



# The Timber-line

3rd Quarter, 2011

## The President's Podium



Happy Fall!

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful blessings of this season - the beautiful weather God has been giving us, the glorious colors of his magnificent creation and, of course, apples! It's Honey Crisp time again!

History hasn't left us very much information about John Chapman, who was born in 1774 and nicknamed Johnny Appleseed. He was poor, and it is said that, when he was 23, he began his unique and solitary mission walking through midwest America, gathering seeds from cider mills, planting and cultivating seedlings, clearing land and positioning trees to become nurseries and orchards. He was uncommonly strong, tall, lanky and bearded and carried a battered Bible, a sack of seeds and wore a cooking pot on his head. He gave away the best of his few earthly provisions to those even more needy than himself. Yet, his mission gave him the opportunity to see God's magnificence and power in the breathtaking beauty and strength of the wilderness. He had to rely on God for His provision, for His participation in moment-to-moment survival decisions, while always giving thanks for the beauty He brought into his life.

A godly life produces immeasurable good for the rest of the world. What we do becomes how we are remembered. John Chapman, by occupation a gatherer and planter of apple seeds, shared the Lord's Gospel with everyone he met before he died in Fort Wayne, Indiana in March of 1845. Perhaps he was inspired by Galatians 5: 13, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

God has entrusted you as a "seed carrier" for the Gospel. Your "seed" work takes root, grows, bears fruit, re-seeds and flourishes countless times over. You don't have to travel to foreign countries or even walk across midwest America. The place where God has planted you is crying out for the sure hope that can only be brought by a trusted, faithful "seed carrier" - YOU! God has put a great adventure before you, to NOW, GO and tell the Gospel story, even to those you think already know it. Trust that God will supply you with all you need and that He will produce the harvest. Leave a legacy of Christ's love to be your signature on the world.

*B. J.*

(Paraphrased from Johnny Appleseed, Early American Missionary, written by Elaine Perry, Tacoma, WA, published by Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2010)



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

*Rev. Rod Morrison, Pastoral Counselor  
LWML Timberline Zone, Michigan District*

**While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy.  
And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him,  
"Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."  
And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying,  
"I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.  
Luke 5:12-13**

### **"Reaching Out."**

If there is one thing we know for certain about Jesus, it is that He was not afraid to reach out and touch people. The text above gives evidence of that. Jesus touched hands and feet, eyes and ears, as well as hearts and minds. He did what no one else could do...healed hurting people with His gentle touch. This is something we need to do more of in our own society; we need to be willing to reach out and touch the untouchable. We need to move beyond our comfort zones to give comfort to others. **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Leprosy is especially damaging not only because of the physical problems it causes, but also because of the social stigma. Lepers were cast out from all human contact. They were forced to live in colonies, and were not even allowed to enter the temple to worship. In all ways that mattered, lepers were cut off and alone. Too many in our society feel the same way today. But notice how Jesus responds to the question, **"Lord, if you will, make me clean."** He says, **"I will, be clean."** That is a message of love and forgiveness. That is the message of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Jesus can and does touch the lives of people, and so does the L.W.M.L.

This is done in more ways than I can count. The reason why is self-evident. We reach out to others because Jesus still reaches out to us. The hurting, the lost, the damaged, the needy. We spread the message of hope and deliverance to those who need it most. People need help because they cannot help themselves. We need Christ because He is always willing to touch us, the unclean.

Continue to be willing to reach out and touch someone. Be lights in the darkness so that others can find their way to the Truth and the Life. In our own daily prayers and confession, let our desire be the same as the leper, "Lord, if you will, make me clean." Jesus' reply will always be, "I will; be clean."

May God continue to bless us as we reach out to others.



## SOCIETY NEWS

### St. John, Au Gres

HOORAY!!!!!!! Our ladies made it to 100 quilts in honor of our 100 Years of Blessings here at St. John, Au Gres , with time to spare. We are now looking forward to next year's goal. We have had a busy summer here with celebrating our 100th anniversary in June, then a very successful VBS in July. August saw us busy working on the Quilts. 7 of our ladies attended the Fall Retreat, they are still singing praises. Now we are busy helping to get ready for our annual Ox-Roast on October 9, all are invited. Our plans are in place for LWML Sunday on Oct. 2. Our Monday morning ladies Bible study is being very well attended, we just started a new study on the Book of Psalms. We have an ongoing competition with the men, so far the ladies are ahead. We have just taken a new name, "WOW" Women of the Word. God's Peace and Blessings to all the ladies in the Timberline Zone. Have a wonderful fall season and enjoy all the beauty God sends upon us at this time of year. Pat Metzger

### Our Savior, Gladwin -

In June, we presented the first Ladies Aid Memorial Scholarship to two graduating high school seniors from our congregation. Rebecca Holcomb, graduating from Skeels Christian School, and Emily Zelt, graduating from Gladwin High School, each received a \$300 Ladies Aid Memorial Scholarship.

