

LISTEN, LEARN, LIVE

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.....To our KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Heidi Floyd, as she tells us her life story of how God has walked with her during her fourth pregnancy when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. You will laugh and cry as Heidi tells her story in her own unique way. Don't miss this inspiring tale of courage, commitment and love.

.....To God as Susie Scheyder, A FOCUS FORUM LEADER, leads us in a "hands-on" activity where you will make your personal book of Bible verse prayers. Susie will help us learn to claim God's grace in a unique way. You do not want to miss this new way to learn to be IN the Word.

.....To God through His Word as we study together with our BIBLE STUDY LEADER, Pastor Jeremy Pekari as he leads us to a deeper knowledge of the truth.

LEARN.....

.....About Gift Planning from Pat Bilow, A FOCUS FORUM LEADER, as she teaches us ways to be good stewards of our talents. She will educate us about personal charitable plans that benefit the donors, their heirs and ministries such as LWML.

.....About LWML as we hear a presentation from our NATIONAL LWML REPRESENTATIVE, Patti Ross (the national Vice President of Christian Life) She will share the national biennium goals and answer -"everything you ever wanted to know about the LWML but were afraid to ask".

LIVE.....

.....Missions. Find out about opportunities for missions with Matthew Beish, A FOCUS FORUM LEADER, as he takes us on mission journeys both near and far. Matt will share mission opportunities and ideas for your own mission journey. Listen to God as he calls you to serve him as a goer or a sender.

.....Missions as you explore the table displays and talk to people involved in ministries in New England, the United States and the world.

.....Missions as you gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ at the LWML District convention.

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2010 CONVENTION BIOGRAPHIES

MATTHEW BEISCH

Matthew came to Massachusetts from Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gordon College. He is currently a valued, enthusiastic staff member at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Topsfield, MA. He is the Missions, Small Groups and Caring Ministries Coordinator. He is also the Worship Leader. He coordinates and travels with groups on mission trips every year.

PATRICIA BILOW

Pat serves as the Gift Planning Counselor for the national LWML. Over the past 30 years Pat has worked with the LWML, its districts, churches, educational institutions and social service agencies with gift planning. She is a member of St Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio. She is married with 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

HEIDI FLOYD

Heidi is a national inspirational speaker for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. She spoke at the LWML national convention in Portland, Oregon. Heidi tells the story of her faith journey with breast cancer as she was expecting her fourth child and her husband was in seminary. Heidi speaks to groups all over the country. She lives with her husband and four children in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

REV. JEREMY PEKARI

Pastor Pekari was born in NC but moved around the country as a “pastor’s kid”. He graduated from Concordia University in WI and St Louis Seminary. He has served Messiah Lutheran Church in Lynnfield, MA for three years. He has been married for 12 years and has three boys who are home schooled.

SUSIE SCHEYDER

Susie is the wife of a pastor (Paul) and mother of five children. She is the author of the book The Other Side of the Pulpit which is a light look at life and ministry from the perspective of the pastor’s wife. She and her family live in Niantic, Connecticut.