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## *LWML Calendar....*

**Jan. 21—Board Meeting**  
**March 20—Spring Retreat**  
**April 15—Board Meeting**  
**July 15—Board Meeting**  
**Sept. 24-25 2010—District  
Convention at Centralia**  
**Oct. 21—Board Meeting**

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**Mission Statement:** *The Mission of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to encourage each woman in the district to grow spiritually and to use her God given gifts to praise God and serve people.*

## Going Green: Final print issue

Change is difficult! My husband always says that I do not like change, but my co-workers would disagree with him. I am so inconsistent that I change my mind in a flash and will change plans on a whim. This sometimes—OK, it always—causes stress. Some of my co-workers deal with it, others not so much. Thank the Lord, I have a wonderful co-worker now that keeps me on the straight and narrow. How fortunate I feel for that.

The September issue of the *Missionette* announced a big change!! The *Missionette* would no longer be mailed in print format to the societies. Those of us that attended the National LWML Convention heard how a seven-year-old Heidi Floyd told her parents that their congregation had “sunk to the depths of degradation” upon the cancellation of the once monthly German service. There are those that probably feel that the Southern Illinois District LWML has also “sunk to the depths of degradation” with the elimination of the print *Missionette* and conversion to a digital copy only.

Changes, especially changes in tradition, feel that way. Ruth Koch was the keynote speaker at the National LWML Convention. She used the metaphor of climbing a mountain to illustrate how to deal with change. It is not easy climbing up a mountain, but there is a sense of accomplishment upon reaching the top and then disappointment when it is time to come down from those mountain top experiences. Ruth reminded the conventioners that there are many preparations for the mountain climb, but unless there is a guide to follow and trust, getting lost is a certainty. And yes, our guide is Jesus.

And so it is with this change. Many members are concerned that the content will be limited or that pictures will not be included in the new digital copy. That is not true. The *Missionette* will be in the same format it is right now and when printed out, each page will look just the same as if it were mailed to the society. The *Missionette* has been available on the website for over a year; go take a look at past issues at: <http://www.sidlwml.org/>

This change will seem strange and will be difficult for a while, but soon it will become an easy downhill stroll. When it does, some other mountain of change will loom on the horizon. Do not fear, “*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes for the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*” (Psalm 121: 1-2 ESV) This theme verse from the convention comforts and encourages in times of change. Look to the guide that made heaven and earth, put on sturdy boots, take a water bottle, pick up a walking stick and hit the trail. The Lord has places to take us and things for us to do.

*Valerie R. Meyer, corresponding secretary*

**From Brenda...**  
**President Brenda**  
**Schoenbeck**

*The purpose of the president is to provide Christ centered leadership, using His wisdom and provision to seek opportunities in helping our LWML sisters use their gifts in service to the Lord.*

### How Can We Help You?

*Above all, keep loving one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:8-10*

How can we help you? The mission statement of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is "To assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world." As district officers we work to fulfill this mission by providing opportunities for fellowship and growth to the women in the zones and societies within our district.

**Retreats** The district LWML provides retreats in the spring annually and in the fall in non-convention years. The spring convention is a one-day retreat planned by the Young Women's Coordinator and her committee. The fall retreat has been an overnight event. These retreats provide a time to get away and enjoy fun and fellowship with women throughout the district. How can we make the retreats more meaningful and spiritually refreshing for you? We welcome your ideas.

**District Convention** The district convention is not just a business meeting, but an opportunity for women throughout the district to become involved in determining the direction of our organization. Delegates, representing each society and zone, choose the mission grants that we will be funding in the coming biennium. They also elect new officers to serve as their leaders. Having your name on the ballot for one of the district officer positions says you want to share in that leadership. Attending the convention as a guest indicates that you have an interest in the activities of the organization and want to hear the speakers who bring that message to you, whether it is the keynote speaker, the national representative or one of the grant recipients. And, of course, the convention also provides an opportunity to hear the message of Christ proclaimed and to commune with your sisters in Christ. Is there something special you would like to see or do at the convention?

**District Board Meetings** For several years now, your zone presidents or their representatives, have been invited to attend and participate in the quarterly district board meetings in an advisory capacity. In this way, the zones, in their role as a liaison, can share the information from the district and bring news of activities within the zones. Do you zone presidents feel that your participation in the district board meetings has been helpful in keeping your zones aware of activities in the district?

