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to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6.*

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## President's Corner



Imagine, if you will, a football team without a quarterback, a baseball team without a pitcher, a soccer team without a goalie. Whether you are imagining that team at a little league, high school, college or professional level, each one of these teams needs every player and their coach to perform at their best. In the Iowa East LWML, we have so many wonderfully talented people that form the team at the district level. To complete the team, we need every position filled so that we can continue the programs that we have in place and perhaps add a few new ones. Do you know of someone who might be interested in joining one of the district committees or serve in an elected office? Pray first and then ask! It might even be you! You will enjoy spending time with others who want to tell the world about Jesus! The time is now to be involved!

I hope you will be able to attend your zone rally this spring and the LWML IED convention in June 2018 at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss these events. Registration information for the convention is in this issue of the Alive. Is your family stumped about what to get you for Christmas or your birthday this year? Here's a gift idea: tell them that you are saving up for your registration fee and for your hotel expense. Get them involved in sending you to convention!

After the holidays, plan to attend the YWR event in January as Amanda and Rachel share their experiences from the Albuquerque convention. They will also be leading us in a servant event. Encourage someone from your congregation to attend January 13th (snow date January 20th) at the Iowa District East office. Take advantage of these opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness!

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

The celebration of our Savior's birth is cherished by those who understand the redeeming love He has for us. I wish each of you a joyous heartfelt celebration with your loved ones.

*Joan Berquist*

LWML IED President 2014-2018

## Counselors Corner

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 The dark days of winter are upon us. The light is getting shorter and the darkness is increasing. How appropriate that just a few days after the darkest day of the year we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who said, I am the light of the world (John 8:12). Our theme verse from Isaiah is part of the Old Testament reading (Isaiah 9:2-7) used for the Christmas Midnight service in the Lutheran Church. Verse two begins, The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah is giving comfort to the people who are hurting greatly. The greatness that once was Israel was declining, the borders of the country receding, the economy and wealth evaporating, enemies were rising all around them, but the worst part was the people had fallen away from God. Isaiah's name means The Lord Saves and he pointed the people to the Messiah who would come and save them. Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled 700 years later when in the darkness shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them... the angel said to them...Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:8-11). Forty days later, the baby Jesus was brought to the temple. A man named Simeon had been told he would not die until he saw the Lord's Christ. When Jesus was laid into Simeon's arms he praised God saying, ...You now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel (Luke 2:30-31). We sing this in the Nunc Dimittis of the Divine Service every Sunday. Jesus came into the world to save us, both Jew and Gentile. And all these wonderful names from our theme verse point to who Jesus is and what Jesus would do. Jesus would be the Son of David, the true King who had the government... upon his shoulder. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor which means a person who determines and carries out Mighty acts.



Jesus divine power is emphasized which would have an everlasting impact for all who believe and trust in the Father. The mighty act which would have an everlasting impact and shed light on the dark world would be Jesus' death on the cross. Through Jesus' death and resurrection he is the Prince of Peace who gives forgiveness of sins and peace to those who are far off and ends the hostility (Eph. 2:14-18). And this Jesus is for you, For to us (you) a child is born, to us (you) a son is given..." In the town of David a Savior has been born to you, you have seen a great light, a light for revelation and glory, and that light is Jesus who is wonderful, mighty, everlasting and brings you peace. May His light always shine on you. Peace to you!

*Rev. David C. Lingard*  
LWML IED Senior Pastoral Counselor



## VP of Organizational Resources



What are standing rules and why do we have them?

The standing rules direct the administration of the organization. They are more flexible than bylaws and are adopted by the membership as a need arises. Standing rules are procedural rather than parliamentary.

When an organization adopts motions that are for a lasting duration, the secretary should add them to a book entitled "Standing Rules." Each motion should be recorded in its final version as adopted and the date it took effect. If the rule is later rescinded, the secretary should strike it out and make a new notation when it was rescinded. This helps each new administration know what they are required to do. It will keep continuity in the organization instead of new members perpetually having to ask long time members what to do and when.

If an organization does things "because that is always the way it has been done," then these customs should be written down so that everyone knows what to do.

