



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
MID-SOUTH DISTRICT
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

- [Registration Form](#)
- [Convention Rules](#)
- [District Directives](#)
- [District Bylaws](#)

DELEGATE INFORMATION:

- [Delegate Information](#)
- **Delegate Orientation 1:00-2:30pm,
Friday, June 12, Paragould
Community Center**
- [Delegate Reporting form](#)
- [Elective Officers Ballot](#)
- [Mission Grants Ballot](#)
- [Endowment Fund Bullet Points](#)

GUEST:

Ginger Starrett
LWML Recording Secretary
[Her biography here](#)



EVENT INFORMATION:

- [Servant Event](#)
- [Ingathering](#)
- [Offering Recipients](#)
- **Interest Sessions**
- **Exhibitors**

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

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SATURDAY BANQUET:



[Entertainer](#)
[Vicki Bishop](#)

Springtime – Nature coming to life again

Spring is my favorite season. I love seeing the trees budding, the flowers blooming and the grass turning green again after being brown all winter long. During the winter months, everything looks dead even though nature isn't really dead – it's just taking time to replenish so everything can come alive again in the spring. I think that's the way with people too. During the winter months we hibernate in our homes but when that first burst of warm weather hits, we're out washing our cars, taking walks, and enjoying the outdoors again. Holy Week is next week and we will reflect on the last week of Jesus' life here on earth. On Good Friday, when Jesus takes his final breath, it certainly looks like all is dead for humanity. But three days later on Easter Sunday, Jesus conquers death and comes alive again. His resurrection enables US to have new life too – through Him – with God the Father. Don't hibernate with this Good News – share it with your family, neighbors and friends.

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!!

I hope you are making plans to attend the district convention in Paragould, AR June 12-14. Early registration ends April 17 so if you haven't sent your registration form yet for the discounted rate, time is running out. The ladies in the Northeast Arkansas Zone are busy finalizing the details and you can find all the convention information on our website (midsouthlwml.org).

From President Diane. Even though society isn't calling our staying at home a "lockdown" during the Covid-19 pandemic, it certainly feels that way. One of the other district presidents posted the below and I wanted to share it with you. Use the extra time at home to strengthen your faith and spiritual journey.

LOCKDOWN is a time to:

- L - Listen to God's voice and reflect on "Let go and Let God".**
- O - Obey His Word and His teachings.**
- C - Call on Jesus' name and be calm.**
- K - Know what the purpose is of all of this.**
- D - Dwell in His presence. Do no panic.**
- O - Offer a prayer for everyone's safety**
- W - Wait and be patient; this too shall pass.**
- N - Nurture our personal relationship with Him.**

It's going to be a great convention so get a carload of your sisters together for a road trip to Paragould and a fun weekend!!

This is my last article as district president and I want to thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you these past 4 years. Has it really been 4 years since I was elected?!? Time DOES fly when you're having fun!! Serving as district president has been such a rewarding experience and I will wait to see where God wants me to serve next in LWML. If you are asked to serve in your society, zone or the district, I pray you will prayerfully consider saying "yes" as I know you will be blessed by the experience. And remember - God does not necessarily call the equipped, but he certainly does equip the called!

Thank you for all you do for LWML and may God continue to richly bless you. I'll see you in Paragould!

Serving the Lord with gladness,

Diane Reimold

LWML Mid-South District President



WHODATHUNKIT?

(pronounced: *who would have ever thought?*)

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!!!

Greetings in the name of our crucified and risen Savior, the Lord, Jesus! Amen!

Whodathunkit? Whodathunk that our country would be shut down by an invisible enemy? Whodathunk that we would be ordered, or strongly encouraged, to socially isolate ourselves? Whodathunk that churches would be setting empty (way more than usual) in the weeks leading up to Easter...and perhaps even Easter Day and longer...we'll see what comes.

I'm willing to bet most anything that no one saw this coming, unless they make the claim in hindsight in order to win this bet. No one, that is, among us "commoners," those of us whose jobs don't involve paying attention to such things. But just like that (*I snapped my fingers. You may do the same for effect.*) life as we are used to living it came to a screeching halt! Schools were closed and then cancelled. Hospitals got nervous ... along with everyone else as we were asked to stay at home. Businesses have had to get very creative and our national debt has taken a huge leap! Again, whodathunkit?

