Harry was impressed. He'd never seen such emotion fill a group of people that wasn't at a Baltimore Colts football game.

But nothing touched Harry more than as he listened to the preacher's sermon that day. Pastor Johnson was preaching on the triumphant words of Paul from "The Resurrection Chapter", 1 Corinthians 15 – "*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But THANKS be to God, who gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

In glowing terms Pastor Johnson then spoke of the glories of the Christian life, dwelling especially on how through Jesus, we have victory over sin, death, and the power of the grave. What impressed Harry the most was the fervor with which Tom's preacher proclaimed the certainty believers can have of final resurrection and eternal life with Jesus Christ, our Savior. Pastor Johnson's concluding words were taken from one of the last verses of the great Easter hymn, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

**He lives & grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

On the way home from church Tom asked Harry what he thought of the Easter service he'd just experienced. Harry replied: "Tom, I've got to tell you, if I believed what your ministers said, I'd spend the rest of my life SHOUTING about it. I don't see how anyone could believe what your pastor said and then just go home as if he or she hadn't heard it."

What an indictment --- and what a challenge!

We who call ourselves Christians & claim to be part of the family of God need to ask ourselves if the message of Christ's resurrection and the new life it now provides us has impacted us so greatly that we just want to shout it out? Have we

learned not only to come and see, but have we also been emboldened? Have our hearts been set "Ablaze" to "Go and Tell"? Have we learned that we can't keep the incredible news of God's resurrecting love to ourselves but need to pass on that Jesus now lives and because He lives we too can live and "can face tomorrow?"

Surely this news is too good to keep! The Son of God who was dead is gloriously ALIVE. And, again, we have His promise that because He lives, we, too, can live, not only tomorrow, but today as well! Could the God of heaven have given us any headline more thrilling, more electrifying, more worthy of being shouted from the housetops – not only on Easter morning, but on every Sunday morning and every weekend morning, and every day, morning, noon & night? No!

And so... as we leave our houses of worship on Easter Sunday... For that matter, as we leave our houses of worship every Sunday... For that matter, as we leave our homes for work or school or play, any and every day... For that matter, as we leave our LWML meetings & rallies and the like... -- may our hearts be bursting with the effervescent joy of our Savior's resurrection. Then we shall be able to sing with great joy and belief that great song of old:

**Victory in Jesus! Our Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming
blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due
Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing
blood.**

Dear Friends have a Great Easter – every day! Why?
The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!! ALLELUIA!

Your Friend in our Risen Lord – Pastor Jerry Todd

2006 Leadership Conference
Conversations of Grace

Sponsored by Southeastern District- LCMS,
Lutheran Laymen's League and LWML
August 4-6, 2006

Ever wonder what you should be saying about Jesus?
Ever say nothing because you didn't know what to say?

Strengthen your outreach skills...
Workshops, workshops, & workshops
Special guest presenters/speakers
Dr. Richard Bimler and Rev. Kenneth Klaus

Special Gifts Endowment Fund

February 2006 - April 2006

Donations Received

IN HONOR OF:	DONATED BY:
Ernie/Georgetta Wefelmeyer Dave Evans	Gladys Hane Fred/Connie Kruelle Mary Payne
Ruth Wigger Roosalie Schmieding Platt (Mid-South Dist. LWML Pres.)	Fred/Connie Kruelle Fred/Connie Kruelle
Bob Nine Ann Piety Judy Hammar	Fred/Connie Kruelle Fred/Connie Kruelle Fred/Connie Kruelle
Interest Paid 3-24-2006 \$107.29 Interest	Principal \$12,856.06 <u>2,505.38</u> Balance \$15,361.44

Gifts since 7-1-2004 to date: \$2,482.00

Mary Payne,
Special Gifts Chairman



When you want to give a gift and don't know what to give, consider a gift to this fund in honor of someone special for their birthday, anniversary, promotion, or to say thank you. Use the form at the right

Grants Available Now!

