

Dear Father,

Holy God, Almighty Father, Prince of Peace! We praise Your Name! You alone are God! You alone love us! We can never thank You enough for the Gift of Jesus Christ! Through Him alone we have life everlasting!

As Your Holy Spirit came upon Your disciples in the upper room, we boldly ask you to do the same for us. Help us to love lavishly. Help us to show mercy and compassion through our words and actions. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to respond to those in need.

Thank you for blessing our convention this past April. We felt your presence through the words and actions of President Lillian, our Board, Delegates, and all our honored guests. We ask you to walk with us as we embark on our next mission goal. Please guide us and bless our efforts as we continue to work as a team to spread Your Gospel throughout our communities and the world.

Holy Spirit, increase our faith. Help us to realize that You walk with us in every aspect of our lives. Many of our congregations are anticipating or searching for new Pastors. Some of our churches are struggling with financial difficulties or unrest among their members. Others are flourishing and expanding. In all circumstances, whether known or unknown, we ask You to guide and support us. Give us courage to trust Your will in all situations. Help us to fix our eyes on You.

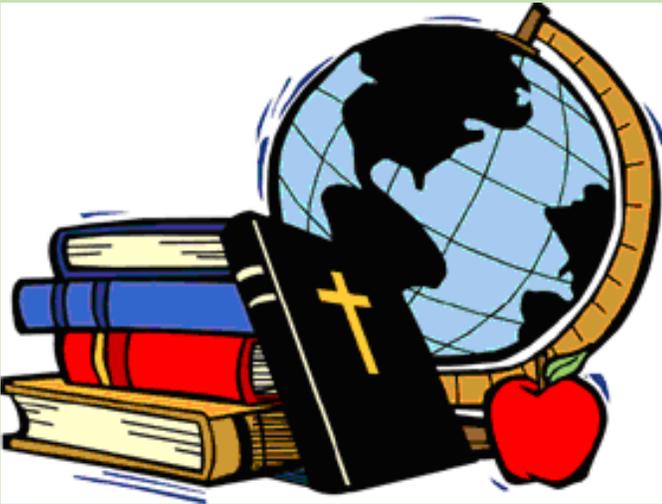
Father God, Great Physician, Creator and King, we ask for your healing hand to rest upon those who are struggling with illness and disease. Give strength and guidance to those caring for elderly parents and loved ones. We ask You to comfort those who are struggling with grief and anticipated loss. Please give them comfort.

Remind us "all-ways" of Your promises, made firm and secure with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Allow us to use these promises as the rock solid foundation of our faith. Give us courage as we live our lives in testimony to the unfathomable love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Our Savior and Our King!

Amen!

Galatians 5:1 (ESV) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

GRANT HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



1. St. Peters' Sunday School-Hitting the Streets for Jesus \$4,000

This grant will help to extend our outreach to the 75-100 families we serve weekly in our programs and beyond, to the residents of Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. The children, youth & young adults are part of the Church and God willing shall continue to remain in the future of the Church after other generations pass on. We seek to minister in the midst of this generation and equip them in their faith for the future as it is incorporated through strong Lutheran

Christian education. Grant funds will be used to purchase program materials, art and craft supplies, purchase a locally-created urban curriculum, a storage cabinet, assist in providing a nutritional breakfast/brunch for the students, and arrange Sunday School educational trips.

Mark your calendars now! Atlantic District's Fall Retreat October 12-14, 2018

Pastor Matthew Popovits, Retreat Leader

“WALKING WITHOUT FEAR”

Psalm 46:1-3

¹God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear,

Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried

into the midst of the sea;

³Though the waters roar and be troubled

Though the mountains shake with its swelling. NKJV



Mission Service Activity of the Month May 2018 Mission Service Activity:

Extending Jesus' Love in Action to the Community

Take a tea party to your community using these ideas:

- Have a simple tea party at a nursing home, women's shelter, homeless shelter, or half-way house for women. Work with the nursing home or shelter to determine whether there are any restrictions and then keep it simple. Bring everything needed — mugs or teacups, simple cookies or finger foods, a devotion (perhaps Comfort from the Psalms Mustard Seeds) and an eagerness to make new friends.
- Assemble "Mug Devotions" to hand out to women who visit your church or who become new members. Start with a mug (check out the LWML mugs at CPH.org!) then include the following:
 - An herbal tea bag or two
 - Honey sticks
 - A Mustard Seed devotion (such as Living as a Woman in Mission)
 - Contact information and meeting times for LWML and Bible study groups
- Visit a shut-in or someone who hasn't been in church for a while. Or, perhaps there's a new mom or a neighbor you've not yet met. Bring one of the aforementioned "Mug Devotions" as a gift as well as tea preparations for the two of you.



For more information about LWML, please visit LWML.org



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Visit www.lhfmissions.org and see ways you are able to be a part of spreading God's Word throughout the world.

