



# New Jersey Mission Light



## *A message from our president...*

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Greetings to my Sisters in Christ,

Wow, what a year 2020 has been! Tornadoes in Texas, Coronavirus, ventilator shortages. What next? New words have entered our vocabulary: social distancing, self-quarantining, Zoom meetings. Life has certainly been turned upside down! It reminds me of what's written in St. James 4:13-17. We confidently map out our future, while ignoring that God, too, has a plan.

As I write this, the order for social distancing has been extended causing the cancellation or postponement of many upcoming events, including our zone rallies. These past two years, I have enjoyed visiting your unique local churches and meeting the faithful women of the LWML. As these events are rescheduled, I look forward to being back on the road, enjoying your fellowship.

Until then, the Executive Board and our Convention Chairperson, Ginger Starrett, continue with plans for the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML New Jersey District, Aug 28-30, 2020. We hope you have circled that date on your calendar and look forward to seeing you there. Based on the theme "Living Water", our goal is to offer you the opportunity to relax, soak in the Son, and worship together as we attend to district business.

Until then, please continue in prayer for our church and nation as we face this epidemic. Continue to look for opportunities that God has opened for us to express our love for Jesus. Then, if our plans align with God's plans, we will be rejoicing as one body in Harvey Cedars, NJ this summer. Now that's something to look forward to!

Your fellow servant of Christ,

*Susan Harnos*

President

LWML- New Jersey District

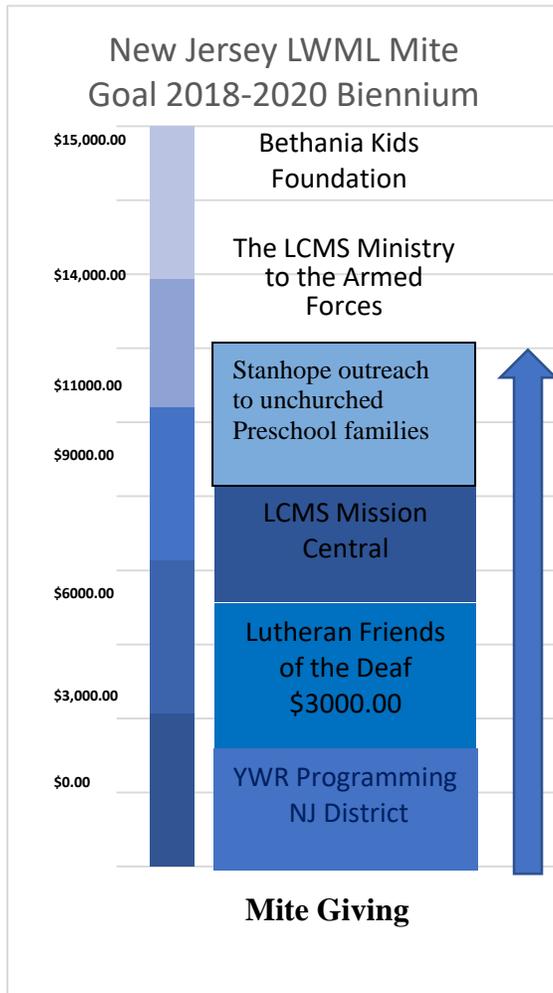
PS. Just because our groups are not meeting, does not mean our obligation to support this biennium's mite grants is not needed. You can send your personal mite donations directly to our new treasurer, Brenda Breza, at 420 Chestnut Drive, Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734, and she will make sure your society is credited.





# Gospel Outreach

## Gospel Outreach Report



Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
 According to Sarah’s report on March 12, 2020 income for MITES were \$6,011.90. Expenditures from MITES was \$4,559.02. We were left with \$1,452.88 towards our 4<sup>th</sup> MITE PROJECT which is Our Savior Stanhope submitted by Barbara Giaquinto for Outreach to the Unchurched Preschool Families. Our new treasurer Brenda’s update for MITES was that another \$673.88 is available for MITE Projects which brings our available funds to \$2,126.76. **WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> MITE PROJECT.** Praise God!!! We are now \$126.76 towards our 5<sup>th</sup> Mite Project The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. We need \$2,873.24 to complete this grant.

