



# New Jersey Mission Light



*A message from our president...*

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**Greetings Sisters in Christ:**

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? Most resolutions involve improving one's health. Goals of eating healthier, exercising more, are all meant to improve our overall health; especially that of our heart.

I've recently attended the national LWML's President's Assembly meeting in St. Louis. We listened to officer reports, heard from special guests and shared ideas with other district presidents. Throughout the sessions, we were reminded that **we are the Heart of the LWML**. And ladies, that includes each one you! And how can we keep that heart healthy? President Debbie Larson, along with her team (which includes NJ's own: Susan Donnelly) came up with the following guide:

**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.



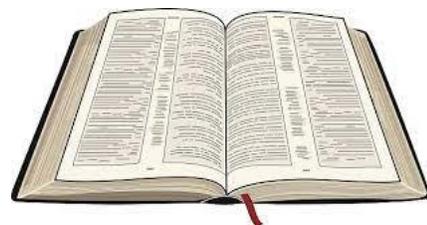
We keep our LWML hearts healthy foremost by being in the Word, privately or with others. Our joy of knowing Jesus paid the full price for our salvation, is expressed in our sharing the Good News at home and afar. Finally, we have internal peace knowing Jesus loves us and is with us, always.

So how can you improve your LWML heart health? There are lots of materials on the LWML website to assist you. Send me your plans on improving your LWML heart health and we'll share them in a future newsletter.

God's peace,

*Susan Harnos*

LWML NJ District President





## UPDATE on MISSION GRANTS



The LWMJ NJ District presented a \$1,200 check to **Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool** in Hackettstown to enhance their program in the areas of math and science. The Preschool spreads God's word as it educates young students and reaches out to the community. Under those masks were smiling faces! Pictured L-R: LWML members Joyce Kennedy and Juanita Barna, Preschool Director Sue Galloway, LWML NJ District Treasurer Brenda Breza, Pastor Tim Drawbaugh, and Teacher Aide Adrianna Luke. In the front row are the adorable students of Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool!

After presenting the check to Gethsemane Preschool some LWML members had time for fellowship. After taking a group photo we were excited to go out to a restaurant to have lunch! It was wonderful to be able to spend some time chatting! Everyone enjoyed our fellowship- a respite from dealing with demands of the pandemic! Did you notice the purple everyone was wearing?



### More 2020-2022 Mission Grants will be receiving funds!!

As we come to end of our list of Mission Grants 2020-2022 biennium, we are able to provide some funding for the last two mission projects. We are able to send \$235.00 to **Dr. Kristen Schmaltz** for the **Community Health Program** that she started at **Compassion Evangelical Hospital** in Mamou, Guinea in West Africa. Dr. Schmaltz goes out to the villages and trains the volunteers to help the villagers with her Health programs. The grant will provide a small amount of the funds needed for programs such as: Discussions for Boy, Days for Girls, and Helping Babies Breathe.

**The Catechisms for Believers and Missionaries in India -Lutheran Heritage Grant** will receive \$235.00 for Luther's Small Catechism in Indian languages. There are more than 20 languages spoken in India. Lutheran Heritage has translated Luther's Small Catechism into seven of those languages. At a cost of \$5/book we can provide 47 catechisms. These catechisms can also be used in the United States with Indian immigrants! Your mite donations have done much to share the Gospel in various ways this biennium. We have provided funds for 8 Mission Grants: In addition to the grants above are the following: Grace's Food Pantry in Franklin; The Mile Square Church in Hoboken; The Good Shepherd Mission in Patterson; King of Kings Preschool in Mountain Lakes; Education program at Calvary Medford; We are never done!!! There is always more work to be done. Our mites add up. We will be selecting new grants for our next biennium in August. What plans does the Lord have for our mites? Prayerfully consider the new proposals when the slate is presented. May the Lord give you wisdom and enthusiasm for His next projects!

