



# LBW-Ministry Memo

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“We live by *faith*, not by sight” - 2 Corinthians 5:7

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## Have you led your Thrivent Action Team?



**Who is eligible?** All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year. Each Action Team is eligible for a \$250.00 card to help offset the costs of ministry production.

**How do I apply?** Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) click on MYTHRIVENT in the top right corner. Choose Apply for a **Thrivent Action Team**. Sign in with User ID and password or Register for account access. Complete all information making sure you are requesting **Lutheran Braille Workers** as your project. You can either do a fundraiser for your center or just request to help pay for your supplies.

# A Message From The President

Dear faithful Lutheran Braille Workers,

“I can do all things through Christ who Strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

So often we hear certain passages and gravitate to what we understand of its meaning. We interpret, not by any pretenses, but by the learning which has been instilled by our worship.

Have you ever been in a situation where your words have been taken out of context? Or you hear part of a conversation? Or the news reports a small piece of the actual story which makes you think in a different direction or thought process? Or maybe it's a government leader saying something which is so vague, we all may interpret it differently?

Within our society, cultures take pieces of Bible verses and condense them down to an element which becomes meaningful to them. They are placed on T-shirts, written on the shoes of famous athletes, or even tattooed on a person's body. Elements or key sentences in an otherwise long paragraphs can lose the meaning of why they were written, or worse, be changed all together because the masses have heard it before. As an example, people have taken Paul's writing in Philippians 4:13 out of context by shortening the verse to only say “I can do all things” or “I can do anything” or interpreting the passage to mean that I can do “anything” I want as long as I believe that Christ is with me...NO.

Paul wrote about how his strength comes solely from God no matter what the circumstances may be. “I can do all things through Christ who Strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13) Leading up to Philippians 4:13 Paul writes no matter what his circumstances were (whether well fed, hungry, living in plenty, or in want) Paul can manage any of his circumstances because of Christ's strength in all situations.

So, as you look to the Lord in your daily living and individual circumstances, believe that the Lord wants you to be content in your situation for He is with you and brings you peace.

Thank you for your partnership in this Gospel ministry. Because of you, thousands of people now recognize Jesus and know of His love and His salvation.

TEASER TIME: For the last 5 months as only the 6th President of Lutheran Braille Workers, I am humbled each and every day by the selfless generosity of our Volunteers, donors, ministry centers, and churches towards our mission. With that being said, we are in development of an incredible fund-raising campaign to purchase an instrumental piece of equipment which will flawlessly produce new Braille plates used to produce our Braille Books of the Bible and other Christian Braille Materials.

The campaign will be called Buy-A-Dot. We are prayerfully anticipating Volunteers and their respected congregation will become enthused and involved throughout this entire process. Ministry Production Center Leaders, check your mail over the next couple of weeks for our second teaser which will give you additional information before this exciting campaign begins.

In HIS awesome service,



Jay Zemke, President of Lutheran Braille Workers



# R.I.P Casette Tapes



Effective October 1st 2019, LBW will no longer produce audio Casette Tapes. Over the last few years we've seen cassette tapes rise in price substansially due to many suppliers no longer manufacturing or stocking the size we need. While we usher out the cassette tape we look toward the DTB (Digital Talking Book) cartridge to take its place. These cartridges work similar to cassettes but play on a specialized player from the NLS and are much more durable, cost efficient & high quality.



## From Purchasing To You

Hello Everyone,

I recently sent an email to both our Braille and Large Print centers sharing that, as of August 01, 2019, I will no longer send out a pink purchase order copy by mail. I'm now sending it by email. This is more cost efficient for purchasing here at LBW.

I will be calling our Ministry Centers, not only to see if there are any supplies you may need me to order but also to see how your equipment is running and if there are any prayer requests from your center. Whether it be for yourself, a loved one, a friend or colleague that may need a little prayer support from LBW headquarters. I will also check to see if the email address we have on file is correct or if it needs to be updated along with maintaining your centers roster information. We have pins that Deanna sends out for your anniversaries, along with your rosters. Please help keep these updated so we can share our appreciation with you. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. You are truly appreciated for all you do!!

I look forward to chatting with all of you soon.

Michelle Jordan



## Fall Cleaning

Due to a desire to become consistent with our brand message, as well as to continue to update and refresh our materials, please throw away any promotional materials or handouts with old logos. The only logo which should be on materials is the blue circle with the hands and the LBW next to it. Thank you for your help with ensuring this is done.

