



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

# Oregon Leaguer

“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

Fall 2018

## PATHS

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel through the Hells Canyon of Idaho/Oregon and was amazed at the beauty of the heights and depths of this place. Along the sides of the steep walls of the canyon were paths carved out by the animals who made their home in the canyon as well as the footpaths that were made by man on either side of the Snake River.

Whatever the purpose of the path, it was leading to something..to the water of the river for drink, to higher ground for green grass, or to the safety of shelter.



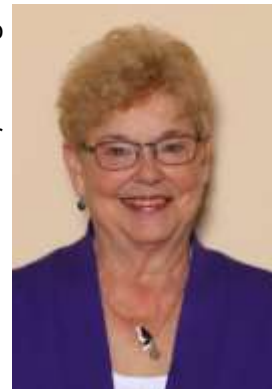
In scripture, there are many references to the word “Path.” Familiar verses are:

Proverbs 3:6 “In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Psalms 23:3 “He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

There are times in life that paths become intertwined..path of righteousness, path of the wicked, path of life, a path in the mighty waters, straight paths and crooked paths, dark paths and light paths, paths of peace.



As the Oregon District has moved into the 2018-2020 biennium, we all are on HIS path. As children of God, He leads us in HIS direction, often crossing paths of the homeless, those with special needs, a store clerk having a rough day, those who have not heard HIS word, and, yes, those with whom we serve.

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There are so many paths for us to take...steep, rocky, smooth, less worn, and a burned out path. Being on a “safe, secure, sedentary” path is comforting but is it where God wants us? God often asks us to travel paths to unknown places. “Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure” Proverbs 4:26. Where will God lead you today? Wherever your path of life leads, we know that the Lord is in complete control, AND gives confidence serving “Jesus Christ Above All.”

As the LWML of the Oregon District, let’s move joyfully forward to unknown paths, making new paths.

**In Praise to the Lord!**

Carmen Nagel  
LWML Oregon District President

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# Special Gifts Fund News



Submitted by Donna Boyd

## Where In The World Are Some Of Our Former Scholarship Grads?



**Jordan Merrifield** - from Roseburg, OR and graduate of Concordia, Portland, OR - 2015  
Jordan is beginning her third year of teaching English and Bible Studies through Mission Of Christ Network- LCMS in Chiayi, Taiwan.

I got to meet her once again and hear all about her school and the children. Please keep Jordan in your prayers. You can hear from her throughout the school year via email: [jordan.merrifield@missionofchrist.org](mailto:jordan.merrifield@missionofchrist.org). This is a large campus school which encompasses all grade levels! Jordan has to raise her own funds to be there, so should you wish, you can also help support her. Jordan thanks the LWML of the Oregon District for our past support and continued prayers.



**Callah Cliff Stichler** - Bend, OR Graduate of Concordia, Portland - 2015

Callah is currently teaching Kindergarten at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Shawnee, Kansas. This is her third year of teaching. Callah and her husband Taylor welcomed a baby daughter, Charlotte, on April 7th. Daddy Taylor is a DCE in the Inner City of Kansas City for three Lutheran Churches.



## Scholarships Available for this school year 2018-2019

Applications are available on line from the Oregon District LWML Website. Please encourage your young people to apply. Applications can be mailed to :

Special Gifts Fund  
Donna Boyd, Chairman  
3801 NE 304th Ct.  
Camas, WA 98607

Applications need to be mailed **by February 1, 2019**.

## Special Gifts Fund

Once again, we wish to encourage you to support the **Special Gifts Fund** by remembrances, in honor of, and in Thanksgiving. We are working to be able to support at least one student this school year, and possibly two.



It is through your generous offerings that we can, by the Grace of God, continue to help our young women achieve their goals in preparing to reach out to the young and old in their congregations and church schools.

This past year we were able to award four (4) Scholarships. Thanks be to God!



The following thank you was sent to the Oregon District LWML

**Dear Donna & Oregon District LWML representatives.**

*I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, both prayerfully and financially, throughout my college career. Your kind cards and uplifting words have meant a lot to me and I am so grateful.*

*Thanks to your help, I have been able to spend the past three years at an amazing university, I look forward to carrying on the love you've given me as I move forward in the field of Lutheran Education. May God be with you as you continue serving in this Kingdom.*

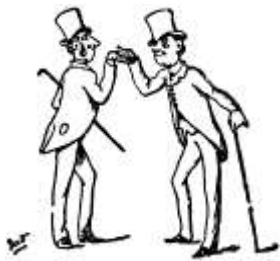
**God's Blessings,**

**Megan Cliff (Trinity, Bend, OR)  
Senior at Concordia University, Irvine, CA '18-'19**



Thanksgiving — November 22  
Advent — begins December 2  
Christmas — December 25





## INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions can be awkward. Younger to elder, women to men, titled to untitled? What is the correct way to introduce your mom, aunt, friend, pastor or child to others?