Some examples of standing rules might be:

- The time for a meeting
- A particular donation given at a certain time of year
- The place for a meeting

*Janell Wollschlager*  
VP Organizational Resources

## VP of Gospel Outreach

### Mission Grants

The Mission Grant committee is very excited about the ballot that will be presented at the 39th biennial district convention on June 15 -16, 2018. As we look towards the upcoming biennium, let us not forget that your mites are still needed to fulfill our goal commitment of \$95,735.00. We currently have \$23,249.91 left to raise. A listing of the grants can be seen on the district web site: [lwml-ied.org](http://lwml-ied.org) and click on Mission Grants.

### Student Aid

- Students of Iowa District East: Now would be a good time to be thinking ahead. Student aid is available for those studying at any Concordia University interested in full time church work. You can find the application and guidelines under Mission Grants at [lwml-ied.org](http://lwml-ied.org).

- Graduate Deaconess Students: If you are from Iowa District East and are currently working on your graduate degree at the seminary, there are funds available to you. Use the same form as the undergraduate students use to apply for assistance.

Update on a current biennium Mission Grant:

Lutheran Hour Ministries "Reaching Rahab-Outreach Ministry to At-Risk Young Women in Kenya" -\$5,000

Reaching Rahab is a Christ-centered and holistic outreach ministry to urban young women in Nairobi, Kenya. It helps rescue them from lives on the streets or in prison and rehabilitates them through counseling and training in a vocation. Lutheran Hour Ministries-Kenya, known as Nuru Lutheran Media Ministry, provides programs that are a powerful force to change the lives of people both physically and spiritually. They also connect clients to local pastors for follow-up spiritual care. Project Rahab will drastically disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution, and offer young women options for economic independence and success, sharing the Gospel and connecting them with the church.



*Cynthia Kofort*  
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

## VP of Human Care

Greetings from Human Care

'Tis the season to be.... what? Tired, grumpy, and short tempered from all of our preparations of shopping, baking goodies, cleaning and decorating our homes, and deciding on the special menu for our guests? Do we look for rest and peace from our busy lives?

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

Let's look again – 'tis the season..... to be joyful, thankful, blessed, and hopeful.

We can make others feel joyful, thankful, blessed, and hopeful by visiting a care facility and sharing ourselves listening to the residents. We can also share an LWML Mustard Seed and prayer with them and by cutting off the front of a last year's Christmas card it can be hung on their door or somewhere in their room. Call or visit someone in the hospital. Sing a Christmas carol with someone in the hospital or care facility. (Don't mind if it isn't on key – just sing with joy.) When you donate to your local food pantry stick a scripture in the sack with your donation. Donate Arch books to your Sunday school and Church schools or place one in a gift (or as a gift) given to your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren.

We think of "human care" as caring for others. So let's care for others. 'Tis the season to share joy and hope found in God's Word.

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

*Jill Fraser*

Vice President of Human Care



## PLAN TO ATTEND THE

39th Biennial Convention of  
LWML Iowa East District on June 15-16, 2018.

Katie Schuermann, CPH Author will be our banquet speaker on Friday evening.

Grace Rao, LCMS Board for Human Care will share with us on Saturday as well as Gracie the Comfort Dog and her handler, Jane Marsh.

See Registration Form in this issue!

## Heart to Heart Sisters

I recently read an article in Lutherans Engage called, "Care for New Americans in the Church." I also found an LWML recipe card for "Giving the Perfect Gift." (I have been cleaning and sorting!) Both are appropriate for this time of year. Heart to Heart Sisters fits well with thoughts and ideas of both articles. "A Recipe for Giving the Perfect Gift"

**Take Stock of your "pantry":** Think of all God has given you. Do you have a car? Free time? Enjoy visiting? Like to shop? Have a washer and dryer? Can sew or mend?

**Combine thankfulness and prayer:** How well do you respond to God's gifts? How do you or have you or will you use those gifts?

**Stir up your emotions:** The Holy Spirit stirs an emotional response in His children to share the Good News-then He takes our offerings and leads others to Jesus!

**Roll out the possibilities:** How can you impact others with Christ's love, right where you are? Does a Heart to Heart sister need a ride to the doctor? Store? Help with laundry? You can be a missionary for Christ through your gifts! You don't have to GO anywhere - just DO something!

**Prepare to make an impact!** The Perfect gift is Jesus Christ! How will you wrap your gift of Jesus to our Heart to Heart sisters? Are you ready??

