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A Word From the President



Joan Kelly

Greetings and best wishes for a blessed New Year. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and will continue reaching out with the joyful message of the gift of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Now our thoughts turn to LWML business. The first Executive Committee meeting of the 2006-2008 biennium, held on December 2nd in Baltimore was well attended. Pastor Skurla officially installed the newly appointed officers Laima Kuring, Communications Director and Carol Bitely, Christian Life Chairman.

At that meeting we accepted the recommendation of the Young Women Committee Chairman that Bethany Bruning from Ashland, VA, Old Dominion Zone; and Connie Bushatz from Farmville, VA, Blue Ridge Zone attend the national convention as Chesapeake District Young Women Representatives. Attending a national convention is inspiring, uplifting and unforgettable. The future of LWML depends on our young women and this will be a valuable experience for them as LWMLers. This convention involves higher than usual costs and we are asking that each zone take a special collection at their Spring Rally to help defray the expenses of the YWRs as well as your zone delegate. The district sends a delegation of 15 to the convention made up of the president, the zone chairmen (or co-chairman), the Junior Pastoral Counselor, and the two Young Women Representatives. Anyone from the district who attends unofficially represents the Chesapeake Dis-

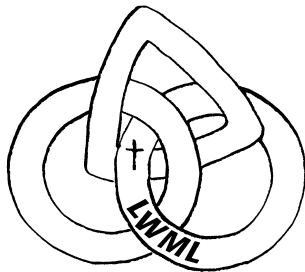
trict. Ask your society or congregation members if they would be willing to donate frequent flyer miles to help keep costs down. Pray about it and see what the Lord provides.

I have been busy making my reservations to attend the first LWML Board of Directors Meeting February 1-4, 2007 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I am very excited to be representing you at that meeting. (Please pray that the weather is good.) When I return, I will be able to share details regarding the 2007 Convention. In the meantime, I hope each of you is perusing the Winter 2006 "Quarterly" for all the information you will need. Please read all information carefully and follow instructions. Reservations may be sent after March 1. Some of you may have received, or will be receiving a tour information brochure. Having visited this part of the country in the past, I highly recommend adding a tour onto your convention trip. Go to the LWML web site for further information – www.lwml.org

On February 10, we will hold our District Board of Directors meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond. The district and zone leaders will meet to discuss LWML business and have some brief leadership training. Please support all of us in your prayers as we travel and work together to serve the Lord in carrying out the mission of LWML.

I can do all things through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Joan Kelly, President
Chesapeake District LWML



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Copies will continue be mailed to all churches at the church address and to society networkers unless you request it by email.



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 2006-2008

Mission Goal for the 2006 – 2008 Biennium \$120,000

Mission Grants

1. Chinese Outreach Center of the Cross (COCC), Rockville, MD Support the continuing outreach and faith-building in the Chinese community.	\$5,000
2. New Ministry Start-up Grant, Southeastern District, LCMS Grant for New Ministry Start-up in Cecil County, MD	\$5,000
3. Alaska Mission for Christ, Anchorage, AK Training and Transportation program of the Alaska Mission	\$5,000
4. Student Aid Assistance, Southeastern District, LCMS Provide grants to students pursuing careers in full-time church work.	\$5,000
5. ESL (English as a Second Language) Program, Rehoboth Beach, DE Enhance program materials needed for the instruction of English among foreign workers in the surrounding community.	\$3,000
6. Southern Maryland Compassion Center, LaPlata, MD Funding for Compassion Care program and Mobile Compassion Center	\$5,000
7. Concordia Lutheran Church, Triangle, VA Community Nutritional Food Outreach Program	\$1,500
8. Shoe Beggars for Christ, Inc. , Laurel, MD Help with costs to provide shoes for people in need worldwide.	\$1,500
9. AMMI Ministry, Philadelphia, PA Support for Gospel outreach among ethnic groups from the former USSR	\$4,000
10. Disaster Preparedness Workshop, Southeastern District, LCMS Sponsor a Christian Care and Compassion- Disaster Preparedness workshop	\$1,500
11. Bethany Lutheran School, Waynesboro, VA Provide preschool room equipment for the before and after school program	\$1,600
12. Open Arms Child Development Center, Midlothian, VA Assist with purchase of needed copying and laminating equipment	\$3,500
13. Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United, (FCCA), Inc. Bel Air, MD Assist clients of the overnight outreach program with shelter needs	\$5,000
14. Living Water- Maryland State Fair Outreach, Timonium, MD Support for the Gospel witness given by volunteers using New Testament Bibles and Living Water Logo bottles	\$5,000
15. Training Leaders for Outreach Workshops, Southeastern District, LCMS Part of the <i>Ablaze!</i> Program of LCMS	\$2,000



