

Women of the Word

Summer 2022



President's Message

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)

Ready or not, Tempe, AZ, here we come, June 3-5! It is always wonderful getting together with our Christian sisters and brothers at an LWML District Convention. We have a great program planned for all

attending, reminding us all, "You are Treasured!" Please pray with us that all attending will be uplifted in their faith walk and are kept safe in their travels.

Earlier this year I traveled to St. Louis for the Presidents Assembly, where the District Presidents from 40 districts across the nation gathered along with the LWML Board of Directors. We were fed with the Word, heard about upcoming events, and spoke of each of our district LWML conventions happening this year. It was insightful and enriching to spend time with and hear from others serving the Lord with gladness. Please also pray for the other districts and their conventions.

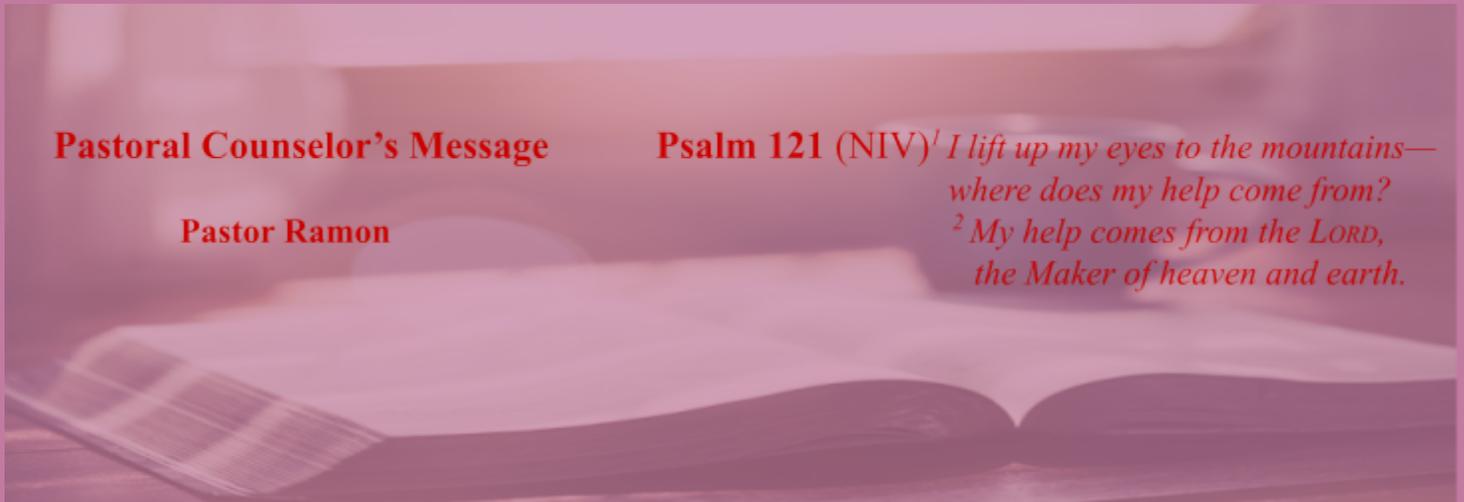
The Milwaukee LWML Convention will be held June 22-25, 2023. The theme is Celebrate the Lord of the Nations, based on Psalm 33:12-13, which says: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man.* Let's start planning for attending in Cheesehead Nation (I can say that because I am a proud Cheesehead!). It will be here before you know it!

We are narrowing down the locations for our 2023 LWML Pacific Southwest District Retreat and will be announcing it soon. We'll get the word out as soon as the decision is made! Like the Bible study, sign up on the website to receive these notices by email – or check with your Zone President.

Zones 6, 8, 9 and 11 in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley areas have volunteered to host the 2024 District Convention – yes, we're already beginning to plan for this 2024 event. We will begin putting together the Host Convention Committee and looking for a location. We need various committee chairs to arrange all the aspects of the convention, such as Registration, Packets & Badges, Worship, Decorations, Hospitality, Young Women, Heart to Heart Sisters, Pre-Convention Sessions, Exhibits, Mission Walk, and Properties. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer – we will need help from all zones!

