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**The righteous cry out,  
and the lord hears them;  
he delivers them from all  
their troubles. Ps. 34:17**

## FACEBOOK POSTS - TUESDAY TIDBITS AND THURSDAY THOUGHTS ON LIFE TOGETHER.

If you aren't in the habit of checking our LWML Mid-South District Facebook page, you want to start looking at it on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 16.

Stacie Reddick and Tessa Brasher, Paragould Convention Co-Chairs, will be posting "Tuesday Tidbits" which will be information about the virtual convention on Saturday, July 18.

"Thursday Thoughts on Life Together" will be presented by our two Pastoral Counselors (Rev. Don White and Rev. Bill Ondracka) and the Paragould host Pastors (Rev. Kirk Neugebauer and Rev. Aaron Neugebauer).

It will be a short devotion based on our convention theme "Life Together" from 1 Cor. 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it". Hopefully these posts will get you excited about the virtual convention on July 18!

## WE'RE STILL HAVING A CONVENTION!!!!

Are you planning to watch the virtual convention on Saturday, July 18 via our Facebook page?

Plans continue to be made so please check our website for updates ([www.midsouthlwml.org](http://www.midsouthlwml.org)).

The convention will begin at 9am Central Time until 12:30pm (approx.). We will have a lot of the speakers that were scheduled including a welcome from LCMS Mid-South District President Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, Pastor Don White's Bible Study, Molly Lowitzer (YWR Rep at Mobile last year), LWML Rep Ginger Starrett, a message from LWML President Debbie Larson, Keynote Speaker from Hope Movement in Hot Springs, Mission Moments, and all 3 Interest Sessions.

And you won't want to miss President Diane passing the gavel to our new President Candy!! Gather the ladies in your society or zone and make an event of watching the convention "live" on July 18. And be sure to wear purple because you know you want to!! Even though we will be apart, we will do our best to live "Life Together" on this special day!!



## CONVENTION VOTING

SUMMARY [HERE](#).

VIRTUAL CONVENTION [HERE](#)

[Convention Manual Available Here](#)



# Embracing Change

By President Candy Habich

I think in the last 3 to 4 months we have all embraced more change than we ever thought we'd see in a lifetime. From social distancing to online worship services we've not only seen change but we've embraced it! OK, so maybe "embrace" is not quite what we did. After all, you embrace your loved ones or someone who has been away and recently returned. You throw your arms wide open and offer a nice big hug. Oh wait, no hugging! But, let's get back to change. No one likes it. It's scary. It's usually painful (or at least we think it will be). However, we live through it, we survive it and very often we learn from it or come out better for it.

Our Mid-South District LWML is in a time of change and transition too. We're entering a brand new biennium with some new faces on the board of directors. We're happy about those continuing in their positions for another two years. And, we are all extremely thankful for the outstanding leadership provided over the last four years by President Diane.

Over the next couple of months I'll be talking with board members in groups or individually about our opportunities for improvement and how to implement changes (Yikes! The "C" word!) that will achieve those improvements. But, for now, I'd like to focus on three "P" words to help us as we navigate change.

**PRAYER** is always where we start, right? We need to ask God to help us remember that everything we're doing should be according to His will, not ours. We need to honestly ask God to show us what He needs done and how to do it. He WILL answer those prayers.

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:24-25, ESV)*

**PERSISTENCE** is crucial for successful change. There is an acknowledged philosophy that says it takes 21 days to establish a good habit.

Change doesn't happen overnight, we need to take baby steps and focus on the goal. The parable of the persistent widow exemplifies this. Of course in her case I think she just annoyed the judge to the point where he gave her what she wanted! But, you get the point right? Stick with it!!!

*And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'" (Luke 18:1-3, ESV)*

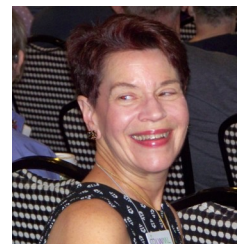
**PERSEVERANCE** is the hardest of the "P" words. It means we're in it for the long haul. Our persistence may pay off but we have to keep the momentum going. Isn't that really what our entire life is about? We must persevere in our efforts to commit "every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him". If that sounds familiar, it should! It's from the very last line of the LWML pledge.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

Oh, and by the way, Hebrews 12:1-2 is the scripture verse that supports the theme of the 2021 LWML convention in Lexington, KY which is "Running the Race...Looking to Jesus". So, there you go - a really great theme verse for us to "embrace" as we embrace change in this biennium!