We also provided the June Birthday party for the residents of the MidMichigan Pines Nursing Home. We provided a birthday cake, pies, pudding and ice cream for the birthday party and also gifts for those celebrating a birthday in June.

The first Sunday of each month, we put out our large Mite Box and ask the members of Our Savior to help by donating coins, dollars and checks in support of all the mission work being done by LWML. Our monthly church newsletter contains an item, written by Pat Morley, covering one of the projects that received a grant from LWML. We hope and pray that by continuing to spread the news about the work of LWML we will increase awareness and support for the mission work of LWML.

In August, we held our annual Rummage Sale/Bake Sale. This year, the members of the Ladies Aid/LWML decided to donate all the proceeds from the Rummage Sale to Lutheran World Relief supporting their drive to help the victims of the severe drought in Africa. We raised a little over \$1,000 which has been sent to Lutheran World Relief. The monies raised from the Bake Sale will be given to our Seminary Student, Tim Eden, as a little additional gift at Christmas. We have been truly blessed in this activity.

In September, we had seven members attend the Timberline Zone Fall Retreat at Bambi Lake for a day of fellowship with Christian women from our Zone.

Kathleen Rountree

### St. Luke, Harrison

The ladies at St. Luke are enjoying the lovely fall weather. Five of us attended the fall retreat at Bambi Lake Camp. Getting lost was part of the fun! Our Hearts and Hands group is busy getting things made for our November bazaar. Team 1 and Team 2 will be doing their part to make it a success. We plan to serve a lunch also to about 50 people. We'll also have a bake sale along with the crafts. Our July church picnic was lots of fun with the VBS kids fishing in a little pond stocked with trout from a local fishery. Our rummage sale was very successful, and we all ended up with "new" clothes and stuff. Our golfers had their final outing with lots of neat prizes and recycled trophies. Looking forward to a blessed fall and winter.

Kay Forster

### St. John, Houghton Lake

On August 8th, Anne Hume gave a power point presentation at St. John about her work at Save Haiti Mission Orphanage. Her work and witness of Christ's love and forgiveness to these children is so important. The ladies served refreshments. Our LWML helps support her, also. We recently had a visit from Sam Orozco to tell us about his plans for him and his family to serve in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. The family has been invited by the Evangelical Lutheran Church to serve as missionaries. They will join Laercio Knaak (an Argentine pastor) and his wife and family to form an international church-planting missionary team. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay is an LCMS partner church, established in 1938, and has 52 congregations. The family will be visiting other churches looking for

support before they leave in January. Our LWML has given them support. The Orozcoc are members of two Rossow families from our church. Our LWML ladies enjoyed our recent retreat at the Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat Center. The facilities and staff were very accommodating. The Retreat Committee did a great job, and the speakers gave us much to think and pray about. In October, St. John Church will try to top last year's 1,000 pounds of food collected for the Roscommon County Humane Society shelter. The Ladies Aid made ladies of an area in Hackelburg, Alabama, that was hit by a tornado, very grateful.. One of our members, who has family nearby, mentioned that the women needed underwear desperately as they had lost everything. Underwear was bought and sent to them. The Ladies Aid Rummage Sale will be October 6th and 7th. The Harvest Dinner will be November 9th. Wishing you all a lovely fall with our blessings of nature's colors all around us. **Sylvia Tumath**

