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**LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
and
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

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Our vision:

"To provide encouragement and support for all women that they may know Jesus and grow in his love."

LWSA-NT Presidents Message

Have you ever spent quite some time looking for ‘something’ you have put away knowing it will be useful at a future time? Nearly three years ago when I was asked to consider the president’s position, one of my concerns was the expectation to provide a message/devotional for each TIDINGS issue. So I started to ‘collect’ snippets that I read from various sources that could be the basis for some inspiration.



So I have been searching for one which I distinctly remember – and I really wanted to use for this time – but I have searched high and low. It is really well hidden! I actually think it may have been sent to me while I served in the secretary’s role. It was the word FELLOWSHIP – with a Christian message for each letter. Here’s why I was searching

Since the middle of June, I have had the privilege of attending seven Zone Fellowship/Rally days. I have enjoyed each of these immensely and I can see by your attendances at these days how special they are to you all. A huge thank you to the hosts of each day for their planning which has truly been blessed by God. There have been amazing and inspiring speakers on ALL of these days – not to say others in years past have not also been special. Hopefully there may be opportunities to hear from or read some of these presentations sometime in the future, because, as I drive home, my mind is full of the day’s activities/speakers. I know that we are truly blessed to be involved in our church’s mission endeavours and then to also hear of other Christian churches, individuals and their activities.

Lutheran Women of Queensland have sent details – and an invitation to attend their biennial convention with which they will combine their retreat next year in July. As Tracy Smith has very capably organised the group visits to Sydney and Perth, she is presently doing some homework on costs to Queensland. However, we cannot expect Tracy to be the super-hostess every time, so I am asking if there is anyone else who would like to help Tracy and learn what is involved. Please read the information which Tracy has put together. [Editor: Page 13 in this Tidings]

As we come towards the end of the year, several invitations have already been received to attend and present the Encouragement Awards at Lutheran Colleges across the state. Please pray for the recipients of these awards and the presenters who are able to share what we as Lutheran Women do in and for our church.

No doubt, sugar, honey, eggs, flour and spices have been, or are soon being lovingly mixed together for the honey biscuits to be shared as Christmas Cheer in these coming weeks. Thank you for your time given. If you are not able to bake, maybe consider donating ingredients to a fellow guild/fellowship member who is willing to do the baking.



The Church year is soon to close, and then comes the season of Advent – with its preparation for the celebration at Christmas of the coming of the Christ-child - our Saviour, sent by God to this world. May the joy, love, peace and hope of this precious gift surround you and your family and loved ones this Christmas.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas,

Grace Kroehn, President.

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Metropolitan South Zone

"Plant the Seed; God will make it Grow".

1 Corinthians 3:7-9

This was the theme for the Fellowship Day hosted by Pasadena Lutheran Fellowship on Thursday 13th June 2019.

Highlights of the day were:

- The wonderful development of our theme through the devotions, "Dandelions", and "New Life from Old Stumps", in Pastor Matthew Huckel's study on Psalm 139, and our hymns.
- Our singers: Charlotte with her beautiful rendition of Psalm 139; Pastor Matt and Sal who reminded us, "Blessed is he who grows like a Tree" (Psalm 1), and who were then persuaded to follow with an encore of two of their own compositions.

- Our Guest Speakers inspired us with the way their work involved planting seeds which God will grow. Nevin Nitschke from LCA International Mission introduced Dr Patrick Sprau who took us on his journey as he prepares to soon start work in medical support for Wycliffe Bible Translators in PNG. We met two Indonesian pastors here on Reconciliation Ministry Scholarships. Rachel Kuchel from Lutheran Archives told us how the focus of her work is preserving our stories which all witness to God's grace to us. We learned about the complex and careful (and costly) techniques required to preserve old and fragile records. Shining through was the joy of seeing how God grew and sustained his people in this place.

- The wonderful attendance (over 70) and the evident fellowship – such a good “buzz”. The offering for the day was \$782.55 and was shared between LCA International Mission and the Lutheran Archives.

Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to ensure this day was a blessing!

