



# The Timber-line

4th Quarter, 2010

## The President's Podium



“We sold our house!” I must confess, those were words I hoped I would never hear, because they meant that I would soon be the new Timberline Zone president.

Since October 7th, when you graciously accepted me as your new leader, I've really been identifying with Moses and Jonah.

“You want me to do *what*, Lord? Lead Lutheran women from 12 different congregations and inspire them to serve You with gladness? What are You thinking!?”

God doesn't always call the equipped, but he surely equips those He calls. “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*” *Philippians 4:13* With His grace, and your support, I can face this challenge!

I was so proud of The Ladies of Hope for hostessing a beautiful and inspiring Fall Rally. I can't wait for another opportunity to fellowship with our LWML sisters at the Spring Rally in Prescott!

I trust that your celebrations of our dear Savior's birth were wonderful and that He will continue to shower you with blessings in this new year

*B. J. Morrison*



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### “A Time for Everything Under the Son.”

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.” **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

Time. In the text above, King Solomon mentions “time” 29 times. It seems as though we never have enough, yet God has given us another year. We thank God for the many blessings in our life: family, vocation, faith and forgiveness. Kathy Troccoli said, “We weren’t created to ‘have our way.’ We were created to trust God with His way.” Do we let God have His way with us or do we insist on our own? Is there still time to know His way? The answer is YES!

Many of us reading this article have experienced emotions that are all too familiar: birth and death, illness and healing, laughter and weeping, conversation and silence. It’s all part of the human condition. It was also part of God’s experience through His Son, Jesus. We may wonder why certain things are allowed to happen. We must learn to trust that it’s all according to God’s timing.

“For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” **Luke 22:37** We see that the promises of God are fulfilled in His Son. There is nothing we don’t feel that Jesus hasn’t felt as well. That’s why He was born as we are, wrapped in human flesh, so that we might be saved.

Now is the time for us to heed the Word and apply it to our lives. As with our worship, it begins with repentance and ends with receiving God’ mercy. When our lives are fractured, splintered and in pieces, it is God who pulls it all together and binds us in His love.

As all of you begin another year in the grace of our Lord, I encourage you to consider the time spent in prayer, devotion and worship. We live in the midst of time, yet God has promised us eternity with Him in heaven in the light of His Son. There His Light will shine as eternal day shines upon us, and there will be time for all things.

May God bless and keep you all.

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

## SOCIETY NEWS



**Our Savior, Gladwin** - On the first Sunday of each month, we place our large Mite Box at the exit to the church sanctuary with a reminder to the members that with these donations we carry the message of Jesus Christ to people here in the United States and throughout the world. This has helped us increase our donation to the District and National Mite goal.

In October, four of our members, Jean Becker, Geri Jantz, Colleen Schlese and Cheri Snow, presented the skit at the Fall Rally in St. Helen. They reported back to the membership that this was well received and they had a lot of fun doing it.

On October 11, we had our LWML Sunday at which time we displayed the quilts that had been made for Lutheran World Relief. At these services, Pastor Schultz, blessed the quilts before they were sent on to LWR for distribution. This Sunday is also the day that we announce who the Ladies Aid/LWML Woman of the Year is. A tie between two members, Geri Jantz and Elfrieda Rose, gave us the opportunity to recognize both of these women for their contributions to our church and our organization.

November 13 was our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Sausage/Sauerkraut Supper at Our Savior. Most members were busy helping with the dinner, from making the sauerkraut in October, then the applesauce, the sausage and finally serving the dinner. It is a large effort undertaken by the church with the help of many members and through it we reach a large number of people in our community. This year, over 1,200 people were served. *Kathy Rountree, Secretary*

**St. Luke, Harrison** - The Ladies Fellowship at St. Luke, Harrison, had a very successful Bazaar in 2010. The Hearts and Hands group did a lot of hard work through out the year so they donated some great items for sale at the Bazaar. A big thank you to them. We also had a nice bunch of baked goods donated, with lots of yummy things for sale. We have been selling Terri Lynn Nut Products also, and that is a great fund raiser for our club.

