

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBURARY 9, 2008
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL, OKARCHE, OK**

MSC = Motion made, seconded and carried

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women's Missionary League met at St. John's Parish Hall, Okarche, Oklahoma for their Board Meeting February 9, 2008 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

President Ross convened the business meeting. President Ross welcomed everyone and introduced the guests attending today's Board meeting. President Ross opened the meeting with a group recitation of the League Pledge. Pastor Stoll led the opening devotion on "Fruit that will Last".

Those present were:

Patti Ross, President	Betty Reichert, VP Servant Resources, MMV
Debbie Tabisz, VP Christian Life	Nancy West, VP Gospel Outreach
Audrey House, VP Communication	Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Linda Lee Kremeier, Corr. Secretary	Lisa Graf, Treasurer
Rev. Barrie Henke, Jr. Counselor	Rev. Steven Stoll, Sr. Counselor
Marci Beikmann, Editor	Wendy Bacon, VP of Human Care
Lavon Friesen, Kingf. Zone VP	Bev England, MMV, Planning Facilitator
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian	Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts Chairman
T.J.Smith, YWR Coordinator	Gayle Anderson, Lawton Zone President
Jeannie Merrill, OKC Zone President	Myrna Lou Meyer, Panhan. Zone President
Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator	Shari Stepanek, Resources Committee
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President	Pat Hinkel, Miami Zone President
Esther Bersche, Ponca City Zone Sec.	Susan Copen, Tulsa Zone President
Anita Miller, PR Director	Nelly Castaneda, Heart to Heart Coor.
Krystine Gibson, Structure Chairman	Sarah Ross, Web Servant
Marguerite Christman, Recycling Chair., MMV	

RECORDING SECRETARY – Gloria Bozarth

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the November 2007 Board of Director's Minutes. There were no corrections so the minutes will stand as presented. The attendance sheet was passed around asking Board members to indicate whether or not they would be attending the District convention in April.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Linda Kremeier

Linda passed out corrections to the directory and asked Board members to submit any corrections they identify. She reported that she has received several requests for decreases for the *Quarterly* from various societies. She stated that she also sent information to each society as to how many delegates they are permitted for the District convention. The names of the delegates should be sent to Karen Meyer. Outgoing correspondence consisted of Board meeting notices and annual billing letters stating the annual amount owed for *Quarterlies* and the amount due to the delegate fund per member and the amount due for the number of *Voice of Service* they receive.

Beth Schoeling asked whether or not the *Quarterly* was available in large print. It is available in large print and the large print version is free.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lisa Graf

The treasurer's report covers the period between October 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. The balance on hand in the general fund on October 1, 2007 was \$41,293.47, receipts totaled \$19,929.01 and disbursements equaled \$25,259.67 leaving a balance in the general fund of \$35,962.81 minus the restricted cartridge fund of \$12,629.81. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of December 31, 2007 was \$23,333.00. Lisa reported that early in this quarter she received a large check for \$100,000. The check came from a Foundation and was put in the Mite Box at Holy Trinity in Edmond. Twenty-five percent, \$25,000 has been sent to National. Lisa stated that we would need to make some decisions on how to disburse this money. She stated that the biennium would end on February 28, 2008 because of the April convention.

Lisa stated that her home telephone number is 806-717-0172 and her e-mail is lisagub@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Patti Ross