Submitted by Val Schirmer

Upper North Zone

On the 26th June 2019 Lutheran Women from Whyalla, Port Augusta/Wilmington, Booleroo Centre, Laura/Appila, Jamestown, Port Pirie and Crystal Brook came together in fellowship to celebrate the 53rd Upper North Zone Fellowship Day with a total of 41 in attendance. The day was hosted by the Crystal Brook St John’s Lutheran Ladies fellowship group.



LWSA-NT President Grace Kroehn was in attendance and she brought greetings from the Executive committee and information on the LWSA-NT Convention held earlier this year, as well as details on the upcoming 2020 convention. The visiting groups were welcomed and the business side of the day commenced with reports received and representatives elected to various positions. With business concluded the guest speakers were welcomed.

The first guest speaker was Ms Raeleen Wandel who presented a PowerPoint presentation on her involvement with “Aussie Quilts for Heroes and Laundry Bags”. This group makes quilts and laundry bags for our armed services personnel. She has made 78 quilts and sent them to various personnel in the Australian Army, Navy, Air Force and Special Forces. The quilts are greatly appreciated by our service

men and women. This was a wonderful presentation with some amusing anecdotes related by Raeleen and many questions were asked of her by the ladies, many of whom had not heard of the organisation.

The second guest speaker was the Reverend Mary Lewis from the Anglican Church in the Port Pirie area. Mary spoke using the theme of the day “Lets Flourish”. Mary said we should never worry about what to eat and what clothes we wear - God will protect and provide for us. She quoted Luke 12:22 “Knowing God and Flourish”. Mary also told us of the years that she, her husband and her young family spent ministering in Nepal and how a planned short visit became a lengthy stay of several years. It was a very interesting and informative presentation.

Pastor Brian Keller concluded the day with closing worship and communion. Each attendee was invited to take home a potted ranunculi as a reminder of the theme for the day “Lets Flourish”. These were potted and provided by Elaine Keller.

Submitted by Jeni Seidel

South East Zone

“Living Water for REAL Thirst” Revelation 21:6 was the inspiring theme for the Rally held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bordertown on Wednesday 7th August.



Approximately 40 ladies attended with 2 ladies from the Riverland. President of LWSA-NT Grace Kroehn brought greetings from the Executive committee. She kept ladies up to date with all the latest events in the wider Church Communities.

Next year's Annual State Convention will be held at St Martins Lutheran Church, Mannum on Thursday 7th May 2020.

Pastor Murray Smith led devotion and thought-provoking brief Bible studies based around the rally theme. (Thanks Pastor Murray)

Guest Speaker Lynette Lauterbach spoke emotionally about her personal journey with daughter Vanessa to the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary. (We called it "Our Pilgrimage to the promised Land".) Lynette invited everyone to the Sisters of Mary One day Retreat at Naracoorte on Saturday 9th November 2019.

Guest Speaker Joy Wundersitz shared with ladies her grandfather's pioneer stories of piping water to Hermannsburg with the "Mud - Puncher" and then in recent times the restoration of this olden day machine. It was a fascinating story.

Guest Speaker Margreet Diment spoke passionately about her mission work with widows in Varanasi. She has lived in India for 29 years with her husband Kym and 2 children. Margreet certainly is an inspiring speaker and lives out her faith.

Thanks to all ladies who travelled for the day, to the Zone Executive and Enid and Noreen for Book shop display. To the ladies who helped make the day very successful with delicious food, thankyou's, flowers, gifts, trading table goodies, sound, overhead, etc. (especially Tracy Smith with all her planning of every detail) and Jessame our wonderful musician – a huge thank you. Sorry for anyone who I may have missed.

See you all next year at Naracoorte for the next SE Zone Rally.

Submitted by Julie Cleggett and Wendy Hartmann

Metropolitan North Zone

The Fellowship Day was hosted by the Magill Fellowship on Thursday 15th August using the theme "*Count Your Blessings*".

Pastor Michael Prenzler's opening devotion was based on Numbers 6:22-27 "*God blesses his people*". He highlighted the spiritual and earthly blessings we daily receive.

Through a PowerPoint presentation Pastor Michael and Gertraud then showed snippets of their individual lives and revealing God's plan for their life together, including the call to the

ministry and learning Auslan to equip them for service to the Adelaide Deaf Community Church as well as the Magill congregation.

