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THE LION HAS ROARED – WHO WILL NOT FEAR? THE LORD GOD HAS SPOKEN – WHO CAN BUT PROPHECY? (AMOS 3:8)

The Lion's Roar

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”

Serving Appalachia

In June, Judy and I along with Dolores (spelled d-o-l-o-r-e-s but pronounced “Beverly”) Johnson and Lisa Ticaric took 17 of our youth to the far eastern edge of Ohio to an LCMS Servant Event. We joined about 50 other people to sleep on the floor of the cafeteria at Caldwell High School and eat our meals at the Lutheran Social Services warehouse and offer whatever abilities we had to the people of that community. Our kids re-soffited a man's house, cleared a mountain of brush, painted, cleaned, built a shed, mowed acres of grass, built a porch, laid outdoor carpet (the same one twice – ask Zach Barry if you want outdoor carpet laid – he is an expert now) and finished about 40 of the 61 projects Lutheran Social Services had gathered together (the rest will be finished by small groups to follow during the summer). Our youth made a difference in Appalachia and that is a nice byproduct.

Byproduct? Yes. Byproduct. The good that we do is only a byproduct of the real reason for a servant event. The real reasons are as follows:

1. At no other time do I get to spend an intensive week with our youth away from their comfort zone of parents, home and friends, working side by side and talking to them about things that are on their minds and challenging them to reach deeper and think harder about things spiritual.
2. At no other time do we get to exercise our faith during the day and then debrief in devotions that night, having the opportunity to sort through what God has shown us.
3. At no other time do our youth get to live, work, worship and eat together for an entire week thus forming bonds that last a lifetime.
4. In 19 years of ministry, the youth who participate in the servant events are always the ones who remain strongest and most steadfast in the faith. These are my youth who are now adult church leaders, youth directors, teachers and pastors. They hunger to find ways to serve God continuously.

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So, while we are always happy to do as Jesus did and serve our fellow people on earth, we gain far more spiritually than we give. In fact, our 17 youth who participated will be unpacking all that they experienced for some time to come and that is why almost every youth who experiences a servant event wants to go again. Watch and see what the Lord does through the youth of Trinity. They are an amazing and wonderful group of people.

In His Service,

Pastor Rogers

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center. We will be setting up the next 6 months schedule. Each member serves 2 months during the year. Anyone wanting to join Altar Guild or needing information about the duties involved is invited to attend.

Please contact Marilyn Felz (630-627-2409) if you have any questions.

Lutheran Women 's Missionary League 33rd Biennial Convention June 25-28 - Portland, Oregon LOOK TO THE HILLS.....GOD REIGNS

The City of Roses welcomed the 3200 LWML conventioners to the hills of Portland, where God reigns, hosted by the Oregon, Utah-Idaho and Washington-Alaska Districts. Cynthia Behrens, President of the Oregon District LWML welcomed us with "We're so glad you're here. We have been waiting for you for eight years!" It is our prayer that during your visit to our beautiful Rose City, you will be confident that God reigns as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, and that you will be energized to share His love and peace with others both while you are here and when you return home."

Attendees had seven different ways to show their servant hearts: Braille Book of the Bible (compiled Deuteronomy in Amharic), Backpacks for Underprivileged Children (Transitional School in Portland), Quilts (for homeless shelters), Personal Care Kits (Doernbecher Children's Hospital), Communication Station (Letters to missionaries), Decorating Flowerpots and miniature birdhouses (for Bethesda residences), Latino Ministry (Highlighting Spanish materials for Lutheran Hour Outreach in Mexico).

Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher, the Celebration Service proclaimer, spoke about God's Reign and the rain garden on the rooftop of the Oregon Convention Center that captures nine acres of falling water. "God does rain on us abundantly, but here it is usually softly, slowly, and tenderly. Turn your umbrella upside down and catch the blessings".

