



Fall 2025



Oregon District President Deb Weaver and Bronco

CHARATERISTICS

I started working on this article one night when I could not sleep. If I am home alone and cannot sleep, I usually scroll through Facebook. Of course, I ran across one of those quizzes that you see called “What type of dog are you?”

And as usual, I fell for taking the quiz. I soon discovered that I have the following characteristics:

- Friendly and Outgoing
- Loyal and Affectionate
- Intelligent and Trainable
- Quick Leaner
- Playful and Energetic
- Gentle and Patient
- Versatile
- Water-loving

As I read the list, I started to think about how most of these traits fit who I am as an LWML Oregon District woman. Do any of these traits describe you when you think of the Oregon District? Do they describe you when it comes to your faith? How about the way you treat others? How about the way you treat yourself?

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Are you warm and welcoming to those you do not know? Do you form strong bonds with your family members and with your sisters in Christ? Are you devoted to reading Scriptures each day? Are you loyal in worshiping each week?

What about being a “quick learner?” I struggle with that one. I must practice, practice, and practice when it comes to new tasks and new responsibilities. Sometimes I am not so quick at learning something.

President's Message Continued

Are you eager to please God and do what makes Him happy? Do you enjoy physical activity and regular exercise that keeps you both physically and mentally fit? Do you feel energetic when it comes to your faith? Do you like to take time to play and enjoy life?

Are you gentle in your nature, especially with those who are in need? How about the despondent and the homeless in your community, do you show gentleness towards them? Are you patient with your pastor and others in your congregation? Are you patient with your family members who tend to "push your buttons?" Are you compassionate toward others?

Are you versatile and willing to perform various roles when it comes to serving the Lord? Are you willing to step outside of your comfort zone and say "yes" to try new responsibilities?

I am not sure about water-loving. How does that characteristic fit into your role as an LWML Woman? If that is a requirement, then I am in trouble. I am terrified of the water. I am treading water all the time with the tasks I juggle. Do you ever feel that way?

So, when you look at these lists of characteristics which ones describe you?

I would like to think that as the leader of the Oregon District I can embody all these traits. Sometimes it is easy and sometimes it is hard. Satan loves to distract me in many ways, and he loves it when I doubt what I can do. Does he do that to you as well?

I pray that as women, or men, in the LWML Oregon District that you would look at these characteristics and see which ones speak to you. Do you have a favorite one? Is there one you need to work on? Maybe you need some practice, like I do.

And if you like these traits, I must admit the results of the test. You are indeed a Labrador Retriever!

More importantly, you are a child of God and He embraces all your talents, even those that you need to work on!

Blessings as you serve in the LWML Oregon District.

Leaguer Schedule

Winter 2025

Submissions Due: December 1, 2025

Publication Date: January 1, 2026

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Rich in Christ

“Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise (LSB 893.1). The time of harvest has come, and we rejoice in the fruits of God’s creation. David writes in Psalm 64, *“You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance”* (11). As we join the hymnwriter “With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise” (ibid) we do well to stop and reflect on the Gospel reading from the first Sunday in August – the rich man and his barns.

Jesus introduced the parable with a warning concerning the 9th and 10th commandments. *“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). All the bounty we receive and enjoy comes from God but that is not the sum of our lives. There remains something greater. The rich man harvested a bumper crop yet remained bankrupt toward God.

As we rejoice in this harvest season, we have even more reason to rejoice in the spiritual gifts we receive — pardon and peace, life and salvation in Christ. Pardon by the redemption from sins accomplished for us on the cross. Isaiah prophesied, *“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins”* (Isaiah 40:2). That double portion Christ paid on our behalf; your sentence of eternal death – commuted. YOU ARE PARDONNED.

And being pardoned, we are at peace as Paul writes to the church at Philippi, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice... And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:4, 7). It is a peace that the world cannot take away.

Pardon and peace, in turn, result in life and salvation in union with Christ. In both Romans and Colossians Paul uses the language of union. From Colossians two, *“having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead”* (12). YOU ARE MINE God declares in baptism and with Christ, YOU WILL RISE at the last.

You and I will be part of God’s eternal harvest about which Jesus spoke to his disciples beside Jacob’s well. *“Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest”* (John 4:35). White for harvest— part of the mission of the LWML includes equipping workers for that harvest with our mites and mission grants. But, even closer to home, it includes speaking that word of pardon and peace paid for by Jesus’ death and resurrection in our homes, in our communities, and wherever we may go that all people may have life and salvation.



Nominations for Officers for the 2026 — 2030 term



Vice President of Communication: My task is to keep the information flowing through the *Leaguer*, website and Facebook.

Vice President of Christian Life: My task is to help us focus on God above with LWML websites, retreats, prayers and acts of love.

Vice President of Gospel Outreach: My task is to coordinate the Mission Grants and to see that Human care is provided.

Recording Secretary: My job is to help by keeping minutes for Board meetings and conventions complete.