At various stages we sang the theme song "*Count Your Blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!*"

We were given a sheet of paper and asked to write down three special blessings in our life. These were later read out and as we left each person was randomly handed one to take home for reflection.

We were pleased to have our LWSA-NT President Grace Kroehn with us and she gave an update on relevant matters along with words of wisdom on "blessings". Our Zone Lutheran Community Care representative Lorraine Kempf kept us informed about LCC projects and op shop needs.

Our first guest speaker, Toni Kowald, told of the joys and blessings of family and motherhood after the sadness and distress of suffering several miscarriages.

Our second speaker, Pauline Behn, told of the blessings associated with her continued communication with aboriginal women since the 35 year ministry of her parents in Central Australia. More recently she provided much information to the director of the movie "*The Song Keepers*" and her name appeared amongst the credits at the end of the movie. We viewed some of the choir's performances in Germany, Melbourne and the Sydney Opera House. What a blessing these women of faith are to their communities and the LCA [us!].

"Praise comes naturally when you count your blessings" was the message on the screen as we prepared to leave. Offering: \$691.65 was received for Lutheran Community Care Emergency Relief.

Attendance: 47

2020 Zone Fellowship Day: Thursday 20th August at North Adelaide.

Submitted by Desma Wedding

Adelaide Hills Zone

On Wednesday 18th September the second Fellowship Day was beautifully hosted by St John's Lutheran Church, Woodside under the theme, "Faith Freedom Future – Jesus our Hope". Some 40 plus people attended from the

various guilds and fellowships. There was the usual profusion of hospitality providing our ‘daily bread.’ Thank you St John’s people!

A DVD pointed our thoughts to some of the great Old Testament people of **FAITH**. David Kerber took us further into the faith enigma. Faith is belief with strong conviction. There is no tangible proof – we believe what we cannot see. We trust God’s integrity and his gift of faith that comes from hearing God’s word.

Graham Ross from Teen Challenge shared his faith journey. Graham has worn many ministry ‘hats’ since being adopted and brought up in a loving, godly home. In the midst of so many unknowns, God had a plan for Graham (and each one of us). Graham’s journey has had its challenges but God has used even the ‘bad stuff’ to teach Graham wisdom and discernment. Knowing of Jesus is not like really knowing Jesus. Graham likens himself to Zaccheus, a small man into whose life Jesus came with life-changing clarity and purpose. The offering of \$600 will be shared between Teen Challenge and Asia Focus, in particular for the ministry in Vietnam. (More on that later) **LWSA-NT reports** were given by various representatives.

- Thursday 7th May 2020 the LWSA-NT Convention will be hosted by St Martin’s, Mannum.
- LWA now has its own independent website; [lutheranwomenofaustralia.org] Information for this site welcome.
- There will be a price increase for bulk postage of *Lutheran Women* magazine in 2020, hence an increase in the subscription fee for the magazine.
- The annual LWSA-NT Retreat will be held at Immanuel College from 17th-19th January 2020. The theme ‘20/20 Vision’ will be presented in reflections by Chaplain Reid Matthias.
- Lutheran Community Care shops need more volunteers to help with the sorting of goods (mainly clothing) for sale. A new shop, ‘Elcies’ has opened at 43 The Parade, Norwood.
- Operation Christmas Child was brought to our attention again. These boxes teach a

whole community about Jesus, speaking God’s grace and love with a positive response.

FREEDOM – another DVD reminded us of the Freedoms we enjoy in Australia. Jesus offered himself for us taking us from shame to glory, to true freedom to live for his glory.

FUTURE – the future is a journey from the past to the present, living for Jesus every moment, for every moment of the day is life. ‘Haste the day when our faith shall be sight!’ (“It is well with my soul” quote)

Pastor David Christian reminded us that we are sons (in Jesus, the Son) and heirs with hope now and for the future. God wants all to be saved, to repent, pray and witness to the joy and hope we have in Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit and his passion and power. Let’s see healing and restoration, love, joy and freedom flourish! Pastor David shared his passion for teaching Vietnamese Christians together with a slide show of people and places on his Vietnam Australian Lutheran Bible Institute (VALBI) journey.

