

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

"Serving the Lord in Gladness"

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

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The speakers listed in this directory have given their consent to being included in our Speakers' Bureau. They are looking forward to sharing their God given gifts with you.

Many of these speakers are willing to develop new topics to meet the needs of the group and that is noted on their information presented in this booklet. A listing of each speaker's prepared topics, their speaking engagement preferences, their personal biographical information, and contact information is provided. This information is intended to assist every society, zone, or group in the selecting and planning of an appropriate program for their various LWML meetings. Some speakers provide expanded biographical information and/or personal speaking brochures or fliers. The LWML Michigan District Christian Events Coordinator is available to assist societies, zones, and groups in the use of the Speakers' Bureau and any additional information available regarding speakers. It is the prayer of the LWML Michigan District Christian Growth Committee that this Speakers' Bureau will be a valuable resource in your LWML planning and work.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation offers program without cost to LWML societies, zones, districts, and congregations. Many organizations do, however, choose to reimburse travel and/or housing, provide an in-gathering, or present and honorarium. These are solely at the discretion of the inviting organization.

Guidelines for the Speakers' Bureau

- 1. A prospective speaker will be referred to the Coordinator of Christian Events. In order to be considered, the individual is to be a member of an LCMS Church.*
- 2. The Coordinator will send a cover letter and an application form to be filled out by the prospective speaker.*
- 3. Upon receipt of the completed form, the Coordinator will send the form to the District President for approval. The President is to initial and date the form to show her approval and return the same to the Coordinator.*
- 4. Upon approval, the Coordinator will send a letter to the speaker acknowledging receipt of the form and the acceptance to the Speakers' Bureau.*
- 5. The completed form will be placed into an active file. A list of current speakers will be distributed to the Board of Directors at the end of each biennium.*
- 6. Groups looking for an event speaker may contact the Coordinator for more information about a speaker.*

MI District LWML Christian Growth Committee
Christian Events Coordinator

ENGAGING & WORKING WITH SPEAKERS (A GENERAL GUIDELINE)

1. *Speakers should be contacted well in advance of the meeting.*
2. *Written communication inviting the speaker should include:*
 - *Name of organization inviting*
 - *Date, time, place, size of audience*
 - *Theme of meeting*
 - *Expected topic to speak about (make suggestions)*
 - *Time allotted for speech and if question/answer period will follow*
 - *Advise if speaker is to be involved in other phases of meeting*
 - *Explain expenses to be reimbursed: honorarium, mileage, meals, lodging*
 - *Ask speaker to respond by set deadline*
3. *Written communication after a speaker accepts includes:*
 - *Reconfirm date, time, meeting place*
 - *Reconfirm length of presentation and presentation title*
 - *Inquire about special needs: projector, screen, overhead, tape recorder, etc.*
 - *Request a biography to use for introduction*
 - *Provide name of hostess*
 - *Provide address and map of meeting place and contact telephone numbers*
 - *Advise where guest should be seated and when introduction will be made*
 - *If recording, ask for permission to record presentation*
4. *Hosting the speaker:*
 - *Hostess should know how to correctly pronounce speaker's name and be familiar with biography of speaker to help with conversation*
 - *Assigned hostess should meet guest upon arrival and remain attentive during stay*
 - *Assist with materials, show where restrooms are located, introduce to officers, etc.*
 - *Prior to presentation, permit guest to have a period of private time*
 - *Have honorarium ready with a "Thank You" note*
 - *Make certain all expenses are paid*
 - *See that guest is with people during social time*

The general guideline "Engaging and Working with Speakers" was taken from the LWML Michigan District Energizer Kit. A handy step-by-step checklist, to thoroughly assist groups in event planning and guest speaking, is available through "Event Planners and Guest Speakers: Partners with a Purpose" by Jean Garton and Ruth N. Koch. This information is published by LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission and can be ordered through the LWML Catalog.

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Positions Held: Director of Women's Ministry

Biographical Information: *Elise is the author of A Mother's Touch, A Mother's Time, and A Mother's Touch Pocket Guide for Moms. She is an active Bible teacher and conference speaker. She is also the Director of Women's Ministries at Faith Lutheran Church.*

Elise has spent missionary time with her husband Warren serving the Ipili tribe in Papua New Guinea. It was there that she learned the deep truth of Job 42:5: "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you." This truth is the basis for her sharing with others the awesome love and grace of God. She is the mother of five children and grandmother to thirteen – ten grandsons and three granddaughters. The Arndt's reside in Troy where Warren is senior pastor at their church.