The ladies decided to not have our Advent By Candlelight in 2010 due to poor turnouts in the past two years. Some of us will really miss that blessed event. We all sat for a new edition of a church directory which will be ready in 2011. Carol Stuhr will be back from Guatemala soon, and we are looking forward to hearing about that mission trip. Hope she took lots of pictures.

A group of ladies packed up 15 boxes of goodies for our soldiers. Our Pastor's son, John, is one of them. He is in the army and is based in Maryland for now. All for now from St. Luke, Harrison. *Kay Forster*

**Trinity, Oscoda** - 5 ladies attended the MI District Convention in Dearborn in July. We are sure everyone attending left the convention renewed and inspired under the theme "Beautiful Feet".

Member Carol Wenzel was part of the MOST Eye Glass Mission team to Panama from Aug. 27th to Sept. 4th when over 800 people were seen and 900 pairs of glasses dispensed during 5 long days of clinics. Carol thanks everyone for their prayers and would be glad to share this awesome experience with your society.

The sewing ladies completed over 100 little dresses for Africa along with boys shorts. We encountered some difficulty in getting a response from Rachel O'Neill as to how and where to send the dresses. A member will attempt to deliver them to her residence.

Another successful LWR collection was completed in Oct. with 62 quilts, 58 layettes, 20 health kits, 34 school kits and 14 lbs. of soap being sent. We thank God for the generous donations by the congregation and LWML members.

Our annual Christmas bazaar was held on Sat. Nov. 13th. The cookie walk and baked goods seemed to be the hottest selling items. The profits will be used to support our many mission and community projects.

Our Dec. meeting was our annual Christmas/Advent event with devotions, skits, singing and lunch. Needs of LSFS was selected as our in-gathering for the event to which all the women of the congregation were invited to attend. During this time we also collected our "Dime Socks" for Mites.

We hope you all had a Blessed and Merry Christmas. *Carol Wenzel*

**Faith, Prescott** - Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our 'Women of Faith/LWML' completed our fall Rummage & Bake Sale which we used for missions. Several of our ladies attended the Fall Rally in St. Helen and enjoyed it. Thank you, St. Helen ladies for a wonderful day at the Rally. We held our LWML Sunday on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> with all our quilts on the pews. We had 125 quilts of which we sent 41 of them into our local community to meet needs. We also had many Africa dresses and some shorts made. Jackie Weidman is our quilting and dresses leader, and she also along with her son, Andy, makes so many of our quilts by themselves. Jan Podleski took all our quilts to the 'boxcar'. Our Evangelism/LWML put on a "Trunk or Treat" event Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and we had over 200 come. This was our Christian 'Outreach' into our community. Our congregation helps our

LWML ladies in providing funeral dinners for our congregation members, of which we had two in November, which is also an outreach to the families. Our congregation provides volunteer drivers for our congregation members who need medical drivers. We continue to team up our LWML ladies with a Confirmand for their two years in classes to support them in prayers. We held our nominations in our Nov. LWML meeting and voted to keep our current secretary, Sue Carr, and our V. President Jan Podleski. Our extra Quarterlies are mailed out by Char Thayer to our women shut-ins. Our congregation hosts a Blood Drive 4x/year, and we had one on Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a fundraiser Bake Sale on Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Citizens Bank in Skidway Lake, and that money will go to St. Francis Food Bank. Our congregation always takes part in the Thanksgiving Food baskets for those in need in our community every year and also we provide Christmas presents for children in need in our community yearly. Several ladies are planning to attend this years' Nat. Convention in Peoria. On Sat., May 14, 2011, we will host our Timberline Zone Spring Rally at Faith, and we hope to see all of you there!