Love you to pieces!!!

President Candy  
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***The one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith – Galatians 6:8-10***

Do you ever get weary of doing good? Think about the many hats you might wear: Wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, grandmother, granddaughter, and many more. Each vocation has its own demands; and it doesn't seem to care about the other demands on your time or energy. Sometimes you just need a couch and an empty room (and maybe a glass of wine).

Life can be like that. Here's always something else that could be done, someone else who needs you to help. Doing good can be tiring!

Yet, what a privilege it is to receive the exhortation from St. Paul to not grow weary of it. Though your salvation doesn't depend on your works, those works are signs of who you are—or rather, *whose* you are.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians explains: **God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (2:4-10).**

God delivered you and calls you to good works in His name. Yes, it can be tiring, but what joy it brings! God has delivered you from sin and hell to live with Him forever. During your time on this earth, part of that is those good works He prepared for you to do. You know well the many works—projects, being role models for young girls and women, and so much more.

However, those things take their toll, they think they “just can't do it like they used to,” so they get discouraged, or perhaps even fearful that they aren't doing enough.

It reminds me of some people who bedridden, who know that their hour is near. I've heard the question, “Why does God keep me here? I'm not able to do anything.” My answer is always the same:

“Perhaps you are giving others the opportunity to serve Him by serving you.”

Sometimes we think differently than God about good works. He doesn't demand the completion of a checklist; there are no certain categories of works you must do to be in His kingdom. The work necessary for you to be in His kingdom already is completed by Jesus through His death and resurrection.

You are not saved by works, but by faith given to you by God. That faith—by which you believe in Him whom you do not see—will sustain you to the day of His return. That faith strengthens you to be about the Lord's business whatever your vocation.

God's deliverance from eternal torment is done. You know the end of your life in Him, which is eternal life with Him. So, you plod along (a glad plodding, of course), living to honor the Lord in all that you think, say and do.

Rejoice, folks; by God's mercy you gather at the foot of the cross for your consolation, your strength, your salvation. By His grace, God has called you to special service in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Yes, it's one more thing on top of many. Yet, service to Him brings its own reward, doesn't it? You have opportunity to serve others according to the good news of Jesus Christ that you already know. You have opportunity to touch lives in ways that others can't.

I'm thankful to walk with you as you continue doing good in the name of the risen Christ; not growing weary of it, but delighting in every minute of service to your Savior.

In Christ our risen Savior,

Rev. Joel Krogen



# MEET FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

## JANE HUBSCH



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for electing me as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. My name is Jane Hubsch and I am 41 years old. I live in Gillett, Arkansas and attend St. Paul Lutheran Church. I became a Lutheran in 2006 and soon after joined the Dorcas Circle at St. Paul. In 2007, I experienced my first LWML convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota as the District YWR. It was one of the most amazing experiences in my life and helped me to see what LWML was all about!

Since then, I have been a Zone YWR and was the District YWR chairperson a few years ago. I currently am the South Arkansas Zone treasurer. At Church, I have been a Sunday School teacher and was the Sunday School Superintendent. I am now the Church's treasurer and have been treasurer for six years. I have loved and enjoyed everything I have been involved with through LWML and my Church!

LWML has come to mean more than just Lutheran Women Missionary League to me. I feel as though we are one big family working together to spread God's word and love through Mission Grants, Bible Studies, Conventions, Servant Events, Ingatherings, and Zone Rallies. I feel blessed to be part of this family!

Blessings,

*Jane Hubsch*

# LWML GIFTS OF LOVE MINISTRY

In most communities, firework displays have been cancelled due to COVID. That might leave you scratching your head, wondering what you are going to do this year to celebrate the 4th of July. It could be that you have always staked out the same spot each year. Maybe friends and family have joined you there. What will you do now that life has changed? Does this mean that Independence Day has lost its purpose?