Prepared Topics:

- Foot Prints – Leaving a Legacy of Love in Christ
- Living in the Lord's Prayer
- "When the Journey Doesn't Make Sense – But the Destination Does!" Exodus 1-14
- My Sheep Know My Voice - John 10:1-15
- Mission Impossible? Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah
- "Beyond the Wave" Luke 10:1-9
- "Running on Empty" or "Beyond Superwoman"
- "Count it all Grace" or "Grace Filled Living"
- "The King is Coming"
- "Contentment"
- "Let's Give Them Something to Talk About – Talk about Love! Based" on I John 4:7-21 and John 13:35
- "Sacred Moments" - Psalm 91:1
- "In His Presence"
- "What's In A Name!"
- "Necessary for Life"
- "Joy in the Journey" - Psalm 16:11
- "I Have Chosen You"
- "When Angels Sing"
- "Close Encounters of the Right Kind"
- "Coping in a Changing World"
- "Climb Every Mountain"
- "God Meant It For Good" -Genesis 37-50
- "Women - Friendships – Mentoring"
- "Growing in Grace" - Colossians 1:10

- I also have talks for Christmas Advent Teas and talks on “Mothering”. Please ask for a list of descriptions.
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Elise also has many topics which she does for Christmas events and Advent Teas along with a list of talks for mothering groups.

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Anytime **Travel Expenses:** 50 cents a mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan

Honorarium: Depends on type of event & number of sessions. Will also take into consideration the distance to travel and the group’s budget. Would prefer to talk directly to the event coordinator.

Bernthal, Marilyn

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Home Congregation: St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI

Positions Held: MI District Financial Secretary, Membership Chairperson, various zone and society offices.

Biographical information: Marilyn has been an LWML member since age 27 and enjoys volunteering full time.

Prepared Topics:

- The ABC’s of LWML
- Highlighting Mites
- Willing to develop a topic to suit needs of group.

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime **Travel Expenses:** Actual gas cost and overnight accommodations (if needed)

Area of Travel: Lower and Upper MI **Honorarium:** Donation to charity

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Home Congregation: Immanuel, Frankentrost

Remarks regarding speaking engagements: Tapes, CD’s & Books available for purchase. Elaine has a full line of Christian greeting cards she has authored and available online at elainebickel.com

Prepared Topics:

- Joy of Being God's Child
- Stages of a Family's Life
- Faith in the Midst of the Jungle
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* "I enjoy developing new topics to meet the needs of God's people."
(Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available most evenings and weekends

Honorarium: At discretion of group

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Positions Held: Director of Christian Education

Biographical Information: Call for bio and picture. It will be sent directly.

Prepared Topics:

- Prayer
- Under the Tree: Allowing God's ministry into your life during times of stress, sorrow, and fear
- Identity Check: Learning God's definitions for your life rather than living under the false identities placed upon us by other, Satan, or even ourselves
- Words with Friends: What impact does God's Word have on your life? How can His eternal Word Inform and transform your daily life?
- Intimacy with God
- Spiritual Warfare
- Revelation
- *Prefers to develop a topic that suits the needs of the group being addressed*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Anytime

Travel Expenses: Whatever zone or society decides

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: Whatever zone or society decides

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Home Congregation: Peace, Saginaw

Positions Held: *Music Department Chair—Valley Lutheran High School ('77-'99); Executive Director—MMME ('99-present); Worship leader, Outreach Events, Conference Keynote, Retreat Presenter, Praise Team Clinician, Songwriter/Producer, Guest Conductor*

Biographical Information: "Singing, Proclaiming, Teaching, Equipping"

*Like all Christians called to service, his first ministry is his family: wife Linda, and children Chris, Joshua, and Hannah. His next calling has been in Christian music ministry nationwide for 38 years: High School Music Director, Recording/Concert Artist, Worship Leader and Clinician for "Great Commission" churches throughout the U.S. as well as countless national, regional, and local conferences for Christian pastors, educators, youth, family, and more. Since 1999, he has developed and maintained the full-time **Ministry of Musical Mission and Education (MMME)**. Primarily assisting churches and musicians to deliver vibrant Word and Gospel to the culture in which we live through relevant worship and heart-language modeling and training, MMME also serves to strengthen music and arts education in Christian schools. Past experiences include teaching grades K-12, prison ministry, construction work, acting, youth and family ministry, church Elder, radio show host, missionary, international Christian TV features, entertainer, studio producer, and MIDI technology. Degrees and endorsements from Concordia University—Ann Arbor, Eastern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State, and Central Michigan. Certifications in Music Education, Sociology, English, Communications, and Drama.*

