

SUBMITTED REPORTS:

FIANACIEL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle

I made the following deposits of monies (mites, memorials, and periodicals) received from Iowa East District societies:

December	\$14,961.54
January	\$ 6,261.95
TOTAL	\$21,223.49

For the Spring issue of the Alive I submitted an article and the Memorials Report.

I mailed acknowledgement letters to all donors of memorials and special gifts. The letter tells about one of our LWML district grants and also doubles as a tax receipt. I do not send letters to LWML societies.

I mailed remittance blank books and address labels to society treasurers who requested them. I responded to phone calls and emails from a number of societies who had questions.

Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)

*13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Klinkhammer

Our Christian Life Committee is complete at this time with adding DeEtta Rasmussen to our committee of three. They will be entertaining you today with their Christian Life Report as I have a previous commitment and will be unable to attend. At the last board meeting in November, the Christian life Committee put on a new sketch that was found on the National LWML Website. It was explained how to find the new materials and how to download the free materials. District LWML members were encouraged at the August board meeting to submit original material such as sketches, to myself that could be submitted for review. It was explained how the IED Pastoral Counselors would need to approve all new material. To date, no one has submitted to me any new material that I could pass on to the IED Pastoral Counselors. For our next Alive issue we were to think back on a memory of the LWML and share it in the Alive. LWML is celebrating 75 years so we all have many memories that we can share. I shared one of mine which brought a smile to my face and fondness to my heart. I encourage everyone to think back on a memory you have and share it at your society meeting or at your Spring Rally. Just think of the smiles you will be creating.

My Bible Passage: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham

Board of Directors Directory: The District Roster has been updated for changes that have been submitted. Please make sure that your information is correct.

Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms: I have received 78% of Society Record forms for calendar year 2017. I have given each Zone President a list of their society record forms I still need. Please remind each Society that those are still needed to keep our records up to date, even if there are no changes. If they have submitted their forms and requested changes to the number of subscriptions they receive, those adjustments have been made in the current bill.

I have received 67% of the Zone Record forms for the 2017 calendar year. I am missing Zone Record forms from Clinton, Davenport, Dubuque, and Marshalltown Zones.

Society Financial Statements: I have prepared the Society bills for the ALIVE and Quarterly subscriptions. I have emailed each of the society's treasurers their statements and copied the society president. If I did not have an email address, I sent the bill to the society treasurer. Please make sure to remind your societies at your next Zone Board meeting to send in their payment as soon as possible.

GoTo Meeting: I have setup several GoTo Meetings for the various committees.

Supplies: There are envelopes and letterhead available for your needs. The LWML Iowa East District Convention Badges are available for \$1 each.

Communications: I have sent out several communications on behalf of President Joan Berquist. Stay in touch with the latest LWML happenings with LWML e-news, and national news, and go to www.lwml.org. For Iowa East District news go to <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>. For Facebook you can join in the conversation with our Lutheran Women by going to www.facebook.com/theLWML.

Ways I'm Following LWML IED Bylaws for VP of Communication: I have continually reviewed the duties that have been laid out in the Bylaws to ensure I am completing the tasks that have been assigned to the VP of Communication. I also met with President Joan Berquist via phone to review the duties and discuss expectations of my role.

Historian/Archivist: LuElla Scott

I am continuing to collect Zone minutes from their fall Board and Rally. I am needing 3 Board and 2 Rally minutes. Would you Zone presidents encourage your secretaries to send them to me. (Hopefully, they may be brought to the meeting today.)

Would you want me to order both a District and a Young Women Representatives picture as at the Des Moines convention?

As I was doing Bible Studies from back issues of LWML quarterlies, one was on Nehemiah. With all the frustrations he encountered in his task of rebuilding Jerusalem, he closes the book with "Remember me. O my God, for good." When we become frustrated, we need to put these things in God's hands. "Not my will, but Thine be done!"

AILIVE Newsletter Editor: Marie McNary

The Spring 2017 Issue of the ALIVE is underway.

