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Sing praises to the Lord!

As a little child, I heard the Bible stories of the great men and women of the Old Testament praising God for saving them from all sorts of dangers and blessing them beyond comprehension. You may recall some of these stories – Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, King David, Esther, and Ruth. As a student, I read more about these great men and women and tried to imagine what their lives were like, compared to mine. You know, how could they have done the things they did without the things I had? How did they function without things like telephones, newspapers, cars, or television? Then I went off to college and sang for four years in the Wartburg College Choir, an a capella choir that performed sacred music – singing praises to the Lord on a daily basis and performing all over the United States and Europe for four years.

Now that I am a wife, mother, and grandmother, the phrase “Sing praises to the Lord!” has a totally different meaning to me than it did all those years ago. I find myself praising God for all His marvelous works (beginning with Creation) and wondrous gifts to me (salvation and hope of eternal life) and the life He has given me (children and grandchildren) – all because He loves me.

According to my Bible, Psalm 9 is a Psalm of David; singing praise to God for the victories he’s won in battle. I haven’t fought any great battles – Jesus did all of that for me and gave me the prize of eternal life. For that I “Sing praises to the Lord!” And Jesus did not only do the fighting for me, He did it for the whole world.

Which leads me to the rest of verse 11 – “Tell among the peoples his deeds!” There were numerous accounts of God’s deeds being told and retold throughout the world at the 38th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in Mobile, Alabama, this past June. I wish I had an instant recall-type memory so I could recount the stories I heard while in Mobile, but I don’t. I do remember and know that our missionaries are telling God’s deeds throughout the world

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VP of Organizational Resources

Now that the LWML convention in Mobile is behind us, it is time to think about the LWML IED convention which will be held on June 12-13, 2020, in Cedar Rapids. There will be inspirational speakers, music, Bible studies, elections of new officers and voting on bylaw amendments. Please review the LWML IED bylaws and contact your Zone President with any suggested changes you think should be addressed. The Executive Committee offices up for election include VP of Organizational Resources, VP of Human Care, VP of Communications, and Treasurer. Please reach out to any of the current Vice Presidents for information on what the responsibilities include; it is a wonderful time to get to know more LWML IED Sisters in Christ.



Janell Wollschlager
Vice President of Organizational Resources

VP of Christian Life

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! Psalm 9:11

The author of our theme verse encourages us – to sing and to tell. The word ‘sing’ appears more than 200 times in the Bible; ‘tell’ almost 400 times (ESV translation). These simple words are turned into important actions as God’s people – a way to communicate with others as we share the Good News of God’s love through Christ Jesus.

First, our singing is done in praise to the Lord – it is a joyful noise unto Him – for all He has done for us. It is difficult to sing with a frown on your face, especially when you think about all the gifts and blessings we enjoy every day. Second, we are to tell others about those gifts and blessings – all the deeds that God has done!

At the LWML store (lwml.com) – click on the yellow “shop” button in the top right corner – there are many resources to help us “tell.” There are several new options on the site, including “A Missionary? Me?” Bible study



VP of Christian Life Cont...

compiled of 8 stories from real missionary women, and “In Praise to the Lord” collection of Mustard Seed devotions to share with friends and neighbors. LWML Sunday materials are also available – encourage your Pastor and LWML sisters in your congregation to celebrate this special Sunday. Mite boxes with the new design and the new 2019-2021 Mission Grants bookmarks are available for free (with the cost of shipping).

If you have any questions or need help finding resources, please contact me. I would be happy to help you!

Becky Wehrspann
Vice President of Christian Life

VP of Human Care

Psalm 91:11 “Sing Praises to the Lord who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the people his deeds!”

You don’t always need a large group of people to make a difference in the lives of others.

There are the quiet, small gestures that can mean so much. When my mother-in-law was in a nursing home I was there when a musician played hymns on the piano for everyone in the visitor’s center. There were toes tapping, heads bobbing and smiles all around. Some even did a “sing along.”

You can visit a nursing home, choose someone who doesn’t have many visitors and sing a hymn or two with him/her. (It really won’t matter if you can carry a tune or not.) Ask if they have a favorite hymn, then sing it. If you don’t know that hymn look it up and sing it the next time. It’s the visit of caring that will boost their spirits.

Suggest a Bible verse or two and read with them. Or ask if they have a favorite verse to read together. Close your visit with a prayer. And possibly you will say “I will be back again.”

This is called Human Care in Action by YOU!

“Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute. For Your gifts through all our days. Alleluia Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!” (795 LSB)

Jill Fraser
Vice President of Human Care



VP of Gospel Outreach

In June at our national convention in Mobile, Alabama, our LWML delegates approved a mission goal of \$2,100,000! We also selected the following mission grants for the 2019-2021 biennium. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!



For videos, bulletin board material, mite updates, etc. about our new mission grants, check out LWML's Mission Grant site at <http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>.

By Vote	2019–2021 Mission Grants	Grant Amount
1	Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya	\$80,000
2	Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries	\$100,000
3	Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$100,000
4	God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry, Inc.	\$100,000
5	God's Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators	\$95,000
6	Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International	\$100,000
7	Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit	\$100,000
8	Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala	\$95,000
9	Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission	\$40,000
10	Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama	\$58,000
11	Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers	\$100,000
12	Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central	\$100,000
13	Digital Media Development — Lutherans For Life	\$30,000
14	Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska	\$50,000
15	Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa	\$62,650
16	Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries	\$80,000
17	Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFUD Radio	\$60,000
18	Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission	\$50,000
19	Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri	\$100,000
20	Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas	\$98,400
21	LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Mission (Partially funded)	\$39,523

A friendly reminder that mission grant applications for Iowa East are due October 1. The application and information may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants-2/>. How wonderful it would be to see local grants on our ballot next year at our District convention!

Please keep the following young adults in your prayers as they continue their education and calling to be full-time church workers. They are this year's LWML student aid recipients. Congratulations!

Undergraduate

Emma Armbrecht, Williamsburg
CU Nebraska, Elementary Education
(Early Childhood), Sophomore

Grace Hartwig, Iowa City
CU Chicago, Secondary Education (Math),
Junior

Hannah Thompson, Newhall
CU Chicago, Elementary Education, Junior

Graduate

Sarah Jacob, Davenport
CTS Fort Wayne, Deaconess Program
– Year 1

Emilyann Pool, Clinton
CTS Fort Wayne, Deaconess Program
– Year 2

Elizabeth Gefhle
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Treasurer

I had the privilege to attend the LWML convention in Mobile as a delegate from the Mt. Pleasant Zone. What an amazing opportunity to participate in the election of new national officers and selection of 2019 - 2021 biennium mission grants! Equally as exciting was learning from our LCMS missionaries and church workers about the amazing work God is doing here in the United States and around the world. His deeds are certainly being told among the peoples!



In Iowa East District, we have the opportunity to support the next generation of church workers through our LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund. Each fall, the annual 5% fund distribution is used to provide student aid for LCMS Iowa District East students attending LCMS colleges or universities pursuing careers in full-time church work. As of March 31, 2019, our Endowment Fund balance stood at \$46,776.08. Obviously, the larger the balance, the larger the contribution we are able to make each year to support our undergrad college students. Funds are invested with and professionally managed by the LCMS Foundation. There are many ways you can help our Endowment Fund grow:

- Direct gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or personal property
- Bequest in a will
- Gift of a life insurance policy
- Remembrance giving in memory of friends and loved ones
- Allocation of Thrivent Choice® dollars designated to LWML IED

Mite offerings sent to IED may also be designated specifically for the Endowment Fund. Simply write "Endowment Fund" on the memo line of your check. Please consider the Endowment Fund for a special offering at your next Zone event or rally!

In closing, I am happy to share with you a current accounting of our IED 2018 – 2020 biennium allocations for His work both within the district and beyond our LWML Iowa East District borders. Thank you for your faithful mite gifts! *Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! Psalm 9:11*

Treasurer Cont...

2018–2020 Budget (4/1/2018 – 3/31/2020)

Outreach \$204,995.00

Inreach \$11,300.00

Total \$216,295.00

Actual Expenditures (4/1/2018 – 6/30/2019)

Outreach \$142,993.07

Inreach \$8,259.83

Total \$151,252.90

% of Budget

Outreach 69.75%

Inreach 73.10%

Total 69.93%

Gretchen Rasmussen
Treasurer



Financial Secretary

The report on the next page shows all memorials and special gifts from January 1 to June 30, 2019.

Memorials and special gifts donations go toward mites unless otherwise specified by the donor.

Society Treasurers: If you need remittance blank books, mite boxes, or my address labels please contact me. Funds should be sent to me in the form of a check or money order made payable to LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED.

My address has changed. I will have new address labels available for your Zone President or you may contact me.

Send your checks to:

Marna Mohr

2119 G Ave

Marengo, IA 52301

Thank you for sending in your mites!