President Ross stated that she has sent out letters to all appointed personnel stating that their appointments are coming up for change or reappointment. She passed around a folder today with personnel resource profile forms and asked appointed Board members to fill out a form indicating if they are willing to continue in their position or to indicate if they would like to serve in another capacity. In her report she thanked Joanne Hartfield and Debbie Tabisz for their work on the Convention Task Force. President Ross attended the National Board Meeting in St. Louis, February 1-3. National President, Jan Wendorf wants the LWML to be "Lutheran Women in Mission who are: in the Word, of the Word and Walking with their Lord". The special offering at the National Convention in Sioux Falls for the education of missionary's children will provide full funding for their education for eighteen months. Mission grants for the Portland convention can now be submitted. She reported that CPH has introduced new Arch books and women's Bible studies. Human care has a bookmark and bedside devotion to be used when visiting the sick. Human Care participated in a Disaster Response Conference with LCMS asking the LWML Districts to appoint a LWML "Disaster Response Contact". Patti reported that the MMV training that was scheduled for March has been cancelled. LCMS World Relief has set up a new program to help send people on mission trips. They are challenging each LWML district to send two mission teams by March of 2010. The Portland Convention will be June 25-28, 2009 with the theme "Look to the Hills For God Reigns!". Patti reminded zone presidents that delegates and alternates should be elected at the Fall Fests. The 2008 Assembly of Leaders will be October 24-26 in St Louis. Our District will send the District president and two other women. President Ross also reported that there will be a combined LLL, LWML, LCMS District Conference on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. The main focus of the discussion will be "Lutherans In the 21st Century", looking at how, we as Lutherans in Oklahoma address the issues facing us today. District LCMS President Paul Hartman, District LWML Representative, Bev England and District LLL President Ron Schaulat will participate for their respective organizations. Registration is by e-mail to BSFOKC@AOL.COM asking for your name, address and the number attending. Registration can also be sent to Ron Schaulat at the Immanuel Church address. There is no charge for registration although any donation will be accepted.

ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN REPORT – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn reported that she has contacted several printers for estimates for printing the 80th Anniversary Book. The lowest estimate was from Impressions Printing for \$1377.00 for printing and binding of the book. The cover of the book was designed by Deanne York, Marci Beikmann's daughter. The book will be sold at the convention store for \$8.00. The Special Gifts Fund committee recommended to the Board that funding for the printing of the book be taken from the interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The Board approved the recommendation. Three hundred books will be printed and the proceeds will go back into the Special Gifts Fund. President Ross stated that Marilyn is highly respected by National for all her hard work.

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE – Wendy Bacon

Wendy reported that she has been working on convention preparations. She has ordered the LWR Fair Trade Handcraft package and it should arrive the first week in March. The Gifts of the Heart items for the

convention will be canned food and boxed meals for the Redeemer Lutheran food pantry in Claremore and women's and children's socks, underwear and nightwear for SafeNet Domestic Abuse Shelter. Wendy stated she would be working with T.J. Smith and the YWRs at the convention stamping cards for seminary students.

SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Steven Stoll

Rev. Stoll stated that he prepared today's opening devotion and he has spent the past couple of months working on the upcoming District convention.

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Barrie Henke

Rev. Henke sang his report to the tune of "Chief of Sinners Though I Be". No LWML activity was reported for this quarter.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Nancy West

Nancy reported that she was the speaker for Christ the King in Lake Ozark, Missouri. She was also the speaker at Messiah in Oklahoma City and St. John's in Moore. She attended the convention planning committee meeting in November and she is working on the Gospel Outreach page for the convention manual. She is helping with the backdrop and scenery for the convention and she is working on the convention Mite Box activity. The Mite Box activity will be based on "Fruits of the Spirit" which are named in Galatians 5:22. She has also called Lutheran World Missions to obtain missionary addresses for the Teens. Nancy reported that Helen Blaney, one of her committee members, has had a double knee replacement. Nancy has written letters to all who submitted grant proposals telling them their placement on the grant list or notice of their lack of inclusion. She stated that we are about to pay our last grant for the 2006-2008 biennium. Several of the grants for this biennium are for large amounts and Nancy has called some of the grant submitters and asked if the amount of money requested could be reduced. Those contacted have consented. Nancy would like to recommend to the delegates at the convention that the 2008-2010 grant amount be raised to \$80,000. Nancy stated that she has added a grant for Pastors and Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund for the amount of \$12,000. Nancy made a motion to send \$25,000 to National to be designated to mission grants. The motion was seconded by Gloria Bozarth. MSC Nancy also made a motion to make available through Holy Trinity in Edmond \$3000 for Rev. Nourreddine Bennai for his UCO campus ministry and \$3000 to Nadia Abuamsha for her City of Hope Mission Outreach in Cleveland, Ohio. The motion was seconded by Susan Copen. MSC Nancy next made a motion to recommend to the delegates that the mission mite goal for the 2008-2010 biennium be set at \$80,000. The motion was seconded by Audrey House. MSC Nancy made a recommendation from her committee that the delegates vote for 14 mission grants. The motion was seconded by Susan Copen. MSC Of the \$100,000 the District was gifted, \$44,000 remained. It was the recommendation from the Board that the \$44,000 be used to fund the grants selected at the convention in April 2008.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE - Debbie Tabisz

