## 2013 /2014 LWML FALL NEWSLETTER

A message from your President:

Blessings to you all as we begin another fruitful year of LWML at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Welcome back! The Board and I have been working hard to bring you a year of programs which reflect our mission to continue to <u>Grow</u> in our faith, to participate in <u>Service</u> projects, to collect our <u>Mites</u> for missions, and to <u>Connect</u> in Christian fellowship with our LWML Sisters.

In the following pages, you will find the program for the year and the handbook information for and about our membership.

LWML will continue to communicate with you via the technology available to us through the church.

Announcements for meetings, special events, etc. will appear in the <u>Weekly News</u>, on the church screen, on the church web-site under the <u>LWML</u> tab, and in <u>The Shepherd's Voice</u>. This information will also be posted on the LWML Bulletin Board.

"One Call" will be used to remind members of the coming meeting. If there is to be a dinner meeting, there may be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Please continue to use the LWML web-site to access the activities of the organization. Stacey Kaden is doing a great job of keeping the information timely, and we greatly appreciate her help.

The site is easy to access and includes all of the necessary information about LWML. It has the monthly treasurer's report, the secretary's minutes, monthly programs and other pertinent information about our meetings and projects. Hard copies of the LWML information will be provided for those few members who do not have access to the web.

For the yearly handbook, look for the tab marked <u>Handbook</u>.

Meeting times, except for two special events, will be on the first Thursday of each month. There will not be a meeting in January. The times for the meetings will vary. An effort has been made to accommodate both our golfing members and those who do not like to drive at night.

Please note that LWML Sunday will be the first Sunday in November instead of October so that the service will not conflict with other church activities. Actually, we celebrate LWML continually, so the special day could be any day!

Business meetings will be held only twice a year. Other business will be conducted through communications channels where possible. If a specific, timed need arises, a special business meeting may be called.

Refreshments will be kept to a minimum. A refreshment committee will make coffee and provide appropriate light refreshments for some of the meetings. Coffee, tea and water will be provided for the business meetings.

A special thank you is due to those members who so willingly agreed to be Service Leaders for the LWML's many projects. You are valued!

Let us go into this new year with thankful hearts for our many blessings, with willing hands to serve our Lord and with great joy in being able to experience Christian fellowship in LWML.

In His Name, Ruth Bruch