



# Laurentian District Newsletter

Fall 2018

## Pat's Ponderings

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* (Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV)

As I type this, Fall is coming to an end which means that Christmas and the new year are quickly approaching. People seem to be more giving and joyful at this time of year. You hear people wishing others "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" even if they're not known.

We are dearly loved by our heavenly Father — do we recognize this and thank Him for all that we are and all that we have?

Live a life of love — wow — with songs saying it's children's favourite time of year and movies often stating that Christmas is a magical time, I wonder if we do live a life of love?

Because of sin, our fragrance and any sacrifice we could make is far from perfect. Jesus loved us enough to suffer

and die on the cross for us and then He rose from the dead so we can live eternally with God!

So, what does this mean for us in 2019?

None of us knows when Christ will return again. **Now** is the time to share the great news of God's love to those around us. We celebrate Christmas — that God loved us so much He sent Jesus to be born a human, and then He lived a perfect life on earth for us. We look forward to the future as God wants us to reflect His light.

Ephesians 5:8 NIV states, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light.**"

Convention time at Christ, Petawawa April 26-27, 2019  
Mark your calendars now — let's have all areas represented!

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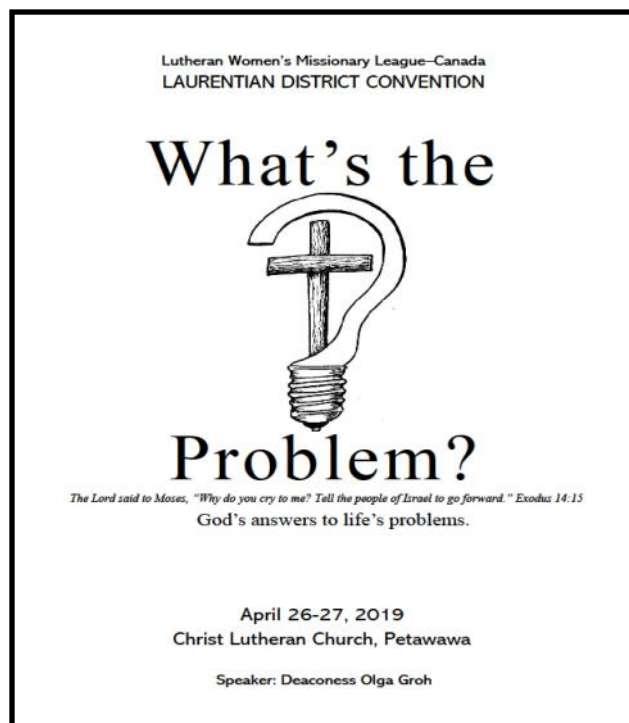
## Convention News

*The Laurentian District Convention takes place in the Valley Zone  
at **Christ Lutheran Church, Petawawa, April 26-27, 2019***

- ◆ The Nominating Committee is still looking for women to consider getting involved on the district board. Please **think of women you'd like to see in the various positions available**. Maybe you would be interested in doing something different in service to our Lord—do volunteer, they'd enjoy hearing from you! Members are Marie Sack from the Valley Zone (613-687-6380, weareeducators@hotmail.com), Eloise Schaan from the Capital Zone (613-831-8317, lschaan@sympatico.ca), and Monika Schuehle from the Rockhaven Zone (705-365-2202, monika.schu61@gmail.com). The deadline for nominations is **January 31, 2019**.

## Convention News (cont'd)

- ◆ Please give names of society **Delegate** and **Alternate Delegate** to President Pat Geick by **January 31, 2019**.
- ◆ Resolutions and reports for **manual** are due by **February 28, 2019**. Please send to Secretary Elaine Stanfel at elainestanfel@gmail.com.
- ◆ The **registration** deadline for convention is **March 29, 2019**. Forms will be mailed out soon.
- ◆ Would **your society** like to host the next district convention? We are looking for an invitation to host the next convention in three years' time—2022! The invitation is given at the upcoming convention, so please let President Pat Geick know.



## From the Pastoral Counsellor

### Christians Are the Light of the World

*You are the light of the world. A city set on an hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)*

The sun shines by its own inherent light, the moon by means of borrowed light. In itself a dark body, the moon shines only because the light of the sun falls upon it and is reflected from it. So also man, in and of himself, is not a light; he is darkness.

How can man get light, true heavenly light? To have light, light in the hour of death, light unto eternal life, you must embrace Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind, as your Redeemer, your Saviour, your Righteousness. You must recognize Him as the Ransom and Propitiation for your sins, as the Wisdom of God and the Way to the Father. Here you see in what sense Christians are the light of the world. They have their light from Christ.

He says: *Let your light shine before others.* (Matthew 5:16) We should give light to the world. *A city set on an hill cannot be hidden.* You cannot be a Christian secretly, without ever showing it or letting anyone know it. It is a misconception, a fallacy, if you think you might be a

Christian for yourself and need not join the church or make a public confession of your faith.