(President's Message cont.) Mite offerings continue to be the vital way we help other organizations with their ministries, spreading the Gospel here and abroad. Continue to plug those coins and paper into your mite boxes as we bless this very important work. Praise the Lord we were able to fund our full list of grants for the 2020-2022 biennium! Now we look forward to kickstarting our new list of mission grants right after the convention.

I encourage you to stay in the Word, pray for each other, support your Mite Box, plan a servant or fellowship 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!



Every morning the first thing I do is to prepare my coffee, feed my St Bernard dog, and then drink my coffee. I do this every morning when I'm at home and then get going on my activities for the day. Before this Covid virus pandemic, we had a very active life, going to places like restaurants, shopping centers, visiting national, state and regional parks, spending time with friends, and so forth. Of course, we used to go to church to worship with our friends in the house of the Lord.

Since 2020 we have been dealing with this virus and all the restrictions we need to follow to be safe. However, this is causing anxiety and discomfort because we want to get back to our normal social lives. Children at home are desperate for outdoor activities. Ladies are counting the days to get back to shopping. Men are looking at the door or through the window waiting for the day when they are free to go to the park and practice baseball or softball, or even soccer. I can give more examples, but the idea is that we are not having the same activities and social life as before ... our lives have changed.

Then what? Hum? Well, I realized that I had more free time than before for TV programs, movies, and sports events, which were exciting at first, but then they became boring. So I turned to my book shelf and found something called the Holy Bible. I said to myself: "Maybe the Lord is giving me time during this pandemic to spend more time reading His Holy Word, meditating and praying."

I think the Lord has given us the opportunity to relax at home, get our Bible and read it. Then we can lift our eyes and see that our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, the One that we can find in His creation. His Word brings us to Jesus Christ, where we have our hope and help. Let us lift our eyes and hearts to the One that give us life and salvation!!



National News and Events



Karen Morrison

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Go and Tell — LWML's Mission

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Romans 10:14). District conventions are underway for 2022. Hooray! What is the purpose of these conventions? Business items such as selecting mission grants to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear and choosing officers. Sisterhood. Fellowship. Caring. Encouraging. Mentoring. All these describe LWML also, but our heart is to Go and Tell! Now is the time to look around to find mission-minded, Gospel-sharing ministries in your area that could benefit from the support of a 2023 LWML Mission Grant to be selected in Milwaukee. Consider submitting a mission grant proposal. Our Lord tells us to *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).* That is what we do through district and national mission grants.



The LWML Board of Directors, along with the North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, and Northern Illinois districts, are looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee, June 22–25, 2023 for the 40th Biennial Convention of the LWML. Now is the time to invite your friends to join you as you plan to attend.

An LWML Convention Poster is available [here](#) to download, print, and post in your church. Use it as a way to begin the discussion of how you and your LWML friends can join with thousands of other Lutheran Women in Mission in Milwaukee as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.”

Order Your Convention Shirt Now

The 2023 Convention Polo Shirt Order Form is available on the 2023 Convention webpage. The beautiful royal blue shirt was revealed at the January LWML Presidents Assembly meeting — now is your opportunity to order a shirt for yourself.

The Convention Programming Committee would be pleased if you would wear this shirt at upcoming zone and district gatherings — meetings, conventions, retreats, etc. Make the order form available to your members by including a link in your district communications or by having copies of the form available at upcoming events.

The Convention Host Committee thanks you for supporting them by purchasing the beautiful polo shirt! To order your shirt, click [here](#). You may also access the form by going to News & Events > Convention Central > 2023 National Convention on the LWML website.

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The official publication of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, is a valuable method of communication. It is also a powerful mission tool. Sheila Lutz, *Quarterly* Editor-in-Chief, recently shared with district presidents ideas for using the *Quarterly* as a mission tool. Here are few of her suggestions:

- *When a subscriber is through reading her issue, she can share it with someone — a friend, another woman in the church, a non-Lutheran woman, or a pastor.**
- *Some ladies have shared *Quarterly* issues by asking if they could put them in the racks at doctor or dentist offices. Consider leaving a copy at hair and nail salons.**
- *Information shared through stories can spark ideas of how readers can become more involved in missions — new ones or in different ways.**

Consider how you can share issues of The *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* at [Lutheran Woman's Quarterly](#).



