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*Ongoing Home Projects*

**Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa** – May Baskets for Shut-ins; Advent/Lent meals; Jar recipe Sales; Mugs for New Mothers; Roustabout Breakfast and

**Grace in Tulsa** – Delivered several large boxes of school supplies to Kendall Elementary; provide food for the annual Kid's Fall Fest

**Immanuel in BA** – Support of MEND Crisis Pregnancy Center, Broken Arrow Neighbors and Broken Arrow Meals on Wheels.

Ongoing support for Funeral Dinners

LWML Card Ministry

**King of Kings in Glenpool** – Collect recycling items, assemble and cook “Martha Meals” for shut-ins and people just home from the hospital.

**Our Savior in Tulsa** – Mercy Meals for Shut-ins and those suffering a loss; Blankets for Emergency Infant Services; Dinner for the homeless shelter.

**Trinity in Broken Arrow** – Adopt & visit Congregation shut-in members, serve funeral meals. During September to April once a month at the midweek meal provide desserts, serve and clean-up.

Altar Care – maintain altar cloths & candles and communion preparation & clean-up.

**Trinity in McAlester** – Gloves of Love to benefit the Youth Emergency Shelter by providing gloves, socks, underwear and hats. Soup & Chili Fund Raiser to help a member going into the ministry with his college fund.

**Trinity in Sallisaw** – VBS (furnish food, supplies & workers); Yard Sale to raise money for community outreach; make banners; make baby quilts for new babies in the congregation; Angel Tree for needy in the area; save labels to help supplement LWML funds.

*Special Home Projects*

**Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa** – MEND and Laura Dester Center

**First Lutheran in Muskogee** – A tea honoring mothers.

**Immanuel in Broken Arrow** – LWML Sister Salad; Observation of LWML Sunday; Ministerial Fair; Financial Support for Teen confirmation Camp

**King of Kings in Glenpool** – Yearly “tea” to introduce women to the LWML; host 2 women’s weekly Bible Studies; making 2 King of King’s T-shirt quilts.

**Our Savior in Tulsa** – Donations for MEND

**Trinity in Broken Arrow** – Host Mother’s Day breakfast for women of the congregation. Serve as ushers, readers, greeters and serve snacks on LWML Sunday

**Trinity in McAlester** – April Showers to collect items for member in nursing homes.

**Trinity in Sallisaw** – Helped persons in congregation with medical expenses; “Cookie Appreciation Day” make and distribute to businesses in the community.

*Special Project Away from Home*

**Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa** – Gifts from the Heart (Spanish Bibles/Sheet sets) for District Convention and a cash donation to Patti Ross for Mission Trip.

**King of Kings in Glenpool** – Provide support for the Rudoswke Family, who are missionaries & Bible translators in Botswana.

**Immanuel in Broken Arrow** – Mission Funds for backpacks for church's Grenada Mission and Financial support for church's China Missionary trip.

**Trinity in Broken Arrow** – Bake sale raised money for distribution to various missions.

**Trinity in Sallisaw** – Sponsored Guatemala mission trip for 2 members (including air fare, school kits and 8 back packs).



### Ongoing Projects Away from Home

**Grace** – Ingathering site for LWR.

**Immanuel in Broken Arrow** – Lutheran Braille Workers support

**Our Savior in Tulsa** – Adopted Ysleta Lutheran Mission

(El Paso, TX) as mission project

**Trinity in Sallisaw** – St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry; collect mites as part of worship service on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month.



All Societies participate in LWR. They collect and assemble school, health, and sewing kits, layettes and sewing kits, and spend hours making quilts.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 13 – Craft show and Bazaar from 8am-4pm

Immanuel in Broken Arrow

Bake Sale & Country Store at Trinity in Broken Arrow

December 9 – Eleventh Annual Dinner by Candlelight in Knippa Hall at Grace in Tulsa

### 2011

March 26 – Spring Market from 9:00-3:00 at the Glenpool Conference Center

Sponsored by King of King's

June 23-26 – LWML National Convention – Peoria, Illinois

September LWML Fall Event

October 7-8 District Retreat.



## YOUR ZONE PUBLIC RELATIONS

At the request of Bev England, District President and the District Board of Directors we have added a new Public Relations position to the Zone appointed officers. As stated in the bylaw changes being approved at the Zone Fall Fest, her duties will be as follows:

- a. assist Zone President with Publicity of Zone Events
- b. work as liaison for communications between Zone and District
- c. assist with publication of Zone Newsletter

Do you know Vicki Wing? She is a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool, OK.

