



# Around the Zone

## Calling All Women of Our Savior

Our Savior Lutheran Church LWML was a small group with 8-10 women attending every third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Ten of us would plan for the year and take turns doing devotions, being a hostess, picking a mission project, and volunteering to help set up/clean up and coordinating fundraisers for state and national conventions. The Lord would provide for us every year and we would be able to accomplish everything we set out to do to serve Him and yet still have enough money and strength to do it all over to serve Him and be glad.

Currently we have 6 mission projects, 2 fundraisers, serve 2 meals, cook 2 brunches, collect mites, first Sunday of the month, serve college students, collect box tops, and at every meeting we thank God for his inspiration to continue to serve Him.

As incoming president, I was inspired by the Holy Spirit that change needed to occur so that we could get all the women in our congregation to be part of all the exciting mission work. I made a motion to move our Monday night meetings to a Sunday morning (the third Sunday of each month). The women in our church attend Bible study every Sunday between services. Why not invite all women one Sunday of the month to an LWML meeting? We campaigned for three weeks prior to our meeting. "CALLING ALL WOMEN" "WE ARE SAVING YOU A SEAT".

The heavens opened and we had 34 women attend our LWML meeting. How exciting and thankful at the same time. God blessed our next mite offering as well! We took in 43% more mites than we normally receive.

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9.*

—Belinda Kastelic For more information about Our Savior LWML, contact Belinda at [beltulsa@hotmail.com](mailto:beltulsa@hotmail.com).

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# More Around the Zone

## Christ the Redeemer

The LWML at CTR has had another busy year. We have business meetings quarterly, but try to participate in monthly activities.

Most of our activities center around LWR kits and Quilts. We quilt all year, concentrate on Fabric Kits in January and February. We involve the congregation in collecting soap and items for Health Kits in April and May. In July and August, it's time for everyone to concentrate on school supplies. We use Thrivent Action Dollars to supplement what the congregation donates.

Other activities include lunching out once a year, recycling including shoes this year, attending the Mend Banquet in March, displaying Quilts on Mission Sunday in September, dressing kids for School Bell, and hosting a catered Christmas dinner for the ladies of the congregation.

Ten members of CTR arrived by bus, plane and car to attend the National Convention in Albuquerque. I'm a little surprised no one figured out how to get there by train! We contributed gift cards and Quilts for Gifts of the Heart. —Carol Fruehling



## Women of Grace LWML

The 'Women of Grace LWML', Grace Lutheran, Tulsa, boxed cartridges for recycling last Wednesday, July 12th. Five large boxes were made ready for shipping. A donation from Faith Lutheran LWML in Owasso was included in the Grace shipment!

Hands on helpers were: Bev England, Toni Watson, Judy Hall, Susan Postier, Ginger Smith and Kim Hood! They got it done and had some fun! —Bev England



## King of Kings uses Thrivent Action Funds



We used Thrivent Action funds for. . .

- ◆ the LWML Shoe Collection. We collected 100 pairs.
- ◆ our DCE Nikki Boyd to attend a Leadership Conference.
- ◆ to buy items for school kits.
- ◆ to buy items for health kits.
- ◆ to buy items for our "Themed Baskets" that we sold at the Tulsa World Ultimate Garage Sale.
- ◆ to buy items for Mercy Mission II.
- ◆ to buy items for "Gifts from the Heart".

We put together items for LWR School Kits.

We have Mite Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. We celebrate LWML Sunday in October. Our ladies do the

readings and collect the offerings.

We have used money from our past Spring Market and from our basket sales to send to:

- ◆ Christ Our Savior church in WV for flood relief efforts.
- ◆ Camp Lutherhoma to the Gayle Ross Memorial.
- ◆ The Little Light House
- ◆ Lutherhaven
- ◆ Good Samaritan Mobile Clinic
- ◆ Lutheran Church Charities for the Comfort Dog Program
- ◆ Camp Lutherhoma for four scholarships for our kids who go to camp.



We are a small group now. We only have four ladies at present. We have been talking about how we can get more ladies involved. —Vicki Wing

# Even More Around the Zone

## Joy of Mission at First Lutheran - Muskogee

During a busy year in 2017, the ladies of our church, including many of our congregation members and friends dived into the joy of mission and community work. This year has been filled with monthly dinners including advent and lent. We also host church bake sales and fun gatherings in which we mass produce kits for our neighbors in need. These kits are especially used in our local nursing homes during the fall and winter months.



