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Welcome to the new edition of the Accent.

Fall is a time of change. Even here in the Tucson area we are experiencing cooler temperatures. But the leaves will not change until November. There are many changes in the world, many approaches to doing things. I will be making a few changes as I learn how to work with this publishing program. We will see how it turns out.

I am a past-president of the LWML English District. I am currently serving my second elected term on the LCMS English District Board of Directors as a lay delegate from the Western Region. This gives me the opportunity to visit around the country and talk with many different people about LWML and to see my LWML sisters in so many places. If I am in your area I would enjoy visiting, if time allows.

In the Accent I would like to share what is happening in your zones and societies. What are your mission projects? Who spoke at your fall or spring gatherings? What LWML resources do you find most helpful? We can all learn from each other's projects or events.

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*"Be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might."
Ephesians 6:10*



Have you checked out our website lately?

As we move more and more into a tech savvy world, we should use the tools given to us to spread God's wonderful Grace and Mercy. Have you checked out the many tech tools that LWML has? You can find links to the LWML, national level, as well as to Young Women's Representative application forms on our own LWML English District Website.

We also post pictures and news reports from all the zones, the national and district conventions for you to see what's happening in LWML. It also gives you all the pertinent data on upcoming events!

Did you know we have a Facebook page and Twitter feed as well? If something exciting is occurring in your Society, Zone or maybe even your family – send us a picture and a paragraph or two letting us know what's happening in your neck of the woods...and we'll make sure it gets shared. It's amazing how God connects us through Lutheran Women in Mission!

And if you found a great idea for your rally or retreat, why not share it on our district website, so that someone else might use it. Send your photos, ideas and happenings to:

LWML.ed.webservant@gmail.com and see God's mighty hand work in all our lives!

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Greeting from the colorful state of Wisconsin,

So much has happened since April.

We have some new officers and appointees, plus some recycled ones. Just to give you a few quick updates. Cinda Souer, from the Pittsburgh Zone, graciously accepted the appointment as our Web Servant. Share your news and/or pictures by contacting Cinda at lwml.ed.webservant@gmail.com. The Equalization Chairman, El-siena Velazques, has agreed to remain in this position. Diana Honebrink is completing the two years that were remaining on my term as Vice President of Organization Resources. Pastor Gordon Naumann is our new Junior Counselor, Carol Klein is the newly elected Treasurer, and Gail Arndt is the Vice President of Gospel Outreach. Shirley Holle, one of our LWML English District Past-Presidents, has agreed to serve as our *Accent* editor.

Cherie Voorhees, our long time *Accent* editor, declined a reappointment. She has served our district for many years and has been dedicated to getting the news out. Up until April of 2016 this entailed publishing hard copy, stuffing envelopes, sorting by zip codes and lugging it to the post office. All this to keep us informed. A simple thank you seems insignificant for all that Cherie has done. The Lord has richly blessed each one of us who has had the privilege and opportunity to work with her.

The women of the Greater Detroit Zone stepped up to the plate when asked if they would set up and staff our LWML booth at the LCMS English District Convention in June. Thank you, ladies! Shirley Holle addressed the convention body as our LWML representative.

Diana Honebrink has agreed to attend the Assembly of Leaders "Follow the Leader" training with me in November 2018. Pray that we will learn how to *Engage, Encourage, Equip and Enjoy* our LWML Sisters in our zones and societies.

Are you ready to meet in Mobile, Alabama? The convention theme is "In Praise to the Lord!" June 20-23, 2019. This will be the LWML 38th Biennial Convention. They are getting ready for us, if you're planning to attend. Be ready for Bible Study, Mission Speakers, Praise & Worship, Servant Events, Fellowship and more.

Also, mark your calendars for the LWML English District 39th Biennial Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, April 24-26, 2020. The convention theme is "Open My Lips!" based on Psalm 51:15 *O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*"

This has turned out to be more of a report than an article. However, I feel it is important to keep all Lutheran Women in Missions current and up to date on what is happening within our district.

Sincerely your sister in Christ,
Darlene Keca
LWML English District President

"... seek first his kingdom and his righteous, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33



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September 22, 2018, Western Michigan Zone held their fall rally. Two special guests, Stanley and Edward, (aka Gail Arndt and Jenny Peterman) were in attendance. They had the great honor and joy to present Brenda Smith from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lakeview, Michigan the funds designated for our first mission grant - \$3,000 for Liberty Line.

Liberty Line is an all-volunteer run service that helps people who need rides to appointments, the store and other places they need to go. In doing so the volunteers meet the physical needs and then also share the gospel, meeting their spiritual needs. The funds will be used to keep Liberty Line up and running.

Thank you so much for all your mites.

Next mission grant is Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations in the amount of \$2,055.

Operation Barnabas seeks to equip and encourage LCMS congregations and their members, as well as local Operation Barnabas district counselors, for compassionate care and Gospel sharing outreach to military members and their families. Partnering with Lutheran Church Charity Kare-9® Comfort Dog congregations will allow Comfort Dogs to be used in ministering to veterans and their families.

Please, continue to save those mites so we can prayerfully end 2018 on a high note.

