

# Women Of the Word

Pacific Southwest District LWML

Winter 2018\*2019

## PRESIDENT BONNIE KARCH SAYS:

My favorite time of the year is rapidly approaching! I am hopelessly hooked on the Christmas Hallmark movies, the preparations for family events, singing Christmas hymns, and celebrating the birth of our Lord! My prayers are that you will enjoy the preparations and activities of the Christmas season as we remain focused on the birth of our Lord.

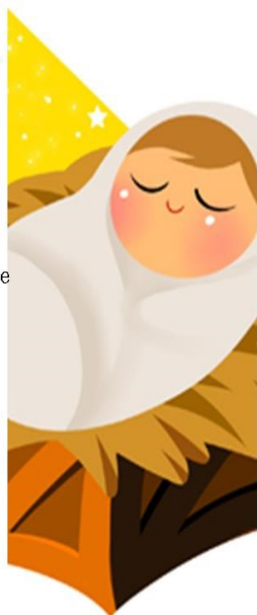
My head is still spinning from the four days spent in St. Louis at the Assembly of Leaders Training. Pastor Tim Jenks, Morgan Shiller, Linda Moat, Nancy Heredia and myself spent long days in meetings, trainings, Bible study, fellowship and making plans! We attended training in Essential Technology Today, S.A.L.T. (Sharing Active Leadership Techniques), Resources: We've Got Them!, Mission Grant Selection & Distribution, Engage & Retain Volunteers, Reaching Different Cultures & Generations, Taking it to the Streets!, and Basic Protocol & Structure. Pastor Jenks attended special training for Counselors. Now, we are ready to share this information with you so you can encourage and grow the LWML ministry!

Our first training will be at the March Board meeting! Another training will be held in Las Vegas on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Lamb of God Lutheran Church. I encourage all society presidents and members to attend this training. More information will be sent out but save this date on your calendar. We are also considering a training in the Phoenix area.

Please prayerfully continue to actively collect MITES. We are still very short on our LWML Mission goal and the Mobile, Alabama convention is rapidly approaching. Reflect on this... LWML doesn't FUND and DONE! The results of our mission grants continue for generations in many places around the world. When we fund a hospital, school, or mission work; the work of spreading God's message and the medical or educational help goes on for generations! It's time to move forward in prayer and fund our mission grants. Many people are depending on us!

The Lord's blessings to all and special prayers for the families in California who have lost their home, loved ones and jobs during these forest fires. Our prayers are with you.

Joyfully serving,  
PSD LWML District President Bonnie Karch



# Come to the .... WRAP Women Ready And Prepared



The March Board Meeting will be a training for our BOD and the local presidents in California. The WRAP will help all of us to Engage, Equip, Encourage, and Enjoy all that LWML has to offer. We are asking all Zone Presidents to participate in this event. Future trainings will be held in Phoenix (April) and Las Vegas (May) for our local presidents in those areas. Learn about Group Resources, Mission Service Activities, Mites, SALT - Leadership Development, Mission Grants, Reaching Different Cultures and Generations, Engage and Retain Volunteers, and Counselor Support for our Zones.



*Let us WRAP you in the warmth of our  
Lord and Savior. Come to our WRAP events  
happening in the New Year.*

Join us at one of our WRAP MEETINGS :

March 3 - Board of Director's meeting will include our WRAP training.  
April 27 - Christ Lutheran in Phoenix  
May 18 - Lamb of God in Las Vegas



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”  
John 1:14

### From the President's assistant:

The year has certainly rushed past us and we find ourselves grateful for the wonderful gifts God has given us. We also praise God for being with us through some pretty tough times. We know God is faithful and never leaves us. We know this through His Word. With the Word and the Holy Spirit we get to share these promises with others. To God be the glory! Take the opportunity during this busy season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas to reach out to others with the saving grace of the Gospel. Take a look at the “I Love to Tell the Story” webpage.

<http://www.lwml.org/tell-the-story> **“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY” is about sharing the Gospel message in everyday situations with the people God puts in our path.** The women of LWML are women of the Word, who hear Jesus' command to “go ...and make disciples of all nations (Matt.28:19a). The Holy Spirit empowers us to boldly proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. When you are given an opportunity to share God's grace and mercy with someone else, we would like to hear about it. Please send your story our way at [psdlwml.com](mailto:psdlwml.com).

#### Reminders:

- ♦ If you haven't done so yet, please send your Fall Celebration Agenda and Program books to Kim DeWolf.
- ♦ Please send your directory changes for your Zone Officers to me.
- ♦ I need a list of all local presidents and contact information including address, phone #, and email for President Bonnie's use. It will not be published. Please send to me.