Let's go back a couple thousand years. The sun was rising on what was by all accounts, a typical Sunday morning. While that morning was calm, the same couldn't have been said for the previous Friday! That was when things had really gotten out of hand before the sun set and the Sabbath rolled around. Things actually got started the week before, when this Rabbi named Jesus rode into town. Over the course of that week He had quite a few run-ins with the Law which then saw Him arrested, tried (sort of) and crucified. Whodaevertunk that some mild-mannered Rabbi from Nazareth would cause such a stir? Not this guy, that's for sure. But wait, it only gets better.

So now we're back to that Sunday morning...three days after the events of Friday and here we are at the tomb where Joseph had His body laid. But ... wait for it ... WHODATHUNK what the women and the disciples and the whole world found there in that tomb? **His body wasn't there! He wasn't there because He wasn't dead! Sin was! Death was! But not Jesus! He wasn't there because He had risen!!! WHODATHUNKIT???**

I'll tell you whodathunkit: God, that's who! He'dathunkit because it was His plan for our redemption from the get-go. He chose to redeem through a promise rather than starting over and the promise He made Adam and Eve required Him, and only Him to make good on His promise; because it was nothing any of us could ever have done for ourselves or anyone else. He knew from the start what our salvation would cost Him and in His love He saw it done!

At the time of this writing we're still under the edict of social distancing, and who knows how much longer it will last? God does. We, therefore, look to Him not only for the joy of the resurrection and knowing His forgiveness but also for peace today and every day. Therefore, God's peace be with you as you celebrate His promise, be it at home or in a crowd because numbers don't necessarily matter. What matters is God's promise made very real in that empty tomb for in that emptiness death was swallowed up and eternal life made certain – for all who hear and believe.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor White





WORRY? ME???

God gave me two gifts today – all before 9:00 in the morning. First, he gave me the inspiration I sorely needed for this League Letter article! Second, he gave me a spider. Well, actually, a spider web.

I am not a fan of spiders. They bite me. I am certain the owner of the web is in my house right now looking for me. But, this very foggy morning as I pulled into my driveway, I caught a glimpse of a beautiful web. I had to run in and get the camera right away. It was a sight to behold with the moisture from the fog making perfectly formed “pearls” on every strand of the web. I know, right about now you are wondering when (or if!) I’m going to get to the point. So, here it is – in the midst of uncertainty, of worry, of fear of the unknown, God gave me this gorgeous gift, a perfect work of art in this imperfect world. He didn’t have to, but He DID.

I am not the worrier I used to be. I learned from an expert worrier, my mom. She’d pray but she’d still worry. Over the years, I have been blessed to be surrounded with so many faith-filled women as examples that I’ve learned to conquer most of the worries. All I need to do is recall my absolute favorite passage from Matthew 6.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” (Matthew 6:25-27, NIV)

I don’t so much worry about bad things happening. It’s more like discomfort over the things outside of my control. But in the passage below, James puts everything into perspective!

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” (James 4:13-15, NIV)

Let’s not forget the wonderful Serenity Prayer either! It’s so simple and so spot-on. Attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr it says “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”

And then there’s my no-worries husband who is another gift from God. When I fret about the current health crisis in our nation he tells me that zombies are already surrounding the house. Of course, that makes me laugh and, most importantly, helps me realize how silly I am to worry.

So, don’t worry, don’t fret, pray, pray, pray and pray some more. Oh, and don’t forget to wash your hands!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13, ESV)

Love you to pieces!!!

Candy

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Things are changing daily.

As I'm writing this article, the world has become a very different place from two weeks ago! I was going to encourage you to participate in your Christian Life workshops and local Bible studies and prepare to celebrate together at the Mid-South LWML District Convention in Paragould AR. Now it seems things are changing daily. We don't know what tomorrow will bring, much less the future!

However, we know one thing has not changed! Paul writes to the Corinthians; "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" I Corinthians 15: 3 - 4. We need to remember despite the craziness of our time that of first importance, Jesus became a man, was crucified, died and was buried and raised again so that we might be justified and live forever with Him.

