

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, November 11, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Joan Berquist called the meeting to order in the name of the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in the meeting room of the LCMS District Office in Marion, Iowa at 9:40 am.

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Randolph McHone, who served 26 years as an Air Force Chaplain, showed a video of a ministry of the church, "Operation Barnabas" and shared with us how he became involved in this ministry. He also informed us how we can take part and become an "Operation Barnabas Congregation". He read from 1 Thessalonians 1:3, which describes the military. Work is produced by faith, labor promoted by love and endurance inspired by the hope we have through Jesus Christ. There is no other vocation where the Christian faith shines through as the military. He closed the devotion with a responsive prayer for the military.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: President Joan Berquist welcomed everyone. Attendance list is attached.

BOD MINUTES FROM August 12, 2017: Alberta Martens moved we approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

MINUTES REVIEW: Helen Huedepohl and Judith Fink volunteered to serve as minutes review,

GARBAGE DUTY: Betty Borchardt and Pastor Lingard volunteered to serve on garbage duty.

APPOINTMENTS: President Joan Berquist requested to approve the following appointments: Meeting Parliamentarian - Judy Westergren, PR Director – Kendra Voss, Webmaster – Jeanette Kreutner and 2018 Retreat Co-chairs – Evelyn Wiebke and Loretta Vogt. Margaret Kistler made a motion to accept these appointments. The motion was seconded and carried.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Becky Wehrspann, Quarterly Features Editor: I work with a staff of seven and we are now working on the next ten issues of the Quarterly choosing themes, brainstorming what resources to use and contacts to be made. We also work with both Pastoral Counselors. She also showed us several items with the new LWML Logo that are now available.

Cheryl Killham, Leadership Development Committee: Our committee of three are planning the next two years on how we are going to develop new leaders and how to train them. Watch for articles that will be coming. The next "Assembly of Leaders" will take place in October 2018, watch for upcoming information. We are working a lot on communication, for example when you are sending emails - when you change direction in the email, you need to change the subject line to match your business. Also, when receiving an email confirm with the sender within 48 hours that you received it.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lilah Hurley reported we still have a lot of work to do. We thank the three ladies who have submitted their names as nominees for office. We have Marna Mohr and Tammy McKay for Financial Secretary and Elizabeth Gehle for VP of Gospel Outreach. We still need nominees for President, Recording Secretary, Christian Life and one more for Gospel Outreach. President Joan encouraged us to think of who you might personally contact and ask if they would be willing to serve.

TREASURER: Gretchen Rasmussen's submitted report shows a balance on hand as of October 30, 2017, \$32,806.92; income received was, \$19,168.22; expenses were \$30,422.89 leaving a balance of \$21,552.25. The LMWL IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation is \$30,423.14 as of September 30, 2017. (end of second Quarter). Total Mission Grant Amount: \$95,735.00; amount dispersed as of 10-30-2017, \$72,485.01; balance remaining to be paid, \$23,249.99. Full report included with minutes.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle reported. Full report attached.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn reported. Full report attached.

Christian Life Committee: DeEtta Rasmussen reported Martha Hartwig brought the remaining LWML store inventory. DeEtta suggested to sell this merchandise at a reduced cost. Discussion took place. Helen Huedepohl made a **motion** to sell the LWML inventory - accessories for ½ price and the printed materials for \$1.00, with any remaining printed materials to be given to the Lighthouse Center of Hope (Gifts of the Heart recipient for this month). Motion was seconded and carried.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham reported. Cheryl asked us to review the roster and send her any corrections and/or updates so she can keep this list current. She also asked the Zone Presidents for an updated list of Zone and Society officers. Full report attached.

SPECIAL GUEST: Carole White, LCEF District Vice President- Iowa East/Iowa West, introduced the concept of giving through **Joyful Response** which is an opportunity for individuals and/or societies of LWML. This is a free electronic mite-giving service offered through LCEF. The Financial Secretary or Treasurer would need to set up a District account to receive the funds with an amount of \$100.00 (this does not have to stay in the account once it was opened). If you decide to choose this service, you would need to publicize this concept often to remind people of this service.

Convention Exhibitors: Cheryl Killham presented a list of exhibitors – District Financial Secretary and Mission Grants were added and Thrivent was eliminated. Cheryl made a motion to accept the list of exhibitors presented (RSO organizations) to be contacted and invited to display at the 2018 District Convention. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Historian/Archivist: Luella Scott reported. Full report attached. Betty Borchardt made a motion to accept President Joan's appointment of Luella Scott for another 2-year term as Archivist/Historian. Motion was seconded and carried.