Debbie reported that her committee has arranged for four servant activities for the convention. The activities are assembling Braille books for the Lutheran Braille Workers and gift wrapping books for children attending Kendell Whittier School, Tulsa. Attendees will also create picture/word flash cards to be used in English classes. The flash card sets will be used in Guatemala through The Servant's Heart and in China through Concordia Education and Welfare Association. Convention goers will also pack backpacks with school supplies for Nelly and Pastor Trini Castenada to take to Mexico. Debbie stated that Thrivent is contributing \$1000 for backpack supplies. Debbie stated that she needs one or two laminating machines. Marci stated that her husband had one that could be used.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Betty Reichert

Heart to Heart Coordinator, Nelly Castaneda, reported that her ladies were busy making tamales to raise money for the convention. They have raised \$500 and hope to raise another \$500. They are still collecting supplies for the June mission trip. She stated that they have many supplies for backpacks and health kits. One of the ladies from Cristo Rey will be making cookies to be given to the ladies as they leave the convention. Bev England stated that Grace in Tulsa will donate 200 bottles of water. T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator stated that she has made flyers that are being sent to each society president with a letter explaining what to do with the flyer and giving them ideas on how to encourage young women to attend the District convention. T.J. states that she plans to follow-up with the society presidents through telephone calls in March. She reported that she is putting in a lot of effort advertising to young women. There are several new ideas for young women's activities at convention. If anyone has names of young women they would like T.J. to contact, they can contact her at tj.smith@okstate.edu. T.J. asked Board members for suggestions for committee members. Krystine Gibson, Structure Committee reported that the changes to the bylaws for consideration at the April 2008 convention have been and will remain on the Oklahoma District Web site. She has written an explanation for the changes and included that explanation to the end of the proposed changes that will be furnished to the delegates. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator, reported that there are currently seven Teen groups in the District. The Oklahoma District hosted the 1st Annual Teen LWML District Gathering on November 11, 2007 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. A total of 25 were in attendance. Delia is planning another Teen event in the Tulsa area on February 24, 2008 and an event at Trinity in Norman on March 8, 2008. She is working with the convention planning committee to design events especially for the teens. Saturday they will write letters to missionaries and possibly there will be a teen Bible study. The MMV representatives have been busy. Bev England conducted a motivational mini-workshop at Immanuel in Broken Arrow on February 1st. She also wrote interrupters for the convention with Betty Reichert. Marguerite Christman conducted a Visioning Workshop at Our Savior in Bethany on January 5th. She continues to keep contact with Linda Thomasen, from Hope Lutheran Church in Sulphur regarding the possibility of reactivating their society. She also met with Rev. Lewis Walters who is the pastor of Redeemer in Shawnee on January 28th and she will go to Shawnee on March 9th to make a presentation to their women and members during the Sunday school hour. Marguerite has been working with Pastor Trini Castaneda on a project of translating *Jean Gems* into Spanish to be used in the Hispanic Ministry. She has also been working with him in marking Spanish Bibles for the Mexican Mission. On March 1st, Marguerite will have a luncheon presentation with First Lutheran Church in Ada to help recharge their women for LWML. Betty Reichert has been working with the host committee, District Committees, District President, District Vice Presidents and the District Planner for the District Convention. Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts Fund, reported that the balance on hand as of October 1, 2007 was \$23,826.14. Interest earned, October-December, equaled \$267.40, \$472.36 was added from the cartridge fund and \$1,925.00 came from donations, leaving a balance \$26,490.90 on December 31, 2007. The LCEF Steward Account interest rate is 4.125%. The interest accrued from April 1, 1999 to December 31, 2007 was \$2,884.59. Marilyn stated that letters and special gift envelopes were given to zone presidents to be disbursed to society presidents. The gift envelopes are to be used at the offering at the Saturday evening worship service at the convention in April.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House

