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**President's Corner**

**TODAY I WILL CHOOSE**

JOY are the words on a sign that I have posted in my kitchen. How often I simply walk past the sign without thinking about it. BUT when I do think about it, my focus



is on the joys of the moment, the joys of the opportunities God has placed before me and the joys of being one of His own. The LWML offers various ways to choose joy by serving others. And when we serve, one of those joys is the precious sisterhood that we experience through active participation in the LWML.

When we lived in Fort Wayne several years ago, I was invited to attend a zone rally. I did not know anyone there but instantly felt like I was in a place where I belonged. I get this same feeling when I attend zone rallies, board meetings and conventions. In my heart, I would like everyone reading this to experience this same joy of being a sister in Christ with others in the LWML. An opportunity coming up on March 11th (see page 11 for details) is a good place to learn about the workings of LWML in Iowa East.

What a joy it is to know that our foundation is the unchanging Word of God and wherever our life journey takes us, we are secure in that knowledge. I remember being sort of scared the first time I served on the LWML Iowa East board. That didn't last very long! The gracious women who served alongside me made sure of that! The women of Iowa East have always had a sincere desire to share the gospel by supporting Missions, being in the Word and encouraging each other. If you are waiting to be asked, please consider this an invitation. Come and join in the fun of telling others about Jesus! Take a leap of faith!

As we prepare for our spring rallies and our biennial convention, let's keep it all about Jesus! It's so much fun getting together with like-minded people as we share the gospel message. Whether it is a retreat, a rally or a convention, LWML has a special sisterhood in Christ. I hope to see many of you this spring at your rally and again in June at the LWML Iowa East Convention. Until then, I ask that you keep the LWML Iowa East and those who serve in your daily prayers that we may continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

*Joan Berquist*

LWML IED President 2014-2018

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**NEWS DEADLINE: April 15th, 2018**

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**Newsletter Editor**

Kendra Voss

# Counselors Corner

The Word of the Lord  
Stands Forever

Voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:6-8*



The prophet seems to be cynical – he wonders what to preach to a people who are like grass. In Isaiah's day that was really true. They were fading away. The Assyrians had burned all the fortified cities of Judah (Isaiah 38-39). Within a hundred and fifty years the Babylonians would finish the job and the temple would be destroyed and the people sent into brutal exile.

But though the world around them and they themselves seem to be fading away, Isaiah points them and us to a holy promise – the word of God stands forever, the word spoken in our baptism, the word spoken in absolution, the promise made to the church that it would stand until the day of judgment, and the promise that Christ would be with us to the very end of the age. All these Words of God are true, still true.

This challenges the hearer. We like to think that we are in control of time and the events of this world, but it is not so. We imagine that we have created something durable. We imagine that we will last and our memories will be kept. But it is not so. It really is ephemeral, like grass and flowers. God has given us permission here to be weak, in a sense. He knows it. The people are like grass, and like the flowers of the field they wither and die and the wind blows them away. But the promises of God which he has spoken over them remain true. We will come to the day when we cannot draw that next breath. We will die. We cannot deny this truth. But that grave does not have the last word; that last word belongs to our God who will call us to life.

What a challenge for the church, the body of Christ. What a challenge for us who are the LWML. How will we reflect this truth in all we say and do? How will we meet that challenge? We will because God has the last word, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

*Pastor Randolph W. McHone*  
LWML IED Jr. Pastoral Counselor

# VP of Organizational Resources



How knowledgeable are you on bylaws? The IED convention is just a few months away, so it is a great time to brush up on bylaw knowledge.

Try to answer these questions:

1. What is a complete change of the bylaw?
2. How is business brought before the assembly?
3. Where are the rules of the organization stated or outlined?
4. What is a change to an article of the bylaws?
5. When can changes in the minutes be corrected?
6. Who is an accredited member of the convention voting assembly?

Email your answers to:  
wollsch@windstream.net.  
Look forward to your responses.

"But all this should be done decently and in order." 1st Corinthians 14:40

*Janell Wollschlager*  
VP Organizational Resources



# VP of Gospel Outreach



Student aid grant dollars for the 2018-2019 school year are available for undergraduate students attending a Concordia University or students enrolled in the deaconess graduate program at the LCMS Seminary. The guidelines and application can be found on line at [www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org). Tab Mission Grants for the student aid page. Keep in mind May 1st is the deadline. If you have questions, please call 641-715-4108 or email at [ckofoot@yahoo.com](mailto:ckofoot@yahoo.com).

