



New Jersey Mission Light



A message from our president...

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Lent is a transitional season. It starts with cold dark days of winter and concludes with hints of spring.

This year will be a transitional year for our LWML. Coming out of COVID fears & restrictions, we'll begin to transition back to meeting regularly in person. Zoom meetings have their place, but nothing can replace being in fellowship, face to face. That is why I'm encouraging all groups, if you haven't started meeting in person, to begin so. Accommodations can and should be made for those with health concerns but as St. Paul warns, we should not neglect meeting regularly in person. There is something special about being together. I can vouch for that. Visiting your rallies have given me a greater appreciation of the faith & concerns of our members. We shared our joys and sorrows chatting around a table assembling kits, sewing dresses or eating lunch. That is why I hope that each one of you will make the effort to attend the LWML NJD 26th biennial convention, August 5-6, 2022, Morristown.

Working with the Lakeland Zone, and the All Glory to God fund committee, we are planning an event that is not only a business meeting but a time to get reacquainted with each other. Join us Friday for a tour of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, work on service project or shop the LWML store. Friday night Rev. Matt Hass will lead us in worship and communion. Then enjoy hors d'oeuvres as you mingle with friends & exhibitors while checking out the latest offerings from Concordia Publishing House. Saturday we'll attend to district business sprinkling in Bible study and inspirational speakers. To make this more affordable, the All Glory to God fund is subsidizing food costs. For zones, funds from YWR & H2H grants can be used to offset registration fees for your YWRs and H2H sisters.

All this is to encourage our women to once more gather together in service to our Lord. It is time to reconnect with old friends while meeting new ones. Time to be together in worship & fellowship. Time once again to live boldly for Christ.

God's peace,

Susan H.





UPDATE on MISSION GRANTS

Compassion Evangelical Hospital in Guinea, West Africa



LWML New Jersey District has completed another mission grant. We were able to send \$235 for **Dr. Kristen Schmalz for the Community Health Program of Compassion Evangelical Hospital** in Mamou, Guinea, West Africa. Dr. Schmalz has been a missionary in Guinea for 22 years and is the Director of the Community Health Program.

Dr. Schmalz is pictured lower left in the photo with attendees at a recent church Conference. The women had attended the **Discussions for Girls** program which **Dr. Schmalz** started.

If you would like to learn more about the Community Health Program affiliated with the Compassion Evangelical Hospital in Guinea, West Africa, here is a link to their website: <https://www.cehguinea.org/community-health-outreach>

Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Catechisms for Believers in INDIA



LWML is pleased to support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, Executive Director of LHF writes that “with the funds from the LWML New Jersey District, LHF has distributed enough catechisms for two new confirmation classes at our LCMS partner congregations in the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC).” Some of the recipients of the Catechisms are pictured here.

“LHF has been creating books for India since 2005 to support the spread of the Gospel in the LCMS’s oldest mission field. Each book costs \$5.00. The LWML NJ Grant of \$235 is sharing the Good News in all its richness with 47 young believers!” Read more about the work of LHF on their website: lhfmissions.org

By Joanne Naumowicz
VP, Gospel Outreach



Rev. Matt Hass
District Counselor
LWML NJ District



“And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.”
Luke 24:8-11.

“Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed Hallelujah!” Those words are joined in a unified chorus in our churches during the season of Easter. When we say those words among the fellowship of believers, we don’t receive any pushback. The Gospel of Luke paints us a different picture of words like that being spoken. The women in the Gospel of Luke have a lot to teach us about Christ’s resurrection – and sharing the Gospel news.

The women heard, received, and spoke the Gospel. When they heard that Jesus is risen, they received it by faith and then left the tomb to tell the disciples. When they told the disciples, it says that the disciples thought the women were speaking *“an idle tale, and they did not believe them.”* **Luke 24:11** What happens what our proclamation of the gospel doesn’t end with clear cut results. What happens we share Christ but then the one to whom we share doesn’t believe? What do we do? Well, we share anyways. We speak the faith, we don’t create faith...God does that. So, relax...hear, receive, and speak the Gospel. Let the Holy Spirit do the hard work of transforming hearts to believe. After all, the Holy Spirit made you a believer, didn’t he?