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LWML President

Music Opportunities at Trinity

There are opportunities at Trinity for anyone to sing or play instruments, whether as a soloist or in an ensemble. For more information, please contact Mary Stahlke at 708-771-7842.

Adults

- Jubilate Choir** Rehearses every Thursday (8:00 - 9:00pm) in the Music Room. This choir leads the congregation in worship and helps them learn new music. They sing approximately every other week and for many of the major feast days of the church year. An ability to read music is not necessary. Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009.
- Bells of Praise** Rehearses every Thursday (7:00 - 8:00pm) in the balcony of the sanctuary. This hand bell ensemble plays approximately once a month and for many major feast days of the church year. If you can count to four, you can play hand bells! Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009.
- String Ensemble** Erik Grant leads a group for string players (e.g., guitar, violin) that meets on Sundays at 1:00pm. For further information, telephone Erik at 630-670-8472.
- Instrumental Ensemble** This group rehearses as needed for major festivals of the church year (Christmas, Easter and Pentecost) Contact Mary Stahlke at 708-771-7842.
- Soloists** Both singers and instrumentalists can perform as soloists or with a small ensemble. Rehearsals are scheduled on an individual basis. Please contact Mary Stahlke at 708-771-7842.

Youth

- Hand Chime Ensemble** A portion of the confirmation training on Wednesdays for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is devoted to worship and music, including instruction in hand chimes. The Hand Chime Ensemble participates in worship services approximately four times per year. Confirmation-age students also worship each Sunday morning at the Sunday School opening in the chapel at 9:15am. Confirmation training ends each school year on Palm Sunday.
- String Ensemble** Erik Grant leads a group for string players (e.g., guitar, violin) that meets on Sundays at 1:00pm. For further information, telephone Erik at 630-670-8472.
- Instrumental Ensemble** This group rehearses as needed for major festivals of the church year such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Please contact Mary Stahlke at 708-771-7842.
- Soloists** Any singer or instrumentalist from 6th to 12th grade can perform as a soloist or in a small ensemble. Rehearsals are scheduled on an individual basis. Please contact Mary Stahlke at 708-771-7842.

Sunday School

- Children's Choir** This ensemble of elementary-school-age children rehearses on Sundays in the music room during the Sunday School hour. Children from second to fifth grades are welcome, and they sing for worship services approximately four times per year.
- Cherub Choir** This choir for our youngest singers rehearses during the Sunday School hour in the pre-K classroom. They sing in worship services approximately four times per year.

June 2009 Financial Comparison

Income	2009	2008	Diff.
Basket	2,144	3,733	-1,589
Unified Envelope	143,913	125,724	+18,189
Special Envelopes	15,462	15,658	-196
Debt Retirement	21,842	20,210	+1,632
Budget Income	183,361	165,325	+18,036
Non-Budget Income	3,588	3,146	+442
Income	186,949	168,471	+18,478
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	182,847	187,818	-4,971
Non-budgeted Expenses	940	501	+439
Total Expenses	183,787	188,319	-4,537
General Operating Fund	2,890	-20,038	+22,928

Our Income/Contributions are up \$18,478 from last year, which includes \$11,510 from special plea envelopes. Our expenses are down \$4,532 from last year.

Our General Operating Fund is an improvement of \$22,928 from last year, a terrific improvement.

Should you have any questions on this comparison please contact Warren Sheridan, Treasurer.

Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 6/30/09

Income	\$3,026.50
Paid to Jack Gilbert	929.00
Jack Gilbert gave to TLC-Social Ministry Fund	2,097.50
Fund Balance	\$00.00

**New Computer/Phone System Fund (\$29,000 approved by 11/07 Voter's Meeting)
(\$2,500 approved by 11/08 Voter's Meeting)**

<u>Expenses-Computer</u>	
Dell Marketing L. P.	8,346.23
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	139.30
M.R. Keith & Associates	4,517.62
<u>Expenses-Phone</u>	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	27,656.82
<u>Income</u>	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	26,656.82
Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	26,656.82
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$4,843.18

The Stoplight

On Sunday, June 21 I gathered with 17 youth, and 2 other chaperones around the altar as Pastor Rogers commissioned us for our trip to Caldwell, a little town in southeastern Ohio. The purpose of this trip was to spend a week doing service for the residents there who needed help with their homes and also share the love of Christ with them.