Vicki currently serves as society president and is a member of the OK District Structure Committee.

In the past she served as society vice-president and secretary, and prior to joining King of Kings she was the chairman of the Social Ministry Committee for six years in her former congregation.

She served on the Church Council for three years as vice president. Vicki attends a weekly morning Bible study, helps out at VBS, and helps prepare the Altar on Sunday Mornings.

Vicki her husband of 31 years, have two children and four grandchildren. They have been "retired" for two years after selling their company. In her leisure time, Vicki loves to read, work on jigsaw puzzles, do crossword puzzles, and take care of her two dogs.



## *Your District Pastoral Counselor*

Do you know “Pastor Eric”? You can call him “Pastor Van Scharrel,” too, if you are bold enough in your pronunciation skills. Pastor Eric is the pastor at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa, where he has been since he graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

But it all started on a little farm outside a little town on the South Dakota prairie named Hitchcock, a 27-mile trip up the road from his home congregation in Huron. Mom taught Sunday school, and Dad taught the high school Sunday school for about 20 years, as well. Grandma? Well, she taught pre-school Sunday school for 40 years, organized the quilts and funeral luncheons, and never missed a “circle” meeting.

In hindsight, with that kind of upbringing in a Christian household, it was not a big leap to think that Pastor Eric would consider the pastoral ministry. He moved a little further south to the cornfields of Nebraska to major

in Journalism and Public Relations at Concordia University, getting ready to take his Greek and Hebrew Bibles a little further south yet to the seminary in St. Louis. One more trip south to Tulsa was just enough to complete this northerner’s migration.

Along the way, Pastor Eric found a Minnesota blonde who agreed to share her life with him. Together, they have an almost-3-year-old future Hall of Fame baseball player. They eagerly look forward to meeting their daughter in less than 2 months, as well; they don’t know what she will be yet, but they are sure she will be equally exceptional.

Pastor Eric is more than happy to be a District Pastoral Counselor for the LWML, because this is an organization whose entire focus is to be on supporting and engaging in Christ’s mission. If there is any way he can encourage the mission-minded women of Oklahoma, he is glad to be of service.

## *A Note from Your President*

It is my prayer that you enjoy being a member of LWML. I joined my local society many years ago just to meet some women my age at church. What a blessing this has been! So my prayer is that you also find joy in the fellowship and service of your local society and then expand on that by attending a few zone, district and national conventions. Yes, meetings can be boring, but the Bible studies, guest speakers and fellowship are worth it at Zone, District and National events.

Speaking of meeting – have a planning meeting where everyone has a chance to input ideas for future meetings and projects. However, don’t start your year with a 3 hour planning meeting! Yes yours truly did just that. Didn’t plan it that way but obviously lost control somewhere! And, yes everyone came back for the next meeting; however, I may be in trouble next time I call a “planning” meeting.

# Where is your MITE BOX?



Following are typical answers I receive when asking this question

**What is it?** It is a small box for collecting loose change during the month to donate to missions at your LWML meeting or on LWML Sunday if your church has one. The money goes to the mission grants selected by LWML members during convention. 25% goes to National Goals and 75% goes toward meeting the Oklahoma District Goals.

**I'm not a member of LWML so don't ask me.** Everyone is encouraged to participate, not just LWML members, so encourage your friends to use one also. This is a great way to contribute a little to missions on a regular basis and to introduce your kids to missions.

**I don't have one.** Your Society President should have some available.

**It's somewhere but I forget to use it** – Believe it or not this is the #1 answer.

**This might help:**

Keep it in the car and drop in some change from the fast food drive-thru

Keep it in the laundry room and fill it with change when you empty pockets on washday

Keep it with your devotional material and drop in a few pennies as you pray for our missionaries and mission grants. Print the mite calendar from [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) to help you.

Keep it on the dresser to catch coins when you change purses or clothes.

**It's full but I forget to bring it.** I have no solution for this one, just a few suggestions. Take a minute to put it in the car when ever you think about it and then you will only have to go back to the parking lot when you realize this is the day to bring it. Have someone in your society send an e-mail reminder. Put a reminder in your bulletin the week before LWML or Mite Sunday at your church.

## Free Mite Money

What if Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML - National Mites (St. Louis MO) earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? **Well, now it can!**

**GoodSearch.com** is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

**GoodShop.com** is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order; you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Lutheran Women's Missionary League – LWML - National (St. Louis MO) toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML – National

(St. Louis MO) toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/lutheran-womens-nlwml-national>