Loss of purpose is scary. We often live a big part of our lives without any "purpose" associated with what will happen to the financial gifts found in our estates after the Lord has called us home. That can be scary too! Sometimes, we don't know how to begin addressing that purpose and organizing ourselves so that we can put together a purposeful plan, using legal documents prepared by our attorneys to direct gifts to Godly design. You are not alone. Nearly half of all Americans have yet to complete this work.

"Fred" and "Mary" had procrastinated throughout their marriage, never wanting to spend the time and navigate the legal complexities of getting everything in order. Finally, they partnered with an LWML Gift Planning Counselor to begin organizing their plans, understanding the entire scope of gifts the Lord had given them to manage. Through a few weeks of planning and lots of prayer, they completed their plan. At the end they shared, "It feels so good to have this in place!" Godly purpose feels good, for it resonates with God's design for our creation.

You may not be able to reinject purpose into the 4th of July this year without fireworks but you can apply purpose to your estate plans. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help and this help is **free of charge**. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Reimold, Gifts of Love Ambassador for the Mid-South District, at [dianereimold@hotmail.com](mailto:dianereimold@hotmail.com) or 901-679-0626.

# LIFE TOGETHER

By second Vice President Becky Grese

We were to be celebrating our Life Together as Women in Mission in Paragould, AR! However, God provided alternate plans to be together.

I hope you have enjoyed the Tuesday Tidbits and Thursday Thoughts on Life Together on Facebook. Isn't it amazing, that even though we are unable to be together physically, we can be together and share with so many others that we are the body of Christ. The Convention theme verse is 1 Corinthians 12:27; "**Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**" Interesting isn't it, that we are members individually (sounds like social distancing) but also the body of Christ (life together). God has equipped us to be His hands and feet to serve others and His mouth to share the Gospel.

As your second Vice-President, I serve as coordinator of the Department of Christian Life and Communications, which includes the Christian Life Committee, the Editorial staff, and the Media and Marketing committee. Each of these committees does a fabulous job sharing our Life Together. Please visit our district website: [www.midsouthlwml.org](http://www.midsouthlwml.org). You can find so much information there! You are able to find out about YWR and Youth in Mission. There is a link to all of the Mission Grants approved for the biennium. There are links to all the documents and forms needed as well as all the publications like the League Letter and Lutheran Women's Quarterly.

I also serve as the circulation manager for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly for the Mid-South District. I want to send a big shout-out and THANK YOU to all the Zone Presidents and Treasurers and to Candy Habich, with her spreadsheet excellence, who worked with me to match the actual cost of Quarterly subscriptions to the amounts paid by zones and societies. It has been a challenge! And I really appreciate the zones stepping up to reconcile the amounts. Going forward, I hope to make it easier for zones and societies by sending an accounting of actual amounts due for the subscriptions by society and zone.

I know it has not always been clear about payment for the Quarterly subscriptions, but if you think of it like any other magazine subscription that needs to be paid every year that may help. It is a great deal! You receive a magazine every quarter, with news from LWML groups around the country as well as inspiring stories and Bible studies. By sending the Quarterlies to one address, we can save on shipping. For 10 or more copies sent to one address, the cost per subscription is \$6.00. For one to nine copies sent to one address, the cost is \$7.50 each. There was a price increase this year. I will be sending information to the Zone Quarterly Chairs in October and will need the numbers to submit to the LWML office in December, with payment for the Quarterly subscriptions sent in January or February. That way it will be easier to match up receipts with the costs. Thank you again Zone Presidents and Treasurers!

I look forward to "virtually" sharing Life Together with you on July 18!

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Becky Grese



Now  
you are the  
**BODY**  
of Christ and  
individually  
members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV



# MEET 3rd VICE PRESIDENT

## SANDRA ARNOLD



I am excited to have been elected to serve as your Mid-South District LWML 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for the next four years.

A little about myself.

