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OKC ZONE NEWSLETTER

In The Zone

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And then.....it's Convention Time

The 51st Oklahoma District Convention has been scheduled for April 16 and 17 at the Express Event Center on NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The theme is "Glorify God with One Heart, One Voice" based on Romans 15:5-6. Events include: Servant events, interests session, bible study and the featured speaker, Mr. Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for the LCMS. There also will be special events for young women, teens and pastors. Reservation fliers will be available soon. In the meantime, get your group excited about this wonderful event.. The opening Worship Service (with communion) on Friday evening is open to the public. Societies have been asked to send a picture of their church and a landmark or something notable in their city for a slide show that will be presented at the convention.

Please send these pictures to the district's Communications VP, Audrey House. @ volunteer@audreyhouse.org. Thank you!!



In early December, the WCSS at St. John's Lutheran in Moore, hosted a homemade cookies and candy sale with proceeds going to the church's general funds. They raised \$450 on this project.

More St. John's News

The WCSS collected \$100 for needy families in November, as well as collecting for our "Father's Business" in Moore. In December, the ladies collected \$170 for one of its school's young teachers, whose husband died of cancer in November. She was also given a turkey.

*Shirely Graumann
St. Mark's WCSS President*

Upcoming Banquet Open to ALL

Central Chapter of the Lutherans for Life is having a Banquet on Saturday, February 28th, at 6 p.m. We are bringing to Oklahoma City a wonderful speaker, Renee Gibbs. She comes to us from St. Louis, where her husband is a professor at our Lutheran Seminary. She has been to Oklahoma City on several other occasions and has been well received. She was also our guest speaker for the LWML Pastor's Wives' Retreat that was held last May.

This banquet will include a catered meal, special music, and wonderful fellowship. It will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, and will follow our Discover Real Love Rally for the teens from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..

As you can imagine, this opportunity will give us a chance to gather with other Lutherans, to learn and to share. We are not asking for help, but I know some of you love to serve the Lord in new capacities, so if you would like to help with donations, food, setting up, moving tables, decorating....anything at all....please let me know. But most of all, please answer the invitation to attend.....more info will be coming to your bulletins!!!

Submitted by OKC Zone President,

IN THE ZONE

Softly & Gently, Jesus May Be Calling YOU

Is Jesus calling you to the white fields of mission? Is your heart yearning to answer, Send me! Send me! The OK District LWML has a group going to Latvia this summer, July 2-13, to work with children of all ages at summer camp.

Near Riga, we will stay in an enclosed compound with indoor bathrooms. Our meals will be prepared for us. An experienced chaperone will accompany the group. In drama, song, art, crafts, recreation, puppetry and casual conversation we will teach English as a second language (ESL).

You do not have to be a teacher, you just have to have a heart for mission! All people from age 13 - 80+ in good health are welcome to join us. There will be time for sight-seeing also. The cost will be between \$2600 and \$2800, all inclusive. Start your fund raising now!

There is also a side trip to St. Petersburg, Russia afterward you can join for an additional fee. Men are very welcome, also! The group can accommodate up to 19 people. This opportunity is through M.O.S. T. Ministries.

To reserve your spot, send a \$100 deposit to Nancy West, 3113 N Westminster Rd, Arcadia, OK 73007. Questions? Call 405 396-2000.

*- Nancy West, President
Holy Trinity LWML*

Faith Part of Some Love

Faith Lutheran LWML ladies hosted a "Truck or Treat" on Halloween with beautiful weather and a good turnout. We had so much candy donated we had a hard time giving it all away. We also handed out Bibles and Bible CDs, apples and oranges.

Next we hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for our members. A great turnout and lots of GOOD food. Following Thanksgiving, it was time to trim the tree and decorate the church. Thanks to the help of the men putting up the tree and helping with the decoration above the ladies' heads. The men also helped take it down and they help was very much appreciated.

Faith helped Holy Trinity by providing a location and helping the day of their Angel Tree program, which provides gifts for children of incarcerated parents. Holy Trinity does a great job and it is nice playing a small part in their program. The Sunday before Christmas the ladies gave a "Birthday Party for Jesus" during the Sunday School hour for the children, gifts for Jesus were goodies to go in the goodie bags. Mona Deering made us some neat fabric bags to fill. Following Worship they took the Sunday School children and went caroling to the shut ins leaving a bag at each home. Don't know who had the most fun or enjoyed it the most, the children or the adults?. What a wonderful Christmas being a part of some much LOVE.

*- Nancy Purinton, Member
Faith LWML*

Christ Lutheran Church, Mustang

Over the next month, the LWML ladies at Christ Lutheran are challenging the congregation to match the funds they are giving to Lutheran World Relief for Haiti.

The group voted in January to have its mission be LWR, with the first project being this country in much need. They are giving \$1,000 towards the relief and they are hoping their fellow congregants are up to the challenge. Also in Feb., the group will work with the Fellowship committee to decorate and purchase items for the church Val-

entine banquet to be held this year at Aguelo's in Bricktown. At the March meeting, the ladies will discuss further projects they will participate in through LWR. During Christmas, the ladies sponsored the yearly Angel Tree and purchased the gifts for the last few angels that were not claimed. The Christmas party was at the home of member, Susan Doepel and a devotion about Jesus' light was given by member, Barbara Coghill. This was followed by singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and of course, there was cake.