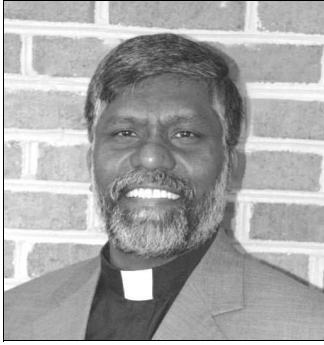
Gospel Outreach

Changes in Mission Grant List for 2006-2008

At our Chesapeake District LWML Convention in September 2006, an amount of \$5000 was approved as Mission Grant Number Four to provide scholarships for children to attend summer camps at Raven Rock Lutheran Camp. As many of you are probably already aware, the Executive Board of Raven Rock had to make the difficult decision to close the camp; the closure officially took place November 20, 2006. Thus, the scholarships are no longer needed.

At a meeting of the District LWML Executive Committee December 2, 2006, a reallocation of the mission grant funds was approved. All grants from numbers five through fifteen have been moved up in the list. The Living Water Maryland State Fair Outreach program, previously only partially funded for \$2600, will now receive the full requested amount of \$5000. In addition, the Training Leaders for Outreach Workshops, hosted by the Southeastern District as part of the LCMS *Ablaze!* Program, will be funded for \$2000 as new grant number fifteen. See the full revised grant list above. Questions about any of these changes may be directed to Deb Poese, Vice President for Gospel Outreach. (See directory, p. 9)

Junior Pastoral Counselor—Rev. Dr. John Sound



A BRAND NEW YEAR: WHAT'S IN STORE FOR US?

**"If the Lord wills, we
will live and do this or
that." (James 4:15, ESV)**

There always exists the hype in all of us about a brand new year and the brand new year 2007 that has dawned in our lives is

no exception. Even before the arrival of a New Year, we hear about the preparations that take place in our communities to welcome the New Year, not to exclude New York's Times Square on every December 31. Not only this, how can we forget the popular question, "What is your New Year resolution?" that floats around us like the dandelion seeds that do so in the scorching summer. It is not just the New Year resolution question, but also the brooding questions such as: Will this year be a year in which I may find healing for my sickness? Will this year be the year in which I may get my job promotion and higher salary? Will this be the year in which God grants me peace and quietness in my life? Will this be the year.....? I am sure we can stack up one question after another, which will neither know height nor depth.

This is not only true for individuals, but also for businesses, organizations, agencies, and the like. A typical example would be the Hallmark Gold Crown Company. This company launched its seasonal advertisement with the slogan: *Imagine, what's in store?* By this advertisement, the company invites us to visit one of its stores to check out their products and buy their products to cheer, comfort and show our love to our family and friends. Mission accomplished!

On behalf of the great organization like ours—the LWML, may I take the liberty of posing the question: 'A brand New Year: What's in store for us?' to each and every one of you? But, you might say, "Should we even ask this question?" Further, you might add, "We know God is in charge of our lives as well as this organization. He chose us before the foundation of the world to be in His kingdom, He granted us the gift of baptism in our lives and He provides for all our wants and needs according to His holy will. He granted that people like us would envision and organize such an organization to carry out His mission. God is in the midst of this organization and He will lead this organization in the path of righteousness. Should we even dare to ask this question: A brand New Year: What is in store for us?"