**Missionette** The *Missionette* quarterly newsletter has been the primary tool in communicating to the membership within the Southern Illinois District LWML for many years. We are now moving into the electronic age, pushed by the rising cost of postage, to provide the *Missionette* via the Web-site and email. We know that this may be a difficult transition for some societies. We want to hear from you as we make this change, to know how we can improve in our communication with you.

As your district president, and on behalf of the district board, I thank all of you for your partnership with us as we strive to "Serve the Lord With Gladness."

*Your sister in Christ,  
 Brenda Schoenbeck*

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**Blessed  
 Christmas**

## Counselor's Corner

Rev. Mark Nebel

As we enter the Christmas season and once again celebrate our Lord's birth, I am sharing a poem I wrote for a Christmas Eve sermon years ago. With inspiration from (and apologies to) Clement Clarke Moore, I call it:

### "Twas the Night Before Christmas: The Innkeeper's Story"

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the town  
 Every creature was stirring, quite a loud sound.  
 Visitors gathered in the local main square,  
 Knowing the Romans soon would be there.  
 The children were running this way and that,  
 While parents had visions of a tax that was flat.  
 With Mamma in her robe, and I in my jacket,  
 Had just settled in amidst all that wild racket.  
 When on the front door there arose such a pounding,  
 I sprang from my chair to see what was that sounding.  
 Away to the entry I raced in a hurry  
 Wondering who was there with such a great worry.  
 A man and a woman, a husband and wife,  
 From the looks of her middle, soon a new life.  
 "Good sir, do you have a room to be hired?  
 We've come a long way and are thus very tired.  
 There is no place empty in all this small city.  
 Do you have a space? Oh, please, show some pity."  
 From Nazareth heading 80 miles to the south  
 Very soon they would need to feed a third mouth.  
 I had no place open to put them inside,  
 But I could not leave her on that donkey to ride.  
 I took them round back to the animals' stable.  
 "I know it's not much, but at least you are able  
 To lie down and rest in a place warm and dry.  
 Good night," I said, and turned with a sigh.  
 I went to my room to lie down on my bed,  
 But the plight of that couple stayed in my head.  
 Soon it was dark, and the night became quiet.  
 But within me a hunch, I could not deny it.  
 Out to the stable to check on the pair  
 I saw that her boy baby now was there.  
 His cheeks were like roses, His nose like a fig,  
 His eyes were wide open and looked very big.  
 He had a broad face and a little round belly.  
 A small child lying in a barn that was smelly.  
 He was chubby and plump, a jolly new-born,  
 On His mother's lap between sheep freshly shorn.  
 And I laughed when I saw Him, in spite of the scene,  
 That a baby had started life in a place low and mean.  
 A wink of His eye and a nod of His head,  
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
 As I stood there gazing upon that strange sight,  
 Some shepherds stepped in from out of the night.  
 "We were keeping watch over flocks in fields nearby,  
 When suddenly an angel appeared in the sky,

'Fear not, I bring you news that is great  
 Of joy for all people who now live in hate.  
 My presence here does not put you in danger,  
 For Christ is born and now lies in a manger.'  
 Then along with that angel appeared quite a large band  
 Whose radiance gave light all over the land.  
 'Glory to God in the highest,' they sang.  
 'God's favor to all,' their happy words rang.  
 'Let's go to Bethlehem,' we said to each other,  
 'And find this great sight, the child and His mother.'"  
 Mary and Joseph were amazed, as also was I,  
 To learn the message these men heard from the sky.  
 They then left to share with others their joy  
 That God's Son was now living as this baby boy.  
 For you and for I, for he and for she  
 Jesus was born for me and for we.  
 He comes to be King. He comes to be Savior.  
 He comes to be Lord to show us God's favor.  
 He comes in peace. He comes in love,  
 To join us again to our Father above.  
 For many years now I've owned Beth'lem's inn,  
 But no matter how long I'll never again,  
 Have a guest so special, a guest so divine,  
 As who was born on the night of the star's shine.  
 So now I proclaim to all who can hear,  
 "Blessed Christmas to all, and to all a good year!"