May the Lord bless you as you joyfully serve Him.



Marna Mohr
Financial Secretary

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Maxine Walters	Jeanne Duffy
Maxine Walters	Keystone, St John's Dorcas Guild
Pat Hagen	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Pat Hagen	Cash Donation
Maxine Schultz	Manchester, Women of Our Savior
Edna Stein	Jeanne Duffy
Florence Meyer	Jeanne Duffy
Dwain (Curly) Wolter Jr	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Carol Rethwisch	Victor, St John's Ladies Aid
Kenneth Dohrmann	Evonne Plagge
Florence Meyer	Delaware, St Paul's Women Society
Florence Mayer	Faye Gerner
Florence Meyer	Anne Brecht
Florence Meyer	Joyce Schanbacher
Florence Meyer	Frances Magdefrau
Florence Meyer	Deanna Becker
Florence Meyer	Evelyn Wiebke
Carol Miller	Clinton, Trinity Eventide Guild
Joye Mueller	Clinton, Trinity Eventide Guild
Darlene Coder	Clinton, Trinity Eventide Guild
Alice Gardner	Clinton, Trinity Eventide Guild
Elfrieda Neuendorf	Fredricksburg, St Paul's Lydia Circle
JoAnn Mills	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid
Lucy Ford	Mt Pleasant, Faith LWML
Grace Belland	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Edna Stein	Joyce Schanbacher
Florence Meyer	Florence Meyer Estate
Dwain (Curly) Wolter Jr	Dwain & Carolyn Wolter
Isabelle Severson	Belle Plaine, First Lutheran Women in Misson
Delores Doehrmann	Williamsburg, Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid
Elaine Thompson	Huubard, St John's Lutheran Mission Circle
Charlotte Jones	Jesup, Grace Concordia Ladies Aid
Ron Wilhelm	Manchester, Women of Our Savior
Florence Meyer	Marengo, St John's Ladies Aid
Esther Uden	Marengo, St John's Ladies Aid
Patricia Faas	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Elvina Petersen	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Don Manor	Bettendorf, Our Savior Lutheran Women's League
Stanley Teggatz	Williamsburg, Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid
Christopher Doehrmann	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild

Roland Williams	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Shirley Rodemeyer	Chuck & Sharon Akers
Shirley Rodemeyer	James & Helen Jorgensen
Delmar Koch	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Joan Pralle	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Shirley Rodemeyer	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Ann Olander	Oelwein, SONshine Mission Circle
Richard Armbrecht	Fredricksburg, St Paul's Lydia Circle
Loretta Downes	Fredricksburg, St Paul's Lydia Circle
Velma Hunt	Manchester, Women of Our Savior
Helen Sandersfeld	Williamsburg, Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid
Richard Armbrecht	Gary & Nancy Maurer
Gerene Sawville	Westgate, St Peter LWML
Dorothy Kleinmeyer	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Mabel Meyer	Chuck & Sharon Akers
Pauline Marohn	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Lutheran Women's Guild
Dale Zuber	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Lyle Sherman	Marengo, St John's Ladies Aid
Rolly Hummel	Reinbeck, LWML Dorcas Society
Lillian Eiffler	Reinbeck, LWML Dorcas Society
Mryle Stanerson	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild

SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
Baptism of Ezekiel Mark Brazeal	Heidi Iltis
Howard & Nancy Kroemer 50th Anniversary	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Junior & Carol Sander 50th Anniversary	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid

TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1649.00

Highlights from Mobile Convention

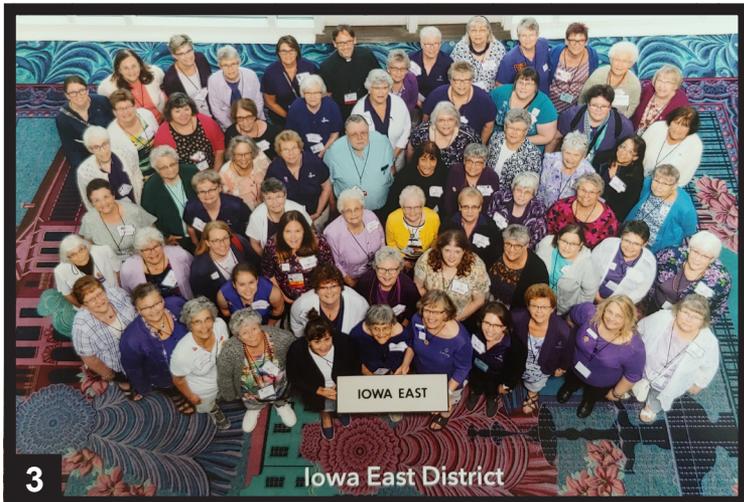


1- IED VP of Communications and Leadership Development committee member Cheryl Killham at the Leadership Booth in the Exhibit Hall.