We are closing the books for the 2016-2018 biennium soon and have only one mission grant left to fulfill. Please continue to pray for the recipients of our mission grants as they are strengthened with the word of our Lord. Join us at the 39th biennial LWML IED convention to see and hear what your mighty mites have done. As a voting delegate you

**“VP of Gospel Outreach” Cont.**

will be able to select the new mission grant recipients. Not able to attend? Be sure to let your society delegate know your preference. Your voice is important.

**MISSION GRANT UPDATE:**

CLEF E-Reader Project- \$5,000.00 paid in full

This project funded the purchase of 32 Kindle Paperwhite E- Readers for the LCMS sister seminaries in Africa – Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Republic of South Africa and Kenya. The CLEF Kindle Paperwhite can hold up to 2,000 full size books and course materials. The students receive all the CLEF books and materials for free. They are automatically downloaded to the Kindle each time the Kindle accesses the Internet. The CLEF provides continuing technical support to the student. The CLEF can also provide the institution with wireless Internet device so the students and faculty can assess the CLEF library, The CLEF can monitor the CLEF Kindles to make sure they are not used improperly. The CLEF is not seeking to replace the traditional “library” but is rather seeking to use the latest technology to provide seminaries and pastors with the best theological material available for free. The CLEF sends a qualified professor each time the Kindle is introduced to an institution. The professor teaches an introductory course using the Kindle and assists the students in learning how to use the electronic reader. The program is specifically requested by the Presidents and seminaries of our partner church bodies. This project is supported by our LCMS seminaries and our LCMS missionaries in the above listed countries.

*Cynthia Kofoot*

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

**VP of Human Care**

HUMAN CARE is showing love to others with care and compassion.

I attended a funeral a few weeks ago where many mourners were in attendance. They showed an outpouring of love and support to the deceased man’s family.

While looking at the flowers and seeing the shell of his body lying in the casket, it made me think of our Alive theme scripture, Isaiah 40:8. “The grass dries up and the flowers wither but the word of the Lord will last forever.” This



translation is from God’s Word of Freedom, which was a gift from International LWML in 1995.

In my Human Care material I found this quote: “NOTHING MATTERS EXCEPT THAT PEOPLE ARE TOLD ABOUT CHRIST.” We rejoice in thanksgiving for what Christ has done for us and we are empowered by God’s Word to tell others about God’s gift of salvation. The Holy Spirit creates faith within us, through the Word that lasts forever, keeps us in the one true faith, helps us share God’s love with others.

God’s word is Power, Spirit and Life. - 1st Thessalonians 2:13 and John 6:63.

So when we are helping a neighbor, visiting a nursing home, writing a letter, or attending a funeral, we as LWMLers use God’s word to show love and support with care and compassion.

*Jill Fraser*

Vice President of Human Care



**Archivist-Historian**

As I received the theme of this issue of ALIVE I felt the urge to share my duties as the District Archivist-Historian. Isaiah 40. 8:”The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the Word of God stands forever.” Every year we see God’s process in nature, as we enjoy the blossoming of plants in the spring, their full glory in the summer, their fading in the fall, to rest through the winter. Yet the Word of God stands forever.

As Archivist-Historian, my responsibility is to retain copies of the minutes of the District Board. One copy is retained at the District Office storage area. One set of biennial minutes and activities is sent to the Concordia Historical Institute where space is provided for LWML records. We don’t remember details as the years pass, but the preservation of activities is saved, not forever, but as long as this world exists.

The zone historians are encouraged to retain a copy of their minutes. To have an extra copy preserved, zone secretaries are asked to send a copy to the District Archivist-Historian also. When minutes are sent via email, document form, I am able to make a copy on acid-free paper for safe-keeping. Please help me continue to preserve the records of the LWML Iowa East District.

*Luella Scott*

## VP of Christian Life The Word of the Lord Stands Forever

The grass withers, the flower fades,.... Which is repeated from earlier in verse 7, to raise attention to it, its importance, and confirmation.

Amid all human frailty, deceit, inconstancy, there is one thing that endures, and shall endure - God's Word. In the sureness of God's promise is our comfort.

Earlier in Isaiah we read, in verses 1-5, "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God. Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice is calling, clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

What a comfort to read these words and the good news they are bringing. How do we know that? We know that because God has spoken!

How real are the blessings of the Gospel.