ALIVE Newsletter Editor: Marie McNary – report read by Diane Paulson. Full report attached.

Director of Public Relations: Kendra Voss – no report.

Webmaster: Jeanette Kreutner reported she is transitioning with Janet Brown. She will be taking pictures of each committee today to update the LWML website.

Everything Jeanette receives for the web or face book must be post-ready. The process for posting is to send items for the web/facebook to Cheryl Killham for review and/or Pastoral review, then she will send them on to Jeanette.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot reported she received an updated Newsletter from the Mission Grant, Food for Haiti. Full report attached.

Mission Grants: Cynthia Kofoot – We received 24 proposed mission grant applications for the 2018-2020 biennium totaling \$116,746. All were approved by LCMS District President Saunders. Cindy presented them to the board and made a motion to accept these 24 mission grant proposals for the 2018-2020 Biennium as presented and submit them for the ballot at Convention. Motion carried.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser reported an idea of having February Gifts of the Heart be a work day at Orphan Grain Train in Clemons. Discussion followed. A sheet was passed for those who would be interested. Full report attached.

Gifts from the heart – 2018 Convention: Will be a Baby Shower – more info to follow.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist requested that we need to fill our appointed committees so the work of the LWML can go forward. She is especially concerned about the Member Development Committee and the future of the YWR program at convention. Full report attached.

Prayer: Pastor McHone led us in prayer.

Lunch Break: We recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm. (The Zone Presidents met during lunch).

Reconvened: 12:50 pm.

DeEtta Rasmussen and Gretchen Ramussen presented a **Christian Growth** skit called, "Conversations" It was a talk show featuring Katie VonBora Luther. Katie told us she was a wife, entrepreneur and mother. She led a very busy and extraordinary life, with a very strong faith in God.

VP of ORGANIZATION RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager reported. Full report attached.

Bylaws: Janell presented the proposed bylaw changes. Jill Fraser made a motion to accept the proposed bylaw changes after making corrections to be submitted to the LWML Structure Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Member Development: Tammy McKay reported. Discussion took place. The YWR applications need to be submitted by April 15, 2018. Full report attached..

Young Women Representatives: Rachel Wegener, Amanda Hahn - Rachel reported on the YWR Event to be held January 13, 2018 (Jan. 20-snow date) and asked the board if they could be of assistance in helping to supply food and/or help with serving. A sheet was passed to express how you could help. Full report attached

PASTORAL COUNSELORS: Pastor Lingard encouraged us in the midst of our busyness we need to remember the purpose of LWML, which is Women in Mission. We are here to further the message of Jesus and to proclaim Him here and to all the nations. All we do here is for that purpose. "It's all about Jesus!! " As we run the race for Christ, we know we are already winners; Jesus won this gift for us.

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS: Full reports attached.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LWML Short Term Mission Challenge: Sandra Lingard - no report submitted.

Speakers Bureau: Betty Borchardt reported no new additions. We had several inquiries.

Ready, Set, Recycle: Cheryl Killham reported. Full report attached.

Lutheran World Relief: Dori Stanek reported. Full report attached.

Heart to Heart Coordinator: Nancy McHone reported. Full report attached.

Meeting Manager: Becky Wehrspann reported. Full report attached.

Jill Wollschlager made a motion to add the job description of the meeting manager to the proposed bylaw amendments before sending them to the LWML Structure Committee. Motion was seconded and carried. This position runs con-current with the District President.

2017 District Retreat: Karen Kuesel/Liz Roberts Co-chairs - Karen reported. Full report attached.

2018 District Convention Advisor: Janice Johnston will attend a host planning meeting on March 10, 2018 in the absence of President Joan, as she has a rally to attend.

2018 District Convention: Karen Lyons/Angie Banko, co-chairs. Angie Banko reported the Registration and Housing forms will be in the next issue of the ALIVE. When making your room reservations be sure to specify that you are with the LWML Convention to get your convention rate and to make certain the District gets credit for your room. Full report attached.