# · : ·· :: Exciting News Out Of the Braille Department ·· :: ::

Exciting things are happening in the Braille department and the Braille Ministry Centers. We now have the New Testament of the English Standard Version in production. Recently we had an order from the Bible Society of Indonesia for 500 complete Bibles. With the help of you wonderful volunteers at our Ministry Centers this Bible will start production in September. We have also received an order for 700 complete Bibles in Kiswahili to go to Tanzania. Kiswahili is already in production in the centers.

With all this happening, we could sure use more volunteers at our Ministry Centers and at our Headquarters. If you know of anyone who could benefit from being a part of this tremendous ministry please invite them to your next session!

Blessings on your day,

Joanna Ervin

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## Nice to meet ya!

Greetings to everyone from sunny California!

My name is Laura Jenkins and I am grateful, excited, and blessed to be part of Lutheran Braille Workers' Large Print and Audio department. It is inspiring to see God's word travel to the hands of so many in need; this of course would not be possible without all of you who give so much to make this happen. THANK YOU!



I was born and raised in Pasadena, CA but lived in Alabama and Missouri for the past 6 years. My husband and I have two children, Isabel and Nathan, and reside in the city of Redlands. I graduated from Concordia St. Paul (Go Golden Bears!) with a degree in Psychology. Previously I worked for nonprofit organizations such as Options for Youth, Concordia College Alabama, Lutheran Family and Children Services, and Our Savior Lutheran Church Early Childhood Center. When I am not busy working I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, traveling, yoga, Zumba, coffee, and learning interesting facts. I look forward to working with you.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Laura Jenkins

*Please prayerfully consider Lutheran Braille Workers in your Estate Planning.*

# Thank You For Your Years of Service

## October

<b>5 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Virgil T Bening	OK	73
John Kahre	OK	73
Mary May	CA	33
Sylvia Mertink	TX	146
Joy Nightingale	MS	128
Jean Reed	NC	51
Mark W Schroeder	KS	71
Judy R Schroeder	KS	71
Rachel Skyles	FL	59
Sharon Tarvin	AZ	102
Vicki Williams	CA	195

<b>10 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Pamela Buhler	TX	132
Bernie Byrd	IN	141
Richard A Challis	CA	1
Nancy Challis	CA	1
Julia B Copi	MI	203
Sharon Cszaszar	IN	141
John Moese	IL	167
Loretta Pennington	MO	69
Debbie Wolff	CA	4

<b>15 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Ray King	WA	314
Joan Pressly	TX	48
Verna Sorensen	TX	166

<b>20 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Sharon J Mitchel	CA	7
Leona Moe	ND	133
Crystal Peters	IL	164
Teresa Yeh	CA	7

<b>35 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Dolores Jackowski	TX	52
Carolyn Paroske	CA	5

## November

<b>5 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Roy Bassen	IL	315
Jean Bassen	IL	315
Kay Bowmar	FL	59
Gene Brandenburg	MN	2
Tom Bucher	OK	73
Sarah Fanucchi	CA	45
Judy Ganoza	TX	166
Debb Kaiser	FL	59
Marlene Lange	MO	161
Ann Parrill	ND	133
William F Roever	KS	31
Mary Roever	KS	31
Frederick G Schuman	TX	105
Charlotte A Schuman	TX	105
Ruth Skaggs	MO	69
Cliff Spencer	IL	125
Cindy Spencer	IL	125
Jospeh True	TX	93

<b>10 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Anna Marie Fisher	FL	59
Marsha Lesselyong	TX	93
Linda VanEaton	MO	69
Jo Woods	IN	129

<b>15 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Gordon Kloehn	AZ	58
Joanne Kloehn	AZ	58

<b>20 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Alice Bennett	IN	98
Margaret Myers	KS	64
Shirley Pagenkopf	MI	202
Pat Southard	KS	64

<b>25 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Ruth Thomas	OH	110

## December

<b>5 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Pam Bowling	MO	69
Frances Miertschin	TX	109
Virginia Mills	CA	151
Diana Nichols	OK	73
Edward Reinhardt	TX	109
Angela Sessions	FL	56
Sharlene Turner	FL	59
Ivan Winger	OK	73

<b>10 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Mimi Chellis	MO	79

<b>30 Years of Service</b>		<b>MC#</b>
Grace Blackstead	ID	185
Carolyn Friedle	TX	166



## We Lay a Rose



### **Hubert Noack**

**MC#75 Leader of Waco, TX From 1992 - 2013**

**Board Member From 2000 - 2011**

**Volunteer for 27 Years**

**Called home 6/3/19**

### **Wilber Dauernheim**

**MC#200 Leader of Tucson, AZ From 2002-2011**

**Volunteer for 15 Years**

**Called home**