



The Timber-line

3rd Quarter
September 2010

The President's Corner

I want to tell all you ladies what a pleasure it is for me to be your president and **work** closely with so many of you. You all **work** so hard for LWML and that makes all our societies in the Timberline Zone successful. The key word here is "**work**".

In 1884 Labor Day was first proclaimed a federal holiday in the US. Traditionally Labor Day is celebrated in the US on the 1st Monday of September. It is a day of rest for every American worker and devoted to the recognition of working people's contribution to society.

Because you are so devoted to your **work** in LWML, I now proclaim that you can all take Labor Day off!!



District Convention – The convention is over and those of us that were able to attend had a chance to renew our energy in doing God's work through LWML

and know that we are using our "Beautiful Feet" to spread the gospel. Thank you to the delegates that did their homework and studied the grants so they were able to vote intelligently. Thank you, Timberline Zone, for graciously paying most of my convention expenses. I am very appreciative of that. There will be a district convention report given at the board meeting on Sept. 20 for all representatives to take back to their societies.

Mission Grants – Fourteen mission grants were selected by the delegates at the convention for the 2010-2012 biennium, totaling \$230,000.

Elections – Secretary and Treasurer elections will be held at the October 7 Fall Rally. The nominating committee is Harrison, Hale, and Houghton Lake. Please make their job easier by calling chairperson, Kay Forster at 989-539-7445 and volunteering to run. We hope our incumbents will run again but know there are many other capable leaders in our zone.

Fall Rally

The Ladies of Hope Lutheran Church, 635 N. M-76, St. Helen, MI, will be hosting the Timberline Zone Fall Rally on Thursday, October 7, 2010 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The theme of the Rally is, "How Shall They Hear", based on Romans 10:14. Anita Beyersdorf, past LWML District President and on the LWML National Board of Directors, will share with us her 2007, first-of-a-lifetime adventure in Alaska teaching Vacation Bible School to Athabaskan children in Allakaret on the Arctic Circle.

(Flyers will be available for your societies at the Board Meeting on September 20.)

Rally Ingathering



The Ingathering for the Fall Rally will be to assemble 30 school kits. It will work the same way we did the health kits at the Spring Rally, with each society assigned items.

15 bags each – St. Helen & Oscoda
15 notebooks each -AuGres & Gladwin
180 sheets construction paper ea.–Hale & Harrison
15 Crayon boxes (16/24) ea.–Houghton Lake & Prescott
20 Rulers – Standish
20 Scissors – Tawas
10 Rulers & 10 Scissors – W. Branch
144 Pencils, 30 erasers, 30 sharpeners – Timberline Zone Treasury (Judy will shop)

Please bring your assigned items to the rally. If any society has a question about their assignment, please call Judy.

“Do not let your adorning be external - the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing - but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

“I am a Lutheran.”

I must confess a weakness in my character – I hate to fly! I had to face this fear recently on a trip to yet another convention. I had nightmares of mechanical failure and pilot error. I dreaded the crashing of the plane by either a flock of birds or a terrorist’s plot. The only way I could move beyond my paralyzing fear was to “hope for the best and prepare for the worst.” (And a lot of prayer!)

I then realized I had no tattoos to distinguish my physical remains, but my extensive and expensive dental work might suffice. In my desperation, I reached for my final hope of identification IF the worst should happen; I put on the necklace I bought



when I began Seminary. It is the beautiful symbol of Martin Luther’s rose. This is a picture of a simple rose around a heart with a cross in its center. Inscribed on the back of this pendant are the words, “I AM A LUTHERAN.”

Once I put on this small icon of faith, my fears subsided and I was at last at peace. Its funny how such a little thing can mean so much. It’s a wonder what faith can do to push our fears aside and give us the courage to do what may not always be easy, but necessary.

It was my honor to represent the Timberline Zone as your Pastoral Advisor at another recent convention. There in Dearborn, the President of the L.W.M.L., Jan Wendorf, gave a wonderful presentation. At the end she stated boldly, “I am the face of the L.W.M.L.” When she was done, many other women stood and repeated that same line with great pride and sincerity.

What an amazing statement of faith and commitment each of you gave in what you believe and live each and every day. As in the movie “Spartacus”, you stood without fear and spoke what was in your hearts and minds, no matter the cost. As in the Scripture verse above, you didn’t care about the externals: who made your dress, what kind of jewelry or shoes you wore, or even the color

of your skin. You are Lutheran women who are “in the Word, of the Word, walking in the Lord.”

I love being part of the L.W.M.L. because in you God sees the love of Christ displayed in the heart of every woman. This gentle and quiet beauty is far deeper than the flesh, and is indeed very precious in God’s sight.

May God bless and keep you all.

Rev. Rod Morrison, Pastor – Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Helen, MI.
Timberline Pastoral Advisor

Dates to Remember

Oct. 7	Fall Rally – St. Helen Skit-Gladwin
Nov. 12-20	MOST/LWML Mission Trip to Guatemala
Nov. 20	Timber-line newsletter deadline

Hip-Hip-Hooray!

