

Lutheran Women in Action



The “Mission Warm Up” team of **St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Otisville, Michigan** (Michigan District), has been working long and hard to keep people in their community warm. Every other Monday, this faithful team of women gathers to use their stitching talents to create hats, scarves, and mittens that are distributed throughout the surrounding areas. Some of the groups who have benefited from their efforts are Carriage Town Ministries, Genesys-Hurley Cancer Institute, Otisville Elementary School, Guide Post, and Saginaw Veteran’s Hospital. These women truly send a warm message of hope to everyone they meet!



You can’t keep a good woman down. You also can’t stop these ladies from making quilts! After the death of her husband, Loydene West [holding center quilt] left her church, Trinity, and moved closer to her daughter, who attends **First Christian Church (FCC), Garnett, Kansas** (Kansas District). Loydene shared her quilt-making abilities with FCC by helping them transform a large amount of material, which they had stowed in their basement, into the beautiful quilt tops you see here. When complete, the quilts can be used to provide warmth, protection, and bedding for people in need. We thank the Lord for these never-quit quilters!



Have you ever been at a loss on how to share your faith? The Lady Fishers of the **Fishers of Men Lutheran Church in Sugar Land, Texas** (Texas District), created a great way to help solve this dilemma. Using *Every Picture Can Tell God’s Story*, a Bible study written by Diane J. Grebing, more than 30 women created small albums that can be used as their very own personal witnessing tools. The retreat leaders assisted the women in searching through their pictures and then connecting the picture to specific Bible passages. After a delectable lunch, attendees went home with completed albums — ready to share them with others in future witnessing opportunities. *Every Picture Can Tell God’s Story* is available at www.LWML.org/store.



The Lady Fisher Quilters of **Fishers of Men Lutheran Church** located in **Sugar Land, Texas**, worked all year long to complete more than 200 quilts. The ladies bar-coded the boxes in an effort to see where these quilts were delivered. Through the efforts of Lutheran World Relief, these quilts reached places as far away as Burkina Faso and the Jordan. The Lady Fisher Quilters are thankful for the many donations of fabric and resources to support this mission.

Looking for a new destination for all the beautiful quilts you produce? Why not consider donating some to your local Veteran’s Home? The dedicated quilters of Ruth Circle at **Fountain of Life Lutheran Church LWML in Tucson, Arizona** (Pacific Southwest District), dedicated more than 40 quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and to be used locally for the We Honor Vets program at Tucson Medical Center’s Hospice program. These LWR quilts provide hope and comfort for many victims of disasters around the globe. The quilts, which are patriotic in design, are presented to local men and women of our Armed Forces as they reach the close of their life here on earth. The quilts represent a small token of our great thanks for their time in service to our country. We give thanks to the women who keep using their talents to bless others!





For the last three years, Jill Fischer, a member of Women of FAITH of **Faith Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, Michigan** (Michigan District), has had an Open House at her church to celebrate her birthday. Everyone who attends enjoys playing Bingo, has great fellowship, and eats lots of ice cream and cake. In lieu of birthday gifts for Jill, gifts are received to support their local Saginaw City Rescue Mission — a faith-based non-profit providing hope and care to the homeless in Mid Michigan. All those in attendance, especially Jill, experience joy. What a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday! Happy Birthday, Jill!



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Whitestone, New York (Atlantic District), hosted *Mission Possible*, an all-day event held to inspire and encourage people to take part in missions. More than 40 people were encouraged to spread the Gospel of Hope as they heard stories from Michele Sawyer, a missionary to 11 countries. Immanuel's mission team of young adults, who recently returned from Guatemala, shared their experiences. Ninety-year-old Ethel Lesh spoke briefly of the numerous trips she has taken with MOST Ministries — an organization that provides opportunities for people to participate in short-term mission trips. Pastor Jason Tabor presented his church's mission outreach ideas in their local community. Additionally, attendees gathered and assembled items into more than 50 shelter packs for a local mission house. A Bible study led by the district pastoral counselor preceded a presentation by Mission Executive Rev. Dr. E. Johnson Retinasamy about the work being done throughout the LCMS Atlantic District. The goal of Mission Possible was to inspire others to get involved in missions. Are you inspired? Are you eager to go forth and tell? Consider serving on a long-term mission, partnering with MOST Ministries for a short-term mission project, designing a mission project in your own community, or supporting missions with your prayers and resources so that the Gospel of Hope can spread throughout the world.



When people are in need, LWML responds. This past February, the LWML of **Trinity Lutheran Church, Winfield, Kansas** (Kansas District), chaired by Michelle Schoon, hosted a Water into Wine Paint fundraiser for their sister and brother in Christ, Cathi Clark and Jason Keesey. Both Cathi and Jason had incurred large hospital expenses because of recent illnesses. With the donation of Winefield Arts and Humanities' art room, Maggie Bicker, a retired, certified art instructor, demonstrated how to paint a Kansas Flint Hills watercolor painting. Each of the 31 participants donated their \$40 enrollment fee to Cathi and Jason, and everyone left with a completed watercolor of their own creation. This turned into a very colorful example of the work of the LWML does throughout our communities!

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