



Lutheran Women  
*in Mission*

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

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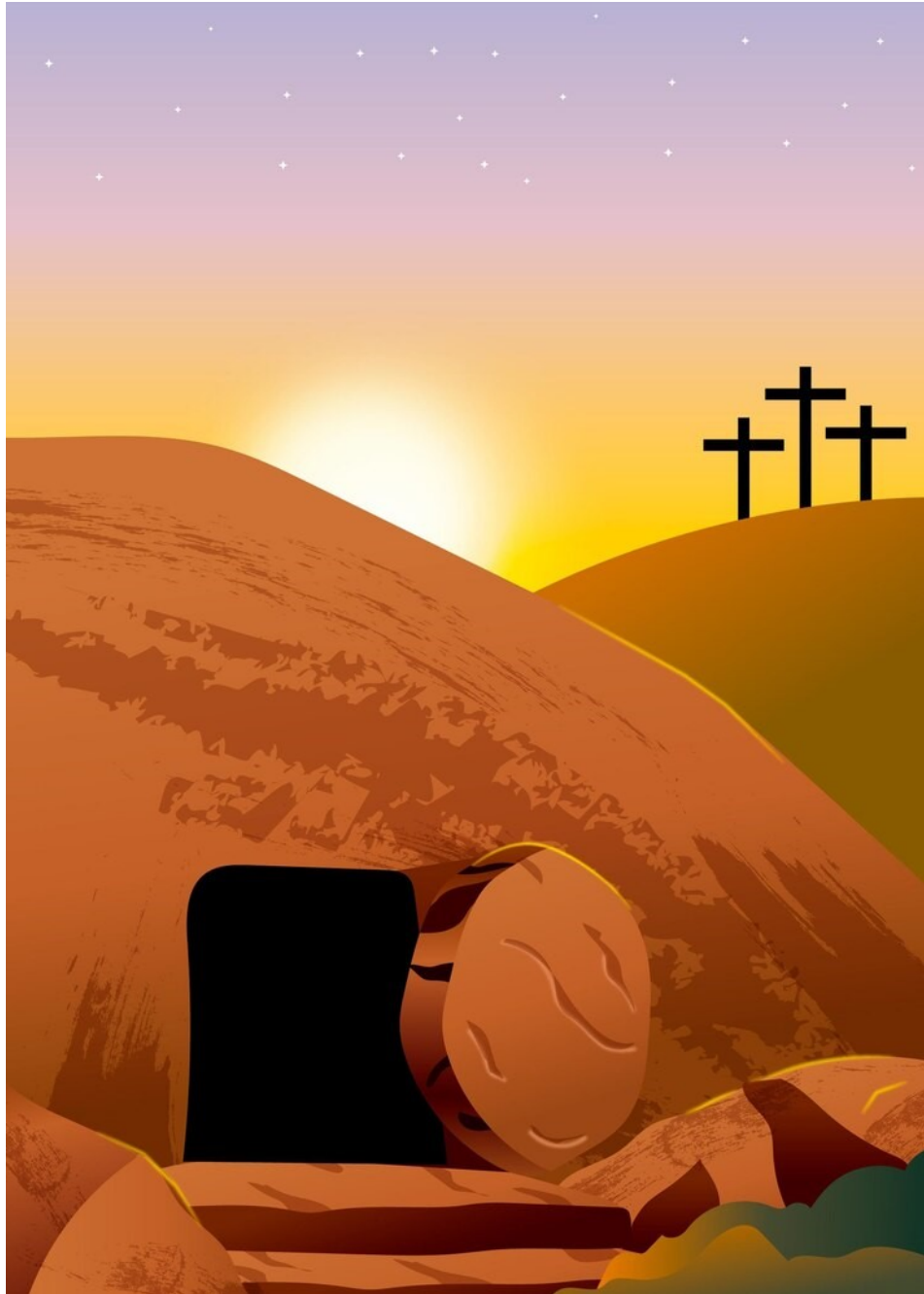


