



# New Jersey Mission Light



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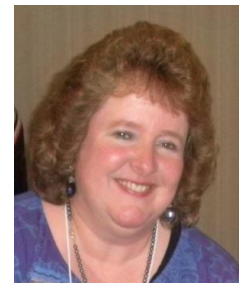
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## A message from our president...

### *The Changing Seasons*



Happy New Year! As the seasons change and we begin a new calendar year, isn't it great to know that God's love for us never changes. He sent His only Son into this world to save us from our sin. It's important to reflect on this as we enter the season of Lent, which leads up to Easter. Throughout the seasons of our lives, God is always there for us. Even though it's currently winter outside, let's fast-forward to summer when we'll be gathering for our next New Jersey District Convention! Be sure to mark your calendars now and join us in Morristown, NJ on Aug. 5-7, 2016. The theme for our convention is "Keep Calm and Soldier On!" based on Ephesians 6: 11-18. (Full armor of God )

We are thrilled to announce that our National LWML President, Patti Ross, will be our honored guest for the convention. We will also have Jan Struck as our humorous interrupter. Morristown, which served as the "Military Capital of the American Revolution," truly is a "destination" location and we encourage you to bring your family to enjoy the many historic sites. We have some exciting things planned for you, including a Prayer Walk on the historic Morristown Green, and optional historic tours before and after the convention. We will also have a "Basket Bonanza" where each society and zone can contribute a themed basket to a tricky tray for mites. At our Saturday evening banquet, we will honor the service of our Pastors with a special recognition ceremony. Registration materials will be available by early March, so stay tuned for more info! You'll want to take advantage of the early-bird discount by registering by May 1st! I encourage you all to attend and be sure to invite your YWR's and Heart-2-Heart sisters, and also friends and family!



**KEEP  
CALM  
and  
SOLDIER  
ON!**

## LWML New Jersey District Convention



**August 5 – 7, 2016**

**Hyatt Morristown  
3 Headquarters Plaza  
Morristown, NJ**

*Mark your calendars!  
More information to come!*



Arlene and Krista, our  
YWR, with NJ District  
Banner at Convention

Arlene Price  
NJ District President

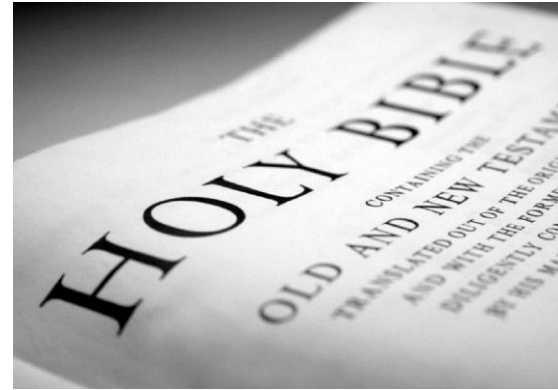


Fun times for Jersey Girls at the Iowa Convention  
with "American Gothic" characters.

## **In the Word...** **with Rev. Jim Buckman, Pastoral Counselor**

### **“When Jesus Sends You into a Storm”**

*“One day Jesus said to His disciples, “Let’s go over to the other side of the lake...” (Luke 8:22)*



Jesus is God in human flesh, as such Jesus knows all things. Jesus knew there was going to be a storm; He did not need Doppler radar to give Him a heads up. When the first raindrop hit His face, He was not surprised. In our lives, there are faithful Christians we know who are in God’s word and prayer frequently; yet they are in the middle of tremendous storms. These storms might be financial, medical, family related or something else. Recently I was flying through O’Hare on the way to Salina, KS to provide training for pastors and leaders in the KS and NE districts of our church body. At O’Hare, I met Rosie an airline employee who helped me with my flight (it was rescheduled 3 times). Rosie worked with me for an hour to get me on a flight. After she was done, I asked Rosie, “Is there anything I can pray for you?” Rosie answered, “Yes, my medical condition.” I replied to Rosie, “I will pray for you later tonight.” She smiled and I made my way around to the terminal I would fly out of.

A minute or two later, I felt the presence of someone following me; turning around I saw that it was Rosie the airline employee. I said, “Hi”. Rosie replied, “I want to thank you for asking me how you can pray for me.” I said, “No problem.” Rosie repeated herself, “I want to thank you for praying for me; that means so much to me.” I said, “No problem.” Rosie repeated herself a third time and this time I said, “Rosie, I have time before my flight, let’s sit down here and you can tell me about what is going on and then I can pray with you.” Rosie replied, “Would you do that with me?” I smiled and said, “Absolutely.”