I was born and raised in a little town north of Nashville, TN. Both of my paternal and maternal grandparents were farmers in the county where I grew up. My mother is still living and lives with my sister. I have two younger siblings: 1 brother and 1 sister. I also have a nephew who has a son who is 9 years old. I was raised in a small Southern Baptist Church in the town where I grew up where I was active in the youth group and youth choir.

I have been working as a Database Administrator for 30+ years. I am currently contracting to Change Health Care in Nashville, TN as the Lead MySQL DBA for MySQL database operations.

My home church is Grace Lutheran in Knoxville, TN which I joined in 2008 after attending Pastor Rich Elseroad's Adult Inquiry class. I have worked with their Children's Ministry and their Technology group. I also was a member of the choir until 2014.

I was Vice President and President of Grace's LWML Society. I was Vice President and currently am President of the East TN LWML Zone. My term is up in November of this year. At the District level I have served on the Mid-South District LWML Board in my role as the Zone President.

# TRUST

*Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5

Trust: 2020 has been a huge deal for us. We have had to trust in all we are being told. We have to trust that it really is safe or not safe for us. We have to trust that someday a normal life will begin again. But trust is not a new problem for us. Trust has been a problem since sin has entered the world.

But do you know the problem we have with trusting? Trust also means we are surrendering power. NO One likes to surrender power. Just watch the daily news. We hear about news almost before it happens and don't stop hearing about it nonstop until the next big story comes along.

As parents, do we trust our children to get their chores done? Sometimes yes, but sometimes we go through after them and do it again. Or worse yet we just do it and let them off the hook this time and the next.

As leaders in church, do we trust that the work will get done. If we are honest many times, we secretly think and act not if I don't do it myself. We are the seed planters, God does the rest. He is in control.

As I get older, I find that I trust another person to drive less and less. You know why? I don't like to surrender. Now I know I am not really in control even when I am driving. For example, February 1988 in Michigan, I am driving to handbell practice at church. I turn the corner and next thing I know I am 180 degrees from where I was heading. Safe yes, but not in control.

Yes, 2020 has been different for sure. Schools, Churches, Meetings have all been online, but God's word is still spreading. We had to surrender, and I have seen good things come out of this time. The seeds are still being planted and yes it looks and feels different but that is okay. God is in our driver seat.

Blessings,  
Frances Bacic  
Media/Marketing



# EMAIL ETIQUETTE

By Megan Fosler, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

Dear Readers,

When I was preparing to write this article about EMAIL ETIQUETTE all I could think about was the text message written emails from my students, the reply-all's from colleagues, and the anxiety I get when writing emails to someone I don't know. I also thought about how I could write this and it be *me* but still informative—that's the teacher in me talking—and then I realized that I don't have an off switch for that side of me, it is a permanently open tab in my mind. Typing out an email and sending it doesn't seem like that difficult of a task but is for some. I get emails from students with "lol", "Yo Ms. F", and a lack of capitalization and punctuation. In today's world we are so used to writing out text messages and having a 160-character limit, that we forget the formality of an email. But don't worry because I got you covered.

According to Forbes.com, there are five simple rules to improve your email etiquette and I'm going to add 2 more since somehow the importance of them were forgotten.

**PAY ATTENTION TO SPELLING AND GRAMMAR.** Now, I am in no way the best at spelling and grammar—well, okay, I'm not that great with grammar—that's what *spell check* is for. Using shorthand is best left for class notes and not when you're writing an email. Not everyone is familiar with certain abbreviations and shorthand. I use different abbreviations and shorthand when I write my notes for my students so I don't have to write everything, however, they don't know what I'm talking about and I end up needing to have write the whole thing anyway. An email is NOT a text message, which means you have to use the proper language. Shorthand and abbreviations are out, whole words are in.

**INCLUDE A SUBJECT LINE.** This may seem pretty easy, but I cannot tell you how many emails from students I have gotten that do not have a subject line. A subject line should be right to the point of what the email is about. I was the secretary for my LWML Society, and I would send out the meeting minutes. My subject line would read something like LWML JUNE MEETING MINUTES. That tells you exactly what I'm sending an email about.