Prepared Topics:

- *Dealing With Destructive Deceptions Love Languages: Hope For Everyone*
- *Foundations of Worship On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! (Discipleship)*
- *A Time For.... (Joyful Living) True Forgiveness: Healing For Today's World*
- *Always Changing, Always the Same Women of Noble Character (Prov. 31)*
- *Just What IS This Post-Modern Stuff??*
- **Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)*

Worship and Music Workshops:

- *Praise TEAM-work: The Art of Ensemble Vocal I and Vocal II*
- *Worship: Inspiration, Integrity, Insights*
- *The Difference Between Church and Worship*
- *Exploring New Praise and Worship Songs*
- *Keyboards, MIDI, and Related Technology*
- *Is God Calling You to a Faith Ministry?*
- *Songwriting: From Ideas To Reality*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Anytime

Travel Expenses: 35 cents a mile or current rate

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan and U.S.

Honorarium: \$300, but flexible—just ask!!

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Home Congregation: St. Paul, Fowler

Positions Held: Pastor

Biographical Information: Served 27 years as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Fowler, MI. Served 2 terms of LWML Zone Counselor. Serves on the State Board of Lutherans for Life of Michigan (1998 – present) as Pastoral Counselor. Has been a banquet and event speaker for Right to Life of Michigan for many years. On National Lutheran for Life Speakers' Bureau. Now serving as the District Life Coordinator for the Michigan District of the LCMS.

Prepared Topics:

- Life Issues – Abortion, Value of Human Life, Speaking on behalf of the defenseless
- Creation/Evolution – The Foundations in Genesis
- God's Word and its power
- Worship/Liturgy
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Saturdays or Weekdays; Sunday evenings

Travel Expenses: 40 cents per mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan

Honorarium: Left to discretion of group and occasion

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Home Congregation: St. Paul, Sterling Heights

Positions Held: Choir Director, Women's Ministries President, Council of Lutheran Women President

Prepared Topics:

- VBS Trip to Alaska for Lutheran Indian Ministries
- LWML Party,

- MOST Ministries
- **Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Anytime

Travel Expenses: 20 cents a mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: Whatever group is willing to give

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Home Congregation: St. Peter Lutheran, Macomb, MI

Positions Held: President of Lutherans for Life of Michigan, President of Council of LFL State Presidents, State Representative on National LFL Board of Directors

Prepared Topics:

- We Believe, Therefore, We Speak
- Willing to speak on any of the 'life' issues.

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Pretty much open to anytime; weekends preferred

Travel Expenses: Mileage reimbursed according to District. Overnight accommodations would be appreciated

Area of Travel: Anywhere

Honorarium: Whatever zone or society decides

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Home Congregation: St. Paul, Milford Center, OH

Positions Held: LWML Quarterly staff writer – 8 years, National LWML offices, Bible study leader, Stewardship, Public Relations/LWML/Laborers for Christ, Stewardship, National retreat speaker/conventions/etc.

Biographical Information: Annetta Dellinger, Joyologist, who is called **The JOY Lady**, has a PHD for **PerkyHappyDisciple!** She inspires, motivates, encourages and brings a JOY-filled hope to her audiences. Her passion is

to be contagious with the real JOY of the Lord, His presence in all circumstances, and to help others see hope in all situations. **The JOY Lady** is filled with energy which is caught by her audiences who also become personally involved in her messages.

A professional international speaker for more than 30 years and an author of more than 30 books. LWML Publications: **Mug Meditations, Lead Me Lord Through Motherhood**, various leadership pieces, devotions/programs and eight years of Quarterly articles. JOY-spirations for Caregivers, Blessings and Prayers for Caregivers and Blessings and Prayers for Those With Cancer (CPH) are her most recent book releases. She has done radio and television hosting and interviews. Annetta immediately acknowledges that she is nothing without God's grace and He receives all the glory for using her! "I love working for Him!" says the **JOYOLOGIST**.

JOY themed messages are available through keynotes, retreats, workshops, district and national events.

Go to www.annettadelinger.com to meet Annetta and catch JOY which flows through her web site and read comments from past events.

Topics: JOY, JOY and more JOY! In this fast changing and challenging world people everywhere are searching for happiness which is quite different than the real, permanent JOY of the Lord! Come to be JOY-filled and leave JOY-full through various JOY topics:

Three session retreat: Got JOY? Where's the JOY? JOY-filled Content!

