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"Serve the Lord with gladness"
Ps. 100:2

Special points of interest:

- Spring Fling Gifts
- Unsung Hero Honored

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Tornadoes Devastate Oklahoma Families God's People Respond



The distribution tent established at St. John's, Moore.

During the afternoons of May 19 and 20, the Oklahoma City metropolitan area and surrounding counties were struck by tornadoes. Significant damage was done in the areas of Edmond, Shawnee and Carney. Monday afternoon's EF5 tornado carved a path over a mile wide for 17 miles through the towns of Newcastle, Moore and Little Axe.

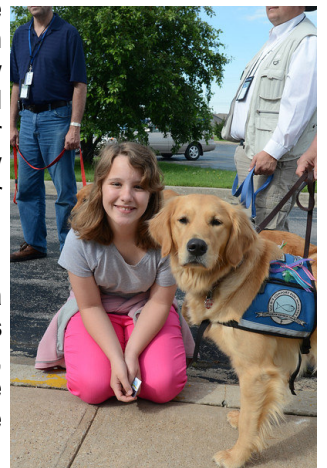
The next morning, calls came pouring into St. John's Lutheran Church, Moore, where electricity and water were not working, and Internet would not return for several days. By Wednesday

evening, the congregation dedicated themselves to establishing a disaster relief distribution center on their property.

With donations delivered from Iowa, Illinois, as well as all over Oklahoma, the center opened on Saturday, May 25, on the corner of 12th and Santa Fe, one mile north of the path of destruction. The center and its volunteers are coordinated by Karen Karner. On its first day of operation, Karen asked Ann Ward, who lost her apartment, how far into the future she is able to plan right now. "It's 'What do I do in the next hour?'" she said. "It's changes constantly."

Lutheran Church Charities dispatched their comfort dogs, golden retrievers whose sole purpose is to provide a way to reduce stress. They provided their services at The Children's Hospital on the Health Sciences Center, St. John's, and the area of Moore.

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"Ashley Bersche, daughter of Rev. Mark and Wendy Bersche, St. John's, Moore, with one of LCC's comfort dogs. Ashley was inside Briarwood Elementary when the tornado hit."

Getting Ready for Pittsburgh



[Jesus said] "... but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

The LWML Convention 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA is just around the corner—and the excitement is building. It will be time to pack those bags soon. Much planning has gone into every detail to make certain this will be a convention to remember! You won't want to miss being "Quenched! by the Water" to return home inspired and renewed!

Got Your Spot on the Bus??

It's the way to go. Contact Myrna Lou Meyer, mlmlwml@gmail.com or (405) 562-3777. Traveling by bus means no parking hassles, hotel arrangements completed, and fun with your sisters and brothers in Christ along the way.

Don't forget your Gifts from the Heart

Participants attending the convention will demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through their donations of quilts and blankets, baby kits, bath kits, men's kits, and devotional kits. Diapers and diaper wipes also are needed. Consult the Spring issue of The Voice of Service, The Lutheran Women's Quarterly or the LWML website for a complete list and instructions for assembling the kits.



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SONshine from Susan

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
(Matt 5:16)*



Shine
Matthew 5:16



Susan Brunkow

I woke to a drizzly morning. Yuck! We were supposed to do yard work at church. My first thoughts were, "God, we are in the midst of a drought! Why can't You either make it pour down rain or let it be sunny?"

Then I learned of friends in another part of Oklahoma who had endured an evening of storms, wind, and hail. I was reminded of Isaiah 55:8, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.* God truly knew what was best for me on this particular day. He knew just how much water I needed so that I could go about the task He desired, which was not necessarily the task I had planned. "Your ways are not my ways," I reminded myself.

God blesses us with life-giving water! I'm excited to soon be on my way to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the 2013 LWML Convention with the theme "Quenched! by the Water." I'm eager to be inspired by speakers like Dr. LuJuana Butts and Mia Koehne, to sing with Dr. Dina Vendetti, and to laugh along with Elaine Bickel. Bible Study leader Donna Pyle will lead us in exploring the many ways we are quenched with God's Living Water. There will be the Mission Pledge Walk, servant activities, unforgettable luncheons with missionaries, the LWML Neighborhood Block Party, and the joy of reuniting with LWML friends from all across the country. My favorite part of the whole Convention is worshiping with thousands of fellow Lutherans. We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor and Rev. Dr. Victor Belton leading those worship services. It is just a mini-glimpse of what heaven must be like when we will glorify our Lord with millions of believers from all ages!