Audrey reported that during the past quarter she has worked to get the word out about convention. She asked Board members to make an extra effort to get articles and reports to her for the convention booklet. Anita Miller, Public Relations Director, requested and edited, for the OK District section of the *Lutheran Witness* and sent them to Janice Hedrick at the Oklahoma District office. She tabulated the results of the 2007 Oklahoma District Retreat evaluation forms. She also assisted in taking pictures of the Board officers and members and she condensed biographies for the Convention manual. Anita also wrote convention highlights for church bulletins. Marci Beikmann, Editor, again reminded Board members that articles for the *Voice of Service* are to be submitted by the 10th of the month in which the Board meeting falls. Shari Stepanek for Delores Withers, Product Resources, reported that she has an inventory totaling \$6,101.89. The store will be open at the District convention. She will need volunteers for the store. Sarah Ross, Web Servant, reported that the District Convention information is on the Oklahoma LWML Web site. Sarah

stated that PayPal is close to be up and running. Sarah asked the vice presidents and Board members to give her information so she can post it on the Web site.

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING FUND REPORT – Marguerite Christman

Marguerite reported that she is in the process of putting together a packet to be distributed at the District convention explaining which electronics can be recycled. These packets will given to zone and society presidents. The new balance in the cartridge fund is \$13,350.40.

DISTRICT PLANNER – Bev England

Bev reported that she has developed products to be sold at the LWML store at the District Convention. Those products include the following: hot pad, keychain, notes, pen, coaster and possibly a charm. She also worked with the exhibitors for placing in the convention hall, worked with President Ross ordering products from National, worked with the Claremore host committee on convention childcare, authored a convention article for the Oklahoma insert of the *Lutheran Witness* and coordinated a Friday agenda with T.J. Smith for YWR programming and orientation. Bev also attended many meetings and events.

DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT CLAREMORE, APRIL 11-12, 2008

Pat Hinkle, Zone Committee Chairman, reported that the convention plans are progressing well. Bev England arranged for a lady in Tulsa to take care of childcare on Friday and Marguerite arranged for the Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ to take care of childcare on Saturday. Pat stated that there was another planning meeting on March 9th. Betty Reichert, District Convention Planning Chairman, showed the Board a convention tote bag which is purple on black. Three hundred and seventy-five bags are being provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The committee thought it would be “fun” to have costumes for the different decades that the LWML has been in Oklahoma. Each zone would represent a decade and create the costume. A lady from the zone could wear the costume or possibly manikins could be used. It was recommended that a lady from each zone wear the costume. Betty will work on that. Betty also stated that this year instead of putting a prayer request in for a corporate prayer at one of the services, they will have a prayer partner at the Christian Life booth who will pray with them so it will be one on one. Betty stated that she is still planning on doing “Around the District in 80 Years” and Pastor Henke is working on the words for the Oklahoma rendition.

ZONE REPORTS

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

The societies in the Enid Zone made trays of fruit, candy and cookies for the churches and the community for the holiday season. They have made donations for church utilities, kitchen equipment and gifts for pastors. Many societies prepared Advent meals. They also made and delivered college student bags and sent various types of greeting cards. Quilting is an ongoing project. Several ladies are planning to attend the convention in Claremore.

KINGFISHER ZONE – Lavon Friesen, Zone V.P. for Sharon Bomhoff

The ladies in Watonga met at the Noble House for a Christmas dinner and members brought gifts for the DHS Angel Tree. They also provided gifts for members 80 years and older. The ladies of St. John's in Okarche meet monthly discussing a topic from the *Quarterly*. At Christmas they made monetary gifts to their pastor, the Seminary at Fort Wayne, LWR, Lutheran Bible Translators and a student at Concordia in Seward, NE. They also had a Christmas offering for the Good Samaritan Home in Cypress, Texas. Two guests joined the Lamplighters in Okarche. They had an Advent offering which will be used to help members attending the 2009 National convention. The women of Emmanuel in Kingfisher had a project work night making adult sized bibs for Cimarron Nursing Center and made a donation to the Center of Family Love. They also donated to the Kingfisher Food Pantry and hosted a birthday party for Cimarron Nursing Center. They had a bake sale in front of Wal Mart. They took first place in the religious category

