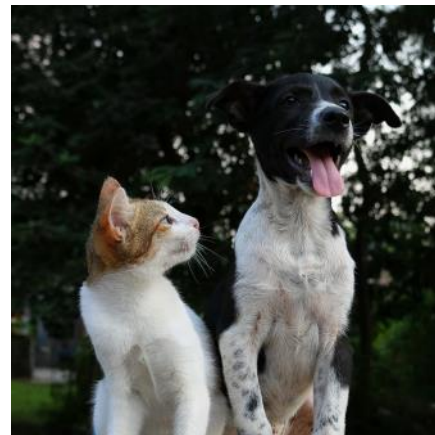
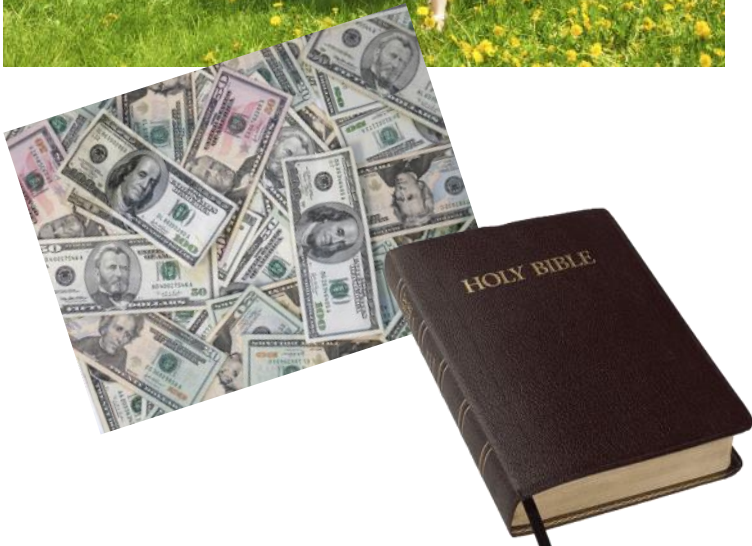


**GOD'S
BLESSINGS
TO US
AND OTHERS**



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Gayle Caruso**

God's Blessings to Us and Others

27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings (Romans 15: 27)



Wow! This verse sure sounds like LWML!

The LWML was founded on the blessings of women in the Lutheran Church in 1942. Over the last 80+ years they have used those blessings to fund mission grants around the world. Our mites are an integral part of the LWML. We use our blessings to bless others!

Studying God's word is also a blessing. When we meet together for fellowship and to share in the Word it gives us such blessings! I know that in my group at church we talk about how we all have been through things and having someone else that has been through something similar helps. That is a blessing to us and to them.

Ladies of the FL-GA LWML, YOU ARE A BLESSING!

Continue to spread God's word, sharing in the blessings He gives us and Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Blessings and Joy!

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL!

VP COMMUNICATIONS**Susan Hanes**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:1-16 NIV).



VP MISSION SERVICE

Silvia Grasberger

One of my all-time favorite Christmas movies is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. The character Tiny Tim is the young ailing son of [Bob Cratchit](#), [Ebenezer Scrooge](#)'s dedicated and underpaid clerk. Ebenezer was a very wealthy, greedy, and lonely old man who despised Christmas; thus, his catch phrase "Bah! Humbug!" Tiny Tim on the other hand was grateful for all that he had regardless of his condition. He was known for the statement, "God bless us, Everyone!" which he offers as a blessing at a Christmas dinner.

Isn't it wonderful that we all have a loving God who wants nothing more than to bless us; God's blessings are meant to protect us, guide us to the path of righteousness, and give us hope. We all have our own story when it comes

to how he has blessed us; I have been blessed with a loving husband, family, precious grandchildren, church family, a compassionate and dedicated Pastor, and good health.



"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times having all that you need, you will abound in every good work". 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we are to give abundantly, graciously and with gladness, it is a gift from GOD!

"God bless us, Everyone!"

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Christine Jennison

God's blessings to us and to others

It's utterly impossible to be a part of God's universe and not see or experience His blessings. We have the "usual" ones in view or as responses to our senses. They make our lives full. *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. a people belonging to God* (I Peter 2:9a) is a statement reminding believers of His blessings to us, and that we should be a blessing to others.