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## Easter Women

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Deaconess Liz Borth



Depending on the translation of Luke 24:11, the women returning from Jesus' empty tomb spoke nonsense, or told an idle tale. Nonsense is defined as foolish or absurd language; something of no importance or usefulness but also insolent and pretentious behavior. Insolence can mean arrogant or brash disrespect; not constrained within proper or established limits. How could the Apostles who had spent three years learning and living with Jesus, who encouraged these women to follow Him, think that they spoke nonsense regarding the empty tomb and Jesus' missing body? I know that many times what a woman has to contribute to any conversation is patronized as useless information, and that attitude really infuriates me! But stepping back and reviewing the scene from a different perspective, I see this group of mourning and grieving men thinking an excited and joyous announcement of folded grave clothes, no body, a sealed stone rolled away, and an angel sitting inside, were completely improper and brash disrespect. Just simply poor manners during the mourning period. However, they did follow up on what was reported, and found no nonsense in the women's report. The first to hear the good news were women who loved Jesus deeply; who spoke truth in love to hurting and confused people.

Ladies, I plead with you to speak fervently and earnestly regarding your love for Christ Jesus. We women of the LWML share God's love and message of hope, grace, and mercy through service, mission support, and working together to uplift and encourage each other in faith. Our mission is to proclaim Christ!

## VP SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Linda Meseke



Believing the unbelievable – it isn't something that comes naturally. However, as Christians, we believe God's Word through our faith. The disciples had been told that Jesus must rise from the dead – Jesus had said it himself. But, they had to see it to believe it! They had to look into that tomb. *"Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed."* (John 20:8). The women weren't crazy – Jesus really wasn't there, and they knew what that meant.

Think about something unbelievable that you had to see to believe. For me, we waited over a year to adopt our youngest daughter from China. Over the course of that year, I had many times that were full of doubt, even though it seemed I prayed constantly. It was truly believable when they put a wide eyed beautiful one year old in my arms! A blessing – His blessing! It was His blessing that day at the tomb as well. He blesses us every day, and many times it takes believing the unbelievable. TRUST HIM! Believe His promises! He has all things planned out according to His good and gracious will, for each and every one of us! Take opportunities to share the Easter truth, the unbelievable, with people around you in your day-to-day walk. Some may think you are crazy, but through faith, you can make it believable for them!

### A "Glimpse" of our Fall Retreat

Epworth by the Sea, in St. Simons Island, Georgia, is a lovely, relaxing atmosphere where we will gather and together praise the Lord through our words, music, prayer and activities.

- ◆ Lots of Fellowship Opportunities
- ◆ Great Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Wonderful Servant Event
- ◆ Beautiful Scenery

Join us September 5th-7th  
by sending in your registration early!

## VP MISSION SERVICE

Silvia Grasberger

He is Risen! He has Risen indeed, Alleluia! As Lutheran Women we are called to serve our Lord with gladness. This service starts at home with our family and is extended to our church family, neighbors, and community. There are times when we are called to serve even when we do not like what we must do. Recently there was a group of young teens that were running in our neighborhood trying to kick in doors. This time one of them broke our front window, luckily the police were able to catch up with the young man. The young man was reprimanded, and his family was forced to pay for the repairs. I was truly angry with this

young man; why did he do this?! God tugged at my heart to pray for him and his family for forgiveness, and I did as he asked. Did I do it with gladness? Not at first, but by the end of lifting the young man and his family to the Lord I felt peace in my heart.



This September we will be gathering at Epworth by The Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia for our district retreat. See details later in this Evangel.

## VP COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Hanes

Were you at the convention last September? Do you remember how fast and easy it was to vote? Wasn't it kind of fun to see the results so quickly? Do you also recall how the computer people and non-computer people worked together to make sure everyone knew what to do?

Gone are the days of calling technology nonsense. It is so ingrained into our daily lives that to not use it seems like nonsense.

That is why the LWML FL-GA district found two new ways to use technology to make things easier for you: a self-updating directory and a Find Your Zone page on our website.

The self-updating directory is for all LWML members. It allows you to update your contact info, zone info, and profile picture any time you want. Once you log in and update it, the Membership

Resources Chairperson automatically gets an email telling her you updated it, and she can see what changes you made. You don't even need to contact her to let her know! The best part is only LWML members can see your information because we are keeping your data private.

The Find Your Zone page allows you to find a LWML FL-GA zone by zone name or by county. When you click on the zone, you can see the Zone President's name and you can email her directly from the website.

Look for an email in the next few weeks with easy instructions on how to create your own member profile. I look forward to seeing you online.



## LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Sheryl Lutz



Even though I didn't personally see the risen Jesus (yet), I believe He has and is risen. Although "non-sense" to non-believer, those same folks believe throwing good money after bad will somehow make good results. The best way I can change their minds/hearts is to

be the best me I can, showing Jesus' love through my actions, "serving Him with gladness" wherever I can.

I am always surprised by God's ways! Who knew when I was invited to my first church LWML meeting that I'd be doing the positions and work that I am doing today? My first District Convention in the fall of 2010 is where I got an inkling of the impact we women make

in the world, and I wanted to be part of it!

As an Easter Woman, I find strength in this community of fellow believing ladies and pastors. Our shared faith creates a bond that transcends individual struggles, age, and anything else that separates folks in the natural world. We can and do offer support and encouragement to each other, making it easier for us to pass that on to the rest of the world through our Mission Grants, love, and prayers for them.

We have received funds in Memory of:

Sharlene Miers, by Steve and Sandy Wilson;

Departed zone members, by the Suncoast Zone;

Anna Vetter, by Carol Lynn and Ron Scheer.

Paying Mites by Paypal?

Please add 3% to your donation to cover the fee.

## TREASURER

Bunnie Koelsch



During this Easter season, we are reminded of themes of renewal, hope, and generosity — values that resonate deeply within our LWML community. As Treasurer, I have the privilege of overseeing the financial heartbeat of our

organization, ensuring that our resources are stewarded wisely and used to uplift and empower.

This Easter season let us reflect on the ways we as Lutheran Easter Women, can give — not just financially, but through our time, support, and

encouragement to one another. Our programs, initiatives, and outreach efforts are made possible because of your generosity and dedication. Whether it is contributing to our latest Mission Grants, volunteering for an event, or simply offering words of kindness, your involvement makes a difference.

As we celebrate Easter, let us continue to build a strong foundation for the future, ensuring that our community thrives beyond this season of renewal. Thank you for your ongoing support — may this Easter season bring joy, blessings, and a renewed spirit for all.

New Emails:

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Sheryl Lutz lwmlflgafinancialsecretary@gmail.com



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER — JR. COUNSELOR

Rev. Paul R. Meseke

To "bear witness" to our Easter hope — the hope that comes from Christ's resurrection — means living in a way that shows we truly believe life has conquered death, love has conquered fear, and mercy has conquered sin. Here are a few ways we can bear witness to that hope:

**Living with Joy:** Not just surface-level happiness, but a deep joy rooted in the belief that death and suffering do not have the final word. Even in hardship, we can radiate a joy that points beyond the present moment.

**Being Agents of Reconciliation:** The Resurrection shows us that forgiveness is possible. When we seek reconciliation — forgiving those who wrong us and asking forgiveness ourselves — we are living out the Easter message.

**Practicing Courageous Love:** Easter hope makes us brave. We can step into the messiness of life — the pain of others, the injustice of the world — with a bold, self-giving

love, because we know love has already won.

**Proclaiming with our Lives:** Sometimes words are necessary, but often our lives are the loudest testimony. Living with integrity, compassion, patience, and trust points people to the risen Christ.

**Walking with the Broken:** Easter hope doesn't mean ignoring suffering. It means walking alongside it, bringing hope where there is despair, just like Christ bore our wounds and rose with them transformed.

I have for many years wondered how God collects coins, bills, and checks to "give" to hundreds, no thousands, of ministries: He does it through us all in the LWML. The world might call this "nonsense", but God says *Let's do it together*. My joy and honor is that I get to be a part of that reality.



Our Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Dana Narring has resigned his position. He telephoned President Liz and explained that his congregation granted and encouraged him to take a sabbatical as soon as possible. He felt he would not be available to give to the LWML what time he felt the District deserves. He also shared how much he loves serving the women in our LWML Florida-Georgia District.

Your Executive Committee is actively working to fill Rev. Narring's term. In the meantime, Rev. Paul Meseke, recently elected Junior Pastoral Counselor for the second time, is well prepared and confident he can to handle all the needed duties of our Pastoral Counselor team.