LWML GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY



Butch and Marie got married when they were nineteen. They were married for seventy years before the Lord called them home last year. When they were thirty-five, after having three children, they had created their first estate plan with a will that established guardianship for their children and created a minor's trust to provide for their children, providing for their needs until the youngest would reach the age of twenty-five. Their youngest child is now fifty-five and most of the provisions of their early plan no longer are needed.

Butch and Marie thought that they never needed to update that will. There was a problem with that. The original inheritance language from fifty-four years ago did not include the words "per stirpes." That phrase means that a child's inheritance will pass to their children (grandchildren of Butch and Marie) if Butch and Marie's children die before receiving it. Two of Butch's and Marie's children passed away three years ago from illness. Each of them had three children. However, without the appropriate language, none of the inheritance will pass to those children. That would have crushed Butch and Marie had they known it happened. It also created some tension between some of the grandchildren.

All of this could have been avoided if Butch and Marie had reviewed their plan periodically. It would have been worth the money to sit with an attorney. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can encourage these regular checkups and make sure your gifting plans to family and ministry are clear.

Contact Linda Gage. LWML Gift Planning Counselor for more information.

Email: Linda.Gage@lfnd.org Phone: 800-741-4138 lwmlgiftplan.org

Gifts of Love Ministry would like to thank **Bonnie Karch** and **Pat Beach Schutte** for their service to the Lord and LWML as Gift Planning Advocates. Bonnie and Pat have retired from this ministry and we pray God's richest blessings on them as they continue to serve the Lord with gladness. Your Pacific Southwest Gift Planning Advocates recently attended an in- person training session in St. Louis and are eager to serve our LWML PSD zones and groups as speakers at your events. Contact:

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District News and Events

YOU are Treasured!

Hosting Zones 25, 26, 27/30, 28 and 29 cordially welcome you to the 39th Biennial Convention of the Pacific Southwest District LWML.

The Host Committee selected "Treasured by God's Embrace" as the mission statement for the convention.

The mission goals adopted are:

- Be assured that you are a treasure to our Lord.
- Be affirmed in His love for you.
- Be encouraged to take His love into the world.

The convention will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton,
4400 S. Rural Rd., Tempe, AZ,
which is conveniently located minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport.

The hotel offers free breakfast.

Our celebration begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3, with the opening communion worship service. Everyone is invited to attend whether registered for the convention or not. You will not want to miss the pre-convention sessions which begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. We are blessed to experience the treasured talents of Jan Struck as our keynote speaker and Donna Snow as our Bible Study leader. They will share their talents during the pre-convention sessions as well. The Treasure Walk will combine the opportunity to raise funds toward our district mission grant goal with prayer stations along the path through the hotel grounds on Saturday morning.

A new feature this year will be a Men's Breakfast to be held on Saturday morning for all those gems who support the work of the LWML women.

We look forward to greeting all of you, our treasured friends!

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[LWML Pacific Southwest District](#)



From the Desk of
Susan Thomas Vice President
Communications

I can't wait for the District Convention coming up soon. I hope to see all of you there. It has been so long since we have been able to get together as children of God.



I became Vice President of Communications two years ago, right before our planned District Convention in Palm Springs. But our convention, like so many things, didn't happen due to COVID, so it's like the past two years didn't even count.

It is strange to think that we are already in June when it seems as if we rang in the New Year just a few weeks back. The past few months have held several changes for me. I started a new job in January, and I have been working diligently to update our District website. President Nila, Denise Jackman, and the website review committee have been helping me. We plan on rolling out the new website after the Convention. The new website will be different but easier for you to navigate (easier for me to update) and find what you are looking for. The website will still have all the things you are looking for but with an updated look.

Once the new site is online, the old site will disappear, but we are keeping the web address the same: www.psdlwml.org. An email will go out when the new website is up. I know none of us likes change, but give the new website a chance. If you ever have any questions you can contact me at communications@psdlwml.org. I am always looking for people to join the communications team. If you want to help out with eBlast emails, YouTube, Facebook or the WOW (Women of the Word), let me know. We would be glad to have you.