Our March for Mites has raised about \$800 so far with Mountain Lakes leading the giving. We will be close to \$1000.00 by April 11<sup>th</sup>. Since many of our societies cannot access their Mite givings at their church we have extended March for Mites till May 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember it is either a society or an individual who has given the most. So keep those MITES coming. I know we can raise the last \$4000 to complete our Mite Grants by June 30, 2020. Thank you Ladies for being so faithful in your giving.

Since Covid19 has changed how our Spring Rallies will look or meet I just wanted to wish all of you a very Blessed Easter. Please stay safe and well during this very difficult time. Hold on to Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Praying all of you are well and keeping safe during these times. I am thankful that God’s word is getting out to more people than just those in our pews. Blessings to all of you.

Caren Vogt  
 VP, Gospel Outreach



### Convention Ingathering 8-2020

For Convention the BOD has approved our ingathering. Backpacks for children. 16 million children live in extreme poverty in the US and with Covid19 that number will rise over the next few months. We are asking you to bring as many backpacks that you are able filled with the following items: 3 folders, 2 notebooks, 1 pk of #2 pencils, 1 pk of Post its, 2 pens, a pk of crayons, a pencil pouch with ruler, eraser, & pencil sharpener. These will be given to our Church’s food banks to be given out. Thank you for your generosity.

Pillowcase Dresses: Bring your portable sewing machine, scissors, Measuring tape, spools of thread, double fold bias tape (2 ¼ yds for each dress) fabric, rickrack or lace for trimming. If you can cut or measure, you are needed.

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

***Rev. Richard Vossler***  
***Pastoral Counselor***  
***LWML NJ District***



Dear Friends in Christ,

It's been just over a month since we started physical distancing in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. How is that going for you? For some of you, maybe you are feeling isolated, stuck in your own home. Maybe that's because you are working from home (which has its pluses and minuses). Perhaps it's because you're now homeschooling your children (which again has pluses and minuses). Or, you could be retired and it is not safe for you to go outside. On the other hand, if you are in the health care field, then you are no doubt working extra hard. In any case, this has become the "new normal," and it's also raised many questions and concerns, especially if you know someone who is suffering, or perhaps has passed away from the virus. Maybe you are wondering, "Why is this happening? Where is God in all of this?"

In the Bible, when Peter wrote his first letter to the Christians in and around Rome, his readers were suffering as well. They were being threatened with death by the Roman authorities at that time. They were probably wondering where God was in their suffering. Why was God letting them suffer and die at the hands of the Roman soldiers

In that letter, Peter assured his readers of God's continuing care and protection in their lives, beginning with their baptisms. In baptism they were united not only into Jesus' death on the cross, but also to His resurrection from the dead. This is the important point to Peter's letter — Jesus' resurrection gave them hope and a joy that is so much greater than any suffering they could be going through. This joy belonged to them because God gave them faith and strengthened this faith while they were suffering. The goal of this faith was the joy and hope of eternal life. Peter's letter was not a utopian panacea that ignored suffering. Rather, it showed the readers that the Lord was beside them, caring for them, strengthening their faith, and giving them the joy and hope of eternal life.

This same hope and joy, in the glory of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life, belongs to you as well. As Jesus was with the readers in Peter's time through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is with you also, and He understands your suffering. After all, He died on the cross for your sins, then became alive again to show the world that He had defeated sin, death, and the power of the devil. You see, this is what Peter emphasizes for you — the overwhelming joy of eternal life with our Lord, as God strengthens your faith. It's the theme of Peter's letter. The joy of eternal life defeats your suffering.

So now, how do you deal with this "new normal?" In a very real sense, our Lord is beside us in whatever situation we are in. He is with us, strengthening our faith and helping us to focus on the real joy — eternal life in heaven with Jesus. What a wonderful comfort this is, how God gives us this joy and hope, even in the midst of suffering.

