

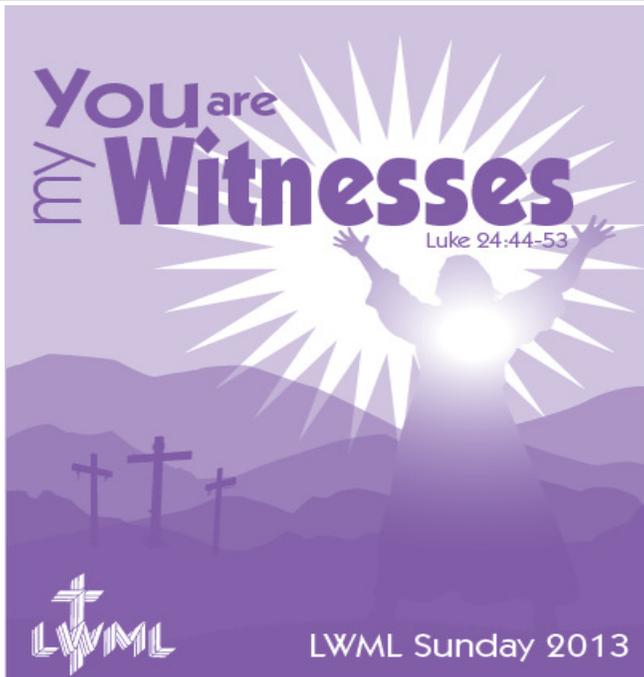


# ACCENT

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**Y**ou are My Witnesses is the theme of LWML Sunday 2013. The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday. However, any Sunday in October is perfectly fine.

Materials are available for your congregation's worship and celebration through the LWML office in St. Louis, MO. LWML Sunday information and order forms were sent to all churches in August. Some materials that are available are:

- Worship service with children's sermon;
- Pre-printed bulletins and blank bulletins;
- New Mustard Seed devotions—Water of Life;
- Banner pattern;
- LWML pencils;
- LWML candy;
- Mite boxes including mite boxes for children;
- LWML PR brochures;
- Magnetic bookmarks; and
- MUCH MORE...

To order your materials you can call 800-252-LWML (5965) or by internet at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

LWML Sunday is the perfect opportunity to invite all women in your congregation to join you in the mission field. The Lord has given each of us gifts that we can use in service to Him. No gift is too small; no gift is unimportant. All gifts can be used in doing good deeds to proclaim the glory of God.

As part of the LWML Sunday celebration maybe your society could usher, provide fellowship, hand out LWML materials and mite boxes, perform a skit for the congregation, and of course display the missions the LWML supports. Talk to your pastor and get him involved too!!!

As witnesses for Christ we must reach out and invite others to join us in service to the Lord. Tell them what the LWML does and what they can do to help spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ around the world.

You are My Witnesses!! Happy LWML Sunday planning!

**Hand out MITE Boxes  
to all members of your  
congregation on LWML Sunday  
and watch how the Lord  
answers prayers to  
pay our grants in full!**

**ACCENT Deadline: October 15, 2013.** Please send current news, zone and society reports, minutes, photos, etc. to: Cherie Voorhees 1305 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618 or FAX to: 609.896.0341 or send me an attachment through e-mail: [voorheescf14@gmail.com](mailto:voorheescf14@gmail.com).

## “Quenched by the Water”

Shirley Holle, President

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**I**t was a privilege and a humbling experience to carry the English District banner twice at the convention. Thank you to Georgiana Jackson for making the banner. Georgiana has been making convention banners since 1995 so this is convention banner number ten for her. I had many marvelous compliments on it. Georgiana is from Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church, Beverly Hills MI.

Jennifer DeMeester was our Young Woman Representative from the Western Michigan Zone and is the niece of current VP of Gospel Outreach, Jennifer Peterman. She was a delight to be with during the convention and was very busy with all of her activities.



Kristi Roegner represented the English District as the Heart to Heart Sisters Leader. I was totally surprised when I went to the commissioning service to find four women from Christ Lutheran Church, Lansing, Michigan there as Heart to Heart Sisters. I was able to place pins on all of them. Many of you met them at the caucus and they were part of the procession on Saturday morning. God brought them to this place and we were thrilled to have them there.

Thank you to all of the women and men of the English District who helped at the convention. Thank you to all who were coordinators and chairman of committees and involved in the planning over the course of two years. For your service to the Lord I am very grateful. I thank the Lord for all of you as you served the Lord with gladness and helped to make God’s convention a time of inspiration for over 3,000 people.



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The convention was a time of renewal as we thought of our baptisms and the gifts we received from Jesus through water and the Word. The Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor proclaimed this on Friday evening through his message and song. I heard him speak again on Saturday and he continued this thought from Revelation 22:17 – “come ... take the free gift of the water of life.” We cannot earn this gift by anything that we do – just receive it as a gift.