We sat down on one of the public benches and I asked Rosie, “Tell me about your medical condition.” Rosie began to explain how she was having problems with her left arm and hand. I asked how long this had been going on. Rosie said that it was bothering her for two years. I asked Rosie, “Did anything significant happen in your life two years ago?” Rosie said, “Yes, my son was killed in a drive by shooting.” Rosie then reached in her purse and pulled out a pin with a picture of her son and his name on it.

Rosie wanted to know where God was; she shared that she had stopped going to church, but that she had never stopped praying and reading her Bible. I was broken hearted for Rosie, listening to her recount her story of having to go to court and see the person who murdered her son, produced a range of emotions within me.

So, I comforted Rosie with passages from Scripture and offered to pray with her; which she gladly accepted. After we prayed, Rosie thanked me again. I then said to Rosie, “Would it be ok if I shared your prayer request with a local church who would love to follow up and care for you?” Rosie said, “Yes” I told Rosie how by God’s grace I had built an app for prayer; her eyes lit up and she exclaimed, “Father!” (I was wearing my clerical collar). I told her, “It’s no big deal, it is just a way to take people’s prayer requests and help churches care for them.” Rosie smiled as I showed her the prayer app (Apple or Android). I asked Rosie what zip code she lived in, entered it and up popped a church. So I asked Rosie for her last name, how she wanted the request entered and for her address and phone number so the church could follow up with her. When Rosie gave me those things, I pushed the “submit” button and up popped the message- “Your form has successfully been submitted”. This made Rosie smile from ear to ear. I told Rosie, “What this technology has done is send an automatic email to the pastor and prayer ministry coordinator telling them what your prayer request is. Rosie smiled and said, “Father that is amazing! I am looking forward to their follow up.”

## NEW JERSEY MISSION LIGHT

What was on my agenda was getting to KS to do a workshop for Pastors and leaders; but that was not what was on God's agenda. He had a daughter in O'Hare who was hurt and needed prayer. Rosie was on God's agenda for me.

Storms humble us; they make us turn to God. Storms are also an opportunity for us to bless others when they are in the middle of one.

Never forget, the storms do come to an end. The disciples do make it across the lake and waiting for them is ministry.

When you are in a storm; it may not be just about you; it may be God's way of getting you to slow down and care for someone next to you. So let us praise God in the stormy weather as well.

*"Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble and He brought them out of their distress; He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed."* (Psalm 107:28-29)

Download free the Apple version of "iPrayU": [https://appsto.re/us/f\\_wz7.i](https://appsto.re/us/f_wz7.i)

Download free the Android version of "iPrayU":

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.r04r.urbanmissionslcms738&hl=en>



To add your church to the iPray Network simply go to [www.ahouseofprayer.net](http://www.ahouseofprayer.net). Click on the "Pastors" button and then click on the "Sign Up" button.

*The "iPrayU" app and network could become a great tool for you and your members in connecting with people in your community and caring for them with the love of Jesus. At this writing there are over 1100 families, like Rosie's, who are being blessed by this prayer app. There are over 150 pastors/congregations who have signed up and are now using this ministry and outreach tool.*

Rev. Jim Buckman  
Pastoral Counselor  
LWML NJ District







# Gospel Outreach



Good News!! In September of 2015, we paid our third grant to Dr. Kristen Schmaltz who serves with Compassion Evangelical Hospital (CEH), in Mamou, Guinea, West Africa. A pediatrician and experienced medical missionary to Guinea, Kristen has a passion for working among the Pular people, the majority of whom are Muslim. She helped to organize the new missionary medical facility by working with others to hire qualified local staff members, obtain medications, and attend to patients. Kristen also led CEH construction workers in early morning Bible studies! In August of 2008, she joyfully reported back to her supporters that the first patient of CEH had received Jesus Christ as Savior.

Dr. Schmaltz is not “salaried” by CEH. Like most missionaries, she is dependent on sponsoring congregations and individuals for her financial support. This grant of \$3000 will help support her ministry to the Pular people of Guinea, West Africa and will go towards medical supplies for the people’s physical health, and Bibles and teaching aids for their spiritual health.