Our theme for this issue is "Celebrating 75 Years of the LWML." It was requested articles touch on the theme of how the LWML has impacted their life over the years. As of the writing of this report, the text is to the printer (Print Express in Independence) and we are awaiting back the proof.

Deadline for the Summer Issue will be April 15, 2017.

The Theme will be: Jesus Christ Above All (sticking with our LWML Convention Theme).

Team Effort for LWML Iowa East Communications.

The Communications Team for the LWML Iowa East District is a great bunch. Always willing to pick up and help each other out. As many of you know, District Webmaster, Pat Powell moved to Florida, leaving a vacancy on the team. PR Director, Stephanie Behn is helping with social media efforts, and I'm helping with website updates in the interim.

A new webmaster has been identified and I will train her on the website in the coming months.

Newsletter Editor according to the Bylaws.

Per President Joan's request, I reviewed the official duties of the Alive Newsletter Editor from the LWML IED Bylaws. They are as follows:

The Newsletter Editor shall:

1. Attend all BOD meetings and IED functions as a reporter;
2. Prepare copy for each issue [four (4) per year] of the IED newsletter;
3. Send a proof copy of each issue of the IED newsletter to the President, Financial Secretary and

Pastoral Counselors for correction and/or approval before publishing.

I feel this is an accurate representation of what the position entails.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. – Matthew 5:4

Director of Public Relations: Stephanie Behn

Since the last BOD meeting, I have assisted the Newsletter Editor with revisions to the winter edition of the Alive Newsletter and will soon be working on the Spring edition.

I have forwarded to all the Zone presidents a link to an article written by Elizabeth Gehle regarding the Kenya trip this past summer. I also mentioned the possible Short Term Mission trips to be done here in LWML IED this summer. I requested they share this information with their societies. I'm hoping this will get people thinking about joining the "staycation" mission opportunities this summer.

I'm hoping to become more familiar with the LWML IED's Facebook page and make contributing posts. I would love for the Zone presidents to provide me with any newsworthy items (or pictures) regarding their zones and/or societies that can be posted to our Facebook page.

Please read the article highlighting our LWML IED convention this past June that was published in the Fall IDE Today (came out in January).

Also, just an update on the Giving Tuesday challenge from November 29, 2016: \$23,270 was raised in one day for mites! To God Be the Glory.

Favorite Bible Verse: Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot

I have submitted an article for the Alive. I have also been busy the last couple of months with revisions to the student aid applications that are due May 1st. The spring student aid has been paid out. Feedback from our mission grant recipients continue to arrive in the mail. Two students have acknowledged the help they have received.

Hannah Thompson wrote: Thank you for awarding me a scholarship to help me with my college tuition. I had a great semester at Concordia University Chicago. In addition to fulfilling some general education requirements, I have already taken some education classes related to my major. I can't wait to begin my second semester in January. Thank you for the help that this scholarship will provide.

Andrew Thompson wrote: I would like to thank you for the money to help me with my studies at Concordia University Chicago. I have already had a couple great years there and really enjoy all the opportunities to grow in my faith and learning there. I appreciate the support in my learning as I want to be a Pastor. God's blessings!

I attended an information only meeting via Go-To-Meeting with Rad Finch in regards to the Endowment Fund.

Changes in the student aid application process have been made and is ready for Board approval in accordance with our bylaws.

As we attend the spring rallies please keep your eyes and ears open for mission grant needs. October 2017 deadline will be here before we know it.

VP of HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser

VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager

- Submitted article for Spring Alive
- Participated on vote for 2018 IED convention speaker
- Attended 2018 IED Convention meeting in Cedar Rapids at Marriot on Saturday, Jan 21st
- Held a GoTo meeting for Member Development committee to discuss YWRs, convention and other business- Friday, Jan 20th
- Continue to review bylaws

One of my favorite bible verses is Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Member Development: Tammy McKay

Happy New Year! I hope all is going well for 2017 so far!

I was invited to a GOTO Meeting for Friday the 13th of January by Cheryl Killham. I called the number and it didn't connect. The Janell Wollschlager called me and we discussed YWRs.

She suggested that I contact the Zone Presidents about the YWRs and I did that and did not get any response from any Zone President.

