

# WOMEN OF THE WORD

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## \$150,000 MISSION GRANTS PAID

TLC Preschool, operated by Trinity Lutheran Church in Casa Grande, Arizona was one of the last mission grants paid last year. It is 1 of 3 Christian preschools out of 12 in the growing community. Funding will equip TLC Preschool to purchase the much needed equipment to operate the additional classrooms.



Lutheran Church at the Well received a partial mission grant to support a newly planted mission church in the Antelope Valley. The funds will be used to purchase technology equipment and to develop a website to spread the Gospel to unchurched and dechurched in this rapidly growing and young area of north LA County.



The other partial mission grant paid will be used to write and produce a radio program for children and perform children's concerts as an outreach to the community in the Las Vegas area.

A grand thank you to the women of PSD LWML for their dedication and faithful giving to mites and for carrying out the Lords will to spread the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout our rich mission field right here in the Pacific Southwest District....

*Angelina Gomez,  
V.P. Gospel Outreach*

*From our Pastoral Counselor ...*

## HE IS RISEN!

Wow! No matter how often I speak or hear those words, a shiver goes up and down my spine. Just how can that be? When something is dead, it's dead – it's gone – forever. And yet Easter is all about new life – life restored, life rejuvenated. Yes, Jesus now lives once again. He is alive and among us now. But as amazing as that truly is, there is something else that happens from His resurrection that is equally amazing.

As Jesus now lives, we will also one day live. That is something that we cannot even comprehend. My life and your life will one day come to an end in this world, but that will not be the end for us. In fact, it will only be a new beginning. What a life that will be!

Surrounded by, and filled with, the joy of eternity. Death certainly brings its share of sorrows and tears, but all of that will be wiped away in a twinkling of an eye as Easter comes to its complete fulfillment in each of us.

Praise be to God! He is Risen!  
Jesus lives, and that life is also ours.

*God's peace and joy be yours,  
Pastor Rebarge*

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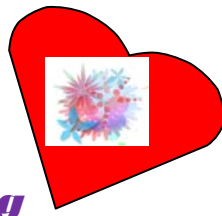
### *District & LWML Websites*

- [www.womeninmission.org](http://www.womeninmission.org)
- [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

### *Contact us:*

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*President's message.....*



## **Break Forth With Song**

*"By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?"*

Psalm 137:1-4

Most of us connect singing with times of joy and celebration. Like the people of God who had been exiled in Babylon, we find it nearly impossible to sing under duress. Perhaps the meditative season of Lent is a good opportunity for us to reflect on our district LWML theme topics for the biennium, **Sing to the Lord – A Song for Every Heart**, and for the upcoming convention, **Sing to the Lord**.

We may spend much of our time during Lent reflecting on the Lord's suffering and sacrifice on our behalf, leading us to thoughts of our own unworthiness and sin.

How could we consider breaking into song with such heavy thoughts? But sing, we do – all through Lent, through Holy Week and the crucifixion; beautiful songs such as "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Just As I Am," and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Songs that lead us in meditation and prayer as we once again remember that His all-encompassing love led Him to complete this journey, to lift the burden of our sin, wash it completely away, and open the door to heaven and eternity with Him.

The coming celebrations of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost are filled with the songs of joy that can only be sung by those who have realized the cost of salvation, paid for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. So don't hesitate to sing during Lent. Let those profound words and stirring melodies in minor keys work in your hearts and prepare you for the Alleluia songs of great joy.

Our God brought His people out of captivity from Babylon, and He has rescued each of us from our bondage to sin. How can we not sing His praises?

🎵 *Pray! Ask for God's provision and leading for district and national LWML officers; host convention committees; for qualified enthusiastic nominees for each office up for election; for our mission grant recipients, and for the new LWML grant projects; our nation and her leaders; and all those struggling because of the devastating earthquake in Haiti (including those there to offer physical and spiritual assistance); and for the joy of the Lord to be evident in each of us, every day, that others might come to know Him, too.*

*Joyfully singing and serving our Lord,  
Linda Koch, President*

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Pacific Southwest District

## **Women of the Word**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: MARCH 6, 2010

PLACE: REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
920 W. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ONTARIO, CA 91762  
PH. 909-986-2615

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

An administrative meeting of all Zone Presidents with the Executive Board, for worship and introduction of the aims and goals of our National Committees.

### SPRING CELEBRATIONS

PLACE: TBD BY EACH ZONE

TIME: WATCH FOR MARCH – MAY DATES

A time for the Zones to bring all the Society Ladies together for worship and fellowship, and to spread the news of the goals and aims of the district.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

DATE: JUNE 11-13, 2010

PLACE: TEMPE MISSION PALMS HOTEL  
60 EAST FIFTH STREET  
TEMPE, AZ 85281

### **Convention Tellers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for counting votes at the upcoming convention. Election of officers, selection of Mission Grants and Stamps for Missions—every vote counts, and must BE counted! This year, we will separate the tallying for Officers from the tallying for grants.

Tellers for the Election of Officers will be working through the Saturday lunch hour (with lunch being served to them in the Tally Room.) The tallying for Mission Grants and Stamps will take place at the traditional time following the Saturday afternoon business session.

Each team of tellers will be allowed to leave the convention floor in advance of the general dismissal to give them time to get to their job without having to fight the masses. Hopefully these new measures will enable the task of tallying go more smoothly and quickly.