## Young Women Rep

Deb Albers

### Merry Christmas!

It is a busy time of year, with all the Advent service, holiday baking and Christmas shopping going on. Then, we add in our "normal" routines, and now you have STRESS!!! My December calendar usually has two nights where no one has to be anywhere. By that, I mean all eight of us get to sit and eat together. Are we stressing ourselves out to the point we are missing God's purpose for our life?

We are busy people, and that makes us forget the whole purpose of our Christian lives sometimes. We are here to share the Gospel to all we meet. Christmas provides us with lots of opportunities to share Christ with others. Many people see so much Santa Claus that they won't even peek into the manger to notice the baby, the Son of God, the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

This is our challenge, to share Christ with them. Let them know why we have this special day set aside, not for mere gifts in a box to make people happy. However, it is for the Gift in the manger that came to save us from our sins and gives us the ultimate gift of eternal life. The gift of Christ Jesus our Savior...Merry Christmas!!

# Vice President of Gospel Outreach

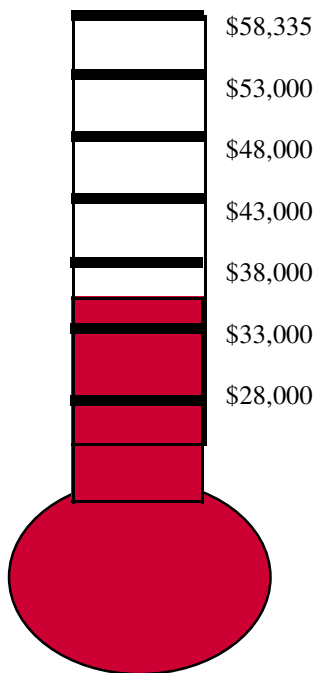
## Mickey Roth

ADVENT – What a joyous season – Christmas lights, favorite carols, wonderful smells in the kitchen of cookies, candies, favorite holiday foods, shopping, extra parties - - but are we truly joyful? Or are we stressed? Are we taking the time to remember the true meaning of this giving season—preparing for God’s greatest gift to us — the birth of His Son Jesus. Take time to worship, to hear the message of God’s love in your Bible reading. In your giving remember the Bible passage:

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for*

*The purpose of the Office of Gospel Outreach is to use scripture and information about our grants to uplift each woman of the SID LWML so her life serves as a witness to both Christians and non Christians and so she gives abundantly of her talents and treasures for the glory of God and the service of mankind.*

### Mitey Meter



*God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 7*

Give joyfully of your time – volunteer to help others, your talents—bake or sing for others, and your treasures – remember a charity in your giving.

LWML ladies have been very generously giving of their mites. Recently, the district was able to fund two more grants. A \$2,700 grant was given to SIUE Lutheran Campus Ministry Outreach Program, and \$2,700 went to the International and Campus Ministry at Our Savior, Carbondale.

As you continue to give your mites, also remember to uphold our missionaries and our projects in your prayers.

At our next district convention, in September 2010 at Christ Our Rock High School in Centralia, we

will be selecting new projects to support with our mites. These grant proposals need to be submitted by Feb. 1, 2010. Is there some Lutheran ministry that you know of that is in need of funding? Think about the homeless, aged, handicapped or some other specialized ministry. Remember educational, cross cultural, or mission projects both locally, nationally or overseas.

Request forms to submit grant projects are available on the web site (SIDLWML.org), by email (danmicroth@charter.net) or by postal mail (Mickey Roth, 110 Foxbrush Drive, Belleville, IL 62221).

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<b>LWML MISSION GRANTS 2008-2010 BIENNIUM</b>			
<b>Total Mite Goal: \$53,000.00</b>			
<u>Grant Name</u>	<u>Grant Goal</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>To be Paid</u>
-Care of Widows, Cows for Kids	\$2,400	\$2,400	-0-
-International and Campus Ministry			
Our Savior, Carbondale	\$5,400	\$5,400	-0-
-Ministry by Mail to the Armed Forces	\$5,000	\$5,000	-0-
-Orphan Rescue and Outreach in Botswana, South Africa	\$2,000	\$2,000	-0-
-Seminary Student Scholarship Fund	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
-Shared Prison Ministry with SID	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,500
-SIUE Lutheran Campus Ministry Outreach Program	\$5,400	\$5,400	-0-
- <i>Today's Light and The Lutheran Messenger</i> in Braille	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
-Tuition Assistance Fund at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,500
-Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, E. St. Louis	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$4,500
-Vicar- Missionary Tract for Church Plant and Prison Ministry	\$800	\$800	-0-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$35,500</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
Designated gift to Orphan Rescue and Outreach		\$61.36	