YWRs will be voted on at this meeting. Zone Presidents have been informed that they should bring any YWR applications to this meeting.

I will be attending the National Convention! Hope to see all of you there!

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Joan Berquist

After numerous attempts to meet in person, I met with Cheryl Killham by phone call to discuss her position and LWML IED roster items. I wrote and submitted an article to the Alive, and prepared to review the first proof.

I have corresponded with Katie Schuererman, Gracie the Comfort Dog (Jane Marsh) and Deaconess Grace Rao to confirm their roles in the LWML IED 2018 convention. They are all on board and excited to be sharing with us. If you should see any of them when you are in Albuquerque, please say hello!

I have answered many questions, emails, phone calls from and about LWML in Iowa East.

Commented [CK1]:

I met with Janice Johnston and Judy Westergren in January to begin revising the Convention Guidelines. Both Janice and Judy have agreed to be Convention Co-Advisors for the 2018 convention. The Mt Pleasant Zone Host Committee for the 2018 district convention met at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids on January 21st to review the site. Judy Westergren and Janell Wollschlager also attended at my request.

The LWML Board of Directors meeting was held in St Louis January 25-28. Topics for us to discuss from that meeting:

- Albuquerque Convention
- Delegate Meeting suggested
- Suggestion that we have a 75th Thank Offering at district convention
- Everyone His Witness
- Shave Off: The beard is gone...The goal of \$2,500 surpassed, collected \$8,800. \$10,000 by March 31st, the beard stays gone.
- Assembly of Leaders will be held in Fall of 2018

MEETING MANAGER: *Becky Wehrspann*

New name tents have been created, and folders updated, following personnel changes at the Zone and District level, and for those who attend our meetings as guests.

The room arrangements for our Board Meeting were made and requested for set-up to the District Office. Dates and arrangements for future meetings were discussed with District Office personnel.

The Call to Meeting and Agenda were prepared and sent to BOD members and guests.

President Joan and I are in frequent communication regarding BOD and LWML matters.

A Spring Rally schedule has been started and will continue to be updated.

The Meeting Manager position is not officially in the Bylaws, but President Joan and I continue to develop the position so that its inclusion can be added in the future.

My daily devotion time includes reading the Today's Light Bible verses and devotion in the mornings, Mustard Seed devotions that I receive by email each day, and Portals of Prayer in the evenings with my family

SHORT TERM MISSION CHALLENGE: *Sandra Lingard*

SPEAKERS BUREAU: *Betty Borchardt*

This Spring I had two requests for a copy of the Speaker Bureau List. I did not hear feedback from one as to whether the list was useful to them or not. The other person said that they were overwhelmed and did not know how to start utilizing the list as they were not familiar with any of the speakers listed. I would appreciate any input regarding how the list could be made more user friendly and easier to utilize as a tool for a database on which to draw for ideas for speakers for events.

Also since this year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 100th anniversary of the Lutheran Hour Ministry I thought that there might be an interest in either one of these topics for the upcoming Fall Rally's. I am wondering if there is anyone in IED or nearby that does a presentation of either of these two topics. If you have any suggestions, please contact me ASAP so we can proceed to approve their presentations and add them to the list.

We have one application that is currently in the vetting process to determine if the content of the presentation meets the expectations for listed speakers.

HEART to HEART COORDINATOR: *Nancy McHone*

I have written an article for the Alive. I completed an on-line survey for the National Heart to Heart program.

I continue to work with Marie, a Heart to Heart sister who is attending our church. Pastor Kane has visited Marie and is working to obtain a copy of the Bible in her language.

READY SET RCYCLE: *Cheryl Killham*

Zone Facilitator Directory: A Zone Facilitator has been designated from every zone except for Davenport and Mt. Pleasant Zones.

Shipping Labels: I have received a request from the Cedar Rapids and Marshalltown Zones for labels. There has been a change and the shipping labels are now FedEx shipping labels. People will need to ship the boxes from their nearest FedEx shipper or have the boxes ready at the church for pick up when a FedEx driver makes a FedEx delivery to the church. The shipping carton needs to weight between 30-40 pounds.