The ladies of our church are masters when sewing quilts with one another. These quilts are always shipped for mission purposes, but they are often on display in celebration of LWML Sunday. —Susan Copen

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## Braille Workers Celebrate 75th

Lutheran Braille Workers Inc celebrates 75 years of 'Helping Others Touch the Promises of Jesus'. Dedicated volunteers in work centers across the country produce books of the Bible and other Christian material in Braille and large print in several different languages. These are shipped all over the world to individuals, schools and Churches.



Work Center #73, housed at Our Savior Tulsa has been the only work Center in Oklahoma for over 40 years. A second , Center #14 housed at Holy Trinity in Edmond , began production in July.



LWML Mission Grants, district and national , have consistently been voted to help support the effort with assistance with expenses. —Claudette Brown

# District Dispatch

## Oklahoma LWML “MOST” Mission Trip

We have the opportunity of going on a Mission Trip to Lake Amatitlan, Guatemala, **March 16-24, 2018**. We will be using our OKLAHOMA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT FOR 2016-2018 biennium #8 “Assistance for MOST Ministries Mission Trip, Scholarships for Oklahoma District LWML Members” in the amount of \$6000.00.

This trip is an eyeglass clinic and we would be joining another group from Florida. We are now accepting applications for this Mission Trip. \$1,000.00 will be given to each qualified applicant. Cost of the trip is \$2200.00-\$2400.00. After receiving the \$1000.00 you would then need to pay \$1200.00 - \$1400.00. Remaining money can be raised thru donations or fundraisers.

If you have ever thought of going on a Mission Trip, please consider this trip with your LWML sisters. Application forms can be viewed on the [OKLWML.org](http://OKLWML.org) website, click on Mission Grants tab.

Any questions??? Please contact Coordinator Sharon Schmidt at [sharonschmidt216@gmail.com](mailto:sharonschmidt216@gmail.com). Phone numbers are on the application form. —Sharon Schmidt

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## Lavender Springs Spa Retreat Oklahoma District Fall Retreat 2017

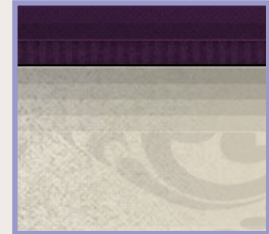
Be refreshed at Lavender Springs Spa! Where women rest in God's faithfulness! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God.

- **Friday, October 20-Saturday, October 21**
- Canyon Camp and Conference Center  
31600 Camp Road, Hinton
- Registration Fee — \$70 (postmarked by October 6)  
\$80 (after October 6)

*For more information, see the Registration Form and map online at [oklwml.org/FallRetreatRegistration2017.pdf](http://oklwml.org/FallRetreatRegistration2017.pdf).*

### New District Website

The NEW Oklahoma LWML website is under construction. The release date has not been set, but here is a hint:



### Mark your calendar!

#### October 20-October 21

Oklahoma District  
Fall Retreat 2017  
Lavender Springs Spa Retreat  
Canyon Camp and  
Conference Center  
31600 Camp Road, Hinton

#### November 4, 2017

Craft show at Immanuel

#### December 2, 2017

9AM-4PM  
Christ the Redeemer Youth  
Craft Fair/LWML Bake Sale  
Booths available  
Contact:  
[suzanne.watt@ctrtulsa.org](mailto:suzanne.watt@ctrtulsa.org)

#### March 16-24, 2018

OK District MOST  
Mission Trip  
Lake Amatitlan, Guatemala

#### April 13 & 14, 2018

OK LWML District  
Convention 2018  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Lawton, OK

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Thrivent Financial  
[www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)

Lutheran World Relief  
[www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

Orphan Grain Train  
[www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)

Lutheran Braille Workers  
[www.lbwinc.org](http://www.lbwinc.org)

***Add your society news to the next issue of Zoning In! Contact Carol Fruehling at [cfruehling@hotmail.com](mailto:cfruehling@hotmail.com) or Jody Zscheck [pennsy56@gmail.com](mailto:pennsy56@gmail.com) for details.***

## About Recycling

Don't throw away the toner or ink cartridges that LWML doesn't accept! (list available on [oklwml.org](http://oklwml.org)) Recycle them at Staples or Office Depot!

I prefer taking them to Staples as they give me credit for up to ten cartridges a month. I just bag them in groups of ten and each month drop a bag off when I'm near a Staples.

About a month later I get an email from Staples with up to a \$20 credit, which I can use in the store. This year my timing was perfect. In June, July, and August I receive credits and used them for school supplies already on sale. That made the \$60 FREE MONEY even better! —Carol Fruehling

Take Note: Do Not send these items for Recycling. They are not accepted.



