



Hello PSD Women (and Men) in Mission!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand (Ps 95:6-7).

May the Lord bless and keep you! There is a lot going on in life; more about the Covid virus, maybe a hospital stay for you or a loved one, or maybe a personal conflict that weighs you down. In addition to being the “sheep of His hand” from the Psalm mentioned above, I ask you to meditate on Isaiah 41:10 during these times: “fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Our Lord does not want us living in fear, but in HIM!

LWML can help you with this. The website, LWML.org, has a plethora of downloadable Bible studies, devotions and other resources, such as podcasts/audio recordings – or even service project ideas if you are so inclined. Staying in prayer and in God’s Word or doing activities in His service are a great way to quell the worldly fears.

This issue of the WOW is highlighting the LWML Pacific Southwest District Convention in Tempe, AZ next summer, June 3-5, with the theme of “Treasured!” based on Matt. 13:44-46. We will be kicking off the convention with a worship service, open to the public, with PSD-LCMS President Rev. Michael Gibson as our proclaimer! We will be hearing nationally renowned (and hilarious!) Jan Struck, as our keynote speaker and acclaimed author and speaker Donna Snow will be leading us in Bible Study. And, of course, we will be hearing from our local missionaries who have been putting our Mite Grants into action to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as voting on our new District officers/counselor, mission/mite grants and bylaw amendments. I always say that we call it a “convention” because business will be conducted, but it will be FULL of very uplifting and inspiring Christian sessions as well. Please plan to join us – registration forms will be available in December on PSDLWML.org

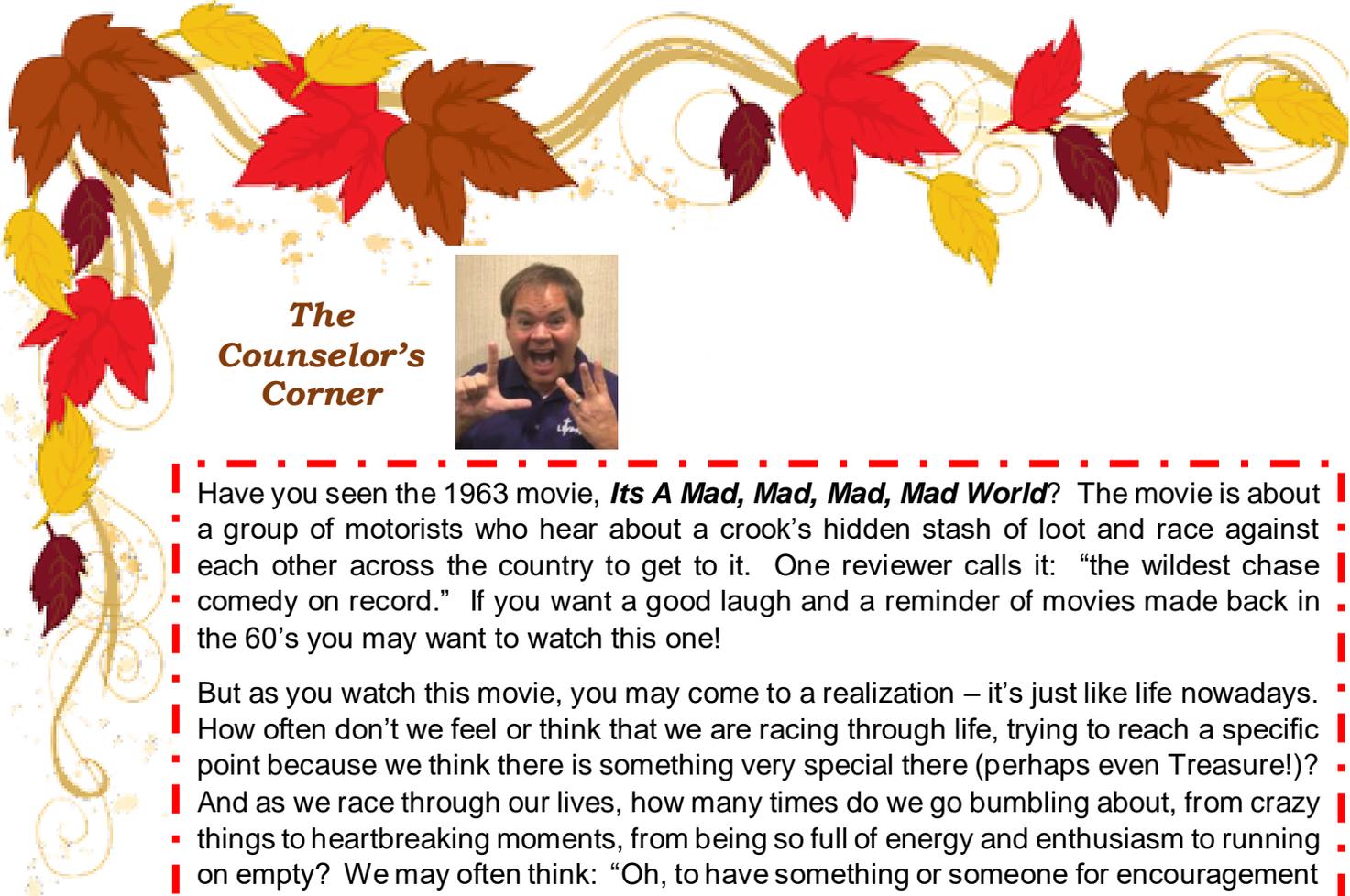
In addition to the Convention, here are a few things we have upcoming at the District level for you to consider joining as well:

- We are holding **PSD Connection Sessions via Zoom** monthly. Go to psdlwml.org and select EMAIL SIGN-UP to get the notices. Or contact me or your zone president through the website to get more information. It’s a fantastic way to spend an hour with your Christian friends from the comfort of your own home!
- The **LWML PSD Women’s Retreat** is being held at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas October 1-3, 2021, where we will be taught by Karol Selle, a Christian author and former pastor’s wife who was very involved in campus ministry. Get registered now – registration ends September 15 - and plan to spend time there with other Lutheran Women in Mission. Go to Events on psdlwml.org.

Stay in the Word, pray for each other, support your Mite Box, plan a socially-distant or face-to-face activity – and connect with your LWML Sisters and Brothers because YOU ARE THE HEART of LWML. May God bless and keep you until we see each other again!

Nila Rodriguez
PSD LWML District President





***The
Counselor's
Corner***



Have you seen the 1963 movie, ***Its A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World***? The movie is about a group of motorists who hear about a crook's hidden stash of loot and race against each other across the country to get to it. One reviewer calls it: "the wildest chase comedy on record." If you want a good laugh and a reminder of movies made back in the 60's you may want to watch this one!

But as you watch this movie, you may come to a realization – it's just like life nowadays. How often don't we feel or think that we are racing through life, trying to reach a specific point because we think there is something very special there (perhaps even Treasure!)? And as we race through our lives, how many times do we go bumbling about, from crazy things to heartbreaking moments, from being so full of energy and enthusiasm to running on empty? We may often think: "Oh, to have something or someone for encouragement or support to make it through this race called life!"

God's way ahead of us on that one! Perhaps you've seen this phrase in the last few months: "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus". That was our theme for the Lexington Convention back in June. It's taken from Hebrews 12: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

In that movie from 1963, there are too many times when the folks get caught up with the race of others and are not focusing on their own race – just like you and I do in our lives today. Hebrews reminds us to focus on the race that is set before each one of us. The only way we can lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely is through and by the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He removes them; He gives us strength and endurance; He doesn't just give us focus, He is our focus. One version of this verse says: "let us fix our eyes on Jesus."

"Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus" was not only the theme for our recent Convention, it should also be our motto each and every day as we go through this race called earthly life.

In HIS service & love – Pastor Tim



LWML Convention Highlights

National Convention in Lexington,
What a blessed experience it was for me to attend for the first time the LWML national convention. From the moment I changed airplanes in Chicago to the landing in Lexington it was the color purple, the official color of the organization. You could feel the vibes of the LWML ladies talking about their local groups, or how many times before they had attended the national convention. That was just the introduction for me!! During the four days I attended the convention meetings and activities was an eye opener to realize how many efforts LWML does to support God's mission. I can keep talking about this wonderful and blessed experience, but I just want to say that from the mission field speakers, to the music, preachers, Bible study presenters, President Debbie, etc., I'm so proud to be and do a small part in this organization to extend God's kingdom.



Pastor Ramon Contreras

Lexington was my third national LWML convention, my second as a voting delegate and my first as a District President. I loved the crazy schedule of all the activities of the convention, although this time I was still on crutches from my knee replacement surgery, so I didn't have quite the energy to attend EVERYTHING. It was so fantastic to see 2,800 participants gathered together to praise God and all the work He is doing through our hands, feet and hearts. Along with the Presidents Assembly meeting for District Presidents, I was there almost a week, but still wish there had been more time! Although I caught up with many people, attended great Bible studies, heard wonderful lunch/dinner speakers, I wish I could get MORE! My favorite was Old Missionary Gary from Mission Central in Iowa, a "not-normal" lay servant who runs a vital extension of the missionary work of the LCMS Mission Advancement team. When you get a chance, listen to him speak on the livestream videos on LWML.org – he is on the SATURDAY AM video about 2 hours in. Hope you all can join us for our District LWML Convention in Tempe, AZ next June!