**ADDRESS THE RECEIVER BY THEIR NAME.** This is extremely important. Starting the email with "Dear (first and last name)" or even "Dear Mr./Mrs. (last name)" is appropriate. I'm a northern girl raised in the south and Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss before a first name or a first and last is how I was raised. When addressing an email with the receivers' name it becomes more personal than a "To Whom It May Concern", which is appropriate if the name of the person isn't available.

**USE A PROPER SIGN-OFF.** A "K Thx bye!" will not cut it when you are ending an email. That goes back to rule #1. This is where I usually get stuck myself and end up saying "Thank you" a lot in an email because I tend to put *Thank you, Megan Fosler* as my sign off if I don't have a signature for my emails already set up. To avoid that, it would be best to create a signature that included your name, job title, phone number and email, and whatever else you wanted the person to know. That makes it easier for the person to find your information and more willing to get in touch with you.

**WARM IT UP.** You may be asking yourself "what do they mean by that?!" Well, it just means to make it more than a basic and generically impersonal email. I had a parent that I would email with every Friday throughout the year to let them know his child's progress. My emails were very formal and throughout the school year, I was able to "warm it up" by adding some informal things too. It's okay to show your personality in your emails but you don't want them to come off as unprofessional.

**RESPOND WITHIN 24 HOURS.** Make sure to respond to an email within 24 hours. If you wait too long, it may come off as unprofessional. As a teacher, I try to respond as soon as I can and if that isn't possible, I send a quick email saying that I received the email and I will get back to them with an answer as soon as I can. That lets the person know that you saw the email, you aren't ignoring them, and that you are going to respond but you may not have time or the answer right at that moment.

**DO NOT REPLY ALL.** The only time, a *REPLY ALL* is appropriate is when the email requires or states in it "reply all". I don't talk to very many people and I don't get a lot of correspondence, but I get excited when I see email notifications and then that goes away when I see that it's a *REPLY ALL*. We all love each other and cherish everything that is being said BUT we don't need to see every reply.

Hopefully, this helped you out with writing an email.

Thank you/Sincerely/Regards,

Megan

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**East Tennessee Zone LWML Retreat**  
**September 25-27, 2020**  
**Eagle Rock Camp**



Once again the ladies of the East Tennessee Zone will hold their fall retreat at [Eagle Rock Camp](#) in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. We joyfully extend an invitation to all the ladies of the Mid-South District to attend. The theme is “**It is Well with My Soul**” and all the details are included in the links below. We look forward to sharing this special experience with you!

[East Tennessee Zone Retreat registration](#)

[East Tennessee Zone Retreat PR](#)

**“It Well With My Is Soul” Poster**

[In Color](#)

[In Black & White](#)

**BOOK REVIEW BY ERIN FOSTER**  
**FINDING HOLY IN THE SUBURBS**  
**Living Faithfully in the Land of Too Much**

To be honest, I could not remember why I bought this book because I could not think of anything more uninteresting than a suburban Christian. It soon struck me that as safe and uninteresting as the suburbs appear on the surface, there are a lot of challenges to the faithful Christian who finds herself living that lifestyle. First, you do not have to literally live in the suburbs to experience the challenges of a safe, protected, affluent, life. Most of us want safety, comfort, good kids, good schools, and enough money in our 401K to see us through in retirement. There is nothing wrong with that. What can come from these wants though is making them our idols right next to worshipping our Savior.

Ashley Hales breaks the issues down into broad topics - consumerism, square footage, individualism, and busyness. She does a fine job on all these ideas, describing how they can become our idols, and then gives the reader ideas of how to combat these tendencies.

On individualism Ms. Hales says "In a life lived for the self, people easily morph into products.". How often do we judge people by how we compare to them, for better or worse? Do we think life would be better if only I had this or achieved that? She talks about "self-actualization as a dead end that leaves us lonely". Instead, if we put our focus on caring for others, and forget self, your perspective becomes more Christ like. Another idea from the book is that you are BELOVED by God, right now, just as you are, where you are.