Pray for wisdom for your elected officers to discern how Our Lord directs us.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR — Lois Ford**

**Committee:** Lois Ford, Chairman, Elizabeth Borth, LWML District President, Cheryl Briggs, VP Mission Grants, Rev. Paul Meseke, Pastoral Counselor

**2025-26 Scholarship Recipients****Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri**

Andrew Chryne, 1<sup>st</sup> year, from St. Paul, Lakeland, Florida

Joshua Gillespie, 1<sup>st</sup> year, from St Peter, Middleburg, Florida

Tanner Gossman, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, Georgia

Ryan Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from Concordia, Sarasota, Florida

Stephen Peeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from Faith, Eustis, Florida

Matthew Shipman, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from Our Redeemer, Augusta, Georgia

Raleigh Sims, SMP to GPC, from Ascension, Casselberry, Florida

Joshua Willoughby, 1<sup>st</sup> year, from Trinity, Savannah, Georgia

**Deaconess**

Rachel Lingsch (soon to be Mrs. Uttley) from Grace, Naples, Florida

**Vicar**

Jacob Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> year, Warner Robins, Georgia

Euder Paul, 5<sup>th</sup> year, Our Savior, Lake Worth, Florida

**Vicar to LCMS Office of International Mission**

Joshua Wareham, from Faith, Eustis, Florida — in Dominican Republic

**Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Leonard Mogelvang, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Grace, Naples, Florida.

**Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin**

Jane Michael, Christus Victor, Athens, Georgia — EDU

**Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Nebraska**

Evelyn Schwartz, St. Paul, Peachtree City, Georgia — EDU

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord to the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Luke 10:2)*

**EVANGEL EDITOR — Cynthia Foley**

Why do so many articles in this Evangel mention “nonsense”? Because I asked the Board of Directors members to write about being Easter Women. God’s ways are not man’s ways. The Apostles thought the women’s report of an empty tomb was nonsense. Yet God chose these women to be His witnesses. *“It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.”* (Luke 24:10-11 NIV).

My parents were raised in Christian homes but both stopped trusting God. For them, miracles were unscientific. How could a loving God allow good people to suffer? Sadly, they were not the only ones to struggle with God’s ways.

Today, as LWML members, we are Easter Women, chosen to be His witnesses to our communities and beyond. God really allowed one perfect man, Jesus, to suffer for the sins of the world. God really raised His Son from the dead. Will people think that our message is nonsense? Perhaps, but that doesn’t stop it from being true.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR — Louise Cox



The 2026 LWML FL-GA District Convention may seem like a long way off, but the Nominating Committee is accepting nomination recommendation forms now for the following positions to be elected in September, 2026:

- ✝ **Vice President Communications**
- ✝ **Vice President Mission Service**
- ✝ **Recording Secretary**
- ✝ **Treasurer**
- ✝ **Pastoral Counselor**
- ✝ **Nominating Committee. (3 members)**

District Board members have copies of the Recommendation Form-Biennium B and descriptions of the duties for the officer positions. If you need more information, contact me at

Email: [grammylou.cox@gmail.com](mailto:grammylou.cox@gmail.com)

Phone: 478-957-7332

Recommendation forms are due:

for pastoral counselor **December 1, 2025**

for officers **February 15, 2026**.

Please give prayerful thought to possible candidates to recommend to the nominating committee for consideration for these positions. The committee appreciates your time and your prayers.

### NEXT EVANGEL DEADLINE

August 5, 2025

Send articles & photos to:

[evangel.flga@gmail.com](mailto:evangel.flga@gmail.com)

Write in **Word** with pics as attachments.

**Exec Board:** 250 words

**Zone Articles:** one paragraph plus pics

**PLEASE list everyone in all photos**

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Name:** Kathy McCartin

**Title:** Recording Secretary

**Home Church:** Prince of Peace Lutheran, Orlando, Florida

**First LWML Event:** FL-GA District Retreat, St. Petersburg, Sept. 2015.

**Day Job:** Retired

**Born in State:** Nebraska

**Confirmed in State:** Nebraska

**Reason for Moving to FL-GA District:** To be closer to my son, Jason McCartin, and to get out of the snow!

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16).

**Favorite LWML Memory:** Attending first National convention in Mobile, Alabama, 2019.

**VP Responsibilities:** Record proceedings of District Conventions, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings; prepare, submit and file minutes; serve as Credentials Chair and as member of the Finance Committee.