And this is where YOU come in!! Your blessings to others through your mite offerings! Yes, we achieved our mite goal plus. In fact, mites are the only donations I have received these last months. More groups have held rallies and with greater numbers. We are working very excitedly for our convention in September. Many, many blessings!

Your giving to honor others through donations to the scholarship funds continues the sharing of God's love to the next generation.

This will be my final opportunity to share with you how we all work together to tell others of God's loving gifts. How we share the talents He gives us with those who need our help. Most of all sharing the love of Jesus in many ways.

Thank you! It's been wonderful working with you to do all these things and we will continue in His loving kindness.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER**JR. COUNSELOR— Rev. Dana Narring****God's Blessings to Us and Others**

In our lives as Christians, we often witness the many blessings that God bestows upon us and those around us. Scripture offers a beautiful tapestry of God's blessings, reminding us of His goodness, His mercy, and His love.

The Beatitudes in Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5) are a profound example. Jesus speaks of blessings not as rewards but as God's response to our deepest spiritual needs. For instance, ***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied*** (Matthew 5:6). As we look at our lives broken by sin and repent of how we have sinned against God and our neighbor, Christ applies the healing salve of the Gospel which He won for us on the cross. And, as forgiven sinners, we are renewed, restored, set free, and our soul is at peace.

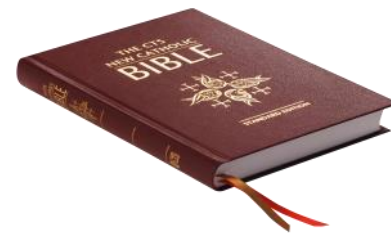
Now, with our hearts cleansed from sin, we are able to look forward to an eternity with God, through Christ Jesus our Savior, Lord, and King. For, ***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*** (Matthew 5:8). These words teach us that God is the one who provides us the ultimate blessing in our lives: salvation through Jesus Christ.

God's blessings also extend even to our

interactions with others. St. Paul calls us to, ***Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them*** (Romans 12:14), which also echoes the teaching of Jesus ***But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you*** (Luke 6:27-28). In so doing, we align ourselves with God's will – becoming conduits of His grace, mercy, love – as we bless others.

Moreover, may we gladly and continually seek, throughout all of our lives, to bless the Lord, as David expresses in the Psalms: ***I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth*** (Psalm 34:1).

And so, as redeemed children of God, daily sharing all the blessings we've received from Him, may these words richly resonate within us, ***"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*** To God be the glory! Amen.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the LWML FL-GA District is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad.

VP MISSION GRANTS**Karen McCarthy**

For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of Your hands. How great are Your works, O Lord, how profound Your thoughts (Psalm 92:4-5).

This fall brings housecleaning as I prepare to move. *How* did my family *ever* amass so much “stuff” through the years! Of course, the answer is by the grace of God, and now God is using this “stuff,” through me, to be His blessings to others as I give away or donate a good portion it.

The paring down process brought to my mind the old Shaker hymn “Simple Gifts,” ‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free....” Admittedly, some of my “stuff” has been distracting—acquiring and caring for it. Sometimes the “stuff” has even made me miss some of God’s other blessings. I am guilty of not taking time to enjoy and praise Him for the simple blessings, such as the bounty and variety of delicious food available to me, the beauty of His daily sunrises and sunsets, the sounds and smells of refreshing rains and waves crashing on shore, children’s

laughter, birds singing their praises to God as they feast at the birdfeeder, my church family, and quiet times with loved ones and those spent in God’s Word.

This renewed simplicity brings me happiness with less. The bonus is more time with God and time to praise Him for all His wonderful blessings. Happy Fall, everyone!

**VP SPIRITUAL GROWTH****Carol Jones**

When I was growing up there was a decorative plate that hung on the wall in a very prominent place in our living room. It read, “Bless This House, Oh Lord, We Pray. Keep Us Safe by Night and Day.”