Treasurer: I pay the invoices and pray our bank account will grow.

Junior Pastor Counselor: I will help to preserve the district's focus on Christ. And give help, guidance, and support as needed.

Nominating Committee: Our job is to search out the officers who will be elected in 2028.

(The term for this committee is for 2026 — 2028 only)





**LWML OREGON DISTRICT
CANDIDATE FORM — PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Page 1 — To be filled out by Nominator (you may nominate yourself)

Offices open for Nomination (check the office that applies to this nomination and provide the name and contact information of nominee)

- ☐ Vice President of Christian Life - _____
☐ Vice President of Gospel Outreach - _____
☐ Vice President of Communications - _____
☐ Recording Secretary - _____
☐ Treasurer - _____
☐ Junior Pastoral Counselor - _____
☐ Nominating Committee [3] - _____

Name of Woman submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Group/Individual Member: Date: _____

Group Name: _____

Church: _____ Address: _____

The Nominee:

1. May be a member of your group, or another group in your zone of the LWML Oregon District.
2. Should have a deep and active interest in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
3. Should be willing to devote the time to the office for which she/he is being nominated.
4. Should have basic computer skills and be able to communicate regularly via technology.
5. Should have some knowledge, skill or experience as an officer or committee member in a group, zone, or district.
6. Should be cooperative and agreeable with fellow officers — able to work as a team.

**Please have the NOMINEE fill out page 2 and return both page 1 and page 2 by January 18, 2026,
to one of the 2022-24 Nominating Committee members:**

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LWML OREGON DISTRICT — CANDIDATE FORM — PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Page 2 - To be filled out by nominee

Your name as Nominee: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Member of (Church/City): _____

Name of Group _____

Please list offices held in church, community, group, and briefly share your occupation, education, and family information.

I hereby give my permission to place my name on the ballot of the LWML Oregon District

Convention 2026 for the POSITION OF _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

PHOTO Enclosed: Yes, _____ No _____

(a 2x2 thumbnail photo, color, or b/w, will be needed by January 18, for inclusion in our 2026 Convention Manual) Thank you.

Please have your Pastor email a letter of reference to one of the Nominating Committee members:

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*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Do You Need a Break Today?



Coffee or tea anyone? Our American society loves their coffee breaks. We use our breaks at work or at home to regroup and to refocus and breathe. Our bodies and mind need a 'time-out' so that the

information and processes that we have been dealing with can anchor in our brain. We calm our bodies and feel refreshed to start again. As Christians we can take a moment during our break to thank God for our day. If it is going well and your day is successful so far, praise God for this. *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth* (Psalm 57:5)!

If our day has been challenging, how do we know what God has in mind for us? *I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me* (Psalm 57:2). How do we continue with a positive attitude if things aren't going so well for us or that we have sins that have festered within us? We know that Christ is with us on these days. In the hymn "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (LSB 611) the lyrics of verse 4 and 5 gives us an insight:

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in
all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sor-
rows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him
from early strife.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit
and Your Word!

When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I
live and when I die.

With the grace that God lavishly gives us we can find peace. The peace we know through our faith in Christ. Our coffee break is a wonderful time to *Be Still and know that I am God* (Psalm 46:10).



Then anchored in faith, we pray David's Psalm: *My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth* (Psalm 57:7-11)! Our God knows our joys and sorrows. Have a coffee (tea) break with Him today.

Lynne Beck
Vice President of Christian Life
LWML Oregon District

MITES Report as of Augst 31, 2025

Mission Goal	\$95,500.00
Mites Received	\$54,684.13
25% for National	\$13,671.03
75% for District	\$41,013.10



Nine Grants have been funded so far in this biennium.



REMINDER: Please send all checks and Remittance Forms to Karen Reed, Financial Secretary of the LWML Oregon District. Remittance forms with Karen's information can be found on the district's website.



Save the Date

Oregon District
LWML

Convention

June 26-28, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran
Church

Roseburg, OR.

LWML - Oregon District – Fall Zone Gatherings 2025 (Date Order)

Zone:	Date:	Place:
Southern	9/27/2025	Grace Lutheran, Ashland (10am/2pm)
Interstate	10/4/2025	Grace Lutheran, Longview WA
West Hills	10/4/2025	Living Savior, Tualatin
Willamette	10/11/2025	Trinity, Mt. Angel
Juniper	10/18/2025	Char Kolzow's Cabin in the Woods
Myrtlewood	10/18/2025	Christ Lutheran, Coos Bay (10am/3pm)
Pacific	10/18/2025	Trinity Lutheran, Hillsboro
Mt. Hood	11/1/2025	Christ the Vine, Damascus
Emerald	---	No Fall Gathering Planned

Hold It Together

It's like the cup for your coffee, the rubber band for your ponytail, and the bun for your burger. Bylaws hold things together!

Does your church group have bylaws? They are required for membership with Lutheran Women in Mission. Bylaws will hold your group together. They establish your purpose, describe membership, and define your officers' roles.