for their fall decorations on the church lawn. In December they donated items to Santa's Toyland and DHS. The ladies of Trinity in El Reno gave monetary gifts to a missionary family, the Russell-Murray Hospice, Mobile Meals, Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Guild, the Women's Service Center, missionary Renee Hord and a gift to the pastor. They made a Holiday basket for a needy family and also presented a gift card for another needy family. Tracts and Christian literature were handed out in nursing homes and at Parkview Hospital.

LAWTON ZONE – Gayle Anderson

St. John in Lawton gathered Christmas gifts and donated \$100 to the Salvation Army. The Dorcas Guild also gave \$100 to the missionary family, Anos, and to the St. John preschool. They give \$100 monthly to two vicars. They gave an all church birthday party in January and in February they made Valentine baskets for shut-ins. Holy Cross in Lawton filled thirteen Thanksgiving baskets for families in need and provided twelve families with food baskets and gifts for Christmas. They served Advent meals and assisted in the decoration of the Chrismon tree. They also provided food for a church family who lost their 39 year old father and they are currently working on a dinner and auction for that family for which Thrivent will provide matching funds. They baked for the church's annual cookie sale and held the annual bean dinner and dessert auction. At present they are in the process of forming a family emergency committee. In Apache, St. Peter ladies collect money for missions by selling afghans. They recently donated \$700 to the public library to use for their relocation and expansion process. They also helped raise matching funds in the amount of \$700 for scholarships for their high school seniors. St. John in Granite hosted a congregational Christmas dinner which began with a potluck meal and ended with the singing of Christmas carols by candlelight in the fellowship hall. A freewill offering was taken and the donations were given to the Granite Food Bank along with donated food items.

MIAMI ZONE – Pat Hinkle

The ladies at Messiah in Vinita have put together 10 health kits, 10 school kits and 11 sewing kits this season. They also had a gift exchange at Christmas and decorated and undecorated the church for Christmas. Bethlehem in Adair made new Chrismons for the church's Christmas tree and raised \$1400 with their annual fundraising white elephant auction. They also adopted 20 angels from the community Christmas Angel Tree. Their holiday celebration was held at Coyote Run Winery including a dinner and gift exchange. Their mission project for January is collecting blankets for the homeless. Faith Lutheran in Owasso hosted a fall retreat for the ladies of the congregation and held a craft fair at the church with booth rental available to the members of the community. They held their annual progressive dinner in January and are looking forward to a gift/talent dinner in February to raise funds for summer mission trips to Guatemala and Colorado.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Jeannie Merrill

The women of St. John's in Moore read the scripture readings and handed out the bulletins on LWML Sunday. They sponsored a Sweet Shop at the school's Fall Festival and collected food staples for Our Father's Business to distribute to those needing food for Thanksgiving. They helped serve the Reformation Sunday potluck and assisted serving the appreciation dinner for Pastor Kamman. The LWML also held a garage sale with part of the proceeds going to members who will attend the convention in Portland. In November they sold Christmas tree ornaments and hosted the annual Thanksgiving dinner. They delivered Christmas decorations to the Heritage Nursing Home, replacing items that had been destroyed by a flood earlier in the year. In December they brought infant gifts for Birth Choice and held a Christmas Party, inviting all the ladies of the congregation. Their ongoing projects include making layettes for Birth Choice, purchasing a Bible each month and continuing to collect ink cartridges. The ladies at Trinity in Ardmore sponsor a seminary student. The women of Zion in Oklahoma City collect ink cartridges and aluminum cans. They mentor the acolytes and they have made banners for baptisms and Christmas. Their special activities included Oktoberfest, a baby shower, decorating the church for Christmas, helping with weekly Advent dinners, sponsoring a family with six children for Christmas and having a ladies Christmas party. Trinity in Norman participated in the Angel Tree Ministry Program and they were able to give Christmas gifts to 36 children. They also held their annual turkey dinner for the congregation. In November they had a cookie exchange during Bunko night with Vicar Kirkup and LSF students in attendance. They held an Advent devotion led by Pastor Nehrenz and in December they made 20 gift baskets for Independent Living