*Nila Rodriguez
PSD LWML District President*



LWML's September to Remember 2021 "Giving Tuesday" is a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its day of giving, "September to Remember," on September 14, 2021. The LWML will focus on the "Shining Lights" in our lives who share Jesus' truth in love through service to others. *Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).*

Watch for daily posts during the first two weeks of September as the LWML Board of Directors share stories of those who have been "Shining Lights" in their lives. You are invited to share a story about one of your "Shining Lights" on Facebook, donate to the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that special someone, and pray for all district and national mission grants. On September 14, 2021, you may donate through the LWML website, under the "Giving" tab, in honor of those "Shining Lights" in your life, making an eternal difference in the lives of others. You may also mail your donation labeled for "September to Remember" or "Giving Tuesday" to: LWML, 801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105

39th Biennium Convention “Running the Race... Looking to Jesus” 2021 Pacific Southwest District



Planned Giving

1-800-741-4138
lwmlgiftplan.org

**Gifts
of
Love**
Returning God's Blessings



[Carol von Soosten](#)
800-741-4138 x 3



[Linda Gage](#)
800-741-4138 x 1



**Have you
remembered
LWML in your
charitable
plan?**

Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. LWML's Gift Planning Counselors, Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, are ready to help you put your wishes on paper to care for your family and impact ministry. LWML offers this free, professional assistance you can trust. You will have joy and peace of mind knowing your instructions will be carried out.

"Here am I, send ME!"

It's Not
Too
Late to
Register

Free
Book!

Meet
Karol
Selle



Don't
Forget
the
Retreat!

Meet new
friends from
around the
District

Fun
Activities

psdlwml.org

Go To
EVENTS

Click on
RETREAT

Prayer
Pockets

Scholarships
are still
available until
July 31st

Music by
Sandi & Eric
Ohman

Servant
Activity for
the
Homeless

If this is your first retreat, you will love the prayer pockets. Everyone will have a pocket and you will find goodies like candy, cards, inspirational messages and more. You are welcome to bring items to share with your LWML sisters, but it is not mandatory.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District LWML

October 1-3, 2021

Friday 4:00 p.m. to Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Hampton Inn at 4975 Dean Martin Drive

Las Vegas, Nevada 89118-1656 702-948-8100

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE OF THIS RETREAT! REGISTRATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEW DATE. YOU WILL NEED TO RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE.

“WOMEN IN MISSION” with Karol Selle, Speaker

(Please print or type)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

_____ This is my first LWML Retreat.

_____ 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 service from McCarran Airport is complimentary.

REGISTRATON fee includes all materials, expenses and meals. Friday and Saturday dinner, complimentary Saturday, and Sunday breakfast (hotel guest only), and Saturday lunch.

Room reservations are to be made directly with The Hampton Inn using the code LWR.

If you reserved a room prior to this change, you will need to rebook as soon as possible!

REGISTER EARLY, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 150.

Registration postmarked by **June 1, 2021** \$185.
Registration postmarked after June 2, 2021 \$200

Donation _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS September 15, 2021. In case of cancellation, \$10 will be retained.

No refunds after September 15. Make checks payable to Pacific Southwest District LWML

Mail registration form with check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Barbara Paetzel, 7401 Brittlethorne Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89131-3302

Email: bjpaetzel@cox.net Phone 702-655-0915

Plans are underway for the 39th Biennial PSD Convention!



The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it (Matthew 13:44–46).

**The Pins
are in!**



The convention themed pins are on and available for pre-sale! \$7.00 each or 2 for \$10.00, Due to the uncertainty of this past year, we ordered fewer pins than usual, so purchase yours while they are available.

Highlights include:

- Save the date: June 3-5, 2022!
- A great site has been secured; the Embassy Suites in Tempe, Arizona.
- Jan Struck will be our Keynote Speaker.
- Donna Snow will lead us in Bible Study.

More convention information will be available at psdlwml.org very soon!

Please keep our President, Site Coordinator, Pastoral Counselor, Convention Co-Chairs, and Committee Chairmen in your prayers as they meet to expand the plans for this exciting event. They met at the hotel in June. Their next meeting is via Zoom.