**Dr. Kristen Schmaltz:**  
**Medical Missionary to Guinea, Africa**  
**\$3000**

**PAID!**

**\*Playground Equipment for**  
**Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool**  
**in Hackettstown, NJ**  
**\$3000**




**Working on Grant #4**

Our next grant will be new playground equipment for Christian Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool in Hackettstown. Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations; and Educated Christian youth are a means of spreading His Word to future generations. The Christian Board of Education of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is aware of the need. In response, they must purchase new playground equipment for its Christian Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool in order to comply with 2014 State of New Jersey playground safety requirements. Our next LWML grant for the sum of \$3000 will go to help fund the purchase of new playground equipment for the Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool in Hackettstown, NJ.

Please keep sending in your mites. We have two grants left to pay. We are collecting mites at a much slower rate than last biennium. You may want to consider a special fund-raiser for mites or maybe a special offering in your congregations. Whatever you do keep our mite grant recipients in your prayers.

Keep those mites coming! They work miracles!

Susan Donnelly  
VP of Gospel Outreach  
LWML NJ District



NJ District Mites Collected To-date:	\$13,200
Mites needed by 3/31/16:	\$ 8,800
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Total NJ Mite Goal for 2014-16 Biennium:	\$22,000
(25% goes to National LWML mite goal)	

## Your Mites at Work....

To: Lutheran Women's Missionary League of NJ

Thank you for standing with us as we give the best medical and surgical care possible according to the means that God provides, with compassion, and sharing the gospel of Christ clearly with everyone who comes. We thank you for your generous gift!

In Christ's Love,

*Kristen*

Kristen Schmalz, MD  
Compassion Evangelical Hospital  
Guinea, West Africa

**Thank you!**

"Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song O mountains! For the Lord comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones." Isaiah 49:13

### K-9 Comfort Dogs on the Scene after Campus Shootings

Last biennium LWML granted \$30,000 to Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) to train three K-9 Comfort Dogs to aid those who share the love of Jesus and help spread the Gospel to people who are hurting and in need.

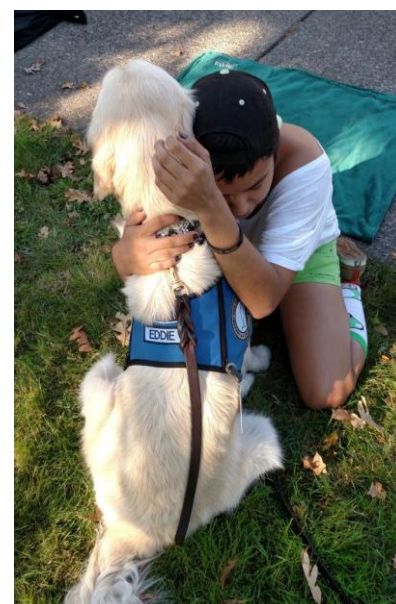
After the 10/2/15 shooting at Umpqua Community College, a second team of LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs and handlers arrived in Roseburg, Oregon to supplement the original team of six dogs and twelve handlers. The administration of Umpqua Community College requested the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs as the only outside group to be present when students returned to classes on the campus where mass shootings claimed ten lives and seriously injured nine.



## (K-9 Comfort Dogs con't.)

Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities says, "In the midst of crisis God works - and works through His people. Healing, hope, compassion, the listening presence of another, and the soft fur of a Comfort Dog; all things that God does and works through. What an impact for Jesus Christ in bringing the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering!"

Deployed team leader Rich Martin said, "We have never prayed with more people in a deployment than this one. It is non-stop, people wanting to talk and wanting us to pray!"



Your support of mission grants through mite offerings relieves suffering, shares Christ's peace, and spreads the Gospel to a world in need of God's love. For more information on the 2013-2015 grant for K-9 Comfort dogs, visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).



## LWML New Jersey District Calendar of Events

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Date	Time	Event
Feb 13, 2016	9:30 – 11:30am	LWML Executive Committee Meeting Review of Mission Grant applications and Convention Registration
Mar 5, 2016	9am – 10am 10am -12 noon	LWML Executive Committee Meeting LWML Board of Directors Meeting LCMS NJ District Office, 1168 Springfield Ave, Mountainside, NJ
June 25, 2016	10am – 12 noon	LWML Board Meeting at the Hyatt Morristown Review agenda and facilities for District Convention
Aug. 5-7, 2016	All day programming	LWML NJ District Convention Hyatt Morristown, Morristown, NJ Theme: Keep Calm and Soldier On! Eph. 6:10-18
Sept 10, 2016	9am – 10am 10am-12 noon	LWML Executive Committee Meeting LWML Board of Directors Meeting LCMS NJ District Office
Nov. 5, 2016	9am – 4pm	NJ District Fall Retreat Crane's Mill
June 22-25, 2017	All day programming	National LWML Convention Salt Lake City, UT Theme: Jesus Christ Above All – Phil 2:9



