

Lutheran Women in Action



One of the organizations that benefits from quilts made by LWML members is Habitat for Humanity. The Akhbari Family was blessed not only with a new house, but the LWML quilters of **Our Redeemer, Moorhead, Minnesota** (Minnesota North District), also blessed each member of the family with a beautiful quilt to call their own.

Last fall, a \$15,000 grant check was presented by **LWML Past President Janice Wendorf** to **Tim Young Eagle, Executive Director of Lutheran Indian Ministries** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Several district LWML women were able to attend the presentation of the grant they had prayed for and had helped to fund. What a tangible way of realizing how God works through our mite offerings to spread His love to those in need!



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MAKING AMENDS ... Winter 2016 LWQ

The correct email address for Elaine Wolters, author of *A Peek into the Parsonage* is gem@safelink.net. Elaine's writing has resulted in donations of LCMS resource materials throughout the world.

Dr. Kellye Schiffner Carver is the correct spelling for the author of the article "Living in a Glass House: Self-Care for the Pastor and the Pastor's Wife".



Deacon Lillian Biddle, LWML Atlantic District President, received the Lutheran Social Services of New York Kujenga Jamii Ministry Award on behalf of the district LWML last December. This Faith Community and Ministry Partner award recognizes individuals and organizations for their significant service to the community and is symbolic of the agency's mission to strengthen lives, families, and communities. Congratulations to the LWML!

This past August, 35 women, ranging from 20 to 80 years of age, met at **Immanuel Lutheran Church, New Wells, Missouri** (Missouri District), for Fit for Faith, a program led by Jennifer Schlueter, a personal trainer. She taught attendees how to make healthier eating choices, adapt exercises for all abilities, and change bad habits into good ones. Everyone enjoyed a healthy brunch and received a gift bag, handouts, and a fitness band with instructions on how to use them.



Dr. Jean Garton (Fall 2007 LWQ: "A Celebration of Life") died on December 23, 2016, at age 87. Author of the iconic *Who Broke the Baby* and a native of Brooklyn, New York, Jean and her late husband, Rev. "Chic" Garton, lived in Arkansas and were blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Jean, the first woman to serve on an LCMS board (Board for Public Relations 1969–1980), was a founder and the first president of Lutherans for

Life (1978–1995), served two terms on the LCMS Board of Directors (1995–2007), and chaired the LCMS Task Force on Women and later the President's Commission on Women (where the LWQ editor had the pleasure of meeting Jean at its St. Louis convocation in 1989).

Jean stated, "I spent six months studying the abortion issue ... to find confirmation that abortion, as its advocates claimed, helps women, doesn't take a human life, and is a choice God allows us to make. I came out of that exhaustive research with a changed heart ... and with a commitment to be a voice in defense of the unseen, unheard, unborn child."