The fund has grown to the point where the district can now offer grants from a portion of the accumulated interest. Grants of up to \$300 each are available from the Special Gifts Fund. A request may be made by a society, a zone, or the district to help fund a new project or an existing program. The project should reflect the mission of LWML.

The guidelines are short and the application is a single page. The time between the request and receiving the funds can be as short as one month.

To apply for a grant, contact chairman Mary Payne for specific guidelines and an application.

Chesapeake District Special Gifts Fund

The Chesapeake District LWML has established a Special Gifts Endowment Fund to receive gifts of money and property, either directly or through bequests under wills or trusts, to further the work of LWML.

Contributions may be made as a memorial, or to honor someone on occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or simply the glory of God. Come up with your own unique way to **PRAISE THE LORD.**

All contributions will be acknowledged by the Special Gifts Chairman.

Make checks payable to:

Lutheran Church Extension Fund
Memo: **Chesapeake District LWML**
Special Gifts Fund

Mail to: Mary A. Payne
17554 Barron Heights Road
Dumfries, VA 22025-2021

Date _____

Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____
Occasion _____

To the Glory of God _____

Send acknowledgement of gift (not amount) to

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Chesapeake District Convention 2006

Reach One More for Jesus

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20:21*



**Chesapeake District LWML
22nd Biennial Convention
Friday - Sunday September 22-24, 2006
Holiday Inn Select—Koger Center
Richmond, Virginia**

Host Zone: Northern Virginia assisted by Old Dominion

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Tich Luu, Associate Pastor, Ethnic Chinese Ministry
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Rockville, MD

LWML Representative: Janis McDaniels, Vice President for Gospel Outreach

Music Leader: Dina Vendetti, Principal, St John Lutheran School, Dover, DE

Convention Chairman: Gladys Hane, Chairman, Northern Virginia Zone

Host Church: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Franconia, VA
The Rev. Mark Shaltanis, Pastor

Worship Services:

Friday
Proclaimer - The Rev. Jerry Todd, Chesapeake District Senior Pastoral Counselor
Liturgist - The Rev Dale Skurla, Chesapeake District Junior Pastoral Counselor
Celebrant - The Rev Mark Shaltanis, Pastor, Host Church

Sunday
Proclaimer - The Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, President, Southeastern District LCMS
Liturgist - The Rev Jerry Todd Installation of Officers - The Rev. Dale Skurla

Saturday Entertainment: University of Richmond Jazz Combo

Convention Schedule

Friday	
8:00 p.m.	Opening Communion Service Banner procession President's reception
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Opening Session to include Bible Study, Keynote Speaker Convention Business <i>Lunch Break</i>
1:00 p.m.	Convention Reconvenes
2:45	Enrichment Sessions
6:45	Dinner/Entertainment
9:00	Optional Zone Gatherings
Sunday	
8:45a.m.	Convention Reconvenes Bible Study, Business Gifts From the Heart Dedication
11:00	Closing Worship
12:00	Adjournment

Schedule subject to adjustment

Convention Notes

Registration - Please use the appropriate registration form. Board members, delegates, and Young Women reps have specially identified forms and are due July 15. All others will use a guest form due by September 1, after which a late fee applies. Emergency/health information will go on the back of the name tag.

Meals - The convention meal package includes Saturday lunch and dinner only. The price includes the required gratuity and tax which adds over 25% to the basic meal cost. To keep meal costs reasonable, (and breakfast to your liking) breakfast is on your own, either in your room or in the hotel restaurant if a more substantial meal is required. Friday dinner is on your own.

Hotel - In room amenities include hair dryer, make-up mirror, data-port, voice mail, 2 telephones, coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, iron, ironing board, complimentary local phone calls, *USA Today* (Monday - Friday), and an indoor pool with aerobic exercise area. In the area you will find a health club, water park, picnic shelters, running trails, golf within 3 miles, and an upscale shopping mall nearby.

Gifts from the Heart ingathering and Enrichment Session descriptions and leaders are found on page 6.

Convention Enrichment Sessions - Sign up EARLY!

Each person will have the opportunity to participate in two enrichment sessions on Saturday afternoon. Each will be offered twice except choir. Sign up for your choices on the registration form. Space is limited so assignments will be made based on the date registration is received. Register early!

