

# LWML in Action

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## *Beautiful Feet in service to the Lord*



The women of the Michigan District LWML were quick to respond to a request from Lutheran World Relief - Baltimore for quilts and health kits. The need for these items was overwhelming because of the earthquake in Haiti and the warehouse in Baltimore was quickly emptied. The people of Haiti were still in need and LWR was concerned that there were not enough supplies to continue to help in this disaster or to be of help if another event occurred. So Michigan District LWML put out a request for a special gathering of quilts and health kits in April. Three churches were designated as drop-off points for the relief items: St. John, Fraser; Heart of the Shepherd, Howell and St. John, Amelith. Hundreds of quilts and health kits were delivered to these three locations. At St. John Amelith a U-Haul truck and a van were filled and there were still so many boxes left that they are



There were so many boxes of quilts and health kits that they wouldn't all fit on the truck. The boxes shown above will be sent to LWR at a later date.

being stored in LWML President Cheri Fish's garage and will be used at a later date.



This summer the women of the Michigan District LWML will have another opportunity to help people around the world through LCMS Lutheran World Relief and Human Care. Those attending the district convention July 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn are asked to bring items to put in Basic Survival Kits. (See list on page 2.)

LCMS World Relief and Human Care is providing several hundred nylon tote bags to hold these items. When a disaster occurs these bags are ready to hand out to survivors to help with some of their immediate basic needs. It is hoped that the LWML women will get their congregations involved with collecting these items so that we will be able to fill many tote bags for LCMS Lutheran World Relief and Human Care while at the convention.

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***How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion "Your God reigns!"***  
***Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)***



## ***Worship and Bible Study at the Convention***

LWML Conventions offer wonderful opportunities for worship and Bible study. On Friday, those arriving early may attend one of these Bible studies:

“Phillip’s Beautiful Feet: The Spirit, Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch - Lessons and Insights for Today” - Pastor D. Lee Cullen

“Walkie-Talkie: Beautiful Feet in Communication with the Lord” - Pastor William Lahrman

“Beautiful Feet - Crossing Paths with Jesus” - Pastor Cameron Steele

The 2010 convention officially begins with the Opening Worship and Communion Service on Friday, July 9 @ 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful worship service, so be sure to bring family and friends!

Each day of the convention, Linda Reiser, former national president, will lead us in Bible study.

A prayer room is open throughout the convention.

Thanks be to God for these wonderful opportunities to learn and grow through Bible study, prayer, and worship!

### **Items for Basic Survival Kit**

Emergency space blanket  
 Emergency Rain/Wind Poncho  
 4” wax candle  
 Box of waterproof Matches  
 2 - instant 12 hour snap lights  
 3 - 12 oz. purified drinking water pouches  
 3 - 6 oz. sealed packets of high energy foods  
 2 - individual tissue packs  
 9 - wet wipe towelettes  
 1 - sanitation refuse bag (small red color)  
 1 - Trash Bag (13 gallon size - white)  
 1 - small pocket sized Bible  
 LWML Christian Care Materials

### **Miscellaneous items**

1 - Survival Whistle  
 1 - Small individual First Aid Kit

### **Optional Items**

1 - small AM/FM radio  
 1 - flashlight w/batteries

Many of these items can be found at local sporting goods stores or local discount stores.

## ***Cheri's Sharings***



For the past several months, as I've been feverishly preparing for the upcoming convention, I've been experiencing many “firsts”. This is the first time I am responsible for a convention agenda and coordination of the Michigan District LWML convention. This is a daunting task and I admit to being very nervous!

Many of our officers are experiencing “firsts” in preparing their activities for this convention. Did you know that the convention committee members are made up of a majority of women *who have never even attended a convention before?* Yet they are working hard on some “firsts” that they have never even experienced!

This convention experience may be a “first” for many people coming to the Hyatt. During this convention we will enable and encourage “first time attendees” who are young women in ministry through our YWR program. Our first time ever, intentional teen program with Friends into Serving Him, teens who will experience the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in some very special ways. Our first time Heart to Heart sisters will be mentored, encouraged and welcomed through their experience. We are excited to be offering wonderful “first time” opportunities to the many women attending.

There will be other “first time” experiences for those who have attended conventions before....