Immediately after the 8:00 worship service ended we headed to the parking lot to finish packing our suitcases, pillows, and tool boxes into the cars and rented 15 passenger van. Parents said “good-bye” to their apprehensive children who piled into the vehicles, and then we were off. This was a completely new experience for all of us and the details that most interested the kids were unknown – what the sleeping arrangements would be, where we would shower, what kind of food we would eat, exactly how many others would be there and where were they from...



The trip was to take about 9 hours, including the one we'd lose because of the change in time zone plus a few stops for bathroom breaks. The last stop was for a fast food meal and then the final stretch of the trip to this place named Caldwell began. The GPS took us through the back roads instead of along the major highway. As we wound around mountains and down steep hills, many of the kids who had never traveled on such roads declared this the best part of the trip. Although this “detour” was exciting, there was an underlying anxiety because it was slowing us down and we had a deadline to make.

Finally, we rolled into town and followed the map to our destination – Caldwell High School. As we arrived at the intersection next to the school we were caught by a stoplight hanging from wire. Not a car passed through that deserted intersection as the convoy sat there waiting for it to turn green. We wondered aloud what the purpose was for that light during the summer months when there were no buses or parents dropping off their children. Most importantly – it was delaying our arrival. We'd driven 475 miles to be sitting here in our little caravan so close, yet separated by this somewhat frustrating red light from the answers to all of our questions. The light turned green, we drove a few hundred yards to the entrance of the school and began our weeklong adventure. The uneasiness lessened as each found a small piece of real estate for air mattresses or sleeping bags. Over the next few hours we met other groups, learned what the routine for the week would be, and what type of work projects needed to be done, ready to settle into a routine.

The meals were served in a building about 6 blocks away. In order to get to that building we had to pass through the intersection with “the stoplight”. In fact, almost anywhere that we drove, the trip began with a pause at that intersection. Waiting at that light was actually quite annoying – keeping us from our meals a few minutes longer, delaying us from getting to our job sites, just getting in the way of life.

Right before dinner on the last night of the trip one of the youth from our church suffered a severely broken arm during a basketball game. He was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital (27 miles away). I sent the rest of the group ahead to eat while I stayed at the school to make phone calls and do paperwork. After completing these tasks I got into my car to head to dinner. I was alone for the first time in 6 days sitting in an overwhelming silence. Of course, I was again caught by a red light.

As I sat waiting for the green I looked around, surprised that I didn't recognize the scenery on these corners. As we passed this intersection day after day there was laughing and talking and concentration on our destination but very little notice paid to what was just outside of the car windows. Now in the quiet and the seriousness of the recent events the stoplight gave me a chance to pause. I used this moment to thank God for a week brimming with His goodness and to thank Him for watching over our injured youth. Maybe that light wasn't so annoying after all. Maybe it was a signal to slow down, to stop and enjoy the moment, to go forth with God's blessings. Back here in the hustle and bustle of the suburbs where the traffic control devices have a constant flow of traffic to direct, I try to continue having “stoplight moments” – listening to the Lord speak to me as I wait for my turn to go. Taking advantage of the opportunity to stop...

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Pat Rogers

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ridgeway
Mrs. Mary Rinda

In Loving Memory of G Walter Newlander

Given by: Mrs. Irene Dodge

In Loving Memory of Norine Kowall

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Scherer

In Loving Memory of Joseph Johnson, Sr.

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson

Going on Vacation?

Remember that you can always call the Church Office and get names of Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches you could visit when you're away from Trinity.