# Around the Zones...

## SOUTHWEST ZONE

Vicky Manietta - President

It has been said that because the women brought the news of the resurrection the male disciples did not believe it. In some historical contexts women's testimonies were not permissible in legal disputes. However, the text merely records that the women were the ones who witnessed the empty tomb, thus they were the ones to bring the news. Had it been a man who brought the news, it is likely that the disciples would still have considered the report nonsense or folly - Luke earlier writes that the true meaning was hidden from the disciples (chapter 18). Regardless of who brought the message, it would most likely have been heard as nonsense. Jesus was dead; the disciples knew it and were mourning it. To hear the news that Jesus was risen was incredible. It was truly unbelievable news, utter nonsense. The women did not hold back or wait for others, but brought the marvelous news.

The Gospel message remains nonsense to many in the world. Our call is to keep bringing it to the world.

**Zone Happenings:** The women of Saint Michael in Fort Myers visited ECHO Global Farm, an organization which, for more than 40 years, has been "spreading the love of God in Word and Seed." Find more at [ECHO.net.org](http://ECHO.net.org).



L-R: Marge Bennett, Tammy Wright

## TALLAHASSEE ZONE

Cyndy Pieplow - Co-President

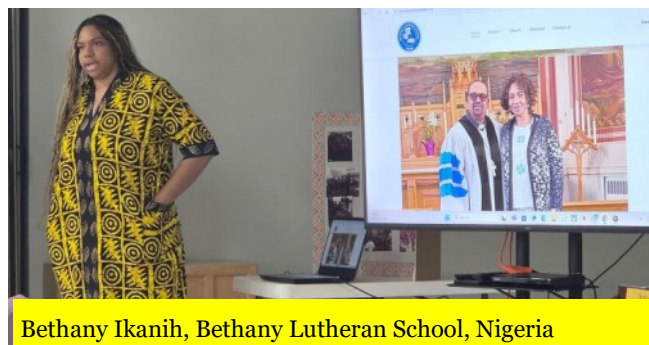
LWML of University Lutheran Tallahassee bore witness to our Easter hope this Spring by participating in a program sponsored by WCTV television in Tallahassee.

Each year the station asks the community to provide jars of peanut butter and jelly. The PBJPLZ! program is designed to help children in the summer months when they do not have access to free meals at school. Donations also help to stock school pantries that are up and running in Leon County Schools. The small group collected 69 jars from their church to add to the truckloads that are being collected showing their love for the children of the area.

## ATLANTA ZONE

Sarah Elston - Co-President

Prince of Peace in Douglasville was the host congregation for our Spring rally held April 26th. "That All May Know...That All May Grow" was the theme of the Rally. Jessica Ikanih, spoke to us about Bethany Lutheran School in Asaba, Nigeria. Her parents started the school in 2017, in their native country. They are able to educate, feed, and provide uniforms for \$40 US dollars per child per year. Our monetary Gifts from the Heart raised \$1264 to help continue this Christian education to some of the poorest children in the region. Thanks to the Women of Peace for such a wonderful day in fellowship!



Bethany Ikanih, Bethany Lutheran School, Nigeria



# Around the Zones...

## ST. PETERSBURG ZONE

Gail Leppert - President



Zone board consists of L-R Pastor Apple, Donna Tobin, Jane Otte, Gail Leppert, Liz Borth and Jayne Barnhart

Our zone rally was held April 5 at First Lutheran Church in Clearwater, with 55 women in attendance. A speaker from Bless the Children shared their program's many areas of outreach for poor and vulnerable children. Each church in the zone brought items to be assembled at the rally into student kit bags. Each kit contains a drawstring backpack, spiral notebook, two pocket folder, six new unsharpened pencils, small pencil sharpener, large eraser, six ballpoint pens, twelve inch ruler, round tip scissors, box of 24 crayons, toothbrush, small tube of toothpaste, bar of soap, and washcloth. A total of 200 kits were assembled for children in Central America, the Caribbean, and potentially Africa.

## GREATER ORLANDO ZONE

Carol Lynn Scheer - President

Our LWML Spring Rally was hosted by the ladies of Faith Lutheran Church of Eustis. Our theme was "Prayers of Faith" from James 5:13-15 which was carried out in our opening communion worship service and our Bible study led by our VP of Spiritual Growth, Sharon Shyrock.

