

WOMEN OF THE WORD



Perspectives from President Bonnie

It's been two months since we met in Las Vegas for our "He Rocks!" Convention. It was a time of joy, fellowship, worship, and celebration. For the first time, we were able to commit to funding all the grants that applied for help with their ministries! Of course, that means we need to do what we do best. We need to encourage the faithful giving of Mites so we can fulfill our promise to these ministries. Start collecting those MITES today! Joyfully collect those Mites!

In November, I'll be in St. Louis attending the Assembly of Leaders' Training. Pastor Tim Jenks, Linda Moat and Morgan Shiller will be with me. Our task is to learn as much as we can and complete a plan that will get this information to everyone in our District. The goals will be to engage more women of all ages in LWML and we all know that this is critical to the future of LWML. We will have to decide how to get this information to everyone. So, we are considering several regional meetings or perhaps one huge meeting that everyone attends. Pray for us as we train and implement this information ministry.

Have you marked your calendar for February 8-10, 2019? Those are the dates of our Retreat and I'm already looking forward to it! It's a wonderful time together in worship, fellowship, fun, and lots of HUGS! Watch for information on our website and from your Zone Presidents. Looking forward to spending time with all our Pacific Southwest District ladies!

Time to start preparations for the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama from June 20-23, 2019. It's a state that I have not have the privilege of seeing so I'm looking forward to a new adventure and some of their famous Southern Hospitality and Sweet Tea! Are you interested in designing and making a banner for this convention for our District? This is the theme and Bible verse for the convention. If your banner is chosen, I will send you the official guidelines for completing the quilt.

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a).

Please send drawings of the banner you are willing to make to me by September 31st. An electronic copy would be best. The Board will do an electronic vote so the winning entry will have plenty of time to make the quilt.

As we begin this new biennium, I put my trust in the Lord's promise from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I know He will guide our ways and bless our efforts. He is our hope and future and with Him we will continue the work of the LWML ministry and prosper.

In joyful service, *President Bonnie Karch*



Look throughout this issue for pictures from the convention!



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Talking Points from Pastor Tim (II Timothy)



You can say that I was born into the LWML! If you remember LWML National President Florence Montz (1971-1975), her husband, Doc Montz, was my delivery doctor. I believe that Florence was District LWML President at that time. Not many pastors can make that claim!

I was born and raised in North Dakota; served my first parish in Nebraska for 9 years; then a parish in my birthplace in North Dakota for 16 years; and have been at Canoga Park Lutheran for the last 3 years.

I met my wife at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was my Freshman Orientation Advisor. I often joke that she advised me I would do well to marry her, but she doesn't recall it that way! We have been married

for 33 years and have two sons - one lives in Montana and the other lives in North Dakota.

I have been involved with the LWML ever since becoming a pastor in 1990: first with our local society; then when Michelle "voluntold" me for Zone events; then on moving to ND, both on the Zone level and on the District level, serving two stints as District Counselor.

Over the next couple years as Junior Counselor, my desire is to serve the PSD LWML and our Lord Jesus wherever and whenever they have/He has need of me, and to be a source of encouragement as we serve our Lord Jesus together. *Pastor Tim J.*



Hi. I am your new Treasurer, Barbie Aden. I am truly humbled and blessed to be part of your team for the next four years.

When asked to share what I would like to see for this position over the next four years, only one thing came to mind... "Get God's Word Out" - to as many as we can through our mite grants to all the many projects of our societies, zones and district.

And as Treasurer, I, dedicate myself with God's guidance to keep the books balanced while we do that!

I was also asked to share something personal. I love adventure and learning new things. When our totally awesome outgoing Treasurer, Nila Rodriguez, brought me boxes and boxes of records and began sharing how the accounting process works using software I have never used, I realized God is still answering my prayers for adventure and opportunities for learning new things. He is so clever.

And He is so clever giving us LWML. In His love, He has found a way to provide each of us unique opportunities to glorify Him as we work in His vineyard with many wonderful sisters to enjoy, encourage, and pray for along the way. Blessings always
Barbie Aden





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The Scoop from Recording Secretary Kathy



I am the newly-elected Recording Secretary for the PSD District. My first impression as I take office is of all the differences and changes that have occurred over the years in LWML. My mother joined LWML in the early 1950s when a society was formed at my home church of Zion Lutheran in Pine City, MN. She typed her secretarial minutes on a manual typewriter with two sets of carbon paper to make copies for the church office.

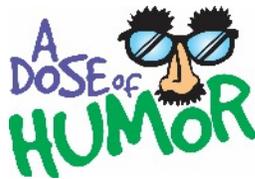
I was 35 when I joined LWML because I felt I had to be old enough to join! We moved to Arizona in 1987, and I attended my first PSD LWML Convention in Riverside, CA in 1990. That was the first time I had ever been to California! I attended my first national LWML convention in 1995 in Kansas City with my Mom and Dad. It was at that convention that the first voting machines were introduced. Attending those conventions truly inspired me, and I brought lots of ideas back to our local society.



I have served in several zone offices, including Zone President, of Estrella Zone 29. When I first joined LWML in Arizona, our church was part of Palo Verde Zone 26. The zones have split and reformed twice in Arizona, and thus our zone is now Zone 29.

At our recent transition meeting and introduction to the District Board, I was thrilled to see how much the district website has advanced. I look forward to typing my minutes on my laptop and posting them to the website for review. Technology has made our lives so much easier and communication much faster. I anticipate that LWML will survive and thrive if we embrace the future and adapt to the needs of our younger partners in ministry.