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## Free Money—Can You Hear Me Now?

Do I have your attention? Yes, I said free money. Thrivent Action Team Dollars are available to every Thrivent member. You are eligible for two \$250 Visa cards per calendar year.

The first thing you need to do is come up with an idea for helping others through an Action Team project. Members of our congregation have used their dollars for various LWR projects as well as local needs in our community. Examples of our projects are as follows:

- Supplies for LWR quilts, personal care kits, school kits and sewing kits.
- New crib sheets made for the ECC at CTR. Fabric was purchased with the grant money and the members of Sew 'n Sows made the sheets.
- Provided additional food for the South Tulsa Neighborhood House
- Groceries to provide a meal at an LWR quilt supply fundraiser
- Truck rental and transportation for the LWR boxes to Wichita, KS
- Pillow cases for The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis

Once you have come up with your idea, chosen a date for the project and put your team together, you will need to go online to [thrivent.com/actionteam](http://thrivent.com/actionteam) to get started. (Continued on page 9.)

## Free Money—Can You Hear Me Now?

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The application process is simple and should not take you any longer than fifteen minutes to complete. You will need to know the t-shirt size needed for each team member as Thrivent provides t-shirts for advertising. My experience is that Thrivent will notify you in 1-5 business days concerning the status of your application. If you do not hear from them in that amount of time, check your Spam/Junk folders as your server may have sent it there. I once found my acceptance letter there. Once given the green light for your project, you will receive a box in the mail with the t-shirts, banner, Visa card, packet, etc. It is all very self-explanatory.

Once you have received your acceptance email, you need to begin advertising for your event. The idea for the Action Teams is for this to be your seed money. Hopefully you will receive other donations as well as lots of help. You will want to get as many people involved with the project as possible.

Once your project is complete, you will need to once again go online to [thrivent.com/actionteam](http://thrivent.com/actionteam) and share your story and photos. Be sure you have someone taking photos along the way. We even take photos as we are doing our shopping. You would be surprised how you can inform others in your community about Thrivent and LWR when you ask them to take a photo of you shopping for supplies.

If you have any further questions, especially once you receive your packet in the mail, I have found the Thrivent customer service representatives to be extremely helpful. The Lutheran Witness had a very good article titled Spring Into Action in the June 2017 issue. The article will be a good reference for you.

Happy Planning! —Lynne Kollock



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### DONATE AT NO COST TO YOU

#### Amazon Shoppers



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- Log on to smile.amazon.com with your amazon.com login
- Choose a charity
- I chose Lutheran Women's Missionary League St Louis and donate to Mites
- Shop as normal
- Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase.

This biennium they donated \$1059 to LWML mites. Since the program began they have donated \$37,903,623 to charities.

#### Good Shop

YOU SHOP YOU SAVE WE GIVE

goodshop

SHOP at thousands of stores or save your favorites for quick access.

SAVE money with the best coupons and deals delivered right to you.

WE donate a percentage of each purchase to the cause of your choice at no extra cost to you.

- Please sign up at goodshop.com or download the mobile app.
- Select a charity: I chose the LWML National Organization and donate to Mites.

This biennium LWML has received \$1520 and \$23,687 since the program began.

And GoodShop has a new feature called Gumdrop. When you are shopping online, Gumdrop automatically activates coupons and lets you know how much you are donating to LWML!

**gumdrop**  
by goodshop

#### Thrivent Choice

Enroll your charity choice for **Direct Choice Dollars** at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

## New Butterfly Scarf

It has Lutheran Women in Mission on the end with lovely colors and is available now either through Bev England, Grace Lutheran, or the [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) - shop on line! It's all silk, hand washable and can be yours for \$20. Call Bev at (918) 557-4467!



## Prayers and Support for Texas and Louisiana

We are praying for our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana who are dealing with the continuing hardships of **Hurricane Harvey**. Following the initial rescue and care efforts there will be many opportunities to help with donations. At this time the LWML is referring offers of help to the following organizations and their websites. We will communicate special needs as they arise. Thank you for caring for God's people in their time of need.

LCMS Texas District: [www.txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey](http://www.txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey).