Three teams of 12 tellers are needed. If you have questions, or are happy to volunteer, please let your Zone President know—or notify

*Cheryl Keithly,  
Parliamentarian*

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## **Pacific Southwest District Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

**District Convention  
June 11-13, 2010**

**Tempe Mission Palms Hotel  
60 East Fifth Street  
Tempe, Arizona 85281**

### **Convention News**

Registration forms are available online at our Website [www.womeninmission.org](http://www.womeninmission.org) and they were given out at the last BOD meeting. Your Zone President should have a packet for you concerning convention.

♪ Have you filled out your registration for our Pacific Southwest District Convention yet? Forms were included in the December WOW, distributed to Zone Presidents for each society, and are available online at [www.womeninmission.org](http://www.womeninmission.org). This is going to be a wonderful convention with uplifting speakers, great music, and of course, the fellowship of our sisters and brothers in Christ!

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, seek Him, and make known what he has done. Come join us and Sing to the Lord for he has done glorious things. The desert will be alive with sounds of music.

(To the tune Sound of Music)  
The hotel is filled with excited voices,  
With hymns of praise sung to our God above.  
The sounds fill the room with much joy and gladness,  
As we sing of His constant love.

*Kathy Baumhofer  
Host Committee Chairman*



# Is God Calling You?

## District Nomination Time!

Is God calling you to serve the district as an officer?

- ✚ Vice President - Gospel Outreach,
- ✚ Vice President, - Human Care, Recording Secretary,
- ✚ Treasurer
- ✚ Nominating Committee Member
- ✚ Pastoral Counselor

Nominations have been extended past the deadline, so please prayerfully consider one of these offices. The nomination application can be found on the website by following the Officers link. The new deadline is March 15. Please send your forms in soon.

"What does the Lord require of you, but to fear the Lord, walk in His ways, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" Duet. 10:12

*Rachel Scott-Brace,  
Nominating Committee Chairman*

## New Quarterly Chairperson

Char Chamberlin of Tempe, AZ has offered her service by volunteering to be the new Quarterly Chair.

Please begin directing all inquires to her e-mail: [garthgold@cox.net](mailto:garthgold@cox.net) beginning in April 2010. She will be happy to assist you with changes to your subscriptions.

Please continue to send Quarterly and Mite collections to: Penny Mackey.

## Mission Grants

Goal — \$150,000

- Orphan Grain Train, California-Arizona-Nevada, *replace delivery truck* ..... \$10,000(paid)
- First Choice Pregnancy Center, Las Vegas, NV, *provide services*..... \$10,000 (paid)
- Lutheran Braille Workers, Yucaipa, CA, *produce books in 13 languages*..... \$10,000 (paid)
- Adult Daycare Scholarships, Chandler, AZ, *assist two people with fees*..... \$8,320 (canceled)
- Camp Aloma Restroom Upgrade, Prescott, AZ, *remodel facilities* ..... \$10,000 (paid)
- Our Redeemer Outreach, Winnetka, CA, *assist homeless/working poor* ..... \$10,000 (paid)
- South Bay Lutheran High, Inglewood, CA, *purchase new desks and chairs* .... \$10,000 (paid)
- Springerville Center Expansion, Springerville, AZ, *enlarge women's center* ..... \$10,000 (paid)
- Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool, Casa Grande, AZ, *buy equipment*..... \$9,647(paid)
- Outreach to Children and Families in Southwest Phoenix, AZ, *purchase new outreach and VBS programs* ..... \$9,935(paid)
- Youth Guitar Program, Long Beach, CA, *expand after-school classes* ..... \$5,000 (paid)
- International Friendship House, Tempe, AZ, *share Christ with students*...\$9,950 (paid)
- China Missions' Project and Service, Fallbrook, CA, *fund student mission trip*. \$3,000(paid)
- Mission Outreach Through Grandparent Tuition Assistance, Irvine, CA *fund scholarships* \$9,600 (paid)
- Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund, Faith Lutheran School, Whittier, CA ..... \$10,000 (paid)
- Ethiopian Mission and Evangelization, Pasadena, CA, *produce materials; buy equipment, launch website* ..... \$10,000 (paid)
- The Lutheran Church at the Well, Lancaster, CA, (partial funding) \$2,274 (paid)
- Jesus Inspired Music Children's Out-reach, Henderson, NV, .... (partial funding) \$2,274 (paid)



### NOTE FOR SOCIETY TREASURERS

Please send **Mite offerings**, as well as **payments** for **Quarterly** subscriptions, to:

**Penny Mackie, District Financial Secretary,  
13653 Lanning Drive  
Whittier, CA 90605**

You also may order mite boxes, children's mite boxes, and receipt vouchers/order blanks from Penny. **Please make checks payable to LWML Pacific Southwest District.**

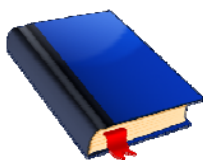
## Prayer Book Plans

The Christian Life Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is preparing a booklet of prayers similar to *A Woman's Praying Heart*, produced in 2007 and available at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). We invite you to write one or more prayers to submit for possible inclusion in this new prayer booklet. Prayers might be written for the following suggested categories (you might think of other categories):

1. Physical changes in your life (health issues, depression, etc.)
2. Environmental changes (moving, help with cooking, cleaning, etc.)
3. Relationship changes (family issues, dependence on friends, etc.)
4. Faith changes (more reliance on the Lord, forgiveness, facing death, etc.)

About 100 prayers will be chosen by the committee and all would be anonymous. You may chose a Scripture on which to base your prayer, which may not be more than 250 words long, including the Bible passage. All prayers will go to the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod for doctrinal review.

Please submit your prayer either as a Word document attached to an e-mail (preferred) or typed and sent by U.S. mail to Karen Duprey. Deadline is April 1, 2010.



*Karen Duprey  
VP Christian Life*