At the outset, I shall submit to what you just said. But, I would still like to pose that question to you. First, I would not like to pose this question as if the question reflects the pangs of the unknowns of the New

Year, but as a question that would kindle the Christian service in you. Second, dear friends in Christ, I would not desire to pose that question as a hype question, but as a question, I pray, when answered would snatch you from the comfort zone of "I don't have to do it since someone else will do it" to a zone where you read: God is in need of me since God wants His Gospel to be proclaimed to all nations only through saints and sinners like me. Third, I would like to pose this question as if this question, through the help of the Holy Spirit, would draw you to see the mission, goal and objectives of LWML and render your relentless service for the sake of the Gospel. Fourth, let this question, when posed, I pray again, may not only kindle your earnestness for those dying souls, but also, through the Spirit's help, empower you to call upon our God to choose, send and use you as His instruments to help the spread of the Gospel that souls may be saved. The Word of God assures us that our cry will not go unheard by our God and that He will hear our cry, answer us and shed His light on us in order that we may walk in the path of light. As we walk in the light of God, we submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We confess that our times are in His hands. The apostle James encourages the habit. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, he reminds us. Human life is like a vapor that appears for a moment and then vanishes. We reach the end of life with unfulfilled dreams and unfinished plans. We can pursue our goals, carry out our plans, and continue our lives only as the Lord wills.

What happened to the resolution(s) we set in the New Year? What happened to the goals we set in the New Year? What do we expect tomorrow? Few things are certain. But this we know: that we are enfolded in the everlasting arms of a gracious Father who has fulfilled His promises through His Son Jesus. We are still His forgiven children through the grace of Jesus. If our wills have had to be reversed, we know that His good and gracious will prevailed.

Lord, this is a brand New Year: What's in store for me? Choose me. Send me. Use me.

*Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do."
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!" (LSB 826, stanza 4)*

Join your LWML Sisters in Prayer

*Every Monday at 12:00 noon
wherever you are, pause and
pray for the ministry of LWML
and seek the Lord's guidance
each new day.*



Special Gifts Endowment Fund

October 25, 2006—January 14, 2007

IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Chesnut
(Sylvia Shives' mother)

Dorothy Louise Hickman
(Carol Zehnder's sister)

Dorothy Benson
(Long time LWML member)

Vonnie Kleinschmidt

IN HONOR OF:

Rev. Keith Loesch and Joan
Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Rev. James Knill and Heidi

Sylvia Shives, Past President
Chesapeake District LWML

Women of Redeemer Lutheran
Church - Richmond, VA

Edi Collis

Linda Roscoe

DONATED BY:

Fred and Connie Kruelle
Nancy Miller
Mary Payne
Walter and Constance Hoff
Marge Bruning

Walter and Constance Hoff

Augsburg Village
Residents' Association

Frances Gutknecht

Sam and Hope Miller

John and Mary Payne

Fred and Connie Kruelle

Marge Bruning

Lydia Berrong

Marge Bruning

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

Gift from 06 District Convention Half of Friday night
convention offering

Contributions this quarter	\$919.25
Interest 1-7-07	\$127.45

BALANCE	Principal:	\$14,200.31
	Interest:	\$2,561.09
	Total	\$15, 714.70



Mary A. Payne,
Special Gifts Chairman

Grants Available Now!

The fund has reached the point where the district offers 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, 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. (see p. 9)

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

Address _____

Donor _____
Address _____

Human Care



Gifts from the Heart

The season of Christmas is often a time for much gift giving. We see families spending way too much money many times to please family and friends with their gifts. The greatest gift of Christmas we know is the Babe in the manger who came to give us Life in Christ.

We, as Lutheran Women in Mission, have an opportunity to continue to give throughout the year. As spring rallies approach many zones will be having “ingatherings” or “gifts from the heart.” These gifts can be anything from articles of clothing for shelters to books and school supplies to personal items for women and canned goods.

Why do we do this you might ask? Our outpouring of love through these items is a small token to the receivers that we do care! We may not be in the same position in life as those on the receiving end, but we can help in some small way to make their life a little easier. I do hope these items are accompanied with tracts, Mustard Seeds, devotions or cards that share the Gospel. We never know where the seeds of our love may take root.

As you search for homes for these items try to look at different places and do research into their Christian connections. With so many places in need out there today, we should make sure our gifts go where they will have the most impact.

At convention this summer women will be coming with sheets, new bath towels, health kits, children’s underwear and other items. Orphan Grain Train and agencies in Sioux Falls will benefit from our love and caring.

Continue to share the great gift of the love of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This is a priceless gift that we can give freely and often throughout the entire year.

Blessings,
Marge Bruning
VP Human Care



Welcome - New Board Appointments

HOPE Committee Chairman - Karen Updegrave

Karen most recently served the district as Christian Life Chairman. She organized two very successful Christian Life Retreats in 2003 and 2005. Previous to that she served as HOPE Committee chairman. We are happy to have her back on board again.