Save the Date!

LWML PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

JUNE 3–5, 2022
TEMPE, ARIZONA

EMBASSY SUITES (4400 S. RURAL RD. TEMPE, AZ 85282)



TREASURED!

39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Come and be reminded that *you are a treasure to our Lord* — a pearl of great value!

Come and *feel His love for you* and *be encouraged to take His love out into the world.*

Worship our Lord, laugh with LWML sisters,
vote on new officers and mission grants,
enjoy great food, sing praises to our Lord,
and have some fun!

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Jan Struck
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jan's "life story" has included the blessing of mothering three children, teaching school, and experiencing single parenthood after a divorce. Her life is blessed with joy brought by a second marriage and a combined family of six children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She enjoys serving the Lord as a speaker and leader of Bible studies, workshops, women's retreats, and LWML events. Jan brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith and uses her sense of humor as she shares her life through laughter. Her trust in Christ is her reason to make a "joyful noise unto God!"



Donna Snow
BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Donna Snow has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. Most recently she served as the Bible Study Leader at the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama. She has authored over 30 Bible studies, including four DVD Bible study series for LWML and several books with Concordia Publishing House. Donna attends Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, where she has been an active LWML member for more than 20 years.

2020-2022 MISSION GRANTS PAID



Thank you for sharing **Jesus'**
Love in Action
with your mites!

Keep those mites
coming in! Only
four more to go!

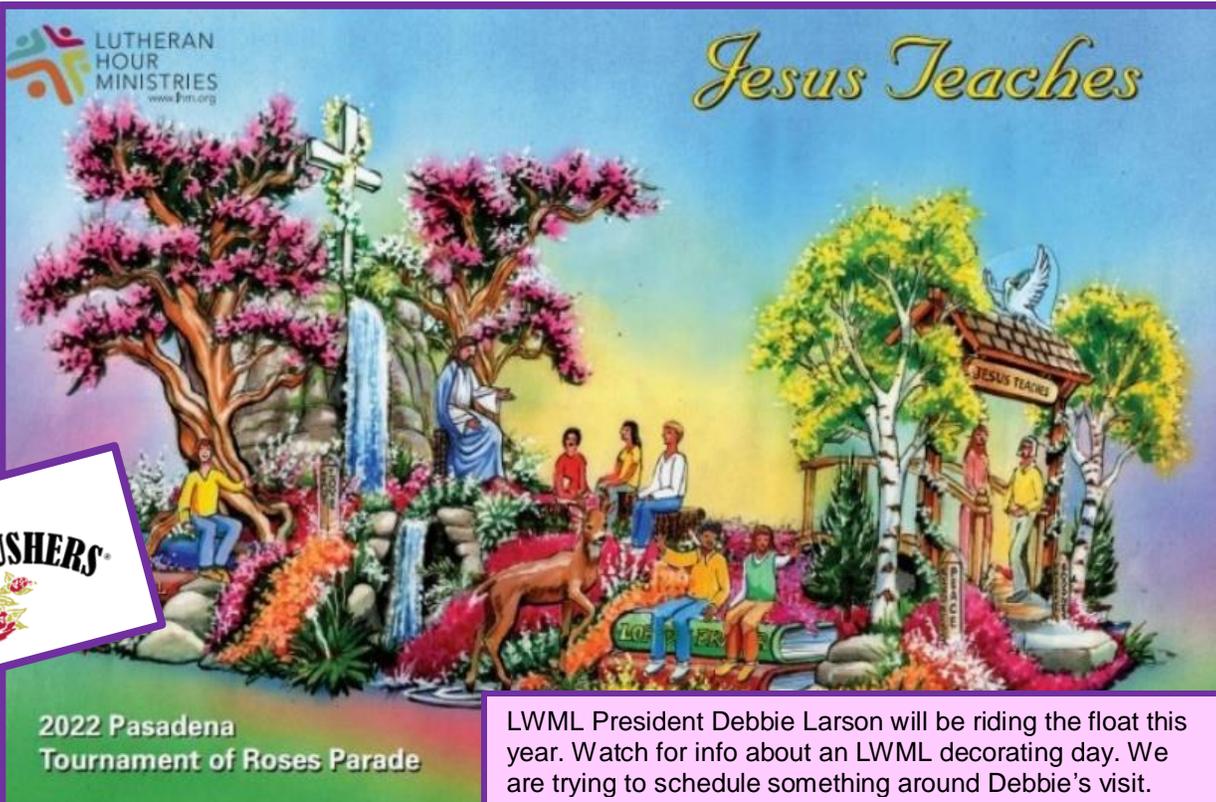
1. Patient Care Assessments – Alternatives Medical Clinic, Encinitas CA	\$10,000
2. Atonement Lutheran School Art Easel Sets, Glendale AZ	\$ 3,000
3. Living in Grace Home; a faith response to financial responsibilities LV, NV	\$10,000
4. Homeless Native Americans Find Hope/Lutheran Indian Ministries Phx., AZ	withdrawn
5. SUBMERJ; Saving Unborn Babies, reach out to Jesus, Downey, CA	\$ 7,744
6. Little Lambs Tuition Scholarships Christ Lutheran Boulder City, NV	\$10,000
7. Equipping, Encouraging & Empowering in Christ, Phoenix, AZ	\$10,000
8. Scholarships for St James Lutheran Preschool, Imperial Beach, CA	\$10,000
9. Reaching Families with the Gospel, Concordia Lutheran, Chula Vista CA	\$10,000
10. An Equine Endowment/Saddles of Joy Inc. Yuma, AZ	\$ 7,700
11. Van Go Home Grocery Delivery for Shut-Ins, Lake Havasu, AZ	\$10,000
12. LINC Los Angeles Urban Mission Training, Los Angeles, CA	\$10,000
13. Strategic Envisioning; Iglesia Lutherana la Santisima Trinidad, San Bernardino CA	\$ 8,000
14. Deaf Outreach Training Workshops/Lutheran Deaf Outreach, Sun City, AZ	\$ 9,000
15. Operation School Bell/Assistance League of Yuma, Yuma AZ	\$10,000
16. I Make a Difference/Hospice of Yuma, Yuma AZ	\$10,000
17. Playground Safety Surfacing Trinity Lutheran Church & School Temecula, CA	\$10,000

