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Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



Three Generations at the Fall Retreat. L. to R. Cassie and Desirae Roberts; Selina, Gabe, and Will McKinney; and Liz Roberts. Read their story on page 9.

LWML Iowa East District Women Are Ready to Serve Our Lord

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President's Corner

Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus; the one who gives us strength and courage. Joshua 1:9 is a wonderful verse to reflect on in this issue of the *Alive*.



Being a grandmother of eight young children from three months to nine years old, I am often reminded of the "innocence of childhood". I marvel at the lessons these young ones teach me.

In Joshua 1:9 we are told to be strong and courageous. I see courage in these young ones as they take on new challenges that I have taken for granted for years, like riding a bike for the first time without training wheels, or working on a new gymnastics skill that I wouldn't try in my wildest dreams.

Joshua goes on to say that we should not be frightened or dismayed. I've watched my grandchildren's trust that their mom or dad will catch them as they jump in the pool for the first time or take on that very tall slide knowing that they will be caught at the bottom. If they fall, they jump up and try again when that bicycle tips over. They seem to have no fear. They don't give up.

As I said, I marvel at what I learn and relearn from my grandchildren. God's command to be strong and courageous can be applied to my life each and every day as I go about my daily chores, interact with the people around me, meet and work with new people as your Lutheran Women's Missionary League Iowa East District President. I thank Him for the strength and courage that he provides me.

It took strength and courage for the women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to join together and form the Lutheran Women's Missionary League over 75 years ago. God's guidance has brought us to this point in time where we see the Gospel being spread throughout the world by willing workers and willing supporters following the command to, *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9).

Watching my grandchildren grow and mature, not only in their skills, but also in their faith is a wonderful lesson for me, as well. Jesus directed us to have faith like a child. I should never be frightened or dismayed, but sometimes I am. I need to be reminded.

By the grace of God, we have been redeemed. Our sins are washed away. Let us pray that He will continue to give us strength and courage to spread the Gospel message of this saving grace throughout the world, starting right here in Iowa East District. Invite every woman you know to be part of this mission. There is much to do. *“Be strong and courageous... the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)*

Margaret Kistler
LWML IED President



Counselors Corner

By the time you receive this, we will be in the blessed season of Advent. It is the season of preparation for the coming of our Lord. As we hear the Word of God this season, we hear of two names that are bestowed upon the incarnate God—Jesus and Immanuel. Jesus means “the Lord saves.” Immanuel means “God with us.” Two wonderful names of promise and hope. They speak of deliverance from enemies and the omnipresent nature of our Lord.



Jesus is a Greek name. Its Hebrew equivalent is Joshua, the name bestowed upon the man who was designated to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua and the Israelites faced a formidable task. They encountered larger, better equipped armies. They would have to topple greatly fortified cities. Even before beginning the campaign to enter the land, Joshua was given a promise that the meaning of his name would hold true. The LORD said to Joshua, *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).*

To Joshua, as he prepared to embark on the great journey of conquest, the LORD promised to be Immanuel as he carried out the calling the LORD has put upon him. No matter what Joshua undertook, no matter what Joshua and the Israelites found themselves up against, they had the assurance that the LORD was on their side. They had the assurance that the LORD would save them. What a blessing for them to have this wonderful assurance!

What a delightful blessing for you to know the certain assurance of the Lord’s presence with you in any and every undertaking in which you engage! Even greater than the word of promise that Joshua received, you have received the Word of God incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ. You have Immanuel given to you. With Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection, you know for certain that the LORD saves. He has fulfilled that name and promise for you.

In your daily life, in your LWML societies, in the Iowa East District LWML, and in the national LWML, it is a remarkable blessing and assurance to know the good and gracious Lord of lords and King of kings is with you in every undertaking in which you engage. As you consider the tasks ahead for you, as societies may be wrestling with aging membership and declining involvement, as the large mite goals are set before you, it is a blessing to know that you move ahead into all these endeavors with confidence that because of Jesus’ incarnation, death, and resurrection, you have no reason to fear. With sins forgiven, you move forth knowing that nothing separates you from the love of God for today and for eternity. You are strengthened knowing the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Go forth in that promise and hope now and always!

