



“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

Oregon Leaguer

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Tell!

As I searched through “TELL” clipart, the majority of the pictures were of two people whispering to each other! The picture of whispering of the wondrous works of our God troubled me. Is that what people see me doing when sharing Jesus?

Psalm 105:2-4 tells us *Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!*



Tell is an action word, one which means to communicate information, facts, or news to someone in spoken or written words. On that first Christmas, the angels appeared to the shepherds telling of the news of Christ’s birth. We come to faith in Christ by hearing the Word. God gave us the Word to learn of Him and asks us to tell others of Jesus’ saving grace.

Familiar “Tell” songs include:

- I’ll SHOUT it from the mountaintops
- I love to TELL the story
- TELL Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord
- TELL the world that Jesus lives
- TELL me the story of Jesus



Jesus said to his disciples *Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.* (Mark 16:16) As members of the LWML, this is our pledge to *use every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.* God asks us to go and TELL! With the power of the Holy Spirit, the message of the love and sacrifice of our Lord is easy to share.

I encourage you to come and join with the women and men of the LWML Oregon District as we:

- SING Praises to the Lord
- Study His Word to be strengthened and go and TELL and
- Hear how the message of Jesus is being DECLARED

Serving the Lord with you.
Carmen Nagel
LWML Oregon District President

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

(1 Chronicles 16:23-24)

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**A THOUGHT FROM PASTOR TED
Jr. Pastoral Counselor**

**AS YOU LOOK AT THE CROSS
BE PREPARED TO
SING, TELL AND DECLARE
THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD HAS DONE
AND CONTINUES TO DO!**



In Chicago, there is a church with a very high steeple topped with a cross. Some years ago a traffic jam occurred on the streets and sidewalks around that building. Thousands of busy people stopped and looked upward. There was reason for their interest. A man was doing some repair work on the cross, high above the street. The cross was there everyday but no one paid much attention to it UNTIL there was a man on it.,

Many years ago, another man was doing some repair work on a cross on top of a hill. He was the very Son of God—Jesus—The Christ. His task was to repair the relationship between God and every man, woman



and child who ever lived. He did that by willingly giving His perfect life as a once for all sacrifice for our sin so that we might be declared the forgiven people of God and live with him forever. As He hung on the cross, people took an interest. There were many reactions. Some made fun of Him, some were just curious, some were crushed with grief, some were relieved, but all were interested.

As we move through this Lenten/Easter time of year, we too have the opportunity to look to the cross and the empty tomb and respond. What will be our response? I urge you to first offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for the amazing Grace our Lord showed and continues to show us. Then get ready for this summer's District LWML convention as you Sing the Lord's praises and consider what it is that you have to Tell the world about Jesus, and how you can Declare the wonderful, amazing things He has done and continues to do. Have a blessed Easter!

In Christ,
Pastor Ted

Your Mite Offerings Have Made an Impact!



To all my LWML Sisters and Brothers, As of today, mites still needed to make the Oregon District LWML 2018-2020 goal are around \$5,000.

There are a few days left in March so lots of prayers are needed for this goal.

Besides Mites coming from the Societies, Individuals can also send Mites

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Thank you and God's Blessings,

Connie Adams
OR District LWML Financial Secretary

SPECIAL GIFTS FUND

We have awarded **Lisa Mai** of St. Peter's, Cornelius, a scholarship for the current school year. Lisa is in her final year of college at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She will graduate with a degree as a Deaconess, and she is looking forward to where God will be sending her later this year. Please look for Lisa's monthly newsletter on the Oregon District Information Line. We also ask that you uplift Lisa with prayers for her as she continues her studies, and for her wellbeing. Our Oregon District is so very blessed with having Lisa in our District, and for her continued support of the LWML



SPECIAL GIFTS FUND DONATIONS -

\$100 by Good Shepherd Women in Mission,
Vancouver, for scholarship fund

Please remember the Special Gifts Fund when you wish to honor someone: a Birthday, Anniversary or Memorial. These funds make it possible for us to help our young women in their training to serve our churches, schools and fellow LWML Sisters in Christ.

Gifts may be sent to our current Oregon District Financial Secretary, Connie Adams.

Donna Boyd, Chairman
Special Gifts Fund

Christian Life Committee

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!*
1 Chronicles 16:23-24

We've been hearing this for a while. The theme for the June 26-28 LWML Oregon District Convention is SING! TELL! DECLARE!