1. **Looking Forward with LWML** - Janis McDaniels, LWML Representative. LWML has moved out of the 20th century and is keeping pace with changing society. Janis will share what LWML is doing at the national level to help districts, zones, and especially societies appeal to women of today. There will be time for Q&A with Janis on anything you want to know about LWML.
2. **A Visit with Pastor Tich and Michelle Luu** - An opportunity to meet and speak with Keynote Speaker, Pastor Tich Luu and his wife Michelle who assists in his ministry to ethnic Chinese people. They will share more details of their ministry and will be happy to answer any questions you might have.
3. **Afternoon Joy Bible Study** - Pastor Jerry Todd, LWML Pastoral Counselor. By request we have added Bible Study to the enrichment sessions this year. Many will remember Pastor Jerry's dynamic large group studies at the 2004 convention so imagine how great it will be in a smaller group setting.
4. **Solving the Mystery: Death by Meeting** - Marge Bruning and other MMV Consultants. Are you dying of boredom in your meetings? Is productivity a real mystery for your society? Join the newest reality series as Mission-Ministry-Vision consultants help you unravel the mysterious "Death by Meeting".
5. **Make a Joyful Noise: Convention Choir** - Dina Vendetti. (single session) "We consecrate to our Savior... our voice to sing His praises" Add beauty to the Sunday morning worship by joining your voice with others in praise with special music. Music provided.
6. **LWML 101: What's it all about?** - Deb Lennox, Young Women Coordinator. Designed with young women in mind. "Young" means any woman who is new to LWML. The session will give an overview of LWML, explaining "the works" like mites, mission grants, acronyms (YWR, MMV, EC, BOD, LFT, Etc.) how LWML is structured, committees and their purpose. Young Women Representatives are encouraged to attend but it is for anyone who is fairly new to LWML.
7. **Servant Event 1: Blankets for Children** - Margaret Martens, Board Member - Archivist Historian. Be a "blanketeer" and help make blankets and comfort quilts for Project Linus in the Richmond area. Project Linus provides blankets to children in hospitals, hospice care, or who have lost a loved one. They also provide blankets for babies in NICU's in the area. We will tie pre-made comforts or stitch blankets from fleece and other types of easily handled fabrics in child-friendly colors.
8. **Servant Event 2: Greeting Cards for Military Members and Missionaries** - Mary Payne and Karen Updegrave, Board members. Appropriate cards and address lists will be provided. Participants will write encouraging messages and address cards to military members from district churches whose names are provided to us. We will also have names and addresses of missionaries serving in locations around the world.



WANTED! Gifts From the Heart



Toys for Cole's Closet: For infants - teethingers, rattles, books, blankets Older children - Art sets, books, board games, Legos For teens - CD players, CDs, hand held electronic games

Cole's Closet is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting families with children suffering from critical, chronic, or terminal diseases in the MD, DC, VA metropolitan area. Through toys and other support items they strive to alleviate some of the stress of children and their families during hospital stays. Keep in mind the children spend a large portion of the day in bed. Toys for infants and teens are the greatest need. Check their website for more information: www.colescloset.org

Items for Cross † Over Ministry: Personal care items and medical and dental supplies such as 2x2 gauze, regular size band-aids, antibiotic ointment, alcohol pads, peroxide, Betadine solution, adult multi-vitamins, prenatal vitamins with iron, Advil tablets or liquid, Facial tissue (pocket size) Toothbrushes (individually wrapped adult or child size

Cross † Over Ministry - a ministry supported by Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA assists the women in the Richmond City jail in learning to care for themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually. Items are needed for the women and their children while incarcerated and as they return home.