Our guest speaker was from Forward Paths of Leesburg. Forward Paths help homeless unaccompanied youths and young adults who age out of foster care in Lake County. Forward Paths, which is one of LWML FL-GA District Grant recipients, received the highest vote count at our 2024 September Convention. District President Liz Borth helped present the check of \$10,000 the amount of the grant. Jan Voightman and Susan Ashcraft, from Faith, wrote the grant proposal.

Our Gifts from the Heart recipient was Agape House Ministry. The speaker shared that residents of Lake County who visit Agape House are provided with non-perishable food and protein items. A food ingathering was collected, and a dedication was given for the agency.

A special highlight was reactivating Woodlands, Monteverde as a group in our zone. Eight of their ladies attended the rally.



L-R: Jan Voightman, Susan Ashcraft (from Faith) Sally Palmer, Arlene Golden (Forward Paths) and LWML District President, Liz Borth

# Around the Zones...

## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ZONE

Sheryl Lutz - President

Our Spring Rally was held at Trinity, Summerfield with 44 attendees. The theme was “Garden of Hope” from *“It is like a mustard seed”* (Luke 13:19 NIV). Everything was based on the growth of spring flowers, and that our faith should be growing as well. Sheryl Dewitt from Redeeming Life was the speaker for our Gifts from the Heart, a maternity home for single expectant mothers. Several guests were in attendance, including Lois Ford, LWML FL-GA District Scholarship Chairman, and Carol Lynn Scheer-former NCFL Zone President and current Greater Orlando Zone President. It’s always nice to see them both!

## SOUTH PALM BEACH ZONE

Cindy Slinker - President

Ladies from South Palm Beach Zone joined Treasure Coast zone for the 2025 spring rally at the Church of the Redeemer, Vero Beach. Lori Durante, Trinity, Delray Beach, hosted a Lenten discussion group based on the book, *“Setting the Record Straight”*. This was a follow-up to last October’s discussion group based on LCMS film *“The First Rosa”* about Dr. Rosa Young’s role in planting churches in Alabama.

The unit at St. Paul, Boca Raton sponsored the annual Easter Butterfly Release. Between 40 and 45 butterflies were released after each of the four Easter services. This year it was a fundraiser for Little Smiles of Florida which helped over 60,000 local children during times of illness, homelessness and tragedy last year.



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## TREASURE COAST ZONE

Betsy Ablott - President

Our Spring Rally kicked off the 2025 year for the Treasure Coast and South Palm Beach Zone. The Church of the Redeemer, Vero Beach hosted the rally with the theme, “In His Footsteps”. Our Prayer Service highlighted following Jesus with our footsteps.

The Gifts from the Heart went to Little Angels Birthday Parties for homeless children to have them be celebrated on their birthday.

Our zone units have been challenged to bring the most school supplies to a group of each church’s discretion. This will be during the month of July, with each unit reporting how many items have been collected. We will culminate this competition at the Fall Rally, choosing a new challenge for the Spring 2026 rally. We hope to bring a bit of camaraderie between units.

Our units have been collecting empty medicine bottles, glasses, and medical supplies for a Haiti clinic, celebrating Mothers and Fathers, along with sending mites.





# Around the Zones...

## TROPICAL ZONE – FL

Jennefer Lenchner - President

Exciting news from the Tropical Zone with record Rally attendance, a new zone Pastor, Rev. James Tino of Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO), and three new YWRs.

The Tropical Zone, which stretches from Key West to the Bahamas, hosted a March 2025 Bahamas Cruise Rally Gathering, inviting LWML Florida-Georgia District members to praise God in Tropical paradise!

A local bilingual Spring Rally was also hosted on April 26 at Saint Paul Lutheran, Miami.

What a great rally! Hundreds of eyeglasses donated to MOST Ministries will be taken personally to Guatemala by members of Saint Paul. How beautiful are the hands and feet of those who serve!



The Spring Rally YWRs from Faith Lutheran LWML led a servant event handcrafting

personalized eyeglass cases with loving messages and Bible verses.

The rally was a bit of a mini-convention with LWML Heart to Heart invitations, pinning of new YWRs, and birthday, first timers, and deaconess recognition. Deaconesses Olga Ekert from Saint Paul and Araceli Bonilla from St Andrew shared stories in English and Spanish.



Top: YWRs Emely Montes De Oca and Angelica Ramon  
Second: L-R Betty Belair, Cessann Maher, Sunita Pali  
Third L-R: Julie Kocuiba, Deac. Araceli Bonilla, Deac. Olga Ekert, Jenny Lenchner

### We want news about YOUR zone!

Send a **paragraph** (50-250 words) **and pictures** to be included in an upcoming issue!