## Vice President of Servant Resources Mary Ann Sachtleben

*The purpose of Servant Resources is to provide leadership development and maintain structure to equip the members of the SID LWML to follow in the footsteps of Christ, our true leader and guide.*

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. 1 Chronicles 16:11**

Being a leader is sometimes very easy for me. Other times, it's difficult. I like to have plans and maps outlining my goals and how I'm going to achieve them. The Assembly of Leaders that met this time last year gave all of the LWML leaders some great information that I have referred to time and time again. Here are some of the ideas that came from this conference that you can use in your local zones and societies to help encourage and uplift your LWML leaders.

First, grow as leaders by growing in your relationship with Christ, Growing in your relationship with others and growing in your relationship with the leader within you. Next, learn about the organization you serve, its mission and its resources. Learn about the LWML website <http://www.lwml.org/>, the LWML catalog and resources and the LWML history. Also, call upon the Holy Spirit to help with your leadership. Find your spiritual gifts and find out what the Bible says about leaders (if it is encouraging, let him en-

## Vice President of Human Care Debbie Wudtke

*When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed it; the light of my face was precious to them. Job 29:27*

I recently had lunch with some former co-workers. We were talking about smiling for pictures and how goofy some smiles look. One friend had a suggestion- do a fake laugh and your smile will be good. Sounds like it might work for pictures but it made me think about all the fake smiles we give to people. Smiling is so easy to do. It only takes a few muscles to smile. It is easy to give a little smile to someone sharing some information, helping us at the checkout, serving us at the restaurant. But what does that smile really say. You have probably noticed that in old pictures the people are not smiling. This is attributed to the time it took to get the image on film. A person just could not hold the smile that long. In our culture today, a smile is mostly considered a friendly gesture but it can also be mocking or snarly. Do we even take smiles seriously? Or is a smile just another facial expression that means nothing? Some catchy sayings about smiles include- *You're never fully dressed without a smile.* (Martin Charnin) and *Keep smiling- it makes people wonder what you've been up to.* Some studies about smiles

courage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:7-9), as well as recognizing the spiritual gifts in others. Finally, mentor to the women in your congregation, not only the young women, but those who are not familiar with LWML.

Raising up new leaders means that you must first seek to understand all types of women including young women and new women to LWML. Understand there are increased pressures in today's society that include family, work, and financial that keep a lot of women from serving in other opportunities as leaders. Raising up new leaders means also to seek out women who are going through changes in their lives such as young women who are becoming adults, newly retired, empty nesters and newly married, divorced, widowed. Model Christ-like examples of leadership by: asking for help on a specific project or committee; make a job meaningful (i.e., women want to feel they are making a difference) provide encouragement; assist if asked; and evaluate, praise in public and criticize in private.

There is no magic formula or seven-step plan for what makes good leaders. A lot of business publications, books and websites describe characteristics of good or great leaders. However, the leadership that we are looking for is defined as biblical. These leaders love God and one another, they obey God and the Great Commission in response to what Jesus has done for us. An LWML leader will have a purple passion! A passion for the Lord and serving Him through LWML and will take up the cross and follow Jesus!

## And they gave.....

**90 plus craft supplies**

**33 Bibles**

**10 items of cleaning supplies**

**.....for Camp Wartburg  
at the fall retreat**

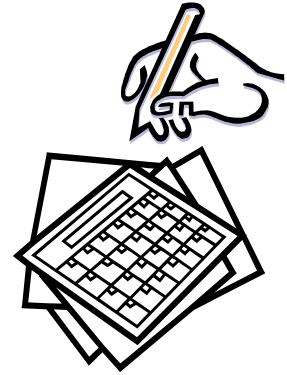
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has them relieving stress, lowering blood pressure and even boosting our immune system. Research shows that a "real" smile not only involves pulling up the lips, but engaging muscles around the eyes. How can a smile make a difference? Job's smile was unbelievable. We have the power to have that kind of smile. When we share the love God gives us with others does it come across in our smile? We have the best reason in the world to smile and they say smiles are contagious. So spread them around!