Rather than having its LWML Sunday in October, this group had theirs on November 22, which was also the day of an LWML Blitz. To date, a new member has started attending the meetings.

Three members of the OK District board made presentations as well as our Zone President, Shari Stepanek. A few young ladies were approached regarding Teen LWML. You never know what the results of that conversation might be.

*Susan Anderson
CLC LWML Member*

Our LWML friend, **Lois Hullings**, has retired as secretary at Immanuel Lutheran....best wishes! She sent me her new email: immanuelokc2@yahoo.com. I know many of you would like to keep it in your records so you can keep up with her during her "retirement".

Road Rage

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, '**I'm very sorry for this mistake**. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a **blue streak** at him.' I noticed the '**What Would Jesus Do**' bumper sticker, the '**Choose Life**' license plate holder, the '**Follow Me to Sunday-School**' bumper sticker, and the **chrome-plated Christian fish emblem** on the trunk; naturally...**I assumed you had stolen the car...**'

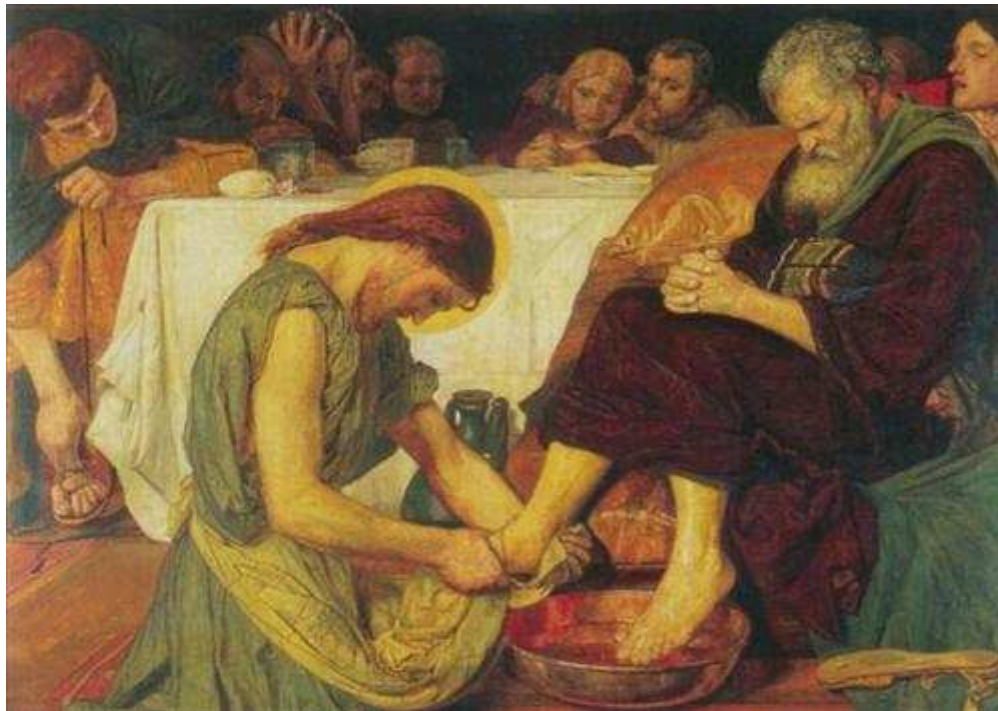
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Prayer & P R A I S E

St. Mark's, Edmond Mary/Martha Society

October 4 – LWML Sunday with members of LWML participating as scripture readers, greeters, and ushers during both worship services recognizing LWML services and the ladies in missions.

November 22 – LWML hosted a community outreach Thanksgiving Dinner. Approximately 100 in attendance. Flyers were placed in different areas in the community and the response from St Mark members providing food was outstanding.

December 6 – Annual Advent by Candlelight Ladies Tea with theme of “A Saint Nicholas Christmas” was held with approximately 80 in attendance.

December 1 through 14th – LWML sponsored “Operation Christmas Child”, a shoebox project for Children K-5 at “Positive Tomorrows”, a school for homeless children in OKC area. Total of 39 Christmas wrapped shoeboxes were filled with items for different ages and delivered to the school on December 15.

December 15 – Annual Christmas Salad potluck for LWML members and guests.
Remainder of school backpacks (40) delivered to “Children’s Haven in Mexico.

Beth Skinner, St. Mark's LWML President



*St Mark's annual Advent by Candlelight Ladies Tea "A Saint Nicholas Christmas" held on December 6, 2009 @6:30 p.m. There were approximately 80 in attendance with Kristy Theimer-Program coordinator of the event, and Erica Erler, music coordinator, Beth Skinner, Kitchen coordinator, Claudette Theimer, Table coordinator and Cindy Schemm, Decorating coordinator. The vocalists were Jill Fischaber, Julie Wantland, Linda Jenkins, Julie and Ellie Drumm and music by The Pittsburgh Trio and St Mark Bell Choir.
From left, Carole Sommers, Beth Skinner and Peggy Davis*

*LWML sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. November 22, 2009 @4:30 at St Mark Lutheran Church. This was a community outreach project inspired by "ABLAZE". Flyers were placed through-out community. We had approximately 100 in attendance with congregational ladies providing the food.
From left, Lucille McShane, Beth Skinner, Donna Anderson in kitchen serving food.*