Application and Guidelines for the 2022-2024 PSD Mission Grants on line now!

New Resource available:
DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL HOW TO GET STARTED

Don't wait until the last moment! **DEADLINE: September 15, 2021**

Go to www.psdlwml.org
Look under Mission Grants



2022 Pasadena
Tournament of Roses Parade

LWML President Debbie Larson will be riding the float this year. Watch for info about an LWML decorating day. We are trying to schedule something around Debbie's visit.

The **PetalPushers®** is a group of 4,000-5,000 volunteers from across the US and Canada who decorate floats. These volunteers are organized and coordinated by the LHMFC. PetalPushers® volunteers will decorate the LHM float this year along with as many as nine additional floats. Phoenix Decorating, our float builder, makes a donation to LHMFC in proportion to the number of hours worked by the PetalPushers® volunteers. Go to <https://www.petalpushers.org/contact>

This is the 71st year that the Lutheran Laymen's League has been invited to enter a float. The Southern California District of the Lutheran Laymen's League has announced that the 2022 Rose Parade will wind its way down Colorado Boulevard once again proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be sure to look for the Lutheran Hour float "Jesus Teaches" on January 1. Your gifts make the Lutheran Hour and our Rose Parade Floats possible. You can send your gift to the LHM Float Committee, P.O. Box 20044, Riverside, CA 92516-0044 or visit www.petalpushers.org to make a donation.

The 2022 Rose Parade Volunteer Decoration Schedule

DRY DECORATION

Saturday Dec. 4, 2021 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturday Dec. 11, 2021 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturday Dec. 18, 2021 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

FLORAL DECORATION

December 26, 2021 – Sunday

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

December 27, 2021 – Monday

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

December 28, 2021– Tuesday

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

December 29, 2021 – Wednesday

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

December 30, 2021 – Thursday

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to completion

December 31, 2021 – Friday

Shift 1: 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lunch breaks 12 pm – 12:30 pm

Dinner breaks 6 pm to 6:30 pm



Crown of Life Lutheran Church Sun City West, AZ



Women in Mission from Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West, AZ. have been busy all summer making quilts, no-sew fleece baby blankets, and knitting and crocheting baby booties, sweaters, hats, and onesies. These items have been donated to Arizona Sunshine Angels (kids rescued by DCS), Choices Pregnancy Center (Glendale, AZ.) and Arizona Faith and Families (Peoria, AZ). We have also been knitting and crocheting mats for the homeless by using recycled grocery bags, donated by the congregation. The mats will be donated periodically to those in need.

You're Invited...

Connection Sessions via Zoom August 28 at 9:00 AM (PST & MST)

Go to psdlwml.org and select EMAIL SIGN-UP at the top left side of the Home Page to get the Zoom notices. Join the fun!

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