



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).

YOU ARE THE HEART OF LWML!!! Of course, Christ is the heart of this organization, but because Christ lives within us, we are the Heart of LWML! We are special and gifted by God to praise Him, reflect His glory and share His love. We are HIS:



- **H** - Held by His Word
- **I** - Inspired to share His Gospel; and
- **S** - Surrounded by His grace.

“What does this mean (day-to-day)?” Let’s share how the LWML works with EVERYONE! We are sisters (and brothers) in Christ, our service to others shares His mercy, and our mite donations are given to those in need. Join – or start – a Bible study. There many resources available to help you on LWML.org. Write an article for your newsletter or bulletin on what LWML means to you, expressing your love for a certain ministry or mission grant recipient. Invite others, including your pastor and his wife, to LWML events and Bible studies. Get connected with others at your church and as your relationships grow, they will see your JOY and want to share it! Then they can also be the Heart of LWML!

Here are a couple things we have going at the District level to talk about with EVERYONE:

We are holding **PSD Connection Sessions via Zoom** on a monthly basis. The next one is on June 12 at 8:30 a.m. Go to www.psdlwml.org and select EMAIL SIGN-UP at the top left side of the Home Page to get the notices or contact me or your zone president through the website to get more information.

In June, we will be traveling to the **LWML Convention** in Lexington, KY June 24-27, 2021. If you can attend, go to LWML.org and select Events/Convention Central for information on how you can still register. If you cannot attend, you can stream the Convention through the internet, participate in a virtual Mission Walk to raise mite donations or you can contribute to the Gifts from the Heart ingathering to various organizations in Lexington.

Then in the fall, we have the **LWML PSD Women’s Retreat** at the Hampton Inn Tropicana in Las Vegas on October 1-3, 2021 where we will be taught by Karol Selle, a Christian author who is currently heading the LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Committee. Get registered now and plan to spend time there with other Lutheran Women in Mission. Go to **Events** on www.psdlwml.org.

And plans are already underway for our next **District LWML Convention** next summer. We will be meeting together in Tempe, AZ where we will hear about being TREASURED! based on Matt.13:44-46. Plan to attend and watch for more information in this newsletter or at 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





1 Corinthians 12:6 reads: “**There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.** I think everybody involved in LWML knows this verse.

If somebody’s heart stops working, then that person is dead. If the engine of a car stops working, then the car won’t move. If what is the heart of LWML stops functioning, then LWML is nothing. The heart of LWML is all Christ!!

The theme for this edition is the Heart of LWML. Then, what about you? From the national president, to the one who arranges the chairs in the LWML local society we are part of the body. But what is interesting is that even when we are the body of Christ’s church, in your heart dwells Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and therefore you are the heart of LWML. You carry with and in you the precious Word of God, love, mercy and explosive enthusiasm to share the good news in different ways to those in need of His Word, love, and mercy.

Keep your heart beating for God’s presence on this earth!!

Pastor Ramon Contreras



The Counselor’s Corner

Pastor Ramon Contreras



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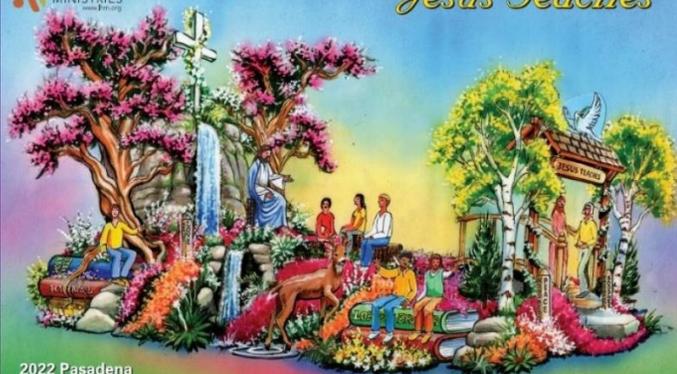
Facebook Pages: [LBCMSD](#) and [Angels Wings-Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry](#)



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>



Jesus Teaches



2022 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade

Lutheran Hour Float 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 help 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 an online donation.