Pastor Ogilvie
LWML Iowa East District
Jr. Pastoral Counselor



VP of Communications



Where has the year gone? Many of you are getting ready for the holidays and have already held your zone and society elections. Please remember to complete your new Zone and Society Record Forms after your zone rally and society elections. The forms will be available from your zone president as well as on the LWML IED website at <http://lwml-ied.org/societyresources>. These forms are very important in three ways: 1) they provide the LWML IED Board of Directors with your contact information; 2) they are used to count the number of LWML members and societies; and 3) they are used to order and bill your

VP of Communications Cont...

societies for the *Quarterly* magazines and *Alive* newsletters for 2020.

Between now and January 31, 2020 is the only time of the year a society can decrease their *Quarterly* subscription numbers for 2020. If your society decreases the *Quarterly* subscription numbers after January 31, your society will be billed the amount based on the subscription number that is on file prior to January 31. The request to change subscription numbers must be given to the LWML IED Vice President of Communication. The LWML IED VP of Communication is responsible for sending the updated subscription numbers to the LWML office in the spring, which takes effect with the Summer *Quarterly* issue.

Please complete the forms and send them to your zone president or to myself as soon as possible after your elections. If your election is not until spring, please confirm the *Alive* and *Quarterly* subscription numbers and provide any changes before January 31, 2020.

Cheryl Killham

Vice President of Communication

VP of Christian Life Cont...

where we feel enslaved by a boss or co-worker to meet the growing demands of a secular company or business, and we often feel like wanderers when a health diagnosis for us or a loved one leaves us feeling all alone and confused about what the right thing to do might be. God is with us. He does not leave us abandoned or alone. He provides caring friends and neighbors to lend a hand. He gives opportunity for us to worship Him where we hear His Word and receive His Sacrament.

One way we can make sure that we aren't the ones leaving God behind is to keep His Word with us wherever we go. Being in God's Word every day is as important as eating, drinking and sleeping. An easy way to do that is to download a Bible app on your phone or other device where you can read and study His Word anytime, anywhere. There are resources at our fingertips at lwml.org, both electronic and ways to order hard copies, of Bibles, devotions, and Bible studies.

We know and trust God's promises to be true. Let us encourage and support one another as we share that Good News with everyone we meet!

Becky Wehrspann

Vice President of Christian Life

VP of Christian Life

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).



Following years of slavery in Egypt and 40 years of wandering in the desert, God is giving the command for His people to finally enter the Promised Land. Moses has died, and God has chosen Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan River into the land promised to Abraham several generations before. But this command does not come without a promise – God assures Joshua that He will be with him wherever he goes. The Israelites have watched the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21) and know they can trust the Lord to keep His promise to be with them.

That same promise holds true for us. We may not be planning a trip into an unknown territory, nor have we been enslaved in a foreign country or wandered in the desert for decades. But we do travel through situations



VP of Human Care

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).



Every day we see on TV or read in the newspaper about some of the things that are going on in our country and our world. Some of these things can make us afraid or dismayed. We might shake our heads. We might try to help wherever we can. We pray for peace and for those who are in need.

For instance, these are a few things that might make someone afraid or dismayed:

- People who have been evicted from their home
 - Someone actually living in their car
 - Someone who has gone hungry
- How about you?
- Have you ever been in an accident or witnessed one?

VP of Human Care Cont...

- Do you worry about yourself, your spouse, your child? Are you afraid for them?
- Have you ever been to a foreign country and witnessed someone who lives in poverty?
- Have you seen a video from a missionary about people who are in need?

And what have you done?

- Have you helped someone who has been evicted?
- Supplied food for the hungry?
- Provided shelter for someone living in his/her car?
- Prayed for yourself and others during a severe storm?
- Helped the injured in an accident?
- Sent your mites to help those in another country?

Those would be acts of human care! In our land of plenty we are happy to help in whatever way we can. You have been “strong and courageous” helping others with in-gatherings for those in need, and donations for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train.

God tells us do not be afraid, do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Jill Fraser

Vice President of Human Care

VP of Gospel Outreach



LWML Iowa East District offers student scholarships each year for undergraduate and graduate students.

Please note that seminarian students should apply to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) Iowa District East (IDE) office for scholarships since the LWML seminarian grant money is sent to the LCMS IDE office for disbursement.

To be eligible to apply for the LWML scholarships, the applicant must be a member of a congregation within the IDE of the LCMS. The applicant must also be a high school graduate who has enrolled and been accepted at any LCMS synodical training school and is preparing for full-time professional work in the LCMS. Additional information and the application form may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/>.

VP of Gospel Outreach Cont...