*Pastor Vossler*

## Around the New Jersey District....



### South Jersey Zone Christmas Party



This year the South Jersey Zone / Holy Cross, Bordentown held its rally / Christmas Party at Hamilton Tap and Grill. Carol Beisman and Sue Kiiffner began the event with a Let's Decorate the Mitten Tree devotion. Throughout the devotion, participants were asked to bring a donated pair of mittens to attach to the tree. Carols were sung in between and at the end Pranali treated us to a beautiful solo. Afterwards we ordered dinner and played games while waiting to be served



### Sewing Circle Servant Event

On Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, sixteen women met for a sewing servant event hosted by King of Kings in Mountain Lakes. Richard Gruenhagen from Orphan Grain Train joined us & spoke about the necessity of these pillowcase dresses and tee - shirt pants for the children of Haiti. We completed 39 dresses and 10 pairs of boy shorts. Several of the women took home uncompleted dresses that when finished can be returned to King of Kings or Village Lutheran Church in Lanoka Harbor. The ladies of King of Kings provided coffee, tea and tasty treats for refreshments. We will also be making pillow case dresses at our New Jersey District Convention in August. (see the next page for pictures from this servant event)

### Treasure in the Closet

While gathering supplies for the recent sewing event, I came across the above pictured sewing machine in the back of our church closet. The machine was in a carrying case and weighed a ton. It had a nice straight stitch but a funky smell so I decided to take the lighter Singer portable. The name Bamberger's caught my eye. Doing some research and with the help of Jeanne Van Steen, I contacted the NJ Historical Society in Newark. Turns out the society currently has a Bamberger's exhibit and would welcome the machine to be on display. Who knew what value this machine, stuffed in the back of a closet, could have?

With many of our members looking for ways to pass the time while self-isolating and zones postponing activities until the governor gives us the okay to congregate, why not use this time to go through our homes and clear the clutter. Do we really need to hold on to all that fills our closets?

We are living in challenging times but as Christians we need to point others to the hope we have in Jesus. So, while we are forced to have extra time at home, let's first go to the Lord in prayer, then put our heads together, think outside the box and mobilize to come through this ordeal stronger.

Your fellow servant of Christ,

*Susan H.*



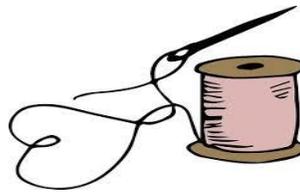
# "Sewing Circle"

*NJ District LWML*

*King of Kings*

*Mountain Lakes*

*Feb. 15, 2020*



# Lakeland Zone Virtual Spring Rally: A Zoomin' Good Time!

New ground was broken on April 26<sup>th</sup> when thirty-two women from twelve LCMS churches, and one pastor, met via Zoom for our first virtual LWML Spring Rally for the Lakeland Zone of New Jersey.

The afternoon began with an opening devotional, "He is Risen!" led by Rev. Richard Vossler, our District Pastoral Counselor. Following our business meeting, Ola Odedele, the LWML NJ District Publicity Relations Director, talked to us about "Sharing Active Leadership Techniques (S.A.L.T.)." This included a discussion on leadership lessons learned from a wolf pack, and playing Purple Feud (Family Feud, but LWML-style!).

It was great to be together (albeit virtually), see each other's faces, carry on the work of the LWML, and serve the Lord with gladness!





## Heart to Heart Sisters



*The Heart to Heart Sisters Program is an intentional effort to ensure that multicultural women participate in the fellowship and work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).*



*Through the Heart to Heart Sisters Program, we recognize that the body of Christ grows and is strengthened when all women are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged to be active partners in the shared mission of the LWML.*



Thank you for your service in the LWML. You can encourage multicultural women in New Jersey district on two levels:

**Individuals** — All women in our churches can be wonderful additions to the LWML as sisters in Christ serving the Lord with gladness. Make an intentional effort to seek out, meet, and invite women of all cultures to join in telling others about Jesus through words and actions.