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Let us know what your Zone and Local LWML are doing. Email your news to wow@psdlwml.org

We praise God for one of our California congregations that collected a door offering during the First Quarter of 2021 in the amount of \$2,189.00 that was designated for District Mission Grants! Two amazing facts – the pastor of the congregation shared that this church has been collecting door offerings for missions for a long time, even prior to starting his tenure there, and that this is a smaller congregation of under 200 baptized members, worshipping smaller numbers than usual due to the pandemic. God’s blessings abound: this congregation is an example of the statement: “I am the heart of LWML!” *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* (Matthew 6:21). **Please make note of the new address to send Mite Box offerings or request vouchers and mite boxes:**

Barb Virus, 542 E. Lomita Ave., Orange, CA 92867-6848 Phone 714-801-5252

Email bvirus@juno.com

We have just completed one half of our biennium. Thank you for your prayers and mission offerings! Let’s keep the “**mitey**” mite offerings strong so that we can pay our Mission Grants and support the LWML mission goal! You can also give using the “**ONLINEGIVING**” button on our district website psdlwml.org. Create an online profile, and designate your mite offering to your church’s group – sorted by zone and then city. A mobile app is also available for your cell phone. Electronic checks (no fee) and credit cards (fee applies) are accepted. This is an option for giving if your group is not meeting during the summer or if you are waiting to start meeting again. Have a safe and blessed summer – I hope to see many of you in Lexington!

Does your estate plan reflect your love (or heart) for your family and your Church? Fifteen years ago, your grandchildren were in high school or college and you wanted to provide for their ongoing education. Now they are adults, working in great jobs. Might it be that today, the Lord is calling you to redirect some of those gifts planned for family to support future ministry of the Church, sharing the good news of Jesus? Would you appreciate a conversation to help you start thinking and praying about this? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Linda Gage, Email Linda.Gage@lfnd.org, Phone 800-741-4138. lwmlgiftplan.org



Returning God's Blessings

Resources Available for YOU!
Get the latest LWML Resources at psdlwml.org

- I am the Heart of LWML Flyer
- I am the Heart of LWML Bulletin Insert
- I am the Heart of LWML Power Point
- I am the Heart of LWML Power Point Script
- What is Your Why?



Karol Selle

“Here am I, send ME!”



It has been so long since we gathered and shared welcoming hugs, smiles and conversation. I have missed being with the wonderful LWML women in the Pacific Southwest District. I miss our Bible studies and prayers. However, I am excited to come together at our Retreat in Las Vegas.

We are blessed to have Karol Selle as our speaker. She is the author of “A Missionary? Me?” You will receive a copy of her book at the retreat! If your first thought is, “I cannot be a missionary and travel all over the world,” be assured, you can be a missionary from your home! During this Bible study you will learn about women who committed to sharing the Gospel in the mission field. But, as we well know, God uses us to share His message within our homes, churches, and communities.

Of course, we could not hold a retreat without music, a servant event, and some fun activities! You do not want to miss this opportunity! Do not forget the prayer pockets! 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.

I urge you to register for this event as soon as possible. Space is limited. The registration form is posted to our District website. Reserve your hotel room NOW as we have limited rooms reserved. If you are considering going to another hotel in Vegas, let me warn you hotel prices will be extremely high during events scheduled to be in town. In Vegas, prices go up when big crowds come in and down when rooms are empty. So, register early and enjoy a pleasant and relaxing retreat.

God’s blessings to all and see you in Vegas!
Bonnie Karch
PSD Retreat Chairman

Reminder: deadline to apply for the Special Gift Fund Scholarship for the 2021 Retreat is July 31, 2021. Form is available on our website: psdlwml.org/events/retreat. Who will you encourage to apply?

Barb Virus, Endowment Fund Chairman



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.