God’s hand of blessing certainly was upon that house and those of us who lived there. Our home was full of laughter and love. But that doesn’t mean that we were immune to the brokenness of this world. My brother was still shipped out to Vietnam, my dad still had a life-threatening heart attack, and my mom still suffered critical injuries in a car accident. Yet through all the years we lived in that house God sent blessing after blessing into our lives. Among them...my brother came home from Vietnam, my dad survived his heart attack, and my mom recovered almost completely from her injuries. One of God’s greatest blessings to us and to others is His promise to always be with us! No matter what is happening in our lives we know He is there, and that allows us to see His hand of blessing. I don’t know any one of us who could even begin to count all the blessings God bestows on His people - I just know I am grateful for them. A frequent prayer of mine is thanking God for His many blessings and asking Him to help me be a blessing to others.

That same decorative plate now hangs in my home. It helps me to recall how numerous His past blessings have been and it reminds me that His blessings will continue today and every day in the future.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).



SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN**Lois Ford**

Committee: District President Rockey, Pastor Narring, LWML District President; Gayle Caruso, VP Mission Grants; Karen McCarthy, Laura Moore Hawie, Lonna McEwen, Nancy Volz, Trish Aamoth, Lois Schaefer.

AND thank you to Laura Zirbel in the FL-GA district office, finance director.

Scholarship Awards**Concordia Seminary St. Louis, MO**

Ryan Hicks, from Concordia, Sarasota, FL
 Tristan Jones, St. Paul, Weston, FL
 Stephen Peeler, Faith, Eustis, FL
 Matthew Shipman, Our Redeemer, Augusta, GA
 John Simmons, Savior of All, Cartersville, GA
 Raleigh Sims, Ascension, Casselberry, FL
 Stephan Wareham, Faith, Marietta, GA
 Benjamin Wescoatt, Messiah, Valdosta, GA

Deaconess

Rebecca McCoy Folsom, Epiphany, Tallahassee, FL

Vicar

Jacob Anderson, Christ Our Savior
 St. Augustine, FL
 Timothy Handrick, St. John, Ocala, FL
 Euder Paul, Concordia Sarasota, FL

Vicar to LCMS Office of International Mission

Joshua Wareham, Faith, Eustis, FL

**Concordia Theological Seminary,
 Fort Wayne, IN**

Leonard Mogelvang, Grace, Naple, FL

Vicar

Nicholas Sinatra, Faith,
 Marietta, GA

**Concordia -Chicago, River Forest, IL**

Nathan LeBorious, Mt Calvary
 Warner Robins, GA: EDU

Concordia University-Irvine, Irvine, CA

Casey Billman, Grace, Winter Haven, FL:
 CE Leadership

Trevor Hudlin, Mt Calvary
 Warner Robins, GA: DCE

Maranda Macking, Our Savior
 St. Petersburg, FL: DCE

**Concordia University- Wisconsin,
 Mequon, WI**

Rachel Lingsch, Grace Naples, FL: DCM

Jane Michael, Christus Victor Athens,
 GA:EDU

Laci Beth Vonada, St. Paul Lakeland, FL: DCM

**Concordia University- Nebraska,
 Seward, NE**

Naomi Faile, Living Faith
 Cumming, GA: Music

Evelyn Schwartz, St. Paul
 Peachtree City, GA: EDU

**Back
 To
 School**



MISSION TRIP COORDINATOR **Scarlet Holcombe**

This August, ten FL-GA District members and two other individuals went on a mission trip to Point of Grace Academy (POGA) outside Kisumu, Kenya.

For 13 years, POGA has provided top-notch educations to students from all areas of Kenya. With just 11 students in 2011, it's grown to over 600 Primary and 200 High School students. POGA provides for their spiritual growth with chapel services, plus religious classes during the week. POGA has added a clinic to their campus that services the students and surrounding community, providing standard medical care.