Kathy Baumhofer





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Leadership
Development

Observations from Operational Resources, Linda



Hi! My name is Linda Koch, and, at the June 2018 LWML PSD Convention in Las Vegas, I was elected to serve as Vice President of Organizational Resources. During the next 4 years, I and those serving on committees in this department will work to review bylaws and suggest improvements, encourage all women to learn more about themselves and how they might serve the Lord as leaders or by encouraging and supporting current and future leaders. If any of you reading this are interested in joining us, please contact me!

My experience with LWML started in the early 1980s when two women in our congregation invited me to a district LWML convention. I was hooked, and became more active with our local society, then at the zone level. I served in a variety of positions at those levels for many years before I was "volunteered" to be the District Retreat Chairman one year. I learned a lot about trusting God to lead and support me during that challenge, and have since been privileged to serve at the district level as VP Gospel Outreach, Host Convention Committee Chairmān, Planner and President.

My husband Bill and I married just over 48 years ago, and have lived in San Diego for all of that time. We have two adult sons who delighted and challenged us, but made up for all by marrying very well and giving us our wonderful daughters-in-love. Bill retired just over 5 years ago, and I retired from working at our church office last year (although I still fill in when needed). Both of us volunteer in a variety of ways at the church - wherever and whenever God has need of us.

I hope to meet many of you as we serve together as Lutheran Women in Mission, and encourage each one of you to venture into a new area - getting out of your comfort zone allows you to recognize how much God can and will do through you, when you let Him take charge!

Linda Koch

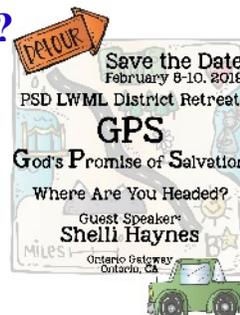


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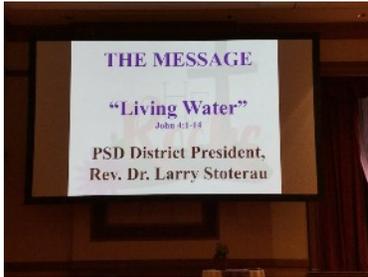
My name is Jenny Reyes. In June, I was elected to serve our district as VP Gospel Outreach. I have been a member of LWML for about 10 years. I am a second-generation member of the LWML, as my mother has been involved with LWML ever since I can remember. I had always thought of it as her ladies' group until I was invited to join by another "younger woman" in our church, who joined LWML because of my mother's repeated invitation to attend a meeting. Since becoming a member I have served as Society President, VP and Secretary; Zone President; and Committee Member for Gospel Outreach under Nancy Heredia.

It's amazing to see what a collection of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies can do to positively affect the lives of those in the Pacific Southwest District and the world through the grants we fund. Jesus commanded that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and the Mighty Mites mission provides us one more way to show Jesus' love in action. As we begin the 2018-2020 biennium, be thinking of ways you can encourage your church, society and zone to donate to the Mites mission. There are so many "challenges" going around social media these days; let's think of different ways we can encourage a Mite Challenge!

Jenny Reyes



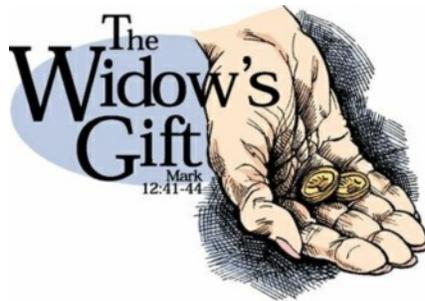
BEGINNING THE CONVENTION IN WORD AND SACRAMENT



From a church newsletter:
 Jesus is tempted by Satan
 Matthew 4:1-11
 That's an interesting new name for Satan.



- Your 2018-2020 District Officers**
- President.....Bonnie Karch
 - VP Christian Life.....Chenette Cole
 - VP Gospel Outreach.....Jenny Reyes
 - VP Special Focus Ministries.....Linda Moat
 - VP Organizational Resources.....Linda Koch
 - Recording Secretary.....Kathy Baumhofer
 - Financial Secretary.....Cynthia Burell
 - Treasurer.....Barbie Aden
 - Sr. Pastoral Counselor.....Rev. Tim Blau
 - Jr. Pastoral Counselor.....Rev. Tim Jenks



Keep Sending In Those Mites!! Pacific Southwest District

2018-2020 MISSION GRANTS (Those paid in yellow)

1. Haven Totes Inc. Assisting Children in Need, Tucson, AZ\$10,000
2. Keep the Bottoms Clean- Diaper Ministry Pregnancy Care, Lake Havasu, AZ.....\$10,000
3. Orphan Grain Train Truck Purchase, Lancaster, CA.....\$10,000
4. Bringing a Christ Centered Preschool to Surprise, AZ.....\$ 6,164
5. Giving Hope to Children in Need Using a Planetarium, Eloy, AZ.....\$10,000
6. Avenue Pregnancy Clinic Outreach Hollywood, Glendale, CA.....\$10,000
7. Jessie's Closet On the Move, Yuma, AZ.....\$10,000
8. Food Finders – Summer to End Hunger, Lakewood, CA.....\$10,000
9. Supporting the Freedom Warming Center, Santa Barbara, CA.....\$ 5,000
10. Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church Preschool Repair, Mammoth Lakes, CA.....\$10,000
11. Update Transmitter/Software Non-profit Christian Radio Station, Yuma, AZ.....\$10,000
12. Proclaiming the Kingdom Hispanic Ministry Apostles Lutheran, Peoria, AZ.....\$10,000
13. Precious Treasures Childcare Center Upgrade Project, Somerton, AZ.....\$10,000
14. Lutheran Ministry @ ASU, Tempe, AZ\$10,000
15. Creating and Mentoring Women Scientists of Noble Character, Irvine, CA.....\$10,000
16. Kids-Youth Summer Camp Oromo Evang. Lutheran, Los Angeles, CA.....\$ 7,000