God's blessings throughout this season of great joy,  
**Nancy Heredia**  
Assistant to the President

### From our Senior Pastoral Counselor—Outgoing

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ..... a time to plant and a time to uproot.”*

After serving the church as their pastor for over 15 years, Trinity Lutheran in Prescott Valley, Arizona, I have received and accepted the call to be pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church and School in Lodi, California. As I am writing this article, I have just completed my first week and first Sunday here at St. Peter. This call has taken me out of the Pacific Southwest District for the first time in my 26 year career as a pastor. I will now be serving in the California, Nevada and Hawaii District, otherwise known as the CNH. I was just entering the third year of my four year term as the Pacific Southwest District (PSD) pastoral counselor. My title starting this past summer was the Senior Pastoral Counselor. I am also known as 1st Timothy (given by President Bonnie), since our newly elected junior pastoral counselor is also named Tim (Rev. Tim Jenkins), and is known as 2nd Timothy.

Since I am in a different district now, I will be working with Pastor Tim Jenkins and the Executive Committee as to what areas need to be covered in my absence. Thankfully, Pastor Tim Jenkins is a veteran of the LWML District Board, as this will be his second tour of serving as an LWML district pastoral counselor in our Synod. I can't think of any other pastor in our synod who is more Rev. LWML than 2nd Timothy. He even wears purple! Plus, the junior pastoral counselor does all the heavy lifting between the two pastoral counselors.

I have enjoyed my time with you and all the LWML congregations! St. Peter has an LWML ministry, for which I am thankful! The picture is of their mite box on wheels! I have learned quite a bit about LWML by being on the board these past two years. I am amazed of all you do and how efficient all you ladies are in accomplishing your mission goals each year! Plus you serve with a smile! Thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow from you all!

**1st Timothy, aka Rev. Tim Blau**







## FROM OUR RESOURCE EXPERT:

As we enter into the busy holiday seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, I pray you will find - or share – the joy of the Lord throughout all your activities, including cleaning, shopping, baking and cherished times with family and friends.

How are you all doing in your societies and your zones? Many of our groups are thriving, active in their churches and their communities, and encouraging both “seasoned” and young or new members. However, I have also been hearing from some of our zone and society presidents that it is getting difficult to find women willing to step up into leadership roles, and that their numbers are dwindling.

I have some good news for you! First, our LWML leaders, particularly those in the Organizational Resources Department, have a variety of resources available that could be very helpful.

**Women in Mission University.** No, you do not have to enroll in college! This is a series of downloadable videos designed to help you share the basics of LWML and then encourage growth and possible change in your organization. There are currently five courses available, which do not need to be viewed in order, but may be chosen based on your needs:

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***\*Just a Cup of Coffee*** - an activity to help you and challenge you to reach out to your sisters in Christ in your congregation and build relationships with them.

***\*LWML 101*** – The Basics brings us back to the basics of the LWML. Use it to introduce all women in your congregation to the LWML.

***\*LWML 102*** – What to do? What to do! gives participants an opportunity to reflect, revise, and rejuvenate their LWML groups

***\*LWML 103*** – The Heart of LWML will help you share about the LWML and encourage participation by focusing on why we do what we do. Where is it going? What comes next?

***\*LWML 104*** –Your LWML Designed 4 U is designed to help you organize – or reorganize – a group of women into an active LWML group. Each of these videos has accompanying resources to help you with a presentation.

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**LWML Welcome Packet.** You will find it to be user-friendly as it directs leaders of new LWML groups to connect with LWML district presidents for support in getting started.

**Program Helps.** This resource, published to coincide with the biennium, contains skits, devotions, and Bible studies.

**Quarterly Bible Studies and articles.** These are archived by topic, and may be found under Bible Studies at the bottom of the LWML home page.

In addition, we will be hearing from President Bonnie about what she and our AOL team learned at the recent gathering in St. Louis. Much of this will be shared at our Board of Directors meeting December 1, and we can explore other possibilities in upcoming training sessions.

The Organizational Resources Department for our Pacific Southwest District is also available to offer help. Our Structure Committee members, JoAnne Sloan and Dixie Falldorf, will help you review your current bylaws, offer help in rewriting them, and suggest alternatives to address some of the challenges you may be facing. The Leadership Development Committee, Priscilla Daryaie and I, are here to offer help with ideas for mentoring, training, and encouraging women to become leaders and/or to grow as they discover their spiritual gifts. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on one of these committees, or with any questions or requests for assistance.

Serving with gladness wherever and whenever He has need of me,

**Linda Koch**, VP Organizational Resources

**Try the new LWML App to enhance your LWML experience on the go!**



- **Daily Mustard Seed Devotions**
- **The League Pledge and Songs**
- **LWML Mite Goal Progress**
- **Mission Grant Updates and Thank You's**
- **Mission Servants**
- **Activities LWML News**

**Maybe you like videos?**



Try the official LWML video channel:  
Lutheran Women In Mission  
<https://bit.ly/2P5ttpX>





### From a new VP:

What a privilege to be able to step in for the vacancy of VP of Communications. When Nila called me, I had just been listening to a Podcast about “our callings” as women of God. The speaker mentioned that sometimes God calls us to something and, many times, we think we need to have it all figured out or know everything before we say “YES”! Then the speaker said that we DIDN’T have to have it all figured out! God calls and always provides; He provides our abilities and our means. If He can give us faith, he can give us anything! I felt like this message was so timely....a “God thing” as some of us say. I believe He wanted me to step out in faith and serve Him in this position with LWML. Thank you, God, for your LOVE for us all!