As I was going through our convention manual I noticed that the Timberline Zone gave \$20,756.65 in Mites for the 2008-2010 biennium. **That was the largest amount given of any Michigan LWML zone.** Wow! That really impressed me. It tells me that all our zone societies have been working very hard within their societies and within their congregations, educating people about the importance of Mite giving. If we didn’t have such faithful givers we would not be able to reach our Michigan District Grant Goal of \$230,000.



I did a little research then on the Timberline Zone Mite giving for the past 10 years. The total amount of Mites received were:

2000-2002	\$ 14404.79
2002-2004	15628.90
2004-2006	15994.33
2006-2008	18384.87
2008-2010	20756.65

In the last 10 years we have increased our Mite giving by 44% and that is in a depressed economy. **The Lord has surly blessed us.**

Societies Speak

St. John, AuGres – The ladies have been busy trying to get a record number of quilts (record for us) done this summer.

Our Servant Event trip to the Bethesda Thrift Store in Saginaw in July had to be postponed as the ladies were on vacation or had guests that were here on vacation. The trip is planned for September 21.

The Monday Morning Bible study is very well attended. We are studying the Book of John.

Plans are under way for LWML Sunday.

God's Peace to all the ladies in the Timberline Zone.

Pat Metzger

Our Savior, Gladwin – In June we hosted the monthly birthday party for the residents of the Gladwin Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. We served birthday cake, pie, and ice cream to over 60 residents.

In July three of our members, Mabra Brietenstein, Michelle Haughton, and Mary Lou Batzer attended the Michigan District LWML Convention. They reported back to the members on their uplifting experiences at the convention.

Tim Eden, our Seminary Student, attended our July monthly meeting and brought us up-to-date on his activities at the Seminary and also a little about his vicarage this coming school year in Boca Raton, Florida.

August was busy with our Annual Rummage Sale/Bake Sale. We were blessed with many items to offer for sale and a lot of delicious baked goods plus many customers who purchased both. Our members, again this year, decided to present the money raised from our Bake Sale to Tim Eden, our seminary student, as an additional Christmas gift.

Kathleen Rountree

St. Paul, Hale – The ladies at Hale have been very busy! Beside our normal busy lives at church, we have made: 100 Quilts (already sent to Haiti), 200 more Quilts for LWR, 50 Health Kits, 56 School Kits, 36 Sewing Kits, and 17 Layettees.

We are having another Quilt-a-thon September 15 and everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served. The hours of the Quilt-a-thon are 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Our Fellowship ladies (the same ones) are having an ice cream social on September 12.

We are having another Tea and Style Show, featuring clothes and jewelry from Kathy Jane's on September 10.

I know that Hale is on the nominating committee, but since not many of our ladies come to the Rallies, there haven't been any come forward to nominate anyone.

That's all for now.

Louise McClelland

St. Luke, Harrison – The St. Luke ladies have had a great summer. Three of our ladies went to the convention, Carol Stuhr, Kay Forster, and Betty Laskowsky and were privileged to be able to share in all the events that were presented. It was very informative and enjoyable.

All the ladies helped with our annual Rummage Sale, which was very successful.

Our 50's group have been taking little trips. We enjoyed an ice cream social and concert at the Clair Airport one beautiful evening. We all went out to dinner in Gladwin and then to a park for a fun evening with an Irish trio.

We have a golf group who play every Tuesday and this week will be our outing and picnic. It should be lots of fun and interesting to see who wins our wacky trophies.

The quilters, as always, are busy filling boxes for LWR.

Please keep Carol Stuhr, from our society, and her daughter Vicki in your prayers as they travel to Panama as part of the MOST/LWML mission team.

Kay Forster

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.



St. John, Houghton Lake – Our LWML ladies have been on vacation from meetings for the summer. We will be back in operation in September.

St. John Church has still been busy. Our Divine Service, May 23 emphasized our thanks to God for the gift of music, especially in the church, as we dedicated our new organ installed in December.

The June Ladies Aid meeting, with a potluck, was held at the pavilion on the church property on Reserve Road. In June we had 5 high school graduates from Houghton Lake High School who are members of St. John Church. The annual Strawberry Social was June 19 after the Saturday evening service.

Vacation Bible School was June 21-25. An average of 35 children were taught the message of the gospel in a fun and memorable way by a number of hard working "Bee Hive" workers.

A very exciting new project was begun this year at the church property on Reserve Road. A garden was planned and very enthusiastically planted and planted early too, with our very mild spring. A number of the church trustees worked hard getting the pump working on the property so there was water for the garden. We didn't realize how many would-be farmers we had in the congregation. They have put in many hours in caring for their crops.

Project Hope, here in Houghton Lake, has truly benefited from the harvest from the "Garden of Eatin'". A scare crow with a remarkable resemblance to Pastor Winter and his guitar is helping guard the crops. Also an electric fence has allowed it to exist. Each gardener has a 15 x 30 ft. plot. All are asking for bigger plots for next year. There will no doubt be even more gardeners next year with all the excitement this garden as provided. We in the congregation have shared in the harvest also.

Four adults were confirmed July 4 and a brunch was provided after the service.