One hour messages: The JOY of Being...

Forty-five minute keynote: Go! Scatter JOY!

Annetta will joyfully work with you to customize your JOY event!

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Home Congregation: Berea Lutheran Church, Detroit

Positions Held:

LWML National Nominating Committee Member 2015 - 2017

Heart to Heart Sister National Committee Chair, 2013 -2015

Heart to Heart 1st standing committee member 2011 -2013

Vice President Christian Growth for Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lubbock, TX 2009 - 2011

Other service positions: Bible Study Leader, Christian School Educator, VBS Coordinator, Conference speaker and Christian workshop developer and leader.

Biographical:

I have been married over twenty years to husband, Pastor Brian Dupre. I have served with my husband in college student ministry for the Lutheran Student Fellowship and eight years in cross-cultural ministry in West Texas. I have served in women's ministry and written various biblical studies focused on women's concerns. As a Christian school art teacher, I focused on integrating Christianity into the visual arts. I have produced curriculum designed for middle and high school

students that directly support teaching Christian values and learning the impact of Christianity on modern culture. I have created various PowerPoint presentations to support the work of the LWML in educating women about embracing diversity in the Christian church. Published article: "Living Forgiveness" in Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Fall 2014 and was the featured cover story focused on service as Chair of the Heart to Heart Sister program.

Prepared Topics:

Workshop:	<i>The Lord's Special Strength for Mothers</i>
Focus of workshop:	<i>To explore challenges faced by biblical mothers of great faith and be mentored by their endurance.</i>
Program:	<i>Christian Diligence</i>
Purpose of Study:	<i>To assist Christians in re-affirming their commitment to God and his will in their lives by studying biblical mentors of Great faith.</i>
Study 1:	<i>Discovering God's Path for my Life</i> <i>"Lord, I know not how to go or come in." 1st Kings 3: 7 (KJV)</i>
Study 2:	<i>Identifying the Will of God in my Life</i> <i>"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time like this" Esther 4: 14 (NKJV)</i>
Study 3:	<i>Accomplishing the Will of God</i> <i>"O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." Matt 26: 42 (NKJV)</i>
Study 4:	<i>Recognizing God's Favor/Destiny/Reward</i> <i>"...I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the living." Psalm 27: 13 (KJV)</i>

The Christian art curriculum is available for middle and high school youth ministry programs, VBS, retreats and school program guest artist programming and biblical studies. I am also willing to develop educational programs on topics that meet the specific needs of a group.
Study materials available for purchase. Please contact directly for further information.

Preferences regarding speaking engagements:

Time: Available anytime	Travel Expenses: IRS current mileage rate up to 100 miles, overnight accommodations (if needed), air flight expense covered by group requesting service
Area of Travel: Anywhere	Honorarium: Negotiable based on service desired

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Home Congregation: St. John Amelith, Bay City

Positions Held: Presently serving as Mission Editor for the LWML Quarterly; Michigan District LWML Past District President, committee member on the national Leader Development Committee; District VP Organizational Resources; Planner; Member Development; ESP Facilitator; English District VP Spiritual Life; multiple positions at local and zone level.

Biographical Information: Cheri lives in Bay City with her husband Dale where they are members at St. John Amelith. They have two daughters, Sarah and Kathy. Her education includes Business and Technical school training. Cheri presently works as a Human Resource Coordinator for Shelter of Flint, a non-profit organization in Genesee County to help the homeless. At St. John Amelith, she is Bible Study leader, serves on the board of Christian Outreach, plays handbells and serves as a substitute organist. Cheri served on the Board of Directors and Development Committee for MOST Ministries and served on the Board of Directors for Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Care Center. She has been involved with two LWML/MOST mission trips. She has written several Bible studies and many devotions. A Bible Study was published in the LWML Quarterly.

Prepared Topics:

- Mites and How they are used....Highlighting current Mission Grants
- Sisters in Christ
- Women in Leadership
- What does it mean to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission?
- Anything on LWML & Women's Ministry (group or lecture)
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime

Travel Expenses: At discretion of group

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: At discretion of group

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Home Congregation: St. James, Montague

Positions Held: Librarian, LWML Society Rep.

Biographical Information: With a grant from the Lakeshore Zone, Rose began Nativity Set Ministry. The goal is "A Nativity in Every Home". She has exhibited at many LCMS Conferences and has been a featured speaker at "Advent by Candlelight" and other church events.