Registration forms for the Pittsburgh Convention are found in the Winter *Quarterly* or online at www.lwml.org. Please join me in Pittsburgh!

Shine On!

God's blessings, President Susan Brunkow

Joan Miller—Unsung Hero Honored at P.I.N.G.

Our LWML Oklahoma District Unsung Hero has been an LWML member for nearly 60 years and is just one in a long line of LWML members. Her mother was active in LWML, and she has two daughters who are LWML leaders. She has served as Zone President and in recent years, on the District Nominating Committee. She has been a mentor to me personally, and every recent past Oklahoma District President has a story about this woman's exceptional contributions to LWML.

I can't imagine anyone who has raised more money for LWML through fundraisers than this great member. She had organized tons of dinners, raffles, whatever, and she always does the paperwork to get matching funds from Thrivent. This last February, she helped organize a chicken noodle community dinner after church which raised \$2500 for mites.

And when I was freaking out because I couldn't find anyone to construct the Oklahoma Banner for the national convention, her daughter said, "Mom will do it!" Guess what! Mom did! I'm so thankful for this great LWML hero.



She's a wonderful example of "serving the Lord with gladness." Please join me in honoring our Oklahoma District Unsung Hero, Joan Miller, Christ, Perry.

Shine On!

Susan Brunkow, President

Getting Ready for Pittsburgh *(Continued from page 1)*

LWML Goes Green: BYOCB

Bring Your Own Convention Bag. Do you have your favorite LWML convention bag? Perhaps you have several. In an effort to "go green", you are asked to provide your own bag at the convention. You might also want to give one to a friend who is attending her first convention. What fun it will be to see the different variety of bags

(from www.lwml.org)



I'm Quenched the BEAR (AKA Q.T. Bear)

Pittsburgh — WOW! I'm so excited and can hardly wait to see **YOU** at the 35th Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! I'll be there with lots of my LWML friends! The registration information, and lots of other great stuff about the convention, is packed into the Winter Issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, or at www.lwml.org/conventions.

(from www.lwml.org)

Special Gifts Fund

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren." *Martin Luther*

The Oklahoma District Special Gifts Fund was set-up to show faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to reflect His love in serving others throughout the District. These funds were used to print the Oklahoma District History Book which brought in more funds through the sale of the book. The fund, also, was used to provide draperies for Camp Lutherhaven at Knowles in 2009, to send Heart to Heart Sisters to the last District Convention, to make a donation to national Mites in 2011. The opportunities are many.

We all have special occasions to honor someone close to us—confirmation, graduation, anniversary, birthdays, and the list goes on. Have you considered honoring someone because he or she is a child of God and sister or brother in Christ Jesus? It may just be the encouragement that a person needs at that time.

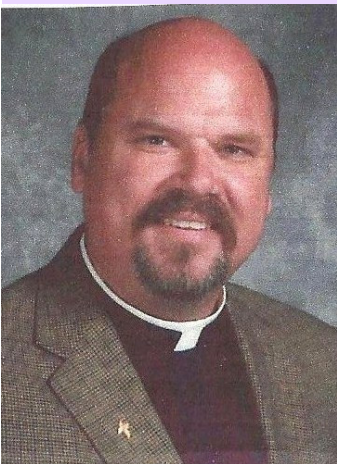
Gifts and contributions may be from individuals, firms or corporations, in money, in securities, or in any other form of property, including, by way of explanation and not in limitation, direct gifts for the purpose of the Fund. Envelopes for sending your gift to the District Financial Secretary are available through your Society President and when completed, will provide the information needed for acknowledging the gift to your designated person.

During the period from January 1 through March 31, 2013, gifts were received in memory of Lance Bersche, Darrek and Carol Arnell, Ralph Willcutt, Joy Schweer's daughter Linda, and Ruth Berridge. Gifts may be sent to Oklahoma District LWML Financial Secretary Leola Thiemann, P.O. Box 2326, Stillwater, OK 74076-2326.

Submitted by Krystine Gibson, Special Gifts Chairman

Pastoral Insights

THE LOVE OF GOD



"Can a person know the love of God and not know Christ?"

God loves even though we may not recognize His love. He sends His rain and His sunshine upon the just and the unjust. Not only because He is a just God, but also because He is a loving God.