In Christ,

Pastor Matthew Hass





Around the New Jersey District....

Walk for Mites:

Lanoka Harbor – The Ladies Guild members met after church March 24 to walk for mites. Visiting the congregation, Pres. Rev. Steve Gewecke, blessed the women before leaving to the Ocean Gate boardwalk along the Toms River / Barnegat Bay. As you can see by the pictures, it was a cold, windy day. To prove we walked the whole boardwalk, Charlotte had her picture taken at the eastern end. We made it home before a snow squall went through. All together we raised \$181.15 additional mites! Participants: Brenda Breza, Charlotte Dunphy, Margaret Gaskill, Valerie Tiase, Susan Harnos.



Sewing Circle:

On February 12th, ladies from across New Jersey gathered at King of Kings in Mountain Lakes to make baby quilts for The Open-Door Pregnancy Center in Toms River, NJ. We had a fun time piecing the blocks together and then sewing these together as quilts with a backing. The ladies were very creative and the quilts turned out beautifully !



“For Such A Time As This”

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Fall Retreat

November 6, 2021

Mountain Lakes, NJ



NEW JERSEY MISSION LIGHT

You are invited to the Lakeland Zone Spring Rally on Sunday, April 24th,
at 3pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown, NJ



**LWML NJ LAKELAND ZONE
SPRING RALLY**

Sunday, April 24th 3-5 p.m.

(Registration opens at 2:30 p.m.)

GIFTS FROM THE HEART
Body wash, moisturizer,
scrunchie/pouf to fit into a
gift bag (about 12 ounce-size)

Light Dinner will be served!

See You There!!!!

If possible, we would
appreciate an RSVP to
juanita.barna@yahoo.com

or
(908) 413-3329
(Texts are OK!)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

409 East Baldwin Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
Phone: (908) 852-2156

Our speakers are:

Laura J. Hanrahan, R.N.

Executive Director/Nurse Manager

CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center in Hackettstown

Who will give an overview of the services they
provide.

AND

Susan E. Harnos - President

LWML New Jersey District

Who will lead a discussion about our LWML NJ
District Convention August 5-6th in Morristown

You are invited...

LWML

Mideastern Zone Spring Rally

Sunday May 1, 2022

2:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

290 West Hobart Gap Road
Livingston, NJ 07039

“Rooted and Grounded in Love.”
(Eph 3:14-21)

Speaker: Leah Wandera

Leah is a student at Drew Theological School and the founder of Wema Elimu, a foundation she started in order to make a difference in the lives of young girls in Kenya through education and empowerment, and to protect them from child marriage, mutilation, and abuse. Come hear her story!

Gifts from the Heart: In lieu of a collection of items, following the program, we will have a special offering for Leah's foundation: Wema Elimu

Questions? Contact Lyn Vossler
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Lutheran Women's Missionary League
New Jersey District
26th Biennial Convention



Join with women from around the state to:

-  worship,
-  be in the word,
-  be inspired and
-  be in fellowship with your Sisters in Christ.

Meet with exhibitors, participate in mission outreach & enjoy historic Morristown.

Mark your calendars for:
August 5-6, 2022

Gather with us at:
Hyatt Regency, Morristown, NJ

Gifts from the Heart:
Backpacks for distribution
By Camino de Fe, Bernardsville NJ
Servant event:
Health Kits for Orphan Grain Train

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” **Hebrews 12: 1-2***



*LWML New Jersey District
26th Biennial Convention
August 5-6, 2022*

Convention Special Guests:



Rev. Steve Gewecke
President LCMS NJ District



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Rev. Gregory Seltz
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty



Karla Koehler
LWML Treasurer



Barbara Lane Geistfeld,
D.V.M. Lutheran for Life



Lily the Comfort Dog



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Registration Form

LWML New Jersey District 26th Biennial Convention

Hyatt Regency, Morristown, NJ

August 5-6, 2022

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2022

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

Part I:

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

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|--|-------|----------|
| 1. Registration postmarked on or before June 15, 2022 | \$100 | 1. _____ |
| 2. Registration deadline July 1, 2022 | \$125 | 2. _____ |
| 3. Tour the Frelinghuysen Gardens; Friday, Aug 5, 10am | \$12 | 3. _____ |
| 4. Voluntary Mite Contribution for Mission Grants | | 4. _____ |
| 5. Meal cost; see Part II | | 5. _____ |

Total registration fees & meal cost: \$ _____

Special Needs: Accessibility _____ Child Care _____ Dietary _____ Explain: _____

*Registration fees are waived for Pastors & Exhibitors.

