



**Dear God,**

**We thank You and praise You for the work of Your almighty hand. We are grateful for the gift of life and breath you give us everyday. Help us to live according to Your Word. We ask You to hear our prayers and petitions as we come to You with our needs, our dreams, and our heart-felt desires.**

**Father, help us to silence this noisy world and hear Your voice. As we embark on a new Lenten season, help us to remember**

**the price paid for our gift of eternal life. Help our gratefulness spill over into our lives producing compassion for all those around us. Open our hearts and minds to be generous to all those in need.**

**Holy Spirit, give us wisdom, understanding, and perseverance as we face life's trials. Remind us that our souls are safe; firmly grasped in Your hand--nothing can take us away from You. With this secure knowledge of Your love, help us to walk and serve You boldly.**

**Calm our fears. Fill our hearts and hands with the need to do Your will.**

**Thank you for the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Help us to mimic the life He led while He was on earth; let His example of love be the gauge we use in our actions towards others.**

**Bless our churches, our congregations, our Pastors, Deacons, Lay Ministers, Elders and all those involved in putting forth holy and worthy worship services. Help our churches to be places of safety and hope--havens for those who are broken and hurting.**

**Father we ask you to bless the efforts of AD LWML and LWML world-wide. As we all prepare for conventions-both far and near,-help us work to Your glory in all we do.**

**Amen**

## Grant Highlight of the Month

**Operation Barnabas for  
Comfort Dog Congregations,  
LCMS Armed Forces Ministry,  
St. Louis, MO.....  
\$2,000**



*(Pictured here are Luther and Ruthie)*

Operation Barnabas provides encouragement and thanksgiving centered in the Gospel to military members and their families. We have developed materials to educate professional church workers in providing care to soldiers struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog congregations are prime candidates to become Operation Barnabas Congregations. The comfort dogs calm individuals, facilitate conversation, and are used in counseling. This grant will allow the LCMS Armed Forces Ministry to bring training to Comfort Dog congregations to expand their reach to military families.

Check out LWML's new blog:

*Lutheran Women in Mission*

**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML**  
**MISSION GRANTS 2016-2018**

1. <b>From Mourning Glory to Morning Glory: Rescuing Women with the Gospel;</b> Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church; Bronx, NY .....	\$4,000	<b>PAID</b>
2. <b>VBS for Deaf Children;</b> Lutheran Friends of the Deaf; Mill Neck, NY .....	\$4,500	
3. <b>Risen Christ Women Sewing Ministry;</b> The Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ; Brooklyn, NY .....	\$1,500	
4. <b>Grace Lutheran Pantry;</b> Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village, NY .....	\$5,000	
5. <b>Reaching our Hispanic Neighbors;</b> Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist; Brooklyn, NY .....	\$630	
6. <b>Sharing God's Word through Service;</b> The Chapel School; Bronxville, NY .....	\$3,000	
7. <b>Mission Outreach to Street Children in New Amsterdam, Guyana;</b> St. Matthews' Lutheran Church; Brooklyn, NY .....	\$3,000	
8. <b>Long Island Deaf Missions;</b> Lutheran Friends of the Deaf; Mill Neck, NY .....	\$5,000	
9. <b>Trinity Food Pantry;</b> Trinity Lutheran Church; Islip, NY .....	\$4,500	
10. <b>Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations;</b> Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; St. Louis MO .....	\$2,000	
11. <b>Concordia Seminary Food Bank;</b> St. Louis, MO .....	\$5,000	
12. <b>Free Medical Check-up Camps &amp; Eye Screening Camps in Rural Parts of India;</b> Lutheran Hour Ministries; St. Louis, MO .....	\$5,000	
13. <b>La Vida Nica;</b> The Life Lutheran Church; Westbury, NY .....	\$2,770	

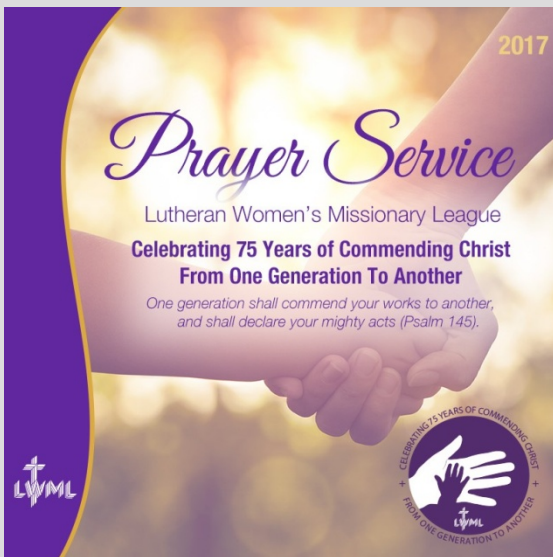
## Knit a Stocking Cap for those in Need

Do you know how to knit? There are so many people who need stocking caps: local hospitals need caps for newborn babies, cancer patients, homeless people, the poor in this country and around the world.

Maybe you're saying, "I don't know how to knit." There are many inexpensive knitting loom kits available for purchase at craft stores. The looms come in four different sizes allowing you to make caps in all different sizes!



Why not try this project with a group from your church? Or bring the idea to work and get co-workers on board too. Wherever the caps go, the gift of love will be the same. You will be sharing God's love, warmth and His comfort with those around you. You can even use a Thrivent Action Team card to purchase supplies. What a great idea! Happy knitting!