What are we to **sing** about? What are we to **tell**? What are we to **declare**? The answer to these questions is found in the message of our Lent and Easter celebration. Not that we usually think of Lent as a season of celebration as we contemplate our sin and our need for a Savior. But we absolutely need Good Friday to acknowledge the penalty that had to be paid for our redemption. The Lamb of God had to be sacrificed to fulfill God's requirement for our purification – that we can be made righteous through God's act of grace in sending His own Son to take our punishment in our place.

But after Good Friday comes Resurrection Sunday where we celebrate the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead, conquering Satan's feeble attempt to have victory over our Lord. What looked like a failure on the Friday cross, turned into a glorious celebration of an empty tomb. That is Good News we can **sing** about. This is the salvation we **tell** others about. This is the glory we **declare** among the nations. Easter is God's ultimate marvelous work we declare among all the people.

Where do we start?

Consider that there are 34 hymns in the Easter section of the Lutheran Service Book. Choose some favorites or learn some new ones. From *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* to *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, we can sing to all the earth. Listen to the titles of some of these hymns:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia; The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done; Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free; Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing; This Joyful Eastertide. The list goes on and on. The last hymn of the Easter section (#490) is *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*. This may be one of my favorites because of the last line in each of the four verses.

*Jesus lives! The victory's won!
Death no longer can appall me;*

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

*Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.*

All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Our confidence is in Christ's resurrection. This is indeed what we can **sing**, **tell** and **declare**!

Judy Chase
Christian Life Committee



Wash your hands. That is the mantra we are hearing over and over as the simplest way to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community from the spread of the coronavirus.

But for children across Africa – like 5-year-old Christivie – there's a big problem. There is no water. There's a misconception that Africa has been largely unaffected by coronavirus. That is simply not true. In places like Burkina Faso and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the number of cases rise daily. **Hand-washing and clean water are the first defense against the spread of infection.**

But for impoverished families, water is a scarce resource. Clean water, even more so. Many times the only source of water is from a creek or a river, which may not be clean and is often very far away.

Right now, we should be encouraging families like Christivie's to wash their hands. But how? Your gift today will reach families in the direct path of the coronavirus. With your support, we promise we won't stop working to protect families until your love reaches every neighbor. [Please give the gift of life-saving water today.](https://www.lwr.org) Go to [lwr.org](https://www.lwr.org).

Planner/Visioning Committee

What's Your Plan?

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Prov. 16:3

How will attending the Oregon District LWML convention impact your life for serving the Lord? Will Singing His praises, Telling others of what Jesus has done for you and will do for them, and Declaring His Glory and His Marvelous works, be your plan?

We all want to grow in our love for our Savior and in serving Him and the people He brings into our lives. Participating in the convention with this goal in our hearts and minds will have us intentionally focusing on the convention goal and objectives:



Goal: Encouraged by God's Word and with God's Spirit and the love of Jesus, each participant will be inspired, motivated, equipped and enabled to join together in daily and intentionally singing, telling, and declaring God's Glory and His marvelous works with all those that God

brings into each life.

Objectives:

1. To joyfully SING to the Lord with all creation to His glory.
2. Be inspired, motivated, equipped and enabled to TELL His salvation message to all.
3. That His marvelous works be DECLARED through joy-filled service and sharing His love to all nations.



Objectives

Singing and hearing God's Word at opening worship will set the tone for the Bible studies and Mission projects that we have prayed for and supported with our mites. These will motivate and inspire

us as God's Word and His Marvelous works are shared, revealing how the message of Jesus' salvation was told to all nations. Hear our missionary speakers tell of God's blessing His work on the mission field will inspire us to increase our mite goal. Selecting new mission projects will give us opportunity to be sending missionaries as we fund our LCMS career missionaries, or we ourselves can be missionaries daily, right in our own communities or on mission trips throughout our nation. More opportunities to learn of God's amazing work will be available at the Mission and Vision area for the exhibits and displays.



You will want to leisurely stroll through this area visiting with missionaries and talking with them about how you might pray for, financially support, and/or become directly involved in a ministry. Talk about exciting! Besides the joy of being with your sisters

and brothers in Christ Jesus, in a beautiful setting, enjoying wonderful meals together and relaxing times together, we will be blessed by the Lord's presence with us, as He carries out His plan and purpose in each of our lives.

The Lord is in control of all, and His word assures us His plan will prevail, so we know everyone will have a joy-filled, unforgettable, life-changing time. Invite a friend and come!