DeEtta Rasmussen presented an idea for convention to replace the purses with "Designer Cases", which could be used for many different things. Her committee would collect the eye glass cases, decorate them and offer them at convention for donations to Mites. She asked the board to bring any odd pieces of jewelry you may have for them to use to decorate the cases to the February BOD meeting. Alberta Martens made a motion to have an exhibit table for these Designer Cases at convention with the donations going to Mites. Motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **2023 Convention Fundraiser:** The 2023 Convention will be held in our region and may be asked to help with funding. We were asked to go to our societies and zones to gather ideas.
2. **Rock-A-Thon LCEF Fundraiser –** Janelle Wollschlager will organize this committee. LCEF will match funds up to and including \$500.00 and publicize this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Pastoral Counselor Selections:** We have three (3) nominees for Pastoral Counselor, who are willing to serve, they are Pastor Christopher Roepke, Mt. Pleasant Zone, Pastor Gregory Hyatt, Marshalltown Zone and Pastor Thomas Ogilvie, Williamsburg Zone. We need two (2) candidates for the ballot at convention. The voting members of the board will vote by ballot for two candidates. Rachal Wegener and Tammy McKay will serve as tellers. President Joan announced by vote of the BOD we have chosen Pastor Roepke and Pastor Ogilvie to be placed on the ballot for Pastoral Counselor at the 2018 District Convention. Helen Huedepohl made a motion to destroy the ballots. Motion was seconded/carried.
2. **February Meeting** will take place February 17, 2018 with February 24 as a snow date. Treats will be furnished by the Marshalltown and Mt. Pleasant Zones. Margaret Kistler volunteered to set up the room.
3. **Set May meeting date:** May 5, 2018, if needed.
4. **2018 Convention Tellers:** Each Zone needs to provide two (2) tellers for convention. Bring the names and contact information to the February 2018 BOD meeting.
5. **2018 Convention Offerings:** the first offering shall be for mission grants, we were asked for ideas for the second offering. Discussion followed. Jeanette Kreutner made a motion to designate our second offering to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Motion seconded/carried.
6. **2018 Convention Song List:** Song list needs to be completed by February.
7. **2018 Convention Mites in Action Speaker:** Brent Smith now oversees Mission Central. Sandra Duncan made a motion to have Brent Smith from Mission Central as a Mites in Action speaker. Motion seconded and carried.
8. **Standing Rules Changes:** Cindy Kofoot made a motion to add a standing rule to show that the Thrivent Choice Dollars are designated for the Endowment Fund. She also made a motion to show that the Ready Set Recycle monies are designated for the Endowment Fund. The motions were second and carried.

9. **District Banner:** We need an updated District Banner with the new logo and current wording (IED). Margaret Kistler and several other LWML ladies will work on the banner design and submit them at the February BOD meeting.
10. **2017 Handbook and Update Notebook:** This is the handbook we need to follow, Everyone should have an updated 2017 LWML Handbook. You can print them from the LWML website or order from the catalog.
11. **2018 Delegates:** Each society may have two delegates at convention.
12. **LCEF – Joyful Response:** Helen Heudepohl made a motion for the LWML IED to open a LCEF Joyful Response account with \$100.00. Motion seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

CLOSING DEVOTION: Pastor David Lingard, Senior Pastoral Counselor presented the closing devotion entitled "Godspeed" which means God prosper you, used before traveling. We traveled with many of God's people from the old Testament, who traveled in many different ways and for different reasons. The promises God gave them are the same for us today. As we travel through life God promises to guide us through all circumstances, He is always watching over us and He will never leave us.

Diane Paulson
Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM:

The following items of business have taken place since our November 11, 2017 BOD meeting – votes were taken via email from the BOD (elected positions).

The Zone Presidents listed below have been appointed to the committee listed by their name for a term of one year as per our bylaws by President Joan Berquist.

Speakers Bureau: Betty Borchardt;, Human Care: Elaine Haren, Judith Fink; Mission Grants: Nancy Maurer, Jeanette Kreutner; Student Aid: Margaret Kistler, DeEtta Rasmussen; Endowment Fund: Margaret Kistler, DeEtta Rasmussen, Helen Huedepohl; Structure Committee: Kay Berry.

17 votes for yes
4 did not respond

2018 LWML IED Convention Exhibitors Fees: Exhibitor fees will be charged to those exhibitors who are not a member of any LWML IED committees. An exhibitor will be charged \$15.00 per table. If electricity is needed at the table, the exhibitor will be charged an additional \$27.00 electrical fee, which consists of one outlet with two plug-ins.