## You're Invited!!!

You are invited to the Southern Illinois District Convention on Sept. 24-25, 2010. Friday evening Activities will be held in Carlyle. Hotel rooms are Blocked for the event there. The convention is Saturday at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in Centralia. Come and join us as we

**Grow in Grace** based on 2 Peter 3:18



### Vice President of Communication Lucy Thompson

The purpose of this office is to inform the district of what has happened and what will be taking place in the LWML.

**Psalm 139:** <sup>15</sup> *My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,* <sup>16</sup> *your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in our book before one of them came to be.*

The best weekend of this past fall was the Fall Retreat, and personally I thought the retreat was one of the best. God must have directed the Bible studies and the pastor's sermon to touch me because the words of God touched me deeply. I was not raised in a Christian home but a secular home, I think that is the term I should use, my parents said we believe in God, but it was not based on anything that they could show me. How sad is that? So when Pastor Nebel asked if we knew why we were born at the retreat-I did not pop up and say I know, but in actuality I do know why I was born from a secular viewpoint. My mother was Japanese and my father was in the Navy stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, where he met my mother. The story goes that they fell in love, but as in all wars, the US frowns on the servicemen marrying the women of the countries that they are in which is my parents' story. I was conceived so that my parents could get permission to marry. I was told that story many times in my life. I was also told many times in my life that I could have been aborted, as my mother had also been indoctrinated to believe that abortion was the only form of birth control. Thank you God for letting me be born.

What a wonderful God we have who had already begun to call me as a child. Even though I was not brought up with any Christian teaching, there was already a lot written on my heart-I knew that abortion could never be the answer. I knew that children were a gift from God.

So as we begin our Christmas season, I look forward to celebrating the best gift that a person could ever have-the gift of salvation, the gift of Jesus Christ. I look forward this coming year to serving all of you in God's name.

**We are looking for servant opportunities in the Centralia area for the 2010 District Convention. (Sept. 24 in the afternoon). If you know of any organization that could use some extra hands for office work, light physical work, or educational help, please let Deb Wudtke know-call 618-346-6842 or email deb-wudtke@hotmail.com**

# Vice President of Christian Life Diane Grebing

*The purpose of Christian Life is to share information and materials that will help nurture the women in the Southern Illinois District as they grow spiritually to love and serve the Lord.*

### Grow, Grow, Growing

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.** (ESV) 2 Peter 3:18

As I write this article, it's the middle of October. The temperature is 47 degrees. Leaves are falling off the trees in my yard.

By the time you read this article, your trees will most likely be bare. One or more frosts may have occurred in your area. Fall is not traditionally the season when we think about growing vegetation. Instead, fall is the time when we put our gardens and fields to bed to lie dormant through the winter season. Not until the warmer days of spring will they once again exhibit growth.

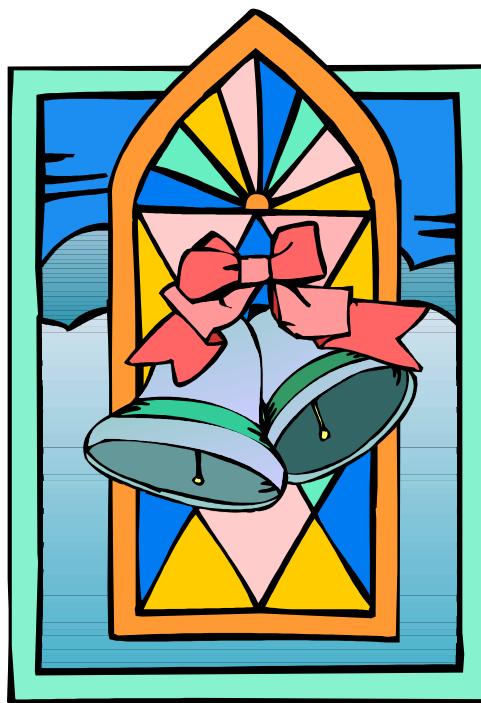
Our spiritual growth is another matter. When it comes to spiritual growth, God's Word tells us that there is never a dormant season. The words of 2 Peter 3:18 tell us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". This verse doesn't tell us to wait for a particular season or time to grow. *Grow* in this verse is an active and urgent command. Holy Scripture warns us not to become stagnant, dormant Christians. As 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." No wonder there's no time for dormancy in the life of a Christian.

