

Women's Ministry and Small Groups

LWML sponsored a Women's Ministry retreat, Perseverance: A Nehemiah Battle Plan, over Mother's Day weekend, featuring Author and LWML Speaker, Donna Pyle. A restful, fulfilling retreat was had by all who attended (about 50 women). We were blessed with Praise and Worship music by Kim Gibney. We are always blessed by Jim Slothower who steps up whenever and wherever we need someone whether it's taking pictures or running the sound board! We collected mites for missions and collected non-perishable food items for the Southeast Ministries food pantry.

Ladies small groups are as follows:

- Monday: **Theresa Brooks** leads at her home at 1pm – Studying 1, 2, and 3 John (CPH).
Lynette Buss leads at her home every other Monday – Study will resume in August
 - Tuesdays: 1st and 3rd – **Lisa Miller** leads at the Rosendahl home, 5:30pm – Studying Great Women of the Bible part 2 (CPH).
 - Tuesdays: 2nd and 4th
 - **Amanda Bitting** leads at the Wiseman home, 6pm – Studying Thessalonians(CPH)
 - **Carolyn Watson** leads at her home, 6pm – Studying Luke (CPH).
 - **Lisa Miller** leads at her home (working on location change), 6pm – Studying Ruth: More Than a Love Story (CPH).
 - Wednesdays: **Pastor Dave** is now leading in the conference room at the Big House – Studying Great Women of the Bible part 2. This is transitioning from a Ladies Small Group to a Pastor Lead Small Group Bible Study.
 - Thursdays: 2nd and 4th – **Lisa Miller** leads at the Schutte home – Studying Forgiveness (CPH), 9:30am.
 - ***NEW*** Thursdays: 1st and 3rd – **Liz Slothower** is starting this group at her home in Denham Springs beginning August 2nd at 6:00pm. They will study Where Love Abides, (CPH).
 - Joy in Faith (LWML circle) – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month during the school year.
 - HS Youth Girls – Meets every Sunday at 5:30pm during the school year, led by Lisa Miller and Jessica Gribnau. We will hopefully have enough youth girls to separate by age starting in August.
 - ***NEW*** - In planning stage of leading a small group women's Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Will begin on August 12th.
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Have recently spoken with Pastor Dave about taking the lead for all small groups, to include: women, college age young women, HS age youth, men, and couples. This is still in planning stages but will be working with Kenzie, Nick and volunteers.

The women's ministry board consists of 11 women, most of who are involved in small group study. This group works closely with LWML (Zone, District and National) and does planning for events to raise money for National and Local mites, missions and charities. Our next planning session is **August 12th** at noon in the Big House conference room. All Trinity women are invited to attend, but are asked to commit for a full year term.

Tentative upcoming events for women's ministry:

July 31 – 5th Tuesday Small Group “Care Packages for our Military” gathering and social

August 12 – New Bible Study during Education Hour (9:30-10:30) – Tentative: Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask.

August 12 – Women's Ministry Board of Directors Meeting (12:30)

October 7 – National LWML Sunday (All services women lead)

November 11 – LWML Bake Sale and Soup to Go (Our biggest missions fundraiser)

December 2 – Women's Ministry Christmas Party and Toys for Tots Drive

The women in all small groups gather for LWML Mite Devotions and collect mites as well as participate in various community projects throughout the year. This year, Ladies have served at the Baton Rouge Food Bank, Collected Purses for “Pack the Purse” for homeless shelters in Lafayette for the LWML District Convention, regularly collect non-perishables for Southeast Ministries Food Pantry, in cooperation with the Marines, pack a truck with toys for Toys for Tots, donated much needed snacks for Trinity's VBS, and Bake Sale proceeds for 2017 equaled over \$2,600.00 for missions! Thanks to all who participate in and support women's ministry!

In His Service

Lisa Miller