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world in order that we might know Him and His love. Christ was the image of the invisible God, through Whom all things were created and by Whom all were redeemed. In Christ, God offers forgiveness of sin to all people. We have but to receive the offer to make it our own. To receive God's offer in Christ is to come to know God's love. The answer to this question is: If you want to know the fullness of God's love, you must come to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

Picture to yourself a city perishing from thirst. A great reservoir lies on the hilltop above. From the reservoir there runs a main through which the water passes from the reservoir to the city below. This main is opened up, and the dwellers in the city are saved by the water from the reservoir through the pipe which leads down from it. So God's love has reached the world in Christ, His Son. Salvation is from God in Christ through faith. Know Christ, and you will know the love of God.

"But is there a difference between God's love and man's love?"

For one thing, God's love is perfect, man's is imperfect. God is not only loving, He is love itself. The Bible says, "God is Love." The meaning of this statement is that love has not just attached itself to God, it is His very nature.

God's love is altogether unselfish. He loves when no one else would love. The Scriptures tell us, "God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." God loves, even though there is no possibility of repayment. God loves even when people do not want His love.

Man's love is never free of a certain amount of selfishness. God's love caused Him to put Himself completely in our place in the person of His Son. We never can put ourselves altogether in the place of someone else, as we would have to do if our actions were to be characterized by perfect love.

Having experienced the love of God through faith in Christ, we can begin to reflect divine love, though in a limited way. To this kind of unselfish love Christ was urging us when He said: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Christ made a point of the fact that the spirit of love which accompanies faith in Him is the distinguishing mark of Christians in every part of the world: "By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Pastor Ronald Simpson, OK LWML Junior Pastoral Counselor

OK LWML P.I.N.G.S through Spring



*Pursue
Invest
Nurture
Go*

First Lutheran, Ponca City; Trinity Lutheran, Guymon; and Midwest City were sites of three LWML P.I.N.G. events in April. A total of 229 members, pastors, and guests registered for the busy days.

According to the evaluations, one highlight of each event was Bible study. Pastors who led the opening and closing studies entitled **Pursuing** and **GO** were Rev. Jeremy May, Rev. Ned

Moerbe, Rev. Mark Wescoatt, Rev. Bill Schneider, and Rev. Ron Simpson. The **Investing** and **Nurturing** segments were led by Elizabeth Whitfield, Sharon Schmidt, Mary Olsen, Sheila Blankenship, Jill Fischaber, and Jane Scherdt.

Between the Bible studies, women had opportunities for renewing old friendships and building new ones. Katie Schroeder and Sue Avis presented "Just a Cup of Coffee" to illustrate how a coffee or soda invitation could open doors to friendship, prayer opportunities, and spiritual growth. Women found partners or divided into small groups to practice what they had learned. "GO Bags" were assembled by Night Lighters LWML at Holy Trinity, Edmond. Suggestions for using them included sharing with new church members, teens, shut-ins, and Bible school classes.

President Susan Brunkow created a power point program to show the multitude of resources available on both the Oklahoma and the national LWML websites. Bible studies, mission grant pictures and stories, devotions, catalog items--all are there at the click of the mouse. Many of the catalog items were also available for purchase at the LWML store set up at each Spring Fling.

Song leaders and musicians were Betsy Allie, Debbie Gerling, Rita Knop, and Rachael Hamre. Brightly-costumed humorous interrupters Carolyn Love, June Wadley, and Mary Fischaber brought smiles and chuckles

Myrna Lou Meyer, Vice President of Communication, shares how to build relationships through using the "Go Bag."

when they appeared as "Miss P.i.n.g." In her final appearance, she proved that she had learned the meaning of P.I.N.G. as she gave a final encouragement to **GO** and spread the good news of Jesus.



Mary Fischaber portrays Ms. P.I.N.G.



Women learn how to use their "Go bags" to build relationships with others.

Tornado Recovery Response *(continued from page 1)*



From left to right: Bruce Thompson, Karen Karner, and Shirley Thompson. The Thompsons were two of a larger group from Salem Lutheran and the Morgan County Fair, Jacksonville, Illinois, who delivered three cattle trailers of items.

President Susan Brunkow, with the assistance of district personnel, has released nationally a flyer with details on monetary, material, and spiritual contributions. Oklahoma District LWML encourages all societies to work with Delia Hansen, District Chairman for Gospel Outreach, in the gathering of Spiritual Care kits. These kits will provide spiritual comfort to the families hard hit.

