

MICHIGAN DISTRICT - BLUE WATER ZONE

Question - Do all the LWML mites collected go overseas?

No. Applicants for LWML Mites come from all across the county and from around the world. These proposals are then carefully screened by the LCMS and LWML Mission Grant Committee which in turn presents them to delegates for selection; this selection process is done at both the National and District conventions.



EXAMPLES OF LWML MITES AT WORK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Cancer Care Package Ministry \$100,000

The LWML shares God's love with people battling cancer by providing funds to supply cancer care packages containing Bibles, tracts and personal care items delivered by caring Christians, thereby opening doors for many to a relationship with Christ.

We pray together...
Oh, Lord, great Healer of body and soul, we lift up cancer patients and their families and friends to You. Assure them of Your loving presence as they go through the stages of this frightening disease. Bless the work of the trained volunteers who provide Christian care packages funded by this grant. May their friendship and concern comfort these precious people. According to Your will, help all involved to grow in their relationship with You and trust You for eternal health and wholeness in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Outreach to At-Risk Children \$55,000

LWML shares God's love with at-risk children and teens in Detroit, Michigan, by enabling Lutheran City Ministries (LCM) to work through an After School Tutoring and Mentoring Ministry, sports, a Music Education Ministry, Saturday Camp and meal programs, with some of the more than 2.5 million people in Detroit who do not yet know Jesus.

We pray together...
Dear Savior Jesus Christ, two thousand years ago You fed the hungry crowds. You taught them, healed the sick, and then suffered, died and rose again to win salvation for all. Today many of the children living in distressed neighborhoods in Detroit lack the basic provisions they need to grow in knowledge for this world and life hereafter. Bless this grant to LCM to enable their programs to continue to reach out with Your love to young people providing them with nourishment for their bodies and souls. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Outreach through Open Arms Child Care \$65,000

LWML shows God's love to children and families by supporting the establishment of new Word and Sacrament ministries in growing communities in the United States and by expanding child care ministry programs in existing churches, as well as developing a Christian curriculum for full-time child care ministries.

We pray together...
Father of All, most gracious God, You have said that unless we have the faith of a little child we cannot enter Your Kingdom. We praise You for the God-given faith to which You have brought many families through the witness of little children who are cared for in one of the Open Arms Child Care Centers in the United States. Bless this grant which seeks to expand this ministry to both church and unchurched families in more congregations as they seek guidance from Open Arms Institute throughout the land. Also, bless the work being done on the Christian early childcare curriculum so that many more families can be touched by Your love and learn to trust and follow Jesus, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

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Anniversary Celebration

The Fidelis Guild of Faith Lutheran Church will celebrate their 55th Anniversary of serving the Lord and Faith this year on October 23. Five ladies met on Oct. 5, 1956 to plan for a Guild. On Oct. 22 they organized the Guild. Four of the original members are still living and two of them are still members of Faith. The Guild will host the coffee hour between services. A special booklet will contain the history and interesting tidbits about the Guild. A large poster will be displayed which will list what contributions the Guild has made to Faith & also their outreach. LWML is also a part of the Fidelis Guild.

NOVEMBER 1, 2011 REFORMATION DAY FAITH STATEMENTS

Sola Scriptura The inerrant Scripture is the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience.

Solus Christus Our salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the historical Christ alone.

Sola Gratia In salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by His grace alone; salvation is not in any sense our work.

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Blue Water Zone visits Bay City, MI



Marie Armbruster Marie Riley

On July 28th women from the Blue Water Zone participated in the LWML instate mission trip at the Lutheran Child and Family Services boys' home in Bay City. After coordinating their days to serve these women and man showed up for work that day. Out of the ten people working there that day, six were current or former members from the Blue Water Zone.

