



# The **White Oak** Branch

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## Meet Amanda Halbert – Your New President

Mandy agreed to serve as the White Oak Zone President beginning January 1, 2021. Due to Covid and social gathering restrictions, the Society Presidents voted via email on behalf of their society\*, and she was unanimously elected.



Mandy and her family are actively involved at Our Savior where she enjoys teaching Sunday School. During her membership at Pilgrim, she taught VBS and served on their School Board. Mechanical Engineering is her career and when she's not working, Mandy enjoys scrapbooking and spending time with her husband, R.K., and her three children, Abi, Stella, and Trip.

She is very familiar with LWML. She has served as Society VP of Programs, VP of Communication and on the Nominating Committee. She was the President of the Bayou City Zone and was also their Young Woman Rep. Mandy is currently serving on the District Communication Committee, has served on the Young Women Rep Committee and has volunteered to be the Teen Committee Chair for the 2022 Convention.

Mandy – thank you for agreeing to be our President!

## From Immanuel LWML Group

Goodbye from the Naomi Willing Workers Group

Sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Naomi lady's group will no longer be meeting after 51 years. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of this wonderful group. The hamburger fries and the fund raisers have supported many, many charities and projects throughout the years. Our hope is that some of the younger ladies at Immanuel will come together to form a new lady's group to carry on the good works that God has given us to do. The monies we have left will be donated to our local LWML White Oak Zone to use to the glory of God.

God's Blessing to you all,  
Sincerely,  
Martha McFarland, Secretary

## Dates to Remember

- Jan. 2 Zone Officers Meeting – 9am – Our Savior Lutheran Church – the Family Room
- Jan. 16 2022 Convention Committee Chairs Meeting – 10am - Zoom
- Jan. 30 Society Presidents & Zone Officers Meeting – 9 am – Our Savior Lutheran Church

\* Indicates a decision made by the Executive Board.

## Throughout the Year Around the Zone

The ladies at Gethsemane delivered 100 school kits and 22 tie quilts to the Ingathering for LWML on November 7<sup>th</sup>. They decorated their church for Christmas and hope to begin meeting next year.

Beautiful Savior women are sending 40 quilts to Orphan Grain Train. They are currently collecting toiletries and socks for a homeless shelter. Monetary donations have been made to Bethesda Lutheran Home, Deaf Youth Ministry, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Braille Workers, LAMP and Upbring. They have also collected socks for foster children and will be hosting an Undie Sunday in January (collecting all sizes of undies) for Orphan Grain Train.

Concordia's Women's Club has taken 60 school kits, 50 health care kits and 212 quilts to Orphan Grain Train. They collected over 120 Christmas toys for the children at DePelchin Children's Center and an SUV full of food for the Food Pantry. Throughout the year, 80 sympathy, get well, and thinking of you cards were mailed. Twenty Love Bags were assembled with goodies for Christmas for the shut-ins and others on the prayer list.

## 2022 Convention Update

The Cost Committee has begun to work on making plans for the next Texas District Convention. If you are interested in helping, please let Dorcus know! We are still looking for someone to chair the Audio Visual Committee, the Publicity Committee (signage portion only), and the Arrangements Committee.

## Thank You

Thank you I would like to thank each of you for being so supportive during my tenure as Zone President. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the ladies in our zone, and have enjoyed working with the Society Presidents as we have made plans for the zone.

Thank you to Esther Roth for your work as Vice President of the zone. Best wishes as you relocate to Montana to be closer to your family. Thank you to Tanoa Parker (Secretary), Carol Richards (Treasurer), Sarah Baughman (Christian Life), Monica Murray (Historian) and Pastor Etzel (Pastoral Counselor) for serving with me over the past two years. Thank you also to Lori Cleare and Sandi Hall who were officers during my tenure as well. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you a little better, and appreciate all that you have done to help lead our Zone

I would like to thank the ladies of Immanuel for all of their faithful years of serving the Lord with gladness. I pray that each of them will continue to serve as they are able within their congregation and I invite them to continue to attend our rallies and other zone events.

I may no longer be the Zone President, but I'm not gone....I look forward to seeing you all at the next Rally, and working with all of you on the 2022 Convention!

Dorcus