It's been a wonderful year in Serving our Lord with Gladness in our Zone LWML. To all of you, our friends in LWML, we hope you had a safe and Joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas. *In Christ, Kay Kernstock.*

**Bethlehem, Standish** - We had an Angel Tree for Christmas. *Barb Knop*

**Hope, St. Helen** - The Ladies of Hope in St. Helen would like to thank all of the ladies who came to the Fall Rally which we hosted. It was a challenge for us due to the small size of our church, but everything went quite well and we hope you all went home feeling enriched after the presentation by Anita Beyersdorf.

Our ladies were all very pleased that we were able to send our quilts to the Family of God mission in Detroit and would like to thank Cheri Fish for taking them down to the mission.

Our ladies cooked our annual Hunter's Beef Stew Dinner in November, which was well attended. Unfortunately, the dinner climaxed a week in which the ladies also served two funeral dinners, making the week an extremely busy one. Several new added touches to the dinner this year made it extra special. We had entertainment from a local guitar and singing group with gospel music, and our Evangelism Board provided hand warmers for the hunters along with a bible verse and information about our church.

Our Advent Tea was held on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This provided an excellent opportunity for the ladies of our congregation to start the Advent Season focused on the birth of Christ, Our Savior, with B. J. Morrison as the hostess for this event.

December 3rd was our third annual Pick and Choose Cookie Sale at the Richfield Township Hall. We tried a new method and sold the cookies by the pound instead of by filling a coffee can, which seemed to be well received by our customers. *Lois Hernandez*

**St. John, West Branch** - We made 12 quilts for World Relief, and two ladies delivered them to Saginaw. We plan to work on more quilts for 2011. We had a Harvest Dinner on November 6, and it was a big success. We were also busy making 100 hats and scarves for the Christmas House that we hosted. We enjoyed our Advent services and pot-lucks. We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. *Norma Vecellio*

### *TIMBERLINE ZONE SPRING RALLY*



*"Serve The Lord With Gladness"*

The LWML Timberline Zone Spring Rally will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, **May 14th**, 2011 at Faith Lutheran Church, 5315 Henderson Lake Rd, Prescott MI 48756. The theme will be *Serve The Lord With Gladness*, and the program will be a "Hands-On Servant Event" to benefit Whittemore Good News Ministry in Whittemore MI. The theme verses for the rally are from Romans 12:9-13: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." Ingathering items will be announced soon.



### **TIMBERLINE ZONE RETREAT**

Save the date! Saturday, **September 17th**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The LWML program "Faith Talk" will be the basis for the retreat. Watch for details!



They realized that they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.' - Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)

- ATTEND the first LWML Convention in Illinois in the 21st Century!
- WORSHIP with an anticipated 6000+ sisters and brothers in Christ!
- SHARE the Good News and fellowship with friends old and new!
- PARTICIPATE in servant activities before and during convention!

## CONVENTION BUSES

There will be three buses going from Michigan to Peoria for the convention. Check with your society president/LWML representative for more information, but hurry! The deadline for registration and payment is **January 28th!**

## GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Participants attending the 2011 LWML convention in Peoria, IL, will be able to reach out with care and compassion with *Gifts from the Heart*. Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from your heart. You may bring these items in unlimited quantities. You will be directed where to place your items when you register.

**Quilts** - any size for Orphan Grain Train (pack in heavy duty clear plastic bag)

**New Bath Towel/Hand Towel/Washcloth**

(pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

1 Bath Towel

1 Hand Towel

1 Washcloth

1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

**Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear in the Original Packaging**

(label correctly)

1 Christian Tract or bible Verse (securely taped onto package)

**New Children's Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books**

**Kits - Men, women or Children** (mark which one)

(all items are to be NEW and regular size...not travel size)

(pack in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

**MEN**

Men's Socks

Stick Deodorant

Disposable Razors

Toothbrush

Bar of Soap

1 Christian Tract or

Bible Verse

(inside the bag)