Youth Service. The LWML at St. Mark in Edmond ushered and read the scripture lessons on LWML Sunday. Three members attended the Retreat at Roman Nose. In November they sponsored a Talent Show/Dinner to support their annual Christmas Angel tree project to provide local school children with Christmas gifts. They received matching funds from Thrivent to purchase additional gifts. They also sponsored the annual Thanksgiving dinner serving approximately 73 members and guests. The women at Faith in Oklahoma City had a Trunk or Treat on Halloween for neighborhood children, had a Sunday for the Christmas Connection, sponsored Advent Soup Suppers, had a sock and glove tree for neighborhood children, helped with the Thanksgiving dinner and ushered and read for LWML Sunday. Five ladies attended the Retreat at Roman Nose. They collected and sent cartridges, collected pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Thrivent. They also have mission work nights making quilts and lap robes. They had a Christmas party with gifts to the kitchen and treat snacks for the children at the Christmas program. They shopped for Christmas gifts for a family with three children. They have made the fifth Sunday Mite Sunday. The women at Bethany meet on the 4th Thursday of the month for a Bible study or social event. Over the years a number of groups have begun to meet in service type guilds which they are going to attempt to bring back under the official umbrella of LWML. Social ministry women meet once a month to make quilts for the needy and homeless in the city, another group helps to prepare hot meals for Redeemer Lutheran High School, another group fills and distributes food filled backpacks and coats for the Putnam City District, others prepare Wednesday evening meals before worship, others do community service projects such as the annual Angel Tree, filling boxes for missions, communion preparation, seasonal decorations for the sanctuary and banner construction. One of their members is the official proof reader of all bulletins and newsletters and helps coordinate youth activities. Some of their women serve on Boards and are able to develop policy favorable towards missions both foreign and domestic. In February they will assist with a Valentine's Day Party and in the spring will be their annual Palm Sunday box lunch sale. They are also expanding the meaning of LAMP by becoming Lutheran Women Mowing Lawns. Their newest project is to provide support for some of their more mature ladies in the form of house cleaning, meals and transportation. The women of Christ in Mustang purchased and gave away four tickets for the Women of Faith Conference and several ladies attended the Retreat at Roman Nose. They sent a box of items to seminary student Daniel Ross and later sent him a Christmas box. They made three Thanksgiving baskets for church families. They sent 10% of bazaar profits to National Mites. They sponsored an Angel Tree for the Pepper Boys Ranch. They held a Christmas party for the women of the church and they have begun to collect items needed by patients at the Veteran's Hospital. Messiah in Oklahoma City hosted Karen Stark with the Hugs project giving that organization a donation to help with expenses to send packages to the soldiers in Iraq. They held their annual Christmas luncheon gathering toys for the Red Andrews dinner. MLW donated \$700 to a church family facing health issues and \$200 to mobile meals. They held a bake sale at the German Market as a fund raiser. In January, Nancy West made a presentation on the Children's Christian Concern Society and again made a donation to that organization. Teen LWML currently has seven 7th to 9th graders. The Teens shopped for food to provide a family in need for food for Thanksgiving and also provided toys for the children at Christmas. The Teens attended the Christmas luncheon with their mothers and they cut and sewed teddy bears for the Hugs project. These bears will be passed out to children in Iraq by U.S. Soldiers. Good Shepherd in Midwest City sponsored two midweek meals and served two funeral dinners. They sponsor Sunday morning coffee with 10% of the proceeds going to Mites and to send \$50.00 every month to their seminary student. They sponsored the Angel Tree for the Mexico Mission and Cristo Rey. They sent a gift box to their Bethesda resident and continue to make nursing home visits to Manor Care. There are four Bible studies a month. The Book Nook sold Christmas cards again this year. Teen LWML meets once a month. The Ruth Guild-Mary Circle held their annual Christmas celebration. In January, the Ruth Guild-Mary Circle elected to try a new format on a pilot program to run through June. This format will be as follows: January was a speaker, JoAnn Evans from the military who spoke on how we can serve our military abroad and their families here at home; February there will be a Bible study led by Pastor Joe Meyer; March will be a business meeting; April will be a mission project/service project or speaker; May will be a Bible Study and June will be a business meeting. Holy Trinity in Edmond held their annual craft bazaar and bake sale in November with proceeds going to CCCS, the Concordia Seminary Fund and the HTLC Sanctuary Fund. LWML ladies served lunch after each noon Advent service. They hosted an Angel Tree party and supplied 51 children with gifts at a party where they took the children's pictures and had crafts, games and a clown. LWML ladies help with the Angel Food Ministry monthly and they continue to work on blankets and the collection of cartridges. Several of the women attended the retreat.