They prayed together and worked together painting, landscaping, washing windows, and cooking food for the residents and workers. Even though it was very hot and humid, they were all glad they came to create an atmosphere of caring for the boys.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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 B L E L E N L E O S P O W E R
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Then the **eleven disciples** went away into **Galilee**, into a **mountain** where **Jesus** had **appointed** them. And when they saw him, they **worshipped** him; but some **doubted**. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all **power** is given unto me in **heaven** and in **earth**. Go ye therefore, and **teach** all **nations**, **baptizing** them in the **name** of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**; Teaching them to **observe** all things whatsoever I have **commanded** you; and, lo, I am with you **always**, even unto the **end** of the **world**. **Amen** (Matthew 28:16-20)

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Mission Dolls Arrive At St. Matthew

In April at the Spring Rally of the Blue Water Zone LWML, doll pattern was made available for those interested in knitting and crocheting. When completed the dolls would be forwarded to missions in Africa as gifts for local children.

Shirley Miller, president of St. Matthew's women's guild brought a copy of the pattern to share with

interested members. At first, the "little dolls with hands in their pockets" were crocheted mainly by Shirley and her daughter Rose Ann Hardy.

Then at a summer church breakfast other members of the congregation had the opportunity to see some of the completed dolls and asked for copies of the pattern. From there the project come to life and to date 81 dolls have been made. The completed collection will be brought to the Fall Rally in Dryden on Oct. 15th.



What a joyful way to serve
God's little ones.

CHRIST LUTHERAN, New Baltimore



Christ Lutheran Church's August 13 Yard Sale was a big success mainly due to the donation of some large power tools, exercise equipment, bicycles, and especially a huge lighted doll house complete with furniture. We raised \$884 and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$221 as part of its Care Abounds in Communities program for a total of \$1105. All proceeds will be used to support district and synod mission work and to help Michigan students who attend synodical universities and seminaries through *The Future is Now* Campaign in partnership with *Fan into Flame*.



St. Peter's Richmond Installs Interim Pastor

On September 18 Pastor Timothy Verity was installed as intentional interim pastor at St. Peter's Richmond. Pastor Verity has been credentialed by the Michigan District as a trained intentional interim pastor and will be serving St. Peter's along with Pastor Randy Lett.

Following the installation service, the men's group served a chicken dinner to welcome Pastor Verity and his family and introduce him to the congregation.

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Sola Fide Justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. In justification Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's perfect justice.

Soli Deo Gloria Because salvation is God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory. Therefore, we must glorify Him always.

COMMUNITY CORN ROAST HOLY REDEEMER, Dryden



Games, face painting, live music, hay rides, and of course CORN!! On August 5 Holy Redeemer held its annual Corn Roast. The fresh corn was donated by local farmer Jay Ferguson and the event was free to the community. After the festivities participants were encouraged to take bags of the fresh pick corn home with them.



Good Shepherd,



The church picnic was a fellowship picnic and 24 attended. It was just a time to get together and enjoy each other's company. The Women's Guild provided the hot dogs and hamburgers and everyone brought a dish to pass. It was a beautiful evening as the heat wave had already broken. They ate, chatted and played games until after dark. Barb Collins, former member, joined them. It wasn't as eventful as last year's picnic when they were chased out of the park with the tornado sirens going off! They decided right then a picnic would be an annual event.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief...and unspeakable love."

— Washington Irving

COLORFUL - WARM - BEAUTIFUL - AND A WHOLE LOT OF 'EM!



When the men and women of St. Matthew's put their mind to a project they don't mess around. On Sunday Oct 3, 2011 the congregation of St. Matthew's celebrated LWML Sunday. Almost 300 quilts covered every available space in the sanctuary in a colorful array. These quilts will be boxed up and sent to Lutheran World Relief where they will be used for blankets, shelters, baby carriers, and probably the most important use is the reminder that someone care enough to make it for them.



A missionary to Africa heard of a native who had multiple wives, and decided to confront the man.

"This is against God's laws," the missionary explained. "You need to tell all but one of your women that they can no longer live in your house or call you their husband."