In a world that sorely needs some good news, we can be salt and light to those we know. Would you consider sharing an online Mustard Seed with someone who is feeling isolated? How about making a phone call to someone at church? Is there a neighbor who is unable to go out and needs a grocery run? Are you seeing this time of quiet as a blessing? As a way to reach out to others or to reconnect with family? When there seems to be so much panic and fear,

can you be a voice pointing to Jesus and His peace that is beyond the world's understanding? I encourage you to "dwell in the shelter of the Most High... I will say to the Lord, ***"My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust"*** Psalm 91:12.

I also do need to let you know: We are working to match up the Quarterly subscription numbers for each small group with the amount of money paid for the subscriptions. We will be working with Zone Treasurers to match up the number of subscriptions with the actual amount received in payment for Quarterlies. This year is the first year in several years that the price increased to \$7.50 for 1 - 9 copies sent to one address. There is a price discount of \$6.00 each for 10 or more sent to the same address. Please make sure your groups know that the cost of the Quarterly subscription is NOT paid for by the Zone or District. Thank you for your help!

Ps 92: 1 - 2: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night." At this time of seeming darkness,

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Becky Grese
2nd Vice President



The LWML ladies of Grace, Knoxville

The
Purple
Force



met on Mar. 14 to tie 5 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and stuff 12 "Comfort Critters". The cuddly critters are made of fleece and have different smiley faces. Our Pastor blesses them and they are available for anyone to take from church and deliver to a sick or hurting child that needs a "hug" and a reminder of Jesus' love.

MIGHTY MITES

Mission Grant Recipients 2018 - 2020

Mission Grant funds are distributed on a "first come, first serve" basis. As the requests for funding are received, they are placed "in line" with the other requests and will be funded in that order as funds become available. Some Mid-South LC-MS District projects receive funding on a time schedule.

AMOUNT	RECIPIENT	ZONE	QUEQE #	PAID DATE
\$20,000	Prof. Church Worker Financial Aid LC-MS Mid-South District	LC-MS District	Scheduled 4 Payments	9-23-18 3-13-19 9-1-19 1-15-20
\$4,000	Faith, Hot Springs Village - Braille Workshop #156 & #160	Mid-Ark	Requested 3	3-6-19
\$7,200	Camp Scholarships - Petit Jean Hope LC, Jacksonville, AR	Mid-Ark	Requested 5	9-1-19
\$300 (reduced)	Transportation - Lifehouse Student Min. First LC Hot Springs, AR	Mid-Ark	Requested 12	
\$5,000	Bridge City Community First Lutheran Chattanooga, TN	Chattanooga	Requested 4	3-6-19
\$4,500	Paradox Teen Center Faith Lutheran Oak Ridge, TN	East Tenn	Requested 1	9-12-18
\$2500	Trinity HOPE St. Paul LC Sevierville, TN	East Tenn	Requested 2	9-13-18
\$5,000	Hunger First Concordia LC Kingsport, TN	East Tenn	Requested 6	9-1-19
\$5,000	Pregnancy Resource Center Christ Our Savior Loudon, TN	East Tenn	Requested 7	10-29-19
\$6,000	Hand up for Women Program Scholarships Grace LC Knoxville, TN	East Tenn	Requested 11	1-15-20
\$8,000	Comfort Dog Ministry Christ Our Savior LC Loudon, TN	East Tenn	Requested 8	3-6-19 9-1-19
\$7,500	All God's Children - A Special Resource Immanuel LC Memphis, TN	West Tenn	Requested 9	10-29-19
\$5,000	New Beginnings-Children W/ Learning Needs Luth. Special Education Ministries	Lutheran Organization	Requested 13	
\$5,000	Concordia Sem. International Grad. Students Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	Lutheran Organization	Requested 10	1-15-20



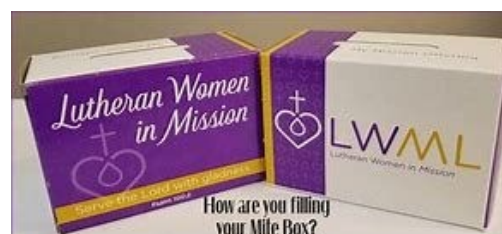
THE PURPLE FORCE



DON'T STOP NOW!

The challenge of this Pandemic is to find ways to get the job done and stay safe doing it.

