



*Angelina Jauregui and Melissa Salomón next to Deaconess Alma Zamora with her husband, Rev. Juan Zamora. Alma is very interested in forming a society and is already signed up for Jan Brunette's H2H Training, which will be held at their church in October!*

### LWML is represented at the IV National Hispanic Convention

Angelina Jauregui, LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach, and Melissa Salomón, Chairman of LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, were honored to represent LWML at the IV National Hispanic Convention held in Houston, Texas, this past July. Angelina and Melissa brought greetings from President Patti to the entire assembly on the first day of the convention. They spoke briefly about the mission of the LWML and its commitment to reaching multicultural women.

Angelina and Melissa presented two conference workshops and shared the new pamphlet on the LWML. They explained: "What is the LWML?" — its mission, the H2H Sisters Program, and its effort to be intentional about inviting and welcoming the participation of multicultural women in our church to be active in LWML. Discussions included information on how the LWML funds mission work and the grant writing process at the district and the national level.

Some women were surprised to hear that every woman of the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synnod is eligible to participate in the LWML. They commented they didn't know they could be a part of the LWML and had lots of questions about forming their own societies.

Information was shared about understanding the LWML culture and the importance of forming societies, attending district conventions, and experiencing national conventions. Attendees were encouraged to find creative ways to be at the convention in Mobile, Alabama, in 2019.

Hispanic women leaders and deaconesses met after the convention and were encouraged to continue networking. There will be another opportunity next year, October 16–18, in El Paso, Texas, at the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute conference called PALMCON.

Everyone left looking forward to the next National Hispanic Convention to be held in 2021. It is their hope that the LWML President will come to meet the assembly and to bring greetings from the LWML.

### Coffee Themed Retreat a "Latte" Fun!

Almost 35 women gathered together to "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" at a coffee retreat held at **Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dickinson, North Dakota** (North Dakota District). Devotional materials written by Deb Burma kept everyone centered around God's Word as they enjoyed food, fun, fellowship, and beautiful prizes. Each attendee was given a purple key chain designed by Megan Fair, an LWML Young Woman Enthusiast, and was sent home with her own vanilla latte mix labeled with a Bible verse and the saying, "Sending You a Latte Love." What a great idea!



### Thank you Dorcas Society

The Dorcas Society of **St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ida Grove, Iowa** (Iowa West District), has decided to pack away their quilting supplies and retire after 62 years of active service. Their society began in 1956 with quilting and expanded to include working in service to members of their congregation, local community needs, and world-wide mission projects. President Gwen Pfleeger writes, "We have had many dedicated and devoted members over the years and are sad to retire. We are thankful to have been able to serve as long as we have."

We thank the Dorcas Society of St. Paul Lutheran Church for their many years of service. We hope and pray the Holy Spirit inspires other women to continue to serve as you have done.

## LWML Connecting Women for Service

Laura Borley, once a native Long Islander and an active member of LWML, relocated to Pennsylvania about five years ago. One of the things making Laura's transition easier was her membership in the **Philadelphia Zone** (Eastern District) of LWML. At their 2018 Spring Rally, Laura and the other members of the Women of Mt. Calvary and their Lydia Society worked together on an afternoon of multiple service projects. These faith-filled ladies completed 185 port pillows (pillows used to relieve pressure off a patient's medical port or pacemaker); began their quest to make 750 reusable sanitary napkins; and collected many items to be used for hygiene kits to be sent to a representative in Africa. Laura says, "I'm 42 and have been an active member of LWML for as long as I can remember. These women have made me who I am. When I relocated to Pennsylvania, I was thrilled to find the only LCMS church in the county. What a blessing to know they had an LWML!"

*Information on port pillows can be found on Pinterest or Etsy. Patterns for reusable sanitary napkins can be found at GAIN, Global Aid Network.*



## It's About Time!

Time is one of our greatest blessings. Women of the **Iowa East District Williamsburg Zone** recently learned time management skills at their zone rally. If you sometimes feel as though you are juggling too many tasks at one time, LWML has a resource to help you. *Time Management: Manage Yourself, not Your Time!* will help you not only rate the importance of a task, it will also show you six simple steps to manage yourself. Find the resource by typing "Time Management" into the search bar at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).



## New Ideas Bring Women Together

Looking for fun new way to encourage women to gather together? Why not try a painting event with a twist? Linda Umoh, LWML president of **Lamb of God Lutheran Church of Flower Mound, Texas** (Texas District), welcomed 70 women, ranging from 8 to 86 years of age, to enjoy a time of painting and camaraderie. Retired art teacher Pat Bockelman supplied the equipment and guidance as the group created beautiful paintings of angels. The paintbrushes glided across the canvas as the society president presented an inspiring message about the biblical importance of angels. This event created a beautiful blend of women of all ages, many creative talents, and an inspiring message about angels. What a great idea!



## SPRING 2019 THEME: READY, SET, GO (Celebrating the Young Women of LWML)

Please share your stories and photos of joyful, mission-minded service involving the young women in your congregations with News Editor Linda Guteres: [newseditor@lwml.org](mailto:newseditor@lwml.org) or 3 Timber Trail, Medford, NY 11763  
**Deadline:** November 15, 2018. **Include:** name, address, phone, and email.





