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Serve  
the Lord with  
Gladness!  
Psalm 100:2

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on a Mission = Miles filled with JOY

People who drive behind my car might wonder what's the message on the rear of my car and what does it mean. I have the "Lutheran Woman on a Mission" license plate holder plus I have a Christmas magnet spelling out J O Y with the nativity scene in the letter O.



So what is my mission? No matter where I drive I know the Lord is guiding me safely to my destination. It may be to the grocery store, a doctor's appointment, a restaurant, Mother's care center, a clothing store, the home of a friend, a church, or one of many other locations. I always want to remember that as a Christian, I am a 'bumper sticker' for the Lord. In all that I do and say, whether driving my car or walking into a building, and even when I'm standing in line to pay for my groceries, I want to be a good Christian example! Also, as a LWMLer I strive to live my life by the motto "Serve the Lord with Gladness. Does my attitude, actions and caring for others reflect that I am a Christian, a child of God? I remember a story about a policeman trying to stop the driver of a suspicious car that was speeding, swerving in and out of the lanes, making inappropriate gestures and shouts out the window to other drivers. The actions of the driver certainly did not fit the Christian messages attached to the car; bumper stickers which read "Jesus Love You," "Jesus is my co-pilot," "The Lord is my Shepherd," a Christian fish symbol and a cross. Finally the officer was able to get the car pulled over and stopped. As he approached the car he noticed the driver was a sweet looking 'grandmotherly' type lady. The officer was very puzzled! He asked the driver if this was her car; she replied yes and showed her driver's license and registration! The officer had thought the car had been stolen as the driver's actions certainly were not compatible with a Christian telling others about Jesus by way of bumper stickers.

So how is your driving? Yes, there are times we aren't as thoughtful and kind as we should be or want to be. We allow others to influence our actions and reactions which, in the end, upset us greatly. It is times like these that we need to call on the Lord for guidance, forgiveness and strength; to reconnect with Him. The Lord is just a prayer away. Allow yourself to spend some quiet time with Him in prayer and in study of His Word.

May you be an active 'bumper sticker' for Christ so others will see Him in you in all that you do and say. Blessings, mht  
Marilyn H Treanor, District President





**THE DISTRICT  
MISSION  
STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Florida-Georgia District LWML 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.

**DEADLINES FOR  
FUTURE EVANGEL  
ISSUES:**

**Spring 2010 Issue  
December 1, 2009**

**Summer 2010 Issue  
March 1, 2010**

**Fall 2010 Issue  
June 1, 2010**

**Winter 2010 Issue  
September 1, 2010**

**MISSION SERVICE**

Last October, you sent several of us to St. Louis to the LWML Assembly of Leaders so that we could learn more about LWML and bring back some inspiration and helpful hints for all of you. Here are some suggestions to increase our mission impact.

Find out about the missions conducted by LCMS World Missions and pray for specific missions. Pray for people who are not reached - **be a prayer warrior**. Challenge people in your church or zone to find mission projects. Ask your pastor how the women from LWML could support ministry - both in mission service and through mission grants. *Go on a short-term mission trip. (editors notes: You will never be the same.)*

Be a student of world cultures for the sake of expanding the kingdom of God. Be friends with internationals. A possible way to serve and expand the kingdom might be to offer help to teach English as a second language. If your church doesn't offer the classes, your local library might. Another possibility is to start an international cooking class at church - you would learn their food and they would learn ours.

Start a cross-cultural ministry in your own LWML. Ask them what would support them and support their decisions. Don't just invite people to join LWML - be intentional about it. Make a point to talk about LWML.

Think about our projects as bubble gum. Sometimes when we blow a bubble it pops and we just chew up the gum and start over. Sometimes a project doesn't work - just start again on another one. *Juanita Bagnol*



**"FEED MY LAMBS...FEED MY SHEEP"**

**2009 FL-GA DISTRICT RETREAT**

**SIRATA BEACH RESORT ON ST PETE BEACH FL**

**SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009**

The St Petersburg Zone is ready to host the FL/GA District Retreat at the Sirata Beach Resort, September 25-27, on beautiful St Pete Beach FL. We hope you are all ready for a weekend of worship, singing, studying, being entertained, and a time for self-reflection. Our guest speaker, Dawn Schalow, has over 15 years of experience in inspiring hundreds of individuals toward zestful living. She will be a real inspiration to us all. Bring your beach attire as there may even be time for building sand sculptures on the beach. Oh, and don't forget the sun screen. See you September 25. *Linda Peters, Retreat Chairman*

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**



The year has truly passed quickly and so much has happened and has yet to happen. Ladies I hope you enjoy the Retreat? Find time during the weekend to Live, Laugh and Love your sisters? Our Guest speaker, Dawn Schalow will be a blessing to us with her light hearted Bible Studies and lessons of life, she will share throughout the weekend. I hope that many of you will find an opportunity to stop in and shop in our resource store, we stocked up on many new items especially for the Retreat.