Blessings, Susan Thomas

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16



**Please make note of the address to send Mite Box offerings
or request vouchers and mite boxes:**

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We have just completed the 2020-2022 biennium. Thank you for your prayers and mission offerings! Let's keep the "mity" mite offerings strong so that we can pay our 2022-2024 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, 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. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Barb Virus, PSD LWML Financial Secretary 2021-2024



Pacific Southwest District
 psdlwml.org
 2020-2022 MISSION GRANTS

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 Las Vegas NV	\$10,000
4. Homeless Native Americans Find Hope/Lutheran Indian Ministries Phoenix, AZ (withdrawn)	\$10,000
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 Preschool 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

As of 2/8/22 Anything highlighted in yellow has been paid. Grant #4 was withdrawn.



Zone News and Events



Celebrating 80 Years of LWML!

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the LWML, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 something. Women all over the country have been busy!

Click the link below to learn how your zone can participate!

[Learn more](#)

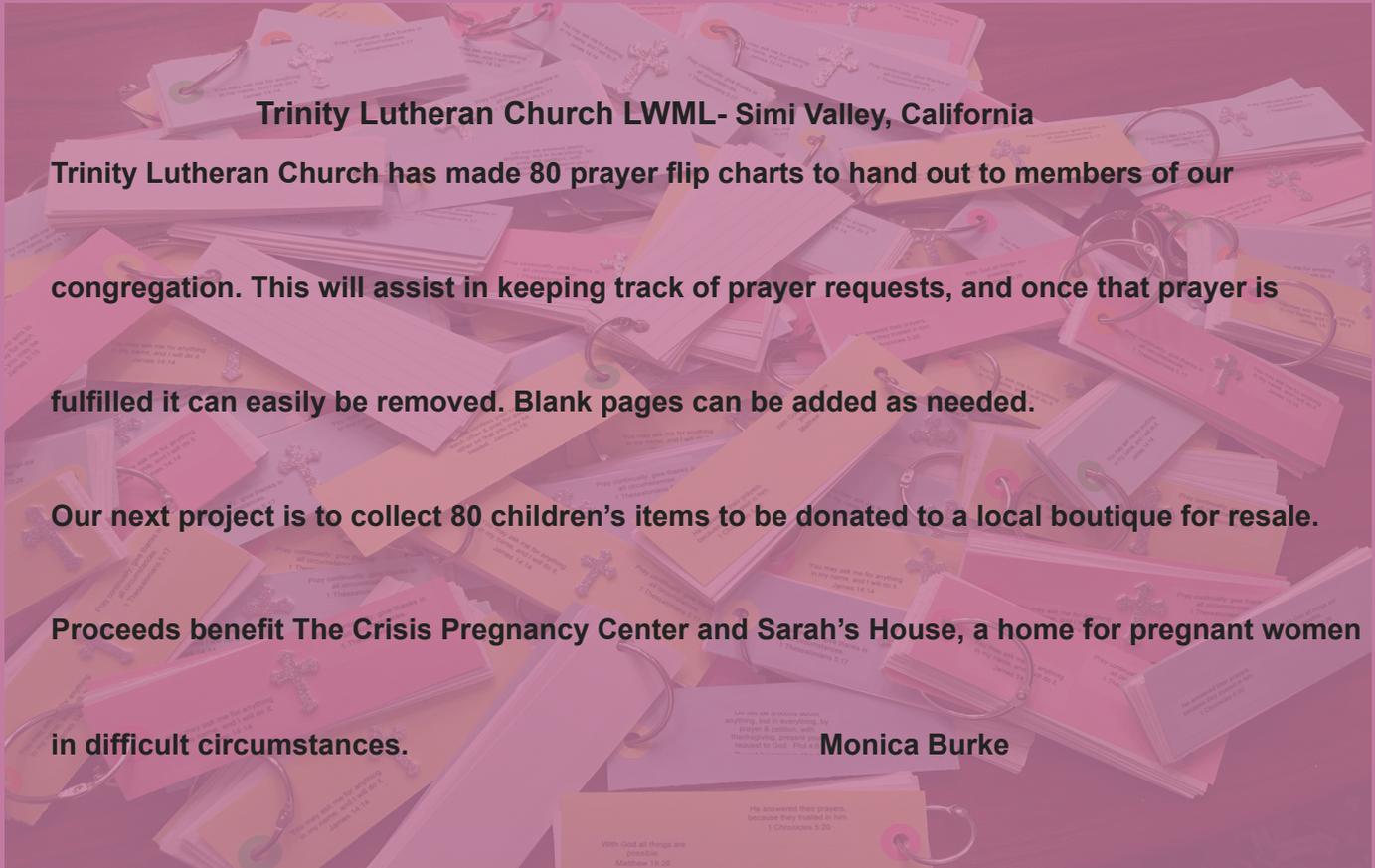
READ ABOUT HOW LADIES IN OUR ZONES HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR 80