A flyer has been sent to all zones and societies listing the kit's contents. These kits may be delivered to St. John's anytime. The distribution center is manned daily, and volunteers are coming from area Lutheran churches as far away as Lawton. Volunteers work in shifts to replenish supplies in the center and to assist families in gathering needed items. Anyone wishing to donate time in the center can contact Karen Karner at candkkarner@gmail.com or (cell)405-414-0191).

Gifts From The Heart—Spring Flings P.I.N.G.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people. Holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12.

When provided an opportunity to give to others, the women of Oklahoma give abundantly. Gifts from the Heart were collected from each of the Spring Flings. The focus was school supplies earmarked for the local Lutheran Schools. Donations collected from the Ponca City event were donated to First Lutheran School in Ponca City, donations collected in Guymon went to Trinity Lutheran Preschool, and gifts collected in Midwest City went to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Donations totals are outlined below.

Submitted by Delia Hansen, Chairman, Mission Servants

ITEMS	Ponca City	Guymon	Midwest City	TOTALS
Paper Towels (rolls)	44	45	59	148
Paint Sets	23	1		24
Colored Pencil Sets	35	41	41	117
Colored Folders	7			
Crayons (boxes)	1	12	3	16
Marker (boxes)	1	1	11	13
Erasers (pkgs)	2			2
Finger Paints w/Paper		1		1
Water Color Paints (boxes)		47	24	71
Construction Paper (pkgs)		11	3	14
Paint Brushes (pkgs)			3	3
Pencils (pkgs)			3	3
Sidewalk Chalk (boxes)			1	1
Activity/Coloring Books			5	5
Grid Paper Pad	1			1
Glue (small)	1			1
Glue (XL)	1			1
Glue Sticks	6			6
Zip Pouch	1			1
Cash Donations			\$150.00	
TOTALS	123	159	153	428



Food for the Soul

If you have ever come home from church to be met at the door by the promise and aroma of homemade bread, fried chicken, mashed potatoes dripping golden butter and a big bowl of greens laced with ham followed by chocolate fudge cake or peach cobbler gently melting generous blobs of ice cream, then you have been richly blessed! You have sampled soul food, food so comforting to the senses that bliss is hardly an adequate descriptor. If you were also blessed to share this meal with family; swapping stories, laughter and affectionate acceptance, then I believe you have glimpsed a tiny sample of what heaven might be like.

Jesus came to us bringing a different kind of food for our souls. He comforted the disadvantaged, gave hope to the disabled and renewed faith in the disillusioned through His words. He understood the physical needs of people. He often dined in the homes of His followers. He provided food for the hungry 5,000 and He changed water into wine for a wedding celebration. It was the words that He spoke, however, that satisfied the souls of His listeners.

He said, "Feed My sheep." (John 21:17) He provides all that we need: The Bread of Life, the Living Water and the way to eternity from the Light of His Word.

Imagine drawing near the door to perfect peace and everlasting joy with the family of God, the fulfillment of all the promises sweet to your senses. Bliss again is an inadequate descriptor.

"Feed me till I want no more. Fill me up and make me whole." (Blanchard, based on John 6:35). Never hesitate to ask for more! God's words are always sweet to the tongue.

Submitted by Ann Reedy, Christian Life

How Did It "GO?"

How did you use your "Go Bag"? Did you make a new friend? Restore a former friendship? Share coffee with the new woman in the congregation? What happened?

Share your story with The Voice Of Service. We would like to hear from you and put your story in a future issue. Email your story, and pictures if you have them, to Myrna Lou Meyer at mlmlwml@gmail.com.



Our Mission Grants for 2012-2014



*God, bless all
that we do in
Your name. Use
us to help
others see the
depth of Your
love and the
gift of Your
salvation. To
You be all
honor and
glory. Amen*