REGISTRATION 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

I am the Heart of LWML



Our Vision

... is to **promote a strong LWML Identity** among the women of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Our Treasure

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).

... **Is Christ**; our heart is with Him and is shown in service to others through the LWML.

We are the Heart of the LWML because we are HIS:

- Held by His Word;
- Inspired to share His Gospel; and
- Surrounded by His grace.

Our Goals

That each woman **recognizes** she is the Heart of LWML, **created to praise His name, reflect His glory, and share His love.**

That our church understands that **the Heart of LWML lies within each woman** as she engages in **mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission support.**

That each woman of the LCMS **embraces her role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.**

Our Hearts

I am the Heart of LWML!

"I will embrace my role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission and personally invite members of my church to LWML activities."

I am the Heart of LWML!

"As I serve, I share HIS mercy and love."

I am the Heart of LWML!

"As I am forgiven — as I forgive others, HIS grace surrounds me."

I am the Heart of LWML!

"As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, I will share the joy and wonder of what is done through the LWML by the grace of God — the resources created, the missions supported, and the ministries provided."

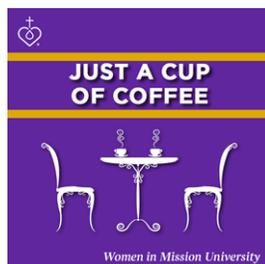
Each woman may confidently say, **"I am the Heart of LWML!"**



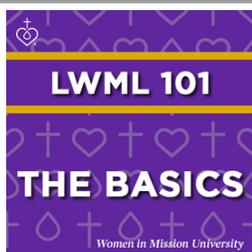
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This is **your** LWML so these courses were designed for you. We all share the goal to promote growth for the Lord's kingdom so that all will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, yet our situations and lifestyles may be completely different.

Now Updated!



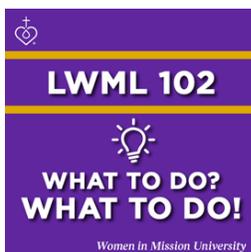
The drink is not the important part of this presentation. It's all about relationships. *Just a Cup of Coffee* is an activity to help you and challenge you to reach out to your sisters in Christ in your congregation and build relationships with them. [Watch the new *Just a Cup of Coffee* video and access the rest of the downloadable *Just a Cup of Coffee* resources here.](#)



Now Updated!

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. You may also use this tool with women who are already active participants in the LWML. Because the LWML has existed for over 77 years, our mothers and grandmothers (as well as ourselves!) may need to revitalize their knowledge of the basics. [Watch the new *LWML 101* video and access the rest of the downloadable *LWML 101* resources here.](#)

Now Updated!



How can we accomplish the work of the LWML? How do we keep God as the focus? What exactly do we “do”? service? **LWML 102 — What to do? What to do!** gives participants an opportunity to reflect, revise, and rejuvenate their LWML groups. [Watch the new *LWML 102* video and access the rest of the downloadable *LWML 102* resources here.](#)



Women in Mission UNIVERSITY



Now Updated!

We are all concerned about the future of the LWML. Where is it going? What comes next? Whatever God has in mind for the LWML, we need to guard the “heart” of our organization: Word, mission and service. **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. [Watch the new *LWML 103* video and access the rest of the downloadable *LWML 103* resources here.](#)

Now Updated!



While the department store may offer “one-size-fits-all” clothes, the LWML knows that women’s ministry isn’t a “one-size-fits-all” organization. The main focus – being a place where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness – is the same throughout the organization. But the “how” of what we do is personalized according to the needs, wants, interests, and desires of each local group. Use **LWML 104: Your LWML Designed 4 U** as you organize – or reorganize – a group of women into an active LWML group. [Watch the new *LWML 104* video and access the rest of the downloadable *LWML 104* resources here.](#)

For more information go to <https://www.lwml.org/wmu>



2020-2022 MISSION GRANTS PAID

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

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

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

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LWML Vice President, Diane Slattery (right) of Lamb of God, Lake Havasu City, Arizona had the pleasure of presenting a \$10,000 grant check to the Havasu Community Health Foundation. This Pacific Southwest District LWML Grant is for its new program: “Van-Go Home Grocery Delivery for Shut-Ins.” This new program will deliver food to the most unreached in the community – those who are housebound. Thank you all for your generous Mite offerings! They are helping to spread the love of Jesus to many in our local communities, the Pacific Southwest District and beyond!