### Trinity, Oscoda

Five ladies attended the retreat at Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat Center. Thanks to the Christian Growth Committee and their helpers for a great retreat of fellowship, good food and learning ways to assist us in " Faith Talk". Plans are underway for our November 12th Holiday Bazaar. The Bazaar will feature a cookie walk, bake sale, white elephant room, crafts and a nice luncheon. The Bazaar goes from 9am to 2pm. We would love to see you there. The ladies will be providing soup and cookies at a food give-away in nearby Harrisville. On Sunday Oct. 16th we will provide dinner for about 100 Thrivent Financial Members as they meet for an annual meeting. Already 60 Baby Care Kits have been completed for LWR with Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Quilts still to be completed. The entire congregation gets involved with the LWR in-gathering, giving of their time and donations. We will celebrate LWML Sunday on Oct. 2nd with women taking an active part in the service as greeters, ushers, readers and a short presentation on LWML. A display of quilts and other LWR kits will be available. A special MITE collection will be taken and a "Mitey Muffin" coffee hour will be held after both services. Carol Wenzel is planning to share her experiences with the MOST Eyeglass team to Peru at the Sunday Bible Class. **Carol Wenzel**

## Faith, Prescott -

Five of our Faith ladies enjoyed the National LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois. This past summer, we collected from our congregation Baby Care Kits, items for LWR and also baby bottles were given out to our congregation to collect money for our local West Branch Caring Pregnancy Center. Several ladies met to do our annual kitchen spring cleaning. We held a New Member Pancake Breakfast for 4 out of 10 new family members in August. July 25, Sandy Needham and Kay Kernstock spent all day painting, cooking, etc. for the boys at the LCFS Mission in Bay City as the District LWML In State Mission project. Faith established beginning a Greeter program which we have not done in many years. We hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on August 25 which collected 27 pints of blood. We hold these blood drives 4 times a year. We are looking for another new sponsor. Our Sunday School held their fall Rally Day Sept. 11 with much fun and food for all. Our LWML Rummage sale will be Oct. 6, 7, and 8, and all are welcome. Faith is holding classes for those interested in the Financial Peace training, and we have 38 enrolled in classes. Five of our ladies attended our Zone Retreat in Roscommon on Sept. 17. We enjoyed the camp and fellowship. Kay Kernstock

## Hope, St. Helen

The Ladies of Hope have continued to make quilts and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief and will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Our quilts will be displayed on the church pews for all to see for both LWML Sunday and on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our congregation. We will be hosting our next door neighbors, the Catholic ladies, for a luncheon in October. This is a yearly event and a great friendship builder between the two churches. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the congregation will again be making pasties, and on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in St. Helen's Trunk-Or-Treat event. We will be having our Hunter's Beef Stew Dinner on November 14, 2011. This has been an annual event for many years and was always spearheaded by Jeanie Snyder in the past. Due to Jeanie's death this summer, the Stew Dinner this year will be held as a Memorial to Jeanie. Everyone is invited to come and join us for that event. We will try to make the stew as good as Jeanie did, but no guarantees! Our teen LWML group (Friends Into Serving Him) continues to be very active. They are in the process of selling "Flower Power" flower bulbs again as a fund raiser. They also will be hosting an Advent Soup and Sandwich supper with a soup cooking contest. Votes for your favorite soup will be in the form of a donation to LWML mites. The soup with the most money for mites will be the winner. The girls also

learned how to sew this summer and are in the process of making a baby quilt to be donated to the Pregnancy Center in West Branch when it is finished. [Lois Hernandez](#)



## *TIMBERLINE ZONE FALL RALLY*

Thursday, **October 13th, 2011** is the date for the Timberline Zone Fall Rally, which will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 407 S. Washington St, Hale, MI 48739, phone (989) 728-4082 from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Our theme will be ***Be Thou My Vision***, based on words written in the 8th century by Dallan Forgaill, translated from ancient Irish to English in 1905 by Mary E. Byrne and set to verse in 1912 by Eleanor H. Hull. Our speakers will be Carol Wenzel, (Trinity, Oscoda) and Pat Morley (Our Savior, Gladwin). They will share with us highlights of their LWML/MOST mission trips to Panama and Peru, where they participated in eyeglass clinics. Our ingathering will be--used eyeglasses! These will be given to MOST Ministries. The skit of the day will be presented by the Prescott Players. As always, there will be time to be in the Word, to lift each other up in prayer and song, to laugh, to learn, to fellowship with our sisters in Christ, to return a portion of the many blessings we have received, and to eat! This is, after all, a Lutheran gathering! Oh, and we will conduct a little business, too! And it's all FREE! How can you *not* come?! Hope to see you there!

*Check It Out!*

*[lwml.org](http://lwml.org)*

*[mi-lwml.org](http://mi-lwml.org)*

## Break-out Sessions

There will be 4 Break-out Sessions  
Choose the two you would like to  
attend and circle them on your  
registration form.