A last thought that came to mind as Faye Pfeiffer prayed for the guest speakers – God listens to our hearts rather than our words. Be encouraged to pray aloud!

The next AHZ Fellowship Day will be held on Wednesday 16th September, 2020 at St Michael’s, Hahndorf.

Submitted by Joy Christian

Lower Murray Zone

Thirty five ladies gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tailem Bend, on 16th October 2019 for the Lower Murray Zone Fellowship Day. They travelled from Murray Bridge, Lameroo, Karoonda, Milendella, Mannum, Pinnaroo, Murrayville and Walpeup.

The theme for the day was, ‘In the name of Jesus’. After a ‘cuppa and biscuit’ on arrival, the President of Trinity Lutheran Women’s Fellowship, Ruth Cross, welcomed everyone and handed over to Pastor Tony Traeger for the Opening Devotion.

Zone co-ordinator, Doreen Lutz welcomed those attending and members then participated in a thought provoking bible study compiled and led by Pastor Tony, based on Philippians 2:1-11.

This passage reminds us that, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: . . . who made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant." V 5-7.

Lunch followed the Bible study with much catching up between zone members.

The afternoon session began with guest speaker from Lobethal, Diane Schubert. She astonished and inspired listeners with an account of many trying times in her life, from the loss of her first husband, health problems, livestock deaths and fire, to a renewed life with her second husband, moving from a dairy near Jervois to a smaller cattle property at Lobethal.

Throughout her life's journey Diane's faith may have waivered a little but she held on and has become certain that God is with her always. Diane told us, 'You may have a hundred reasons to cry, but there are a thousand reasons to smile'.

LWSA-NT President, Grace Kroehn, gave an overview of LWSA-NT during 2019, and thanked the members for their support of projects and the organisation of gatherings such as this Fellowship Day.

Grace closed her report by telling us that there is no other name than that of Jesus which creates such a strong positive or negative responses when uttered.

Leslie Rosenzweig was re-elected Zone Representative on the Lutheran Community Care and Clothing Committee.

Dawn Bormann was elected Zone Representative on the Nominations Committee and Doreen Lutz was re-elected Lower Murray Zone Co-ordinator.

As Mannum will host the LWSA-NT Convention on May 7th 2020, it was decided that Murray Bridge would host the 2020 Zone Fellowship Day.

Submitted by Doreen Lutz

LWSA-NT Retreat

Members of your Retreat Committee are feeling very positive about the weekend of 17th – 19th January, 2020 which we would like to spend with many of you joining us. We believe we have found an excellent, comfortable venue at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens. Our

earlier unease that we may have to charge a lot more than in the past was unfounded. The total price is \$160, only a \$10 increase on the price that has been in place for a few years now. This time there will be the option of air-conditioning in the sleeping areas, if we should end up with a heatwave.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm of our chaplain, Pastor Reid Matthias, and have some inspirational speakers lined up. On Sunday morning we will join with the congregation for worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Novar Gardens. The theme "*In Stitches*" has a few references. Our core text from Colossians 3 speaks of being 'clothed' with compassion, kindness, humility, etc. Stitches are also involved in the project of one of our speakers. However, we also know that being 'in stitches' suggests there could be some laughter heard on the weekend! So those who attend can look forward to both spiritual enrichment and fun.

Have you always intended to book in for the retreat, but never got around to it other years? Do yourself a favour, and come this time! Even better, do it with a friend from your town or suburb. She doesn't have to be from your Fellowship or Guild. All women are warmly welcomed.

Please read the enrolment form and campus plan, included with this Tidings Newsletter. [Editor: separate inclusion]

Lois Kupke, President, Retreat Committee

Stamps for Mission

The stamps for mission program continues apace. So far this year I have banked \$11,918 and a further \$1,974 will be received from consignments already sent to buyers.

I am surprised at the number of stamps that continue to come in. Many, I suspect, are from deceased estates or from people who no longer wish to continue to collect stamps and where no other members of the family want them. They are much appreciated.

