

## LWML Offers Opportunity to Mentor



Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Titus 2:3-5

**The Question:** What do you think about older women mentoring younger women? I asked this question to several LWML sisters.

Their replies:

- 1 Christian women of all ages WANT mentors.
- 2 Mature Christian women WOULD LIKE TO be mentors, and

most offer a shining example of faithful Christian living.

3 "I believe this is a major relationship every WOMAN should have."

4 One lady stressed what a great influence mentors have had on her own life.

All of the women who replied had been blessed with mentor relationships. They found that mentors greatly influenced their lives for the better.

Unfortunately, many replies were also "if only" yearnings for a mentor.

The question that begs to be asked is: *If the majority of us want to be involved in mentoring, why do so many of us rarely become or find mentors?*

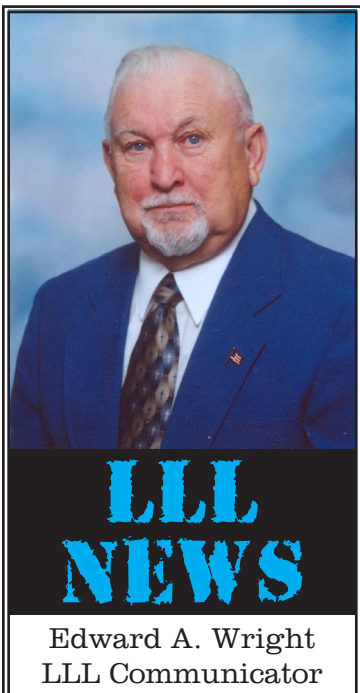
The simplest answer is that **we don't have any widely known [or used] methods for actively bridging the gap between women of different generations.** How can we construct that Titus 2 environment in the body of Christ? That gap is the obstacle.

**The Problem?** Not too far back in history women lived, worked and played around each other in masses. Young women had a good amount of contact with the ladies in their church community. Often their mothers, aunts, grandmothers, friends, mothers and all the above circles of friends were there for them.

Is it a lost art? Not being a history expert myself I may be imagining a Christianized *Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. Either way the widespread need for instruction and friendship from older and wiser women, and a sense of belonging to a multi-generational *Christian family*, appears to be a shared longing in all Christian women.

**The Answer:** LWML ... Give it a try, mentor a younger woman, get involved in your local society today if you are that younger woman. LWML is not for the grey-haired little ole' ladies who quilt and sew. LWML is a place for women of all ages to learn about Christ and His mission of "Go into all the world making disciples." □

## Are You Ready to Revise Your Life?



"Life ... revised" hit the radio airwaves during the week of February 11. Lutheran Hour Ministries' new 30-minute radio talk show is geared to women aged 24-49, but not exclusively. Topics such as finances, time management and health issues will be of interest to any audience. The format allows hosts to guide listeners through relevant issues and provides resolutions and suggestions on how to "revise" their lives.

The program host "Dr. Mark" Hannemann is an LCMS pastor, mental health therapist and director at Windgate Christian Counseling in St. Louis. Michelle Bauer is co-host. She has radio and TV broadcast experience and is a working mother of

three. The two have a unique rapport in tackling tough issues from different perspectives.

A Web site, [www.liferevised.com](http://www.liferevised.com), will feature "After Thoughts"—a follow-up article written by Dr. Mark with some after thoughts from the show. Listeners are encouraged to share their stories and will be provided with timely resources to revise their lives that include topical booklets, articles, and contacts with a local church. "Man on the Street" interviews and guests may be featured periodically. "Life ... revised" will replace "Woman to Woman" weekly broadcasts.

Check [www.lhm.org/broadcastinformation.asp](http://www.lhm.org/broadcastinformation.asp) to find out what stations will be airing "Life ... revised."

### Shine in Duluth

Don't know where to go on vacation, particularly an inspirational vacation? Think Lake Superior, Duluth, MN, where the 90<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Int'l. LLL will be held. Duluth, a city of about 87,000 nestled in the hills overlooking the largest Great Lake, has historically preserved splendor and cultural

grandeur. Timber barons and mining tycoons were largely responsible for making Duluth an intriguing and interesting waterfront community.

Beside convening with at least a thousand other Lutherans, you can have the family tour Superior lighthouses, enjoy biking and hiking the many trails, visiting museums and unique shops and dining at the waterfront restaurants. The theme of the convention is "Let Your Light Shine" and registration will start in March. Check [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for details.

### LHM News and Notes

The Florida-Georgia District was indeed blessed to have Lutheran Hour Speaker Pastor Ken Klaus visit and preach recently, first at St. Luke-Oviedo and the Lutheran Haven community and then two weeks later at St. John-Ocala. Pastor Klaus always brings messages of hope in his unique way of story-telling and keeps listeners glued to his sermons.

A joyous 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated on February 17 for Jessie Johnson of St. Paul-Miami. Jessie is a long-time supporter,

was a Florida-Georgia District LLL Regional V-President and a recipient of the District's Distinguished Service Award.

A May 4th-6th District convention is being planned by the board to be hosted by Prince of Peace congregation in Orlando. Look for more information to follow.

The District welcomes the addition of Walter Fuelling of Hope-Bradenton as its LHM Ambassador and warmly thanks Andy Hennings of Beautiful Savior-Lehigh Acres and Don Gore, Our Savior-Lake Worth for their service as Ambassadors as they have relocated to other areas.

Regretfully, we extend our sympathies to the family of Ray Tienter, who passed away in late December. Ray represented Our Redeemer-Jacksonville as Ambassador and was a district Zone President. Ray was also the Florida-Georgia District 'Ambassador of the Year' in 2006 and will be sorely missed.

Our thanks also go out to St. Paul-Miami, Hope-Bonita Springs and Zion-Fort Myers congregations for sponsoring "Equipping to Share" workshops. □

## Trinity Women Meet

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Trinity-Summerfield, FL, met in January.

Lori Chamberlin from Alpha Center for Women in Ocala was the guest speaker. Alpha Center is a ministry committed to sharing life, giving life, giving choices, support, encouragement and friendship to women in crisis. Nancy Mueller presented Chamberlin with 15 baby quilts that the Trinity Scrappy Quilters had created. Before leaving, Chamberlin filled her van with boxes of baby items donated by the Trinity women.

Among the 44 present at the meeting, 12 women were new to LWML and received a gift. A highlight of the meeting

was the installation of officers: Elaine Helgeland, president; Susan Dibble, vice president; Char Marlatt, treasurer; and Betty Bell, secretary.

The membership voted to give money to four charities: \$600 to Shalom School in India, \$600 to the food banks at the LWML seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis, \$200 to Kimberly's Cottage and \$200 to Lutheran Services of Florida. □



Lori Chamberlin, Director of Alpha Center for Women, Ocala, FL

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