



What can I do?

By Gaye Lynn Krueger
Vice-President of Human Care

Everyone can help **paint the planet purple with servanthood**. Here are a few ideas for your congregation or LWML group to try:

Mission service project for December

Collect new stuffed animals for a community Christmas gift ingathering. Include manger animals such as sheep, cows, donkeys and camels in your collection.

2019-21 resources for planning programs

This “grab-and-go” resource, found at lwml.org/program-helps, provides two years of thematic monthly ideas which include icebreakers, devotions, Bible studies, sketches, mission servants projects and mission grant references.

Mission service activity

Check out the Mission Service Activity of the Month at lwml.org/mission-service-activities.

LWR Ingathering

Every spring (the week after Easter), Lutheran World Relief

(LWR) kits and quilts are collected and loaded onto trucks in Houston, Seguin and Dallas.

More information on the ingathering can be found at lwmltxdist.org/human-care. Information on items needed is at lwr.org/quilts-and-kits. Personal care kits and school kits are greatly needed. LWR cannot keep up with the demand.

Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature and other aid to meet real needs.

Needed items can be found at ogt.org/donate. Information on collection sites in Texas can be found at lwmltxdist.org/human-care.

Faith in action

By Joy Cowan
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Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas (FLHS) opened in 2017 and will graduate its first class, which consists of three students, next year. It will also be the first year that all four grades will be offered.

The students who attend this school in rural Fayette County are having a unique high school experience. The classes are small and there is much one-on-one interaction. Most students are Lutheran.

FLHS is renting facilities from Holy Cross, Warda, and is supported through an association of six area Lutheran congregations.

Our LWML mission grant provides materials for chapel (Bibles, hymnals), textbooks for theology classes and other curriculum needs.

Though small in numbers now, the students and staff are committed to high academic standards and Christian values. Archery, track-and-field and a new basketball program



From left, Nicholas Awad, Magdalena Obersat and Dylan Lambert.

are offered. Nikki Kueck, FLHS principal, is enthusiastic about the school’s progress. She envisions steady growth in the coming years. The school also reaches out to the community with summer day

camp, which attracted 125 children this year.

FLHS seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment, where faith and knowledge grow as one.



▲ Paula and Malia Taylor

◀ Betty Williams and Suzi Parker

DENISON

Social Graces of Grace Lutheran Church hosted its first Mother Daughter Tea on Aug. 3. A group of mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and aunts enjoyed a traditional breakfast tea. The little ones enjoyed using china, while others enjoyed the relaxing fellowship. A table of craft supplies was available for those who wanted to participate in the hat fashion show.



The LWML Texas District is awarding scholarships for the next school year. Women who are members of an LCMS Texas District congregation, attending an LCMS institution for undergraduate work in the 2020-21 school year, and enrolled in a course of study leading to full-time professional church work in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod should apply now for an LWML Texas District scholarship.

For information on eligibility requirements and to apply, visit lwmltxdist.org. Go to “Special Groups” section and select “Scholarships” from the drop-down menu.

For more information, contact Marlene White, Scholarship Committee chairman, from her link at lwmltxdist.org. Go to “About” and select “Contact Your Officers” from the drop-down menu.

Completed applications must be sent to Marlene, postmarked no later than March 31, 2020.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gifts from the Heart

Christmas and gifts — they go together right? Didn't we receive the best Gift of all at Christmas — Jesus? What about the gifts from the wise men?

“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

— Matt. 2:11

When LWML groups meet for events, they often gather “gifts from the heart.” These tangible items are then given to assist an agency in serving their clients. I am amazed at the generosity of Lutheran Women in Mission as they share God's love and “Serve the Lord with Gladness” through these gatherings of gifts.

My zone recently collected food

items to replenish the Franklin Food Pantry, which was destroyed by a tornado in April. It was a “jumping-off” point for the pantry to restart its ministry to those in need in the Franklin area. The ingathering gifts were dedicated with a litany at the zone event.

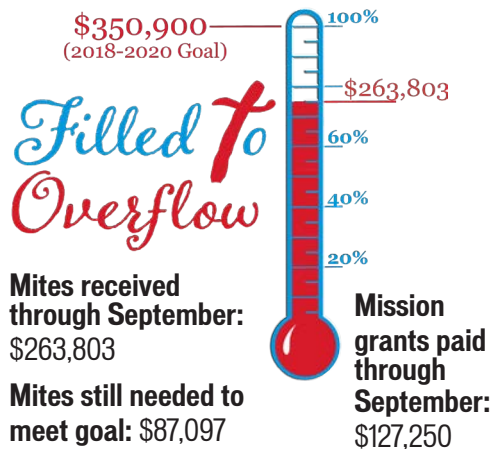
I encourage you to seek out agencies in your area and contact them to be sure they can accept the gifts and in what quantity. Ask others in your congregation or community to participate. Gift giving is not just for Christmas. Need ideas? Visit lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lwml-toolkit-kits.

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