Also, let's all remember that Trinity's expenses continue while we are on vacation. Don't forget to keep your contributions current!

The Deadline is ...

The 11th of August for the September Tri-angles Newsletter. Please send any information or articles to Jenn Ellsworth at 134 E. Jackson in Villa Park, 60181, drop in the Church mail box marked Newsletter or e-mail me at jennart64@comcast.net

Potluck for Musicians

SINGERS! Start the school year with a party!

Do you like to sing? All are welcome to attend an evening of music and dining, as we peruse Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter music for the coming school year. You do not have to be a member of the choir to attend. Just bring a dish to pass in the Trinity Center on Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 pm. For further information, telephone the church office (630-834-3440) or Mary Stahlke (708-771-7842).

LOCAL LWML NEWS — SAVE THE DATES!!!

TLC's Society meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure you mark this on your calendar as this is our first ever weekday evening meeting.

LWML - Chicago Zone Fall Rally Servant Event will be on September 26, 2009 at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with church service as 9:00 a.m. Come for worship, Bible Study, Off-site/On-site Servant Projects, lunch and a short meeting. Make sure to bring your teen girls to participate and meet with the FISH Girls from Faith.

Mustang Sally's Drive-In Diner

Saturday, August 8th
5:30-8:00

Roller skating youth will serve you burgers, dogs, and root beer floats in your cars or at tables. Enjoy 50s music, games, and so much more!

You can pre-buy your food tickets on Sundays or purchase food at the "diner".

Your generosity while enjoying our youth-sponsored events directly benefits The Trinity Youth on their journey to the National Youth Gathering 2010 in New Orleans.

Calendar

August Events

Sunday the 2nd-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed Hour

3- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

4- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

8:00 p.m. AA

5- 6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

6- Youth Trip Day

6:30 p.m. Boxing

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

8- Mustang Sally's Drive-in

Sunday the 9th-

COFFEE HOUR

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed Hour

10- Tri-angle Deadline

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

11- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

8:00 p.m. AA

12- 6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

13- 6:30 p.m. Boxing

14-16- Confirmation Retreat

Sunday the 16th-

FOOD DRIVE

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed Hour

17- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

18- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

8:00 p.m. AA

19- 6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

20- 6:30 p.m. Boxing

Sunday the 23th-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed Hour

24- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

25- 6:00 p.m. Boxing

8:00 p.m. AA

26- 6:15 p.m. ESL Class

6:30 p.m. Big House

27- 6:30 p.m. Boxing

Sunday the 30th-

9:15 a.m. Christian Ed Hour

CHURCH PICNIC

31- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon

6:00 p.m. Boxing

6:30 p.m. ESL Class

August Birthdays

2- Jodie Esposito

LeRoy Reinke III

4- Kylie Gehrt

Amanda Richardson

Lois Schumacher

Jim Van Ewyk

5- Jennifer Wojtas

6- Bill Bennin

David Stahlke

7- Cody Golz

Joseph Jaent

Marsha Pansera

8- Scott Golz

Tom Price

Mike Wendorf

9- Keith Wojtas

10- Steve Boudro

Kelly Campagna

John Dorn

11- Taylor Doyle

12- Lawrence Giambelluca Jr.