Emily Post has the proper etiquette for making proper introductions among other social behaviors.

When introductions are made usually something about the persons is conveyed to each of the people being introduced. "I'd like you to meet Jane, my mom; she is a great seamstress." Or, "Mom, this is Joe, he has an advertising business."

This helps get the two new acquaintances familiar with potential like-minded interests. From such introductions friendships or business alliances are made.

Many times, the formality has fallen by the way-side and it is just, "Mom, Joe." It gets the job done but not a very welcoming introduction to promote an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Have you ever thought of what you would answer if someone asked you how you would introduce your 'god'. Yes, small letter g. That is because we are sinful beings and have other people, places or things that we turn to for solace.

Example would be "This is my bank which gives me the best interest on my money." Ridiculous, right? Of course, it is. When someone says the word 'God' to Christians they think the one Sovereign Lord.

So, back to the question. How would you introduce your God/Lord to someone? This is not an easy question to answer. Much lies in the balance of how you answer. A short snappy (maybe even embarrassing) answer does not leave room for further discussion. A long drawn out recitation of the Nicene Creed would lose the listener and again not allow for further conversation about your faith in Jesus.

What could you say that would make a connection between Jesus and the person you are talking to?



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Our new web address is  
[lwmlor.org](http://lwmlor.org)

If you haven't already done so, check out the NEW Oregon District LWML website. It is wonderful, with a lot of excellent information!

If you have comments or questions, contact:

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This is your opportunity to "plant a seed of the gospel" so the pressure is on to not blow it. This is wrong thinking. Your job is to make the connection. The Holy Spirit will take over from there. No need to be tongue-tied.

What you want the person to know are the attributes of Jesus, loving, forgiving, sacrificing, and everlasting. You need to leave room for the listener to be able to question your answer – open up a dialog.

Making introductions can be awkward. Introducing your Lord and Savior need not be. Give prayerful thought to what you would say. Practice it so it rolls off your tongue and thank God you have the opportunity to make the introductions.

Readers, let me introduce you to my God. He loves everyone so much that He gave up His life so all of us can be forgiven of our sins for all are sinners and need forgiveness. His name is Jesus, the Christ.



Mary Doslon



As we approach the beginning of autumn I can't help but see the changes that are beginning to happen in God's creation. The trees are starting to gradually change their green leaves to the multi-colors of fall. The bright, hot sun that reminded us of summer is beginning to lose its intensity. The morning and evening air has a sharp, crisp-

ness to it that was not there before. God's greatest creation also is preparing for the change in seasons. We put on a light jacket or sweatshirt in the evenings. We have begun to prepare for the change by cleaning our barbecue grills and putting away our gardening tools.

We live out our lives in an constant time of change. Our bodies, our surroundings, our friends and neighbors are just a few of the many changes we deal with on a constant basis. For the most part we seem to have a good grasp of this change and can go with the flow so to speak. But once in a while that change gets the better of us and we find ourselves somewhat lost in this sea of change. That is when our faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is all important to us. We rely on our God's never changing promises and virtue to sustain us during these periods of great change.

Our God is a never changing God. His promises never change or are broken. His love for us is constant. Throughout the ages He continues to be steadfast in His love for us. He never changes. Or does He?

There is one point in history where God does indeed change. It was never God's intention to save all of humanity. His creation, including us, was declared good, very good. Perfection. The relationship between God and His creation was one of constant love. Without doubt or suspect. A relationship that was of mutual love for each other. That was God's plan from the very beginning. So what happened?

Sin! When mankind chose sin, we immediately see all of God's creation begin to change. The relationship between man and the ground. The relationship between woman and birth. Most of all the relationship between God and His best creation. There is now a breach between the two. Where do we find Adam and Eve? Hiding from God. Afraid and ashamed. So what has to be done? God has to change.

His change comes in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ who enters our world to save us from ourselves. It is His life, His suffering, His death, and His resurrection

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## The Holy Spirit . . . my partner in prayer!

In the Word

. . . *Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.* Ephesians 6:18a

Of the Word

Do you have an active prayer life? Are your prayers long or short? Can you comfortably voice your prayer concerns to God? The Holy Spirit comes to our aid as we pray. He comes with open arms and places them around us to guide us in truth. (John 16:13) The Holy Spirit is our greatest support in prayer.

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).*

What great comfort to know that the Holy Spirit is our guide to truth and that He is within us! He is our prayer partner. If you're having a difficult time praying, remember the Spirit is in you, to support you. You are not alone in prayer!