Convention 2008 Chairman - Teresa Tester

Teresa currently serves as chairman of the DCMARVA zone. DCMARVA and Marylanton are co-hosting the 2008 District Convention in Timonium, Maryland.

Servant Resources

Steps, Processes and YOU



When a society has been a member of LWML for awhile, or when one has just been elected Vice-President of Servant Resources, it is good to review or learn how a new society becomes an LWML member. There are just a few steps to membership in LWML.

1. A society expresses an interest in joining LWML.
2. This information is given to the Chesapeake District VP of Servant Resources who sends an Application for Membership to the interested society.
3. Upon receipt of the completed application, the Chesapeake District LWML Board votes upon the application of the society at a Board meeting or by e-vote.
4. A New Society Report is sent by the Chesapeake Dist. President to the national LWML president.
5. Recognition of the new society is made at the next District convention when its Charter is presented.

When a society wishes to reactivate, the process is a little different.

1. The society collects mites.
2. The society orders *THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY*.
3. The society chooses a networker.
4. At the District Convention the society will be recognized and receive a Reactivation Charter.

The last step in the process involves **YOU**. **YOU** are very important to the founding of new LWML societies and to the reactivation of LWML societies in the Chesapeake District. When **YOU** hear of a group of women who wish to join LWML or reactivate, please get in touch with any Chesapeake District leader, Zone leader, MMV consultant, or networker. **YOU** are the LWML!! It's through **YOU** that the mission of LWML, *to assist each woman in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God* can be realized.

Carol Schmidt
VP Servant Resources

Welcome - New Society

In November the District Board of Directors accepted a new society into the Chesapeake District.

The group is *Women In God's Service or WIGS*
Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church
Ashburn, Virginia

The group leader is Marcie Peterson

They will receive their charter at the 2008 convention

Christian Life



Christian Life Retreat

Many of you will remember the great retreat we had in 2005 and now plans are in the making for the 2007 Christian Life Retreat at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The date is November 2,3 and 4, so mark your calendars now. The hotel is giving us the same rate for rooms that we had in 2005, a bargain for \$89 per room.

We are still in the process of choosing the retreat leader and the music director, but we have several excellent people in mind. The weekend should be a wonderful, relaxing, joyful and Spirit filled weekend that will send you home refreshed and revitalized.

More retreat details will be in the May Mite Brigade and the registration forms will be in the August issue.

Carol Zehnder
VP Christian Life

Editorial Comment

Disband? Inactive? - What's the Difference?

Occasionally a society will choose to cease meeting regularly and will contact the district stating that they wish to "disband". This can occur for a number of reasons but the most common reasons given are, "We are getting older and can't come out to meetings any more" or "No one wants to lead the group" or "People just aren't interested any more."

First of all, there are few reasons for any group to **disband**. That would generally only occur if the congregation itself was dissolved or decommissioned. In that case we would presume the members of the congregation would disperse to other congregations and LWML societies.

Rather than disband, the society would choose "**Inactive**" status. They still hold a charter, can participate in LWML at whatever level they are able, and can reactivate any time with a minimum of effort. Our women love LWML and inactive societies generally desire to continue receiving the Mite Brigade and the Quarterly and support missions with their mites. All it takes is one interested woman who will serve as a contact person or networker to collect and send in mites, receive the Quarterlies and the Mite Brigade and share the information with others. While meetings are helpful and desirable, they are not necessary to carry out the mission of LWML. Women in inactive societies are always welcome to attend zone and district events, and yes, even national conventions.

If the problem is lack of interest or motivation, the MMV consultants can help. They will come to a struggling society and help the group re-focus their energies with new ideas and other practical helps. (See list of MMV Consultants on p. 7)

It is always a joyful event when a group reactivates, and it happens! All it takes is one or two new women to provide the spark, a lot of prayer, and the Holy Spirit will guide the way.

LWML Convention

Are you ready to ROCK?

We have been officially invited to the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in June.

The Winter Quarterly contains all the information on the convention from registration, to housing, food, transportation, and anything else you need to know on the 16 pages included.

