

## MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

### LADIES GUILD

**"There's no question the church is behind you because in so many ways you are ahead of the church."** With those words, a Lutheran historian applauded the progress of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) since its founding in 1942. Its roots, however, go back nearly a century earlier.

Beginning in the 1850s, women of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) started local auxiliaries to meet the needs of people—mending clothes for seminarians, equipping hospitals, establishing schools, developing convalescent and retirement homes, assisting orphanages and residences for people with disabilities, gathering clothing, furniture and food for indigents, and funding mission endeavors at home and abroad.

But, the blessing of the LWML, now also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, goes far beyond the millions raised for missions. Its benefits can be seen in faith deepened through Bible studies, in confidence built through leadership training, in the befriending of career missionaries, in blankets and clothing gathered for the impoverished, in food shared with the hungry and, above all, in the friendships nurtured and the lives changed.

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Two such a groups of dedicated LWML women exists here at Redeemer; *the Ladies Guild* and *Vespers*.

You may be familiar with some of our Ladies Guild activities:

- Two annual rummage sales generously supported by members of our congregation
- Support of a student in El Salvador
- Sunshine visitation making hospital visits
- Visiting ministries making visits to nursing homes
- Support of community charities
- Missionary service charities
- Support of seminary students
- Social activities such as serving special meals

**Our greater aim is to unite all women of the congregation in harmonious cooperation for efficient church work and to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among them.**

**We strive to accomplish all our tasks with a God given spirit of willing service and cheerfulness. At our monthly meetings, you'll find a great sense of fellowship and caring for one another. This guides all our activities and we enjoy working with each other.**

**Want to find out more? Join us at our monthly meetings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet the third Tuesday of each month. A light lunch is served at noon with a business meeting beginning at 12:30. We'd be delighted to have you join us.**

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***SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!***