First time Janice Wendorf is attending as our national president  
 First time since 1993 that Cindy Gnewuch has been to our convention as a song leader

First time you will experience the singing “debut” of Living Word Children’s Choir – a choir of children from multiple ethnic backgrounds

First time past national president Linda Reiser will be serving as our Bible study leader

First time “debut” of a hymn written specifically for our convention entitled, “How Beautiful the Feet” by LCMS hymn writer, Rev. Stephen Starke

First time interest sessions are being offered in such areas as parenting, financial planning, mission trip experiences, etc.

This convention is for you (whether you are a first time attendee or a regular biennial attendee) to be in mission and ministry with your sisters of the Michigan District LWML. Your “beautiful feet” are being called to attend! The officers and the convention planning committee will be rolling out the red carpet and welcoming **YOU!** Come and join me as your president for my “first time” presiding at a convention. Let’s together be those “beautiful feet on the mountain who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns’”!!

See you at the Hyatt!! Being Beautiful Feet for the Lord with you,

*President Cheri*

# Candidates

## Pastoral Counselor



**REV. LEONARD ASTROWSKI** has served...

**ZONE:** Thumb West Zone Counselor

**LOCAL:** Supported LWML in my parish and when I served in Wyoming

**EDUCATION:** Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 2004

Pastor Astrowski is presently serving Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove. He and his wife, Laurie, have two sons, Nathan and Joshua. Pastor Astrowski served as a missionary to the Shoshone Indians in Fort Washakie, Wyoming (Wind River Lutheran Mission) in 2002-2003 where he was greatly blessed by the efforts of the LWML.



**REV. CAMERON STEELE** has served...

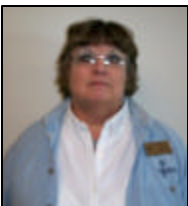
**ZONE:** Rochester Zone Counselor  
Franconian Zone Counselor

**EDUCATION:**

Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI 1981  
Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 1993

Pastor Steele is presently serving at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro. He and his wife, Ruth, have two children, Aaron and Hannah. Pastor Steele served as Parish Assistant at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Monroe. His vicarage was at Immanuel, Bay City and he served Hazel Park Lutheran Church, prior to coming to Caro. He participated in a mission trip to Mexico in 2005 with members of St. Paul, Caro and St. Timothy, Otisville. Pastor Steele also serves as a volunteer hospice chaplain for Lutheran Hospice of Hope.

## Recording Secretary



**CATHRYN (CATHY) HARDY** has served...

**DISTRICT:** Gospel Outreach Coordinator

**ZONE:** Christian Growth Chairman  
Recording Secretary

**LOCAL:** Christian Growth Chairman  
Recording Secretary

Cathy and her husband, Daniel, have been married 39 years and have 3 children, Timothy, Jamison and Melinda and 8 grandchildren. Cathy is a graduate of Bay City Nursing College and has worked as a nurse in nursing homes, hospitals, and as a visiting nurse. She also was an instructor at Everest Institute teaching medical assistants. She is a member of Open Arms Lutheran Church, Belleville. In her church she has been a Sunday school teacher, VBS coordinator and teacher, Girl and Boy Scout Leader, homeroom mother, youth leader and Bible study leader and PTL President. Cathy has served on the boards of evangelism, stewardship and education; been involved with the Stephen Ministry both as a minister and leader, with ministry to shut-ins, and as a member of the handball choir. In the community she participates in the Council of Lutheran Women (was 2002 Woman of the Year), Medical Sharing Closet, and Welcome Committee. She has been on seven LWML mission trips.



**MARSHA (AKA NONNIE) WEBB** has served...

**ZONE:** Greater Detroit Zone Recording  
Secretary

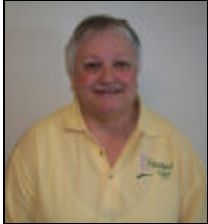
**LOCAL:** President of Women of Faith  
Vice President of Women of Faith

Marsha has one daughter, Danette. Marsha attended Henry Ford Hospital School of Radiologic Technology and Wayne State University. She has worked as a radiologic technologist and office manager for the Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center, an office manager for Comfort Plus Home Health Care and is currently employed as a Referral Coordinator for the University of Michigan. Marsha attends Outer Drive Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit. She has been on the boards of stewardship and elders, and served as assisting minister and lector at her church. She is on the altar guild and is vice president of the congregation. In the community she is a member of the American Business Women's Association.

