



# WA Lutheran News

July 2008

## Lutheran Women Gather in Esperance

During the long weekend at the start of June Esperance hosted the WA Convention of Lutheran Women. The following report sums up the fellowship & fun shared.

Are you cracked up, chipped off or broken up?? Then the Lutheran Women Convention of WA is for you!! Our theme this year "Treasures in jars of clay" was especially appropriate for God's earthly treasures to attend, that is the Lutheran Women of WA! Everyone was warmly welcomed by Marg Welke of the Esperance Congregation to our 39th Annual Convention. Traditionally held on a Saturday we changed to a long weekend and swelled the numbers of Esperance congregation by joining their morning service as our opening worship for Convention.

LWWA President Debbie Dreckow gave her usual heart-warming welcome and our service with HC was led by Katanning Minister Pastor David Kent (aka the Pirate Pastor, aka Treasure Hunter). Service was punctuated by pirates and children looking for treasure in jars of clay. Overcoming obstacles like ferocious crocodiles and man-eating snails was all but forgotten as the "Treasure" was revealed. Our most beloved Treasure the Holy Bible was revealed from a clay jar but not to avoid too much disappointment from the "Pirate's" young assistants a chest containing sweets was also revealed. Pastor David's address revealed much to our eager and sometimes fragile hearts. We hold God's treasure in "Jars of Clay", (our bodies). These jars may get cracked or chipped but we are not to be discouraged because God's treasure is eternal and this treasure is to be shared.

Our Civic welcome from Ian Mickel was very hospitable considering the Pirate Pastor had made some reference to why his parrot didn't come to Convention, after he heard the birds fall out of the sky at Esperance. (He really cracked us up). Ian gave us a brief history on the seaside town of Esperance including the first report from ships stating it was "unfit for human habitation". New settlers came overland and after the treasure of gold was discovered Esperance began its journey of development.

Our business session began with greetings and blessings from our President of LWA Norma Koenhe and Secretary Helen Barras, whose presence we treasured at our Potty (OOPS!) Pottery themed Convention. Norma's Power-Point presentation was inspiring; we all felt "we are women of value". We are the clay jars which hold God's treasure - His love and salvation!

After all proposals were passed the elections created the LWWA Executive 2008 as follows: **President:** Debbie Dreckow, **Vice President:** Angela Ziersch, **Treasurer/Secretary:** Fay Rooke, **Assist Secretary:** Anne Smyth, **Extra Members:** Pamela Heath, Jutta Chrulw,

**Spiritual Advisor:** Pastor Milo Veliber, **State Reporter:** Claire Robins, and delegates/proxies for National Council of Women: Maureen Walkemeyer, Marlene Griffin, Lottie Dohler and Jennie Edwards.

Upon retiring as Spiritual Advisor Pastor David Kent commented, "that if Solomon had as much fun with his 400 wives as he has had with just 40 LWWA women, over the past 2 years, then he could understand how he became so memorable".

After the business and elections our Guest speaker arrived, Naenon Sommerville who presented a powerful and visual commentary on our theme "Treasures in jars of Clay". As Naenon spoke we had a pottery demonstration which greatly enhanced her words as the clay was pummeled and shaped on the wheel and lights were lit in all manner of clay pots and jars. Naenon used several Bible passages to relate to us God's message and how we are to understand how & why God made us all like clay pots. Even though we can be cracked or broken we are constantly moulded on the potter's wheel of love. God works on us and in us to achieve His purpose. The "Treasure" is the light of Jesus and it is in us to share, 2 Cor 4:7-10. Using Matt 13 she shared how we are to value the kingdom of God in us, God moulds us and shapes us to have only Him as our treasure. We are vessels of honour, in Eph 3:14 "we are His workmanship". The treasure within us must be lit and must have the Holy Spirit to breathe life.

Pastor David's Bible Study continued in our theme with our first focus on "Where do you keep the word of God?" Is it at home, as a decoration or a devotion? Are we to keep God's word as an outward decoration or in our hearts and minds? Secondly we focused on "What are jars of Clay?" and "What is the treasure?" Jesus in our hearts is our spiritual treasure, the heart makes your treasure's precious. Our most precious treasure is the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. This treasure makes all earthly treasures pale in comparison.

Our final installation of office bearers led to a fantastic fellowship dinner where claypots or crackpots could easily mould together as one vessel brimming with love and affection.

With love from one of God's chipped and often cracked clay pots,  
ANGELA ZIERSCH



The Lutheran Youth of WA present...

### 3 GENERATIONS RETREAT 2008

Mums, Daughters, Grandmas, Granddaughters, Sisters, Aunties and Nieces. All combinations, ages 16 to 116 (One of you must be over 18) Starting at 7pm Friday 12th until 1pm Sunday 14th of September

At Manjedal Scout Activity Centre  
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### School Leads Worship

It was standing room only as over 200 adults and kids packed into the Ocean Forest worship space on the 1st Sunday in July where they hosted a special school kids service for the day.

The Pre primary and Year 2 kids led parts of the service as they led the singing, prayers and Bible readings with a whole lot of help from Mrs Ruth Byers and Mrs Jody Ashdown and other helpers in Leanne Kitson, Sonya Clark, Annie McArther.

Emma Kitson, Hope Scales and Pr A accompanied the congregation musically as everyone joined in and really enjoyed the celebratory tone of the Service. It is very good to have so many of our college parents and children gracing the doors of our worship space on a Sunday morning. It is one more way of our church community making the effort to reach into the lives of our school folks of all ages with the good news of Jesus.

One person said that it was so good to see so many younger families in church and another said that it was a clear gospel message but in a way anyone could hear it.

Thanks must go to Ruth, Jo Lequaiertermaine and the worship team for dreaming up this idea and for the work put in by all to make this special day a screaming success. Thanks must go to God, the Father of all families and the Saviour of the world whose grace falls upon us in so many ways when we are alone and when we are together.



### Quotation:

I suppose that every age has its own particular fantasy: ours is science. A seventeenth-century man like Blaise Pascal, who thought himself a mathematician and scientist of genius, found it quite ridiculous that anyone should suppose that rational processes could lead to any ultimate conclusions about life, but easily accepted the authority of the Scriptures. With us, it is the other way 'round.

...Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990),  
Jesus Rediscovered [1969]

### Quiet time reflection:

Lord, let me not be swayed by the intellectual fashions of my time.



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