**Serve the Lord with Gladness!**  
**Ps 100:2**

## Changes in Your New Jersey District Executive Board:

Tricia Rowold has stepped down from her District Treasurer's position due to personal reasons, but we would like to thank her for her years of distinguished service as our Treasurer. Sara Hanson has accepted the appointment to fulfill the remainder of Tricia's term until our next District Convention. Mite money should now be mailed to Sara Hanson at 38 Penn Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860. (see new remittance form below)

Christy Ndem has accepted the appointment of Vice President, Special Focus Ministries which covers our YWR (Young Woman Representative) program and our Heart-2-Heart (H2H) Sisters Program for multicultural women. Christy was commissioned as our H2H Sister for the NJ District at the National LWML Convention in Des Moines, IA and is also serving on the H2H Sisters National LWML Committee.

Susan Harnos, the chair of our nominating committee, is accepting nominations for the following offices for our District Convention in August: VP of Gospel Outreach, Secretary, and Treasurer. (See nominating form on next page.)



Pictured (Left to Right):  
Christy Ndem, new VP of Special  
Focus Ministries; Arlene Price, NJ  
District President; and Sara  
Hanson, new District Treasurer

## LWML New Jersey District 2016 Mite Box/Quarterly Remittance Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:

**LWML NJ District**

Send remittance form and check to:

**Sara Hanson  
38 Penn Avenue  
Newton, NJ 07860**

Mite Box Offering: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LWML Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Subscription**

\$6.50 for 10 copies or more

\$8.00 for 9 copies or less

**TOTAL REMITTANCE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Society Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Nomination Form for District Office

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LWML New Jersey District Convention

Aug. 5 - 7, 2016

Morristown, NJ

(Bylaws: Article XIII, Section 2)

### Circle Nominated District Position on Ballot:

VP of Gospel Outreach

Secretary

Treasurer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home congregation & zone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of consent by nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Send Nomination Form to:**

Susan Harnos, Chairman

709 Amherst Rd.

Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734

609-971-9786 or seharnos@verizon.net

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this completed form to the person you are nominating and ask that she sign the consent line.

Please make a copy for your records before mailing to nominating committee.

Deadline for submitting Nominating Forms is March 15, 2016.



Resources for NJ Societies: Check out [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

## eQuarterly at Your Fingertips

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's (LWML) magazine, the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, is now available in a digital version, accessible from your tablet or phone. When you order the eQuarterly you will have access to every article in recent issues and quick links to Bible study leader guides, current Mission Grant updates, and more! The LWML is offering you a special preview of the 2015 spring issue of this wonderful magazine in the digital version free. Just click [here](#) and enjoy every story, devotion, and Bible study.

Go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or call 800-252-5965 to subscribe, change address, or get back issues. Order the print, digital, or both editions: One year, \$6.50; Three years, \$18; Five years, \$28.



Much loved Christian humorist Jan Struck shares her story in the 2015 spring issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

**Jan will be at our NJ District Convention!**



Check out resources to help you attract more young women to your society! Make your group friendly to women of all ages!



Under Women in Mission University, there is now a powerpoint presentation entitled, "LWML 104", as part of an ongoing series of educational updates on LWML and what you can do at a society level to further God's work in the mission field.



# Photo Gallery from Fall District Retreat



Singing the closing hymn



Maria and Millie enjoy the  
NJ District Retreat



Group Discussion



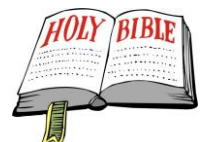
Arlene with past District Presidents Susan  
Donnelly, Eleanor Hoffmann and Ginger Starrett



Group Breakouts



Fifty-five women  
enjoyed the Fall  
District Retreat with  
our opening  
worship service  
with Communion,  
followed by  
Bible Study, Prayer,  
Group Discussion,  
and Singing.





## **LWML New Jersey District Executive Committee**

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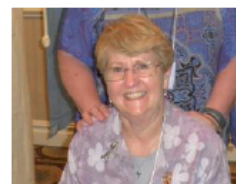
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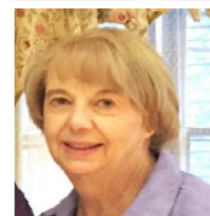
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