The church has a drive for dog and cat food for the Roscommon Animal Shelter in July because the shelter ran out of food and were forced to go an entire day without feeding the animals until emergency supplies were obtained. 1000 pounds of cat and dog food were collected and delivered to the shelter. It's been a grand summer and we look forward to seeing our LWML Sisters in Christ in the fall.

Sylvia Tumath

Trinity, Oscoda – We held our annual Rummage Sale/Salad Luncheon in June which was a great success.

In August we had our TLCW/LWML annual picnic at Greenbush Golf Course. Fellowship, food and fun was enjoyed by all ladies present. Included with the picnic was a surprise house warming

shower for our church secretary who just purchased a home.

In September we are collecting materials for health kits, baby layettes, and school kits for LWR.

We will be participating in LWML Sunday, the first Sunday in October, with a Mighty Muffin coffee hour and mite box collection. We hope all of you had a safe and happy summer.

Please keep Carol Wenzel in your prayers as she travels to Panama as part of the MOST/LWML mission team.

Joyous Blessings, Henrietta Fortney

Faith, Prescott – Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

On May 2 we had 3 confirmands confirmed. Some of our ladies were able to attend the May 15 LWML Rally in Gladwin. Two of our convention delegates and myself attended the zone Caucus on May 24.

Our ladies did our annual church kitchen cleanup in June. We held another Red Cross Blood Drive on June 10 at Faith, collecting 35 units. Our next Blood Drive is set for Thursday, August 26 from 1 – 6:45 p.m. Also in June we held a "new member breakfast" for 4 new congregational members and hosted an Appreciation Dinner for all of our Faith volunteers from the past year with a cookout and a hayride.

Six Faith ladies attended the July Michigan District LWML Convention in Dearborn and had a wonderful time. One of our delegates, Sue Carr, was a first timer. Jan Podleski was our other delegate.



We are inviting everyone from our zone societies to come to our second Quiltathon and Africa Dresses/Shorts Workshop on Friday, September 17 from 6-9 p.m. and also on Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Coffee and sandwiches will be provided for lunch. If you have a favorite sewing machine, bring it, as well as a friend.

We continue to work on quilts every Thursday and are currently collecting items for our local food pantry as a congregation/LWML ingathering. Our fall Rummage Sale will be September 30, October 1 & 2. Everyone is welcome. I look forward to seeing you at our next Timberline Zone Board Meeting on Monday, September 20.

Serving Him together in Christ, Kay Kernstock

Bethlehem, Standish – Please keep our LWML representative from Bethlehem, Barb Knop, in your prayers. She is struggling with some physical difficulties and health issues.

Hope, St. Helen – The Ladies of Hope Bazaar at the end of May went well and a large portion of the proceeds went to support the Hope Lutheran Assistance Fund which is a part of a community assistance program for people in the community that may need help with utility bills, gas, food or other necessities.

Our ladies held an all day demonstration at the Richfield Township 125th Anniversary Celebration, to show the community how we assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This was really well received, plus we had assistance from the Girl Scout Troup and ladies from the community. Many people stopped and tried their hand at tying a quilt and the Girl Scouts learned a lot.’

Our regular quilting group continues throughout the summer and the stack of quilts is getting bigger.

Plans are well under way for hosting the LWML Zone Fall Rally, and we hope to have a full church on October 7.

Lois Hernandez

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

Zion, Tawas – As we look back on this summer we thank God for His many blessings. From Mother’s Day to Father’s Day over 1000 diapers were collected and taken to the Care Pregnancy Center. We were happy to learn they will be opening a center on State Street in East Tawas.

A summer highlight was the MI District Convention in July. So many special events – Bible studies, the communion service with over 700 participants, interesting and concise meetings, speakers and sharing with friends new and old, to name a few. We were entertained by Ruby Begonia of the Escanaba Begonias and enlightened by keynote speakers like former national LWML president, Ida Mall, who shared simple ways we can share the Good News.

The Youth Group was very busy raising money for their trip to Bethesda. The youth from Good News Ministries in Whittemore were partners with them in these activities. Two LWML members

recently spent a week working with the residents of Bethesda.

Zion sponsored a food give-away on August 25 and the quilters are hosting a quilting bee on Thursday, September 23 from 9a.m. – 3 p.m. with lunch provided and a drawing for one of the attendees to take home a special quilt.

Other planned activities are a Casserole Luncheon on October 22 – varied casseroles, tossed salad and dessert. December 4 will be our annual Bethlehem Breakfast with “Blessings of the Manager” as the theme and guest soloist(s) and favorite Christmas carols to be included.

If you really like to plan ahead, you will want to know Zion will be hosting the Day of prayer on April 12, 2011.

By the grace of God we look forward to being together with our sisters in LWML in doing God’s work.

Carol Matheson



Coming Attractions

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
34th Biennial Convention
Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 6, 2011
Peoria Civic Center – Peoria, Illinois**

Theme: Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage: *And they realized they had been with Jesus. “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”* Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

This is a great opportunity for us in Michigan to attend a national convention. Illinois is not that far and with car-pooling or a bus, the cost of travel would be minimal. Think about it!