We are very near Completing this biennium's Mission Grant goals, so keep sending in those mites (by mail maybe) to complete current goals and get a head start on next Biennium's grants.



Stephanie Rohrer of Peace Lutheran Church in Conway presents the LWML grant check for \$7,200 to Aaron Davis, new operations manager at Camp Trinity. The check was presented from the stage at the camp's annual Music on the Mountain outdoor praise festival.



Mr. Steven Schoenherr of the Comfort Dog Ministry accepts a check for \$8,000 from East Tennessee Zone President Sandra Arnold.

Mission Grant Recipient Paradox Teen Center

On September 23, 3rd Vice President Susan McConnell presented a check for \$4500 to the Paradox Teen Center in Oak Ridge, TN. The plan is to take students who are actively involved with the center's Bible studies on two trips. One will be in January to the ARK ENCOUNTER; a life size Noah's Ark. The second will be LIFEST: a Christian music festival in Oshkosh, WI where they will stay in a home on the lake. They plan on visiting four or five skateboard parks on the way.



Front row: Lucas Baker, Jane Mimard, Susan McConnell, Susan Kucenski, Lisa Baker.
Back row: Bill Kucenski, Ryan Baker, Jackson Lelle



Vicki Eubanks, LWML West TN Zone President, presents a \$7500 grant check to Ed Mell, Principal of Immanuel Lutheran School Memphis, during church services Nov. 10. This grant is for the school's "All God's Children" program.



Emphasizing

YOU

In **YOUNG WOMEN**



Many societies, throughout our zone and our nation, want to see younger women participate with LWML. We purple sisters know that it's a fulfilling, inspiring organization that seeks to use whatever gifts and talents we have to further God's Kingdom, and we want to see that work continue through many future generations. But how can we help the next generation see that?

I believe it must start with "in humility, value others above yourself." (Phil. 2:3) We need to put ourselves in the shoes of younger women to generate insight into how we can support or encourage them. Rather than hope that they will come to us, we need to be purposeful in seeking them out and prioritizing their needs in terms of scheduling, events, or programs. What would bless younger women? That question can help reveal or clarify new opportunities for growth.

If we think in terms of agriculture, humble observation and a willingness to change are ways that we can "prepare the soil," but the best way to "plant seeds" of LWML participation in the hearts of younger women is through individual cultivation. Getting to know a particular younger woman in the congregation, building a relationship with her, and then sharing how much LWML means to you and inviting her to join in; that is a fruitful way to grow.

I know because that is how it happened to me. Ultimately my dear sisters, we can trust that "the Lord is the one who makes things grow" (1 Cor. 3:7). With that great assurance, so let us do the hard work of reaching out in confident expectation of an abundant harvest.

Ashley Tieman



YOUTH in Mission Resources:

[YOUTH in Mission registration form](#)

[Planning for a YOUTH in Mission meeting](#)

[How to start a YOUTH in Mission group](#)

[Servant event ideas](#)



Twice a year the officers and committee chairs of the LWML West Tennessee Zone of the Mid-South District get together to discuss matters of importance and make plans for the coming months. President Vicki Eubanks is leading the February meeting at Immanuel - Memphis with District President Diane Reimold giving a district status report.

WHAT ABOUT MY PLANS?!

Society: What about my plans?!

God: *My plans for you are always better than your own. Don't worry. I'm going to work this all out for your good.*

Society: We're not going to get anything done!

God: *That's the point. You know how you keep spinning your wheels—always working, moving, doing—but never feeling satisfied? I've given you permission to stop. I've cleared your calendars for you. Your worth isn't tied to busyness or accomplishment. All you have to do is take care of each other.*

Society: What does this all mean?

God: *It means I'm in control. It means you are human and I am God. It means I've given you a wonderful opportunity to be the light in a dark world. It means you are going to learn to rely on me.*

Society: What are we supposed to do when we can't leave our homes?

God: *Rest. You are always so busy and overwhelmed, crying out to me weary and exhausted. Can't you use a break from your fast-paced and over-scheduled lives? Go ahead and rest. Pray. Love your families. Be still and spend time with me.*

Society: You mean we're supposed to stay home with our kids all day, every day?

