



2011 National Convention Being With Jesus— Living on the Edge

November 14th—What a day! The green flag was dropped at Bethel, Morton, and TEAM PEORIA started their engines for the 2011 Peoria Convention planning.

President Jan Wendorf encouraged us to “Be In the Word, Of the Word, and Walk with our Lord” daily. By doing this faithfully, we can be assured of the Lord’s leading each step of the way. She shared how exciting this process will be for our all of the Central Illinois District, experiencing spiritual growth and camaraderie among the women of the CID-LWML. Please promote this wonderful opportunity to every lady in every congregation of our district, since, as President Jan reminded us, *each* LCMS lady in our congregations is an LWML member and should be able to enjoy the blessing of working and helping with this event!

The Host Committee Chairmen will be seeking Directors to help them with their committees. Over 700 people will be need to work shifts during the week of the convention—June 23-26, 2011—starting with volunteers to drive groups of ladies from your area who can not drive to Peoria themselves. There will be much work to be done in the next year and a half, and every society will be needed to volunteer to do some hands on crafts and pre-convention projects.

Each of us has said many times in our LWML Pledge:...”whenever and wherever He hath need of me..” Please pray and ask God to open the door to show **YOU** how you should serve Him through this Peoria 2011 Convention. He has blessed each of us with talents to be used for His glory and praise!

- ◆ It’s an honor for our CID-LWML to host the National Convention!
- ◆ “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge” Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)
- ◆ Make new friends, grow spiritually, have FUN, and share Jesus with approx. 8,000 men and women from across the United States.
- ◆ Be a blessing by sharing your smile with someone else!
- ◆ Pray in faith for the success of, and the Lord’s leading & wisdom in, the planning.
- ◆ Encourage your society to get involved, and share your excitement with many!
- ◆ Offer to “go with” a friend, who may not get involved otherwise.

Pam Spilker, Peoria 2011 Host Committee Chairman

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Our God is a God of Order

Question: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
Answer: Psalm 117
Question: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
Answer: Psalm 119
Question: What is the *center* chapter in the Bible?
Answer: Psalm 118

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after—totaling 1188 chapters.

Question: What is the “center” verse of the Bible?
Answer: Psalm 118:8

Do you want to be in the center of God’s will? Go to the center of His Word. Psalm 118:8 (NKJV) “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.”

Some may think that this is odd—or coincidence—or a mystery. But we know God was in the center of it. And we know when life gets hectic or tough, we can rely on faith to get us through. When we relinquish our control, God takes over and shows us He is the center of our lives.



Women in Mission~~
Are You Ready to Volunteer?

Volunteers Needed! Be a Team Member!

Karen Pitcher is in the process of becoming a short-term missionary through LCMS World Missions. Jennifer Mustard, of the missions office, is seeking a location for the mission trip Karen would lead. Be on her team. To contact Jennifer or to see all of the missionary opportunities now available, visit www.lcmsworldmission.org or call 800-433-3954 and ask for Jennifer or a placement counselor. To contact Karen call 217-821-1440 or write her at: 18738 N 600th Street, Montrose, IL 62445.

Looking for a fun night for your group or a way to collect funds for 2011?

Try some of these ideas:

**Movie Night (be sure to check out permission costs)*

**Silent Auction/Bake Sale*

**Chocolate Affair*

**Game Night*

**Quilt/Antique Show*

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall rally speakers will feature Latvian missionaries



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It seems each January I find myself doing a lot of deep cleaning. Digging in those closets, emptying out those catch-all drawers, tossing out those pieces that I was sure would fit something, but not remembering what it was. It feels good to “de-clutter.” It’s easy to do with the house, but let’s look at our lives.

Are we spending too much time watching TV, playing computer, word or number games--like sudoku’s (one of my favorites.) Don’t get me wrong, we need to relax and de-stress—take time for ourselves a bit, but let’s compare our play time to the time we spend in devotions or studying God’s Word.