**Zones** — After scheduling events or meetings, reach out to churches in your zone that do not have LWML groups and encourage all women to participate.



To find out more, go to [www.lwml.org/heart-to-heart-sisters](http://www.lwml.org/heart-to-heart-sisters)

or contact your Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader, Roshay Wilson 347.218.3755 or Christy Ndem 908.392.5549

# Reaching Out to Women in Our LWML Groups While Staying Safer at Home



By Ola Odedele,  
Publicity Director  
LWML NJ District

Even though we cannot be in contact with members physically, we should still be intentional about connecting with women who are active in LWML as well as those who may be new to the organization. As we discussed during our Assembly of Leaders trainings, we cannot simply rely on sending general emails to our church distribution lists. We must be intentional about reaching women to participate in LWML activities. Send information directly to women in your churches and zones by email. Call or email women individually to check on them.

As a reminder of what we have discussed, below are links to presentations about reaching women of different generations, reaching women of different cultures and engaging and retaining volunteers (aka LWML members). These presentations as well as a link to all of the Assembly of Leaders (AOL) presentations and resources can be found in the [Resources](#) section of the LWML NJ District website. If you were unable to attend the trainings, I encourage you to browse the resources on our website that have been tailored for NJ District and browse the Assembly of Leaders resources on the [LWML website](#) for additional presentations, including slides and videos.

- [Reaching Women of Different Generations](#)
- [Reaching Women of Different Cultures](#)
- [Engaging and Retaining Volunteers](#)

If you have questions about these resources or want to discuss further, please contact:

- Reaching Women of Different Generations - Alicia Starrett, District Secretary, at [aliciastarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:aliciastarrett@yahoo.com)
  - Reaching Women of Different Cultures - Ola Odedele, District PR Director and Website/Facebook co-editor, at [olajumoke.odedele@gmail.com](mailto:olajumoke.odedele@gmail.com) and/or Christy Ndem, VP of Special Focus Ministries, at [csndm@aol.com](mailto:csndm@aol.com)
  - Engaging and Retaining Volunteers - Ola Odedele
  - Assembly of Leaders (AOL) 2018 - Susan Harnos, District President, at [seharnos@verizon.net](mailto:seharnos@verizon.net); Alicia Starrett; Ola Odedele; Susan Donnelly, Past National Chair Mission Grants, at [rvsjdonn@comcast.net](mailto:rvsjdonn@comcast.net); Ginger Starrett, National Secretary, at [starrettfam@comcast.net](mailto:starrettfam@comcast.net); and/or Pastor Vossler, District Senior Pastoral Counselor, at [rvossler@minister.com](mailto:rvossler@minister.com)
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Whoever believes in me;  
rivers of living water will flow  
from within them.  
John 7:38



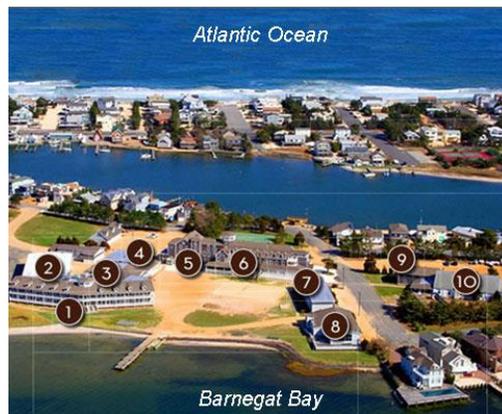
# The 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML New Jersey District August 28-30, 2020 Harvey Cedars NJ

The ladies from South Jersey and the Raritan Valley Zones are busy planning the upcoming New Jersey District's 25<sup>th</sup> biennial convention and hope that you've already marked your calendars to join us August 28-30. Our convention site is the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference center located on the Barnegat Bay side of Long Beach Island, Jersey Shore at its best! Besides the business side of convention, we'll again have the traditional Gifts from the Heart ingathering, onsite service project & mission walk. Different this time is Friday night game night, a gift basket auction instead of raffle, & Saturday evening we'll be outside around a fire pit. (Anyone with a guitar for campfire songs?) Sunday after breakfast and devotions at the gazebo, you will have free time to enjoy the different activities on campus, talk with exhibitors or explore the surrounding area. Because HCBC continues to adhere to its founding Christian roots, it is family friendly and you are encouraged to bring them with you. Special guests include: Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollman, Concordia NY, for Bible study, Linda Gage, Gift Planning Counselor, Arlene Naasz, LWML Meeting Manager.