Current issues of stamps are harder to come by. If you know of a business or organisation that receives mail please see if you can collect the stamps, or have someone collect

them for you. While some are very hard to soak off (and I have no simple clue as to how to effect this) they are still useful. Leave the stamps on paper if that is easier for collectors.



All types of philatelic items are saleable. This includes first day covers, mint and used stamps from

Australia as well as overseas, postcards and annual collections. For personal use (if you are not using concession stamps) please ask the post office for sheet commemorative stamps (the lick ones, not peel and stick) or stamps from Australian territories (Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island, Cocos and Keeling Islands, or Norfolk Island).

Thank you to all who are involved in any aspect of "Stamps for Missions". Those "throw away" little pieces of paper help to raise an average of \$13,000 per annum to support overseas projects of the LCA.

I am always interested to hear from anyone who is interested in collecting or soaking off stamps. (I can provide stamps that are easy to soak off.) With Christian Greetings
Peter Nitschke, Mission Co-ordinator



[*Pictures above: Sadie Voigt sorting stamps and packed stamps ready for sale.*]

NOTICES

Cloth Bags:



The cloth bags used by shop clients and emergency relief at Lutheran Community Care and Op Shops are still needed and the continued supply is appreciated. Keep sewing and God bless your work.

Birthing Kits

Hello to you all,



In August another shipment of birthing kits was sent to Papua New Guinea. A total of 47 boxes containing approximately 1,400 kits.

I still have bias tape, a few singlets, face washers and plastic gloves.

Many thanks,
Joan Koster

Contact me by phone on 0400 235 158 or 8336 2309 or Email: joankoster@bigpond.com

Check the LCA International Mission website: <http://www.lcamission.org.au/join-gods-mission/birthing-kits/> for list of items to include in the Birthing Kits.

ALL completed birthing kits and any surplus items MUST be delivered to the LCA National Office, 197 Archer Street, North Adelaide.

From your LWSA-NT TREASURER

The LWSA-NT end of financial year is 30th November and any 2019 donation money should be sent before that date. Any donations for LCC towards Christmas Hampers would especially be appreciated before that date.



A reminder when making payments:

- 1) Please make all cheques payable to LWSA-NT - not the projects.
- 2) Use the Remittance Book to list the names of the projects.
- 3) If you need another Remittance Book, ask the LWSA-NT representative who attends your Zone Fellowship/Rally Day or contact the LWSA-NT Treasurer.
- 4) Donations towards LWA projects to be sent to the LWSA-NT treasurer.
- 5) Check the current LWA projects list in your *Lutheran Women* magazine.

Membership donations for 2020 are due after 30th November, but please pay them before 31st March 2020. Membership is \$10.00 annually per member and is to be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer. Those who are individual members should also pay their \$10.00 donation by the same date.

Lutheran Women Subscriptions – please see details in a future edition of the magazine. There will be a \$1.00 increase to the cost of Group Subscriptions (paid to the LLL). These subscriptions **MUST NOT** be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer.

Ruth Kaesler,
4 Johns Lane, HAHNDORF, SA 5245
Email: kaeslerrj@bigpond.com

LWSA-NT projects list for 2019-2020:

Adelaide Deaf Community Church
Alice Springs Aboriginal Women's Support Worker
Alice Springs Town Ministry
Blueprint Ministries (Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults)
Lutheran Aged Care: Fullarton
Glynde
Riverview
Tanunda
Lutheran Community Care - *Includes Christmas Hampers*
Lutheran Disability Services
Lutheran Media Ministry
Lutheran Secondary Education Encouragement Awards

Thank You

Dear Members of Lutheran Women of SA-NT,

I was recently advised of a generous donation from you towards the LCA's Deaf Ministry. Thank you so much!

I am touched by your continuing faithful support of a ministry which is not "high profile", yet is so vital for our Deaf brothers and sisters.

This year has seen a strengthening of the partnership between Pilgrim, Magill and the Adelaide Deaf Community Church (ADCC). In August/September we offered an introductory Auslan (Australian Sign Language Course) which was attended by 11 members and friends of Pilgrim, starting them on a journey to learn to communicate with the Deaf in their native language. During the year I have also had the opportunity for further learning, spending 1-on-1 time with a Deaf tutor to improve my comprehension and preaching skills.