He has a plan for you and wants you to live the life he has planned. If it includes the privilege of safety and having more than enough, then use those gifts to help others. You do not have to go on a mission trip in a foreign country to serve the Lord. There is a lot of need right in your neighborhood if you only get out in it and pray for the insight to see it. Small acts of kindness can mean as much as big, world changing, events to the individual on the receiving end. Ms. Hales recommends planning events to get to know your neighbors and making yourself vulnerable so that you can reach out to others in sincerity to care for them.

But to really get to the glory you must move through repentance. Repentance is the turning from your sins and idols and toward God. In the book it is described as "Gods good gift to bring us home".

Ashley Hales recommends committing to regular church attendance and Bible study. Read the Bible on your own. Get involved in church and community activities that interest you so that you can get to know others and share the good news of God's love with them.

The opportunities and risks are endless. But no matter what, Jesus Christ will be by your side and in your heart caring for you and strengthening you so that when all is said and done, you get to join him in Heaven where he will say "well done, good and faithful servant".

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**Faith Lutheran Church, Tullahoma,**  
**"Serving the Lord with Gladness."**

Several ladies from our congregation have kept busy during the COVID-19 pandemic by making masks for our church family. Special thanks to members Susan Brown, Eileen Lurch, Gerry Nokes, and Linda Nutter for their hard work and service. Together, they have sewn nearly 200 masks with love in every stitch.

Additionally, our church will receive two grants as selected by the delegates of the Mid-South LWML Convention. One grant will contribute to Pastor Nutter's outreach through his "Last Call" radio ministry, which will air more often and to a wider audience. The other grant will go to Diania Brewer, the church's Child Care and Preschool Director, who plans to install a sunshade on the playground. We are extremely grateful for the convention's generosity. To God be the Glory!





Our small LWML here at **Trinity, Dyersburg** had a Thrivent project this year. We made clothing protectors for residents at Bethesda Lutheran Homes. Thrivent Action provided the seed money, which we used for materials. We completed 50 clothing protectors, and we've received a lovely thank you note. This is one small way we were able to serve the Lord with gladness.

*Ramona Stevenson*



Using Your *Talents*

# Immanuel Memphis

The Purple Force



**Immanuel Memphis** LWML makes homemade apple and cherry pies to sell for a mission fundraiser around Easter time. It's a good time for fellowship as we roll the dough, peel the apples, cut the apples, peel some more apples, bag and box the pies and deliver them. The picture is from last year. **HOWEVER** this year we could not get together so Dee Sobocienski did this all by herself since she had already purchased the apples and the event happens in her home. **WHAT A SPECIAL PERSON SHE IS!** Thank you Dee



When you can't meet in person for a meeting because of Covid-19 you meet by way of Zoom. **Immanuel Memphis** held their May meeting through Zoom. We had a small crowd but a **MIGHTY** meeting. One more member by voice only.

*Shirley Piepenbrink*





The LWML at Our Savior continues to serve our community even in difficult and challenging times, sharing the love of Jesus with each other and our community.

In early March following tornado damage in Middle Tennessee, Our Savior LWML and church members prepared and delivered 100 sack lunches to public housing residents and first responders in North Nashville.



***LWML Team handing out water and sack lunches near Cheatham Place public housing***

We also delivered lunch supplies to Emmanuel Lutheran in Hermitage, TN, for 100 volunteers supporting Lutheran Church Charities as they worked to cut down trees and remove debris from the tornado damage.



***LWML Team preparing peanut butter sandwiches for sack lunches***



***The quilters of Our Savior make the best and most colorful masks!***

After the tornadoes, came the COVID-19 crisis, with many medical centers caught with a shortage of masks for their staff. Our quilters began working immediately to make face masks for donation to local medical facilities.



***Memento left for the residents carved into the wood of a tree destroyed by the storms.***

Additionally, during the Covid-19 shutdown of local schools, the MyCanvas art program, sponsored by Inspiritus, was unable to provide art therapy and art programs at the local Community Center for children in impoverished neighborhoods. One of our LWML members used her Thrivent Action Team card to purchase and help a team put together a take-home backpack full of art supplies.