And in this Season, we remember the greatest proof of His LOVE: that He sent his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life! He gives us peace on earth, goodwill toward men. Hallelujah!

I will be giving my best effort in keeping up with the webpage, WOW newsletters, and Facebook. If you haven’t already visited our webpage, please do. Look around and feel free to send me a message with new information, updates or corrections. The webpage is [www.psdlwml.com](http://www.psdlwml.com) and my email is [prattsusan27@hotmail.com](mailto:prattsusan27@hotmail.com). We are always looking for persons to write articles for the WOW newsletters too; again, send me an email if you would like to help out this way. If you haven’t LIKED us on Facebook yet, please go to our Facebook page and do! Information will be posted there and you might find a new “friend”. Our link is

<https://www.facebook.com/PSWD.LWML/>.

Thanksgiving never ends....

+ **Susan Pratt** VP Communications



Pacific Southwest District  
psdlwml.com  
2018-2020 MISSION GRANTS

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

**\*Highlighted Grants have been paid! Praise the Lord!**

**\*\*Check out our website for more information about each mission:  
[www.psdlwml.com](http://www.psdlwml.com)> Mission Grants> Grant Posters**



Lutheran Women's Missionary League [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

## Need a Gift Tag?

Shelli Haynes

For God so  
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the world that he  
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John 3:16

*For to us a*  
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*and the government will be on his shoulders.*  
*And he will be called*  
**WONDERFUL**  
**COUNSELOR,**  
*Mighty God,*  
**EVERLASTING**  
**FATHER**  
*Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

*And the angel said to them,*  
"FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD,  
I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF  
GREAT JOY  
THAT WILL BE  
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.  
FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY  
IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR,  
*who is Christ the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10-11

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And you will have  
**JOY**  
and gladness,  
and many will  
**REJOICE**  
at his birth.

Luke 1:14

...will be showing us the WAY in Ontario, CA this February for the District Retreat. Shelli is a native CA, born in the Bay Area, who has served in Southern CA churches for the past 23 years. Shelli was brought to church by a friend when she was 12 and has been blessed by many LWML women pouring into her life ever since. She is wife to Travis, a school teacher, and mom to two daughters - Megan who's in college, and Mandy who is in high school. Shelli has had the pleasure of speaking at various events locally and nationally and LOVES to share God's love and hope with people of all ages! Currently Shelli serves as the Director of Youth and Family at Redhill Lutheran in Tustin.



# GPS: WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

Sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District LWML

February 8-10, 2019  
Friday 7 pm. to Sunday 1 pm.  
Ontario Gateway Hotel 818-519-1122  
2200 E Holt Blvd, Ontario, CA 91761



Shelli Haynes, Speaker

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EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a Prayer Warrior\* at the Retreat.

\_\_\_\_ Special diet needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Prayer Warriors are those who are willing to pray for the retreat while there. Prayer Warriors are also willing to be available during the retreat to pray with other women, if requested.*

PARKING on site at the hotel and the SHUTTLE from Ontario Airport are complimentary.

REGISTRATION fee includes all materials, expenses, and meals (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, complimentary hotel breakfast – 2 per hotel room).

Room reservations are to be made directly with Ontario Gateway Hotel.

REGISTER EARLY, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 150.

Registration postmarked by 11/15/18 \$170

Registration postmarked by 01/08/19 \$180

Late fee postmarked after 01/08/19 \$25

If using PayPal® please add \$5.00 for processing charge

Donation

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS January 8, 2019. Late fee is \$25. In case of cancellation, \$10 will be retained. No refunds after February 1, 2019.

Make checks payable to Pacific Southwest District LWML.

Mail registration form with check and a stamped, self-addressed (4" x 9 1/2") envelope to:

Mary Rode, 1421 W Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92802

Email: [mrode@princeofpeaceanaheim.org](mailto:mrode@princeofpeaceanaheim.org), Phone 909-754-7759

*You may copy this form to share. Keep a copy of the completed form for your records.*



## To book a hotel room for the retreat:

The room rate is \$89 plus taxes and hotel fees.

Call the Hotel Direct 909-975-5000

On Line Link: <https://bit.ly/2R6eKxa>

Or web [www.ontariogatewayhotel.com](http://www.ontariogatewayhotel.com)

1.Book Now

2.Add Code (1902LWMLWM)

All reservations are due by, **January 18, 2019**, to ensure the group rate.