Prepared Topics:

- The Importance of a Nativity Set in the Home

- Nativity Set Ministry

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime

Travel Expenses: Whatever group can afford

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: Whatever group can afford

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Home Congregation: Messiah, Grand Rapids MI

Positions Held: President of local LWML

Biographical Information: I am a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, aunt, wife, mother, mother-in-law, and most importantly, a loved child of God. I attended Concordia, Ann Arbor, Valparaiso University, and Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business and Theology. I have been a stay-at-home mom, a working mother, and a career woman. Through it all, I have learned a great deal about myself and about God's love for us. 6

Prepared Topics:

- Let's Talk (communications) Body of Christ (working as a team)
- Victory in Jesus (spiritual warfare) Psalm 139
- Career Women & Ministry
- Advent Advertising (Christmas Evangelism)
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Any time

Travel Expenses: 30 cents a mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: \$50.00

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Home Congregation: Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta

Biographical Information:

PERSONAL: Born in Kansas; raised in Denver, Colorado. A graduate of Denver Lutheran High School. 1968 graduate of

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Home Congregation: Salem, Westland

Positions Held: PTL President, Youth Group Leader, Leader Cancer Support group and laugh clinic, Bible Study Leader, Congregational Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Coordinator & Teacher, Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship, LWML Zone Christian Growth Chairman, Mission Awareness , LWML District Secretary, Meeting Manager, Speaker for "Women's Resource Center" of Schoolcraft College, taught at Everest Institute, volunteer at First Step, domestic abuse center.

Biographical Information: "I have had many experiences that led me to my walk with Gods as it is today." Active in church, elementary schools and high schools. Involved in Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts. Medically retired from nursing. Diagnosed with a rare cancer in 1995 and given 2-4 years to live. Have beaten the life expectancy. Married 41 years (at husbands passing in 2012), 3 grown children, and 8 grandchildren. Presently run a medical supply sharing program for the church and head the church's "Welcome Committee", Evangelism chairman, sit on the Board of Directors, and also a trained Stephen Minister & Leader.

Prepared Topics:

- Mission trips to Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Slovakia and Cambodia
- Living with Cancer , Organization Skills for Life & Home, Prayer and Prayer Journaling (A Retreat)
- Public Witnessing - Share My Personal Testimony
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Most Anytime

Travel Expenses: Would like reasonable compensation

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan and will consider Upper Michigan

Honorarium: Whatever the group can afford. The retreat is negotiable

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Home Congregation: St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Positions Held: WinGS Leader , GFAGC Coordinator(Flint) , Church Council Secretary; Church Lay Reader; United Women's Ministry Chairperson; Greeter; Bell Ringer; Flute Choir; YWR for both District and National; Suburban Lights

Zone Co- President, Vice President, Christian Growth, and Publicity; MI District LWML Technology Specialist, Financial Secretary (2008-2012) and Special Gifts Fund Coordinator (2012 – Present)

Biographical Information: MaryBeth started a mission oriented young women’s group called WinGS at St. Lorenz that meets for Bible study and hands on mission work. Jeff and MaryBeth began praying together in January 2002 and since then have been actively involved in presenting and assisting the “Couple Prayer Series” which is a 6-week non-denominational Christian prayer class offered to both engaged and married couples. Jeff works for Nexteer Automotive as a Treasury Manager and MaryBeth left the work force to become a stay-at-home mom after their first child was born. MaryBeth worked with Jeff at Chrysler Financial while she was pregnant with their daughter as a Senior Financial Analyst, after spending the previous 13 years at Alcos Insurance Agency as the CFO. Jeff and MaryBeth met in the Accounting Fraternity at Wayne State University in 1992 and married in 1998.

Prepared Topics:

- Couple Prayer (one hour or six week series with spouse for groups of 10 or more at local churches; can also do one hour version to gauge interest for a six weekseries)
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime	Travel Expenses: Optional
Area of Travel: Anywhere within 100 miles of home church (MI)	Honorarium: Optional

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Home Congregation: Faith, Bridgeport

Positions Held: Pastor, Zone Counselor (St. Joseph and Franconian Zone), Michigan District Counselor

Biographical Information: 1977 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Married. Three Children.**Prepared Topics:**

- Chocolate & Christian Witnessing In the Footsteps of Luther
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available Saturdays and evenings	Travel Expenses: Current IRS rate
Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan	Honorarium: \$100.00

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Home Congregation: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Rapids

Positions Held: MOST Ministries: Chairman, Board of Directors; National LWML: Meeting Manager, Chairman Structure Committee, Bylaws Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Chairman Convention Site Selection Committee; Michigan District: Vice-president Mission Projects, Bylaws Chairman, Planner, Parliamentarian, Exhibits Chairman for two conventions; Zone: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Christian Growth Chairman; LCMS Michigan District: Missions Task Force member, Evangelism Seminar presenter

Biographical Information: Born in Oklahoma, confirmed as an adult with husband Jim while students at University of Oklahoma. Taught grades 1-3 in public schools in three states. Preschool Director and teacher at Lutheran schools in two states. Three children. Seven grandchildren. Associated with LWML in eight districts. Made many corporate moves but have found retirement home in Michigan.

