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**LWML**  
~Rapid Waters Zone~

NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome To Our First Issue!

Welcome to the first issue of the Rapid Waters Zone Newsletter. We are starting out small, but we hope it will become bigger and better! We would like to see quarterly information from each society in the zone, *and that includes yours!*

Got an event coming up? Want to share about the wonderful activity you did at your meeting last month? Was a Bible study or devotion at your meeting inspiring, something you would like others to know about? Is your church having a bake sale or a rummage sale? These are all things we are looking to share in this newsletter...

***Make sure you look on page two for an important announcement!***

Submissions for the newsletter should be given to Gen Abrams. You can do so by emailing her at: [gen@empoweredpathways.com](mailto:gen@empoweredpathways.com), phone her at 231.972.7542 or snail mail: PO Box 390, Mecosta, MI 49332. †



Front L-R: Marge Wilk, Dorothy Jirtle, Susan Lucht Back Row  
L-R: Marcia Heinert, Joyce Hanson, Cynthia Khan, Kay Lutterloh  
at the Winter Retreat!

## Rapid Waters and Grand Rapids Zones enjoy Winter Retreat

Despite some icy road conditions, over 60 women from the Rapid Waters and Grand Rapids Zones were in attendance at Messiah Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids for a Winter Retreat that was held on February 27th.

### "The Road Cynthia Traveled"

The highlight of the retreat was special guest speaker, Cynthia Kahn. Born in Pakistan, Cynthia is the Director of Women's Ministry for POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) in Detroit. She was featured in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Spring 2009 issue, and is a member and consultant on Asian affairs for the Commission on the Status of Women, an RSO of the United Nations.

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*"It was a mountaintop experience!"*

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Gifts of Love from the Retreat went to POBLO, and because of the generosity of those attending, Cynthia was able to leave with a whole trunk full of supplies!

Dee Veitengruber led a special mite box offering that featured "beautiful feet", coinciding with the theme for the upcoming Michigan District Convention in July, which gathered over \$78 for mites!

Pastor Love from St. Peter's, Rockford, led the women in Bible study, and continental breakfast and lunch were served by ladies from both Messiah and St. Peter's, Rockford. †

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*"And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Romans 10:15 (NIV)

## 2010 PLANNING DATES

MAY 25, 2010

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE

REGISTRATION DUE

JUNE 10, 2010

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION ATTENDEE

REGISTRATION DUE

JUNE 24, 2010

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

(SEND INFORMATION TO GEN ABRAMS)

JULY 9-11, 2010

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION

HYATT REGENCY, DEARBORN

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

### 7TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

CHAPEL OF THE LAKES, MECOSTA

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

### RAPID WATERS ZONE FALL BOARD MEETING

BETHEL LUTHERAN, HOWARD CITY

OCTOBER 9, 2010

### RAPID WATERS ZONE FALL RALLY

BETHEL LUTHERAN, HOWARD CITY

DECEMBER 22, 2010

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We need a name,  
so we are having a CONTEST!

Looking for your ideas and suggestions for a  
name for this newsletter!

Something catchy, with pizzazz...so put your  
thinking caps on and get your ideas to Gen  
Abrams by June 24!

The winning name will be selected from all  
submitted and the winner will receive a  
LWML prize!

Have you been to the  
Michigan District LWML Website?  
[www.mi-lwml.org](http://www.mi-lwml.org)

Serve the  
Lord with  
Gladness!

Psalm 100:2

## Society News:

*What's happening in the Rapid Waters Zone*

### Holy Cross, Belding:

April 24 - Swiss Steak Dinner, 5-7 pm

May 6, 7, 8 - Basement Sale,

9am-5pm (9 am -Noon on 8th)

May 17 - Mother-Daughter Banquet

June 21 - Ladies Society Picnic

July 24 - "Rock on the Hilltop" Christian Music Jam

3pm -8:30pm

The ladies of Holy Cross have also been busy with several projects, including making 130 Easter favors for Belding's Metron and making quilts and layettes for Lutheran World Relief.

### Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta:

The ladies of the Dorcas Guild had a Valentines Tea and salad luncheon in February, sending special invitations to all the ladies of Chapel of the Lakes.

The Dorcas Guild served a dinner on Ash Wednesday, and Easter Breakfast, with the help of the Men's Club.

The "Card Case Fellowship" was recently expanded, now offering Christian gifts in addition to cards-available as a service to the congregation.

The Guild's meeting in May will be a combined meeting with the Men's Club, getting together for Saturday breakfast.

An active group of quilters meets on Mondays to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief!

## WANTED:

### Mite-y Good Mite Ideas!

Does your society have a fun or unique way to encourage mite giving? Send in your ideas, and we will share them here!



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