

I am humbled and honored to be elected as your new LWML LA-MS District President. I thank you for affording me this opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness in this capacity, and I thank the LWML LA-MS District Past Presidents for their dedicated service and leadership.

As I read the vision statements in the biographies of all the nominated candidates for offices in the LWML LA-MS District for the 2020 – 2022 biennium, all the vision statements included these hallmarks:

- Grow personally in her relationship with our Lord through His Holy Word.
- Encourage relations and fellowship with each other.
- Share God's grace and blessings with all through joyful service.

Echoing the above hallmarks, my vision for the LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District is:

- We are rooted in God's Word.
- We welcome, encourage, and equip one another so that fellowship abounds within our congregations, zones, and district.
- We call on the Holy Spirit to help us joyfully and enthusiastically use our time, talents, and treasure in ministry to our congregations and to the people of the world to the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Emphasizing the words joyfully and enthusiastically, I will be sharing several joy-filled LWML *Mustard Seed Devotions* with you here on this website, lwml-lams.org. I encourage you to receive a daily electronic *Mustard Seed Devotion* via email or Facebook by signing up on the national lwml website by clicking: [www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions](http://www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions). Everything "LWML" may be found literally at your fingertips by downloading the LWML App by clicking: [www.lwml.org/app](http://www.lwml.org/app). Enthusiastically share this information with others.



## Belly Laughs

### In the Word

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." Psalm 126:2*

### Of the Word

There are few things more contagious than the laughter of a young child. That unselfconscious, from-the-toes giggle that expands into a full-blown belly laugh. The cause does not matter because the action takes on a life of its own. Soon, everyone in the room has gotten caught up in the laughter.

Perhaps adults should experience one good belly laugh a month, especially with another person. It could become the next fitness rage! Think of the worries and stress that might be eliminated without a prescription.

Christians have the best reason to express such total joy. Helplessly lost in our sin, we face only sorrow and death. Our merciful God sent Jesus to redeem us from the debt we owed by His death on the cross and glorious resurrection. We experience Easter joy every day, a joy so contagious that those whose lives we touch will say, "*The LORD has done great things ...*" [Psalm 126:2b](#).

### Walking with my Lord

Jesus, thank You for the laughter You have put into my life. Let my joy in You as my Savior overflow so others may know You, too! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Rejoicing in God's grace with you, Michelle Zollinger