LCMS Southern District: <http://southernlcms.org/disaster-relief-donations/>

Orphan Grain Train: <http://www.ogt.org/news/newsroom.html/article/2017/08/25/please-help-us-help-texas>

LCMS Disaster Relief: <https://www.lcms.org/harvey>

## Hurricane Irma - Prayers and Support Needed

Dear Ones,

We are praying for our brothers and sisters impacted by Hurricane Irma. Following the initial rescue and care efforts there will be many opportunities to help with donations. Please visit [flgadistrict.org](http://flgadistrict.org) and click on "Make a Payment" under the Payments and Donations section at the bottom of the page. It will take you to a third party that processes donations and there will be category for "Disaster Response" under the Donation section.

Alternatively, one can send a check made out to: The Florida-Georgia District, LCMS, 5850 TG Lee Blvd, Suite 500, Orlando, FL 32822

At this time the LWML is also referring offers of help to the LCMS page dedicated to Hurricane Irma relief efforts here: [www.lcms.org/irma](http://www.lcms.org/irma).

We will communicate special needs as they arise. Thank you for caring for God's people in their time of need.

Joyfully serving with you,  
President Patti



# Convention Corner

## Bus to LWML Convention -- Albuquerque

We started our journey in Tulsa with 17 people and gained 38 more convention goers in Oklahoma City, OK. We did some singing, lots of praying, eating (snacks) and got to know our LWML sister and brothers.



On our way back from convention, we heard from several first time convention goers and the consensus was "It was a great convention and we all had a good time!" Thanks to everyone for signing my book, "*Radiant Reflections*".

We all agreed to the saying, "What happens on the bus, stays on the bus" ..—Sharon Schmidt

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## Your Tulsa Zone Delegate

Thank you for allowing me to be your delegate to the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, NM in June. It was an experience I will treasure always. The members of the Montana, Rocky Mountain, Utah-Idaho, and Wyoming Districts did a great job hosting 3,472 Lutheran Women in Mission (and a few men) from across the country.

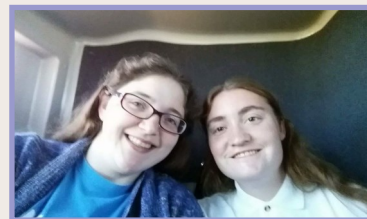
The opening worship was absolutely beautiful. We sang one of my all time favorite hymns—"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" as hundreds of Lutherans communed together. Friday night, Mariachi San Pablo entertained us with its music and message of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday night had many dancing in the aisles!

I encourage everyone to make plans for the LWML Convention will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on June 20-23, 2019.

It's tough to share 5 days of adventure in a couple paragraphs for a newsletter, but I would be happy to visit your LWML Society meeting. You can contact me at [pennsy56@gmail.com](mailto:pennsy56@gmail.com) or (309) 333-0861. Please leave a message or I will probably think you are a telemarketer. 😊 —Jody Zscheck

## OK YWR

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*Susan Pacy of First Lutheran, Ponca City and Jennifer Karner of St John's OKC were our Oklahoma Young Women Representatives at the Albuquerque Convention. They were just 2 of 81 YWRs who attended this year!*

## Tulsa Zone Delegate

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Jody Zscheck

# Convention Fun



Banners Galore



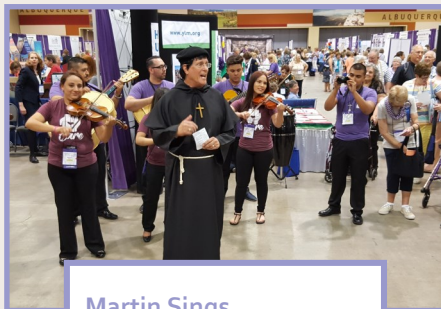
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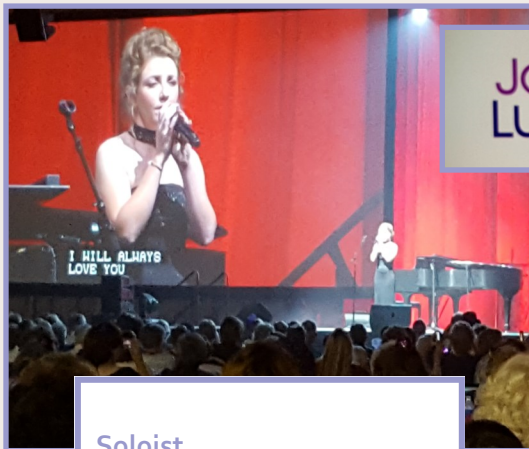
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Mariachi San Pablo



Katie Luther



Soloist

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New friends



81 YWR on stage



Oklahoma row

The LWML 38th Biennial Convention will be in Mobile, Alabama, on June 20-23, 2019.