God: *Yes. And you're going to be just fine. This time together is a rare gift. The rush of daily life has come to a halt. Play games. Bake cookies. Work on projects you've never had the time for. Teach them kindness and grace. Show them how to endure difficult circumstances and steer them toward me.*

Society: We better start hoarding anything we can get our hands on!

God: *Prevention, yes. Precaution, yes. Preparedness, yes. But after that, it's time to put the needs of others before your own. When you see someone in need, help them. Offer up what you have. Do not worry about tomorrow. Haven't I always taken care of you? Now, go take care of someone else.*

Society: Why is this happening?

God: *To remind you that I'm in control. To bring your attention back to me. I'm bringing you together as families and neighbors. I'm showing you patience and perseverance. I'm reminding you of your purpose and priorities. Now is the time to learn and teach your children what this life is really about.*

Society: We don't know who to believe.

God: *Believe in me. Trust me. Ask me for wisdom and I will surely give it. I am with you always.*

original author unknown

Christ the King's LWML Year Long Service Project for Operation Christmas Child

The Purple People

In January 2019, Christ the King's LWML Society started collecting items from their congregation to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Each month we collected specific items like toys, stuffed animals, school supplies and hygiene products.

The money and items donated by our congregation, along with the help of Diane Neugebauer's Early Childhood Center class, the ladies of CTK's LWML were able to fill 53 shoeboxes in November!

The generous donations of chapel offerings from the Christ the King school children and their parents paid the shipping cost for all of these boxes, which are sent to underprivileged children worldwide through the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse. The much-needed items in their shoeboxes will likely be the only gifts those children will receive for years.



LWML PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE!

Listen to devotions on the LWML Podcast! New episodes with devotional content will be posted every Wednesday.

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From the Ladies of St Paul , Sevierville

What a glorious time we have had this year, spreading God's love through giving to our community. For many years we have supplied our local hospital ICU waiting room with 'goodie bags' (filled with a bottle of water, small tissues, crackers, cookies, individually packaged fruit snacks and some candy) . Our congregation supplies the items and are quick to respond if we should say we need something. It is a wonderful mission that everyone gets to partake in. We also have many volunteers who, twice a week, deliver 10-12 bags to the hospital waiting room. We've had some really moving comments and messages from those in that room and it just keeps us going.

We also have enjoyed spending the large amount of money our church made on the 2019 rummage sale. For several years the funds from our annual sale went to support and improve our church, but the last few years every dime has been kindly given to our LWML group to spend in the community. It is great fun at that first meeting of the year to bring ones favorite charity to the meeting and 'pitch' it to the group. We have some lively

discussions and then we divide the monies.

This year, among many other worthy charities we assisted 3 local retirement/ nursing homes. One wanted items for a Christmas store where their residents could 'shop' for themselves or for family. See the photos. Another asked for arts and crafts items that their more active residents could work on, again see the photos. These are only two of 10-15 worthy recipients we enjoyed helping.

In addition to spending the rummage sale money, we used our own funds and donations from our congregation to gather items for LWR health kits. We prepared and mailed off 63 kits and also sent 4 quilts.

Every meeting is a fellowship of love and faith where we truly enjoy each other, an Inspiring devotion from our devotion leader and some wonderful treat from the month's hostess. There is so much we do during our year, it is impossible to tell it all in one article, so expect to hear from us again. In the meantime,

God Bless you all and God bless the LWML.



LWML MID-SOUTH DISTRICT



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ENDOWMENT
FUND

ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

A few updates have been made to the Endowment Fund document and the bullet points. It was decided by the Finance Committee that the appropriate name for the person heading the Endowment Fund Committee be referred to as Chairman, and not Coordinator. The updated documents have been placed on the Mid-South District LWML website for your review. We will be voting on the approval of the Endowment Fund at the District Convention in June at Paragould. Delegates, if you want to get a head start on learning about the Endowment Fund please take a look at the documents available there. I look forward to meeting everyone at the convention and discussing the Endowment Fund with you.