So, pack your sun hat, beach chair, and Bible to join us at the shore for a relaxing weekend of soaking up the Son!

*Your Convention Committee*

*Susan Harnos    Ginger Starrett*



# Registration Form



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rivers of living water will flow  
from within them.  
John 7:38



**LWML New Jersey District 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**

**Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, Harvey Cedars, NJ**

**August 28-30, 2020**

**Registration Deadline: August 1, 2020**

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

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

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church & City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Society Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate    Alternate    District Officer    LWML Member    YWR    Guest  
Pastor    Pastor's Wife    H2H Sister    Exhibitor    Past NJ District President

Circle all that apply:

## **Part I:**

Registration Details: (One Person per registration form; This form can be copied and shared with others)

- |  |       |                                |
|--|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Registration postmarked on or before June 15, 2020      | \$100 | 1. _____                       |
| 2. Registration deadline August 1, 2020                    | \$125 | 2. _____                       |
| 3. Clergy/Pastoral Counselor/Vendor    No registration fee |       | 3. _____                       |
| 4. Mission Prayer Walk on Friday    Attending?             |       | 4. <u>Y / N</u> (circle) _____ |
| 5. Voluntary Mite Contribution for Mission Grants          |       | 5. _____                       |
| 6. Room or meal package, see Part II                       |       | 6. _____                       |

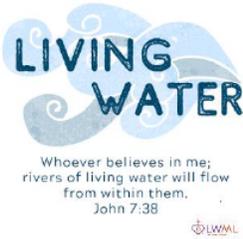
Total registration fees & room cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs:  Accessibility  Child Care  Dietary    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/family member in case of emergency:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

# Room and Meal Options



LWML New Jersey District

25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

August 28-30, 2020



**Part II:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Church / Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: Gluten free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Free \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Room Rates\* at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference:

- 1. Single occupancy: \$325. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Double occupancy, per person: \$215. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Triple occupancy, per person: \$185. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Day guest pass, per person: \$ 45. \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Total cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable:  
 LWML New Jersey District  
 c/o Village Lutheran Church  
 701 Western Blvd  
 Lanoka Harbor NJ 08734  
 Note "2020 Convention" on check  
 Contact person: Brenda Breza  
 (609) 693-7602

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\*Room rates are for a package that includes a room for both Friday and Saturday nights plus 3 meals on Saturday with breakfast & lunch on Sunday. Day guest price includes all meals and use of facilities for that day.

# Mission Grant Ballot: 2020-22 Biennium

Church	Name of Grant/Description	Amount
Our Savior – Fair Lawn	Good Shepherd Mission/meals for homeless	\$1000
GoAhead Mission -Ridgefield	Leadership Conference for Korean Children	\$1000
St John - Bloomfield	Bloomfield College Campus Ministry	\$3000
Mile Square Church -Hoboken	Christopher Columbus Gardens – Outreach	\$1800
King of Kings –Mtn Lakes	Retaining Wall for Preschool	\$ 750
Calvary - Medford	Rebuilding education program @ Calvary	\$1680
Somerset Hills- Basking Ridge	Dr.Kristen Schmaltz/Compassion Evangel. Hosp.	\$1500
Gethsemane - Hackettstown	Stem Station for Gethsemane’s Preschool	\$1200
Prince of Peace - Hamburg	Grace’s Food Pantry in Franklin, NJ	\$2000
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	Catechisms for Missionaries in India	\$1000
POBLO International	Outreach to the Muslims Training Seminar:	\$1000
Ministry in Mission, LCMS	Lutheran Villages in Haiti	\$1000

## Meet Our New Executive Committee Members:

### Leslie Vergallito – Vice – President Christian Life and Servant Resources



Leslie has been “serving the Lord with gladness” through the LWML for more years than she would like to admit. Leslie last held the position of president of the women’s group at Redeemer Lutheran in Manchester, NJ. After Super Storm Sandy, Leslie left the Jersey Shore to settle in Denville. To relax, Leslie enjoys the humming of her sewing machine. She currently worships at King of Kings, Mountain Lakes and would like to work at reviving the LWML in New Jersey congregations.