**See you at the  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Dearborn, MI  
July 9-11, 2010**

# Candidates

## Vice President of Caring Ministry



**KATHLEEN (KATHY) MUNDT** has served...

**DISTRICT:** Leader Development  
Coordinator  
Servant Events Coordinator

**ZONE:** Saginaw Valley Zone Treasurer  
Saginaw Valley Zone President  
Saginaw Valley Zone Co-Chair

**LOCAL:** Society LWML Zone Representative  
Mary Martha President

Kathy and her husband, Pastor Richard, have two children, Robert and Rebekah and several grandchildren. Kathy has a BA from Concordia, River Forest, IL and taught in Lutheran schools for 21 years. She is a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hemlock and has served her church by teaching in VBS and junior confirmation classes. She has been a choir director and Sunday school music director. She is a member of the ladies guild and Mary Martha Society. She served her community by participating in a cancer fund drive, volunteering at the City Rescue Mission and tutoring adult women.

## Treasurer



**MELANIE KLINE** has served...

**DISTRICT:** Convention Prayer Room  
Chairman  
Convention Registration  
Committee

**ZONE:** Mid Michigan Zone Treasurer  
Mid Michigan President

**LOCAL:** Society President  
Society Treasurer  
Christian Growth Chairperson

Melanie and her husband, John, have two sons, Paul and Keith, and 7 grandchildren. Melanie has a BS in nursing and worked as a Public Health Nursing Supervisor and a School Nurse. She is now retired. Melanie is a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clare. In her church she has been financial secretary, fellowship director and on the altar guild. She has worked with the VBS registration and been in the choir for many years. She is a school mentor for special education students and 5th and 6th graders. She is a library volunteer and does genealogy research and helps with special projects. She was a Wraparound Community Team volunteer.



**DEANNA (DEE) VEITENGRUBER** has served...

**DISTRICT:** Christian Growth Chairman  
Caring Ministry Committee  
Recording Secretary  
MOST/LWML Mission Trip  
Liaison

**ZONE:** Thumb Zone Christian Growth Chairman  
Thumb Zone President  
Rapids Waters Zone President

**LOCAL:** Secretary of Ladies Aid/LWML

Dee and her husband, Pastor Don, have three children Kurt, Sue, and Tim and 7 grandchildren. Dee worked at General Motors and Sears/Roebuck. She has served her community by volunteering at the food pantry, local hospital, thrift store and serving on various community boards and the Montcalm/Ionia Chapter of Thrivent board. Dee is a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Greenville and has served her church as organist, VBS coordinator, Christian Growth committee chairman, church council and choir member as well as in the ladies group and Life Light Bible Study. Dee has been on five MOST/LWML mission trips, two to Slovakia, and one to each of these countries: Guatemala, Nicaragua and Cambodia.

## The Hallelujah Trail

*While at the convention be sure to visit the Hallelujah Trail. Here's a sneak peak at what you can see and do on the trail!*

Come on down to the **Caring Ministries** Booth where you'll find Deaconesses from the Metropolitan Detroit Area who will be "Washing God's Servant's Feet". Give your "Beautiful Feet" a blessing of relief.

Come to the Communication Station and find out how the **Communication Committee** spreads information about the work of LWML throughout Michigan. At this booth you may: make an unusual bookmark to take home; toss some mites into our Mission Shoes; enter a drawing for a handmade LWML quilt or convention logo pin; sign up to get LWML in Action. Communication Committee members, Gen, Judy, Lois, and Ruth will be waiting to meet you and answer your questions!

# Candidates

## Vice President of Christian Growth

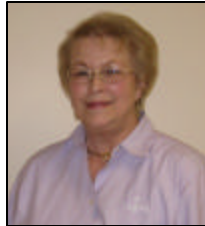


**JUDY BAARCK** has served...

**DISTRICT:** Michigan In Touch Coordinator

**ZONE:** Timberline Zone Vice President  
Timberline Zone President

**LOCAL:** LWML society member for over 30 yrs.



**KAREN SCHMITT** has served...

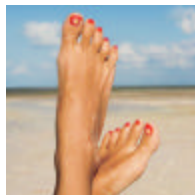
**DISTRICT:** Service Projects Coordinator  
Recording Secretary

**ZONE:** Franconian Zone Vice President

**LOCAL:** Society President

Judy and her husband, Charlie, have three children, Chuck, Suzanne, and Diane and 7 grandchildren. Judy attended college and worked as a medical bookkeeper and adult day care director until retirement in 1996. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Tawas. In her church she has served on and chaired the Board of Evangelism. She also has participated in the choir, the handbell choir, ladies guild, LWML and Stephen Ministry. She has been a Sunday school teacher, VBS director and women's Bible study facilitator. In her community she has worked with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and as a hospital chaplain's assistant.