The righteousness of Christ. It stands, it is everlasting (Daniel 9:24). Consolation is everlasting (2 Thessalonians 2:16). Light, everlasting (Isaiah 60:19). Love, everlasting (Jeremiah 31:3). Life, eternal (Romans 6:23). The blessings in the Gospel are durable riches, because the Gospel endureth.

More references are found in:

1 Peter 1:25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was proclaimed to you.

*Psalms 119:89* Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

*Matthew 24:35* Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

*Vicki Ozburn*  
Vice President of Christian Life



## Heart to Heart Sisters

Why do we hug each other? To offer support? Condolences? Love? Have you ever thought about how close our hearts are when we hug each other? "When we hug, we lean in. That way our hearts meet, heart to heart." (Winter Quarterly, p.8)

Isn't that a wonderful picture? What a way to share the love of Christ - through a hug! I have seen many "LWMLers" greet each other with hugs - bringing serving hearts close. And serving hearts are connected to loving, serving and helping hands.

In March of 2017, a young woman and her small daughter walked into our congregation and into our hearts. As our congregation stepped up to embrace them, that has led to providing groceries, rides to appointments, working with Immigration, finding housing, helping with childcare and even driving lessons! The list is endless. "Endless" not as a complaint but "endless" as providing love and care as you would a family member - for a fellow child of God - fellow sister in Christ and Heart to Heart sister!

As our world gets smaller, God is bringing multicultural women to us! We don't have to be a missionary on foreign soil! We are missionaries right here in Iowa. We have Congolese women in Cedar Rapids; Haitian and Liberian women in Waterloo to mention a few. Sometimes communication IS an issue - talking together helps THEIR English and OUR understanding.

The LWML has a founding history of 'serving the Lord with gladness'. Our hearts and hands have always been ready to serve. There are Heart to Heart sisters in some of our congregations just waiting for a hug and a helping, serving hand. Are yours ready?

*Nancy McHone*  
Heart to Heart Coordinator

*Congratulations and blessings to Vickie Ozburn. Vickie has been selected to serve on the LWML Convention Management Team as Food Services Manager.*

## Treasurer

I have the privilege of serving both as your District Treasurer and on the planning committee for the 2018 LWML Iowa East District Convention, which is being hosted by my Mt. Pleasant Zone. I have two scripture passages in mind while writing this article: our Alive theme verse of Isaiah 40:8 and our convention theme from John 15: 16 – 17. Together they make an interesting complete picture!



Isaiah speaks of grass withering and flowers fading, while John points to our being grafted to the vine. We wither and fade in our sin, deserving nothing but death. But, we are rescued; grafted to the vine of Christ. Because of Him, we live and bear fruit!

As we start a new year and look toward the next biennium, these verses from Isaiah and John speak also to stewardship. The old year and biennium are coming to an end. We look to the future knowing our plans are imperfect. They wither and fade. Our confidence comes in knowing we are grafted to Christ. May He use us to accomplish His will!

As your District Treasurer, I'm preparing the next biennium budget. This process requires looking at the past biennium and planning for the future. A majority of our budget is allocated to His mission. During this closing biennium, your mites funded nearly \$96,000 in LWML-IED mission grants, more than \$30,000 toward National LWML mission grants, and \$8,300 in additional gifts and Thrivent Choice® contributions to the Student Aid Endowment Fund. There are also expenses to consider. Some amount of administrative expense is necessary to

keep any organization running efficiently. By practicing principles of stewardship, our (albeit imperfect) goal is always directing our time, talents and treasure (mites) toward extending His kingdom. That's the fun part of budgeting! The Word of the Lord stands forever and we are Grafted to the Vine. His plans do not fail.

What do the year and biennium ahead hold for you? For me? There are so many opportunities to serve Him in our congregations, societies and individually through mite offerings. Thanks be to God that He uses our imperfect plans, budgets and actions to accomplish so much more than we will ever know. I appreciate your prayers and your personal stewardship planning as we look forward to the coming biennium. Serve the Lord in gladness! He is in control, using you and your mighty mites to bear much fruit!

*Gretchen Rasmussen*

Treasurer

## Financial Secretary Report

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from July 1 to December 31, 2017. Memorials and special gift donations go towards mites unless otherwise specified by the donor.



The 2016-2018 biennium ends on March 31. We need your mites! Please give your mites before March 31 to fund our remaining grants.

Your generosity continues to amaze me! May the Lord bless you as you joyfully serve Him!