18 votes for yes
3 did not respond

The addition of Rev. Ryan McDermott to the LWML IED 2018 Exhibitor List and to the convention agenda as a missionary speaker.

16 votes yes
5 did not respond

SUBMITTED REPORTS:

FIANANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle

made the following deposits of monies (mites, memorials, periodicals, and miscellaneous receipts):

August	\$6139.13
September	\$4584.09
October	\$8129.00
TOTAL	\$18,852.22

Thrivent Choice: For August - October LWML IED received \$316.00.

Ready, Set, Recycle: For August, LWML IED received \$128.00.

For the Winter issue of the ALIVE I submitted the Society Receipts Report for April 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017. I also submitted the Davenport Zone Fall Rally article on missionary Rev. Duane Meissner in Belize. His group welcomes short-term missionary teams, so if LWML IED has an interest in going, we just need to let him know and he'll put us in contact with his coordinator.

Other duties: I proofread the Winter issue of the ALIVE, and responded to phone calls, emails, and letters.

VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn

I have sent out monthly program planning ideas, devotions and bible study resources to the Zone presidents from the 12017-2019 reSOURCEs for Planning Programs booklet. The reSOURCEs for Planning Programs is downloadable from the LWML website at no charge or it is available for purchase from CPH for \$17.00 (printed in a notebook) and has two years of monthly ideas for icebreakers, devotions, Bible studies, sketches, Mission Servants Projects and Mission Grant References. This is a great resource for planning any LWML event. Go to the LWML website, select "The Word" and click on "Program Helps" from the drop-down menu. I have printed instructions for each Zone President as a reference.

I have copies of the new Balance Bible study series, Balance: Christ Filled Living, Balance: Christ Filled Living with Adolescents and Balance: Christ Filled Family Living by Coreen Jander. As well as several devotional books, mustard seeds and 2 copies of The Lord's Prayer by Rev. Gregory Seltz that I have available to check out.

VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham

Board of Directors Directory: The directory has been updated for new Zone Presidents that I am aware of. Please make sure that your information is correct. Thank you for informing me when there are changes.

Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms: Zone and Society packets were distributed at the August BOD meeting. Thank you to those who have filled out and returned the 2018 forms to me, please get them sent in as soon as possible after your elections. These forms are very important because they have the names of officers in case someone needs to be contacted, the number of members, and the number of *QUARTERLY & ALIVE IN IOWA EAST DISTRICT* Subscriptions being distributed to each society each year. I am in the process of reviewing the current ALIVE and Quarterly subscription list to make sure they align with our society forms.

Structure Committee: As a member of the structure committee, we met in early October to review the LWML IED by-laws in preparation and suggest by-law changes for the 2018 District Convention.

Zone Rally District Representative: I was honored to be the District Representative at the Benton Zone Rally on Saturday September 17, 2017.

2018 District Convention Preparation: I have been working on the list of potential exhibitors that will be reviewed and approved by the BOD.

Communications: Stay in touch with the latest LWML happenings with national LWML news, resources, and conversation, and go to www.lwml.org and www.facebook.com/theLWML. For Iowa East District news and conversation, go to <http://www.lwml-ied.org/> and www.facebook.com/iedlwml.

Non-VP of Communication Information: In mid-August, I was appointed to the National LWML Leadership Development Committee. I attended the Interdepartmental (ID) meeting in St. Louis from October 25th – October 28th. The purpose of the ID meeting was to plan out what the committees will be doing during the 2017-2019 biennium. Several of the topics that the Leadership Development Committee discussed were related to communication so stay tuned to future Alive articles on effective communication.

Historian-Archivist: Luella Scott

There isn't much activity in the historian's work at this time. I am receiving Zone Board and Rally minutes for this fall. An interesting insight to this position is to read how differently each zone does their work in "Serving the Lord with gladness".

Newsletter Editor: Marie McNary

I completed the Fall 2017 ALIVE Newsletter and am currently working on the Winter Issue. I have assisted with training individuals taking on new roles within the LWML IED Communications Department.

Kendra Voss is joining the team as the new Newsletter Editor in 2018. I'm also happy to welcome Jeanette Kreutner as our new District Webmaster.

As my term comes to a close, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity the last two years and as Public Relations Director/Assistant Newsletter Editor for the two years before that. My time on the District Board has been a blessing and I know God has great things in store for this group in years to come.

VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot

The Mission Grant committee met at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls on October 12, 2017 to review the mission grants that were submitted for the LWML-IED District Convention in 2018. Twenty-four (24) applications were accepted and presented to President Rev. Saunders for approval. A total of \$116,746.00.

The mission grants that have been paid since the August board meeting are: Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid - \$3,749.99, Concordia Seminary Student Aid - \$5000.00, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service Detention Ministry: Sharing the love of Christ to detained immigrants \$5,000.00 and Lutheran Hour Ministries: "Reaching Rahab-Outreach Ministry to At-Risk Young Women in Kenya" - \$5,000.00.

I attended the Waterloo Fall Zone Rally on September 30th. I submitted an article for the winter issue of the ALIVE.

We have received a thank you from Isaiah Armbrecht for scholarship dollars to attend Concordia University Nebraska and Lutheran Hour Ministries: Reaching Rahab-Outreach Ministry to At-Risk Young women in Kenya.

VP of HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser

I was the District Representative for the Marshalltown Zone Fall Rally, where I delivered the District report for President Joan. I met several familiar past LWML members whom I had known from serving on the IED Board in the past. I find it very interesting to visit other zones and see how they are the same and how they differ in hosting their rallies.

I attended the Eldora Zone Fall Rally that was held in Alden, which is my home church. Pastor Lingard and Sandra gave a presentation on their Mission Trip to Kenya.

The Gifts from the Heart for our November Board meeting is The Lighthouse Center of Hope located in Iowa Falls. Their Mission statement is: "*to nurture respect for human life, mentor Biblical manhood and womanhood and provide care for mother and child*". Some of their needs are diapers (size 3,4,5), disposable training pants, NIV new or slightly used Bibles with somewhat large print, Christian journals for clients to take notes and journal, gift cards for Walmart, Hy-Vee, Fareway, Bible Devotions (like Mustard Seeds), Christian Book Distributing Gift Cards.

The Human Care Committee met October 9, 2017 to discuss Gifts from the Heart and upcoming IED LWML Convention. We also discussed an Orphan Grain Train "workday" at the Clemons, Iowa. The "workday" will be the *February Gifts from the Heart*. The date, time, morning coffee, and lunch are being decided. Are you interested? Will you come? What a good time we will have!! Please sign the paper titled **Orphan Grain Train Workday** to let us know you are interested.

My morning devotions include my Bible and LWML online.

VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager

Wrote an article for Winter ALIVE

Attended Dubuque Zone Fall rally Oct. 21st, 2017 as District Representative.

On Oct. 10th, 2017 the Structure Committee met, during that meeting we read through and

discussed bylaw changes.

Attended local LWML meetings. Wrote out the suggested bylaw changes to be reviewed by BOD.

Continue to read daily Mustard Seed devotions and the 2-year Bible reading schedule.

YWR: Amanda Hahn and Rachel Wegener

Amanda and I are working hard to plan our event in January. Our event will be January 13 (20th, if the weather demands it.) at the district office. We are hoping to use a Thrivent grant to help buy the school supplies for Families Helping Families of Iowa. Thank you for the donations brought today! We are thinking of our lunch to be tacos, which I will be bringing the materials for. As this event gets closer, we may be asking for more donations and/or possibly help from any LWML ladies near the district office. Please continue praying as we figure out the many details involved.

Member Development: Tammy McKay

I went to the Retreat September 8 and 9. I asked for applicants for our open positions on our committees. The speakers were awesome.

I prepared the YWR application for the 2018 convention and sent it to the Zone presidents. I have more applications with me if anyone needs one.

I was asked to be on this committee and I was apprehensive but accepted. It has turned out to be a wonderful time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist

Correspondence: email, phone and mail are up to date. Working on agenda for convention.

Attended: Fall Retreat at Camp; Mission Grants Committee; Human Care Committee; Meeting with Rev Dr. Brian Saunders, District President LCMS IDE, to review Mission Grants. Due to a scheduling conflict, Janice Johnston was able to sub for me at the Structure Committee meeting.

Zone Rallies attended this Fall: Westgate, Clinton, Williamsburg, St Ansgar, Mt Pleasant.

Continue to follow-up with YWRs Amanda and Rachel by phone and email. They are planning a Young Women Servant Event on January 13 to share their convention experience and their knowledge about the LWML with others.