During the week-long trip, team members worked with the students and taught religious stories. We also helped in the clinic, assisting the technicians and workers. Delicious breakfasts fueled us for the various activities of the day. We contemplated the Bible verse of the day as we went about our activities. After wonderful lunches, some of us played games with the students or just talked with them. Yummy suppers were followed by a devotion led by Pastor Dennis Meeker, one POGA's founders. Saturday we hosted supper for the students, with some of us dishing out food for the children. The meal consisted of rice, chicken, chapati (flatbread), cabbage, and watermelon, along with a soda to drink. This meal helped cement bonds between students and our team, On Sunday we attended church service at the POGA chapel, with Pastor Jeff Moore preaching on John 6 and Pastor Tim Brown (our FL-GA Senior Pastoral Counselor) leading the liturgy. The children sang beautifully! Monday the girls and boys received dresses and shorts that were sewn and donated by ladies from the LWML FL-GA and Michigan Districts. We sorted through donated supplies, clothing, Bibles, and catechisms we had brought with us in our checked luggage - 32 bags in total. We all look forward to returning soon!



Pastors Jeff Moore and Tim Brown (2nd & 4th from L)



Bible study with older students



Girls with their dresses



R: Our Team

Nominees for the 2024 Election of Officers

President (1 Candidate)

Elizabeth (Liz) Borth, Woodlands Lutheran, Montverde, FL
Zone: Greater Orlando



LWML Service

- Unit: Spiritual Care, Vice President
- Zone: Vice President Missions
- District: Vice President Mission Services, Nominating Committee

Church-Related Activities

Bible Adventures teacher and Crew Leader for Vacation Bible School, Member of handbell choir and church choir, Deaconess, Women’s Ministry Facilitator/Coordinator, Bible Class Instructor, Hospital Visitation, Social Ministry Outreach Facilitator

Employment Experience

Retired LCMS Deaconess, Director of Program Ministries, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Sanford Florida Parish Deaconess, Trinity Lutheran Church, Orlando, FL

Community Service

Prison Ministry Angel Tree Coordinator, Volunteer for Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, IDignity Orlando Volunteer, Compassion Corner (Orlando Homeless Network) Bible Study Leader

Additional Information

Member LCMS Concordia Deaconess Conference, LCMS Rostered Minister of Religion, Commissioned, Lutheran Emergency Response Team - FL/GA District (trained and active)

Vision Statement

All Lutheran women in the Florida-Georgia District and the greater LCMS church body are valued Children of God, servants of Christ Jesus, and uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit. The LWML Florida-Georgia District leadership will humbly treat each woman as if her idea is the first ever heard, her suggestion is new and innovating, and will offer the best opportunities to willingly serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ while bringing the light of God's love to all living in the dark world.

PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS

To watch a video explaining the Who, What and Where of these Grants, go to: www.flgalwml.com, click on 2024 Convention and then Proposed Mission Grants.

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| 1. Buma, Africa \$10k | 2. Seafarer \$8,750 | 3. Early Learning \$10k | 4. Young Men & Women Aging | 5. Feeding Haitian Children \$10k | 6. Habitat for Children \$10k | 7. Hope Seeds \$7,800 | 8. Love & Hope \$6k | 9. Braille Resources \$10k | 10. Rahab’s Rope \$10k | 11. Reaching All Nations \$10k | 12. College Students \$9k | 13. Seminary Outreach \$10k | 14. Support for Seminarian \$14k | 15. Surgical Sterilizer \$10k | 16. Trinity Security Lock \$10k | 17. Wheels of Plenty \$10k | 18. Who is My Neighbor? \$8,500 |
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Vice President Mission Grants (2 Candidates)

Janet Brossett, Redeemer Lutheran, Columbus, GA
Zone: Atlanta



LWML Service

- Unit: President, Treasurer
- Zone: President, YWR
- District: Spiritual Growth Committee

Church-Related Activities

Altar Guild, Sunday School

Employment Experience

Retired, Customer Relations at Unique Flowers, local flower shop, Customer Service for Target

Community Service

Volunteer for EAA Chapter 677, The Experimental Aircraft Association, Young Eagles Day

Additional Information

My husband and I own a hot air balloon and enjoy traveling the country going to festivals.

Vision Statement

To inspire the women of the Florida-Georgia district to a better understanding of and a prayerful heart for the mission grants of the district.

