



## **Karen Morrison, Vice President of Gospel Outreach**

Karen lived in Wichita, Kansas her whole life and now in retirement calls Apache Junction, Arizona home. She currently serves as president of the Mountain View Lutheran Church LWML group in the Pacific Southwest District.

Karen's life verse comes from Mark 5:36 *Fear not, only believe*, from the story of Jairus and his daughter. She wrote an I Love to Tell the Story article about how she received this life verse when she was 19 years old. In whatever situation she finds herself, Karen tries to be a reflection of God's love, hope, and promise.

Karen was not born in the Lutheran church, but joined the LCMS when she was 13 years old, with her family, and through confirmation. When she joined LWML in 2000, she jumped in with both feet. Karen has served as Zone Secretary, Zone Bylaws committee, Zone Vice President of Christian Life, District Public Relations committee, District Vice President of Communication, District Bylaws committee, and Kansas District President from 2012-2016. Nationally, Karen has served on the HOPE committee (current Group Development Committee), the Nominating committee for the 2019 Mobile convention, the Gospel Outreach committee, and now in her second two years as Vice President of Gospel Outreach.

Purple has been a part of Karen's life since she was young, in fact it was the color of the walls in her high school bedroom. God prepared her heart to be a part of his LWML purple mission army long before she placed her first mite in a Mite box. Karen thinks of herself as a mite. On her own, she is like a single coin, but when joined together with all the other ladies in her group, the zone, district, and nation, she has the mission opportunity to reach the entire world. How awesome it is that because of Lutheran Women in Mission, one woman can have an impact on lives on the other side of the globe.

Karen chose verses from 1 Peter to guide her as she serves as Vice President of Gospel Outreach. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, ... whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ* 1Peter 4:10-11.