Sharing Jesus' Love through Action- A Year's Work of Mission Service Activities



Nurturing Faith in Christ

Prepare to attend the next LWML convention by spending time meditating on the theme verse. Uplift the officers in prayer as they prepare to lead the convention. And, pray for the delegates as they contemplate their voting choices.

Making Our Faith Meaningful

Collect children's Bible storybooks and donate them to the local library, homeless shelter, or community center. EXTRA CREDIT: Adopt a school – meet with school administrators to plan activities for the next school year. Volunteer as a mentor or tutor to a student.

Sharing Encouragement

Organize an intergenerational Friendship Tea. Invite moms, sisters, daughters, aunts, and friends. Encourage everyone to wear a hat. Provide some extra hats for those who don't have one. Take pictures of the guests that came together with new friends they met. Have a meaningful devotion at each table. Provide additional activities such as a fashion show, a Maypole dance, or card-making for loved ones who couldn't attend. Solicit guests in advance for "then and now" photos and use them to put together a slide show.



Make plans to attend LWML's 2019 Convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama!

The LWML Executive Committee recently met in Mobile, Alabama and is rolling out the purple carpet for you to join them, "In Praise to the LORD" for the 2019 LWML Convention at the beautiful Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center located on the picturesque Mobile River and adjacent to refreshing Mobile Bay.



Galatians 5:22-26

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



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Galatians 5:22-23

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ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS 2018-2020

1. St. Peters' Sunday School-Hitting the Streets for Jesus St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY 11208	\$4,000
2. City Tots Fun Faith Group Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY	\$4,000
3. Spanish & American Sign Language Bible Stories Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Mill Neck, NY 11765	\$5,000
4. New Beginnings for Children w/Learning Needs Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2211	\$5,000
5. Empowering Youth to Resist Self-Harm in an Age of Cyber-bullying & Internet Predators Lutheran Counseling Center, Mineola, NY 11501	\$5,000
6. King's Kids Christian Outreach Grace Lutheran Church, Mastic Beach, NY 11951	\$3,000
7. Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI 48047	\$3,000
8. Food & Clothing Co-Op Concordia Theological Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 46825	\$5,000
9. Lighthouse Mission Bellport, New York 11713	\$4,000
10. Quilts for Orphan Grain Train St. John's Lutheran Church, Staten Island, NY 10314	\$1,000
11. Camp Courage: A Place of Hope & Healing The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO 63122	\$4,000
12. B3-Bicycles, Bagels & Bibles-Community Outreach Fixed Gears Bike Shop, Mastic Beach, NY 11951	\$2,500
13. Evangelism/Reaching Out through Gospel Singing United Bengali Lutheran Church, Woodside, NY 11377	\$700

AD LWML'S 2018-2020 CONVENTION SUFFERN, NEW YORK





Why not join in the fun? Join with members of the Suffolk Zone and make scarves for their **Scarf Sister Program**. Knit, crochet or even sew scarves. Make scarves in colors for men, women and/or children in simple patterns. Finished scarves will be collected near the end of November to be delivered in December. Each scarf will be tagged by the LWML society at your church.



For more information contact: Honey Pabst, President AD LWML Suffolk Zone at arthon@aol.com



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As you receive cards from family and friends, remember to save the canceled stamps that are on the envelope. Please leave approximately 1/8" of "envelope" around the stamp when trimming. If you have any questions, please contact Honey Pabst via email at arthon@aol.com.

Hello everyone,

Peace be to all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

This is new and very weird for me. I'm used to "reading" President's letters, not writing them. With that said, please accept my humble thanks for giving me the opportunity of serving you and our District as President of AD LWML.

We have just adopted the largest mission goal ever in the history of AD LWML. We have promised to raise \$77,000 over the next 2 years! To simplify this, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!

Please begin NOW to plan different innovative ways to help raise mite funds. Consider hosting a fashion show, "trunk-n-treat" yard sale, spaghetti dinner, summer soiree, hot tea or ice cold lemonade social, chili and/or BBQ contest ... the ideas are endless!

I did the math. The Atlantic District is made up of 7 zones. If you divide \$77,000 by 7 zones, each zone would be responsible to raise \$11,000 over the next two years. This sounds like a lot of money, but if you break it down by 24 months, it comes to just under \$460/month in mite donations! But remember, EVERY MITE COUNTS! Whether small or large, WE NEED MITES!

In addition to our Mission Goal, I'll be speaking with each of the Board Members about how we might better serve you and the congregations of AD LCMS. Be prepared for exciting opportunities of service as we grow in faith to our God and King, Jesus Christ!

***In His Service,
Linda Guteres
President and VP for Mission Grants***

P.S. I need to appoint a number of open positions on our Board as well as appoint a new VP for Mission Grants. If you are, or know someone who might be interested in serving, please email me at lagster@optonline.net. Thank you!