The native thought for a moment. "I wait here," he finally said. "You tell."

"From The Big Book of Church Jokes"

After church one Sunday, a young boy walked up to the pastor. "Pastor," he said, "I heard you say in church that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, son, I did."

"And didn't you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust?"

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replied. "Why do you ask?"

"Well I think you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed," the boy said, "cause there's someone either coming or going!"

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

FAITH'S FIDELIS GUILD
SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 2011
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
3455 STONE STREET
PORT HURON, MI
5:00P - 7:00P

DONATION

Adults- \$10.00
Children 6-10-\$5.00
Children under 6-Free,

We also have Rada Knives
and dish cloths for sale



**THE COMMITTED CHRISTIAN WOMAN
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 5, 2011
BIRMINGHAM, MI
TIME 9:00AM - 5:00PM**

**BLUE WATER ZONE
PRAYER SERVICE
FIRST LUTHERAN, ALGONAC, MI
FEBRUARY 18, 2012**

**BLUE WATER ZONE
SPRING BOARD MEETING
OUR SAVIOUR, ARMADA, MI
MARCH 20, 2012**

**BLUE WATER ZONE
SPRING RALLY
TRINITY LUTHERAN, PORT HURON, MI
APRIL 28, 2012**

**BLUE WATER ZONE
FALL BOARD MEETING
GOOD SHEPHERD, CHESTERFIELD, MI
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**



COOKIE WALK AND CRAFTS

GOOD SHEPHERD
31100 TWENTY THREE MILE RD
CHESTERFIELD, MI

NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Cookie Walk



And Bazaar

**December 3, 2011
9 am - 2 pm
Christ Lutheran Church
50750 Walpole
New Baltimore MI**

Come!

Fill your plate with a
variety of delicious,
homemade cookies
for Christmas.

\$ 5 per pound

**Other baked goods
priced individually**

Homemade Soups and Chili

\$3 per pint

**Shop
at our craft
tables**



A young son of a Baptist minister was in church one morning when he first observed baptism by immersion. His interest piqued, the next morning he attempted to baptize his three cats in the bathtub. The first kitten bore it very well, and so did the young cat, but the old family cat rebelled. It fought with him, scratched him, and then escaped. With considerable effort he caught it again and proceeded with the ceremony. But she acted worse than ever, clawed at him, spit, and scratched his hands and face. Finally, after hardly even a sprinkle, he dropped her on the floor in disgust and said: "Fine, be an atheist."

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION JULY 20-22, 2012 HYATT REGENCY - DEARBORN, MI



✦ **Theme Verse:**

"Now Go...I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." *Exodus 4:12*

✦ **Convention Goal:**

With confidence from God we proclaim the freedom we have in Jesus Christ to the world.

✦ **Convention Objectives:**

- We express who we are in faith, word and deed.
- We trust God to go with us and speak through us.
 - We walk daily in God's Word.

Hosted by: Capital, Grand Rapids & Rapid Waters Zones

Check out the Michigan District LWML web site, www.mi-lwml.org, for more details and registration forms!

NOTABLE QUOTES

God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist.

Saint Augustine

It is a masterpiece of the devil to make us believe that children cannot understand religion. Would Christ have made a child the standard of faith if He had known that it was not capable of understanding His words?

Dwight L. Moody

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself.

Mother Teresa

Let us learn then, from the analogy of nature, the great lesson, that to get, we must give; that to accumulate, we must scatter; that to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy; and that to get good and become spiritually vigorous, we must do good, and seek the spiritual good of others.

Charles Spurgeon

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime."

Martin Luther

Question - How does one join the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Answer - If you're a member of the Lutheran Church of Missouri Synod you're already a member!

Question - What is the mission or goal of the LWML?

Answer - The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Question - What kind of gifts do I need for ministry?

Answer - ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (Matthew 25: 31-40 ESV)