### Brenda Breza - Treasurer



Brenda is an active member of Village Lutheran Church, Lanoka Harbor. During the past 20 years, she has served as treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, alter guild, usher & media person. In LWML’s Ladies Guild Brenda is currently president and for many years served as treasurer. For faith growth, she reads daily Mustard Seed devotions, participates in weekly group Bible study and enjoys spending quiet time at home. Now retired, Brenda is happy to put her accounting skills to use as our LWML NJ District treasurer. Brenda’s address is: 420 Chestnut Drive, Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734.

# Mark Your LWML Calendars!

Date	Time	Event
Aug 28-30, 2020	All day programming	LWML New Jersey District Convention Harvey Cedars Conference Center 12 Cedars Ave, Harvey Cedars, NJ Theme: Living Water – John 7:38
Oct. 18, 2020	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Lakeland Zone Fall Rally Holy Faith Lutheran Church Oak Ridge, NJ
Nov. 7, 2020	8:30am – 4:00pm	New Jersey District Fall Retreat Crane’s Mill – West Caldwell, NJ
June 24-27, 2021	All day programming	National LWML Convention Lexington, KY Theme: “Running the Race... Looking to Jesus” Heb. 12:1-2

*Thank You*

We have received thank letters from three of our past grant recipients, LHF, LSM and Millneck. This shows how your mite money is put into action. Please keep up your mite giving during this pandemic so we can reach our mite goal and be of service to more people in need and spread the Gospel.  
To God be the Glory!



Susan Harms  
LWML NJ District President  
750 Amherst Road  
Lakeland, NJ 08734

November 21, 2019

Dear Susan and LWML members,

Thank you for making Christmas extra special for the residents at Sterling Village. The \$100 gift cards (\$50) will go to some of the residents as Christmas gifts. The seniors that live in this affordable housing are just getting by and your gifts make a big difference. The residents sometimes feel forgotten and they appreciate being remembered at Christmas. Thank you for making an effort by sending the gift cards and remembering the residents of Sterling Village. You helped to share in the Christmas spirit. I have one more favor to ask, please remember the residents of Sterling Village in your prayers this Christmas season.

Thank you for the gifts that allow us to build relationships and work to make the lives better for the people we serve. Thank you for your gift and taking the time to reach out and care for others.

Sincerely,  
*Beth Gebhart*  
Beth Gebhart  
Director  
Community Relations and  
Volunteers  
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Established in 1947 by  
Lutheran Friends of the Deaf

Susan E. Harms, President  
LWML, New Jersey District  
1188 Springfield Ave  
Mountainside, NJ 07092-2906

December 31, 2019

Dear Mrs. Harms,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$3,000.00 to Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (LFD). Your gift is designated for Spanish and ASL Bible Story Books. Your support helps us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Deaf people of all ages locally, nationally and around the world. We envision a world in which the Deaf community participates equally and fully in the Body of Christ.

Established in 1947, LFD is the founding organization of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck Services, and Mill Neck Foundation. Lutheran Friends of the Deaf provides resources, instruction and support services to the global Deaf community for access to the Word of God so that they will receive forgiveness, life and salvation in Jesus Christ.

We are sincerely grateful for your faith and support of our work. If you have any questions, or would like information about our current LFD projects, please call Deaconess Phyllis Yee at (214) 624-4229 or email at [pyee@lfdusa.org](mailto:pyee@lfdusa.org).