### LWML Women Support Women a World Away

The women of **St. Luke, Wauseon, Ohio**, lovingly provided more than four-dozen feminine hygiene kits. Hand-sewn, reusable, flannel pads, along with ladies' panties, were placed into colorful handmade bags. These items were donated to Ministry in Mission (an RSO serving Haiti) to be distributed as part of the I Love My Shepherd's Women-Encouraging-Women Mission Trip in January 2018. Jackie Rychel and Sue Matzke of St. Mark, Chesterland, were part of the team. The kits were shared with girls in the youth group at First Lutheran Church, Jacmel, as well as women and older girls at Raymond Lutheran Church and The Center of Refuge Orphanage.



### Quarterly Bible Studies a Blessing

Touchmark Retirement Community in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is reaping the benefits of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Bible studies through the efforts of **Annette Jarratt** and her husband. Some of Touchmark's residents asked Annette if she would be willing to lead a Bible study, and she said yes, with the help of the LWML's magazine! Meeting twice a month the group averages about eight people who come from a variety of church denominations in the area. Annette says, "The studies have been a God-send for me!"

*Left to right: Beverly Mount, Josephine Spencer, Grace Brinkhuis, Mavis Boekhoff, Annette Jarratt, Arlene Matthiesen, Norma Nyhaug, Beverly Jepson, Doris Haber.*



### Free online Bible Study

A brand-new Bible study, *The Task-Filled Life*, authored by Jan Brunette, will be available online beginning Saturday, October 6. Read more about it on page 22. Find it online by checking LWML's Facebook page, or follow along on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org/life](http://www.lwml.org/life).



### LWML Providing Hygiene and Relief

The Ladies League of **Christ Lutheran Church and School in Stevensville, Michigan**, worked hard assembling 120 hygiene kits for Lutheran World Relief. In the great automotive tradition of Michigan, congregational members worked together in an assembly-line manner after worship on Sunday, April 15, National Volunteer Day. The supplies for the hygiene kits were purchased with proceeds from two Lenten suppers served by the Ladies League earlier in the year.

## Busy Hands, Caring Hearts

**Zion Lutheran Church's, LWML** (Texas District), has served the Lord with gladness this past year by spearheading three projects benefitting the Ysleta Lutheran Mission. Ysleta Lutheran Mission is dedicated to assisting those in need in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. The three projects included a collection of new toys for Ysleta's Christmas Gift Distribution project, a Lenten Food Drive to assist in their weekly food distribution, and collecting backpacks and school supplies to assist them in their distribution to children in need.



Through the efforts of Zion's LWML and the generous support from Thrivent Action Team grants, many people will be richly blessed by these great projects. Lydia Williams, Zion's LWML president says, "It has been a busy and very productive year! We look forward to assisting the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in their outreach projects again next year, as well as other mission projects!"



## Nebrasksa LWML Sews Love

The women of the **Nebraska LWML Districts** came together to "Seek and Serve" people in their surrounding communities and as far away as Iraq and Poland. Armed with His Word in their hearts, they searched for ways they might serve. Just this past year, they made pillowcases for nursing

homes, local hospitals, and military personnel. They also made Memory blankets with the intention of gifting a blanket and card to every LCMS pastor in their district. Some of these blankets were distributed at the Nebraska North Convention. Other blankets will be distributed to the Nebraska South Convention later this year.

In June, one of their member's grandsons, Archie, was born prematurely. Surrounded by his loving family, Archie lived for only four days. The family was given two blankets, in the hope that these gifts would bring some comfort to the family. Katy Gifford, President of Nebraska South District received the following note:

*Thank you for the little blankets to hold. They are so sweet, and words that came with them are priceless. I know it will help Nathan and Michelle. We are so glad that we could meet our sweet Archie and spend some time with him. He was very loved during his short time on earth. Marie (Please let all the ladies know.)*

Katy writes: "What a blessing it is that we get to be God's hands in a time of such sorrow. If there is any way we can help other districts work on this project, please ask. We'd love to share."



## LWML Service Member

**Charlotte (Svoma) Hamilton**, wanting to do her part, joined the United States Marine Corps in January 1966, after her brother Roger was deployed to Vietnam. Upon completion of basic training, she was transferred to Marine Corps

Schools at Camp Lejeune for computer training and was promoted to Lance Corporal. While stationed at the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia, with Headquarters Battalion, Charlotte worked with keypunch and verifier machines, collators, and a HUGE mainframe computer.

Charlotte was released from active duty with an Honorable Discharge in August 1967, but continued to work as a GS-3 until the birth of her daughter in February 1968. Charlotte states she was always treated with consideration, understanding, and respect. She believes serving our country builds character and self-confidence, self-discipline, self-respect, and develops teamwork. Charlotte feels it was a great privilege and blessing to have served our country!

Charlotte was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and is currently a member of Faith Lutheran in Menomonie. She is active in LWML, has held several offices in church, and attended four Wisconsin North district conventions.