*Nancy McHone*

Heart to Heart Sisters Coordinator

## Attention Young Women!

Join your Iowa East District Young Women Representatives for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and service. We are planning a Servant Event for young women on January 13, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm. It will be held at the Iowa District East Office (1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion, IA) and lunch will be provided.

We will be putting together school kits for Families Helping Families of Iowa. These school supply bags will then be distributed to local students and families who are desperately in need. Please email Rachel at [rach.wegener@gmail.com](mailto:rach.wegener@gmail.com) to RSVP by January 5, so we can have an idea how many to plan for. Hope to see you there!

Rachel Wegner and Amanda Hahn  
Young Women Representatives 2017-19

**LWML Iowa East District**  
is keeping you connected!

Find us online  
at [www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org).

The site is full of information,  
pictures, news, events and more!

Find all the latest news on  
our upcoming convention and  
check back after convention for  
event photos!

Access Society and Zone  
Resources.

We are continuing the  
Ready-Set-Recycle Program:  
[http://lwml-ied.org/resources/  
ready-set-recycle/](http://lwml-ied.org/resources/ready-set-recycle/)

Have you "Liked" us  
on Facebook?  
Find us at LWML Iowa East  
District!

## 2018 LWML Iowa East District Convention Housing Information

To reserve your room at the Cedar Rapids Marriott you must call this number: 1-800-396-2153 by May 15, 2018. Please reference the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to receive the special rate of \$93 for a double room (\$106.16 with taxes) when you call.

*Angie Banko*  
Convention Chairman

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## Treasurer

As I write this article under the theme verse of Isaiah 9:6, I can't help but think how close we are to Christmas. It's so easy to get caught up in the secular aspects of Christmas - especially when it comes to finances. My sons have already started their wish lists - which seem to get longer and more expensive every year! Satan delights in diverting our focus away from Christ by planting seeds of worry and doubt about how we're going to pay for all the presents, food and festivities. It's in those moments I pray, "Help me, Father, to keep things in perspective - to know that even my finances are a gift from you."



So, too, are our Mites. And, oh what amazing things God has done through Mites offered by the women of Iowa East! Since the beginning of our LWML IED fiscal year on April 1, we've funded \$26,780 in district mission grants and sent \$6,843.42 in mite offerings to National LWML. Your Mites blessed our District Pastoral Counselor, District President, and two YWRs by covering their expenses to attend the National LWML Convention in Albuquerque. They also provided for future LCMS church workers through \$1,100 in contributions to the LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund. Finally, Society payments helped offset administrative costs, such as \$6,846.50 paid to National LWML for providing ladies of the IED with the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine.

The 2016 - 2018 biennium ends in March. Thanks to your mighty mites, our District mission goal is in sight! An additional \$23,249.99 is still needed to fully pay our mission grant obligation of \$95,735. All we have is a gift from our loving Heavenly Father. He is able to do amazing things beyond our comprehension, using our mites to extend His kingdom.

What a blessing to know the true joy of Christmas is the greatest gift of all: The Christ child, who marked our debt "paid in full" through his death and resurrection! Thank you for sharing His gifts with others through your mite offerings to LWML Iowa East District!

*Gretchen Rasmussen*  
Treasurer



*Inside each Lutheran Woman's Quarterly are Bible Studies, articles, devotions, Mission Grant updates, news from LWML groups around the world, and much more!*

Read online at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)

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## Financial Secretary Report

The attached report includes all money deposited April 1 – September 30, 2017. This includes Mites, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Alive Newsletter payments, memorials, and miscellaneous receipts such as convention bus registrations. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the September 30th deposit. If there are unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know. The number in parenthesis after the society name indicates the reported number of members. If that number is incorrect it may be that we do not have your most recent Society Record Form. Please contact your Zone President to update your form and information.

God's blessings to you as you joyfully serve Him!