Blessings
Gail Arndt
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The theme of the LWML English District Convention was "Jesus Is In Control". Our Bible study leader was the Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor, who was exuberant and forceful. Our song leader was David Marasus, with an expansive history as organist, choir director and composer of Christian music. Guest Speakers included: Paige Willbrand, Public Relations Coordinator for LCEF; and Marilyn Schroeder, LWML Treasurer, who brought greetings from LWML President Patti Ross.

Mission speakers were Deaconess Rachel Jaseph, who just returned from international missionary service, she now resides in Fort Wayne, IN working as a deaconess at Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church; Rich Bearup, director of Friendship House International Student Ministry at MSU; and Rev. Hesham Shehab, a trained preacher in the Muslim Brotherhood who through a set of circumstances, is now a LCMS Lutheran pastor and presently an adjunct instructor of Islam at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

SERVANT EVENTS - Off site: Some women drove to the facilities of WAR, (Women at Risk) International where they learned about its ministry to prevent human trafficking and rescuing those caught in its evil grip.

On Site Servant Events: Boxes and boxes of eye glasses were collected for MOST Ministries; 186—eye-glass cases were sewn; 100—chemo bags were assembled which contain comfort items for cancer patients; 261—bracelets were made for MOST Ministries. Praise be to God for the talents and love of the women of LWML.

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“God is *Still* in Control!”

Dear sisters in Christ, it is a privilege to have been asked to be Junior Counselor to the LWML English District. I guess a few introductory words would be a good idea. First, if this were an audio tape, my *accent* would betray quite quickly from where I have come. I hail from England and I bring with me all the mannerisms and etiquette that one might expect. Just don't ask me to quote Downton Abbey.

My better half is Marta Naumann (nee Kukal), and we have six beautiful children. Three of them (Hannah, Phoebe, and Vaughn), are pictured having fun at a recent Harvest Festival we attended in Mill Neck, Long Island, NY.

The Festival was also supporting many charities with an emphasis on helping the deaf, which is, apart from the hours of fun we were bound to have, the real reason why I love to attend these events. And it's with such knowledge that we are given the opportunity to reflect for a moment on the blessings that God is putting in our lives, despite the many challenges we face on a day to day basis. Since the Fall, mankind has clearly been put under quite a few trials, to say the least. But rather than complain, we can see them as opportunities to love our neighbor. We can give people a reason to confess what we already know... that God is *Still* in Control!

Indeed this time of year is such a great time to be reminded of how little control we actually have in comparison; from the nourishment of our crops (God provides the rain and good soil and, quite frankly, even the seeds and the good fruit thereof, however clever or talented we think we are as His hired hands), to our modes of transportation, which don't always work perfectly every time, to a moment of frustration that catches us off guard and we say something we regret. And so, it's just at such times when we need that sweet gospel message; that word of forgiveness; that moment of healing and strengthening for our souls. God reminds us that, by His presence among us, under His tender mercy and being given the grace to rest in the palm of His hand, because He is in control, wondrous things are happening. And He is doing wonderful things through you and me, despite our faults, despite our setbacks. Because He really is in control, you and I can do things that sometimes we would never dream possible, certainly not on our own. You know why? Because He's *Still* in Control.

My appointment to be Junior Counselor came out of the blue... so guess what I'm saying to myself? God is *Still* in Control! And, without faith, this truth would never come to fruition, thanks be to God, who continues to nourish our souls with His means of grace.

And so, I very much look forward to working with you and being of mutual support and encouragement, with the many and various events, conferences, conventions that we will have together for years to come.

Thank you.





**Notes of
This & That**

Please pray for...

MISSION GRANTS 2018—2020
Mission Goal: \$18,000

*Liberty Line Rural Transportation
Ministry—\$3000—PAID*
Montcalm County, Michigan

*Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog
Congregation—\$2055*
LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

*BOLDLY Declaring Y'shua as
Messiah in ISRAEL—\$3000*
The Apple of His Eye Mission Society

*Positive Options Lakeshore
Pregnancy Center—\$2000*

*Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Food Bank—\$3000*

Family of God Reading Lab—\$2000
Family of God Lutheran Church
Southwest Detroit

*From Cradle to College—Lutheran
Books for Immigrant Children &
Campus Ministries—\$2945*
Lutheran Heritage Foundation
(LHF)

A memorial has been received in memory of the following individuals:

Marian Unruh—LWML English District Historian for many, many years;

Bruce Johnson—husband of LWML English District Past-President Connie Johnson.



The LWML Combined Fall Rally of the Eastern and English Districts was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Ewing, NJ. It was a wonderful day of growing in knowledge, faith, and trust in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Pastor Mather and Pastor Koontz lead the beautiful worship service and the discussion about Selflessly Serving as Lutheran Women in Mission. The singing, the Praise Choir, the skit, the mission information shared, the yummy food, and fellowship made it a special time together. It's always wonderful to see and spend time with all the brothers and sisters in Christ across our districts.

The In-gathering totaled \$856 to be split between Concordia Mission in Meyerstown, PA and 4Ken-yasKids orphanage in Kenya. Please continue to pray for both missions.

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