Marilyn Wolf, St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL
Zone: Greater Orlando



LWML Service

- Unit: President, Afternoon LWML
- Zone: Secretary

Church-Related Activities

Contact person for Loaves and Dishes

Community Service

Tutor for Rebecca's Garden of Hope and Adult Literacy League, Volunteer with Accessible Hope International (with her husband), which will involve some international travel and service

Employment Experience

Lutheran Teacher (30 years)

Additional Information

I was a grateful recipient of four consecutive \$500 scholarship grants, enabling me to complete my teaching degree at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE.

Vision Statement

First and always, Christ-centered! Then, inviting, engaging, flexible and varied. And, of course, serving the Lord and the people He connects us with, with gladness and compassion.

Vice President Spiritual Growth (2 Candidates)

Linda Meseke, Christ Lutheran, Brooksville, FL

Zone: Sun Coast

LWML Service

- Unit: Started up an LWML group at St. Peters in LaGrange, MO and at Christ Lutheran in Brooksville, FL



Church-Related Activities

Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Bible Study Leader, VBS Coordinator, Mission Trip Team Leader, Team Lead for Angel Food Ministries, Event Planning, Reader, Choir/Handbells, Banner Making

Employment Experience

Accounting, payroll, and accounts payable at Gulfside Hospice

Community Service

Church outreach, as volunteers are needed

Vision Statement

Today's 21st century woman has so many different responsibilities and time restraints. LWML needs a connected vision to reach these women in creative ways and ensure they know how important women's fellowship is to walk in their faith daily. This type of vision would include social media, website usage, blogs, and of course retreats and events. Once LWML can get in front of these women, God will do the rest.

Louise Repass, Faith Lutheran, Eustis, FL

Zone: Greater Orlando

LWML Service

- Unit: President



Church-Related Activities

Director of Trustees Committee

Employment Experience

Food Service Director at Faith Lutheran School

Community Service

Assistant Director at Agape Ministries, Eustis Local Food Bank, President of Athletic Booster of Eustis High School, Taught cake decorating at Lak Tech, Directed Free Meal program for 15 yrs.

Additional Information

Member of Faith Lutheran for 39 years, served on Altar Guild, Director of Social Ministries, Basketball Coach.

Vision Statement

My vision comes in a few steps: What we're going to do, why, and when. What is our mission, my mission is to see us all unite together, nurturing our relationships with all our churches, deepening one's relationship with God, and to enhance their sense of connection to the LWML.

Financial Secretary (2 Candidates)

Debi Coran, Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL
Zone: Space Coast



LWML Service

- Unit: Secretary, Treasurer, President
- Zone: Treasurer
- District: Treasurer
- National: Assisted with Registration

Church-Related Activities

Worship Team Alter Care, Sunday School Teacher, Altar Guild, Ushering, Treasurer

Employment Experience

Accountant for construction companies (42 years)

Vision Statement

My vision is to encourage women of LWML to use their various talents to serve the Lord with gladness. By sharing God's love, we can spread the HOPE of salvation through Christ our Lord.

Sheryl Lutz, Peace Lutheran, Dunnellon, FL
Zone: North Central Florida



LWML Service

- Unit: Treasurer, President
- Zone: Treasure, Christian Growth
- District: Evangel Editor

Church-Related Activities

Ran rummage sales, Monthly Community Meals, Council Secretary, Council President

Employment Experience

Retired, Avon Rep, District Secretary for Ross Products/Abbott Labs, School Cafeteria Manager for three Palm Beach County Schools at the same time, various additional Cashier/Clerk roles

Community Service

I took care of my mom for 17 years until she passed away last year. Since then, I've tried to help some of my neighbors by being available if/when needed. I've also been involved with community meals, either helping those in charge, or being in charge myself (with my husband who helps cook/prepare, too).

Additional Information

I grew up in an ELCA Lutheran Church, becoming LCMS when my husband, mom, and I joined Peace in 2008. I've been involved with LWML since then. I love it and what we do throughout the world!

Vision Statement

My vision is to keep doing what LWML has been doing since even before 1942 when we became a legal entity – teach people about Jesus Christ! What comes out of the mite monies (grants and helping people) is the blessing for that teaching.