The Lord says: *Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.* (Matthew 5:15) A candle, or lamp, under a bushel would be of no advantage to anyone. A light locked up in a cupboard would leave the house in darkness. We Christians are meant to be lights that can be seen. A city on a hill can easily be seen from all sides, so that a traveler can readily find it. Thus the City of God, that is, the Christian Church, should by word and work be known in the world, so that all can wend their way towards it, enter its gates, and find shelter, safety, and salvation there. And Jesus says of the Christians: *Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works.* (Matthew 5:16) Then also others will come, believe in Christ, and thereby glorify our Father in heaven.

*Rev. Bill Stanfel*

## Vice-President Christian Service

<b>MISSION GRANTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
To provide funding for live video streaming for remote congregations	\$2,000.00	-----	\$2,000.00
To provide funds for developing and printing an outreach brochure for Our Saviour Lutheran Mission—Kingston, Ontario	\$1,500.00	-----	\$1,500.00
To Provide for Mission Opportunities Arising During Triennium	\$3,500.00	\$500.00 \$700.00 \$250.00 \$250.00	\$1,800.00
To help with the costs involved in enhancing and expanding LCC East District’s work in Atlantic Canada	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0
To Support a “Take Wing” programme at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, to provide seminary students with varied parish experiences	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0

Total Grants approved for Triennium	\$12,000.00
Paid to Date	\$ 6,700.00
Remaining to be Paid	\$ 5,300.00

No further requests for funding have been received to date. It may be a pipe dream on my part, but I would like to see all projects paid prior to the change of Synodical structure in January, 2019.

Anne Taylor,  
 Vice President Christian Service  
 September 14, 2018

**Laurentian District LWMLC  
Financial Secretary Report**

	Nov.01-30-18	
Mites	\$100.00	\$18,813.20
Equalization	\$0.00	\$126.05
Delegate Fund		\$2,259.75
Convention	\$0.00	\$1,796.96
Spanish Bibles	\$0.00	\$356.00
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00
 Total deposits:		 \$23,351.96
 Note: Total Delegate Fund:		 \$604.82

Joan Kovach  
Financial Secretary

**Treasurer Report  
Laurentian District LWMLC**

**Reporting Period:** 01-Apr16 -30-Nov-2018

Opening Balance	\$3,456.57
 Total Deposits	 \$23,351.86

	<u>Tri to Date</u>	<u>Tri Budget</u>	
Expenses			
LWMLC Mites	\$6,753.10	\$11,600.00	
Equalization	\$151.25		
Mission Grants	\$6,700.00	\$12,000.00	
Convention Attendance	\$726.04	\$3,000.00	
Travel	\$1,342.00	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Convention Expenses	\$1,724.64		
Delegate Expenses	\$2,872.36		
Communication	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Misc	\$456.00	\$200.00	
Bank Fees	\$34.50	\$90.00	
 <u>Total expenses</u>	 \$20,759.89	 \$28,000.00	 \$20,759.89
 <b><u>Bank Balance</u></b>			 <b>\$6,048.54</b>

Mary Thorstensen-Woll  
Treasurer  
30-Nov-18

## Zone News

### Valley Zone Fall Rally

The Valley Zone fall rally was held at St. John's, Pembroke on Wednesday, September 26. The evening event started at 5 with a welcome and opening devotions led by Pastor Alles. Marie Sack gave a report as the Valley Zone representative and she also read greetings from Pat Geick the district president. A report was given by delegates to the National Convention held in Winnipeg in July.

A buffet supper was served, followed by an examination of euthanasia in Canada. *Turning the Tide*, a film produced by Salt and Light and the Euthanasia Prevention

Coalition was viewed. This was followed with an explanation of the current law concerning assisted suicide by Dr. Scott Murray. Palliative care nurse Karen Wagner offered a look at how good palliative care works. Pastor Williams of Grace, Locksley gave a theological look at euthanasia, and discussion followed.

Forty-six — women and several men — attended from Christ, Petawawa; Grace, Locksley; St. Luke's, Eganville; St. John's, Germanicus; St. John's, Pembroke; and Zion, Augsburg. An offering of \$187 was collected for mites.

## Society News

### Christ Risen Ladies Guild, Kanata

September to December have been active and busy months for Christ Risen Ladies Guild with regular meetings on the first Tuesday morning of the month and also other activities as appropriate. The Guild hosts coffee fellowship following the service on the first Sunday of each month and other activities include:

- September - planning meeting
  - several members attended Capital Zone Rally at St. Luke
- October - meeting, with devotion using letters of THANKSGIVING and sharing what we are truly thankful for
  - October 21 - Oktoberfest lunch
- November - made cards which the Care Committee uses in its outreach to members of the congregation
  - November 18 - observed LWMLC Sunday
- December 6 - tree decorating and Christmas lunch

Every year the Ladies Guild chooses and supports an LCC mission outreach project. This year it was feeding children in Nicaragua. The Sunday School and members of the congregation also participated in this very much needed project.