I leave you with this thought, remember that you are a blessing to everyone you meet when you share your fruits that God has so graciously given you but no one likes a lemon so be sweet. *Blessings, Chynsia Fowler*

VP for Mission Grants, Jo Crittenden



If you have not already started to think about submitting Grant Proposals for the fall of 2010 it is not too early to make that plan, take that first step.

Q. WHO may submit a Mission Grant Proposal?

A. LWML Individual Members, Societies, Zones, District and Synodical boards

Q. WHAT would the criteria for a Mission Grant be?

A. It would have emphasis on the mission to extend the ministry of the Word. Fit into the plans and projects of the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for projects where no adequate funding has been provided. It would be current and ready for implementation and well documented.

Q. HOW would we begin?

A. Do your research, study requirements in District Bylaws. Find additional information that is available in the Mission Projects Handbook from the LWML catalog. Contact people in charge of agencies, organizations, programs they will give you additional input. Get written approval from contact person. Gather facts and supportive material to submit with the Mission Grant proposal.



## OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH of Ocala, FL

celebrates it's 25th anniversary in 2009, we began with a 25th Anniversary Congregational Expo in late March between the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, the congregational boards, organizations and departments had displays in the Fellowship Center telling about their particular function and activities within the congregation. One of the main groups displaying were the Women's Guild/Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Nearly every display area had giveaways tracts, bookmarks, sun catchers and candy or cookies all of which was well received by the large number of

congregational members who attended the Expo. An example of displays was one of the new paraments at the Altar Guild table, Mustard Seeds, LWML candy, and LWML informational brochures, and pictures of our adopted seminarians, quilters and crafters at work, at the Women's Guild/LWML table. Many mite boxes and LWML offering envelopes were also handouts. *Submitted by Debbie Thompson, North Central FL Zone President*

## SOUTH PALM BEACH ZONE

On May 18, 2009 the Son Life WIM elected Edith Hennessy as Society President to replace Joanna Roche who is leaving for Texas. We are sad to see Joanna leave, but we all wish her the best! We also invited our ladies for the next rally in the Fall, October 17, 2009 at Son Life with a theme, "Christ, the Bread of Life."

*Tina Wadsworth, ZP South Palm Beach Zone*

## LWML Webpage

[www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com)- I hope you have visited it lately. Please email me with any comments or suggestions. I am always looking for news of your societies and zones. If you send photos, please make sure they are jpeg files. I'll be taking photos at the retreat to post on the website, so if you see me aiming my camera at you, just smile and say "Mighty Mites". *Carol Alberts, Web Editor*

"Your District President working at one speed... fast and faster."



New clothes have been purchased. Pencils, erasers, notebook paper, laptops have all been purchased too. New routines and old routines have been established. It is September. School has begun again.

Funny how it doesn't really matter whether you have kids in school or not, September is that time in the church which signals that summer is over and those new and old routines pick back up again at church too.

Those things that normally go on at church may have taken a break for the summer months. Now you are getting back in the swing of things.

And as things start afresh, consider how most people are in the mood for starting afresh too. I am talking about your local LWML group. You all have different names for them whether it be a "guild", "circle", "chapter" or something entirely different. But you all have a few things in common, the love for the Lord, service to the Lord, and love for one another.

This fall is an excellent time for you to invite someone new to be a part of the LWML. Invite them now and let that become a part of their routine. Folks like to belong to groups. They like to be a part of things. They like what you have to offer and that namely is friendship.

Almost sounds like I am talking about inviting someone to church, doesn't it? Maybe in a way, but many of the women may be in your church right now and are waiting for a personal invitation. I am talking about a face to face invitation. Inviting folks via the bulletin doesn't count. The key here is not to assume they know about the LWML. Just because you have been around for a while doesn't mean they know exactly what you do. And you know, maybe some of these women attend other LCMS churches, and if they do not have an LWML group at their church, invite them to attend yours.

You can see where I am going with this, my ultimate goal is to increase membership at your own church and help start new groups at churches that don't have LWML organizations that are in your zones.

Use the Fall Retreat as an invitation to come, but even better, is to just get into the routine of praying that the Lord would add to your numbers and then asking folks to join you. That personal touch always works best.

***Serving the Lord with you, Pastor Hopkins***

#### ***A Tale from a Society written by Pat Kubicek***

Sometimes we hear a story that is so unbelievable we want to add, "Once upon a time in a faraway land"... However this story is not a fairy tale nor did it happen in a faraway land. It happened right here in the FL-GA LWML District.

In January a small LWML society, barely hanging on was holding only 2 Sunday afternoon meetings a year with an attendance of only 3 -6 ladies, finally realized that to survive they needed to do something. So they reorganized! They selected a new President and a new board. I know what you are thinking. We tried that too and it didn't help! But how about 'thinking out side the box!'

The first re-organizational meeting had an attendance of 13. At this meeting the 50 year old bylaws were rewritten and plans for exciting new events were discussed. The last event of season was 'A Tea for the King's Daughters' and the attendance was 52. Yes!!! A growth from 6 to 13 to 52 in three months!!