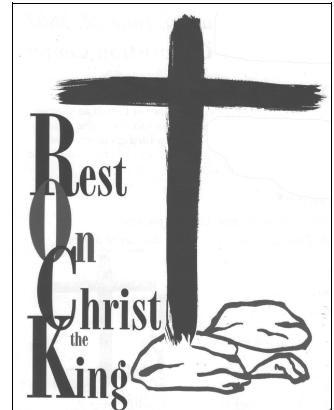
There is a great lineup of speakers, Bible study leaders, mission speakers and entertainment. The keynote speaker will be Terri Kieschnick, first lady of the LCMS and wife of LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick. Our own Dina Vendetti (Dover, DE) will be the convention song leader!

There are a number of local tours available and a post-convention bus trip to the Black Hills which includes the Spearfish Passion Play, Mount Rushmore, and the Badlands. Information on how to register for tours is available on the LWML website.

There are no direct air flights into Sioux Falls from our area so early reservations are recommended since connecting flights will be required. For those who want to drive and extend vacation beyond the convention, all the convention hotels and the convention center itself have FREE parking.

President Joan is attending the LWML Board of Directors meeting in Sioux Falls this weekend (February 1-4) and will come back with loads of instructions and helpful hints on registering for the convention. At the Chesapeake district BOD meeting on February 10, the district delegation will complete their registration forms. This will include the president, the zone chairmen, the YWRs and the Junior Pastoral Counselor.

Only one more word on registering for convention (well, two): FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!

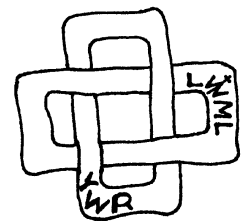


Young Women Representatives

These two young women have been selected to represent the Chesapeake District at the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls in June as Young Women Representatives or YWRs.

Connie Bushatz lives in Farmville, VA with her 2 cats, and is an Instructional Technologist with the Prince Edward County School System. She attends St. John's Lutheran Church in the Blue Ridge Zone.

Bethany Bruning is a recent Gettysburg College grad, working as an analyst for Dominion Resources. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA, Old Dominion Zone



Zone News

Potomac Zone

Potomac Zone has two events planned for spring 2007

The first is a Christian Life workshop where we will study and discuss the apostle Paul and his interactions with women in the Bible. The title?

What did Paul REALLY think about women?

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2007

Time: 9:30 – 1:00 pm

Place: Lutheran Church of the Cross

12801 Falls Rd, Rockville, MD

Presenter: Georganne Friedrich,

Zone Christian Life Chairman

The other event is the annual Spring Rally with the theme

Christ's Mercy in Action

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2007

Time: 9:30 – 2:00 pm

Place: Messiah Lutheran Church

13901 Clopper Rd, Germantown, MD

Speaker: Deaconess Robie Hillhouse,

Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland

Ingathering for the Lutheran Mission Society

Jamee Thieme

Zone Chairman

Tidewater Zone

Our Fall Workshop was held October 14 at Grace Lutheran in Nags Head, NC . We had two excellent speakers who shared the work they are doing for the needy in that area. Each Society shared what they are doing to "Reach Out and Touch Someone" which is our year's theme taken from the cell phone commercials. Our three gatherings will have a sub-theme also from these commercials. A Nominating Committee was appointed to seek persons to fill three offices come April. After seeing, and trying on the new LWML Purple Suede Jacket, nine ladies from Hope Lutheran in Virginia Beach went home and ordered them. All agreed it was a versatile jacket, lovely color, and having the logo on the sleeve makes it another witness tool.

Our next event is the January 26 overnight Christian Life Retreat at the 4-H Conference Center in Wakefield, VA. The theme for this Retreat is "The Most Reliable Network - Lost is not an Option".

Our Spring Rally will be on April 21 at King of Glory Lutheran in Williamsburg. The theme is "The Share Plan! - Share the Message!"

For our National Convention in Sioux Falls, we already know of six who will be attending, besides the delegate.

Bev Sweeney

Zone Chairman

Don't Forget to use GoodSearch

It's a great way our LWML sisters can raise money for missions!

As more and more LWML members are using GoodSearch to search the internet, mission funds are benefiting. We know that "mites" can be mighty, and now with thousands of searches made each month and a penny given to missions for each search, we've raised nearly \$3,000 since inception! The site shows \$259.57 for January alone so do the math and see what is possible in a year. Please visit the website www.goodsearch.com and type LWML under "I'm supporting" to participate. Encourage everyone who uses the internet to use GoodSearch and help missions.