Nominations – Kept in touch with Lilah Hurley, Nominations Chair. Personal contact may be the answer along with perseverance and follow-up to complete the slate.

Appointed Positions need to be presented as an opportunity to serve. If we want to continue programs at the district level, we need people to put them in place. The appointed positions according to our bylaws are: Archivist-Historian, Convention Parliamentarian, Parliamentarian, Public Relations Director, Newsletter Editor, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Short-Term Mission Coordinator, Heart-to-Heart Coordinator, Retreat Chairman or Co-Chairmen, and Web Master. Also added this biennium by president appointment, Meeting Manager and Convention Advisor. The application can be found on our website.

Pastoral Counselor applications were given out at our convention caucus and at the August BOD meeting. I received one application from a pastor on October 21st at the Mt Pleasant Zone Rally. At my request, President Saunders gave me four additional pastors to contact. I contacted them by phone, two were unable to serve at this time and two sent completed applications to me.

ALIVE – wrote and submitted article for next issue of the ALIVE and reviewed the first proof.

Daily devotions are from one or more of these wonderful inspiring publications: Portals of Prayer, Mustard Seed Email Devotions, Lutheran Church Charities emailed devotion.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your District President. The joys received by far outweigh the time spent on this position.

MEETING MANAGER: Becky Wehrspann

I attended Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. I also attended the Westgate Zone Fall Rally in Waverly.

New name tents were created, and folders were updated for new members prior to the Board meeting.

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

Arrangements were made with the District Office personnel and volunteer members of our board for the room set-up for our meeting.

I attended the Interdepartmental meeting in St. Louis as Features Editor for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. It is an honor to represent Iowa East District at the National level.

HEART TO HEART SISTERS COORDINATOR: Nancy McHone

This month I was able to visit King of Kings congregation in Cedar Rapids and visit with their office administrator and assistant pastor about their ministry to a Congolese community. I was able to leave two brochures about the "Heart to Heart" program for reference. I was given the name of a LWML woman who is working with this ministry. We hope to get together to visit in the near future. I would like her to be able to attend H2H training to become a H2H sister or leader!

Our congregation continues to work with our Haitian lady, Alivena, and her 2 children. We are trying hard to practice the Gospel in deeds and word. Alivena's English is improving and she is able to participate more in worship. Her son, Stephen, was baptized into God's family at Grace in September. Grace continues to support this family by praying for them and by providing for daily needs.

READY SET RECYCLE: Cheryl Killham

Zone Facilitator Directory: A Zone Facilitator has been designated from every zone except for the Davenport Zone.

Shipping Labels: I provided FedEx shipping labels to the Waterloo zone. Please remind your Zone Facilitators and Societies that earlier this year there was a change to the request for shipping labels. I no longer have labels available on hand since these are pre-paid labels and need to be used as soon as possible. When the Zone Facilitator needs a label, the request will need to be made to me and I will then forward the request on to the recycling service to request the labels. They will then ship the label directly to the requesting Zone Facilitator. Only the Zone Facilitator should be requesting shipping labels and not the Society Facilitator or another member of the Zone/Society.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Dori Stanek

<i>Fall 2017 Report</i>	<i>ELCA</i>	<i>LCMS</i>	<i>OTHER</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Congregations Participated</i>	42	17	1	60
<i>Quilts, Each</i>	1639	761		2400
<i>Boxes</i>	312	153		465
<i>Personal Kits</i>	776	215		991
<i>Boxes</i>	84	21		105
<i>School Kits</i>	3571	729	36	4336
<i>Boxes</i>	417	173	3	593
<i>Fabric Kits</i>	218	24		252
<i>Boxes</i>	20	4		24
<i>Baby Kits</i>	248	52		392
<i>Boxes</i>	52	18		70
<i>Fleece Blankets</i>	0	17		17
<i>Boxes</i>		6		6
<i>Soap, Pounds</i>	156	0		156
<i>Boxes</i>	8	0		8

POUNDS OF SOAP 156
NUMBER OF KITS 8682
TOTAL BOXES 1260 \$3,321.50 for LWR

2017 FALL RETREAT: Karen Kuesel and Liz Roberts

Retreat Summary: September 8 – 9, 2017 at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA. Theme verses: Psalm 102:25-28, esp. verse 27, "but you are the same, and your years have no end."

On September 8 -9, 2017 God provided beautiful days to be at camp!