AND BE INSPIRED TO CELEBRATE YOURS!

Beautiful Savior LWML- Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ

For the 80th anniversary of LWML, our society at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ decided to help Genesis, a local organization which helps the homeless and struggling in our area. From now until October, we are collecting 80 NEW men's large or extra-large T shirts. They can be any color, long or short sleeved, pocket or no pocket. We have a large donation bin in our Narthex where members of the congregation can help with this project.

If we don't receive 80 shirts by October, we will use funds from our treasury to fill the quota, but we anticipate coming up with the 80 shirts before that date. Lynnda Haupert, A third generation LWML member



Trinity Lutheran Church LWML- Simi Valley, California

Trinity Lutheran Church has made 80 prayer flip charts to hand out to members of our congregation. This will assist in keeping track of prayer requests, and once that prayer is fulfilled it can easily be removed. Blank pages can be added as needed.

Our next project is to collect 80 children's items to be donated to a local boutique for resale.

Proceeds benefit The Crisis Pregnancy Center and Sarah's House, a home for pregnant women in difficult circumstances.

Monica Burke



Faith Lutheran Church LWML- Hesperia, CA

Our local society at Faith Lutheran Church did a pet food drive with a goal to collect 80 cans of cat or dog food.

The generosity of our members was overwhelming and we ended up collecting 221 cans of pet food, which were donated to the Hesperia Animal shelter.

Lisa Hartman

Zone 25-

California



Zone 25 held a mini Retreat at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Yuma, AZ. In the past, we had held a two and a half day retreat at a retreat center in Pine Valley, CA. Attendance had dropped over the past couple of years for numerous reasons, such as cost, travel time, and uncomfortable beds.

We decided to try a different approach, which went over very well. Twenty-nine women were in attendance. Instead of hotel rooms, several members offered spare rooms for out-of-town members. Registration for the retreat was \$50, which covered the honorarium and mileage for Nancy Heredia, craft supplies, and meals and snacks. We had a pot-luck dinner and fellowship on Friday evening at Nancy Pendleton's home. On Saturday, Nancy Heredia led our retreat study on the book *Balance-Christ Filled Living*.

Breakfast and lunch were served by the LWML of Shepherd of the Hills. Paula Backs and Esther Foster led the craft project. We also did lots of singing and had a skit. The retreat closed with a short communion service led by our Zone Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Jonathan Stite, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Yuma, AZ. Sharie Jasper