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Prov. 16:9

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Prov. 19:21

Terry Putnam
Chairman





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Zone News

The Influence of a Leader

Roots and Wings

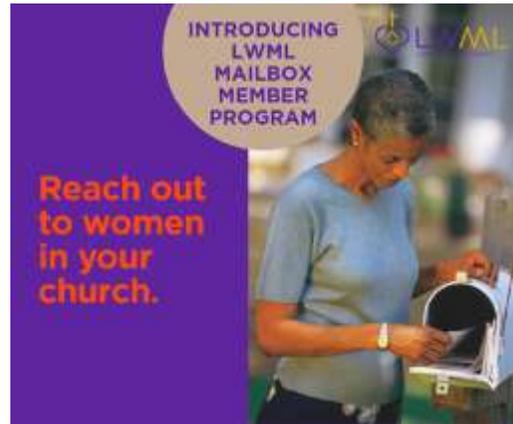
Journalist William Hodding Carter wrote, "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other is wings."

In a sense, adults being trained in leadership are the same. We must demonstrate faith in those we lead so that they learn to have faith in themselves. When new leaders know you believe in them and you provide encouragement and support, they have a chance to grow in their roles. When you let them know you believe in them, you're watering that seed, encouraging root growth, and essentially giving it a chance to grow.

Have you noticed how people generally rise or fall in accordance with your level of expectation? When you overly criticize others, they tend to become negative, self-doubting, and fearful. But when you believe in them and assume they will do well, they'll go the extra mile by trying to live up to your expectations. It's your faith in them that creates the environment in which they learn to fly!

Encourage their faith in God and in themselves, and chances are they'll excel at whatever task they are given.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus (Romans 15:5).



Introducing LWML Mailbox Member Program

The Mailbox Member Program is an intentional way to reach out to women of your congregation who may not be currently participating in the established LWML activities. This program promotes the value of LWML and encourages participation in ways that fit into their lives and various vocations.

The resources of Mailbox Member enables women to:

- Identify and grow as baptized children of God,
- Understand and support mission giving,
- Participate in short term servant events, and
- Find support in Christian fellowship in this secular world.



The Mailbox Member Program allows women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to discover how God can work in their lives through the LWML. It is designed to help women stay connected even as they may not participate in every scheduled activity at their church.

You, as a *Lutheran Woman in Mission*, have the exciting opportunity to reach out and encourage these sisters to participate in God's work through LWML now, right where God has placed them.

For more details, go to <https://www.lwml.org/mailbox>



Thanks be to God! We are HIS!

We are:

- H** Held by God's Word
- I** Inspired to share HIS Gospel
- S** Surrounded by HIS Grace

Board of Directors Meeting — Cottage Grove
February 2020



WEST HILLS
ZONE RALLY

March 7, 2020

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Beaverton

SPRING RE-FRESH!

*Bible Study/Devotion led
by Andrea Gehrke*

*"He put a new song in my
mouth, a song of praise to
our God. Many will see and
fear, and put their trust in
the Lord. Psalm 40:3"*

Representing Oregon
District, Liz Bier,
Vice President of
Gospel Outreach

In-Service — blankets for:





Our Friends at Bethesda say “Thank You”!

What joy was expressed by the people living in Bethesda’s group homes and apartments when they received the Christmas gifts from you and your congregations. Even before they unwrapped the gifts, there was excitement on each face. Most were delighted to tear off the wrapping paper and see what was inside the present. If it was clothing, they immediately wanted to try it on and wear it. The staff was so accommodating and helped each person they support to enjoy their gift.

Thank you to you and your congregation for requesting names from Bethesda’s Christmas Giving Tree, and giving a gift to ones who are so often overlooked. You brought lots of joy.

How thankful we can be that our Heavenly Father didn’t over-look each of us. He sees and values each one of us, and gave us the first and best Christmas present of all, His Son, Jesus Christ the Savior, the long-promised Messiah. Jesus is the Savior for ALL people. ALL believers are part of the Body of Christ and ALL parts are needed so the Body can be complete, lacking nothing.

Let us give and receive thanks for the Lord’s wonderful plan for ALL people. One way we can do this is to reach out to people in our community who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities, making them feel welcome as neighbors and in our congregations. Another specific way is to volunteer to regularly visit one of the group homes/apartments, to share a devotion or Bible study, to sing and to pray with the people in their home, or an arranged for location. If you and your congregation would like to do this, please contact Sue Hart, Bethesda Ministry Leader--Susan.Hart@bethesdalc.org and tell her of your interest and location. You will be a great blessing and will be greatly blessed as you see the faith the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of His people.



