

FALL 2023
Golden Triangle Zone
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I have often been wearied by a shortcoming of our fellowship as Christians, that is, between our congregations there is often little interaction. Perhaps we have kin at the various LCMS congregations that we keep up with, or maybe members who have since moved their membership elsewhere. Perhaps we are diligent in calling, writing or instant messaging the friends we have made over the years. On the other hand, we also may be lacking in our recognition of what unites us as believers, which is that we are the body of Christ. Not just this congregation or that congregation, or this assembly or that, we are united in our faith.

In a recent discussion at one of the Bible studies I lead, we focused on the following verse, **“ To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ”** (1 Corinthians 1:2) The church in Corinth was united with all those who call on the name of the Lord. They were united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We also cherish this unity.

All this to say how grateful I am for the LWML and our Zone. Because of the LWML, I know more people at the congregations to which I am not called. You all serve as a beautiful example of the Church united, that transcends the local congregation. When we gather together, and we have the fellowship with one another founded in Christ, I see a glimpse of the Church Triumphant. I see a glimpse of the day we will gather together around His glorious throne.

Thank you, ladies, for being this light to our congregations of fellowship that extends beyond our local congregations and shows our larger fellowship in Christ among all of our congregations. You all are a blessing to our Zone and our congregations and the Church in Christ.

God’s peace be with you this coming fall.

Pastor Williamson

LWML of Holy Cross

Greetings dear sisters in Christ.

We continue to serve the Lord with service to our church and community.

Served a "Taco Sunday" lunch to the choir, band, and handbell members and their families.



Funds from our annual "Mission Tree" sent \$400.00 gifts to: LCC Comfort Dog Ministry, Community Prayer Outreach Center, the Rainbow Room, and Orphan Grain Train.

We served lunch to our Youth during their summer work week. They cut grass, trimmed trees and bushes, did other small repairs and cleaning. So proud of youth and adults who braved the heat to help others.

Members helped with the Midnight Madness Garage Sale.

Our group gave funds to the 18 campers going to Camp Lone Star.

We are planning to hold a Donna Pyle Snow Bible study, "Perseverance, Praying through Life's Struggles." A Nehemiah Battle Plan. It will be a morning study—contact Laurenda to help make plans and to be involved.



Respectfully submitted,

Laurenda Wolford

Servants of Peace

Seems we are still in "get-motivated" mood as we endeavor to get our group in motion.

We thank all of you who came to the Spring Event that we enjoyed hosting and realize that with only 4 groups we will host again in 2025.

While we had no meetings this summer, our first is tomorrow, the 17th! We can report that with the help of a Thrivent Action Team card, we provided the Sunday school students the opportunity to learn about the United Board of Missions (UBM) by packing 87

personal care kits this past Sunday. Sometimes opening a project to new people takes more effort than doing it oneself, but that misses the chance for others to express their love for Jesus. After delivering the 22 it takes to get us back on track, we will again donate 8 kits per month.

We will bless our 200 plus quilts on Oct. 1, and our LWML worship service will be Oct. 15.

Eileen Schaefer

St. John Ladies Aid ~ Beaumont

The Ladies Aid has been busy working on Operation Christmas Child—gathering supplies with Thrivent Action Team contributions. Then sorting and setting up for packing day. A local home school Service Scout group helped pack. Over 600 shoeboxes are ready to be boxed up for shipping. Margaret Root is the Drop-Off Site Coordinator for St. John; she is preparing for Collection Week coming up in November.

For Lutheran World Relief we have packed over 200 School Kits—and 100 personal care kits—with the help of our members' Thrivent Action Team Contributions. Quite an increase over last year!

In August we participated in the Tasting for Some Other Place...serving iced tea and lemonade, representing a change from pumpkin bars for the last 20 years. McAllister's Deli on Dowlen donated the tea! We used the theme of "HOT SUMMER NIGHTS" to decorate with Margaret and Mike

Root's **RED MUSTANG** highlighting our booth...which brought us 3rd place in the booth decorations! We were so excited!!! We shared John 3:16 coins.



We recently sponsored Cookies and Punch between our two services to raise awareness and donations (\$250) for UPBRING.

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In May we honored our 4 high school graduates with a quilt made for each by our ladies and quilted by Michele Spencer's mom. We celebrated with cake and punch after the service. "In all your ways acknowledge HIM and HE will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:6.

We will be celebrating all our Veterans with a meal in November. We will honor one member who is a retired and veteran this year as well.

Oct. is when we celebrate the LWML—and we will celebrate all things LWML on 10.1.23.

Our annual Christmas party in December includes a Christmas ornament exchange, food, and fellowship.

Serving with Gladness,

Chris Heiner, President

Hope Circle ~ Winnie

No report received at this time.

Hope has been busy with 50th Anniversary Celebrations!



The Stamporee Project will end Dec. 31, so we need to get all collected stamps turned in before then. Send with someone attending the fall retreats if possible.

PROBABLE REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday, Oct.27, 2024



Volunteer to be on the planning committee!

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

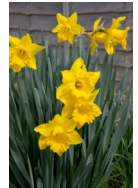
June 13-15, 2024

Omni Hotel — Corpus Christi

SPRING EVENT

Holy Cross, Nederland

Date to be announced



LWR Ingathering

Epiphany Lutheran Church, Houston

Nov. 4, 2023

If you have items and need transportation, contact Eileen Schaefer asap.

Remember to keep track of your 2023 quilts, kits, etc. even if donating to other causes, so they can be reported in the Spring RIBBON.

Check the TX District LWML site for information RE Mite Goal Updates , conventions, zone information, officers, retreats, helps of all kinds, etc.

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