

New Women's Group at Concordia Lutheran, Korobosea

By Martin Dicke

In 2016 some women at Concordia Lutheran Church, Korobosea, Port Moresby began a Women's Group. This church is a congregation of the Gutnius (Good News) Lutheran Church whose members come from the Enga Province but now live in Port Moresby, the capital city of Papua New Guinea. This group grew quickly and now consists of over 50 members. Their program year follows the school year and runs from February to November. They meet for Bible Studies on Saturdays, have regular house to house fellowship, visit women who are sick, visit and stay with those women who have lost their husband giving them food and praying with and for them, helping with funerals, etc. They are hoping to start a prison ministry sometime in the near future.

On our last visit to Port Moresby as we were leaving PNG for our 2019 Home Service, we spent an afternoon with some of these wonderful women. As a fundraiser they had made PNG bilums (net bags) which we are going to take to the US and offer to those willing to help these ladies. Marie and I had the opportunity to talk about the LWML and some of the wonderful things the LWML does. Some of them are hoping at some point in time to be able to attend an LWML convention.



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Among the thirteen ladies that gathered that afternoon, they have 43 children and 37 grandchildren. We had fun sharing stories about our grandchildren and showing a video of Mabel, our latest grandchild, with the giggles.

Please pray for and encourage these women. If you would like to write to them, please contact us for their address. They would love to hear from you.

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Home Service Schedule 2019 for Martin and Marie Dicke

Marie and I are returning to the United States for three months to thank our supporters, report on our mission work in PNG, and raise funds for the next two years. Below are the major events in our schedule.

We would love to visit with you. If you are close to any of these locations, please come and say “Hi!” and hear our presentation. If you are not on our schedule yet, please contact us at martin.dicke@lcms.org or mariedicke@outlook.com and we will try to fit you in. We would love to visit your church, school, grab a bite to eat, or share a cup of coffee. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Wednesday, April 3—Lake Tahoe Christian Fellowship Church at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 7—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Boise, ID

Thursday, April 11—Our Savior Lutheran School, Springfield, IL

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Sunday, April 15—Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Quincy, IL

Wednesday, April 17—Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport, IA

Friday April 19—Tre Ore Service, Moline, IL

Sunday, April 21—Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Moline, IL

Monday, April 22—Heartis Assisted Living, Peoria, IL at

10:30 am

Tuesday, April 23—Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 24—Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria, IL at 8:30 am

April 26-27—Central Illinois District LWML Convention, Danville, IL

Sunday, April 28—Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waukegan, IL

Saturday, May 11—Presentation for Special Needs Bible Class Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, MN

Sunday, May 12—Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

Sunday, May 19—Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN

Sunday, May 26—Trinity Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, NE

Saturday, June 1—Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

Sunday, June 9—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

Sunday, June 16—St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bertha, MN

June 20-23—2019 National LWML Convention, Mobile, AL

July 5-6—Papua New Guinea Mission Society Biennial Meeting, Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Sunday, July 7—Holy Cross Lutheran Church, O’Fallon, MO

After April 1 please feel free to call us at (651) 363-0275.

Devotional Thought: The Most Precious Gift

At right is a sand painting given to the LCMS by the members of Sukutea (Resurrection) Lutheran Church, Yaramanda on November 3, 2018 in thanksgiving for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to them 70 years ago (see [November newsletter](#)). On behalf of the Enga people we are bringing this sand painting back with us to the United States to thank the LCMS and its members personally for this great mission effort. When we return to PNG in July we plan to place it in the hands of Gary Thies at Mission Central for their mission museum so many more can see it!

Jesus and His Church

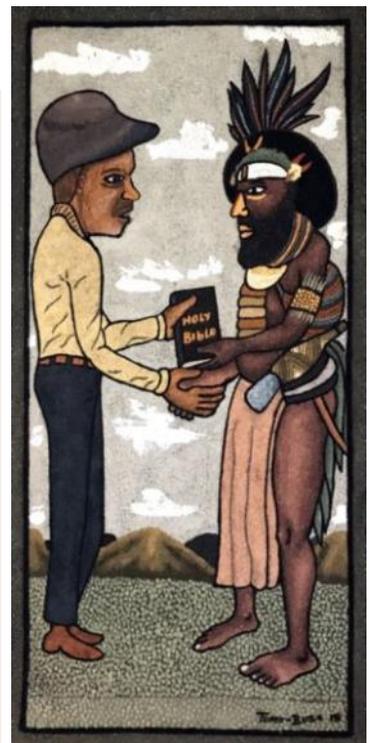
Martin Luther held that when Jesus died and rose again He defeated sin, death, and the devil and thereby brought the mercy of God to earth, but on the cross He did not distribute this mercy. That is the task He gave His disciples. That task, Luther said, is the work of the church.

In Matthew 16, Jesus reveals that one of His purposes for coming to earth was to establish His church. Jesus promised that He would build His church upon those who faithfully proclaim His name. He builds His

church upon the Means of Grace: the faithful proclamation of the Word of God and distribution of the Sacraments.

Satan is well aware of this, so he tries his best to destroy churches from within and without. Heresies abound and battles arise over all kinds of issues. However, Jesus promises that nothing that will prevail against His church.

Standing upon this promise, let us pray always for the church throughout the world and continue to proclaim Christ Jesus no matter what problems may arise.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on “Service Opportunities.”

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