Grant	Amount	Paid
1. Oklahoma Ministerial Students—Christmas money	\$10,000	\$5,000
2. Orphan Grain Train, Orphans and Battered Women—Lithuania	\$ 3,400	\$3,400
3. Trinity/Hope Lutheran Schools in Haiti—Lunch Program	\$ 5,000	
4. Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Scholarship Fund	\$10,000	\$5,000
5. MOST Ministries, Water Outreach Program—Family Water Systems	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
6. Cristo Rey “Food for Thought” Mission Outreach—Oklahoma City	\$ 3,500	
7. Camp Lutherhoma Kitchen Renovations—Tahlequah	\$ 8,500	\$8,500
8. Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Flood Restoration	\$ 4,000	\$2,000
9. Catechisms for Oklahoma’s Burmese Immigrants—Guymon and Oklahoma City	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
10. Lutheran Braille Workers—Tulsa	\$ 3,000	\$1,500
11. Alice Brauer’s Nutrition Program for children—India	\$ 500	\$ 500
12. Lutheran Blind Missions—Audio Bible Study	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
13. MEND Medical Clinic and Pregnancy Assistance—Tulsa	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
14. Family Promise, Aid to Homeless Families—Lawton	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
15. Lutheran Malaria Initiative	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
16. Hands of Mercy, Special Needs—Yambia, Sudan	\$ 5,000	\$2,500
17. OK District Lutheran 6th Grade, Camp Lutherhoma Scholarship	\$ 1,600	\$1,600
18. 1001 Orphans—Kenya	\$ 2,000	\$2,000
19. OK Teen LWML Scholarship Assistance, LWML Convention 2013	\$ 2,000	
20. Hospital Addition, Christian Welfare Center—Malappuram, India	\$ 8,000	\$8,000
21. Training Future Pastors—Uganda	\$ 2,500	\$2,500
22. Student Tuition Scholarship, Good Shepherd Lutheran School—MWC	\$ 1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$92,000	\$65,500

Get Out Your Grant-Writing Pens!

Now is the time to start submitting grant proposals for the 2014-2016 Biennium. These proposals will be voted on at the Oklahoma District Convention, April 25-26, 2014. If your congregation, school, or community has a program that meets the following criteria, consider writing a grant proposal for funding. A proposal must:

- Be mission focused with emphasis on proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Follow the mission of the LCMS
- Be current and ready for implementation
- Be affiliated with or approved by the LCMS and actively proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Continue as a long-term mission after LWML funding
- Have the approval of district or partner church in which proposed grant recipient is located unless said application is submitted by an LCMS synod board or LCMS World Missions

All of the details for writing a proposal can be found on the oklwml.org website under “Grant Writing Aides”. All proposals must be postmarked by September 30, 2013. Questions can be directed to Lori Steele, VP Gospel Outreach at loris8525@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Lori Steele, Chairman, VP of Gospel Outreach

The Christian Life Committee would like to encourage all zones, societies and individuals to continue to pray for all mission grants and missionaries here and abroad, giving thanks for the wonderful work that is being done to facilitate the spread of the Gospel message. We encourage all ladies to give thanks that the LWML Mite Goal was met and exceeded, and that the LWML Oklahoma District is meeting its goal, also. Continue to pray for one another and send requests for special prayers throughout the societies, zones and district. Special petitions for those traveling to and from and participating in the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh are needed, also. Ask God to bless the work of the LWML and its officers so that the work of sharing the Good News continues in God-pleasing ways.

Submitted by Joyce Von Dielingen

Shining the Gospel Around the Zones

Hurricane Sandy Relief comes from Women of Grace, Tulsa



Sharon Boatright (left) and Alexis Wasson (right) pack gifts collected for hurricane victims.

The LWML Women of Grace in Tulsa put out a call for items and gadgets to help replenish the kitchens of those affected by the destruction of Hurricane Sandy. In response, help arrived in the form of cutlery, can openers, measuring spoons and cups, spatulas, rubber scrapers, and kitchen towels, and other

items. May the Lord continue to comfort the families who suffered under Sandy's devastation so that their lives may return to normal....possibly with a little help from a potato peeler.

Submitted by Alexis Wasson, LWML Women of Grace, Tulsa

Hurricane Sandy Relief Project

Many of us are still praying for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, and now we have a clear way and a point of contact that will allow us physically to be involved. Contact has been made with an outreach coordinator supported by the Sandy Response Team at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Point Pleasant, NJ.

If your society would like to respond to this mission opportunity and provide support to the Sandy Response Team, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, you are encouraged to contact Debbie Houlihan at 732-414-6037, to work out the details. The LWML Oklahoma District would like to track any mission support provided in response to Hurricane Sandy so we've developed an "LWML Mission Project Tally Sheet" that you can use to report your activity to the District. The form can be downloaded at: www.oklwml.org, under the Mission Servants tab.

We ask that you please complete this form and return it to Delia Hansen, Mission Servants Committee Chairman, at hansen.delia@yahoo.com, 405-550-4642.

Submitted by Delia Hansen, Chairman, Mission Servants Committee



Bylaws Beacon: Shining a Light on Structure

Five (5) articles in our District, Zone, and Society Bylaws must be in compliance with the national LWML Bylaws. These articles are Name, Object, Members, Representation at Convention, and Parliamentary Authority.