*Elizabeth Gehle*

Financial Secretary

## LWML IED Gifts and Memoridals

April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Jon Lyn Arp	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Maynard Bauer	Independence, Our Redeemer LWML
Gertrude Brase	Lynn Evans
Gertrude Brase	Guttenberg, Trinity Ladies Aid

Bernhard Bringmann	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Lois Dietrich	Evelyn Wiebke
Marilyn Eglund	Lynn Evans
Marilyn Eglund*	Luella Scott
Esther Eller	State Center, St. John's Ladies Aid
Eunice Elwood	Joan Heitman

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Eunice Elwood	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Robert Faas	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Laverna Folkmann	Gary & Janis Hinrichs
Elvin "Bud" Gienapp	Manchester, Women of Our Savior
LaVonne Hansen	Sharon Akers
LaVonne Hansen	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Norma Hendrickson	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild
Florence Hendrickson	Heidi Iltis
Darleen Hoeg	Independence, Our Redeemer LWML
Marian Hohensee	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild
Marian Hohensee	Dorothea OKelly
Marian Hohensee*	Luella Scott
Clara Jack	Lavonne Sandersfeld
Elna Keehn	Evonne Plagge
Ruth Livingston	Elizabeth Gehle
Ruth Livingston	Harold & Janet Gehle
Lisetta Lovell	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Katie Luther	A Sister in Christ
Lucille Meyer	Evonne Plagge
Minnie Meyer	Evonne Plagge
Larry Mullnix	Lynn Evans
Lola Jean Pralle	Evonne Plagge
Margaret Rehwoldt	Mount Pleasant, Faith LWML
Charleen Reinke	Lynn Evans
Carla Renning	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle
Velma Rickertsen	Charlotte, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Marlys Rodemeyer	Evonne Plagge
Lillian Sandersfeld	Helen Huedepohl
Pauline Schirm	Vicki Gardemann
Lillian Schirm	Vicki Gardemann
Lillian Schirm	Garrison, St. Mark's Tabitha Society
Darla Scholey	Davenport, Trinity LWML
Elaine Schroeder	Guttenberg, Trinity Ladies Aid
Leone Seboldt	Van Horne, St. Andrew Missionary Society
Norma Silhanek	Keystone, St. John Dorcas Guild
Geneva Von Ahsen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid

Laverna Von Ahsen	Laverne Walters
Laverna Von Ahsen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Ruth Voss	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid
Ruth Abigail Voss	Helen Huedepohl
Martin Walter	Guttenberg, Trinity Ladies Aid
Doris Wardenburg	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Pauline Wetjen	Gary & Janis Hinrichs
Pauline Wetjen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Dean Wiebold	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Jean Winter	Lynn Evans
Nancy Winter	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
50th Anniversary of Robert & Sandra Brunscheen	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Alice Heitshusen's 90th birthday	LaVon & Richard Boesenberg
Alice Heitshusen's 90th birthday	Velma Butt
In honor of her 90th birthday	Alice Heitshusen
Alice Heitshusen's 90th birthday	Frances E. Magdefrau
Alice Heitshusen's 90th birthday	Luella Scott
LWML 75th Anniversary Thank Offering*	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle
LWML 75th Anniversary Thank Offering	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Florence Meyer's 100th birthday	Blairstown, Grace Ladies Aid
Florence Meyer's 100th birthday	Gary & Janis Hinrichs
Baptism of Heidi's great nephew, Gideon Edmond Mueller	Heidi Iltis
Baptism of Heidi's great niece, Shauna Studer	Heidi Iltis
65th Anniversary of Reuben & Joanne Wenndt	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid

\*Endowment Fund

## TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1705.00

## Candidates for Election at IED June Convention

Financial Secretary

*Tammy McKay- Davenport Zone  
Marna Mohr- Williamsburg Zone*

VP Gospel Outreach

*Elizabeth Gehle- Davenport Zone*

Recording Secretary

*Lora Duncan- Eldora Zone  
Virginia Boyer- Cedar Rapids Zone*

VP Christian Life

*Becky Wehrspann- Westgate Zone*

President

*Margaret Kistler- Cedar Rapids Zone*

Junior Pastoral Counselor

*Pastor Tom Ogilvie  
Current Congregation: St. Paul,  
Williamsburg- Williamsburg Zone  
Pastor Christopher Roepke  
Current Congregation: Concordia Lutheran  
Church, Burlington*