Verse nine in 1 Peter 5 goes on to say, "Resist him, firm in your faith". Through a daily appointment **in** God's Word, the Holy Spirit gives us a shot in the arm that fortifies us to fight against Satan's attacks. Through a daily appointment **in** God's Word, the Holy Spirit reminds us of God's promises of care, forgiveness and love. Through exposure to God's Word, the Holy Spirit sustains us through joyful promises that fill our hearts with peace. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we become **of** His Word. God's truths become our truths and our knowledge of God's will for us grows and grows. Through a daily appointment **in** God's Word, the Holy Spirit empowers us to share the truth of Jesus' saving love with others as we **walk with** the Lord in all aspects of our lives. What a blessing God causes our daily appointments **in** His Word to be for us!

LWML provides many wonderful tools to help you to be **in, of and walking with** the Lord and His Word. Check

out the LWML catalog for new devotions, Bible studies, and programs for you and for your society and zone. There's even a brand-new CD you can order which features truths from the Psalms and inspiring Christian music to listen to as you walk or exercise! It's called, "Walking With the Lord: Verses From the Psalms to Guide Your Steps." You can access and order all catalog items at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and then click on "LWML Store". You can also request a full-color catalog by calling 1-800-252-5965. Or contact our district Public Relations Director Marie Voges. (See the back of this *Missionette* for contact information). You can also request a catalog from me, and I'll be happy to send you one. I'm also available to help you and your society get into God's Word. Call or email me. I'd love to help you! I'm praying that you'll make every season a growing season by getting into God's Word. Here's to season after season of every one of us grow, grow, growing together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To **Him** be the glory!

One more thing: The featured Bible verse in this article is also the theme verse for the upcoming SID LWML Convention. Mark your calendars to "GROW in GRACE", Sept. 24 and 25, 2010 at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in Centralia. Check out [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org) and future issues of the *Missionette* for more information.



**Have a Blessed Christmas!!**

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## Around the District

Upper Kaskaskia held its Fall Workshop at Bethlehem, Ferrin, Oct. 17. There were 45 in attendance. Norma Tucker, delegate to the National Convention, gave an inspirational report on events that took place in Portland. Attendees brought items to assemble 99 health kits and 44 school kits. Zone President LaVerne Brink and Norma took them to St. Louis where the delivery truck was waiting for them.

Zion, Bunker Hill, observed LWML Sunday. Diane Grebing wrote a devotional skit "LWML Sunday Informal" that was performed at the church on Oct. 4.

Lower Kaskaskia's Fall Fellowship at St. John's, Red Bud, featured Paula Willig of Chester who spoke about the ministry to the deaf.

*A smile is a powerful weapon; you can even break the ice with it.*

*Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day.*

## Gifts of Love

### Memorials

\*Hannah Arbeiter  
Marjorie Backs  
Alvin Beck  
Mary Brown  
Lucille Buch  
Ruth Burgdorf  
LaVerne Falkenhein  
Ray Johnson  
\*Erwin Krause  
\*Edith Marshall  
Sandusky  
Henry Schmidt  
Marjorie Turner  
Jeanie Vieweg  
Rea Vordtriede  
Lydia Weidner  
Freda Yuna  
Honor  
\*Bernell Buettner  
\*Melissa Schreder

### Hospitalized

\*Shirley Wheatley  
Birthday  
\*Mary Gray (60)  
Marriage  
\*Rev. Larry Meinzen  
& Peggy Sachtleben  
Retirement  
Rev. Warren Huffines  
Ministry Milestone  
\*Rev. Tim Scharr  
(25 years)  
Anniversary  
\*John & Phyllis  
Robinson (40)



\*Denotes Student Assistance Fund

Correction: Memorial was for Kenny Davis, not David