Walking with my Lord

Dear Lord, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. No longer will I need to worry over the correct words or proper form because I know the Spirit will help guide my thoughts and words to You in prayer. **In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.**



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that brings us out of this change back to a time of perfection with our God. It is His atoning sacrifice that allows us to be in a righteous relationship once again with our heavenly Father. It is His sacrifice that allows us to step before our God, through the cross, to declare that we are His child in our baptism.

As you stop and wonder about the changes you see this autumn time, wonder and marvel at the one change that God made to give us salvation by the sacrifice of His Son on the cross so that we can once again live a perfect life and have a perfect relationship with our heavenly Father.

Pastor Gary





**2018 LWML SUNDAY  
Our Rest in a  
Changing World**



LWML Sunday 2018

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

Need a break from this busy life and always wondering what might happen next? Then take a look at the 2018 LWML Sunday materials authored by Rev. Ken Hennings, LCMS Texas District President. The theme, "Our Rest in a Changing World," from Psalm 62 will take you through worship to the sermon titled "The Rest We Share" giving pause and insight in seeking that rest.

Learn more about 2018 LWML Sunday at:  
[www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday)

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**LWML 38th  
Biennial  
Convention**

**June 20-23, 2019  
Mobile, Alabama**

**Theme:  
"In Praise to the LORD!"**

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a).*



**Sharing Jesus' Love in Action – October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

Can you think of any other job where an employee must be on call 24x7x365, carry the emotional burdens of dozens of people, be held to a higher standard of behavior just because of the position, and still find time for a personal and family life? It's no wonder we hear some depressing statistics around pastor burnout. Take a few moments to think about your pastor (or pastors) or other church workers you know. Do you think there might be something you and your LWML sisters might be able to do to lighten their loads and lift them up? The month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month so now is the time to organize some activities to do just that!

**Pastors and Church Workers are God's Gifts to Us:**

Let's remember that pastors and teachers are given to us to help us learn God's word and to carry out God's will on Earth. Where would we be without them!? Who would we ask when we have tough questions? Who would we turn to when faced with illness or grief? Who joins with us in the celebrations of baptism and marriage? Why, of course, our pastors!

**Ways to Show Support:**

Here are just a few ways you can support the pastors and church workers in your congregation:

Take some time to talk with your pastor one-on-one to tell him how much you appreciate him and ask what you and your LWML sisters can do to support him.

Review the [LWML Toolkit for Pastor Support](#). This resource has several ideas for encouraging and uplifting your pastor.

**A Prayer as You Plan:**

Dear Father in Heaven, please bring to our minds all those who serve us as pastors and teachers. Help us be mindful of their needs and to show support for them. Father, help us also remember that we are partners in ministry with them and that we too are charged with bringing your Word to the lost and erring. Thank you God for placing these men and women in our lives. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Read more about mission service activities at: <http://www.lwml.org/posts/mission-servants-activities/>

# Leader Development



Submitted by Pat Reck

**Leader Development — Loves to hear what your Zones are doing “off season” to keep connected! Here are a few Summer events heard around the District!!**

## **FAITH~La PINE**

### **Hosted Their Annual Summer Retreat on Breath-Taking Fall River**

Requests for time-honored summer retreats by the **ladies of Faith** were met by gracious hostess, Margo Magel, offering her rustic home and spacious, cool deck on the banks of Fall River, north of Sunriver, July 21. Two dozen women gathered for a late morning salad potluck, with fly fishermen and hikers on the banks enjoying their hours of song. Zone VP Joan Kittrell led the women in a wonderful Bible Study, each woman being gifted with the prayer book.

## **JUNIPER ZONE**

### **Women Enjoyed Their 9th Annual Kolzow Garden Brunch**

This summer's heat wave set hostess Char Kolzow, **Trinity, Bend**, to move to a cool Saturday morning Brunch-on-the-deck this year, enjoyed by over 25 women from three Central Oregon Societies on August 11. Her deck and umbrellas were colorfully set to everyone's delight. And traditionally, all moved into the spacious great room to sing until nearly noon. Many new faces this year, from Emmaus, Faith and Trinity, as they cheerfully greeted each other, and made plans for their early October Retreat, "Let the Redeemed Say So!"



## **GRANTS PASS SOCIETY**

### **Hosted Summer Sunday Mission Event**

Ladies of **St. Paul's, Grants Pass**, made their traditional "Tuesday August Picnic" an open invitation to their entire Church and Sunday School to a salad and sandwich lunch. They featured Pastor Joe Atwater, well-known in the Southern Circuit, who had been their Spring Rally speaker! He and his wife recently retired to Eagle Point. He is currently serving as part time Interim Pastor in Klammath Falls.

Pastor Joe became involved with the Lutheran mission, **4Kenya'sKids**, when he went to Kenya on another mission trip a number of years ago. Being a former New York City policeman, his presentations are very down to earth. The church had audio-visual equipment for his great presentation. Across the age-spectrum, of the 25-30 folks attending, including children, many who attended were interested in assisting in some way and wanted our whole group to hear him. As a result, four or five ladies are considering this short term mission opportunity to travel with him to Kenya next April.