**WOMEN**

Women's Socks

Stick Deodorant

Hand or Body Cream

Toothbrush

Bar of Soap

1 Christian Tract or

Bible Verse

(inside the bag)

**CHILDREN**

Children's Socks

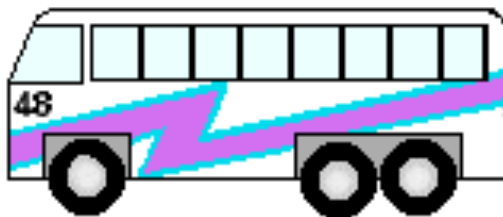
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Safety Scissors

Christian Coloring Book

Christian Story Book

Toothbrush



**Let's go to the  
convention!**

**CONVENTION BANNER** - District is seeking someone to make the District banner for the national convention in Peoria. Please contact Lois Moslander, [moslanderl@rawson.lib.mi.us](mailto:moslanderl@rawson.lib.mi.us), if you are interested!

### **Now Go...**

***“Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say”  
Exodus 4:12***

What you see in this scripture text and title above is the theme and scripture text chosen for the 2012 LWML District convention to be held July 20-22, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. The Executive Committee is asking for your help in Submitting logo designs to be used to exemplify this theme.

#### **Convention Objective:**

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

#### **Convention Goals:**

**Attendees will be inspired and equipped to...**

- 1. Walk daily in God’s Word**
- 2. Trust God to go with us and speak through us**
- 3. Express who we are in faith, word and deed**

Please send your design ideas in a camera ready copy to Willie Marie Henry, district Planner, by **January 31, 2011**. These design ideas will be evaluated at the February EC meeting and the choice will be presented at the March Board Meeting.



### **Did You Forget??.....**

At the fall Rally, Past-President Judy Baarck explained that \$10 was needed from each society to “catch up” our Zone’s YWR assessment. Three societies have not yet paid. Is yours one of them? If so, Colleen Schlese needs your payment now! Thanks!



## 2011 MISSION TRIPS

The Michigan District LWML and Lutheran Child and Family Services will partner in having an In-State Mission Event, "Picture the Possibilities", July 25 thru July 29, 2011. We will have mission opportunities throughout the state at Grand Rapids, Farmington Hills and Bay City. More information will be available after the March Board of Directors Meeting.

There will be a MOST/LWML Mission Trip to Chile for English Conversation in November 2011. Registration forms are available from Dee Veitengruber at [dee.veitengruber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dee.veitengruber@sbcglobal.net) or (616) 754-1853.



# Identity Growth Outreach

Society Presidents/LWML Representatives - please remember to work on the Target and Goals worksheets in your monthly meetings so copies can be given to me at the Spring Rally! Thank you! *B.J. Morrison, President*



## *It's Not Too Early.....*

.....to be thinking about our fall elections. This year, we will vote for President and Vice President. Won't you please prayerfully consider serving? The nominating committee will be Oscoda, Prescott and Standish. The representative to the Zone Board of Directors from each church will be responsible for naming the committee member from her church.



## DATES AND DEADLINES TO REMEMBER....

March 15, 2011	Deadline for Quarterly orders
March 20, 2011	Timber-line Newsletter deadline
March 28, 2011	Zone Board Meeting @ St. John West Branch (Refreshments-Au Gres)
March 28, 2011	Zone Retreat Planning Committee Meeting (after Board Meeting)
April 12, 2011	LWML Prayer Service - Zion, Tawas
May 14, 2011	Zone Spring Rally - Faith, Prescott (Skit - Hale)
June 20, 2011	Timber-line Newsletter deadline
June 23-26, 2011	LWML National Convention, Peoria, IL
September 17, 2011	Zone Retreat
September 19, 2011	Zone Board Meeting (?)
September 20, 2011	Timber-line Newsletter deadline
October 13, 2011	Zone Fall Rally - St. Paul, Hale (Skit - Prescott)
December 20, 2011	Timber-line Newsletter deadline