Thank you again, and God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
*Kathleen Lapinski*  
Kathleen Lapinski  
Interim CEO

Please Note: No gifts, services or other items of material value were provided in exchange for this gift. Your gift is fully tax deductible up to the extent allowed by law.



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE:

BIBLE STORYBOOK FOR ASIAN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES



**LWML - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT TELLS ASIAN CHILDREN OF JESUS**

Thanks to the generous support of the LWML - New Jersey District, children in Cambodia and Burma - and immigrant families here in the United States! - are reading and learning about the Savior Jesus in languages they can understand.

A \$2,500 mission grant awarded to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) at the 2016 LWML - New Jersey District convention has helped cover the costs of printing *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into both the Khmer (spoken in Cambodia) and the Burmese languages. The books are given freely to the churches, missionaries and families who need them.

Like most countries in Southeast Asia, Cambodia and Burma (also called Myanmar) are strongly influenced by the Buddhist religion. Fear of spirits and bad karma abound.



But the books that the New Jersey LWML have provided open eyes to a different faith and a new way of life.

"There are many Cambodian people who are impacted by reading a book from LHF," said Rev. Sophia Korn, pictured at left. "One of them is Pious Ny. He is 10 years old and in grade 3. When Pious was 4 years old, his parents broke up and the mother went to get married with another man. His father is a poor fisherman, so Pious, his sister and father moved to his aunt's house to live.

"One day in 2019, when he heard about a pastor teaching *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* to the children in the village, he walked to study with them," he continued. "After learning from the book for

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**Prayer Requests:**

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Additional prayer requests can be emailed to [arlene.lwml@optimum.net](mailto:arlene.lwml@optimum.net) for inclusion in the next newsletter. These can be prayers of thanksgiving or prayers for physical/spiritual needs. Thank you!

- **A prayer for all the frontline responders**, from the healthcare professionals, paramedics, police, firemen, delivery people, grocery store and pharmacy workers, to all essential personnel, who are risking their lives to help all of us during this pandemic. Lord, keep them safe.
- **Continued prayers of healing for Kathy Koenig, Mahwah**, who is in rehab due to a twice fractured hip. The rehab facility is locked down during the COVID-19 pandemic and Midge Koenig is unable to visit her daughter. Please keep Kathy and Midge Koenig in your prayers. You can send Kathy a get-well card at: Care 1 at Valley, 300 Old Hook Road, Westwood, NJ 07675.
- **A prayer for God's Guidance for St. John, Bridgeton**, as they go through the call process. Pray that during these times without a pastor, the congregants aren't discouraged and that God will soon supply the right candidate to be their pastor.
- **A prayer for President Tony Steinbronn's family**, especially his two sons, who have tested positive for COVID-19. Keep them all in God's healing hands.
- **A prayer of thanksgiving for Gretchen Dombro, Redeemer LC, Westfield**. This January Gretchen has become a great-grandmother to Miles Arthur who resides with his parents in FL. Congratulations can be sent to Gretchen at: 621 Townsend Place, North Plainfield NJ, 07063.
- **A prayer of comfort for the loved ones of Barbara Birchenough**, who received her Crown of Life on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Barbara was a nurse working on the front lines with COVID-19 patients and succumbed to the virus. Barbara was the daughter of Thelma Sellmann and sister to Lynn Purner of Our Savior-Stanhope, and a very active member of Our Savior - Fair Lawn. May our Lord's comfort and peace be with Barbara's loved ones, including her husband, four children, and three grandchildren as they mourn her loss during this difficult time. If you'd like to send Thelma a sympathy card, her address is: Boonton Care Center, 199 Powerville Road, Boonton, NJ 07005, Room 110 for Thelma. To send condolences to Lynn Purner, her address is 22 W. Lincoln Ave, Rockaway, NJ 07866. To send condolences to Barbara's immediate family, their address is: 45 Hillside Ave, Midland Park, NJ 07432.



Barbara  
Birchenough

## LWML New Jersey District Executive Committee

### Susan Harnos

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