PANHANDLE ZONE – Myrna Lou Meyer

In Boise City' LWML serves the congregation by changing paraments, setting up for communion and supplying altar flowers. In the near future, they will help with a community wide dinner for a local Leukemia victim. In Hooker' the Ladies Aid continues to be faithful with mite offerings and other mission gifts. Among the recipients are Bethesda Lutheran Home, Hope Pregnancy Center, the Good Samaritan Home, the Domestic Crisis Center and Dunaway Manor. Lamplighters in Hooker meet on Sunday evenings and this year they will focus on putting together layettes for Lutheran World Relief. They plan to bring items all through the year, then take count and assemble the kits just before shipping time. Their sale of butterbraids brought funding for LAMP and Bethesda. In December they met at a member's home for a prepared Christmas luncheon. In Texhoma, leaguers packed goodie boxes for five college students. They will be assembling LWR health kits in April. After a visit with a professor from the Fort Wayne Seminary, the ladies voted to support the Food Bank with an offering. The Concordia Study Bible was presented to each of five confirmands. The LWML in Woodward headed up a Cookie Fest in December with women from the congregation contributing. Thrivent provided matching funds and the proceeds will go to the church's building fund. The ladies have also sold Rada products such as cutlery, candles and books. They are making quilts for LWR and they also supply bibs and lap robes for the local nursing home. In Buffalo, quilting occupies a group of workers once a month. They usually make five or six quilts each time. The community Thanksgiving service, followed by refreshments, was hosted by the leaguers. They gave poinsettias to shut-ins at Christmas, hosted a Christmas dinner and provided entertainment for it. During Lent, a soup supper will be served before the worship service. Each week, two ladies will provide soup, crackers and a dessert. Guymon's LWML funded numerous mission projects including the local Ministerial Alliance Christmas Basket Fund, Hope Pregnancy Center, Fort Wayne Food Bank and Lone Star Bible Outreach. A stack of 100 Quilts is ready for fall shipment with many, many more bags and boxes of fabric waiting to be cut and sewn.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Esther Bersche, Zone Secretary Leola Thiemann

In a Thanksgiving letter to the societies of the Ponca City Zone, I suggested that they invite young women and teenagers to their Christmas festivities, encouraged them to select delegates to the District convention who would be able to attend the Friday sessions and informed them of the 80th anniversary offering. The weather in December caused some of the societies to reschedule or cancel their Christmas activities and the activities that were held were not well attended as in previous years. First Lutheran LWML again invited the ladies of Newkirk and Blackwell to their Christmas party and ornament exchange. They were pleased to report that Pastor Ramsey was also able to attend. At Zion, Stillwater's party, Audrey Eggers presented a program she developed to explain Christmas to her Chinese students. All Societies remembered their homebound at Christmas time. Their banner was constructed by the ladies of the Newkirk society. Mary Beck, their zone historian is working on their zone's historical display with the assistance from the members of her society at Zion, Guthrie.

TULSA ZONE – Susan Copen

Susan reported that the Tulsa zone would have a Prayer and Praise service on Saturday, February 10th. Her societies are active and she continues to visit the various societies. She last visited Grace in Tulsa.

Patti Ross gave a closing devotion.
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District LWML