Please keep Pilgrim and ADCC in your prayers as they continue to journey together. Please also pray that God may provide human as well as monetary resources to help grow the capabilities of the ministry to reach out to Deaf people who have not yet "heard" the Good News.

God bless you all,
Michael Prenzler
Pastor – ADCC and Pilgrim, Magill, SA

Honey Biscuits

Thank you to all the wonderful people who make Honey Biscuits. By now you, or someone in your fellowship, will have a roll of honey biscuit packets. Also with the roll of cellophane bags is a series of stickers saying the ingredients used. These need to be stuck onto the bags. The Honey Biscuits can be iced, or you can make them special with long sprinkles, choc bits or cherries. Please do NOT use hard cachous, 100's and 1,000's, or toppings that can get stuck between teeth, or under mouth plates and, please, NO NUTS.



Biscuits can be packed into the bags up to the weight of 125 grams/4 oz. Tie the tops together with curling ribbon, and if you want to, you can attach a Christmas tract/small card, telling the recipient which Fellowship they have come from etc.

This year, the completed Honey Biscuit packets can be left at:

Lutheran Community Care,
309 Prospect Road, Blair Athol
Office hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Op Shop hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

OR

Lutheran Community Care – Barossa Valley Services, 24 – 26 Second Street, Nuriootpa, SA
[Next to St Petri Lutheran Church]
Office hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

PLEASE pack in boxes and clearly write on the outside of each box the number of completed Honey Biscuit packets that the box contains. Deliver packets by Wednesday 27th November, 2019.

Thanks to you all, your help is much appreciated.

Reminder: Secretaries of Committees / Auxiliaries

After your committee has held its AGM meeting, please send the name, postal address, email address and phone number of the President, Secretary and Treasurer to:

LWSA-NT Secretary, Joan Schiller

Reports for 2020 Convention

President's reports from Committees-Auxiliaries must be sent to the Editor of the Tidings Newsletter by 15th February, 2020.

Representatives must also send in a report by the due date.

Nominations

Expressions of interest for the position of an Additional Member on the LWSA-NT Executive Committee are now being sort. Please contact either the President (**Mrs Faye Pfeiffer, Box 20, WOODSIDE, SA 5244**

Phone: 08 8389 7349 Mobile: 0439 204 558

Email: dmfp@bigpond.com)

or the Secretary of the Nominations Committee (**Mrs Wendy Hartmann, 12 Gaynor Avenue, KEITH, SA 5267**

Phone: 08 8755 1688 Mobile: 0419 996 264

Email: hartmann.wendy@live.com).

Nomination details for the Executive Positions for Convention 2020 are included on a separate sheet with this Tidings Newsletter. Any further nominees must fill out a Nominations Form (on the reverse of the Nominations details sheet) and return it by 28th February, 2020.

PROPOSALS If any Fellowship/Guild has a proposal in mind and would like to present it to the 2020 Convention for consideration, please send this to the **LWSA-NT Secretary, Mrs Joan Schiller, Box 80, LIGHT PASS SA**
Phone: 0439 481 510, or by email: joan.schiller@internode.on.net
by 1st February, 2020, for review by the Executive Committee prior to the printing of the Agenda in the March Tidings.

A Reminder

Send any written articles from your Fellowship/Guild for the *Lutheran Women* magazine to the State Link Reporter, Maureen Turner – Email: travellingturners2@gmail.com



Please take note of change of email address.

An opportunity to help



If you or someone you know is travelling to Alice Springs at some time by vehicle and you have space for additional luggage, Lutheran Community Care has clothes and other goods that need to be taken to the Op Shop in Alice Springs.

Please contact Babs Deane 0439 223 376 if you are able to provide assistance in this respect.

DIARY DATES

LWSA-NT Retreat

Date: Friday 17th – Sunday 19th January, 2020

Venue: Immanuel College,
32 Morphett Road,
Novar Gardens, SA

Theme: “In Stitches”
Colossians 3:12-14

Chaplain: Pastor Reid Matthias
Enrolment form is included with this issue. Print as many copies as you require. For catering purposes all enrolments together with full payment must be received by Monday 7th January, 2020.