**Funds from the LWML NJ District's YWR & H2H grant accounts, respectively, will be used to pay these registration fees.

Make your Hyatt Regency room reservation at:
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MORRM/G-LWMA>

Make check payable: LWML New Jersey District
 Mail to: Brenda Breza, Treasurer
 420 Chestnut Dr., Lanoka Harbor NJ 08734
 Note "2022 Convention" on check
 Contact person: Brenda Breza, (609) 693-7602



Meal Options

LWML New Jersey District 26th Biennial Convention

Hyatt Regency, Morristown, NJ

August 5-6, 2022

Part II:

Name(s): _____

Cell phone: _____ Home: _____

Email address: _____

Dietary Restrictions: Gluten free _____ Vegetarian _____ Dairy Free _____ Other _____

Meal options:

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|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Packaged Meal Plan* | \$100. | _____ |
| 2. Friday night reception | \$ 55. | _____ |
| 3. Saturday breakfast | \$ 45. | _____ |
| 4. Saturday luncheon | \$ 55. | _____ |

Total cost: \$ _____ Add to Part I Line 6

*The Packaged Meal Plan includes: Friday night reception, Saturday breakfast and luncheon.

The All Glory to God Fund is subsidizing the Packaged Meal Plan.

➤ Hyatt Regency is holding rooms at a special LWML rate. For reservations call: 833-307-1169

or go online at: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MORRM/G-LWMA>

Mark Your LWML Calendars!		
Date	Time	Event
Apr. 24, 2022	3:00pm	Lakeland Zone Spring Rally Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hackettstown, NJ CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center – Laura Hanrahan, Exec. Director will be our speaker; Also planning for the Convention which Lakeland Zone is hosting.
May 1, 2022	2:30pm	MidEastern Zone Spring Rally Grace Lutheran Church, Livingston, NJ “Rooted and Grounded in Love” by Leah Wandera Offering for Leah’s Wema Elimu Foundation
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
Nov. 5, 2022	8:30am – 4:00pm	LWML District Fall Retreat King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ Program TBD

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

Follow us and “Like” us on Facebook at facebook.com/NJLWML!
Check out our website at 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 for inclusion in the next newsletter. These can be prayers of thanksgiving or prayers for physical/spiritual needs. Thank you!

- The family of Mille Kochie – Bordentown – On May 22nd the family will host a memorial party celebrating her 98 years of life. Millie passed away in 2021 but due to COVID the family could only have a small church service. Millie was a woman of strong faith and is missed by both family and the many friends at Holy Cross.
- Laura Stoetkel – Bordentown – Laura is suffering from memory loss issues. Pray for Laura and her family as they decide what type of care would be best for her.
- Pat Bacon – Bridgeton – Pat had knee replacement surgery in mid - March. Pray for a complete and speedy recovery. Also pray for patience and humility as Pat now needs to rely on the others especially for transportation. Pat has been blessed with many helpful friends and neighbors.
- Cindy Kakoda – Bridgeton - a younger woman suffering from triple - negative breast cancer. Please pray that the treatments will be successful and Cindy will once more be able to care for her family.
- Rev. David and Laurie Small – Medford – Blessing to the Small family on the birth of their daughter Lily Renee. Thank God that both Laurie and Lily are doing well.
- Linda Gage, Gifts of Love counselor – Hip replacement surgery. Linda’s surgery is scheduled for July. We’ve enjoyed having Linda attend our conventions in the past & will be praying for a swift and complete recovery.
- Helen DeMario, Deaconess – Galloway. Helen is suffering from health issues and undergoing tests to find the cause. Pray that the doctors are able to diagnose and cure whatever is ailing Helen.
- For all those sick with COVID-19. May they be blessed with a swift and complete recovery.
- Rev. Brian Roberts, former pastor of Good Shepherd in Randolph NJ, now living in Florida, who is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please pray for him and his family during this difficult time.



Rev. Brian Roberts

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