Reading God’s Word can de-stress and give us much comfort. Where else can we find One who will listen to our complaints and woes and still love us completely? Do you have a regular morning and evening routine that includes time with the Lord?

Take a glance at your daily routine. Stack up your time in God’s Word and in prayer against your playtime. As LWMLer’s, I’m sure you are spending time with God. We *ARE* “Women in the Word, Women of the Word, Women walking with our Lord”. This brings me back to my own reflections. I want to spend more time with my Lord.

Take this challenge: Can you spare more time to spend with Him in Word and in service? Don’t look at this as a resolution that can be broken, but as a goal in your life. Take time to be with Him, just read, listen, and be filled with His love and joy.

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3
Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him. Psalm 98:1

Happy New Year!
Happy New Decade!!!!!!

Another Christmas season has come and gone; the decorations are down; New Year’s resolutions have been made (and broken!); family has come and gone and life has gone back to normal (whatever that may be for you!!). The retail stores have moved on to the next big holidays—Valentine’s Day and beyond!! Did anyone notice the day after Christmas and the Christmas merchandise was half-price and the Valentine’s stuff was going up? How quickly we move these days!!!

Yet, what does the psalmist say in Psalm 46:10? “Be still and know that I am God”. How does God come to Elijah in 1Kings 19:11-13 but as a “gentle whisper”. Was there time to be still these past few weeks? Could we hear a “gentle whisper” amid the Christmas carols and TV specials and hustle and bustle of the season? As we get back into the daily routine of the non-Christmas season, and as we head into the Lenten season, remember that every day is a day to celebrate Christ—the gift that God gave us so that we could be assured of eternal salvation. May our own Bible study and devotions bring us closer to God so that our daily lives reflect God’s love through our actions towards others and may 2010 be your “year of living on the edge” for the Lord!

Mary Denham
Christian Life Chairman

**Next Clarion
Deadline ~ ~
March 31, 2010**

2011 Host Committee Meets

On November 14, 2009, the 2011 Host Committee officers and department and committee chairmen met with National President Jan Wendorf, Convention Program Chairman Eloise Kuhlmann, Convention Manager Marguerite Christman, Audio Visual Director Rev. Bill Engfehr, President Shelley Moeller, Rev. Gaylord Spilker, CID President David Buelmann, and Host Committee Counselors Rev. Terry Strom, and Rev. Larry Troxel. Host Committee Chairman, Pam Spilker presided over the meeting held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. After a morning meeting and a delicious lunch, the group toured the Peoria Civic Center, site of the 2011 Convention, for an up-close and personal look at where activities would take place.

Also serving on the Host Committee are:

Libby South (Rochester)—Host Committee Secretary

Cheryl Long (Loami)—Host Committee Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.

Coordinator—Sue McGuire (Springfield)
Chairmen

Prayer —Lana Huber (Quincy)

Publicity—Susie Boomgarden (Watseka)

Staff Services—Sandy Linse (Germantown Hills)

CREATIVE ENHANCEMENT DEPT.

Coordinator Jan Bundy (Champaign)
Chairmen

Activities —Kim Janssen (Rochester)

Decorations—Rosie Meyer (Quincy)

Music—Susan Suggs (Taylorville)

FACILITY MANAGEMENT DEPT./

Coordinator—Linda Soltwedel (Shumway)
Chairmen

Properties—Betty Dietrich (Morton)

Ushers—Marlene Schultz (Wellington)

Worship—Donna Troxel (Quincy)

GUEST SERVICES DEPT.

Coordinator—Joyce Dodge (Geneseo)
Chairmen

Child Care—Carmen Foster (Annawan)

Food Services—Charlotte Buelmann (Spfld.)

Registration—Liz Neumann (Geneseo)

Tours—Sheila Lutz (Pekin)

Transportation—Cheryl Garlisch (San Jose)

PERSONNEL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Coordinator—Karen Ruhlig (Athens)

Chairmen

Hospitality—Pat Wetzel (Mattoon)

Special Dress Marilyn Winter—(Altamont)

If you see an area where you'd like to serve and don't have your volunteer form filled out, please check lwmlcid.org, or the Fall, 2009, edition of The Clarion and complete your form today!



