



March 2018



**THE GIFT OF HIS WORD** God in His great mercy comes near to us even though we are far away because of our sins. He has given us His Word, through which the Holy Spirit has called us into His Church and enabled us to be ready to confess Jesus Christ. You are invited to join the Lutheran Women in Mission on March 10 at 10:00 a.m. with our Bible Study leader, Pastor Tim, to learn from God's Word. All ladies are invited to come to the Quilting/Bible Study room across from the kitchen for an hour and a half of study, Christian service opportunities, and fellowship.



**2017-2019 NATIONAL MISSION GRANT #6: Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide—Lutheran Heritage Foundation**

• **\$100,000** Lutheran churches, missionaries, and new Christian families around the world will be provided with Bible story books, translated into their languages that teach children about Jesus. The brightly illustrated books, such as *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* and *Bible Stories in Pictures*, are given free of charge to the parents and missionaries who need them. Your monetary gifts in a Mite Box will help make this grant possible.

**LWML NATIONAL AND DISTRICT GRANTS** Both national and district grants are supported by your gifts in the Mite Box. Of those gifts, 75% goes to grants in our Pacific Southwest District (includes Arizona, So. California, So. Nevada, and So. Utah). The remaining 25% goes to national grants (from churches across the country). The 16 district grants for the 2016-2018 biennium have been fully paid. The 2017-2019 national grants are falling behind the suggested monthly budget. As you add your coins and dollars to a Mite Box, pray for God's blessing on all who tell others of God's love. Be sure to pick up a box from the table at the back of church and exchange it regularly for an empty box.



**"UNDIE SUNDAY"** The Ingathering for Orphan Grain Train was a huge success thanks to your generosity! You

donated: 228 pair underwear, 9 undershirts and 165 pairs of socks. In addition \$370 was donated plus whatever was sent directly to our Orphan Grain Train representative. This plus gifts from Our Redeemer and

Trinity, Simi will all be taken by Rica Harding to the March District Board meeting in Ontario for pickup by Orphan Grain Train for those in need.

**SPRING CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON**

will be held Saturday, April 21 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2949 Alamo Street, Simi Valley. Guest



speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Horn, former missionary to Papua New Guinea, who will tell us about "The Most Remote Seminary in the World." He is the son of Norma and Cliff Horn, members at Our Redeemer Lutheran. Rev. Horn currently serves at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Escondido. He writes, "The LWML



does amazing work in support of missions.

They were a big help while I served in Papua New Guinea, and I am happy to have the chance to share about the work going on there." The Ingathering will go to help support the seminary. Monetary gifts may be brought to the Celebration or given to Cindi Berke or Rica Harding. A tasty taco salad buffet luncheon will be served followed by a short devotional and the program in the church. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with car pools leaving from church at 11:00 a.m. Cost is only \$10. Please sign the clipboard at the back of church if you plan to come.

**"HE ROCKS" DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Hope your calendar is marked for the "He Rocks!" convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The dates are June 8-10, 2018 and all forms are posted on the website, [lwml.psdlwml.org](http://lwml.psdlwml.org), or request them from Zone President Rica Harding. The convention will include time for pre-convention sessions, worship, Bible Study, inspirational speakers, selection of grants, election of officers, a fun silent auction, mission walk and more. The location will be at the South Point Hotel which is a beautiful facility complete with a pool, bowling alley, and movie theater. Bring the whole family and make it a mini vacation.



**LWML CALENDAR**

Mar. 10	Bible Study
Mar. 11	Bake Sale
Apr. 14	Bible Study
Apr. 15	Bake Sale
Apr. 21	Spring Celebration, Trinity Lutheran, Simi
Jun. 8-10	District Convention, South Point, Las Vegas