Celeste Golz

13- Aliyah Brockie

Jean Elliott

Kristy Golz

Mary Matthews

Wilifred Schneider

Paul Stolzman

14- Joe Tomasek

Anita Wass

Mark Zoellner

15- Tina Janopoulos

16- Ashley Grote

18- Sue Pfannes

Roger Pittelko

Jason Reinke

20- Gordon Busse

Darlene Hosbach

21- Veronica DeJong`

Charlotte Studtmann

22- Lydia Agnes

Jessica Cwik

Hilde Depner

Natalie Grote

Justin Rodenbostel

23- Lauren Anderson

Amy Zyk

24- Dorothy Jones

25- Daniel Belknap

Kasey Golz

Jean Mazurk

Pat Saunders

26- Jennifer Carlson

Brandon Guillemette

Quentin Stubbs

Paul Studtmann

27- Joel Von Hagel

28- Robert Thompson

29- Doris Burmeister

Patricia Von Hagel

30- Jeff Blankensop

Barbara Larsh

Candy Richardson

31- Sandra Joplin

Jacob Koors

Melody McCallister

Jonathan Studtmann

August Anniversaries

3- Tim & Barb Tomasek

4- Bob & Debbie Thompson

Mike & Lisa Ticaric

6- Richard & Myrna Van Swol

8- Ernie & Kay Frindt

11- Greg & Jenn Ellsworth

12- Keith & Nancy Wojtas

13- Ralph & Diana Watkins

14- Martin & Jean Mazurk

15- Wm. & Charlotte Hermann

16- Frank & Sue Ann Gagliano

17- Steve & JoAn Boudro

18- Jonathan & Mary Stahlke

21- Steve & Jane Seeger

24- Kate & Donald Nack

Michael & Cynthia Wendorf

26- John & Brenda Nordine

Tom & Mary Rinda

27- Keith & Carol Speers

29- Nick & Tina Janopoulos

Neal & Diane Rodenbostel

31- Gary & Laura Bach

Terrance & Nancy King



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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Dolores Johnson and Lisa Ticaric for being awesome chaperones on the servant event.

Drivers for Summer Trip Days.

Bert Dale, Tom Head, Joe Urso, and Mike Ticaric for all they did to make the Big House float a success for the 4th of July parade.

Erik Grant, who has led the string ensemble (formerly the guitar ensemble) for several years. Besides directing rehearsals, Erik also arranges the music that the group plays.

Worship Services

Saturday, August 1-	5:30 Chapel
Sunday, August 2-	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 8-	5:30 Chapel
Sunday, August 9-	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 16-	5:30 Chapel
Sunday, August 17-	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 23-	5:30 Chapel
Sunday, August 24-	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 30-	5:30 Chapel
Sunday, August 31-	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

Please note that Holy Communion will be served at all of the August worship services.

Lutheran Women 's Missionary League 33rd Biennial Convention Continued..

President Janice Wendorf, the 16th president of the LWML recalled the three-part vision that has been the focus of the last biennium: In the Word, honoring a daily appointment with the Father and His Word; Of the Word, made over by the Holy Spirit, forgiven, and restored; and Walking with the Lord, totally confident of Christ's presence in serving and living. "I would like to expand upon this vision and enable each of you to make it your own", requested President Wendorf. "Today is a new beginning, a day of personal commitment, a new day for LWML. In fact, this is exactly where we need to be!"

A standing ovation welcomed LCMS President Dr. Gerald R. Kieschnick and First Lady Terry as they brought greetings to the convention. President Kieschnick commended the LWML for the example it sets for the rest of Synod with a spirit of joy, hope, camaraderie, passion for mission, and love for the Lord and His Church. "I count it a humble privilege to serve with you, my sisters and brothers".

Bible Study Leader, Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Professor of Education at Concordia University, Wisconsin, encouraged participants to look at the Bible with new eyes and shared her background as a pastor's daughter in Chester, Illinois. She challenged us to think about Naomi and how life has changed for women since her time...or has it? She encourage us to take a young woman to coffee to connect. " It only takes a minute, and Jesus becomes the center of the conversation", she remarked.

The keynote speaker, Ruth N. Koch, invited convention attendees to join her on a virtual hike up Mount Cambio, the "Mountain of Change". She illustrated the importance of trying something new to welcome all women into the LWML. Women of the postmodern generation are not attracted to "women's groups". They prize relationships; they don't want to get stuck in a system or become just another cog in an organizational wheel. She spoke about embracing young adult women with a new kind of LWML hug: Loving-Welcome-Made possible by the Limitless love of God.