School Supplies for Luther Memorial School: All types of school supplies accepted

Luther Memorial School - An urban school in the historic Ginter Park community, Luther serves a diverse family of students from throughout the Richmond metropolitan area. Students at Luther exhibit a wide diversity of racial and cultural backgrounds. (The school) values this diversity and feels that students thrive in an environment where their classmates may have a heritage that is different from their own. Students from other countries also contribute their experiences to the rich cultural mix at Luther. In fact, the school has welcomed students from Guatemala, Tanzania, Korea, China, India and Kenya over the last several years. Website: www.luthermemorial.com

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION 2006

REGISTRATION FORM

LWML Communications

Don't Reinvent the Wheel

No, the LWML has not gone into the engineering role, but we do have to think and analyze our programs. I am not one to reinvent the wheel. Sharing ideas is a wonderful tool for the LWML. Therefore, we "brainstormed" at the Leadership for Tomorrow training in Ocean City, MD this Feb. amongst your Chesapeake District leaders and came up with ideas that have been successful with women's ministries. I'd like to share these as you look forward to planning your calendars for future events. Where possible, I am also including the society and or zone so you can seek leaders from those areas for further details.

Trinity, Lexington Park, MD (DC MARVA) First Friday in Dec. they have a women's Advent program. Begin with special music and LWML devotion and use lots of Christmas hymns. Each lady is asked to bring an ornament for a Chinese auction and either an appetizer or dessert.

Trinity, Richmond, VA (Old Dominion) Advent potluck dinner making a Christmas bracelet or craft and have fun things like a Christmas puzzle with prizes or other games. End with a communion service.

Our Shepherd, Cambridge, MD -Christmas dinner for clients at a mental hospital -Have a buffet style dinner, sing carols, decorate a tree and gather gifts for "special guests."

Our Savior, Arlington, VA and other societies- Advent wreath making event with dinner on first Sunday in Advent. Have a brief family friendly devotion, make wreaths or log, and give children's devotional/ Christmas book to children. There's a new program in the latest LWML materials that I wrote for one of these making a Yule log.

Tidewater Zone -January Retreat - A yearly retreat beginning with a fun Friday night. This year they learned

to play bunco and one society said they do this once a month and include the teens. This popular dice game (it's ok to play even though we are Lutheran!)

Will attract younger women.

Old Dominion - Have a Bible study in between the fall and spring rally times. Have a congregation host it, provide simple breakfast treats and encourage the host pastor or counselor to use LWML Bible study materials.

Baltimore West-East Zones -Pre-Lenten Prayer Breakfast. This event use to be a common program in many zones. Invite men and women. Paper is distributed with prayer "subjects" on them -nation, health concerns, pastor, church, family, etc. and one for other. During breakfast each person fills out prayer request, they exchange and during devotional time each is asked to read them, and the leader summarizes contents. Everyone is encouraged to take the list and pray for those requested. Free will offering for Mites is taken.

Tray favors or dinning table favors for nursing homes, assisted living places, etc.

Care packages for "those away from home."

Support a Seminary student.

Make and send Valentines to Veterans, college kids, missionaries...

Gifts of love health kits for Lutheran World Relief or a shelter

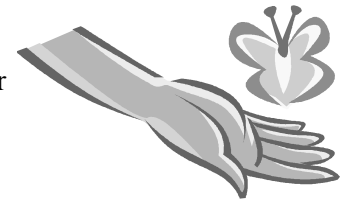
Skits and materials in the LWML catalogue are abundant and many are FREE!

Have fun as you develop new programs for your society and zone.

Serving together,

Marge Bruning

Communications Director



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Zone News

Thank You Zone Officers!

Thank You to all outgoing zone officers who served faithfully over the past years. Retiring chairmen include Joan Kelly - Baltimore West, Bert Buchanan - Baltimore East, Kay Frantz - DCMARVA, Mildred Kegel - DelMarVa, Kathy Phelps - Old Dominion, Gloria Sindlinger - Pen Mar, and Jeanne Robinson - Potomac.

Thank You to continuing chairmen include Sylvia Miller - Blue Ridge, Gladys Hane - Northern Virginia and Bev Sweeney - Tidewater. Margaretann Killeen - Marylanton hopes to be a retiring Chairman after their rally.