Prepared Topics:

- MOST Ministries -Mission Opportunities Short Term
- A Child Shall Lead Them
- Knots or Bows Bible Study
- Mission Fields Bible Study
- Jesus Teaches Us To Pray Bible Study
- *Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime

Travel Expenses: 20 cents a mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan

Honorarium: \$50.00

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Biographical Information: Rev. Hill is a retired army officer and retired from industry. He completed his alternate route training in July, 2005 and his MA in September, 2005 at CTSFW. His heart is for inner city ministry, particularly for those normally by-passed by the church and society. He is married to Susan and together they have 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Jim also serves as Chaplain for Central Michigan Via De Christo and works at Keryx Prison Ministry Retreats. The additional responsibility has brought him much encouragement.

Prepared Topics:

- *Ministering to the Homeless*
- *Discipleship and the Cross*
- *Ministering to the Inner City*

Preferences Regarding Speaking

Engagements: Time: Available weekdays and

Saturdays

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Lower Michigan **Honorarium:** An offering to support Lutheran City Ministries, Detroit

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Home Congregation: All Nations Lutheran, Troy

Positions Held: Director Community Engagements/ Cross Cultural outreach

Biographical Information: Cynthia Khan serves as Director of Community Engagement at POBLO International. In this role, she is actively involved in helping churches to establish cross-cultural outreach strategies in response to the changing demographics in many communities throughout the U.S. She oversees POBLO's International Friendship Centers, training churches and volunteers on how to start centers, teach classes, and effectively meet the needs of immigrants and refugees who attend the center. She was born and raised in Pakistan and lived in Saudi Arabia for ten years before moving to the US. Cynthia has first-hand experience interacting with Muslims and people from other Eastern religions, enabling her to connect with many people through POBLO's human care services. Cynthia has learned the joys and challenges of living a faith-based life in a world that has become increasingly complex because of different worldviews and religions emerging. She travels around the U.S. speaking to women, men, and youth in a way that transcends denominational, generational, cultural, and racial barriers by focusing on the redemptive love of Jesus in her own life and how it relates to all people. Her passionate testimonies and stories engage and inspire as she connects with the hearts of her audiences. She encourages them to stay grounded in Scriptures, provides a solid foundation on which people can build their lives, and enables them to take the Great Commission very seriously— ready to live their life with purpose in the real world. Cynthia is married she has four children and one grandchild.

Speaking Topics: Personal Testimony • The Basics of Islam • The Agenda of Muslims for North America • Starting Ministry to Muslims at Your Church • Cross-Cultural Awareness and Orientation • Comparative Studies of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Christianity • Youth Awareness sessions (Not to be unequally yoked)—International women's Tea (vision and concept of bringing women of many Nations together to experience the Love and Grace of God Almighty). • Islam on University Campuses • Women in Islam • Hollywood Promoting Eastern Mysticism • Life under Sharia Law • Cross-Cultural Outreach Strategies • the Nation of Islam • the Rise of Islam and ISIS • Using International Friendship Centers to Start Ethnic Outreach • Islam and the Love of Christ

Speaking History: Presented at American teachers conference (NESA) Colombo, Sri Lanka (1994); LWML National and District Conventions since 1996; LWML Rallies since 1997; St. Louis Seminary Lecture on Islam/Cross Cultural Ministry (2001); Intervarsity Youth at the University of Paris, France (2001); Mission Trip to Russia for Russian women conference and a Church in Kazan (2005); Melbourne and Sidney, Australia (2006); National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans(2010); Youth Gathering in Mackinaw Island (2011); Concordia Austin, TX, Lecture on understanding the culture of Afghanistan (2010); Luther Tyndale Memorial Workshop on Islam in London, UK (2011); Workshops on Islam and World religions at many Lutheran and non-Lutheran churches. National Youth Gathering (2013) Ongoing speaking engagements Nationwide at churches, conferences, LWML and other women conventions, Patriotic/LWML Rallies, Christian colleges, schools and outreach ministries.