Donna Pyle, Bible study leader, said it is our job to point people to Christ and the waters of redemption. Christ fills us so that we can tell others just as the woman at the well went to tell others of the Messiah.

Dr. LuJuana Butts told us that “For such a time as this,” as the purple bracelets state, God has prepared us to tell the story of Christ. We come from many backgrounds and have different experiences that enable us to help those whom God brings into our lives. Our hurts and our joys are for such a time as this as we connect others with Christ and His life giving water.

The mission speakers all spoke of their work – each sharing what they do around the globe with the Spirit’s help. I am always in awe of them in the challenging environments where they are and the tasks they strive to complete so that God’s Word may be proclaimed in their actions and their words.



The convention objectives state: Convention attendees will: 1. Glorify the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we did that. 2. Drink deeply from His Word – we did this too. 3. Share His overflowing love – still to do and continue doing for the rest of our earthly lives. As we continue to glorify the Triune God and study His Word we must continue to tell others of Christ and His free gift of salvation. The woman at the well told the story, can we do anything less?

The English District volunteers picture is courtesy of the LWML.org website.

## “Commitment”

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## English District LWML 36th

### Biennial Convention

May 2-4, 2014 (SAVE THE DATE)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Webster’s Dictionary defines commitment to bind, as by a promise; a pledge. Your Host Committee for the 2013 National LWML Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA on June 27 – 30 committed to working many hours to serve others and faithfully administer God’s grace on all attendees. It was truly a privilege to serve on the Host Committee for this convention, and I thank God for the opportunity given to rejoice with other Christians, catch up with old friends, and make new friends. Even though I spent a great deal of time during convention counting generous donations received from our brothers and sisters in Christ, I very much enjoyed the opening worship service and inspiring sermon and extensive vocabulary of Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor. Attending a luncheon session with the humorous Elaine Bickel definitely helped to alleviate any stress of that day. I also attended a breakfast hosted by LCEF and the National Treasurer, Lois Anderson, and had a chance to meet and share ideas with other District Treasurers. My 15-year old granddaughter (hopefully, a future Young Woman Representative (YWR)) was a page for two days and got her first taste of a LWML convention. She enjoyed Bible Study and the mission grant proposal presentations. We were both *Quenched by the Water!*

The Greater Chicago Zone and your executive committee members are now busy preparing for the 2014 LWML 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention to be held on May 2 – 4, 2014. Please mark your calendars and come join us for *Life Giving Water*, FOREVER.

National has been attempting to change the pattern of giving, shifting away from the last minute push to meet mission goals. English District has only completed three of our five mission goals for the 2012 – 2014 biennium. We have committed to completing all our goals by March 31, 2014. Hopefully, our third mission grant for D.O.C.K. Ministry, The Discipling of Christ’s Kids in Wyoming, MI. will be completed soon. Let’s not wait until January 1, 2014 to make a resolution to give more mites, but pray and commit to complete our remaining mission grants sooner than later.

Blessings on your Fall Rallies, and please continue to collect and send in your mites to your zone treasurers as we gladly serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through missions.

~Memorials in Honor and Memory of~  
Helen Gienapp;  
Rev. Keith and Sylvia Johnson ‘s  
50th Wedding Anniversary ▶

## Our Mission Goal for the 2012-2014 biennium is \$15,000

1. Redeemer Crisis Center in Cleveland, Ohio - \$3,000—PAID.
2. Campus Mission at the University of Arizona in Tucson - \$3,000—PAID
3. D.O.C.K. Ministry, The Discipling of Christ’s Kids, Wyoming, Michigan - \$3,000-PAID
4. Nepali Refugee Ministry in Lancaster, Pennsylvania —\$3,000.
5. Lutheran High School Library Project in Pittsburgh, PA—\$3,000.



## English District LWML 36th Biennial Convention 2014

William Tell Holiday Inn & Suites  
6201 West Joliet Road  
Countryside, IL 60525  
May 2-4, 2014

## “Quenched! At A Convention!”

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Jesus said: "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. The water I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Many of us have returned from the convention in Pittsburgh, Quenched by the Water!!! What an uplifting and informative time, fellowshiping and learning anew about the LWML.

Many benefits are received from our LWML conventions .... two of my favorite being SMILES and HUGS!!! Connecting with our sisters and brothers in Christ is a true joy!

During this convention I didn't see much of it due to working behind the scenes, but what a joy! I was blessed to not only work on the San Jose convention host committee; I was doubly blessed to work on my second national convention host committee. No matter what part you played in the convention, I do hope it was a blessing and that it Quenched! each of you.

Now we look forward to our district convention in 2014. We have many things to accomplish as we move forward. One of these is looking at the bylaws. In 2012, our district bylaws were revised in great detail. Please review the district bylaws against your zone bylaws. If corrections are needed, please review, make the changes, and email them to me at [staciegarland@ymail.com](mailto:staciegarland@ymail.com). My committee and I will review them and return them approved or with suggested changes in a timely fashion.

