



LWML News

Promised Rest

Break, Leave, Holiday, Vacation—we have designated days and times to rest. But for many of us, the days off from work are not very restful, but filled with projects, activities, and anxieties. This is not what God did after creating the world and in six days. On the seventh day, with creation complete, God rested—not because he was tired, but because the work was done and was “very good.” God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

(God’s contemplation of his creation reminds me how, when I visited my brother Larry in Alaska, and helped him with a project, he would stop when a part of it was finished and take a little time to admire the work. The idea behind “admiration time” and seeing something as “very good” are somewhat similar.)

This idea of a “sabbath rest” became one of the commandments God gave to Moses. “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.” (Exodus20: 9-10 NIV) This idea of rest, of a time without strife or warfare, when people will follow the Lord is part of the message of repentance preached by prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah. This “Sabbath Rest” for the people of God is what Jesus offers his followers: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 NIV)

This promise finds its ultimate fulfillment in heaven, when those who died in the Lord will rest from their labor and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. This is the ultimate rest promised by God and purchased by the suffering, death, and resurrection work of Jesus Christ for all who believe.

November Meeting

We have invited CareNet, Missoula to speak about their work of pregnancy counseling and Christian witness at our November meeting, which will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9th, in the Fellowship Hall. There are some items they could use to support the moms and babies, if you would like to support their mission. They can use:

- Size 6 diapers
- Infant teething toys
- 2T to 5T clothes, new or used
- 6 month to 5T winter coats
- 2T to 5T snow boots and snow bibs
- Maternity clothes (especially pants)

Dates and Meetings

LWML will move to daytime meetings this fall and winter.

General Meeting—Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. at church

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, LWML circles will not meet in November.

Coming in December

We will celebrate Christmas at our party at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th, in the Fellowship Hall. We usually take a collection to donate to a local charity. We will decide where this offering should be given at our November meeting.

Lutheran World Relief

Quilt tying takes place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. Packages of pre-cut squares for the quilt tops, with instructions, are available for people to take home, sew together, and bring back. Then these tops can be matched with a bottom and tied. We continue to collect for School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Care Kits.

Mites

Our Mission Grant emphasis this November is “Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for African Children.” A grant of \$100,000.00 to Lutheran Heritage Foundation will help them continue their work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran Materials throughout Africa where over half the population of more than one billion people is still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books, such as “A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories” which will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday Schools, and orphanages. Political and economic conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but these books, given to the children as their very own, will stay and teach for generations.

LWML offers all women of the congregation an opportunity for Bible study, service and fellowship.