Our Williamsburg Zone ladies arrived early to decorate with our sunflower theme. It was beautiful to see the plans come together as you looked at the dining tables how colorful they were and see all the goodies shared. The meeting room also was decorated with a flower bed and sunflowers at the podium and on the tables. We set-up for in-gatherings, registration, posted signs, filled packets, displayed the East Iowa District banner that was taken to the national convention and made our beds.

The handout packets included, agendas, meal prayer songs, evaluation sheet, a sunflower search a word, a sunflower charm and a sunflower patterned micro-wave cozy.

Our name tags were beautiful with the theme verse and sunflower on paper inside the plastic badge. If you were a 1st timer your name tag sported a fabric piece added to the bottom of the badge with a painted sunflower on it.

Camp IO-DIS-E-CA provided wonderful accommodations, set up tables, chairs, sound system, showed us where linens, and towels were, took us on a short hayride and fed us fabulous meals! They welcomed the LWML!

Our guests arrived as schedules allowed. We packed the homeless packets as items arrived. A listing is included in your handouts. Also, the ingathering for Camp was a tower of items! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Some ladies washed windows for the camp. My, they need new curtains in the main meeting room. Very faded and frayed on the edges.

Rev. David Lingard used the theme verses for openings, devotions, and closings as focus points. Friday's opening was Verse 25 - tied with creation and the fall into sin. Friday's closing was Verse 26 - Baptism, Saturday's opening was Verse 27 - Holy Communion, Saturday's closing was Verse 28 - Creation Restored. Rev. Lingard led us in our Bible study on Saturday titled "Suffering and how does an unchangeable God work through our changing lives?" He pointed out that God uses suffering to 1. Direct you, 2. Inspect you, 3. Correct you, 4. Protect you, 5. Perfect you. Using Bible passages to show how God does each of these things for us. Rev. Lingard prayed for those who were and were to be affected by the hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and any special prayers for loved ones. Thank you so much Rev. Lingard!

President Brian Saunders was our Friday evening speaker. He spoke about Pre-fall, Post-fall, Pre-flood and Post flood life. He shared many interesting facts and insights. A reminder that nothing is new under the sun and that God is in control. President Saunders applauded the clergy of our East Iowa District as being men of the true word, unwavering and a blessing. He is proud to work with each and every one of them. It was great to have President Saunders with us.

Myra Taylor was our music leader for the retreat. She had us sing along with her from song sheets and we were entertained with her singing talent!

As Friday evening closed the ladies enjoyed getting reacquainted, played cards or dice, read or retired for the evening. Many visited the overflowing snack table.

Saturday morning several ladies went on a walk to enjoy God's beautiful creation and reflect on His goodness! A few more guests arrived and joined us!

Our Saturday speaker was Judy Stevens a Master Gardener from Linn County. Her topic was plants of the Bible. Judy shared how these plants grew, were used, and gave their descriptions along with pictures or samples of them. It was interesting to hear the history of these named plants of the Bible.

Our Activities: we were given a list of characteristics and we were to find someone that held that characteristic. It was a fun way to mingle! Our name tags sported a different color of dot that divided us into groups for mixers. We were given partial phrases or descriptions and had to finish them. Amazing how we remembered things from years passed but can't recall yesterday. Also, had to pull from a toilet paper roll any amount of squares you choose, then we were to tell one thing about ourselves per number of squares pulled. FUN to get to know the ladies in that way!

Bloom and Blossom – Sunflower characters (aka Karen Kuesel and Liz Roberts) – did little skits to entertain, introduce and give follow-up thoughts throughout the retreat.

Our evaluation was: GREAT RETREAT LADIES! There were a few suggestions to improve the retreat. 1. Was to have more activities Friday afternoon till the opening service 2. More involvement in the servant event - meaning don't work at it too soon as others want to help. 3. Longer time for Bible studies. 4. Give direction for the faith walk, could be read bible passages and pray, share life stories at certain stopping points, and so on.

We had 13 first-timers which is the one of the higher numbers in history of the retreat! In all between 50 and 60 attended the fall retreat.

Thank you for your part in making this retreat a wonderful memory!

2018 LWML IED CONVENTION REPORT: Angie Banko

Work for the convention continues. The registration form and housing information have been submitted for publication in the winter edition of the ALIVE.

Zone committees are working on their assignments as they are able.

Guidelines for the rock-a-thon are being worked out. LCEF will be providing publicity and matching funds.