**MADE FOR  
TIMES  
LIKE THIS.**

# THE PURPLE FORCE



# Messiah - Memphis

The Mission Project of the Messiah congregation for the past four years has been supporting, through quarterly rummage sales, the Military Bible Stick project of the [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) organization. The “sticks” are mp3 players with the New Testament and the Psalms recorded on them. They are distributed by Military and V.A. Chaplains.

In each of the four years, \$10,000 has been raised and matching funds have been found to bring the project \$80,000. Sales this year are on tract for another \$10,000 year.

The women of **Messiah's LWML Society** have been spearheading the project from day one with many days and countless hours of sorting, cleaning and pricing. This Editor counts himself as one of the “girls” being awarded the lofty title of “hayboy and gofor”. **Next scheduled Sale is September 16.**



Thrivent's Action Team funds have paid for all the support needs of the events, allowing the society to give all the sale proceedings to the Bible Stick Project. All of the “goodies” shown here have been donated by local Auction Houses and hauled to the site by “willing” husbands.



Even while social distancing, **Christ the King's LWML Society** is still going strong! We elected new officers in April via email voting and had our first Zoom meeting in May and it was successful! We continue with service projects as we can. Since we weren't able to provide Easter baskets for our home bound members due to the virus, we sent them Easter cards to let them know they aren't forgotten. We are hoping to do something for them in the fall, depending on restrictions with their care facilities. We are working on updating our Bylaws and looking forward to the virtual convention. We miss seeing our LWML Sisters (and Brothers) and pray we can see everyone soon!

*Denise Doyle*

# LWML Sunday

## Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... ***The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.***

As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

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The LWML, and eventually the LC-MS, will cease to exist if the League fails to gain active young women to fill the ranks to receive the torch of commitment as it is passed down by those moving through God's plan for their lives.

These are links to resources to help societies gain and retain new members. Use them wisely and often.



**ENGAGING  
YOUNG WOMEN**



**RESOURCES FOR  
YOUNG WOMEN**



**YOUTH IN MISSION**



## MISSION GRANT RECIPIENTS 2020-2022

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

AMOUNT	RECIPIENT	ZONE	QUEUE	DATE PAID
15,000	Financial Aid for Professional Church. Workers. Structured Payments	Mid-South District		
7,400	Camp Scholarships - Camp Petit jean.	Mid - AR	1	
10,000	Healing Hearts with the Gospel - Japan (Partial Funding).	Mid - AR		
6,000	Pregnancy Resource center - Medical & program Services.	East TN	3	
5,000	Oasis Women's Ministry - renovation and equipment.	East TN		
4,500	Paradox Teen Center - Trips to Christian Venues.	East TN	2	
10,000	The River Ministry - Women & children Washers & Dryers.	East TN		
6,000	Faith Lutheran Child Care & pre-School Renovation.	Mid TN		
5,000	Inspiritus - Building Healthy Families Supplies and food.	Mid TN		
6,500	"Last Call" Radio Ministry - Proclaiming the Gospel.	Mid TN	5	
7,500	Trinity Lutheran Childcare Ministries - Purchase of playground equipment.	Mid TN		
1,000	Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne - Financial Support for the Food Co-op.	Lutheran Organization		
6,000	Concordia Seminary St. Louis International Graduate School.	Lutheran Organization		
4,000	Transforming Churches Network - Funds for annual Discipleship conference.	Lutheran Organization		
4,500	Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Witnessing to the Ethiopians.	Lutheran Organization	4	
5,000	New Beginnings - Children with Learning Needs - EXTENDED.			

## MISSION GRANT'S CHART

The chart of Mission Grant Recipients for this biennium is posted on the district's web site and is available for print out.

The chart can be printed now by clicking on the photo on the left.

The distribution of the funds is on the "first come, first served" bases. The first five requests were received on the same day and are ranked by the time stamp on the emails.

Two exceptions to the rule are the first item to the Mid-South LC-MS District, which is on a predetermined schedule and the last item which was extended from the last biennium and brings with it it's own funding and can be paid out without disrupting the queue .

The deadline for the October issue of the League Letter is September 26.

*So, please get with it now,*  
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*Make  
Time  
To  
Slow  
Down  
and  
relax*