*Elizabeth Gehle*  
Financial Secretary

# SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (15)	\$284.05	CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-00
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$121.10	CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$159.46
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (18)	\$-00	DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (20)	\$133.85
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (10)	\$-00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$386.02	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (14)	\$91.99
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (12)	\$564.33	DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION (35)	\$186.50
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$187.28	DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (40)	\$599.29
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (6)	\$269.99	DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (14)	\$210.00
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (7)	\$-00	DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$-00	DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (24)	\$238.74
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (29)	\$510.93	DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD (60)	\$889.37
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMENS MISSION CIR (10)	\$80.00	DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (27)	\$252.58
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$102.93	DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY (8)	\$45.73
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (35)	\$1,033.42	DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (15)	\$832.68
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$-00	ELDORA, ST PAUL LWML (45)	\$959.03
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (0)	\$-00	ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (20)	\$-00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML (12)	\$155.91	ELMA, ST PETER LWML (13)	\$420.53
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (13)	\$312.55	EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES (30)	\$593.76	FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$60.99
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (16)	\$371.78	FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE (21)	\$41.58
CLINTON, ST JOHN MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$196.00	FAYETTE, GRACE LWML (inactive)	\$-00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD (18)	\$160.00	FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (5)	\$140.04
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$384.00	FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (19)	\$10.00
		GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY (10)	\$79.36

**Society Members & Contributions - April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017**

GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive)	\$-00	MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (12)	\$200.00	MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (10)	\$502.90
		MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (6)	\$76.00
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL LWML (inactive)	\$-00	MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (100)	\$99.00
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (10)	\$81.22	MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (5)	\$-00
		NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (26)	\$150.00
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) (51)	\$353.26	NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$344.62
		OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CLUB (10)	\$229.49
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$356.80	OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$-00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE (13)	\$349.23	OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (120)	\$193.62
		OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD (20)	\$-00
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER MISSION LEAGUE (10)	\$51.58	OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$-00
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD (30)	\$200.00	READLYN, IMMANUEL, KLINGER LWML (22)	\$275.00
		READLYN, ST PAUL MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE (16)	\$265.67
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (50)	\$763.16	REINBECK, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (16)	\$-00
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (17)	\$166.00	RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML (20)	\$870.86
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00	ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (45)	\$680.89
		SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (10)	\$-00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN DORCAS GUILD (13)	\$154.92	SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-00
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (21)	\$563.76	SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$80.00
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (10)	\$251.73	STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$25.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34)	\$904.12	STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (20)	\$191.61
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$167.65	STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (22)	\$124.80
LUZERNE, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (8)	\$168.47	SUMNER, ST JOHN/ST PAUL LADIES SOCIETY (18)	\$133.56
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR (21)	\$589.36	VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14)	\$171.97
		VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS SOCIETY (15)	\$228.38
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (20)	\$166.00		
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$714.22		
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (21)	\$-00		
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON (5)	\$-00		
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (48)	\$440.04		
MELCHER, ST JOHN LWML (35)	\$40.00		

**Society Members & Contributions - April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017**

VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES (17)	\$116.22	ST ANSGAR	\$600.00
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (19)	\$238.00	WATERLOO	\$173.00
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (6)	\$-00	WESTGATE	\$136.19
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (0)	\$-00	WILLIAMSBURG	\$1,194.00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (4)	\$-00	Total Zone Contributions April 01, 2017 - September 30, 2017	\$3,918.94
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (15)	\$236.55		
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (14)	\$458.72	MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS	
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (7)	\$-00	READY, SET, RECYCLE (Endowment Fund)	\$530.49
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (17)	\$152.92	Thrivent Choice (Endowment Fund)	\$416.00
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (14)	\$10.00	MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)	\$1,696.00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (23)	\$510.00	IED DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$2,570.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML (11)	\$101.30	IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-00
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML (10)	\$241.68	LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	\$1,530.05
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12)	\$123.86	Total Receipts Plus Endowment Interest April 01, 2017 - Sept 30, 2017	\$38,122.91
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES (14)	\$189.10		
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive)	\$-00		
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (20)	\$838.32		
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY (15)	\$71.41		
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00		
Total Society Contributions April 01, 2017 - September 30, 2017	\$27,461.43		
ZONE CONTRIBUTIONS			
BENTON	\$365.50		
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$800.00		
CLINTON	\$-00		
DAVENPORT	\$-00		
DUBUQUE	\$-00		
ELDORA	\$395.60		
MARSHALLTOWN	\$254.65		
MT PLEASANT	\$-00		

*Congratulations to those who have been appointed to National LWML positions!*

**Cheryl Killham being appointed to the Leadership Development Committee and Becky Wehrspann will continue to serve as Features Editor for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Magazine for 2017-2019.**

**Congratulations to both of these women and may God's blessings be upon you in your new roles!**

# Fall Retreat Recap

Our Fall Retreat was possible only because of the child born unto us, to us a Son is given!