THOUGHTS FROM A TRI-CHAIR!



i was sitting on a rock on a starry night, overlooking Estes Park in Colorado, telling God that I wanted heaven to look just like that. I asked Him how I fit in in this great big

world, how I could possibly make a difference. I could hear the brook running through the meadow, leaves rustling in the trees and crickets adding to the symphony of the night. The crickets, just rubbing their legs together,



were doing what came natural and they were making music. Perhaps God could use me by doing what brings me pleasure in the power of the Holy Spirit, for His good pleasure.

A group of women, district-wide, have come together to Sing! Tell! and Declare! God’s majesty and provision in their own special way at the 2020 LWML Oregon District Convention at Macleay Retreat and Conference, June 26-28. They are baking cookies, gathering supplies, making lists, making decorations, dreaming and scheming to make their convention committee duties meaningful and fun. They bring what they have and lead you to the cross. In all our preparations for the convention, we want Christ in the center.

Just like the stars and the crickets, we join with nature in Singing from our hearts, Telling one another and Declaring to the world that God has made a way to come to Him. Please join us at the 2020 Oregon District Convention. Be refreshed as you get a 2020 vision for missions.

Janis Arnsdorf
Tri-chair, 2020 Oregon District Convention

Summer Leaguer Deadline

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FUTURE DATES

SPRING RALLIES

Emerald Zone—April 25, 2020—Grace, Eugene

Interstate Zone—April 4, 2020—St John, Vancouver

Juniper Zone—April 18, 2020—Faith, LaPine

Mt. Hood Zone—April 18, 2020—Beautiful Savior, Portland

Myrtlewood Zone—April 4, 2020—Christ, Coos Bay

Pacific Zone—March 21, 2020—St John, McMinnville

Southern Zone—May 2, 2020—St Peters, Medford

West Hills Zone—March 7, 2020—Pilgrim, Beaverton

Willamette Zone—March 7, 2020—Peace, Salem

Reports for Convention Manual DUE—April 1, 2020

LWML Oregon District Convention—June 26-28, 2020—

Macleay Conference & Retreat Center, Salem

Executive Committee—Thursday, June 25—3:30 p.m.

Board of Directors—Thursday, June 25—7:00 p.m.



Living in Joy

Joy in Knowing God's Care

In the Word

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7).

Of the Word

The morning had begun early with a tiny baby to feed, a toddler to cuddle, a husband to send off to work. Then she readied herself for a day in the classroom. Finally the car was loaded with children, diaper bags and homework. A red light on the way to the caregiver's house gave her a moment to gather her thoughts. "Thank you, God, for the red light," she prayed.

Is a red light important enough for prayer? Does God really care whether traffic lights are red or green?

If God cares for little brown sparrows and if He knows the exact number of hairs upon our heads (Matthew 10:29-31), He must care about traffic lights, too!

Unexpected moments of quiet—waiting for the light to change, waiting for the train to pass, waiting for the line to move—can be used to remember God's loving care. With the psalmist we can pray, *May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you (Psalm 33:22).*

Walking with My Lord

Dear Lord, help me to find joy in unexpected moments of peace and quiet. Forgive me when I become annoyed and unable to see Your love and care in them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

To be on the mailing list to receive Leader Development's Monthly

HUG-IN-A-MUG

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Are You a Heart to Heart Sister?

Heart to Heart Sisters is a program for multicultural ministries within LWML. Women mutually encourage one another, support each other, and work together, living out the beautiful diversity that is the body of Christ. If you have questions about the Heart to Heart Sisters program, contact Nicole Knutson, tennisqn2000@gmail.com or 509-995-339.

LWML Oregon District Heart to Heart Scholarships for LWML Oregon District Convention, June 26-28, 2020

The LWML Oregon District is providing assistance for multicultural women to attend the LWML Oregon District Convention. By completing the information below, you will be considered for a scholarship to cover the registration fee of \$130 (if registered by June 10).

Please provide the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Congregation _____ Pastor _____

Please include a paragraph sharing why you are interested in the Heart to Heart Sister program. Also, please share church and/or community activities in which you are a participant.

Send your completed application to:

Elizabeth Bier

VP of Gospel Outreach

16804 NE 12th St.

Vancouver, WA 98684

Via email: ebier@comcast.net