The 601 delegates chose a mission goal of \$1,825,000 for the 2009-2011 biennium of which \$1,334,982 will go toward missions. This is an increase of \$125,000 over the previous goal. Praise God for blessing the LWML with mission-minded women. This new goal is the largest in the organization's 67-year history and will fund a record 19 mission grants:

• Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief	\$ 80,000
• Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank Relocation	\$ 50,000
• The Carpenter's Hands-Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida	\$ 26,000
• Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma & Louisiana	\$ 50,000
• Digitize Classes for Pastor Programs, Concordia/Fort Wayne, IN	\$ 36,000
• 10 Chapels, Transportation and Pastoral Training in Tanzania	\$ 88,000
• Body and Soul Care for Children in India	\$ 50,000
• LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials	\$ 50,000
• Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles - Africa	\$100,000
• Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism	\$100,000
• The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants - Ohio	\$ 90,000
• Human Care & Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia & Lithuania	\$ 87,500
• Mission Support to Disabled Children - Dominican Republic	\$ 50,000
• Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology	\$100,000
• Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan	\$ 90,000
• Intl Student Ministry Provides Bibles /Christ-Oriented Resources	\$ 30,000
• Earthquake Relief Aid & Church Plants in Peru	\$100,000
• Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission in St. Louis	\$ 75,000
• Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Fields in North Korea (Partial)	\$ 87,482
Mission2009-2011 Total	\$1,334,982.00

"The LWML has a profound understanding of God's mission to the world," stated Rev. Dr. Thomas Zehnder, Executive Director of LCMS World Mission. "LWML women have hearts for missions to share the Gospel of Jesus...God bless you as we work together for Jesus' mission". Rev. Zehnder introduced two career missionaries, Michelle Hoepper and Danelle Putman, who then shared their mission work.

Delegates also elected new officers to help lead the organization over the next four years:

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| • Patti Ross of Tulsa, Oklahoma | Vice President of Christian Life |
| • Linda Arnold of Woodridge, Illinois | Vice President of Communication |
| • Marilyn McClure of Tucson, Arizona | Vice President of Gospel Outreach |
| • Judy Carlson of Paola, Kansas | Recording Secretary |
| • Rev. Kris Whitby of Arlington Heights, Illinois | Pastoral Counselor |

The Board of Directors has chosen Salt Lake City, Utah, as the site of the 37 Biennial LWML Convention in 2017, hosted by the Utah-Idaho, Rocky Mountain, and Wyoming Districts.

Convention Offerings (as of 7/1/09) are as follows:

1. 2009-2011 LWML Mission Goal	\$40,114.89
2. Lutheran Hispanic Lay training Program/Pacific SW District	\$23,974.21
3. Alaska Mission for Christ	\$28,117.29
4. LWML Endowment Fund	\$52,606.01

Gifts from the Heart Tally:

- 308 Health Kits
- 194 Art Kits
- 697 Packages of Socks (5-10 pairs per pkg)
- 308 Teddy Bears
- 421 Packages of T-shirts (1-5 per pkg)
- 1,776 Miscellaneous Items

The convention also featured processions with banners from all 40 LWML districts and the flags of 38 of the 50 countries where LCMS has missionaries; activities for children and youth gave them a Mountaintop Experience at Camp Hood; Early Saturday morning, 871 walkers and exercisers were in motion for missions.

Friday evening entertainment was singer Lauren Randall and inspiration from speaker Heidi Floyd of the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. On Saturday we were all entertained by the Pride of Portland, a 125-plus chorus which shares their love of cappella harmony in the barbershop style. They collected and presented a check for \$300.00 to President Wendorf for our mite goal making them the first entertainment group to give us a check!

See you in Peoria - June 23-26, 2011, are the dates for the 34 Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois. Where is Peoria? As Ruby Begonia told us, "Just look to the hills and keep walking until you reach the cornfields!"

"Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace!" Nahum 1:15a

More information about LWML and the convention can be found on the website -- www.LWML.org.