1. In the Word with Christian Growth
2. Of the Word with Mission Outreach  
& Caring Ministries
3. Walking with our Lord through  
Leader Development  
& Organizational Resources
4. "How to" Helps from  
Communications & Finance

## Ingathering:

Canned or non-perishable  
foods for food pantries  
in the area of each church  
where the  
meetings are held.

**\*Registration Deadline\***  
One week prior to date of conference

## Plan to attend the Michigan District LWML Convention July 20 - 22, 2012 Hyatt Regency,



- ♦Proclaimer - Rev. Matthew Harrison  
LCMS President
- ♦Liturgist - Rev. David P. E. Maier  
Michigan District LCMS President
- ♦Keynoter - Rev. John Nunes  
President & CEO LWR, Baltimore
- ♦Bible Study leader - Monique Nunes
- ♦Song Leader - Barbara Hoffmeier
- ♦Saturday night entertainment  
Rebecca Smith, Bay City  
Girls of Grace, St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- ♦Servant Events
- ♦Breakout Luncheons
- ♦Experience YGG...

### Theme Verse:

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

## Michigan District LWML Fall Women's Conference 2011



### Dates:

Oct. 29 - Our Savior,  
Gladwin

Nov. 5 - Our Shepherd,  
Birmingham

Nov. 12 - St. Michael,  
Portage

### Time:

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## The Committed Christian Woman

### Conference Goal:

In response to God's commitment to us, we have a stronger  
commitment to Him, others and ourselves.

## Who Is Invited?

All women interested in learning more about:

- ✳ God's Commitment to Us
- ✳ Our Commitment to God
- ✳ Our Commitment to Others
- ✳ Our Commitment to Ourselves

## Program Includes:

- ❖ Bible study      ❖ Discussions
- ❖ Break-out sessions      ❖ Singing
- ❖ Fellowship      ❖ Good food

**Cost \$7.50 per person**

### Registration for Women's Conference 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle date you will be attending: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12

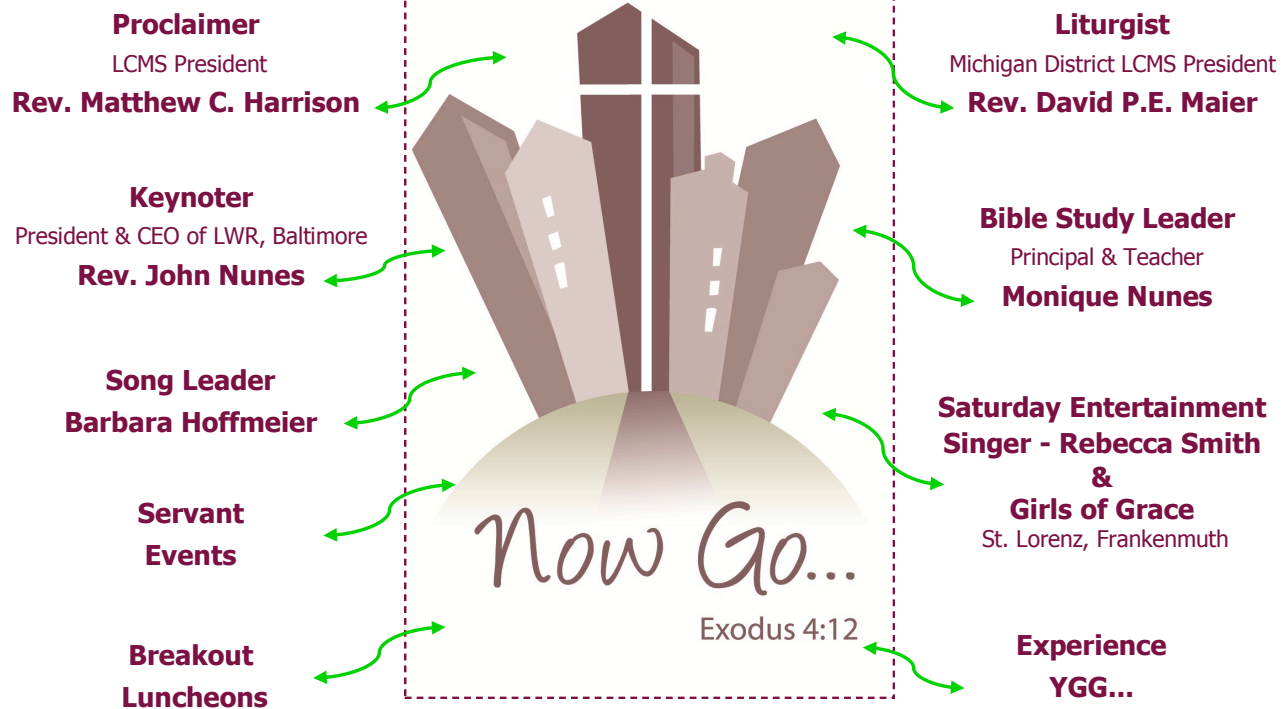
Circle 2 Break-out Sessions you wish to attend: 1 2 3 4