BUS ITINERY: Vickie Ozburn

Thank you for registering to ride the bus to Albuquerque. Cars may be left at pick-up locations or you can be dropped off whichever works best for you. I will take care of all hotel arrangements. Each group has provided a credit card number to hold their room. Below is a draft itinerary for your reference, I will send out final information when finalized. Questions please contact me at vaozburn@gmail.com or 319-981-8372.

June 20, 2017 - Pick-ups

6:00AM Valley Lutheran School, 4520 Rownd St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 (confirmed drop-off)
7:30AM Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E Court St., Iowa City, IA 52245 (confirmed - back parking lot behind the parsonage house)
9:15AM DMACC Newton Conference Center , 600 N. 2nd Avenue W. , Newton, Iowa 50208

Overnight

6:00PM Fairfield Inn Yukon, 1520 Garth Brooks Blvd, Yukon, OK \$104 plus taxes

June 21, 2017 - Depart

7:00AM Depart for Albuquerque, NM

Arrival

4:00PM Arrive, xxx hotel info, Albuquerque, NM

June 25th, 2017 -Depart

12:00 noon after session

Overnight

6:30PM Sleep Inn, 2710 E State Hwy 66, Elk City, OK 73644 rate \$64.99 plus taxes

June 26, 2017 - Depart

7:00AM

Arrival

5:45PM Newton

7:30PM Iowa City

9:15PM Cedar Falls

2018 LWML IED CONVENTION RPORT: Angie Banko

Member of the Mt. Pleasant zone met Saturday, January 21, 2017 for an organizational meeting for the 2018 IED-LWML convention. Several ladies and our Pastoral Counselor met at the Cedar Rapids Marriott, the location of the convention.

We were led on a tour of the facilities we will be using by Lori, our contact personal at the hotel. Following the tour we met as a group and divided up most of the responsibilities for the convention. Preliminary ideas were shared for many responsibilities during the convention.

Two ideas were shared for the convention logo. Those will be shared with the Board of Directors at the meeting.

We are following our part of the bylaws by working together with the steering committee to begin making plans for the 2018 convention.

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Benton Zone: Elaine Haren

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, Blairstown

Date: April 23, 2017

Time::

Rally Theme: "GPS"

Bible Verse: Acts 4;12

Speaker: Sandra Lingard, Short Term Mission Trip to Kenya

Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** St. Paul's, Marion
Date: April 22, 2017
Time: Registration 8:30 am/Rally 9:00 am
Rally Theme: "One In the Spirit"
Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:13
Speaker: Judy Westergren and Dori Stanek – Short Term Mission Trip to Kenya

Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date: April 22, 2017
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Pastor Dodger. Mission Trip to Germany

Davenport Zone: Marcia Reints

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date:
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:

Dubuque Zone: Denita Krause

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date:
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker:

Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date:
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker:

Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date:
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker:

Mt. Pleasant Zone: Denita Rasmussen

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:**
Date:
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker:

St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mason City
Date: April 22, 2017.
Time: 8:00 am Registration, Breakfast/9:00 am Rally
Rally Theme: "Rooted in Christ"
Bible Verse: Colossians 2:6-7
Speaker:
Ingathering: Underwear for Orphan Grain Train

Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** St. Johns. Lutheran Church, Reinbek
Date: April 1, 2017
Time: 8:30 am Brunch/9:00 am Rally
Rally Theme: "ce How Sweet The Sound"
Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:15
Speaker: Sandra Lingard, Short term Mission Trip to Kenya
Other: Prayer Service March 4, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls 8:30 am Continental Breakfast/9:00 am Prayer Service
Service Project: Make Fleece Quilts for Valley Lutheran High School 2017 graduates.

Westgate Zone: Nancy Maurer

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sumner
Date: Marh 18, 2017
Time:
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: John Maddick, Branch Manager for Orphan Grain Train
Ingathering: School Kits/Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train

Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl

2017 Spring Rally: **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottumwa
Date: April 22, 2017
Time:
Rally Theme: " God's Comfort and Compassion"
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Comfort Dogs