Christian Life Candy Wrapper

If you are hosting a Christian Life event, and would like a novel gift for participants, why not try a CLC bar?

There is a wrapper designed to fit around a .56 oz Kit-Kat® candy bar made by Hershey Foods available in a "10-pk". The wrapper is in color and prints four to a sheet, directions included. The template for printing the wrappers can be sent in Word or pdf format. Contact Sylvia Shives (sylvia.shives@myactv.net) if you would like a copy.

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Contact these MMV Consultants for help in revitalizing your society or your zone.

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More Zone News

Baltimore Zone report

A Zone planning meeting was held at St. Paul's, Glen Burnie on November 11, 2006. It was attended by societies from eight congregations. We are planning three gatherings for the next three months!

1. Christian Growth Retreat – January 20, 2007; 9am-3pm at St. Paul's, Glen Burnie; "Witnessing To My Neighbor and Reaching the World"

Ingathering: Offering for LCMS World Relief Combining the SED webcast "Witnessing to my Neighbor", and presentations from Dr. Robert Roegner, LCMS World Mission Executive Director (and proclaimer in Sioux Falls) and Rev. Dr. George Black, Senior Pastor, St. Paul's, Glen Burnie, and his ministry/training visits to Ghana

2. Zone Prayer Breakfast at St. Thomas on February 17, 2007

3. Spring Rally on March 31, 2007 at Our Shepherd, Columbia; "Bloom Where You Are Planted", Psalm 1; Speaker: Deaconess Roberta Hillhouse, LMS Director of Ministry Advancement .

Leslie Jaseph
Zone Chairman

Old Dominion Zone

Redeemer LWML held its annual Advent dinner on December 4th, 2006.

Pastor Matt Bean of Redeemer opened with prayer.

Sharon Maas of Redeemer was MC. She encouraged us to pray for each other during Advent by having everyone write their name and phone number on a paper plate. The plates were tossed in the air. Each person introduced the individual whose plate they retrieved, and was encouraged to both pray for them and call them during Advent. What a blessing!

Marge Bruning, YWR of Trinity offered us an amusing and inspiring talk entitled "What hat can you wear to serve the Lord?" Marge spoke of the many ways we can serve God in our church, community and family, emphasizing each way by wearing a different hat. Sharon also displayed a variety of hats throughout the evening. The hats, while causing a great deal of laughter, inspired each of us to search ourselves for a personal way to serve the Lord!

Bethany Bruning, Marge's daughter, shared with us how she has been influenced by LWML mentors throughout her life. She also spoke of the numerous mission opportunities for young women.

Pastor James Byork of Redeemer offered a thoughtful devotional based on the children's Sunday School song "Jesus loves me this I know".

An open discussion followed on which "Hats" each of our women's groups in the church wear as they serve the Lord and of their plans for the year ahead in study and service.



A van-load of paper products and men's boxer shorts were gathered for the Chesterfield Christmas Mother fund.

The evening, attended by about 80 people, was a huge success.

Kim Nestor

Attention Society Presidents:

Do you need to decrease (or increase) Quarterlies? Take note of April 1, 2007 deadline!!

Decreases in Quarterly subscriptions can be made only once a year and the deadline is April 1, 2007.

Increases and change of address can be made at any time. To change contact the District Corresponding Secretary, Sally Plusch, basketsal@chesapeake.net

Societies are reminded to help cover the cost of Quarterlies by sending contributions to the District Financial Secretary along with mites. National LWML costs for the quarterlies increased in 2007. Donations for Quarterlies will enable the district to use mite box offerings more effectively for mission grants; otherwise Quarterly expenses must come from mite box receipts.

Zone Leaders

ZONE CHAIRMEN 2006-07

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

February 10, 2007 - District BOD, Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA
May 5, 2007 - District BOD Meeting, Grace Lutheran Church, La Plata, MD
June 21-24, 2007 - LWML Convention, Sioux Falls, SD
November 2-4, 2007 - District Christian Life Retreat, Ocean City, MD
September 26-28, 2008 - Chesapeake District Convention, Timonium, MD



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