Every two years review your bylaws. Group activities can change. Officer roles may change. New issues may arise.

Please inform the Oregon District Structure Committee when you start to review your bylaws and send the revisions to ckroemer@stjohnmac.org before your group votes. The committee will confirm that your bylaws are in line with LWML's bylaws. After the committee's review, your group will be ready to vote to accept the revisions. Once accepted, send the approved bylaws to ckroemer@stjohnmac.org.

Be sure to involve the members of your group. Include them in the review process and be sure the reviewed and revised bylaws are presented to the group for a final vote of approval.

Like cups, rubber bands, and burger buns, up-to-date bylaws will support your group, hold it tight together, and keep it from falling apart



LWML Oregon District website:

lwmlor.org

LWML website:

lwml.org/home

**View the
Monthly HUG-IN-A-MUG**

lwmlor.org/district-news





LWML Oregon District Scholarship

LWML has provided a onetime scholarship gift to the LWML Oregon District for \$250.00, with the stipulation that the funds be used to help a woman who is *“not in a position financially to be able to attend a National or District Convention.”*

The LWML Oregon District Board of Directors voted to share this scholarship gift between two LWML members of the Oregon District who would benefit financially from this gift. Two women would each receive \$125.00 to help finance their attendance at the 2026 LWML Oregon District Convention.

Any LWML Oregon District member who has a desire to attend the Oregon District Convention in Roseburg, Oregon in June of 2026 and would only be able to do so with the help of this gift, may apply. Please fill out the application on the following page and send it to:

LWML Oregon District Special Gifts Fund

Priscilla Grieg, Chairman

5109 NW Jetty Avenue

Lincoln City, OR. 97367

All applications are due to Priscilla Greig on or before January 31, 2026.

The Special Gifts Fund Committee will review each application and select two recipients, who will be notified by Priscilla Greig, Special Gifts Fund Chairman, in February 2026, shortly after the scheduled LWML Oregon District Board of Directors Meeting.

With God’s Blessings.

The Special Gifts Fund Committee

LWML Oregon District Scholarship

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Home Phone and or Cell: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Zone and Church group: _____

Briefly describe why you would like to attend the 2026 LWML Oregon District Convention.
(You may write on the back of this paper or attach your answers).

Briefly describe how you would benefit financially from this scholarship.

Would you be willing to share your convention experiences with your group (society), Zone and/or the LWML Oregon District? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Prayer Chain Email!

Let us pray with you.

lwml.or.prayerchain@gmail.com

Blessings on your day, Lynne Beck, Prayer Chain Coordinator



Did you know? The LWML Oregon District has a Facebook page. If you're on social media, particularly Facebook, we welcome you to "like" our page so that you can see what is going on in our district! Here is the link for our Facebook page:

facebook.com/LWMLOregonDistrict/

Thank you,

Janet Schultz, VP of Communication & Carmen Nagel, Leader Development Committee Chairman

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.





Seasoned with Salt
2025 LWML Oregon District
Christian Life Retreat
September 19—21, 2025



Group picture



President Deb, Char and Christian Life Chairman Lynne



President Deb at
Aldersgate Lodge
entrance

Retreat pictures continued



The
“youngest”
duo!



The “middle aged”
group!



The “oldest” group!

More LWML Oregon District Christian Life Retreat Pictures



The collage consists of 15 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The photos capture various moments from the 2019 LHM Fall Conference. Key elements include: a woman speaking at a podium with a microphone; people seated at tables with water bottles and papers; a group of three women standing together; two women posing for a photo; a view of an altar with a wooden cross; people seated at a long table with a patterned tablecloth; a woman sitting on a chair; people at a table with a sign that reads 'Moving Forward With Christ / Avanzando con Cristo'; a group of people at a table; a woman at a table; a group of people at a table; a sign that reads 'Moving Forward With Christ / Avanzando con Cristo'; a group of people outdoors; and a view of a building entrance.

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LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Oregon District Mission Statement

Lutheran Women in Mission will, by God's grace, ignite, involve, equip and encourage women of the Oregon District to express their faith as servants of the Triune God through joyful Christian Ministry.

ZONE PRESIDENTS

Emerald Zone—Delores Feddersen

Interstate Zone—Kathy Haas

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Mt. Hood Zone—Connie Adams

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Pacific Zone—Coleen Gurske

Southern Zone—Barb Northrop

West Hills Zone—Judy Chase

Willamette Zone—Carol Reis

The Communication Team appreciates all the wonderful submissions you send for the LWML Oregon District website, the LWML Oregon District *Leaguer* and other LWML Oregon District publications.

Photos are best sent in jpeg format. Articles for the *Leaguer* are best sent in docx format, in case they need to be edited per the official LWML Style Guide.

For the website, documents and forms that you would like our visitors to be able to download, need to be sent to us as a PDF.

If you have questions or need help, you are always welcome to send an email.

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