Sincerely,
Erin M. Foster
Chairman
Mid-south District LWML Endowment Committee

MOST MINISTRIES WITNESS BRACELETS

Is your group looking for a fun and easy mission project? The **Esther Guild of Trinity, Pine Bluff** for the last 3 years has been making Witness Bracelets for Most Ministries as one of our monthly projects. Most Ministries provides them to missionaries to use to tell the gospel to people in foreign countries. Then the person gets to take the bracelet with them as a reminder of what God does for us. Esther Guild enjoys the project because it is easy, fun and we get to visit with each other while we are making them. If you would like to look into the project go to https://www.mostministries.org/witness_bracelets. Here is a picture of one of our bracelets.



2020 Prayer Service Downloads

LWML PRAYER SERVICE 2020

LIVING IN *love*, BEARING FRUIT



Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but also in the world, where it is often more difficult to love others. We are empowered by the love that Jesus showed us in His sacrificial death on the Cross so that we would have life. Now we are blessed to live in His love, bearing much fruit for His sake. May this prayer service help us take time to reflect on His love for us, our love for Him, and how the fruit we bear is a result of living in His love.

Middle Tennessee Zone Spring Prayer Service

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Nashville

April 25th at 9:00 am

You are Invited to



2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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Nashville, TN 37221

RSVP by April 18th to geal.goldbeck@gmail.com

April 25, 2020

Registration

@ 9 am



POSTPONED

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!”

**Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Parker
of Students for Life of America**

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Share Your Church Worker Partnership Story!

We want to hear how the Lutheran Women in Mission group in your congregation is intentionally building relationships with your church's pastors or staff members who lead youth, older adult, or Christian education groups. These stories could inspire others to connect in similar ways.

Examples of these partnerships could be:

Financial support — how a local LWML group was able to financially support their congregation's ministry program, service trip, or building project;

Prayer support — how a local LWML group actively prays for their congregation and its ministry or intentionally supports staff members and their work through prayer; or

Service opportunities — how a local LWML group works with church staff to serve their community or congregation.

You are invited to write a few paragraphs (150-300 words) explaining how your local group works as a team with staff, how you've been supportive, or if you are planning to collaborate on a project.

Email your stories to Christie Steffens, Chairman of the Church Workers in Mission Committee at csteffenslwml@gmail.com, using the subject line "Partners in Mission Story." The deadline to submit your story is June 1, 2020. We plan to publish some of these stories regularly on the LWML website and Facebook Page.

Northeast Arkansas Zone Rally
**And do not sorrow for the Joy
of the Lord is your strength.**

Nehemiah 8:10b

April 18, 2020 9:00 am
Redeemer L. C. Paragould,

PROGRAM: Youth of Redeemer on the Youth National Convention and Meg Fosler of A.O.L.

OFFERING: Postage for Operation Christmas Children Boxes

INGATHERING: Bottle water for the District Convention.

For entertainment we are having everyone help fill the bags for the District Convention.

West Tennessee Zone Rally

*Good News - Thank God,
Bad News - Fear Not - Pray*

Isaiah 41:10

April 25, 2020 9:00 am
Messiah L. C. Memphis

PROGRAM: April Thompson, TV News Anchor.

OFFERING: Venezuela Relief.

INGATHERING: Supplies for a Venezuela family

South Arkansas Zone Rally



Matthew 28:19

April 18, 2020 9:30 am
Our Savior L.C. El Dorado

PROGRAM: Bible Study

INGATHERING: Interfaith Help Service

We will be gathering gently used purses, lip gloss, female hygiene products, socks, mini sewing kits, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, soup spaghetti/spaghetti sauce, and monetary donations.

Mid Arkansas Zone Rally

BASKET OF BLESSINGS

Luke 1:45

April 25, 2020 8:30 am
Faith L.C. Hot Springs Village

PROGRAM: Sarah Brown and Diane Reimold

INGATHERING: Change Point Pregnancy Center

Arkansas River Valley Zone Rally

**Serving the Load
with gladness**

Galatians 6:10

April 4, 2020 9:00 am
Bethel L. C. Fort Smith

OFFERING: Good Samaritan Clinic, Fort Smith

INGATHERING: Good Samaritan Clinic

This event is to be a servant event. We will be packing Bethesda birthday boxes, tying fleece quilts, tying regular quilts, and assembling personal care kits.

The next issue of the League Letter will be in **July**. Please send your articles and other material to the editor by **June 26** - George Allen at: allenshare2@comcast.net

Make time to slow down and