Pastor Troxel

2011 National Convention Faces



President Jan—
Enjoying herself!



Pat Wetzel

Marilyn

Thank you
Bethel LWML

Lunch
Was
Great!



Kim
Janssen



President & Charlotte Bueltmann



Marguerite
Christman



Eliose Kuhlmann

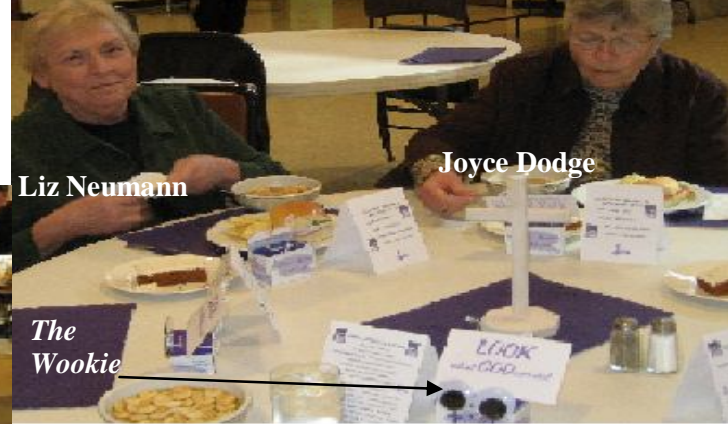


Pastor
Strom

Pastor
Engfehr



Jan Bundy



Liz Neumann

Joyce Dodge

The
Wookie

Don't Forget to Save
For 2011

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Printer
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Funds
for
Peoria,
June,
2011!

LWML GRANT GIVEN TO “THE CARPENTER’S HANDS”

Youth Director Carl Schleede, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, is privileged to work with teens who want to make life better for those in their community. These youth, under the direction of able adult volunteers, make necessary household repairs inside and outside the homes of elderly people who no longer can physically do the work themselves or for those who are financially unable to do it. The youth and their mentors are named “The Carpenter’s Hands.”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League voted at the Portland Convention in June, 2009, to grant \$26,000 to provide a used van that is outfitted with tools that are needed for the work of “The Carpenter’s Hands.” On November 22nd, the van became a reality when LWML President Janice Wendorf presented a check to Carl Schleede, adult coordinator for the program, and Rev. Kevin Loughran, pastor at Grace and LWML zone counselor for the St. Petersburg LWML Zone.

After the grant check presentation, Director Schleede shared a letter from one of the recipients: “My dad died. Then I was involved in a major accident ... suffered six broken ribs, a broken sternum, shattered the right knee, tore the left shoulder, had several herniated discs and suffered a severe head injury. It took five months to learn to walk and nine months to make my mouth say what my mind was thinking. I had short-term memory loss. I could not work and my husband was working two jobs to make ends meet. My faith became weak and I wondered about my God.”

The recipient concludes: “Then you, Carl, knocked at our door. Through your act of service and the team that you have brought in to help my family, our hope is being restored, a new foundation is being built, the coldness of my heart is melting away, and again I am finding the way ... in the small and large things the group is doing for me, my husband and three children ... I am slowly seeing that God is real ... God does hear me and is concerned for me ... Thank you from the very depths of my heart, a place that I haven’t visited in a long time!”

President Wendorf quoted James 1:22, *But be doers of the Word and not hearers only*. She commended the group for their work in going to those in need in the St. Petersburg area. She shares: “It was great to be able to share with the congregation that many in LWML would be praying for this grant and the impact that it has on the community.” Marilyn H. Treanor, President of the Florida-Georgia District LWML, also attended the presentation service and reception following.