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Zone 31/32 President, Elizabeth Cross (right) presented a check for \$10,000 to Living Grace Homes in Henderson, NV. This wonderful ministry helps young mothers grow into healthy, empowered, and productive women. As they say - “Hope is born here.” Thank all of you for your mites and prayers so that we can bless ministries like Living Grace Home.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
invites you to the
39th Biennial Convention

Thursday, June 24–Sunday, June 27, 2021
Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center • Lexington, Kentucky



Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

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 (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Convention Goal

Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.

Convention Logo Explanation



The convention logo incorporates the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, and makes reference to the passage from Scripture, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate, as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture.



Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In our logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ.



The banner was a method of announcing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

www.lwml.org

Be part of the convention from home

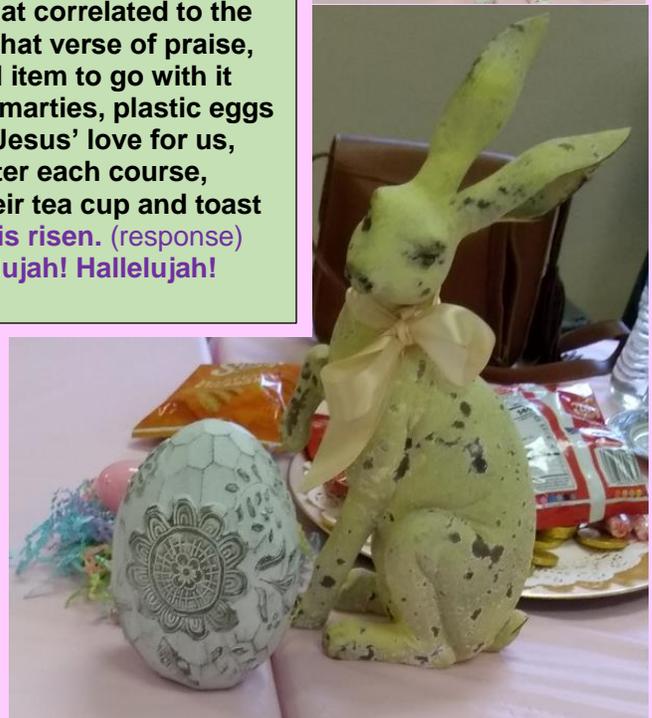
People who are unable to attend can still be part of the convention! Below is the link to the live stream Convention sessions.

https://livestream.com/thelwml?origin=event_published&mixpanel_id=14db9e9776877-089450577-6010177f-1fa400-14db9e9776b43f&acc_id=28575078&medium=email

“This is the Feast” Tea Party Grace Lutheran LWML, Henderson, NV



“This is the Feast” Tea Party is based on the Hymn of Praise. Each course of the Tea included a Bible verse that correlated to the Hymn’s stanza, singing that verse of praise, and then enjoying a food item to go with it (sun chips, gold coins, smarties, plastic eggs with Bible verses about Jesus’ love for us, and Lamb cupcakes). After each course, everyone would raise their tea cup and toast our Lord and Savior, He is risen. (response) He is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Submitted by Nancy Heredia



Using a grant from Thrivent and many kind donations from the congregation, **Shepherd of the Pines LWML** in Payson was able to fill 54 Easter baskets for some children in town that don't see a lot of gifts. Payson Community Kids is a unique organization in town that sees to the well-being and care of youngsters who are semi-homeless or have working parents who have very little leftover to provide extras for their children.

