



According to Sharon Gifford of the **North Wisconsin District LWML**, chefs Paula Dean and Rachael Ray can sit down! Here's why: **Kathy Mackin, Linda Cook, Barb Gauger, and Mickey Barricklow**, four ladies from **Our Savior Lutheran Church in Eagle River**, entered their local supermarket's cooking contest, "Trigs Church Basement Cooking Contest," and won first place! The contest theme was "Our Savior Angels Amongst Us Present Heavenly Food." The menus included buttery angel biscuits, heavenly mandarin orange salad, celebration punch, "divine" chicken casserole, and glorious cranberry nut bars. Contestants were required to purchase the contest foods items from Trigs, and 50 percent of the ingredients had to be from Wisconsin. Plans for using their \$2,000 prize include giving to local charities and using part of the money for missions at Our Savior.



The Foster Angels program has been "extra-blessed" through the efforts of **Andree Brunk** and the **Dorcas Circle**, of **Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas**. Andree and the Circle filled the needs of local people by supplying over 50 pillowcase dresses, decorated flip flops, and boys' shorts for foster children who are cared for by the "angels." Andree's fervent prayer is that the mission aim of the Dorcas Circle to help fill the clothing needs of local organizations will grow throughout the rest of the USA, inspiring other LWML groups. Andree says, "My prayer is to have this mission be as big among LWML women as the making of quilts." Contact Andree Brunk at andree@austin.rr.com for pattern information, details on the project, and information on how she got started.



Above: Jean R. Boehler, Arts In Mission (AIM) Director, Yonkers, New York, teaching music to the children of the Marshall Islands; Left: book illustration.



A recent study by the Ministry of Education in the Marshall Islands indicates that for every 10 children who start kindergarten, only 2 will graduate from high school. The light and hope of Christ shines brighter on the Marshall Islands because of a \$6,000 mission grant sponsored by **Our Saviour Lutheran Church in the Bronx, New York**, and funded by LWML women of the **Atlantic District** to publish a Marshallese Language Christian Children's book to be given to each Marshallese school child.

As soon as the news of this project spread, many people wanted to help. Tina Stege, former head of the Marshall Island Embassy in Washington D.C., volunteered to write the book. Lauren Pollenta, a New York-based artist, agreed to illustrate the book. Biram Stege worked with the Ministry of Education to ensure the proper distribution of the books, making sure they would reach every primary-aged child in the Marshall Islands. Then, word reached Concordia Publishing House, who agreed to print this book alongside their *Arch Book* printings, keeping printing costs at a minimum.

As a result of this cooperative and expansive effort, each 4- to 8-year-old child in the Marshall Islands will be given a children's book in his or her own language as a Christmas gift this December. Modeled after Concordia Publishing House's *Arch Book* series, *Won ad komman kwe im na* ("Who made you and me") introduces young readers to beginner words, such as stars and ocean, birds and fish, grandma and grandpa, by asking them, "Who made ...", and then providing a resounding answer: "*Anij ej bed lon*" (God in heaven).

Thanks to the funding of this mission grant and the generosity of CPH and people in the Marshall Islands, plans are already in place for additional Marshallese language children's books, giving children the opportunity to read in their own language and also to learn more about the God who made them, loves them, and still takes care of them.



Barb Kaun, the South Wisconsin District LWML Vice President for Special Focus Ministries and Grants, shared that **Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid of Menasha, Wisconsin**, accepted the challenge put forth by their past District President Jan Dankwardt to enter the modern age of technology when communicating with sister LWML societies.

Through the use of a SMART Board, a computer with Skype capabilities, and speakers to project the conversation, the women were able to communicate with Amanda Groshok, a member of Trinity congregation, and three of her colleagues who are currently serving as missionaries at Concordia Middle School in Minshiang, Taiwan.

Adventurous LWML women dressed like church ladies from the 1950s, donning hats, gloves, and aprons, while utilizing 21st century high-tech computer automation to talk with people 7,500 miles away. The 64 women in attendance marveled at talking with missionaries half way around the world.



This past summer, rather than sitting back unconnected to their LWML sisters, the **Atlantic District's Suffolk Zone** chose to run a "traveling" summer Bible study using "Your Strong Suit," an 8-week Bible study written by Donna Pyle and available through the LWML. Every Thursday evening, ladies of the Suffolk Zone journeyed to different churches to share in this wonderful Bible study series, sample light snacks, and enjoy fellowship with women from across the zone. Meeting at different churches kept everyone in touch during the summer, reconnected the societies within the zone,

and allowed women new to the LWML to "try us out" in a casual setting. The last meeting combined Bible study with a "kick off" meeting for the zone's upcoming fall and winter festivities.

Liz Sullivan of **Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip, New York**, shared, "I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the Bible study. It was a message I needed to hear, and I enjoyed meeting new sisters in Christ."

Susan Zimmerman, **Suffolk Zone** president, responded, "I especially enjoyed meeting each of you. I also found out, with Christ in our hearts, it easy to put on the whole armor of God. I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful year to come, and I look forward to seeing you all again."



The **Quilting Group of Minnesota North District's Ely First Lutheran Church of Ely, Minnesota**, meets weekly and produces amazing quilts. Currently they have completed approximately 68 quilts, of which 61 have been given out to various organizations or sold. Ely's Sewing Group has also

been busy creating pillowcase dresses and shorts from T-shirts for children in Haiti. So far the sewing group has made over 90 dresses and over 45 pairs of shorts.