Most of the women in attendance never understood what LWML really was. They never knew the mission of LWML. They never met anyone that had a true fire and passion for Lutheran Women In Mission. One woman had never joined the church even though her children were baptized, confirmed and even married in the church. She had been attending for the past 25 years. Now she wants to become an active member in the LWML and even is interested in becoming an officer. She went to the Pastor to find out how to become a member of the church.

Ladies, do you remember the song from the 70's "Pass it On?" A line from it says, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing..." You CAN BE that spark!! It is possible! Your actions, like that of the new society president, will inspire others to find ways that they too can help others to grow by "Serving the Lord with Gladness!"



# Nominations Committee Chairman

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We always feel we never have enough time to do everything we think needs to be done. We need to remember that all our time belongs to God and we should ask for His help in all we do. We need to be like Mary who sat at our Lord's feet listening to what He said. (Luke 10:38-42) We should also ask..., seek..., and knock... (Luke 11:9) We need to manage our time wisely. I remember reading the following poem not long ago which made an impact on me. It was written by Edward Everett Hale.

"I am only one,  
But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

We all have special talents that if kept to ourselves, do not benefit anyone. Sharing is a part of giving of our time, whether it be to our church, our family or our friends. In the next few months the Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for: Vice President Communications, Vice President Mission Service, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee and Pastoral Counselor. If you are approached to be a candidate, please prayerfully consider being nominated for the position. The Lord will give you the time that you need to *serve Him with gladness. (Psalm 100:2)*

## 2010 FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT LWML ELECTION OF OFFICERS NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

Nominations will be received for the following elected officers: Deadline - Feb. 15, 2010

VP Communications	4 years	
VP Mission Service	4 years	
Recording Secretary	4 years	
Treasurer	4 years	
Nominating Committee	2 years	
Pastoral Counselor	4 years	Deadline for pastors - Jan. 1, 2010

Candidates for all offices need at least two years of leadership experience in their zones or societies. **Joanne Hahn, Nominating Committee Chairman,**  
1512 Reade Circle St. Cloud, FL 34772-9192

### Together in Prayer

Mondays at noon-join your LWML sisters in prayer as we remember to thank and praise God for His blessings as well as to lift up the mission of the LWML. For further information go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)



### MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

If you know of someone serving in the Armed Forces from your congregation, please provide the following information...name, address and congregation to Ministry to the Armed Forces, LCMS (1-800-433-3954, ext 1337 or [lcmschaps@lcms.org](mailto:lcmschaps@lcms.org)) and the name will be added to a list that receives the Lutheran Witness (monthly) and Portals of Prayer devotional booklet (quarterly.)

Also, please email Pat Kubicek, VP Communications their name Unit information and location and we will list them on our FL-GA website so that we may include them in our prayers.

# FALL RALLY DATES

## October 17<sup>th</sup>

Miami North	Bayshore Lutheran, Miami, FL	ZP Linda Velasquez
North East Georgia	Trinity, Athens, GA	ZP Jean Weinrich
Orlando East	St Lukes Oviedo, FL	ZP Joanne Hahn
South Palm Beach	Son Life, Boyton Beach, FL	ZP Tina Wadsworth

## October 24<sup>th</sup>

Gold Coast	Gloria Dei, Davie, FL	ZP Nancy Hughes
Southwest Florida	Faith Lutheran, Naples, FL	ZP Elaine Maki

## November 7<sup>th</sup>

Atlanta No., Atlanta So. And No. GA	Rivercliff Lutheran	Contact: ZP Laura M O'Connel (Combined Rally)
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Heartland	Faith, Clewiston, FL	ZP Pauline Vogt
Sarasota	Redeemer, Englewood, FL	ZP Marion McLaine
Space Coast	Faith Lutheran, Viera, FL	ZP Jan Pettis
St Petersburg	Bethel, Clearwater, FL	ZP Lillian Liston

## November 14<sup>th</sup>

Orlando West	Apopka, FL	ZP Nancy Svenonius
Treasure Coast	Redeemer, Vero Beach, FL	ZP Karen McCarthy

### News From The Financial Secretary

Thank you to those who have given the following memorial gifts in loving memory of faithful LWML sisters and brothers in Christ from February 24 to May 29, 2009:

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Memorial and honor gifts for LWML FL-GA District funds should be sent to: Karen McCarthy, Financial Secretary, P. O. Box 2098, Stuart, FL 34995. Please also provide the family's contact information, so an acknowledgment of the gift can be sent to the family members. Thank you.

Check out the District website ([www.flgalwml.com](http://www.flgalwml.com)) for up-to-date information on mite giving for the biennium. *Karen McCarthy, Financial Secretary*

### ATT: ALL Evangel Contributors

Please submit your articles & photos (jpeg style) by the following dates:



- September 1, 2009 (Winter Issue)
- December 1, 2009 (Spring Issue)
- March 1, 2010 (Summer Issue)
- June 1, 2010 (Fall Issue)



Next issue will be the Winter Issue. Articles will be due September 1st. Please send all articles to Pat Kubicek, editor, 1615 Littler Dr, Titusville, FL 32780, patklwml@bellsouth.net, 321-267-1081

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