By Joanne Naumowicz  
VP, Gospel Outreach





## NJ District Mission Grants 2020-22 Biennium

Purpose	Sponsoring Ministry	Amount
1. Grace's Food Pantry, Franklin, NJ	Prince of Peace, Hamburg, NJ	Paid \$2000
2. Christopher Columbus Gardens -Hoboken	Mile Square Church - Hoboken	Paid \$1800
3. Good Shepherd Mission – Paterson, NJ	Our Savior, Fair Lawn, NJ	Paid \$1000
4. Bloomfield College Campus Ministry	St. John, Bloomfield, NJ	Rescinded \$3000
5. Retaining Wall for Preschool	King of Kings, Mtn. Lakes, NJ	Paid \$750
6. Rebuilding Education Program	Calvary, Medford, NJ	Paid \$1680
7. Gethsemane Preschool STEM Program	Gethsemane, Hackettstown, NJ	Paid \$1200
8. Dr. Kristin Schmaltz – Compassion Evangelical Hospital, Guinea, West Africa	Somerset Hills Lutheran Church Basking Ridge, NJ	\$235 Paid
9. Catechisms for Believers in India	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$235
Total of 9 grants to fund for this biennium		\$11,900



## February 2022

### Mite Challenge Calendar



**UNCEASING PRAYER:** *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-10 NIV).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 1.</b> <b>Donate 20¢</b>	2 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 2.</b> <b>Donate 50¢</b>	3 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 3.</b> <b>Donate 25¢</b>	4 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 4.</b> <b>Donate 35¢</b>	5 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 5.</b> <b>Donate 45¢</b>
6 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 6.</b> <b>Donate 20¢</b>	7 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 7.</b> <b>Donate 40¢</b>	8 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 8.</b> <b>Donate 25¢</b>	9 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 9.</b> <b>Donate 50¢</b>	10 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 10.</b> <b>Donate 40¢</b>	11 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 11.</b> <b>Donate 30¢</b>	12 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 12.</b> <b>Donate 45¢</b>
13 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 13.</b> <b>Donate 35¢</b>	14 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 14.</b> <b>Donate 50¢</b>	15 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 15.</b> <b>Donate 20¢</b>	16 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 16.</b> <b>Donate 35¢</b>	17 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 17.</b> <b>Donate 45¢</b>	18 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 18.</b> <b>Donate 25¢</b>	19 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 19.</b> <b>Donate 50¢</b>
20 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 20.</b> <b>Donate 40¢</b>	21 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 21.</b> <b>Donate 20¢</b>	22 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 22.</b> <b>Donate 30¢</b>	23 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 23.</b> <b>Donate 45¢</b>	24 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 24.</b> <b>Donate 25¢</b>	25 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 25.</b> <b>Donate 50¢</b>	26 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 26.</b> <b>Donate 30¢</b>
27 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 27.</b> <b>Donate 20¢</b>	28 Read and pray for <b>Mission Grant 28.</b> <b>Donate 45¢</b>	To read about each Mission Grant, go to the LWML website, Missions tab, Mission Grants, click on the grant number in the 2021-2023 Mission Grant list.  <a href="http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants">http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants</a>				

Rev. Matt Haas  
District Counselor  
LWML NJ District



*Greetings!*

As you peruse through the cards in hallmark, you might notice a common theme leading up to Valentine's Day. That theme is "love". Love is expressed through poems and fancy sayings printed on heart shaped cards. Some cards express love in comedic ways while other cards express love in romantic ways. Each card articulates love in different ways. On some cards you might even find a well-known bible verse. *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.<sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. Saint Paul is speaking about a very specific type of love in this passage... *agape* love.

Agape love is sacrificial love; a type of love that serves others. Christian community is knitted together and expands through agape love. We are called to live in agape love because of Jesus who is the very essence of agape love for us. The greatest image of this type of love is not found in the card aisle of hallmark. Agape love is found on the cross because it was on the cross where Jesus died for our sins. Saint Paul describes this best in the Book of Romans, *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* **Romans 5:8**. There is a song that is often sung in church called "We love because he first loved us". The words come from 1 John 4:19 and the type of love expressed there is agape love. We sacrificially love because Christ first sacrificially loved us.

Peace in Christ,

*Rev. Matthew Haas*



# Around the New Jersey District....



## A Big New Jersey Welcome to Rev. Adam Carnehl and his family!

On behalf of the LWML NJ District, Alice Schmidt and Arlene Price presented Rev. Carnehl a welcome gift at his installation on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Randolph, NJ.

