



Laurentian District Newsletter

Fall 2021

Pat's Ponderings

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 106:1)

The harvest is in and we have lots to be thankful for at this time of thanksgiving/thanksgiving!

Circumstances have changed for all, but our God is faithful and loves us unconditionally!

When we look to God, we realize how great He is and what He puts up with every day here — He still loves us and knows what's best for us.

Were you able to take in the convention this past July? Have you had any in person meetings yet?

The General Council had their first face-to-face meeting in September. Not all were able to be physically present, but we had good meetings for the three days and I personally felt we accomplished a lot with God's direction. It probably has a lot to do with me being a "people person" but I truly get more out of a meeting with seeing and hearing people versus one that you only hear. I guess it takes a lot of concentration for listening great lengths of time as I find my brain is exhausted after long meetings.

Our prayer is that we will be able to have an in-person **district convention April 29-30, 2022**. We are covering both ways at the moment, but hopeful for the future. Mark your calendars now so you have the time to attend the convention at St. Luke, Ottawa.

We'd like to establish prayer partners for those interested in participating. For those interested, we ask you to put your name, address, any important dates like birthday, baptism, or anniversary on a sheet of paper and we plan to match a participant with another one. We hope many will be able to attend convention but even if you can't, one can still participate. We'll inform you of the specifics closer to convention time.

For the **society challenge**, we'd like to challenge all to memorize some Scripture verses between October 20 and April 20.

How about our theme verse? "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" **Psalm 34:8**

Four verses are in **Psalm 100**: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

Society Challenge



Pat's Ponderings (cont'd)

Try **Psalm 23**: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

All of these are from the **English Standard Version** of the Bible. The point is that we all memorize the same version so we can say the words together when we meet. The last one to try is the first Psalm.

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” **Psalm 1**

Some may find these verses not a challenge so then I encourage you to memorize more Scripture.

“The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” is taken from **Ephesians 6:17b**. That’s good armor to have.

There will be an opportunity to see items from the Resource Centre at our convention. We can order ahead of convention as a group order to one address — this would cut down the cost of postage and everyone could pick their order up at St. Luke, Ottawa.

We suggest if you’d like apparel for convention, to put your order in by January 15, 2022 as then you’re sure to receive it in time. Do **order a size larger** than you normally wear as the sizes run small. I just found out that to insure the prices for the apparel, a minimum of 12 items would be needed to make it a feasible order. There will be some items there to try on, but then you’d be placing an order and would receive the item once the quota was reached and shipped. Let me know what interests you as far as ordering goes.

I’m wondering if people would know ahead of convention what cards they would like to purchase. I must call again as I haven’t heard back from Parasource if they can be present. If you’re interested in cards, we could possibly work it out to preorder and pick it up at convention. Please send me an email if you’re interested in cards.

We encourage the societies to keep in touch. Let us know what you’re needing so we can budget for the future. There are lots of plans to be made between now and the convention. Those that need to vote on December 15th - the time is 7:00 p.m. here in Ontario!

Enjoy being in the Word of God. Let us shine Christ’s light every step we take. “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” **Galatians 2:20**

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From the Pastoral Counsellor

God's Government of the World

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

The world is not ruled by chance or blind circumstance, but the Lord God Almighty reigns (Rev. 19:6). And He governs the world according to a wise and good plan. His wisdom and justice and love in the governing of the world should be our comfort. Of God's government of the world the psalm says: *The Lord looks down from heaven; and sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds (33:13-15)*. God is not unconcerned about the affairs on earth. Of all the billions of people not one escapes His all-seeing eye; nor is He an idle spectator, allowing man to do as he pleases, but He fashions the hearts of all, and all things and all the matters of man are in His hands, subject to His control and direction. God bestows the power of the mind and will and watches to see how His gifts are used.

And His rule and direction extends even to the smallest and most trifling matters. He cares for the sparrows; one of them shall not fall to the ground apart from Him. His relationship to the sparrows is Creator to creature; however, His relationship to us is as a Father to His children. If the Creator cares for the smallest of His creatures, will He not care for us, His children, whom He has bought with a price?