Karen and her husband, Edward, have 3 daughters, Ann, Vicki and Susan and 4 grandchildren. Karen has taken many college courses including the Parish Lay Ministry course at Concordia, Ann Arbor. She is a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Bridgeport. In her church Karen has been a Sunday school teacher, VBS director, and Director of Education and Christian Outreach. She worked as an office manager for Schmitt Dental Lab and as church secretary at Faith Lutheran Church. Today, retired, she lists herself as a "Professional Volunteer."



Be sure to visit the **Mission Outreach Exhibit**. See where your mites have sent "soles" to bring the good news of Jesus to "souls" around the world. Exchange some mites for a package of foot soak made especially for you by the Mission Outreach Committee. Help win "souls" for Christ.

Look for the "BFF" booth, which stands for Beautiful Feet Forever sponsored by the **Organizational Resources Committee!** Come win a pair of shoes! Have questions about MMVs? Teen Groups? By-Laws? We can help! Stop by our booth and sign up for a drawing! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Keep those MITE-Y Feet walking and stop by the cross-shaped hopscotch quilt on the Hallelujah Trail. Have some fun while helping us raise money for mites. See how much change you can toss into the different "shoes" placed on top of the quilt. If your money lands in a "shoe" you will be entered into a drawing OR if you throw paper currency (of any denomination) on the quilt you will receive an automatic drawing entry. When you are finished then HOP on over to "Lydia's Legacy" to celebrate the **10 year birthday party** AND complete your drawing form. While you're there make sure you also "take a walk down memory lane" and see the history of LWML's Beautiful Feet. We can't wait to see you and your Beautiful Feet!!

Stop at the "Walkin' with Beautiful feet for Jesus" booth and along the way learn about the Michigan District **Christian Growth Committee**. When you finish your walk, you'll make bookmarks to share the Good News



Take the **Hallelujah Trail Pass** along with you as you visit the exhibits on the Hallelujah Trail. Get it stamped or initialed at each of the LWML booths and 8 of the guest exhibitor booths. Fill in your name and drop it in the box at the Hallelujah Trail welcome table to enter a drawing.

## *Proposed Mission Grants for 2010-2012*

1. Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in the Seminary - \$25,000
2. Scholarships for Female Students Studying for Deaconess or for other Professional Church Work - \$20,000
3. Support Heart to Heart Sisters & Their Mentors – 2012 Convention Activities - \$8,000
4. Eyeglass Clinic Program, Kyrgyzstan - \$15,000
5. Growing Christ's Kingdom Through Mission Congregations - \$25,000
6. Seminary Student Tuition Assistance Matching Grant - \$12,500
7. A Grace Place for Michigan District Church workers - \$15,000
8. Ann Arbor Mission Site and Child Care Ministry - \$25,000
9. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Food and Clothing Co-Op to Purchase Food - \$15,000
10. Women Serving Short-Term Mission Trips - \$25,000
11. Training Believers, Greater China - \$10,000
12. Rasch Family Missionary Support - \$8,000
13. Wittenberg Project - \$12,000
14. Concordia International School, Shanghai - \$10,000
15. Project Compassion Ministries' Chaplaincy Outreach - \$25,000
16. Defray Shipping Costs for Goods to Special Needs Children in the Dominican Republic - \$10,000
17. Together We Can Make a Difference - \$25,000
18. Out of the Orphanage – Group Homes for the Disabled in the Dominican Republic - \$5,000
19. Developing Religious Life Curriculum for God's People with Developmental Disabilities - \$15,000
20. Hamtramck - Reclaiming our "Judea" for Christ - \$20,000
21. Continuing "Worship for Shut-Ins" throughout Michigan and Worldwide - \$25,000
22. Communicating Word and Sacrament Ministry through Technology to Hispanics in Michigan - \$17,100
23. MOST Ministries Health Education Project - \$11,150
24. LCMS Campus Ministries Training Grant - \$3,600

## **M**ission Grants

Hearing with Eyes of Faith 2006-08... \$1,950

Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships to MI Men in the Seminary...\$25,000; *Paid in full*

Scholarships for Female Students Pursuing Studies in Professional Church Work...\$14,000; *Pd. in full*  
(Grant was for \$20,000, but not all of the funds were requested.)