## **THE REALLY GOOD NEWS IS:**

*We welcome new Zone Presidents to the rank this Fall Biennium 2018~2020:*

- > Trish McKay & Eunice MacKenzie, Co-Presidents, MT. HOOD ZONE
- > Coleen Gurske, President, PACIFIC ZONE



***“Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders You have done. The things You PLANNED for us, no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.”*** Psalm 40:5

**Some Questions  
for You!**



As we **Plan** for our OR District and develop the vision for this new biennium, are we doing it as forgiven, loved children of our Heavenly Father?

Have you been thanking the Lord for the difference a “Clean Slate” makes in your daily life? Have you been sharing this difference in your society meeting and at your zone rallies?

A goal that President Carmen and our Visioning Committee have talked about is how to make part of our daily lives what we learned at our conventions: from Scripture (the Bible studies), and from keynote speakers and mission messages (inspiration, service, and mercy). That is why you are challenged with the above three questions.

Part of the plan is to have our OR District LWML department committees work together to prepare some “ideas/suggestions/programs/devotions” for you to consider using at your society meetings and zone rallies, so that all of our ladies will benefit from the Bible studies, keynote speakers and mission messages presented at convention. There is a lot of work to do ..... Let’s roll up our sleeves, open our Bibles, and let God lead us.

***“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”*** Proverbs 16:3

Planning is already underway to develop the ***“In Praise to the Lord”*** – I Chronicles 16:23-24 theme of the Mobile, Alabama 2019 LWML convention. Start planning your trip to “Praise the Lord” in Mobile in 2019.

Submitted by Planner/Visioning Committee  
Chair – Terry Putnam  
(and Committee member Anita Eller)



**Bethesda Says “Thank You!”  
Submitted by Terry Putnam**

Pastor Philemon Ngare, Bethesda Ministry Consultant (MC), and James Arcinienga, Bethesda’s NW Regional Director, invited Bethesda Auxiliary and OR District LWML members to their August 8<sup>th</sup> monthly leadership team meeting in order to say “thank you.” Rev. George Putnam, Bethesda Auxiliary pastoral advisor gave the opening devotion sharing God’s Word on the genuine love Christ Jesus gives us, so that we can give it to ALL people. He thanked the staff for giving care with the love of Jesus.

The 50–60 area and department directors and program managers had opportunity to meet OR District LWML President Carmen Nagel, VP of Special Ministries Nicole Knutson, past VP of Gospel Outreach Janet Schultz, and Planner-Visioning Chair Terry Putnam (also OR Unit Bethesda Auxiliary President). Carmen shared the joy LWML members have in giving their mites to fund the \$6,500 grant to help cover Pastor Ngare and MC Becky Lindsley’s travel expenses as they minister at the various group homes and apartments, and visit congregations.

This joy was also expressed in the huge ingathering of items given at the July convention that the MCs delivered to Bethesda’s programs. Terry shared the ways in which Bethesda Auxiliary supports Bethesda’s religious life programs and projects, and shares the love of Jesus in Word and Deed with people with disabilities. She also thanked the staff for the loving support they give. Terry mentioned that most LWML members are Bethesda Auxiliary members (but men are also Auxiliary members).

James presented each guest with an orchid lei and a card signed by all the team members. Yes, the cards were full of thankful comments. Then James, MCs Pastor Philemon and Becky Lindsley, and Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda’s Director of Partnership Ministries, took us and a few of the residents out to lunch. We continued to share the joy of being partners in our Gospel outreach ministries with people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you ALL, LWML members and Bethesda Auxiliary members. God Bless You!

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## FUTURE DATES

### Zone Rallies:

Emerald Zone—October 20, Hope, Springfield

Interstate Zone—October 6, Zion, Portland

Juniper Zone—October 13, Faith, LaPine

Mt. Hood Zone—October 13, Peace, Estacada

Myrtlewood Zone—October 20, Christ, Coos Bay

Pacific Zone—October 20, St. Peters, Cornelius

Southern Zone—October 20, St. John, Eagle Point

West Hills Zone—October 20, Bethlehem, Aloha

Willamette Zone—September 29, Immanuel, Albany

**Assembly of Leaders** — November 7-10 — St. Louis, MO

**LWML OR District BOD Meeting**—February 22-23, 2019—

Faith, Rogue River

**LWML 38th Biennial Convention** — June 20-23, 2019 —

Mobile, Alabama

**LWML OR District Retreat and BOD Meeting**— September

20-22, 2019—Macleay Conference & Retreat Center



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



### Oregon District:

<http://www.lwmlor.org>

### LWML:

<http://www.lwml.org/home>



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*Blessings on your day,  
Naomi Brown*