True, there are in this world wills other than God's. The will of the devil, the world, and our flesh are powerful wills for evil. But the Lord reigns supreme. He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil. His kingdom rules over all. The storm and the sea obey Him. All creatures obey His mandates. His governance is everywhere. Earth and sun and moon and stars do His pleasure. The Omnipotent reigns. He governs the world.

I will fear no evil, for You are with me. (Psalm 23:4)

Let us pray: O almighty and everlasting God, direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and in the works of Your commandments, that through Your most mighty protection we may be preserved in body and soul. Watch over us with Your power, save us from all calamity, and grant us grace to pass all the days of our lives blameless, holy, peaceful, and free from offence; for with You is mercy and plenteous redemption, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Bill Stanfel

Vice President Christian Mission

I am in the process of seeking Mission Grant Proposals to be voted on at our Laurentian District Convention in April 2022.

The Laurentian District has a \$5,000 mission grant in our treasury from the previous triennium to be disbursed before our next convention. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Societies: I will be asking for your Mission Service list for 2021 at the beginning of January, to be published in the 2022 convention manual. (The request was in the Spring Laurentian District Newsletter.)

I urge you to be aware at all times of our League Pledge: *In fervent gratitude for the Saviour's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Saviour our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him.* (Rev. Harry Fricke)

Marie Sack

Financial Reports

LAURENTIAN DISTRICT LWMLC Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2019 - September 30, 2021

Opening Balance	8,773.38
Total Deposits	14,445.16

Aug 1 - Sep 30, 2021 Triennium to Date Triennium Budget

LWMC Mites	212.00	5,268.63	9,680.00	
Mission Grants	-	4,000.00	9,000.00	
Convention Attendance	-	160.00	3,000.00	
Travel	-	142.25	500.00	
Communication	-	-	50.00	
Supplies	-	-	50.00	
Misc.	-	-	150.00	
Bank Fees	-	-	90.00	
Equalization	-	403.75		
Convention Expenses	-	1,874.62		
Delegate Expenses	80.00	240.00		
Total Expenses	282.00	12,087.25	22,500.00	12,087.25
Closing Balance				11,131.27

Rachel Kuhl
Treasurer

Laurentian District LWMLC Financial Secretary Report

April 1, 2019 - September 30, 2021

	Aug 1 to Sep 30, 2021	Triennium to date
Mites	\$0.00	\$13,166.58
Delegate fund	\$0.00	\$810.00
Equalization	\$0.00	\$403.96
Convention	\$0.00	\$64.62
Total	\$0.00	\$14,445.16
Total Delegate Fund	\$945.88	

Brenda Pighin
Financial Secretary

Society News

Christ Risen Ladies Guild, Kanata

The Ladies Guild has not met since the beginning of the pandemic in March of last year. However, now that restrictions have eased a little, everyone has been fully vaccinated, and we have only a small group, we will get together and plan for some “safe” activities for the coming months. With Christmas only a couple of months away, I’m sure we will find ways to reach out to each other, the congregation and the community.

During the summer months, two of our former members have passed on to the Kingdom of Glory. For the past few years their health has not permitted them to be as physically active as they had been, but their support for the Ladies Guild and for Lutheran Women’s Missionary League-Canada has always been there.

Other groups that have grown out of the Ladies Guild – Wednesday morning Bible study and Thursday morning quilting – will also be making plans to meet together again. The social distancing has affected all of us and we really do miss being able to physically meet. God intends us to live in community, not in isolation, and not being able to be together has taken its toll. But we know that He has not abandoned us and that all things will come together again in His way and in His time.

With Thanksgiving weekend just passed, and Christmas not too far away, we are reminded of just how much God truly loves and cares for us. This comforts us and helps us get through the difficult times.

May God bless us all.

Eloise Schaan

Our Saviour, Ottawa

As we begin our 2021 / 2022 meetings in September, and with COVID protocols still in place at our Church (private Day Care in basement), we continue to provide our Bible Studies via email or mail-out.

Along with our *Creative Corner - On the Lighter Side*, where each woman can submit a favourite poem, Bible verse, hymn, stories, to be enjoyed by all, we created *An Inspiration*.

Who inspires you? Our first inspiration was Rev. Kurt Reinhardt, who I reached out to regarding his new book *My Light and My Salvation*. Pastor Reinhardt was a member of Our Saviour who was baptized, confirmed, married and ordained at our church! He is so blessed to have the ability to write from the heart, to inspire us all with his hymns and poems.

