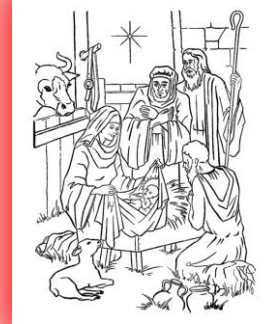


CHRISTIAN LIFE NOTES

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Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you...

(Zechariah 9.9). The wonder of the season: a newborn baby wrapped tightly against the chilly air. Shepherds in attendance in response to the angel's proclamation: "unto you is born this day... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2.11). A child, yet King of kings and Lord of lords. We celebrate and praise God that we have a Savior who is Christ the Lord. Jesus, who by His death and resurrection purchased for us salvation and by His life with us and through His example of words and deeds gives us a clear picture of how we should follow in His footsteps.



Attempt to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

(Psalm 107.43). With grateful hearts we recount the many blessings those who received grants provided by Mites this past year. Our LWML reaches out with God's love and hope through the spread of the Gospel message. The Oregon LWML Mite collection, used to provide money for projects in Christ's kingdom has collected \$62,440.98 as of November 3, 2021. (\$97,020 total needed by March 2022) Praise God for the blessings these mites will help in the extension of the kingdom.

Voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make his paths straight." We remember to thank the Lord for our LWML Leaders. Our Oregon President Carol Reis, Vice President of Christian Life Debbie Weaver, Vice President of Gospel Outreach Elizabeth (Liz) Bier, Vice President Special Focus Ministries Linda Hagglund, Vice President of Servant Resources Donna Giesler, Vice President of Communication Nicole Knutson, Recording Secretary Char Kroemer, Financial Secretary Coleen Gurske, Treasurer Debra Schlueter, Pastoral Counselor Reverend Ted Will, and Junior Pastoral Counselor Reverend David Lafore. We thank and praise all our zone officers and society members who use their time and talents to make a difference.

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4.20). We pray with all LWML women that we follow Christ like the disciples did...without hesitation. If you are called, will you act in faith? There are many offices that will need filling at the next convention. (June 2022) If you feel God's nudge to serve, or if you know someone who needs encouragement to help lead the Oregon LWML, consider one of the following offices: VP Gospel Outreach, VP Communications, VP Christian Life, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Pastoral Counselor or Nominating Committee (3) "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another" (1 Peter 4:10a).

Overcome evil with good. (Romans 12.21) Please join in praying for our nation and for all people. Pray that ears and hearts might be opened to listen and hear and to understand the need for a Savior who brings peace. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to open the hearts of your LWML servants, those who receive grant money, and the recipients of the grant actions, to care for each other in your name. And as we celebrate the birth of Jesus who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14.6) we are confident that as we speak God's truth, He is with us.

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (Psalm 116.7). Remember as the Christmas season gets busy and you may feel overwhelmed, start your day with a few moments in God's word and prayer. "Be still and know that I am God." He will guide you through your day. Finally, as we give thanks for God's countless blessing over the year past, we look forward in confidence to the year ahead. With St. Paul we exclaim, "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8.32).

Good Christian folks, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:

Peace! Peace!

Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one, and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall:
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