Please fill in all information, clip this part of flyer and send it and check for \$7.50 made out to Michigan District LWML to  
Michigan District LWML, PO Box 5305, Warren, MI 48090.

Refer all questions to: Meeting Manager Pat Morley, 989-329-1418 or email patmorley51@gmail.com

# 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](http://www.mi-lwml.org), for more details and registration forms!

# 2012 LWML/MOST Mission Trips



COSTA RICA  
QUILTING & CRAFTS  
FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3

GUATEMALA  
WOMEN & CHILDRENS  
MINISTRY  
NOVEMBER 9 - 17



For more information contact Dee Veitengruber  
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(616) 754-1853

**The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.**

*A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.*

# 2010-2012 LWML Michigan District Mission Goal \$230,000

**As of September 7, 2011:**

**\$166,264 collected (58%)**

**\$121,236 needed (42%) BY APRIL 30, 2012**

*Did you know that if every woman who is a member of the LWML in the Michigan District (approximately 6,000 of us) gave just \$3.00 in mites each month, we would raise \$432,000 in two years?! That would completely cover our \$230,000 district mission goal, with \$202,000 left over to give to the national mission goal.*

**LET'S GO!**

## CHALLENGE!

The Mission Ministry Visioning Consultants of the LWML Michigan District have issued the following challenges to all societies to complete before the 2012 District Convention:

- Use A Different Route Going Into Church - parking space, door, seat - meet a new woman!
- Stay Bible Focused - offer devotions and Bible studies that appeal to all types of women;
- Stay Mission Focused - pray and talk about local, state, national and international outreach;
- Stay Service Focused - offer opportunities to get women involved in short term projects;
- Use A New Meeting Time - are you stuck-in-a-rut? Alternate day and evening events;
- Make Meetings Short And To The Point - don't bog down agendas with details that a committee can handle;
- Mentor And Encourage The Women Around You - who will do the best job of replacing you?
- Be Inclusive Of New Women's Thinking and Ideas - if you want participation, then accept them;
- Don't Just Think Young Women - think retiring, empty nesters and recently widowed;
- Expose Women To District And National Conventions - start advertising and inviting now!



## DATES AND DEADLINES TO REMEMBER....

October 29, 2011	MI District LWML Fall Women's Conference, Our Savior, Gladwin
November 11-19, 2011	LWML/MOST mission trip - Chili
November 15, 2011	Zone society roster due (to B. J. Morrison)
December 1, 2011	Zone society roster due (to District Personnel Records Liaison Barb Collins)
December 20, 2011	Timber-line newsletter deadline (4th quarter)
TBA 2012	Zone prayer service
January 1 - March 15, 2012	Quarterly order deadline
January 15, 2012	Young Woman Representative applications (for 2012 MI District Convention) due (to B. J. Morrison)
February 24 - March 3, 2012	LWML/MOST mission trip - Costa Rica
March 19, 2012	Zone spring board meeting - St. John, West Branch (refreshments - West Branch)
March 20, 2012	Timber-line newsletter deadline (1st quarter)
May 5, 2012	Zone spring rally - St. John, Au Gres (skit - Oscoda)
June 20, 2012	Timber-line newsletter deadline (2nd quarter)
July 20-22, 2012	LWML Michigan District Convention, Dearborn
September 17, 2012	Zone fall board meeting - St. John, West Branch (refreshments - Houghton Lake)
September 20, 2012	Timber-line newsletter deadline (3rd quarter)
October 11, 2012	Zone fall rally - Trinity Oscoda (skit - Au Gres)
November 9-17, 2012	LWML MOST mission trip - Guatemala
December 20, 2012	Timber-line newsletter deadline (4th quarter)