May each of you remain Quenched! as we move along our daily lives. With every step we take I pray His blessings will shower us continually.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our district convention in 2014 in Chicago, IL – Life Giving Water, Forever!►

## “Incredible Convention”

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Wow! We all worked so hard to each do our little part to help host the national convention. It was interesting to be “on the other side”. The view from the convention center was incredible and the other members were so helpful. I thought I might feel like I “missed out” because I would miss some of the convention as a worker. However, I was happy to discover that I had a wonderful time and was able to make new friends.

I was working at the registration booth on Friday with a delightful woman named Cheryl and I showed her the collection of smashed pennies I had gotten for my son on the way to the convention. She asked if there were any penny smashers in Pittsburgh and I showed her my list. On Saturday she spotted me and told me her husband had gone to the zoo that day and she had him pick up some of the smashed pennies to add to our collection! It just goes to show what wonderful and thoughtful people you meet in the LWML.

Now it's time to look forward to the “Life Giving Water Forever” in Chicago, our English District convention next May, 2014. We have received several wonderful grants to pray over and approve for the convention. Start planning now to join us, and don't miss out on an opportunity to have your own view of a convention and how incredible it is.►



### Gifts from the Heart

*(Donations at Convention)*

Quilts: 1,256  
Baby Kits: 593  
Men's Kits: 761  
Bath Kits: 1,744  
Devotional Kits: 665  
Total Items: 21,954

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## “Human Care in Full Action!”

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*Ears that hear and eyes that see—  
the Lord has made them both. Proverbs 20:12*

**T**he convention in Pittsburgh was a place to see and hear about Human Care in full action. The missionaries who spoke brought us messages of what our mites are doing whether it's to help children in Latin America, speak to women in China, or work with student ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University. There were times when we heard of the horrendous conditions of some children of the world; that we shed tears. There were other times when we laughed and laughed because we were luumelers who wore purple and spoke about water.

The new mission grants selected are wonderful examples of our mites at work. We have lofty goals but the message in our hearts should be: *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”*. Philippians 4:14

Our new national board members will work hard for us; please continue to keep them in your prayers. Perhaps you can make Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. your prayer/devotion time along with President Kay.

I hope someone in your church or zone has brought back stories of the convention to share with you. It is through our conventions we see and hear what is being done for missions, and through the ACCENT and LWML Quarterly that we read about what is being done for missions.

There is another convention you should be thinking about. The English District LWML Convention will be held at the William Tell Holiday Inn and Suites in Countryside, IL May 2-4, 2014. I hope to see you there and then you too can see and hear about Human Care in full action. ►



### Mustard Seed DEVOTION

#### Deborah—Encourager

"You want me to do what?" could have been Deborah's response when Barak, commander of the army, stated, *"If you will go with me [into battle], I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go"* (Judges 4:8b). After all, it was Barak, not Deborah, God told to go into battle! Deborah had many reasons not to go with Barak. She was a judge; she was needed by the people. She wasn't a warrior; women didn't go to war. She was a wife; her household came first. But she used none of these as excuses. She went with the troops, encouraging them, and God gave them victory over the enemy.

God chose Deborah to support Barak and his troops. God also gives us opportunities to support and encourage others. It may be in a card, a letter, or a phone call. It may be at a food bank or at a health center. It may be praying with someone. *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works ... encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near* (Hebrews 10:24, 25b).

This is a Mustard Seed Devotion. You can receive daily Mustard Seed devotions in your email everyday by going to [www.LWML.org](http://www.LWML.org) and sign up. Lutheran women of all ages, stages of life, races, locations and cultures find guidance, encouragement and inspiration from these daily devotions.

*Without music, life would be an error. The German imagines even God singing songs.*

## Equalization for the English District Convention in 2014

Just a reminder to all zones and societies; Equalization for delegates and zone presidents for our English District 36th Biennial Convention “Life Giving Water, FOREVER” in Chicago May 2-4, 2014 can be paid now.

Equalization helps get our delegates to the convention by paying transportation expenses. Each zone and society is responsible for sending delegates and this fund helps pay their way if they have paid into the fund. ***Each zone is entitled to one delegate and societies two delegates.*** Some of our societies have already paid into the fund and we are very grateful for their participation. We must all participate for the Equalization Fund to work properly. Those delegates who live close to the convention site and have minimal transportation expenses must pay the \$200 per delegate, to help defray the cost of those far away. *That's what makes it equal!*

Please contact Elsiena Velazquez at 520-731-9475 or email her at [elsienavelazquez@juno.com](mailto:elsienavelazquez@juno.com) if you need forms or information about Equalization. ►

# 2013 Pittsburgh LWML Convention Highlights



Several pictures are courtesy of the LWML.org website (\*).