VP Christian Life

*Elizabeth Roberts- Williamsburg Zone*

## 2018 IED Convention

The women of the Mt. Pleasant Zone are very excited to host the 2018 LWML IED convention. All the committees are busy making plans to make this one of the best district conventions ever. There are many things to look forward to at this convention especially our keynote speaker, Katie Schuermann, author of the delightful Anthems of Zion book series. We will also hear from Deaconess Grace Rao, Director Deaconess Ministry, LCMS and we will be visited by Gracie the comfort dog. LWML greetings will be delivered by President Patti Ross. Leading us in singing are Shari Moeller and Sandi Speidel, members of the Mt. Pleasant Zone. The worship service will be led by the Pastors of the Mt. Pleasant Zone. Iowa District East President Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders will be the proclaimer. Plan to come early to participate in the servant events the Mt. Pleasant Zone has planned.

Just a friendly reminder that if you have not yet done so get your registration sent in before May 1. After that the price goes up. After you have done that call the Marriott at 1-800-396-2153 to get your room reserved. Mention the LWML convention to get the special convention rate.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Cedar Rapids June 15-16.

*Angie Banko  
Karen Lyons*  
Convention co-chairmen

## 2018 LWML Iowa East District Convention Housing Information

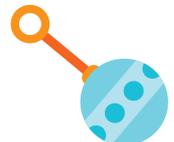
To reserve your room at the Cedar Rapids Marriott you must call this number:  
1-800-396-2153 by May 15, 2018.

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.

## Convention Gifts From The Heart: BABY SHOWER

### SUGGESTED ITEMS

Disposable Diapers  
Wet Wipes  
Sleepers / Onesies  
Baby Lotion  
Baby wash  
Baby washcloth  
Fleece Blanket  
Baby Toy  
Diaper Bag



# Convention Speakers

Gracie is a trained Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog at Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. Gracie is a friend who brings a calming influence and allows people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. Gracie will be accompanied at the convention by her handler, Jane Marsh-Johnson who is a member at Trinity, Davenport.



## **Deaconess Grace Rao, Director, Deaconess Ministry LCMS Offices of International and National Mission.**

As director of deaconess ministry for the LCMS Offices of International and National Mission, Deaconess Grace Rao oversees the development of deaconess ministry in collaboration with LCMS regional directors worldwide and LCMS partner churches. She works closely with LCMS districts, congregations and other church partners to increase awareness of human care needs and deaconess ministry. She also helps to lead the development of deaconess ministry curriculum and educational opportunities overseas and supports national LCMS deaconess training programs.

## *Patti Ross, President*

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### *Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

President Patti's experience in LWML has always been a source of joy. It is no surprise that her vision for LWML is that it be enjoyable work, where women can be equipped and encouraged to serve in God's Kingdom, where each woman is valued for her uniqueness and is engaged in using her special God-given gifts.

Patti loves sharing the work of the LWML with other LCMS entities and mission grant recipients. However, seeing the impact first hand of what the Lord can do through the work of wonderful LWML women has been her greatest joy. She sees the celebration of LWML's 75th Anniversary as a time to reflect on the past, work in the present and celebrate God-gifted mentors and mission opportunities of the future. What an honor it is, she says, to represent the LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission!

Before she was elected LWML President in 2015, Patti served as LWML Oklahoma District President, 2004-2008, and as LWML Vice President of Christian Life, 2009-2013.

Christ's command in Matthew 28:19 is always in Patti's heart, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."



**Katie Schuermann- Friday Banquet Speaker**

Author Katie Schuermann’s “earthy and joyful” voice is as refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann’s words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery’s Avonlea and Herriot’s Yorkshire countryside.

Always leaning toward the arts, Schuermann earned graduate degrees in music. Her professional experiences are as varied and eclectic as any writer’s, ranging from walking beans to singing with a Baroque orchestra to directing children’s musical theater camps. No doubt, Schuermann’s cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her writing, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her prose. Katie and her husband, Rev. Michael Schuermann live in Sherman, Illinois. Katie will be speaking at our Friday night banquet.