Submitted by Mary Fischhaber, Structure Chairman



Conversing Without Borders

Katie Schelp, Young Women Representative, facilitated a Skype conversation between the women of First Lutheran LWML, Ponca City, and Jamie DeLiberto in Peru. As part of the LCMS missionary team in Peru, Jamie helps with church planting, teaches adult and children's Bible classes and participates in regular outreach and worship events.



Blitz Team in Action

Three Blitz Team members visited Immanuel, Broken Arrow on Sunday, April 14th, Members were Bev England, Blitz Team Leader, Patti Ross and Sharon Schmidt, Blitz team members.

Seventy-five attended the Bible class in which the team spoke. They spoke briefly after two of Immanuel's three services reaching over 400 people. Lots of comments were heard. Men are always surprised at why we exist and what we do. Follow-up with some women, per their request, to get their group up-and-going will occur in the future, under the approval and encouragement of Rev. John Wilke, Senior Pastor at Immanuel.

The 'LWML Blitz' was created right here in Oklahoma as a venue for visiting churches and getting out the LWML mission and message. Each 'Blitz' is unique and fits into the host congregation's Sunday worship and activities. Each host Pastor is consulted in the planning and presenting of the 'Blitz' and all pastors have been delighted with the result. The Blitz information brings a real awareness to the work and vast outreach mission of the LWML. It is such a joy to do these for our Oklahoma churches. If you would like to set a date for a 'Blitz' team to visit your church, please contact Bev England, Blitz Team Leader or Susan Brunkow, LWML District President.

Submitted by Bev England, Chairman, Public Relations & Blitz Leader

Around the District



Girls decorate Easter eggs with children staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

The *Friends Into Serving Him®* group from Messiah Lutheran in Oklahoma City has been busy baking cookies. They baked cookies for Valentine's Day for the shut-ins from Messiah. They also baked cookies that went into the Easter baskets for their church members. They love to bake and join in the activities with the Messiah LWML.

In March, two girls from the *Friends Into Serving Him®* group at Holy Trinity Church in Edmond joined the Night Lighters LWML spending the evening at the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House. The teen group, along with the children staying there, dyed Easter eggs.

The group also shared with the families a jelly bean poem that reminds us of the reason we celebrate Easter. Plastic eggs filled with jelly beans and the poem were given to the families. It was a great way to share God's love with others!



Katy and Kaleigh Ewing were all smiles after helping decorate eggs at the Ronald McDonald House.

Submitted by Susan Bieber, Teen LWML Coordinator



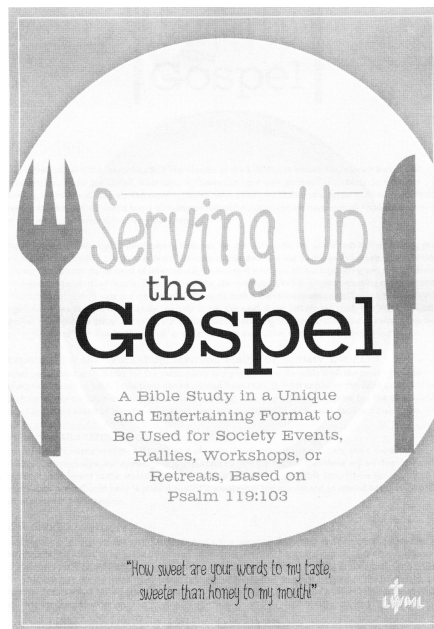
LWML Fall Retreat

Do you like the outdoors? Do you enjoy a delicious roasted hot dog every now and then? Do you enjoy standing in a majestic canyon, surrounded by God's beautiful creation? Do you enjoy relaxing with friends? Do you enjoy a good Bible study?

If you answered YES to any of the questions, then you're going to want to join your sisters in Christ for the LWML District Fall Retreat scheduled for November 1-2, 2013, in Canyon Camp. This year's Retreat will provide opportunities for worship and fellowship in a unique and relaxing setting.

Come and join us for a special Bible study, a camp fire, delicious food, music, mixers, and fellowship. Canyon Camp offers all the amenities of a modern hotel with cozy rooms, heat, running water, and delicious warm food all nestled in the beauty of an old-fashioned camp. Canyon Camp is near Hinton, OK which is about an hour west of OKC.

This year's theme is "Serving Up the Gospel," based on Psalm 119:103. Be on the look-out for the registration form in the next edition of the VOS. We hope you'll plan to join us!



Mission Statement

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.

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