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available week days and weekends

Travel Expenses: 50 cents a mile or airfare

Area of Travel: Anywhere

Honorarium: Conference/convention/rallies/smaller settings – negotiable

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Home Congregation: St. Paul's, Farmington Hills

Biographical Information: Raeann is the mother of three adult children: Rick, Tiffany, and Remington and grandmother of five precious grandchildren. Raeann is a Certified Financial Planner and a Senior Wealth Advisor with Thrivent Financial. She has been a keynote speaker for Christian Women groups throughout the Midwest and traveled throughout the country for Aid Association for Lutherans as a speaker for their Professional Excellence Seminars. She is the co-author with Rachel Crabb of "The Personal Touch—Encouraging Others through Hospitality", a book about ministry and practicing hospitality. Raeann shares from God's Word and her personal experiences with humor and enthusiasm.

Prepared Topics:

- The Personal Touch -Encouraging Others through Hospitality
- Cinderella, Does the Slipper Still Fit?
- The Beauty of Balance
- Growing Meaningful Friendships
- Communication -The Key to Caring
- Mother & Daughter -Growing Up To Become Friends
- True North

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Anytime

Travel Expenses: 50 cents per mile

Area of Travel: Anywhere

Honorarium: Varies on group -request a book table

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Home Congregation: Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI

Positions Held:

- *LCMS Camping/Outdoors Ministry – 18 Years*
- *LCMS Higher Education (Concordia Universities) – 8 years*
- *LCMS Congregational Ministry – 3 years*

Topics Spoken On or Lead for Adult Groups:

- **Twenty-Three:** *A Mission based concept and challenge for churches who want to make a difference*
- **Camp Ministry:** *Why? Is the camp experience even relevant in a technologically driven society? How would it change our families? Our communities? Our world?*
- **Group Experiences:** *Sometimes adult groups need a little movement and encouragement for verbal engagement that allows the audience to know each other better and produce other good quality results. So some team building techniques might just do the job.*
- **Praise Song Leadership** (Guitar): *I have been a song leader in several congregations and have written many praise and worship songs (“Most High” was used by Rev. Gerry Coleman at the International conference several years ago). My wife and I usually lead together.*
- **Inspirational/Bible-Based Topic on Yearly Themes**
 - 2016 – *If [Then], Agree, Love, Be* (based on Philippians 2:1-4)

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements

Time: Whenever my schedule allows

Travel Expenses: Whatever the group can provide for mileage

Area of Travel: Michigan and northern Indiana. Further if flown.

Honorarium: Negotiable. Any way I can expose mission minded ladies to the value of camp ministry for the purpose of training young people to be leaders in mission in the future (and today) is my most valuable honorarium.

Rudowske, Rev. Richard & Maya

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Positions Held: *Associate Pastor* at Emmanuel Lutheran, Kettering, OH 2005-07; **Bible Translation Advisor** Shekgalagari Language Project, Botswana 2007-2014; **Director of International Programs** at Lutheran Bible Translators, 2014-present

Biographical Information: Michigan natives Rev. Richard and Maya Rudowske and their five children served for six years among the Bakgalgari of Botswana, a country in southern Africa. They are now based in Concordia Missouri and work with the team at the new Lutheran Bible Translators Service Center to make God's Word available in the heart language of people around the world.

In January, 2014 Rich was named Regional Director for Southern Africa, responsible for oversight and cultivation of projects, personnel, and partner relations with the Lutheran churches and Bible Societies in Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Zambia. In August 2014 he was further promoted to International Program Ministries Director with oversight of all LBT's international work.

Before joining LBT, Rich received the M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He served as Vicar and Associate Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Kettering, Ohio, from 2003 to 2007. Rich has done graduate level work in applied linguistics at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas, and worked in management and financial analysis for a large healthcare corporation in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Maya is the chief organizer and encourager of the Rudowske crew. She has done coursework in linguistics and basic medical and emergency training. She is teacher to the Rudowske children: Katherine (15), Matt (12), Josh (10), and Becca (9). Their oldest son Christopher (18) recently finished high school in the U.S.

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available most of the time (call for appt.)

Travel Expenses: none

Area of Travel: Anywhere in Michigan

Honorarium: At discretion of group

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Writer: Author of Christian children's book: *Under the Eye of the Magpie*; 2010 Xulon Press/various articles in other publications

Keynote Speaker/leader various events, retreats and conventions.