The beautiful kaleidoscope of quilts, dress, and shorts is a wonder to behold. To God be the glory for the talents of the women of Ely!



After reading "Happy 70th Birthday, LWML," an article in the Fall 2012 LWQ, **Ken Young** writes:

I always enjoy reading the Quarterly. It is excellent. Pages 12 and 13 of the Fall issue had special interest for me. I am a grandson of Clara Schmitt [the first LWML President] and a retired pastor.

Clara and Otto Schmitt had three children, [my mother] Viola, Frank, and Otto Junior. Viola had married Arthur Young who died in 1935. She then moved in with her parents, along with her five children, between the ages of 9 and 4. So Clara was even more self-giving than anyone might think. In 1942 she was helping raise us five Young children. I was 12 at that time. I recall how Grandma would come home after discussions with Dr. Behnken.

The organizing process [of the LWML] took from 1929 to 1942 because many clergymen were opposed [to its formation], including the Council of Presidents.

It is wonderful to think of all the good that the Lord has accomplished through the LWML in these 70 years! How it has grown! I myself was mission executive for the Northern Illinois District for 27 years. I [received] a number of grants from the District LWML. I liked to say at district conventions that LWML can also stand for the Lord Will Multiply the Loaves.

Last October, my wife and I were short-term (two weeks) volunteer missionaries in Taiwan, helping at Concordia Middle School in Chiayi. It was a super experience and I heartily recommend it for other retired couples, clergy or lay. Thanks for the work you do.

News Editor Note: Isn't it interesting to see how many of Clara Schmitt's family descendants have gone into mission work? Her legacy lives on.

Mary Peterson, now 73 and residing in Iowa, remembers how she was blessed by the LWML when she was only 10 years old. Mary got 2 dresses every year while her mother was healthy; one at Christmas and another for Easter. But when her mom became ill and needed to be hospitalized a few days before Christmas, her Christmas dress remained unfinished.

The nearby **Ladies Aid of Eden, Iowa East District**, stepped up to the

plate and finished Mary's dress just in time for Christmas. Recently, this beautiful green velvet dress with rhinestone buttons won a prize as "Best of Show" at an antique fair.

More important than the prize winning dress is the lasting effect of the blessing these LWML women gave to Mary Peterson so many years ago — so typical of the countless lives that are touched through the generous efforts of the LWML.



The Women of Trinity LWML in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, sent 65 quilts and 7 blankets to their neighbors in Mannford, Oklahoma. The recipi-

ents of these stitched blessings had lost their homes in the recent wildfires that plagued their area. The Women of Trinity were grateful they were able to share the love of Jesus with many people in their state who are in need.

WebEx *Wow!*

How do 6 Districts located across 25 states join hearts and hands in the planning of a LWML Convention? Through technology, that's how!

To overcome the challenge of having committee members spread out over such a large area, **Maureen Consiglio**, 2013 Host Committee Chairman, responded that she and other members of the Convention Committee are using WebEx to meet remotely. WebEx, a video conferencing computer application, enables committee members to attend meetings from home.

In addition to email communication,

minutes and forms are available on the secure login area of the LWML website. Audio recordings of meetings for those who weren't able to attend the web video conference are also available on the website.

When the gavel sounds the opening of the 35th Biennial Convention next June, we can thank God not only for the many dedicated hours of prayer, planning, and preparation joyfully given by all the members of the Convention Host Committee but also marvel at how technology is allowing LWML to grow beyond our wildest dreams!

SUMMER 2013 THEME: The Hidden Self

NEWS! Please send LWML news (and photos!) to News Editor Linda Guteres at newseditor@lwml.org or 3 Timber Trail, Medford, NY 11763 by December 15, 2012. Include name, address, phone, and email address.

PHOTO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES at www.lwml.org/resources/quarterly can provide you with help when taking and submitting photos for the *Quarterly*.



LWML President Kay Kreklau enjoys a cup of tea while reading the Scriptures, or while in prayer, and invites you to pray with her and your brothers and sisters in Christ on Saturday mornings for 9 minutes at 9 a.m.

A Cup with Kay Quarterly Contest!

For several months, LWML sisters have been searching through the LWML website, looking for tiny purple cups with a "K" on them and submitting the number found with their name, phone number, and email to pr@lwml.org.

Now *Quarterly* readers may join the fun! Sprinkled through the pages of this issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* are many cups. Count the various cups, submit your answer with your name, address, phone number, or email address to pr@lwml.org **OR** mail the information to: **LWML Office, "A Cup with Kay" P.O. Box 411993, St Louis, MO 63141-1993.**

All responses will be entered into a drawing. Each month two names will be drawn for a special gift. On March 1, 2013, two grand prize winners will be drawn. These two individuals will have the opportunity to have "A Cup with Kay" in person at the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, June 27–30, 2013! The names of those drawn will be contacted personally and announced on the LWML website and on Facebook.

You do not want to miss this opportunity to receive a special gift or, better yet, to be one of the two who will have "A Cup with Kay" in person.

Take the time every day, and especially for 9 minutes on Saturdays, to pray along with others for missions around the globe. Have fun searching for those cups!