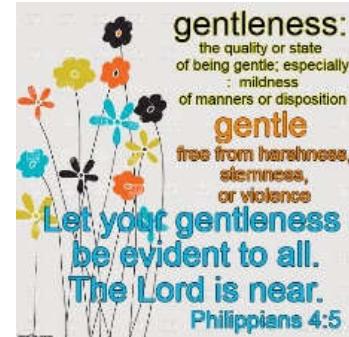
LWSA-NT CONVENTION 2020

Thursday 7th May 2020

St Martins Lutheran Church, Mannum, SA

Host: Mid Murray Parish Lutheran Women’s Fellowships

**Theme: “Strength of Gentleness”
Philippians 4:5**



2020 Zone Retreats

- * **Upper North**
Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February at
Camp Willochra, Melrose, SA
- * **South East Zone** [Weekend]
Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd February
at Tarooki Camp, Robe, SA
- * **Riverland Zone**
March/April
- * **South East Zone** [One Day]
Thursday 28th May at St John's
Lutheran Church, Naracoorte, SA
- * **Barossa Zone**
Friday 19th June at Neukirch
Lutheran Church, SA

2020 Zone Days

- * **Eyre Peninsula Rally**
Sunday 1st March at Our Saviours
Lutheran Church, Port Lincoln, SA
- * **Metropolitan South Fellowship Day**
Wednesday 17th June at St John's
Lutheran Church, Unley, SA
- * **Upper North Fellowship Day**
At St Pauls Lutheran Church,
Booleroo Centre, SA
- * **South East Rally**
Wednesday 5th August at St John's
Lutheran Church, Naracoorte, SA
- * **Metropolitan North Fellowship Day**
Thursday 20th August at Immanuel
Lutheran Church, North Adelaide, SA
- * **Riverland Rally**
(TBA)
- * **Light Fellowship Day**
September in the Saddleworth
Parish, SA
- * **Adelaide Hills Fellowship Day**
Wednesday 16th September at St
Michael's Lutheran Church,
Hahndorf, SA
- * **Barossa Fellowship Day**
Friday 18th September at Zion
Lutheran Church, Angaston, SA
- * **Lower Murray Rally**
Murray Bridge, SA

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 2020 at 10.00 am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Grote Street, Adelaide, SA.
Theme: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"
Service prepared by women in Zimbabwe.

Looking For a Guest Speaker?

As many of you will be planning your calendar for the upcoming year, you may like to include some of the following ideas:

**** Introducing South Asia and Audrey**

South Asia is a captivating place which overwhelms the senses with its vast crowds, loud noises, vibrant colours, spicy food, and overpowering smells. There are thousands of distinct people groups who speak hundreds of different languages in this region. The majority of people follow Hinduism or Islam, meaning that most people have not heard the good news about Jesus, or if they have, they probably don't have the complete Bible available in their language.

Audrey is a member at one of the Lutheran congregations on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia and was fortunate to attend both Lutheran primary and secondary schools in the area. Audrey is also a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators and is preparing to serve long-term in South Asia from early next year – this is a little of her story.

Audrey was first introduced to the work of Bible translation in 2004 and has since been on a number of short-term mission trips. During these trips she saw how important it was for people to have the Bible in their own language. If pastors struggle to understand the Bible in their country's national language, how can they disciple people from their own local language community? She was also challenged by how many Bible translations we have available in English (literally 100s) and by how much still needs to be done to translate the Bible into almost 1,800 languages which have no Scripture available.

In 2014, Audrey had the opportunity to go back to South Asia to help at a training workshop for local translators. It was a great experience which introduced her to the process of Bible translation and how she could serve. Now, having equipped herself for the work, she is ready to return long-term. She is excited about serving the local church and working with national Bible translators as they translate God's word into their languages.

However, once she arrives in South Asia she will need to focus on language study and learning new ways of doing life in a different culture. It can also be difficult to get long-term visas for this part of Asia so she will be looking for another area to serve in alongside Bible translation. Audrey's background is in environmental science so this is a possible option.