***Please identify everyone***

**evangel.flga@gmail.com**

# Upcoming Events

## 2025 ZONE RALLY DATES

### **EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA**

Trinity Lutheran, Savannah

October 18, 2025

### **GREATER ORLANDO**

St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo

October 4, 2025

### **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Peace Lutheran, Dunnellon

September 27, 2025

### **NORTHEAST GEORGIA**

Oak Road Lutheran, Lilburn

July 12, 2025

### **SOUTH PALM BEACH**

Trinity Lutheran, Delray Beach

October 4, 2025

### **SOUTH WEST**

St. Michael, Ft. Myers

November, 2025

### **SPACE COAST**

Hope Lutheran, Melbourne

May 17, 2025

### **ST. PETERSBURG**

Grace Lutheran, St. Petersburg

November 1, 2025

### **TALLAHASSEE**

Messiah, Valdosta, Georgia

Spring 2026

### **TREASURE COAST**

Grace Lutheran, Port St. Lucie

October 11, 2025

### **TROPICAL**

Faith Lutheran, Hialeah

October 4, 2025

## **LWML FL-GA DISTRICT RETREAT**

2025 District Retreat will be September 5-7, at Epworth by the Sea Retreat Center, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The theme is "Hope Doesn't Let the Story End".

Registration deadline is August 1. Additional information and the registration form can be found at

[https://www.flgalwml.com/2025\\_retreat](https://www.flgalwml.com/2025_retreat).

The Gifts from the Heart recipient will go to *The Village: A Safe Harbor* for

Young Mothers. *The Village* is a home for

young mothers ages 16 to 22 who are striving to

build stable, independent lives for themselves and

their children. It is located just a few blocks

from the Children's Center and other

residential programs on campus. The young

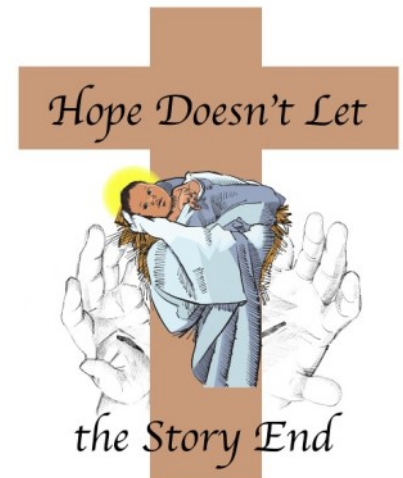
mothers have a space designed for them—a space that provides safety and support while keeping them

connected to the network of resources Safe Harbor has built over the years. It is a 12 to 18-month program

designed to equip young mothers with the skills and resources they need to thrive.

For our Servant Event, we will be putting together braille bibles for the Lutheran Braille Workers. The Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired, completely free of charge, in braille and specialized large print.

In addition, we will be cutting out braille angels for the IRIS Lending Library, the angels are used to help raise funds for the library. IRIS Lending Library for The Blind, Inc. is a lending library run solely by volunteers who lend out biblically-based books for free to legally visually-impaired and blind individuals. The books are mailed free of charge to and from individuals living throughout the United States and Canada.





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**YOUNG WOMAN DEVELOPER**

Lydia Landes &amp; Ashley Pridgeon

**LWML National News — [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)**

- ✝ 2023-2025 Biennium LWML Mission Goal was reached in April, funding mission grants with a total of \$2.35 million to spread God's love and hope to those in need.
- ✝ A **transportation release form** is now required for each driver whenever you are carpooling or organizing a ride share to any LWML function. Please submit forms for the national convention and district retreat. Fill out and submit the form online at:  
[https://lutheranwomensmissionaryleague.formstack.com/forms/transportation\\_release\\_driver](https://lutheranwomensmissionaryleague.formstack.com/forms/transportation_release_driver)
- ✝ LWML National Convention will be in Omaha, Nebraska on June 26-29, 2025. Late Registration ends June 1st. Discounted hotel rates are no longer available. Check out the official website at:  
<https://www.lwml.org/convention>

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the LWML FL-GA District is to share the love of Christ with women of all ages and diversities and to foster a recognition that the mission field exists both at home and abroad.

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