Thank You to newly installed chairmen Leslie Jaseph - Baltimore, Teresa Tester - DCMARVA, Deb Lennox - DelMarVa, Marge Bruning - Old Dominion, Marie Gruendler - PenMar, and Jamee Thieme - Potomac.

Thank You to all other zone officers past and present for your willing service to LWML.

Zone Potpourri—From Rally Reports

...and two shall become one. Probably not in the Biblical sense, but the two Baltimore zones voted to merge into one zone at their rally on April 1. Guest speaker was Eileen Hand who spoke on Katrina Disaster relief efforts by SED.

Blue Ridge zone will host Ed Szeto of Lutherans for Life at their rally May 13. Kay Schmeding and her husband will be receiving honorary degrees from Wittenberg University for their mission work in Africa the same day.

The DCMARVA zone rally speaker was Pastor Christopher Ogne who shared "One to One Evangelism". They also are looking at Teen LWML possibilities.

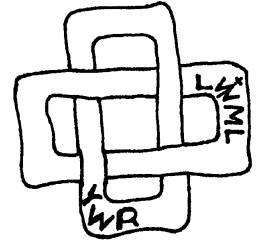
At the DelMarVa rally, the women were treated to a drama called "Women of the Bible Alive" complete with costumes. Biblical women portrayed were Hannah, Esther, Martha, Mary, Lydia, and Priscilla.

We are happy to report that Marylanton Zone will hold their first Spring rally in four years on May 20. Holy Cross in Greenbelt, MD will host the rally

Northern Virginia zone learned about "Faith Booking" and Faith Chests, documenting one's faith journey from birth. Connie Denninger leads how-to workshops. Sounds like an idea for an LWML retreat topic in the future.

It's That Time Again...

Time to select a new Young Women's Representative (YWR) from your Zone. The Chesapeake District Convention is right around the corner and each Zone is asked to choose at least one woman to attend as their Zone YWR.



What is a YWR you ask? A YWR is any woman who:

- ✠ Is preferably between the ages of 21-35
- ✠ Has a deep and abiding love for the Lord
- ✠ Is a member of an LCMS congregation
- ✠ Is enthusiastic and committed to serving the Lord with gladness
- ✠ Seeks to learn more about the LWML and how she can be involved

There are special events planned for the YWRs at the District convention and they are eligible to apply to become one of two Chesapeake District YWRs who will attend the 2007 LWML convention in Sioux Falls. Please prayerfully consider who in your society, congregation or zone could be lifted up for this position. Submit nominations to your zone chairman. If you need further information, please contact the District YWR Coordinator, Debbie Lennox, via email lennoxdt@verizon.net or phone (302) 856-2909. Thank you!

The Old Dominion rally featured Lt. Col. Linda George, a military chaplain at Fort Lee as speaker and a theme of "In His Service" - "Military—"We Salute Their Service".

PenMar zone had a guest speaker, Eileen Beale, who had served with Wycliff Bible Translators in the Zamauatu Islands in the South Pacific.

Potomac Zone Rally attendees learned about LCMS Ministries to the Deaf From Pastor Ron Friedrichs, Pastor of Christ Deaf congregation.

Chairman Bev Sweeney recently initiated a newsletter for the Tidewater zone. It is sent by email attachment and can be copied on two sides of a single sheet of paper and folded book style. Great idea to share.

Zone Leaders

ZONE CHAIRMEN 2006-07

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Please note new chairmen in Baltimore, DCMARVA, DELMARVA, Old Dominion, Pen Mar, and Potomac Zones

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LWML PLANNING CALENDAR

Pray for these events, the leaders and the participants.
Zone leaders keep these dates in mind when planning Zone activities.

August 4-6, 2006 - Southeastern District "Conversations of Grace", Richmond, VA
September 22-24, 2006 - Chesapeake District LWML Convention, Richmond, VA
November/December 2006 date TBA - Chesapeake District New EC Meeting, Place TBA
February 2007 - District Leadership for Tomorrow Retreat, Place TBA
June 21-24, 2007 - LWML Convention, Sioux Falls, SD
November 2-4, 2007 - District Christian Life Retreat, Ocean City, MD

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