## Lakeland Zone Fall Rally Presentation of Gifts of the Heart for Hurricane Victims

On October 19, 2021, Somerset Hills Lutheran Church Women's Guild members, Ola Odedele and Julia Sabella, presented the Lakeland Zone Rally Gifts from the Heart to Pastor Loretta Hall of St. Paul Baptist Church, Somerville, NJ. Over 555 toiletry items for men, women and children were donated for St. Paul Baptist Church's distribution to individuals affected by Hurricane Ida in Manville and surrounding areas. Toiletry items included diapers, body wash and shaving cream. Additional donations were funded by a Thrivent Action Grant. This mission was initiated by Christy Ndem, Heart to Heart District Leader and National Heart to Heart Committee member 2015-2017, and Olajumoke Odedele, National YWR 2017.



## Raritan Zone Christmas Activities

In December the ladies from Village Lutheran Church visited a local assisted living facility to assist residents in spreading Christmas cheer. The residents chose from a variety of cards to either mail or handout to friends &/or staff. Our ladies assisted in addressing envelopes. The time ended with munching on cookies and sharing favorite Christmas traditions and movies. The ladies also hosted a Christmas Craft Zoom party for NJ Bethesda Home. Residents made Christmas tree ornaments, using painted pasta... very crafty ladies!



**LIVE NATIVITY AT KING OF KINGS IN MOUNTAIN LAKES – December 4, 2021**



**LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**It's time to review the LWML Quarterly subscriptions for our New Jersey District!** Decreases in LWML Quarterly subscriptions can be made once a year by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Increases and changes of address can be made anytime during the year. The rate for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly currently \$7.50 per subscription for less than 10 copies to the same address and \$6.00 per subscription for 10 or more copies to same address. E-copies of the Quarterly can be ordered at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Please contact me if you have any questions on your Quarterly Subscription.

God's Blessings,

Brenda Breza  
LWML NJ District Treasurer,





## SERVANT EVENT

*Sponsored by:*

*LWML NJ District*

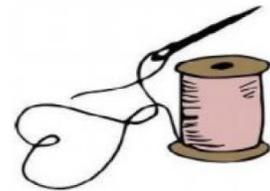
**When:** Saturday, February 12, 2022

**Time:** 10 am - 2 pm

**Where:** King of Kings LC, Mountain Lakes NJ

**Register:** [www.LWMLNJ.net](http://www.LWMLNJ.net) or

**Lesley Vergallito, 10 Brookview Rd, Denville, NJ 07834**



For our third annual Sewing Circle, we will be making baby quilts to be distributed by The Open-Door Pregnancy Center, Toms River, NJ. Attendees are asked to bring 10½" cotton fabric squares for the quilt tops. Women are needed to arrange &/or sew squares together. Also needed are soft cotton pieces at a minimum of 36" x 48" for backing. Unfinished quilts may be brought home to complete and returned to King of Kings or donated to a local pregnancy center.

We'll begin with devotions @ 10am then get to work. Coffee, ice tea along with light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch.

For more information call: Lesley Vergallito: 732-598-1847



## Nominations for the 2022 -2026 Election

What picture comes to mind when you think of active LWML women? Women who, on a moment's notice, cater a church dinner? Sew mismatch swatches of fabric into a lovely quilt? Or create beautiful art pieces from recycled items? Ever feel intimidated because you're not skilled at cooking, sewing or crafting? Did you ever think that the LWML also needs women skilled in administration? Paul writes in 1 Corinthians: *"This is to the benefit to the body of Christ. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone"*

Can you organize an event? Have a talent for marketing? Would enjoy working in an organization helping women in their faith walk? Why not use these talents as a member of the LWML New Jersey District administration. Linda Velardi, as nominating committee chairman, is seeking women for the following positions on the upcoming convention ballot: President, Vice President – Special Focus Ministries, Vice President – Christian Life & Organizational Resources. Duties can be found below, or on our website under our Bylaws. There are also appointed positions that may be of interest. Each of us has skills that can be used by the LWML. Call Linda today, 973-338-5858, and discuss how you can "serve the LORD with gladness" in the New Jersey District.



**District President:** Member of National LWML Board of Directors, provides leadership and coordination for the District, writes articles for the newsletter, assists inactive societies and new groups, leads Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

**VP of Christian Life:** Develops Christian Life programs and plans retreats to nurture women's spiritual lives; develops resources and training to assist existing LWML societies and helps to start new LWML societies.