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Benton Zone: Elaine Haren

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Keystone
Date: September 17, 2017
Rally Theme: "In the Footsteps of Martin Luther"
Bible Verse: Romans 5:17
Speaker: Pastor Anthony Dodger – Footsteps of Martin Luther
Offering: \$509.00 – Benton Zone, \$254.50 IDE Mites, \$250.50
Attendance: 47
Ingathering: Items for Central Lutheran School, Newall

Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon
Date: October 7, 2017
Rally Theme: "Faith Through the Word"
Bible Verse: Romans 4:13-14
Speaker: Willis and Carol Wulf, Mission Trips to Vietnam
Offering: \$361.25
Attendance: 50
Ingathering: \$48.00 and 80 items for Linn Area Community
Other: Spring Rally – April 14, 2018

Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Mound
Date: September 23, 2017
Speaker: Pastor Tim Bickel speaker on POBLO
Offering: \$135.00 for the Zone **Mite Offering:** \$125.00
Attendance: 30
Ingathering: for POBLO
Other: Pastor Bickel had a guest, Ruth Tabarun telling her story of coming to Jesus.

Davenport Zone: Kay Berry

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Davenport
Date: September 13, 2017
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker:
Offering:
Attendance:
Ingathering:

Dubuque Zone: Jeanette Kreutner

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dubuque
Date: October 21, 2017
Rally Theme: "Christ Alone - Grace-Faith-Scripture"
Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:8
Speaker: Wanda Prizel, Lutheran Family Services – Life Issues
Offering: \$125.25 for Mites
Attendance: 30
Ingathering: \$230.00 – Lutheran Family Services

Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alden
Date: September 30, 2017
Rally Theme: "Jesus Comforts All"
Bible Verse: Isaiah 49:13
Speaker: Sandra and Pastor David Lingard, Kenya Mission Trip
Offering: \$434.47 for Mites
Attendance: 55
Ingathering: Monetary Gift for Gracie the Comfort Dog - \$420.00

Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Oskaloosa

Date: October 7, 2017

Rally Theme: Created in His Image"

Speaker: Rev. James Lamb, End of life Issues and Kim Kaube, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, Lutheran Family Services

Offering: \$395.59 Love Offering: \$192.00, LFS

Attendance: 42

Mt. Pleasant Zone: DeEtta Rasmussen

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairfield

Date: October 21, 2017

Rally Theme: "Abiding in Mercy"

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:5

Speaker: Helene Kuempel – Paving the Way with Mercy in Kenya

Offering: \$177.00 to Mt. Pleasant

Attendance: 35

Ingathering: 75 Kits - Orphan Grain Train plus \$40.00 for shipping

St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma

Date: September 30, 2017

Rally Theme: "Jesus Christ, Above All"

Bible Verse: Philippians 2:9

Speaker: Mike and Anita Preston, Native American Ministry

Offering: #387.00 for St. Ansgar Zone

Attendance: 61

Ingathering: Paper Products, Disposable Diapers, Hygiene Products for Native American Ministries plus items for OGT

Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Concordia Lutheran Church, Waterloo

Date: September 23, 2017

Rally Theme: "Walking The Footsteps of Martin Luther"

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:132

Speaker: Pastor Anthony Dodgers, Life of Martin Luther

Offering: \$180.18 for Waterloo Zone and Mites

Attendance: 36

Ingathering: \$155.00 to a Seminary Student at St. Louis Seminary

Westgate Zone: Nancy Maurer

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, Waverly

Date: September 16, 2016

Bible Verse: verse with "Live" in it

Rally Theme: " 'LIVE' By God's Design"

Speaker: Pastor John Wegener, Cedar Falls Campus Ministry

Offering: \$171.07 for Westgate Zone **Mites:** \$136.19

Attendance: 48

Ingathering: Items for UNI Campus Ministry

Other: Spring Rally – March 17, 2018

Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. James Lutheran Church, Victor

Date: September 28, 2017

Rally Theme: "Put on the Whole Armor of God"

Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:10

Speaker: Duane Hinrichs, Habitat Building in Nicaragua

Offering: \$363.00 – 75% - Mites 25% Zone Delegate Fund

Attendance: 49

Ingathering: \$1101.00 for LCMS Hurricane relief (\$801.00 matched by Thrivent)

IED Board of Directors Meeting Attendance – August 12, 2017

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