Fifty - sixty ladies of the Iowa East District LWML and a couple of gentlemen, came together on September 8 & 9, 2017 at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca for a time of refreshment, fellowship and relaxing in a beautiful sunflower decorated atmosphere, hosted by the Williamsburg Zone. Our Mighty God provided all that we needed for a wonderful retreat. From beautiful weather, awesome location, to words of how He is the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!

The camp was well equipped to give us the facility to be fed, to sleep, meeting space and plenty of creation to behold. As Wonderful Counselor, God used our district counselor, Reverend Lingard to lead us in our devotions, opening and closing services using the theme verses broken down to show Creation and the Fall, Baptism, Holy Communion, and Creation Restored.

President Saunders shared how our Everlasting Father governs all that He has created from life in pre-fall, post-fall to pre-flood, post-flood. Nothing is new under the sun and God is in control despite how man tries to rationalize about what is happening.



Judy Stevens gave a presentation on plants of the Bible. Judy shared their descriptions, uses and some samples. We were entertained by Bloom and Blossom – Sunflowers characters (aka co chairs of the retreat Karen Kuesel and Liz Roberts), to introduce and follow-up the speakers and give an overview of the retreat.

Our Prince of Peace used Myra Taylor's gifts of music to bring about peace in singing praises to our God! We had times of activities to share information about ourselves and to trust our memories. This was a fun time and gave us connections to each other that we wouldn't have otherwise had.

We saw how our Mighty God brought us together in providing for the homeless, through the bounty that He gives to us to share with those who don't have. The bounty carried on to the camp as we were able to give them a bounty of their needs. We praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Thank you for being a special part of the Fall Retreat!

# Society

## Our Savior Lutheran, Muscatine

The LWML of Our Savior Lutheran, Muscatine has for many years taken orders for apple pies and held work days to make them. Another successful year has recently completed and we have been blessed with many hands to help with this mission outreach project from young to old. We praise God for his guidance and for the members of our LWML and Our Savior congregation in helping with this mission project!



# Zone

## Westgate Zone

August 8, 2017, five women from Westgate Zone met in Clemons, Iowa, at the Orphan Grain Train facilities. A van load of clothes, sports equipment, school, health, and layette kit items was delivered. The ladies helped in the kit room packing 32 school kits, 28 layettes, and 54 health kits.



## Clinton Zone Fall Rally

The Clinton LWML Zone Fall Rally was held at Grand Mound Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 23, 2017. There were 30 attendees present. Installation of new officers was held by Pastor Daniel Redhage. The speaker was Pastor Tim Bickel from POBLO. A short video titled "Sarah's Story" was presented and information about POBLO was given. A young Muslim woman told about her faith in Jesus. A delicious lunch was served after the business meeting.

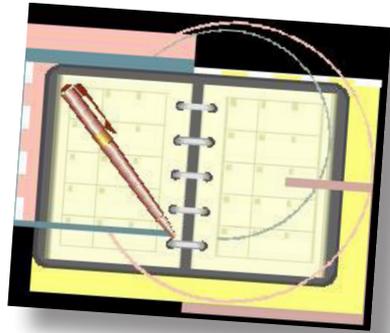
## Davenport Zone

On Saturday, September 30, the women and several men of the Davenport Zone gathered at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Davenport for their fall rally. The theme was, "Jesus Christ Above All." Rev. Duane Meissner, LCMS missionary to the people in Belize, was our "Mites In Action" speaker. He is planting the first Lutheran church in Belize. He is also the recipient of one of our Iowa East District LWML mission grants for 2016-2018.



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[www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org)





## Mark Your Calendars

### Young Women Servant Event

January 13, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm – IDE Office in CR

### Lutheran World Relief Pick Up

April 21, 2018 – Trinity CR & Ankeny

**LWML IED Convention in CR** June 15-16, 2018 Marriott, Cedar Rapids

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## ZONE PRESIDENTS

### **BENTON ZONE**

Elaine Haren

### **MARSHALLTOWN ZONE**

Sandi Duncan

### **CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE**

Mrs. Margaret Kistler

### **MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE**

DeEtta Rasmussen

### **CLINTON ZONE**

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