Kathleen Ramirez spearheaded the operation gathering baskets, grass, chocolate candies, movie/bowling passes, handmade mini masks, games, toys, and books to fill each basket according to the age factors given us by the adults at the children's center.

All contents were laid out with a list so each "filler" knew what to put in which basket, all completed in one afternoon... then wrapped up and ready for delivery.

Submitted by Paula Lee Knight



EASTER PROJECTS FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY COALITION



For Maundy Thursday 2021, Mountain View Lutheran Church (Apache Junction, AZ) LWML partnered with their sister congregation at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (Tempe, AZ) in response to a request from Sharon Owens for her Connecting International Communities program at Arizona State University.

Each society provided 50 Easter Gospel Baskets. Mountain View also provided 50 dozen Resurrection Eggs. The Gospel baskets and the items in them were used by Sharon to explain the Easter story. Each plastic egg in the Resurrection egg cartons contained a slip of paper describing one step of the Easter story.

Sharon distributed the baskets and eggs to 88 students attending two events on Maundy Thursday. Students were also able to take an extra basket to their roommates. **Submitted by Sandra Wardwell**



NO-CALORIE SPUDS & SPLITS Fundraiser

The **Lamb of God LWML** in Lake Havasu typically hosts a SPUDS & SPLITS event every spring. This SPUDS & Splits event is a cafeteria style meal consisting of a baked potato and a banana split, where our guests are able to load on the toppings that they choose. This annual fundraiser meal is well loved and much anticipated!! Over the years the proceeds from this event have enabled our Society to donate thousands of dollars to local charities. This event is always a HUGE success and a wonderful way to fellowship with our congregation and our community! Sadly, this year we were not able to host this event due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please see the letter below that we sent to our Congregation. This event raised \$1,930.00 and the proceeds will be donated to local charities to help many in our community.

Submitted by Dolores Swenson

A message to the congregation from Lamb of God LMWL:



No-calorie Spuds & Splits Fundraiser

**A bit of news we have today.
A NO-CALORIE SPUDS & SPLITS
is on the way....**

In past years the LWML Spuds & Splits event was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and raise funds to support local charities. This event would raise approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000 annually. Those funds were then donated to help those in need within our community. In these unprecedented days of the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing, the Lamb of God LWML is challenged to find ways to help those in need.

*So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
and feel quite sure you'll understand.
Place in an envelope what you would pay
for the perfect Spud & Split made just your way.*

*Thanks for donating for a meal not received;
may God bless your charitable deed.
Without all the calories, you've done your part.
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.*

Wishing success for our NO-CALORIE SPUDS & SPLITS Fundraiser.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Please make checks payable to Lamb of God LWML (memo line-Fundraiser).

Funds are being collected through April 11 to be distributed to local charities in May.

Quilting at Mt. View began 20 years ago, March 2001

That year 4 women made and donated 10 quilts. During those 20 years, 2,142 quilts were made and donated, and at least 99 different people have helped make them. Quilts have been given to 30 different groups and organizations over the 20-year period. People in many of the parks make and give quilts to local groups, so a few years ago we started looking for groups not located in the metro area to receive our quilts. This has been pretty successful and the notes we get back have been most heartwarming.

There were 8 or 9 women most Tuesdays working on the quilts this year, and 113 quilts were made and donated. This year we were able to give quilts for the LWML in-gatherings for people on the Apache reservation in San Carlos, and to Orphan Grain Train. Again, this year, we made quilts to be given to the family that would be moving into the Habitat for Humanity House that members of the congregation worked on. Additional groups to receive quilts this year were Concho Schools (east of Snowflake, AZ), White Mt. Apache Ministries (Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ), and Eagle Pathway (Eagle Pathway is a Christian based mentoring program in east Mesa that provides resources for youth and single mothers who have experienced foster care or homelessness).