2- One Mission Grant Iowa East District is funding is Lutheran Bible Translators for Braille Bibles for inmates. The staff is pointing to what districts funded them.

Highlights from Mobile Convention Cont.



- 3- Iowa East group at the 2019 Convention
- 4- Group of men and women who rode the bus to Mobile.
- 5- Karen Boehme presented a small token of appreciation to Janice Johnston for being the bus coordinator from all the bus riders.
- 6- Here are two who missed the group shot
- 7- Becky Wehrspann, IED VP of Christian Life, sharing about her last four years as Features Editor for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine.
- 8- LWML IED also funded the Food Bank for Fort Wayne seminary. Diane Torrey is with Katherine Rittner, Director of the Food Bank.



9- Jr. Counselor Pastor Tom Ogilvie is giving us a short devotion



10- The beautiful Iowa East banner coming into the convention hall with President Margaret Kistler and YWRs Amanda Goad and Lauren Dangel.

needed to make. He was a true blessing.

Thanks to Lois Nord, Kay Berry, Nancy Maurer, Karen Boehme, and Helen Huedepohl for helping with devotions and prayers; to Kay Berry, Elizabeth Gehle, and Lauren Gangel for bringing movies; and to Alice Hoffmeier who brought her Melodica so we could sing with music. Thank you to Judith Fink for taking the errant bags left on the bus. They found their owners in short order!

We also thank Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, and Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant for allowing us to park our cars in their lots, and for allowing us to use the churches as a rest stop. Thank You!

All conventions are wonderful in unique ways, and this one was no exception. Praise and thanks to God for this wonderful experience! To God Be the Glory!

Janice Johnston

Charter Bus Coordinator

Editor's note – I have never seen the bus driver give a present to a charter bus coordinator, but that is what happened here. Paul Gilchrist gave Jan a devotion book. It was well deserved.

Faith Like a Mustard Seed

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

"Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

2019 LWML Sunday materials, authored by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, are now available. To ensure availability and delivery, all LWML Sunday orders should be placed before September 1, 2019.

For more information see <http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday>

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Charter Bus Report

Our trip to Mobile was GOOD – thanks be to GOD! We left Cedar Falls on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 a.m. in a very new fifty-six passenger bus (the larger size was a very pleasant surprise that turned out to be a blessing). Right on schedule, we had all 47 riders on board and headed south on Highway 218.

Our days started early as we were assigned to Charter Bus Group 1 and had to leave our hotel at 6:15 a.m. two mornings and 6:45 a.m. the last two.

On Sunday, inspired by all the happenings at the convention but very tired, we left Mobile at noon and our journey ended late afternoon Monday.

Our bus driver, Paul, a Christian man who prayed with us (while keeping his eyes on the road), sang with us and researched and found all of the restaurants and stops we

LWML Iowa East District Fall 2019 Zone Rally Schedule

ZONE	DATE	DAY	START TIME	CHURCH	CITY
Benton	9-26	Thurs	1:00 pm	St. Stephens	Atkins
Cedar Rapids	10-12	Sat	9:00 am	Zion	Hiawatha
Clinton	10-5	Sat	8:30 am	Trinity	Clinton
Davenport	10-19	Sat	9:00 am	Holy Cross	Davenport
Dubuque	9-14	Sat	8:30 am	St. Paul's	Delaware
Eldora	10-5	Sat	8:00 am	St. John's	Hubbard
Marshalltown	10-12	Sat	9:00 am	Trinity	Knoxville
Mt Pleasant	10-5	Sat	9:00 am	Zion	Wilton
St Ansgar	10-12	Sat	8:00 am	St. Peter's	Riceville
Waterloo	9-28	Sat	8:30 am Brunch	College Hill	Cedar Falls
Westgate	9-28	Sat	10:00 am	Peace	Oelwein
Williamsburg	9-21	Sat	8:45 am	St. John's	Homestead

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MARSHALLTOWN ZONE

Pam Haase

CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE

Carolyn Zimmerman

MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE

DeEtta Rasmussen

CLINTON ZONE

Sheryl Zinda

ST. ANSGAR ZONE

Betty Borchardt

DAVENPORT ZONE

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WATERLOO ZONE

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