# Convention Agenda

## Friday, June 15, 2018

- 8:00 am – 12:45 pm      Registration  
                                 Gifts from the Heart Ingathering
- 9:00 am – 11:30 am      Servant Events
- 9:00 am – 12:45 pm      Exhibits open
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm     YWR Orientation Meeting
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm     Delegate Orientation
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm     Box lunch for all registrants
  
- 12:45 pm      Group Singing with Sandi and Shari
- 1:00 pm      Banner Processional, Opening Worship Service  
                         Offering #1 LWML IED Mission Grants
  
- 1:45 pm – 4:30 pm      Convention Session I
- 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm      Exhibits open
- 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm      Banquet – Speaker Katie Schuermann
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm     Exhibits open

## Saturday, June 16, 2018

- 6:30 am – 7:45 am      Breakfast at Marriott
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am      Registration  
                                 Exhibits open  
                                 Gifts from the Heart Ingathering
- 7:45 am                    Group Singing with Sandi and Shari
- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm     Convention Session II  
                                 Offering #2 – LCMS Disaster Relief Fund
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm     Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm      Convention Session III

# Proposed Bylaw Changes

The 2018 LWML IED biennial convention once again will involve reviewing and updating the bylaws to reflect what we are doing. Delegates should review the proposed changes prior to attending the convention. A copy of the current bylaws as well as proposed changes are available on the following website: <http://lwml-ied.org/bylaws/>. All proposed updates to the LWML IED Bylaws will be presented during convention. There will be time for questions during Delegate Orientation.

## Article III Members

Section 7- Change word “shall” to “encouraged”, more of a positive wording.

## Article XII Pastoral Counselors

Section 4- To clarify why nominations are not taken from the floor for Pastoral Counselor.

Section 6- To ensure speakers are in line with LCMS theology.

## Article XIV Appointed Personnel

Section 1- To reflect current practice of having meeting manager.

Section 4 A - Change wording to reflect current practice.

Section 5- Ensure that speakers are approved before entered on speakers list.

Insert Section 10 - Define Meeting Manger Duties.

## Article XVII- Endowment Fund

Section 5- Remove this organization that is not LCMS.

## Article XVIII Finance

Section 1- Clear direction on what should be done with surplus fall retreat funds.

Section 2 - Change wording from “shall” to “may request”.

*Janell Wollschlager*

VP of Organizational Recourses

# YWR Event

The Young Women Servant Event scheduled for Jan 13 has been postponed to March 11. It will still be at the Iowa East District Office (1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion, IA), but the time is changed to 2-4p. We will be putting together school kits for Families Helping Families of Iowa. These school supply bags will then be distributed to local students/families who are desperately in need. There will also be time spent learning what LWML is all about as several women share their experiences and explain what resources are available through LWML. This event is open to anyone new to LWML as well as young women. Come learn, serve, and enjoy the fellowship! Please email Rachel at [rach.wegener@gmail.com](mailto:rach.wegener@gmail.com) to RSVP by March 5th, so we can have an idea how many to plan for.

# Zone Rally Schedule

Westgate	March 17, 2018	St Paul's Lutheran, Artesian
Waterloo	March 17, 2018	Faith Lutheran, Waterloo
St. Ansgar	April 7, 2018	New Hope Luth., Charles City
Eldora	April 7, 2018	St Paul, Alden
Clinton	April 14, 2018	
Cedar Rapids	April 14, 2018	Bethany Luth., Cedar Rapids
Davenport	April 14, 2018	Parkview
Williamsburg	April 19, 2018	St John's, Victor
Dubuque	April 21, 2018	Trinity, Guttenberg
Benton	April 12, 2018	St Paul's, Luzerne
Mount Pleasant	April 28, 2018	Our Savior, Fort Madison
Marshalltown		

*As a reminder,*

please send your Zone Rally Information to Kay Berry.  
You can reach her at jkberry79@gmail.com or 563-370-1614.

Please leave a message and she will call you back!

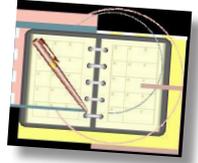
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Date (needs to be requested early), Time, Church  
City, Speaker and Bible Verse

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## Mark Your Calendars

- March 5, 2018** - RSVP Deadline for YWR Event
- March 31, 2018**- End of 2016-2018 biennium
- April 21, 2018**- Lutheran World Relief Pickups- Cedar Rapids and Ankeny
- May 1, 2018** -Application deadline for Student Aid
- May 1, 2018** -Discounted Registration Deadline for IED Convention
- June 15-16, 2018**- LWML IED District Convention, Cedar Rapids Marriot
- September 7-8, 2018**- LWML IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E Ca
- June 20-23, 2019**- LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama



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**MARSHALLTOWN ZONE**  
Sandi Duncan

**CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE**  
Mrs. Margaret Kistler

**MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE**  
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Alberta Martens

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Betty Borchardt

**DAVENPORT ZONE**  
Kay Berry

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Judith Fink

**DUBUQUE ZONE**  
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