A sub-group of the Ladies Guild meets weekly and makes tied quilts for CLWR. Other women of the congregation support this as well with the result being a wonderful time of fellowship in addition to the making of quilts which make a difference in many lives.

A Care Committee has been established in the congregation and the Ladies Guild supports this by several members serving on the committee and the Guild making lovely cards to send to members and friends of the congregation as needed.

We are a relatively small group, but are supported in the various activities by other women of the congregation. here is much joy as we all use our various gifts and abilities in service both within and outside of the congregation.

*Eloise Schaan*

### Grace, Locksley

A successful Trash & Treasure (rummage) Sale was held in late September. Some of the proceeds went to support our sponsored student at St. Catharines Seminary.

We held our May meeting at Supples Landing Retirement Home with a Bible Study, meeting and a hymn sing-along. Five of our senior members live at Supples and it was so nice to see them all in attendance along with another resident who had retired in Pembroke from Northern Ontario.

We welcome three new members to our Society and thank God for His blessings.

*Maryanne Mask*

### Our Saviour, Ottawa

2017-18 was another busy year for us. Our first meeting began in September. Each attending sister received a gift of Scripture Cookies, along with the recipe, but the recipe was missing the ingredients. Bible verses listed were to be read to determine the ingredient.

We also had a bit of fun with some Ice Breaker Questions—example: If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try to save? Some pretty enlightening answers, lots of laughs. Other questions included “What comes to mind when you think about God?” and “If you could ask God one question, what would it be?”

## Society News (cont'd)

We continued to fill our photo albums with favourite verses, poems, booklets and bookmarks.

Our Bible studies in September included “Father’s Love Letter, My Child...”, in which Pastor Sabol explained, through Bible verses, about God’s love in creating us. Betty Threinen presented “Our Shield is the Word of God.”

The October meeting included a video presentation by Pastor Sabol on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther. A potluck lunch celebrating the Anniversary of the Reformation was held October 29.

We also began work on our Christmas crafts. The craft this year was a wooden plaque with a Bible verse, decorated and mod podged, and bookmarks were also made.

Our November meeting included a presentation by Reino Jaakkamainen, a long-standing member who has written a book entitled *Along the Way: Memoirs of an Ingrian Finn*, of which he has graciously donated a copy to the Church. Reino’s — and his family’s — journey to Canada is one filled with trials and tribulations, but also love and joy.

The December meeting was spent gathering baked goods for the Christmas baskets, plus adding the crafts. In total we gathered together 12 baskets for our elderly, shut-in members, neighbours, and friends.

January included a Bible study based on the Martin Luther hymn “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come,” a hymn written for his 5-year-old son, Hans. This hymn has 15 verses. Pastor Sabol was able to locate the words and music on his laptop and played the first six verses for us.

In February, our Bible study was based on an article written in the Winter 2017 Tapestry, “God Calls You to do Something and You Don’t Want to do It” by Rev. Jeffery Dul. This article continued to be part of our discussions and carried through to our March meeting.

On Saturday March 24, palm crosses were made for the Palm Sunday Service. A total of 80 crosses were made.

Our April and May Bible study was based on the various recorded times Jesus appeared after His Crucifixion and Resurrection, and to whom He appeared.

In June we discussed “Questions in the Bible.”

We continue to support Caldwell Family Centre, The Ottawa Mission, and the Deaconesses of Nicaragua, plus many more in need.

As we begin our 2018-19 meetings in September, we are looking forward to “Growing in Faith, Serving God’s People, Sharing God’s Son.”

*Carol Sutcliffe*

### Redeemer, Sudbury

We are a small but busy group of ladies here at Redeemer Lutheran in Sudbury, serving in LWMLC, our congregation and community.

Two of our members were able to attend and participate in the memorable National Convention in Winnipeg in July.

We are working on completing twenty Student Living and Learning kits for shipment early in January for Lutheran World Relief.

For our community outreach, once a month we purchase and prepare vegetables and twenty loaves of ham sandwiches for the Elgin Street Mission downtown. A Christmas box of warm clothing and hygiene items is also being prepared for delivery before Christmas.

In October we combined the celebration of LWMLC Sunday and the 25th Anniversary, followed by a congregational potluck lunch. A donation is being forwarded for the 25th Anniversary Fund.

A successful Craft and Bake sale was held in November, with some of the proceeds to assist in church mission projects.

On December 8, we will be holding our Christmas celebration with the Christmas account of characters and drama around our Saviour’s birth, including singing of hymns and carols. A potluck lunch will follow and all ladies and girls in the congregation are invited for fellowship with us.

*Marlene Godden*

The Laurentian District Newsletter is published twice yearly by the Communications Committee of the Laurentian District, Lutheran Women’s League–Canada.

Sharing news about what your society or zone is doing helps others see the fellowship and opportunities to serve our Lord that are available through LWMLC. Send news and photographs to district editor, Elaine Stanfel ([elaine.stanfel@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.stanfel@gmail.com)), 509 Airport Road, Pembroke ON K8A 6W7.

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