The LCA has a Memorandum of Understanding with Wycliffe Bible Translators as we partner in the work we are called to do in the world. This is an exciting opportunity for us in the LCA and LCNZ to join the work God is doing in this area because as you probably know, Martin Luther translated the Bible into German so that "everyday people" could read and access God's word, so Bible translation is a key part of our heritage in the Lutheran church. If you would like to support Audrey through prayer, finance or encouragement (you can sign up to receive her regular newsletters) as she prepares to join God in his mission to extend his kingdom in South Asia through the work of Bible translation, you are invited to contact LCA International Mission at lcaim@lca.org.au or 08 8267 7300.

[Editor: Audrey is a pen name and not her real name due to security issues in this region of work.]

** The Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) is so THANKFUL for your continued generosity in bringing 'love to life' in so many places where vulnerable people are struggling, suffering and stuck in poverty.

Julie Krause would be delighted to come and speak to your group and to thank you personally and share some stories of real people's lives whom you have changed and how you have shared the love of Christ in real and practical ways.

Julie Krause,
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** Rosemary Winderlich is happy to present information about Debora, or the partner churches in Indonesia or cultural understanding.

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** Bus Trip Outing

Sharon Pippes is the owner/operator of Hahndorf Walking Tours. She writes: "As Hahndorf is the birthplace of the Lutheran church in Australia I feel that you and your community would enjoy a walk through Hahndorf to enhance your understanding of the Lutheran church and beginnings here in Australia."

Please check out her webpage at www.hahndorfwalkingtours.com.au for details of the opportunities that are available.

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[Editor: Please take note of the correct phone number for Pastor Welke – it was incorrect on Page 11 of the July 2019 edition]



LWSA-NT Lutheran Community Care Zone Project List

At the October 2019 meeting of Lutheran Community Care & Clothing Committee the Zone representatives chose the following for the 2020 Zone Projects:

Adelaide Hills – Towels, Children's Clothes & Men's Clothes (Monetary donation)



Barossa – Children's Toys and Books – [For 0 – 12 years]



Eyre Peninsula – Monetary Donation



Light – Packets of Seeds [vegetables] and Men's & Boy's Clothes (Monetary donation)



Lower Murray – Pillows and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



Metropolitan North – Children's Winter Clothes



Metropolitan South – Children's Undies and Christmas Toys



Mid North/Yorke Peninsula [This Zone does not hold an annual Zone Day but continues to support LCC]

– Knitted or Crochet Rugs and Quilts



Riverland – Socks, Jocks and Baby Clothes



South East – Undies, Socks and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



Upper North – Baby Clothes



These items are for **Emergency Relief, Baby Bundles and Christmas Hampers** and they need to be **NEW**.

You may like to give a **Monetary Donation** instead of items. Lutheran Community Care can then purchase items that are still required.

The **Packets of seeds** are used to grow vegetables at different locations where people are taught gardening skills and then given lessons how to use the produce.

Bring these Project Items to your Zone Fellowship/Rally Day. This list is a guide to give a variety of items that are needed.

All Information for the March, 2019 issue of the "Tidings" must be received by

15th February, 2020

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Seeking Expressions of Interest

You are asking "Where to next?"
Karen Bryce, LWQ president has invited us to join them for their Lutheran Women of Queensland Retreat/Convention in 2020.



The LWSA-NT executive are exploring group travel and accommodation options to attend the LWQ retreat/convention to be held Fri 16 July – Sun 19 July, 2020 in Maroochydore QLD.

Proposed travel outline (yet to be finalised)

- ❖ Tues 14 July – air travel to Sunshine Coast
 - ❖ Wed 15 – Fri 16 July – Sunshine Coast sightseeing (incl. Noosa River & Canal Cruise)
 - ❖ Fri 16 July – Sun 19 July – attend LWQ Retreat/Convention, Maroochydore
 - ❖ Mon 20 July – air travel Brisbane to Adelaide
- Est. Cost: \$1,525.00 pp twin share
(based on minimum 20 passengers)
plus Convention rego \$280 full, \$220 men



If you wish to support and encourage our sisters in Christ in QLD by attending their Retreat/Convention (plus a little sight-seeing) and be kept up to date about arrangements, please express your interest and contact details to

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no later than Fri, 17 Jan 2020