Each month, Betty Threinen continues to phone the women to ensure they are all doing well, or wish them a happy birthday, and let them know what our Bible study for the month will be based on, and when to expect the email / mailed copy.

Our Bible Studies have included:

May -A Private Line (from LWML-C Resource Centre)

June - Bible Verses about Flowers in the Bible

September - Everyday Sayings from the Bible (we had fun with this one, who knew there were so many!)

Participation is the key to the continued success of our LWML-C meetings, and has been well received.

We continue to pray and encourage one another to **GROW in God’s Word, SERVE God’s people and SHARE God’s Son.**

Carol Sutcliffe

Christ, Petawawa

Thanks to members of our Ladies’ Aid, LWMLC and the congregation at large for their support in mite giving and mission service. The mites support our District and National mission grants, and recently 30 completed Klenli Kits were delivered to The Grind in Pembroke.

Marie Sack

National News

National Convention Results

Convention Offerings

Offering #1 for Mission Grant Goal - \$3,654.45

Offering #2 Shared by Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton and Concordia Theological Lutheran Seminary, St. Catharines - \$3,860.00

Offering #3 for BC Mission Boat Society - \$4,001.00

Mission: Fit or Freestyle - \$11,711.62

Ingathering for Wagner Hills Farm Women’s Campus, Langley, BC - \$765.00

Thank Offering to help offset convention technology costs incurred to host this virtual convention - \$1,540.00

Congratulations to the Nominees who have been elected for the next Triennium:

President - Linda Long

VP Christian Growth — Patti Kreutzwieser

VP Christian Mission - Iris Barta

VP Communication - Becky Wandio

VP Member Development -Annette Borchardt

Recording Secretary— Jamie Fulton

Financial Secretary— Penny Bobier

Treasurer - Karen Nerbas

Pastoral Counsellor—Rev. James Keller

Mission Projects for 2021—2024

Street Reach Program, Rev. D.J. Kim, Regina SK \$12,000

Vancouver Youth Worker, Samantha Neeb \$18,900

Contribution Towards Land Purchase For Building First Lutheran in Costa Rica \$10,000

National Youth Gathering 2022 \$5,000

Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Electronic Library Upgrade \$15,000

Translation And Formatting French Sunday School Materials \$14,000

Development Of New Mission Site In Lviv, Ukraine \$12,000

Jackfish Lutheran Camp, Roblin MB \$8,500

Diaconal Support In Nicaragua, Central America \$8,600

Mission Opportunity Fund (20% of total) \$26,000

Total Mission Grants \$130,000



The CRA Bylaw Revision Resolution was accepted. The Ad Hoc Committees will now be moving forward with Bylaw, Handbook and Policy Revisions. The 2021 Convention is now in recess to allow for the time needed to develop these documents for approval. The convention is set to continue on December 15, 2021 with a specially called meeting of the 2021 Convention Delegates and General Council to approve the revised Bylaws. We ask you to please continue to submit your mites to the District until the end of our triennium in 2022.

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming LWMLC Laurentian District Convention!

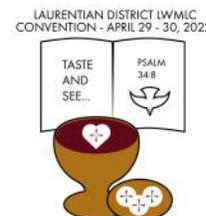
LWMLC LAURENTIAN DISTRICT 2022 CONVENTION

April 29-30, 2022

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ottawa

TASTE AND SEE

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Psalm 34:8



Watch for more information to come!

Upcoming events...

- November 13, 2021** General Council Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- November 20, 2021** Capital Zone Chat 1:00 p.m.
- December 4, 2021** Laurentian District Board 9:00 a.m.
- December 15, 2021** 7:00 p.m. (Ontario time) convention delegates reconvene to vote on bylaw changes
- January 15, 2022** deadline for 2022-2024 Budget
- March 31, 2022** end of fiscal year & convention registration due
- April 29-30, 2022** Laurentian District Convention “Taste & See” Psalm 34:8
- May 27-29, 2022** Central District Convention “Bread of Life” John 6:35a
- June 2-4, 2022** ABC District Convention “One in Him” Galatians 3:28b
- June 9-11, 2022** Ontario District Convention “Joyful, Patient, Faithful” Romans 12:12

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