One of the quilters donated material that her son had brought home from a mission trip to Africa. Borders were added to the fabric to make the pieces of fabric large enough for a quilt. Batting and backing were added; then the quilts were tied and ready to go.



Back Row: Sharon Rhoda, Jean Farnsworth, Mary Ceshker, Dianne While, Sally Craig. Front Row: Heather Robinson, Edyth Gravley, Judy Root, Sandy Knepel. Not shown: Jackie McMillin, Linda Popken, Judy Davisson, and Pastor Tim.

Memorial funds received by the Quilting group were used to purchase batting. Most other supplies were donated by the quilters or members of the congregation. One of the quilters, Linda Popken, who only got to AZ for two weeks this winter, dropped off a couple bags of tops she had made from her scraps. Dianne While also brought back a large number of tops which she had made over the summer.

Submitted by Cathy Bartlow

LWML of Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, AZ

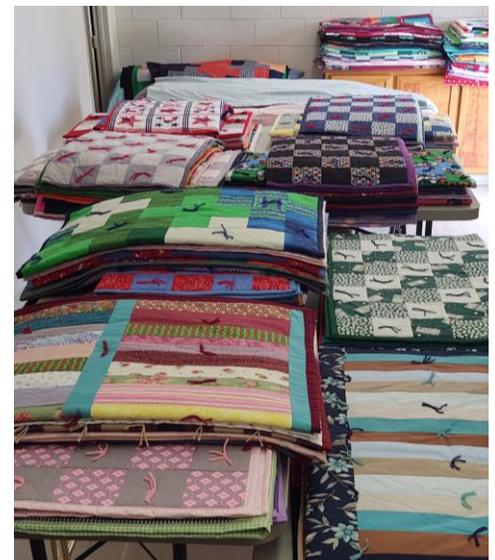


The **Crown of Life LWML** in Sun City West, Arizona sponsored a Congregational Ingathering in March. The Congregation donated hygiene products. Thrivent donated monies to purchase nice bags into which the hygiene items were placed. There were a total of 120 hygiene kits made along with many extra hygiene products, delivered to Youth Haven located at Eloy, Arizona. Often times, the children arrive for a camp stay without the items we all take for granted. These children will spend a weekend or a week (in the summer) learning that they are loved, cared for, and were created for a purpose by a powerful and loving God. Youth Haven follows God's call to share His love with disadvantaged children in our society who are not being reached with the Gospel. Youth Haven tells them about the love of Jesus and the hope they can have when they trust in Him.



Epiphany Lutheran Church in Chandler AZ delivered 70 quilts to camp director Jann'e Guterrez for the Royal Family Kids, a faith-based camp for children in foster care. Although due to COVID their programs were curtailed last year, the camp will have day camps and a limited summer camp for the children this year. Epiphany Quilters have continued their quilt production at members' homes all through the pandemic. Pictured are Epiphany Quilters' leader, Jean Weber, presenting the quilts to Jann'e Guterrez.

Submitted by Jean Weber



Plans are underway for the 39th Biennial PSD Convention!

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 we meet at the convention hotel on June 5 to map out the location and expand our plans for this exciting event.

Our convention theme is based on Matthew 13:44-46
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.



The Pins are In!



The convention themed pins are in and available for pre-sale! We are selling them for \$7 each or two for \$10. Due to the uncertainty of this past year, we ordered fewer pins than usual, so purchase yours while they are available! Your

friends on the executive committee or your zone president may be able to purchase pins when in-person meetings start up again. Committee Chairmen will also have the opportunity to purchase convention pins at the meeting on June 5.

You're Invited... Connection Sessions via Zoom

June 12 at 8:30-9:30 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!

Agenda: Welcome Chris Mahler, hostess

Scripture Thoughts "Running the Race Looking to Jesus"

Meet Our Executive Committee-Barbie Aden, Treasurer

Breakout Rooms: Discussion questions

Updates from District & National LWML- Nila Rodriguez

Closing Thoughts & Prayers

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