Nominating Committee (2 Candidates)

(3 will be elected, candidate with highest number of votes will serve as chair)

Carol Jones, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Davie, FL

Zone: Gold Coast

LWML Service

- Unit: Treasurer, Secretary, Planning Committee
- Zone: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Spiritual Growth
- District: VP Spiritual Growth
- National: Food Service Committee, Traffic Supervisor Director



Church-Related Activities

Co-Chair for Love/Funeral, Sunday School Supervisor for Children's Ministry, VBS Director for Children's Ministry, Fellowship Co-Chair

Employment Experience

Director of Operations, Gloria Dei Church and Academy, Bookkeeper for Miramar Lutheran School, School Secretary/Registrar for St. Mark's Lutheran School

Community Service

Beach clean ups, HOA board, Blessings in a Backpack food program

Louise Cox, Faith Lutheran, Marietta, GA

Zone: Atlanta

LWML Service

- Unit: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President
- Zone: Treasurer, President, VP Spiritual Growth, Secretary
- District: Zone 6 1st Vice President, VP Spiritual Growth
- National: Host Committee, LWML Resource Store Assistant Director



Church-Related Activities

Altar Guild, Social Ministry - Food Pantry Volunteer, Board of Education Chairman, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Co-Director and Teacher

Employment Experience

Retired educator, Active domestic engineer, Elementary and Special Education teacher in Indiana, Texas, California, Illinois, and Georgia. Cashier and Bookkeeper at Mardel Christian Bookstore in Little Rock, AR

Community Service

Neighborhood and church food pantry volunteer

Additional Information

My spouse's 30-year military career provided opportunities for me to serve with LWML sisters in several states, attend district conventions and retreats in four states, and attend ten LWML national conventions over the years.

Vision Statement

My vision for Lutheran Women in Mission in the FL-GA district is to first encourage and mentor all women, especially our younger women, to be in the Word daily so they are equipped to proclaim the love of Christ and the gospel message to others; and secondly, to give God glory

Louise Cox (continued)

and honor by supporting missions with their mites and by joyfully serving others in their churches, communities, and beyond.

Junior Pastoral Counselor (2 Candidates)

Rev. Anthony Arias, Grace, Peace Valley Lutheran, Tampa, FL
Zone: Tampa

LWML Service
 Heartland Circuit

Church-Related Activities
 Treasurer



Additional Information

It is my goal to continuously learn and grow in my faith, embracing challenges as opportunities for spiritual development.

Vision Statement

To use our talents and gifts to uplift others, sharing the message of God's grace and mercy through our actions and words. To be a source of encouragement and support to those going through difficult times, showing them the hope we have in Christ.

Rev. Paul R. Meseke, Christ Lutheran, Brooksville, FL
Zone: Sun Coast

LWML Service
 Junior Counselor, Senior Counselor

Community Service
 Volunteer Chaplain at Blessing Hospital, Hernando Sheriff's Office, Brooksville Fire Department. On Hernando Community Advisory Board with the Hernando School System.



Additional Information

Presently, I am certified in Crisis Intervention through the Florida Firefighters Chaplain Association. I will be going through certification for the LCMS to be an intentional interim pastor at the St. Louis Seminary, to be used several years from now.

Vision Statement

To be used by Christ to further the Gospel in places and with people God puts in front of us in our daily lives and walk alongside congregations and organizations as they bring the Gospel to our communities in many and various ways. To help educate many to enable more grants for the mission of Christ and salvation.

Around the Zones...

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ZONE

Cinara Navarro - President

Our Fall Rally's theme will be "Who's on First?", and our Bible verse is: *I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End* (Rev 22:13). Some personal verses for me in caring for our country are: *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people* (Proverbs 14:34 NIV), and *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD* (Psalm 33:12 NIV).

TREASURE COAST ZONE – FL

Betsy Ablott - President

Greetings from the Treasure Coast Zone! We are so thankful for the "Treasure" Christ gave us by His death and resurrection. We celebrate this every day.

Redeemer, Stuart, will be supporting a new seminarian who was formerly a member of their church, and whose wife was a teacher at their school. They are looking forward to the "Women in Mission" Sunday, on October 13th. Grace, Port St. Lucie, is meeting to plan the 2024-2025 year's activities, projects and preparing shoeboxes for the Habitat for Children's Ministry in Haiti this November. Trinity, Ft. Pierce, is helping their church replace altar items to show their love of the Lord. Redeemer, Vero Beach, created a number of bracelets, jump ropes, knitted headbands, and taught future Young Women how to sew, for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. What a fun, enriching summer project for all members.