Support for the Heart to Heart Sisters & their Mentors – 2010 Convention...\$6,000 *Pd. In full*

"A Time to Grow" – Expansion of Christian Special Education in Detroit...\$20,000; *Paid in full*

Open Arms Institute...\$15,000; *Paid in full*

Guinea Missionary Care...\$10,000; *Paid in full*

Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots...\$20,000 *Paid in full*

Trinity/HOPE...\$5,000; *Paid in full*

Michigan Women in Mission Through MOST Ministries...\$20,000; \$16,030 *pd*

Interpreters for the Mission Field, MOST Ministries... \$15,000; *Paid in full*

Food & Clothing Co-op for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne...\$15,000; *Paid in full*

Arch Books for Indonesia...\$10,000 *Paid in full*

Opening Two (2) New Outreach Centers in Flint & Ann Arbor, Michigan...\$10,000; *Paid in full*

Kingdom Literacy for Kingdom Children...\$10,500 *Paid in full*

"Worship for Shut-Ins" – Sharing Christ's Love to Michigan...\$15,015; *Paid in full*

National Mite Goal...\$7,000; *Paid in full*

**Michigan District Mission Grant Goal  
for 2008-2010 Biennium - \$230,000**

**Mission Grant Goal**  
**\$230,000**



\$215,495  
Distributed  
as of  
05/1/2010

**All Glory and  
Praise to God!**

The MI District  
LWML met its  
mite goal of  
\$230,000 with a  
total of  
\$230,457.94!

## Counselor's Corner



Any one of us on any given day keeps busy. We have schedules to maintain, agendas to prepare, appointments to keep, places to be, people to see and sometimes everything seems to run together in a blur; especially when something unexpected happens on any one of these given days.



Yes, there are many hours when we find ourselves very busy. However, I'm not here to focus on those hours. Rather, I want to focus on the beautiful feet which are placed into action fulfilling those hours. Our feet can keep us busy going from here to there and back again; but our beautiful feet will bring God glory in all we do.

The Convention theme: Beautiful Feet (which will also serve as our theme for the biennium) is based on Isaiah 52:7 and it directs us concerning what our beautiful feet are to be about. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion 'Your God reigns!'" (NIV).

In all that we do, beautiful feet will bring glory to God. Your 2010 LWML Convention, July 9-11, is set to do just that. I pray that not only the delegates, but also any and all ladies, young women, and teens, too, will make plans to attend the Convention. You will be inspired by God's Word and equipped to bring Good News and proclaim peace and salvation wherever the Lord has need of you. Truly, the Lord makes our Beautiful Feet.

I'll see you at the Convention.

*Rev. Wm. C. Lahrman - Counselor*



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*Serve the Lord with gladness...Psalm 100:2*

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Deadline for the September issue is August 10, 2010.



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### Calendar of Events for 2010

- July 9 - 11, 2010 - Michigan District LWML Convention, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn
- Aug. 27 - Sept. 4, 2010 - MOST/LWML Mission Trip to Panama for Eyeglass Clinics
- July 24 - 30, 2010 - LWML Mission Trip to LATINO, Detroit, MI
- Sept. 10 - 11, 2010 - MI District Board Retreat and Meeting, Midland Resort and Convention Center
- November 12 - 20, 2010 - MOST/LWML Mission Trip to Guatemala for Women's & Children's Ministry

## ZONE ACTIVITIES

Timberline Zone LWML held their annual Prayer Day Service in April 2010 at Faith Lutheran Church, Prescott with forty-two in attendance. An original skit, written by society president Denise Collins, was the focal point. Pastor Lahrman's "Shoe Song" was a hit, and a luncheon was served. (Photo below)



Thumb Zone West hosted the annual LWML Thumb Zone Retreat Saturday, April 17. Sixty-three ladies and three pastors from Thumb Zone East and West attended the event at Scherer Professional Center in Pigeon. Rev. Eric Majeski of Grace Lutheran Fellowship, Romeo spoke on "Walk in the Light with Beautiful Feet" from John 8:12 and Is. 52.7 (Photo above)