Mountain View Lutheran LWML-

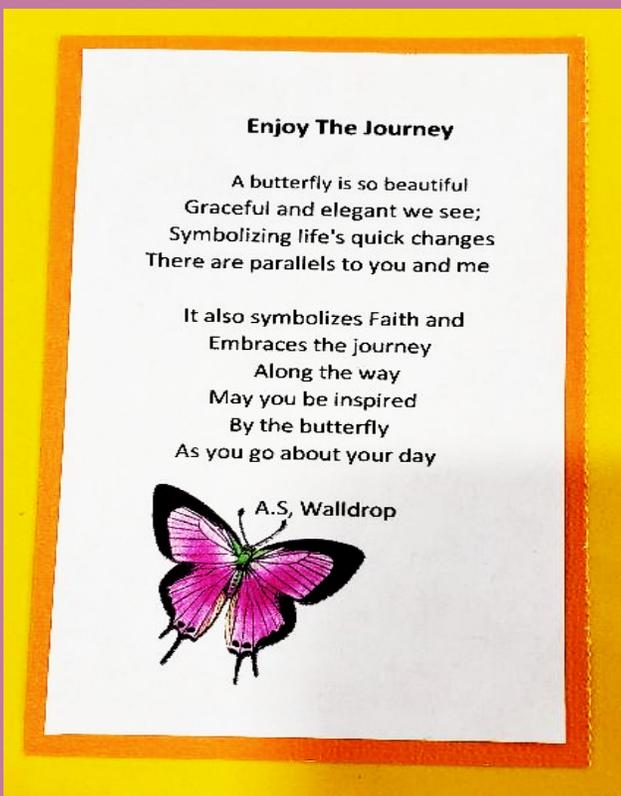
Apache Junction, AZ

The ladies at Mountain View

Lutheran filled 50 Gospel Easter Baskets and 15 dozen Resurrection Eggs in April 2022 for Sharon Owens' use at Connecting International Communities, a part of PSD's Campus Mission Coalition at Arizona State University. Here Sharon Owens speaks from the podium while some of the international students at Campus Mission Coalition at Arizona State University enjoy the baskets.

A number of valley churches in Zones 27/30 participate in the Easter project. Cathy Barlow





In March 2022, the 11th annual Ladies' Tea was held at Mountain View Lutheran in Apache Junction, AZ.

Approximately 75 ladies attended. The program skit focused on the theme of change... "The Butterfly Effect."

A freewill offering was collected to benefit the youth of Mountain View who will be attending the National Youth Conference in Houston this summer. Cathy Bartlow



Our Society at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ, does not meet over the summer, so at our last meeting of the season, in April, we voted to use our funds, among other things, to help people in Ukraine. At a Zone meeting we discovered that our partner congregation, Beautiful Savior, in Tempe, AZ, was collecting money to send to the Lutheran Church of Ukraine through a pastor in New York, a friend of Pastor Tim Anderson. We were able to contribute \$1000.00 to this cause, and together, the two congregations sent over \$5000.00 to help aide refugees with food, medical, and resettlement help.

Here MVLC LWML President Lynnda Haupert meets with Pastor Tim Anderson, co-pastor at Mountain View and Beautiful Savior, in front of the MVLC Fellowship center. Lynnda Haupert

Atonement Lutheran LWML-

Glendale, Arizona

*The students of Atonement Lutheran School in Glendale, Arizona, would like to thank the PSD LWML for the grant they received to purchase table art easels. Through the grant, the school purchased beautiful drafting desks, stools, and art supplies.

*Atonement Lutheran Church in Glendale, Arizona was the in-gathering

“pick up” location for Lutheran World Relief. Ninety-seven boxes of quilts, school kits, personal care

supplies, and fabric kits were brought to Atonement from churches all over the state.

Merry Christensen



Zone 21- California

Ladies from all over the zone met at Faith Lutheran Church in Vista, CA, to for a Mission Project Day May 14, 2022, themed “A Warm Hug”. Nila Rodriguez, District President, joined us and shared news and events around LWML. Everyone enjoyed a devotion, prayer, and singing followed by making no-sew blankets. Lunch and a basket auction wrapped up our time together. The blankets were given to Operation Hope, a local organization benefiting homeless families. Brenda Hood



Getting Ready for the District Convention!



2022 CONVENTION STUFFING PARTY

Beautiful Savior LWML Society was responsible for assembling the tote bag materials for the District convention in Tempe. They organized two stuffing parties to prepare and organize materials from Thrivent, the Tempe Tourism Office, and the Treasures bags given to attendees. Twelve ladies and one honorary male LWMLER (not pictured) stuffed 191 tote bags at the second party.

Convention co-chairs Amy Gill and Kathy Baumhofer (at each end of the back row in the picture) supported this effort.



Crown of Life LWML- Sun City West, Arizona

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, LWML at Crown of Life in Sun City West, Arizona, hosted a Women's Tea. All women at the church who fulfill the different volunteer positions at Crown of Life were celebrated. Our guest speaker was Rachel Dallmann from Phoenix Rescue Mission. Crown of Life has had a twelve-year relationship with Phoenix Rescue Mission, and they were the recipients of the Easter Baskets donated for their Easter Community Outreach. New LWML officers were installed and all those who attended enjoyed cookies, tea and conversation.



Rita Grover

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