Life-Long Learning Classes Completed:

- *LCMS Writing for the Church: Ft. Wayne, Indiana*
- *Speak Up With Confidence; Irish Hills Retreat Center, Michigan*
- *Speaker's Workshop for Women; Stonecroft Ministries, Grand Rapids, Michigan*
- *Institute for Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights, Strasburg, France*
- *International Baccalaureate in-service classes, Jakarta, Indonesia*

Positions Held: Lutheran school teacher/LCMS missionary (30+years); Christian Growth Chairman for LWML - Central Illinois District Leadership Team for three years; Lutheran Education Association-Network Chairman: Global Leaders in Education for six years; Incoming 2016 – 2018 St. Lorenz LWML president

Biographical Information: Grew up on a dairy farm in southern Minnesota. Received Associate in Arts from Concordia, St. Paul; Bachelor of Science from Concordia, River Forest; and Master of Arts from Concordia, St. Paul. Have taught school on three continents and four states. Married to Rev. Bob Smith since 1965. Have two sons, two daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren. Received LEA Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1996 and LEA International Teacher of the Year in 2006. Enjoy travel, reading, playing the piano and computer projects.

Prepared Topics:

- **Faraway Places**—Personal testimony and artifacts
- **Restore Me O Lord**—Bible study on Psalm 80:19
- **Alice in Wonderland** – Tough Transitions (Navigating life's uncharted territories)
- **Vision to Reality** – Reflection on 2014 mission trip to Papua...challenge listeners to set their own visions to become realities
- *Also available to lead retreats with my husband on topic of prayer*
- **Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Available anytime

Travel Expenses: 55 cents a mile if driving or airline tickets if needed

Housing and meals as
necessary

Area of Travel: Anywhere

Honorarium: Door offering

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Positions Held: *Writer for World Mission Prayer League; Former Regional Development Director for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach; Author/Speaker: Web Master for newly launched website on prayer: keepmeandkeepall.com.*

Biographical Information: *Bob and his wife, Alice, are presently retired and living in Frankenmuth. In the summer of 2006, they returned from serving as LCMS Educational Missionaries. He has served in Hong Kong, Nigeria, South Korea and Indonesia and has traveled to over 25 countries. Most recently, he served as Director of Student and Alumni Services at Universitas Pelita Harapan, which is a Christian University in Indonesia. He has also led short term mission trips to Russia, India, Philippines and Guatemala and Southeast Asia. He was a member of a 3-person team who helped to survey Afghanistan for possible humanitarian reconstruction projects after the recent war for POBLO and LCMS. He was awarded a Servant Leader award by Seoul Foreign School in 2001 and recognized by Concordia University, Chicago, IL for his contributions to Christian education by selecting him as 'Alumnus of the Year' in 1988. He has written and published two books on prayer and conducted prayer retreats up to a week long. He and Alice have 2 sons and 8 grandchildren.*

Prepared Topics:

- *Setting Your Vision for Praying – Group will be coached on what and how to pray at this point in living out their lives.*
- *Antique or Unique - Passing the on Your Christian Worldview and Values to the Next Generation*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: *Available anytime*

Travel Expenses: *55 cents a mile*

Area of Travel: *Anywhere in Michigan*

Honorarium: *Negotiable*

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Positions Held: *National LWML Mission Grants Committee; Chairman Gospel Outreach Committee; Chairman HOPE Committee; VP Special Focus Ministries; Michigan District Leader Development Coordinator; Black Ministry Convocation Planning Manager; Ethnic Symposium Facilitator; Bible Study Leader; Sunday School Teacher; Conference Speaker (religion and business)*

Biographical Information: *Kaye authored the 2006 Lutheran Hour Advent Devotions in partnership with her husband Rev. Paul Wolff. Enjoys traveling around the country to facilitate Lutheran Hour Ministries Mission U Witnessing Workshops. Has written devotional material for mission awareness and an article in the Journal of the Lutheran Society for Missiology. Kaye served as an LCMS National Mission Affiliate Member and on the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology Advisory Council of Concordia Lutheran Seminary.*

Prepared Topics:

- “Let’s give them something to talk about”
- “Fwd: A Blessing or a Curse”
- Girlfriends
- Ethnic Ministry
- What Time is it?
- **Will develop new topics to suit the group* (Contact speaker for further information)*

Preferences Regarding Speaking Engagements:

Time: Saturday, Sunday, weekday evenings

Travel Expenses: Maybe and maybe not

Area of Travel: Anywhere

Honorarium: At discretion of group