**VP of Special Focus Ministries:** Chairs the Special Focus Ministries Committee and promote the YWR and H2H Sisters programs within the NJ District; Develop and support young women and leaders in the LWML and in ethnic ministries.

**Nominating Committee:** (one person from each Zone) Present a slate of nominees for each elective office for the coming biennium and gather their biographical information for presentation at the LWML District Convention.

**Jr. Pastoral Counselor:** Responsible for worship services at District Conventions and retreats; plans Bible Studies and devotions as requested, writes a Pastor's Message every other quarter for the District Newsletter, assists Executive Committee and Board in an advisory capacity.



## Nomination Form for District Office

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LWML New Jersey District Convention  
August 5-6, 2022  
Morristown, NJ  
(Bylaws: Article XIII, Section 2)

District Position on Ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Home Congregation & Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of consent by nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Nomination Form to:**

Linda Velardi, Chair  
15 Union Place  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Phone: 973-338-5858  
Email: [velardilinda@aol.com](mailto:velardilinda@aol.com)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Please give this completed form to the person you are nominating and have them sign on the consent line.

**Deadline for submitting Nominations is June 1, 2022.**

## Mark Your LWML Calendars!

Date	Time	Event
Feb. 12, 2022	10am – 2:00pm	LWML District Sewing Circle Bring sewing machines, quilting squares, & sack lunch King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ
Mar. 12, 2022	10am – 12 noon	LWML NJ District Executive Committee Meeting King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ
Mar. 12, 2022	12noon – 2pm	LWML NJ District Board of Directors Meeting King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ
Apr. 24, 2022	3pm – 5pm	Lakeland Zone Spring Rally Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hackettstown, NJ
Nov. 5, 2022	8:30am – 4:00pm	LWML District Fall Retreat King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ
Aug 5-6, 2022	All day	LWML NJ District Convention Hosted by Lakeland Zone at the Hyatt in Morristown, NJ Theme: “Running the Race... Focused on Jesus” Hebrews 12:1-2

### Check out our Website and Facebook Page for LWML NJ District!

Follow us and “Like” us on Facebook at [facebook.com/NJLWML](https://www.facebook.com/NJLWML)!  
Check out our website at [www.lwmlnj.org](http://www.lwmlnj.org)

Our website has been updated with the latest version of Word Press with additional security features and new plug-ins. We also have a new YouTube page for supporting video files on our website. Be sure to check out the status of our National and New Jersey district mission grants as you send in your mite money!





**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!

- For Rev David and Laura Small as they welcome the arrival of their first child. May they be blessed with a healthy baby.
- For Peggy Harnos Soublo as she welcomes her fourth child this month. May God bless Peggy with a safe delivery and healthy baby. Pray also for her mother, Susan, who will be on babysitting duty while Peggy is in the hospital.
- For Rev. Jared Cooksey and his wife Anna, as he begins a new call at Christ Lutheran Church, Egan, Wisconsin. May God open many doors for Pastor Jared to share the Good News with the people of WI.
- For St. John's Evangelical Church, Bridgeton, as they begin the process of calling a pastor. May God grant them with wisdom and discernment as they evaluate the needs of their congregation.
- For Pat Bacon, St. John's, Bridgeton, who is scheduled for knee surgery this spring. May God guide her doctor's hands and help Pat's body swiftly and completely heal.
- For Pat Kline, St. John's, Bridgeton, who has been dealing with health issues. Pray that these issues may be resolved.
- For all those sick with COVID-19. May they be blessed with a swift and complete recovery.
- For all the students returning to college. May they have safe travels and take their faith with them.
- For Rev. Adam Carnehl and his family, as they begin their ministry at Good Shepherd in Randolph, NJ.
- For the pastors of the New Jersey District. In this diverse state, may the hearts of its unchurched citizens be open to accept the love of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Paul Sparling entered his heavenly home on Jan. 28, 2022. Paul served as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Morris Plains for 20 years, and was a tireless servant of the Word and a great supporter of LWML. Paul leaves behind his beloved wife of 60 years, Sally Sparling, along with daughter Beth Sparling and son Dan Sparling; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Please pray for comfort for Paul's family and friends as they mourn his loss.

## LWML New Jersey District Executive Committee

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