We are gathered here today as women and men of the church who are in our generation to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of us lament "the generation gap" that seems to be growing with the acceleration of changes in our culture. There are times when we long for the "good old days." Our worship for today is to remind us that God continues to work in our days. That He is the God of all generations!

*Downloads for the 2017 LWML Prayer Service  
and cover artwork are available now at [LWML.org](http://LWML.org)*



## **SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP GRANT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE!!!**

Have you ever dreamed of going on a Mission Trip? The ADLWML has approved funds to be used to support short-term mission trips. Take some time and review the instruction form and application that are available at [www.ADLWML.org](http://www.ADLWML.org) for further information



Did you know that MOST Ministries could use your help? If your group is looking for a way to bless others, why not consider making tote bags, eye glass cases, or quilts for MOST Ministries? Instructions can be found on their website at [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org).





**MISSION GRANT #1 IS FUNDED!!!  
MAKE SURE YOU COLOR A PETAL ON A FLOWER!**

This picture can be used to track the receipt of mites for the 2016-2018 biennium. For each \$4,250 collected, a section of the butterfly's thermometer body can be colored in. There are 13 petals on the three flowers representing one of the mission grants. As each mission grant obligation is fulfilled, another petal can be colored. Enjoy!.

# HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION YET????

June 22-25, 2017  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
"Jesus Christ Above All"

*Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2:9)*

**President: Patti Ross**

Convention Goal Statement: ***Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.***

Convention Objectives: ***Each convention attendee will be encouraged through worship and Bible study, equipped to share His message of salvation, engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.***

***Find convention details in the Winter Quarterly or at LWML.org***

***Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:***



AD LWML 2017 Annual Fall Retreat – Tuscarora Inn – October 13-15

**AD LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES:**

Saturday, May 13, 2017 – Concordia College Bronxville  
Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Concordia College Bronxville  
Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Concordia College Bronxville  
(Snow Date - January 20, 2018)

***Make sure to put these events on your 2017 calendar!***

**Ladies In Prayer and Service  
Redeemer LIPS Anniversary Luncheon  
Saturday, March 25, 2017  
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4360 Rev. Theodore Wittrock Crossing  
Bronx, New York 10466  
10:30 AM  
\$30.00**

***Contact Cecile Walker for further information***



**COME JOIN US FOR A**

***GARDEN HIGH TEA***

***Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Middle Island, NY***

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

RSVP: By March 26, 2017  
631-924-7106 or gwirsing@optonline.net

**“In The Garden”**  
Speaker: Ginny Wirsing

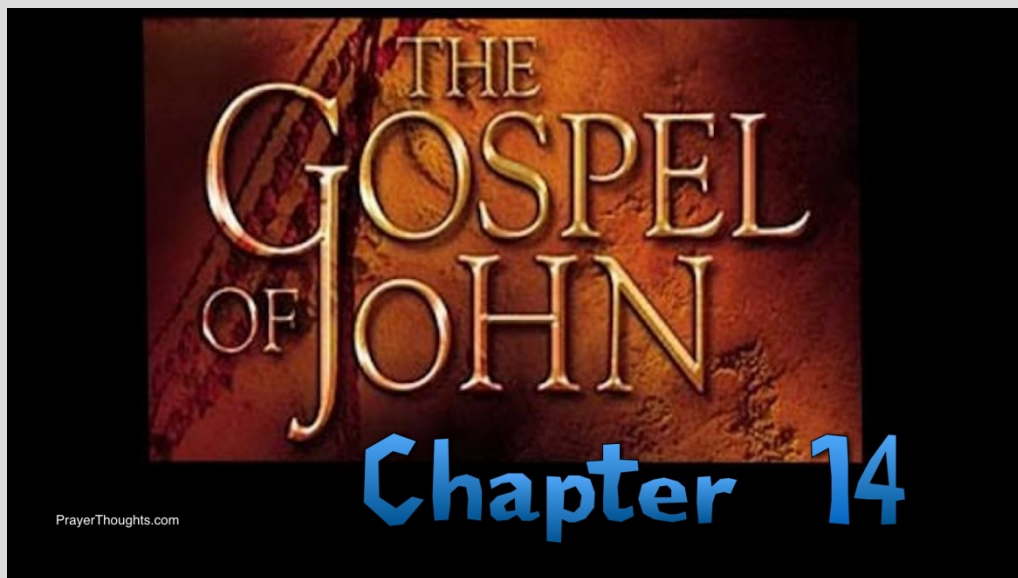
Bring your favorite Tea Cup  
Wear your favorite Bonnet





## John 14 (ESV)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;<sup>[a]</sup> believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.<sup>[d]</sup> From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



# Enjoy!

**STEALING SOMEONE'S  
COFFEE IS CALLED  
MUGGING.**

**THE OTHER DAY I HELD THE  
DOOR OPEN FOR A CLOWN.  
IT WAS A NICE JESTER**

**PASTEURIZE:  
TOO FAR TO SEE**

**NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
YOU PUSH THE ENVELOPE,  
IT'LL STILL BE STATIONERY**

**WHOEVER INVENTED  
"KNOCK-KNOCK" JOKES  
SHOULD GET A NO-BELL PRIZE**

**ENERGIZER BUNNY  
ARRESTED:  
CHARGED WITH BATTERY**

**I PUT MY GRANDMA  
ON SPEED DIAL  
I CALL THAT INSTAGRAM**