All of our unit delegates are anxiously awaiting the LWML FL-GA District Convention. See you there!



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Vero Beach

2024 ZONE RALLY DATES

ATLANTA

Peace Lutheran, Decatur, GA
Sat., October 19, 2024

EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA

Our Redeemer, Augusta, GA
Sat., October 12, 2024

GREATER ORLANDO

Prince of Peace, Orlando, FL
Sat., October 19, 2024

HEARTLAND

Peace Lutheran, Okeechobee, FL
Sat., March 1, 2025

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

First Lutheran, Inverness, FL
Sat., November 9, 2024

ST. PETERSBURG

Faith, Dunedin, FL
Sat., November 2, 2024

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Good Shepherd, N Ft Myers, FL
Sat., November 2, 2024

TROPICAL

St. Andrew, Hialeah, FL
Sat., October 19, 2024

WINTER HAVEN

Grace, Winter Haven, FL
Sat., November 9, 2024

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included in an upcoming issue!
Please identify everyone

Around the Zones...

GREATER ORLANDO ZONE – FL

Carol Lynn Scheer - President

Our Spring Rally was at St. Luke’s, Oviedo. The morning LWML group hosted the Rally. We had 56 ladies in attendance, including two guests; plus, Zone Pastoral Counselor. Our theme was “Easter is Coming!” from I Peter 1:13. Pastor John Elliott gave the sermon based on our theme. Because of Jesus’ sacrificial death and resurrection he reminded us the grace of God is a “done deal”, which leads to a heart of repentance that forgives others, seeks to love, and is eternally safe.

Sharon Shyrock- VP Spiritual Growth, led our Bible study, where Peter reminded them, and us, that those who persevere in faith have living hope, giving us strength and waking our souls to action. Our Gifts from the Heart speaker was Chris Ham of Rescue Outreach Mission in Sanford. They offer help with meals, temporary shelter, and life coaches who help “guests” identify and work toward their own goals effectively. We collected and donated cash, towels, bed linens, personal hygiene and other necessary items.

Our Zone is co-hosting the LWML District Convention this September at the Marriott Lakeside in Orlando (Convention theme: “It’s Not the Jar...It’s JESUS” from 2 Corinthians 4:6-7). If anyone can be an usher or hostess, please contact me. (scheerclr@gmail.com). Praying for a fruitful convention and hope to see many of you there.

The LWML afternoon group, at the Haven, had a farewell salad and dessert luncheon for Vicar Rob Choate and Deaconess Intern Alyssa Choate. The Haven Piecemakers presented them with a quilt and Vicar Rob installed our new officers. In July, St. Luke’s received a DCE Intern, Aubrey. The afternoon group asked for monetary donations to stock her cupboards and the executive board did the shopping.



Top: Vicar Rob and Deaconess Intern Alyssa Choate
 Second: Shopping for Aubrey
 Third L-R: Secretary Donna Kleister; Treasurer Patty Sidlik; President Sandra Ford
 Bottom L-R: Annalise Fitzsimmons, DCE; Aubrey Rathke, DCE Intern

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MISSION GRANTS DISBURSED AS OF 7/1/2024

GRANT RECIPIENT	GRANT	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Scholarships for Pastoral & Church Worker Students	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$0.00
Food & Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
A Rising Need, A Spiritual Opportunity	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Blessings in a Backpack	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Healthy Children	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Feed the Children— Peru	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Filling Haitian Children Spiritually and Physically	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Rebecca's Garden of Hope Next Level	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Christ Lutheran Mission (did not need the rest yet, will carry over into next year)	8,800.00	7,984.75	815.25
What Does This Mean – Bible Books for Haitian Families	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00
Lutheran Hands & Hearts Helping with Haitian Earthquake Response	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central & S. America	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Migrant Resettlement and Assistance	7,432.23	7,432.23	0.00
TOTALS	146,732.23	145,916.98	815.25

*Praise GOD for His
blessings!*