Donations for the 2009-2011 Mite Goal may be made securely on the LWML Web site at www.lwml.org. Select “Giving” on the left hand menu, then click on “Donate Online” and follow the directions for making a donation. The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

CheCk and see how our mites are working
NatioNal Mites & Prayer Cal eNder—lwml.org
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Save the Date~~

Young Women’s Retreat—May 1, 2010

“Let His Light Shine”

~~Based on II Corinthians 4

Plan now to attend. Bring your Bible and a friend!

E.A.S.T.E.R SAYS “THANK-YOU”

LWML Sisters:

We the teachers, students, and board of EASTER (Effingham Area Special Teaching Education in Religion) program give heartfelt thanks to the Central Illinois District LWML for the generous gifts of your mites. Our program began 33 years ago—in September of 1976—with a few children and adults. We have been blessed to have many more come when students brought their friends and co-workers.

Our students are special blessing to us. We receive much more from them than we can give. Your generous gift will help us to spread the love of Jesus to God's special people.

“Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

From the Joy 2 Jesus Easter Team

E.A.S.T.E.R. Teachers:

Judy Hoffer, Kae Whitaker, Pastor David Frey, Joan Garbe, Carol Stremming, Lavonda Jorgens-Helper, Grace Frey, Donna Wetherell



Altamont Zone in Action



Over twenty years ago, when Lynn Wachtal was zone president, and Pam Spilker was vice-president, Pam started the Seminary Food Drive. Over the years, with help from

church families, the ten societies have donated lots of food for the seminary students. In the past food was boxed for married students and single students.—at least 125 boxes each time. For the past few years, the Altamont zone has boxed the food and taken it to the Food Bank in St. Louis, where the food is distributed. At first, several drivers with pick-up trucks delivered the food, and the seminary students would meet them and help unload the boxes. Sometimes the drivers would have lunch with the students. For the last few years, Mary Zumwalt of Altamont has taken the boxes to the seminary in her van and trailer. This year a huge amount of food, paper goods, and personal products were donated.



The zone has received numerous thank-you letters from grateful seminary students and families. They plan to continue this annual food drive, collecting the last few weeks before Thanksgiving and delivering on the Monday after Thanksgiving. To God be the Glory!



The Peoria/Pekin Zone would like to introduce to you our Mite Box Wookiee.

Our Mite Box Wookiee will help us **LOOK**:
LOOK at the great things God did with our
District Mites and our National Mites this
past year and give thanks and praise.

LOOK to God's word.

LOOK to God and pray.

LOOK to God and give thanks.

LOOK to God and serve.

LOOK forward to our LWML National Conven-
tion coming to Peoria in 2011.



LOOKie, LOOKie, here is Wookiee!

Alive, alert, ablaze

Truly joyous and amazed.

"**LOOK** what Gad can do", is his invitation to you.

God will use each little "mite",
to reach a world in sin's dark night.

We will give God all the glory,
as He helps us spread Christ's story.

LOOK, let's be like Wookiee!

Alive, alert, ablaze - Truly joyous and amazed.

Working together with a feeling of euphoria.

Making plans for our 2011 convention in Peoria.

Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge

This is our theme, our goal, our aim, our pledge.

And when these plans have all worked out,

"**LOOK** what God has done!" will be our happy shout.

Written by Pat Wetzel, Mattoon, IL, LWML Champaign Zone

NEW MITE BOX SIZE NOW AVAILABLE

Mite Boxes are now available in a new size. In addition to the traditional smaller box and the larger display box, a medium size box is now offered. This classic is made of corrugated cardboard and measures 12"x 5" x 7".

President Janice Wendorf shares that the need for a medium sized Mite Box was conceived after hearing about the smaller Mite Boxes being passed around at LCMS district conventions. "The Mite Box would make it through a couple of rows and would already be full...so we needed to provide a larger container to use for gatherings!"

The medium size Mite Box is available from the LWML Office or online from the LWML store at www.lwml.org. The design is the same on all sizes of boxes. The price is \$3.50 per box; \$9 for three; and \$125 for 50. Call the LWML Office for shipping costs.