Applications are due May 1, 2020 to me, Elizabeth Gehle, Chairman of the LWML IED Student Aid Committee. My contact information may be found on the inside front cover of the *Alive*, or at the Student Aid web page listed above. Please encourage the eligible students you know to apply. I also created a flyer that you may post at your churches about our scholarship. The flyer is found at <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/lwml-ied-scholarship-flyer-2019/>.

Continue to pray for our current student scholarship recipients. They are listed at <http://lwml-ied.org/ied-mites/>.

Elizabeth Gehle

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Treasurer



Do you know that LWML offers a free electronic way to make mite donations safely and conveniently? LWML Iowa East District has partnered with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to make the Joyful Response option available to you. Joyful Response is an electronic payment program that allows you to faithfully steward your personal or society's mite donations. It saves you and the LWML IED time, money and effort. You control the frequency and amount of payments. Benefits to utilizing Joyful Response include:

- Help you plan and fulfill your mite contributions from your account to the LWML even if you cannot be at a meeting
- Save time and eliminate the need to write checks or handle cash

Interested in more information? An enrollment form is located on the Zone and Society Resources page on our IED website at www.lwml-ied.org. Completed forms should be directed to LWML IED Financial Secretary, Marna Mohr.

As we approach the final months of our 2018 – 2020 biennium, 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 Iowa East borders. Thank you for your faithful mite gifts!

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

Outreach \$204,995.00

Inreach \$11,300.00

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Total \$216,295.00
Actual Expenditures (4/1/2018 – 10/30/2019)
 Outreach \$169,917.92
 Inreach \$8,645.89
 Total \$178,563.81
% of Budget
 Outreach 82.89%
 Inreach 76.51%
 Total 82.56%
 LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT FUND - LCMS FOUNDATION
 Balance as of September 30, 2019 = \$52,685.70
 LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT STEWARD ACCOUNT (JOYFUL RESPONSE) - LCEF
 Balance as of September 30, 2019 = \$709.27

Gretchen Rasmussen
 Treasurer

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Financial Secretary



The following financial report shows all money deposited April 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019. This includes mites, *Quarterly* and *Alive* payments, memorials and miscellaneous receipts. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the September 30 deposit. If there are any unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know.

The number in parenthesis after the society 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. Contact your Zone President to update your form and information.

My address has changed.

Send your checks to:

Marna Mohr
 2119 G Ave
 Marengo, IA 52301

Thank you for sending in your mites.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Marna Mohr
 Financial Secretary

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

Elizabeth Gehle, VP of Gospel Outreach for Iowa East, has been selected to be on the National LWML Committee for IT.

Martha Hartwig, our very own Member Development Committee member, has been appointed as chairman of Gospel Outreach Committee.

Marie McNary of the Cedar Rapids Zone has been appointed as a member of the Leadership Development Committee.

Becky Wehrspann, VP of Christian Life for Iowa East, will continue to serve as Features Editor for the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.



Thanks
GOD
for
EVERYTHING

LWML Iowa East District –
April 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

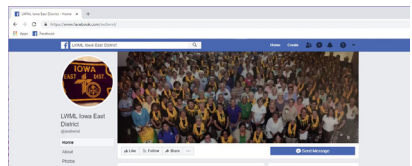
SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (15)	\$242.12
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (15)	\$436.60
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (18)	\$341.90
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$176.69
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (9)	\$927.88
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$194.70
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (6)	\$94.78
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (7)	\$22.00
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$126.54
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$160.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (30)	\$443.25
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$247.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (58)	\$310.37
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$130.86
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML (12)	\$45.58
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (15)	\$83.82
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES (30)	\$452.54
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$306.12
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$152.00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD (15)	\$288.97
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$240.00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$1,103.65
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (23)	\$419.28
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (21)	\$287.15
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION (35)	\$597.47
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (30)	\$280.00
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (15)	\$8.00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (24)	\$393.01
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD (60)	\$280.00

DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (26)	\$255.06
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY (8)	\$140.14
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (15)	\$968.44
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (43)	\$578.05
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (20)	\$59.34
ELMA, ST PETER LWML (15)	\$421.00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$26.32
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE (22)	\$51.42
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (5)	\$196.93
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (20)	\$116.83
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (12)	\$120.00
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$230.62
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY (53)	\$1,955.88
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) (8)	\$337.80
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (12)	\$206.00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE (18)	\$387.77
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML (9)	\$101.44
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD (30)	\$673.86
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (50)	\$722.67
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (13)	\$187.72
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$731.93
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (15)	\$92.25
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34)	\$1,509.93
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$658.79
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML (8)	\$78.22
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR (22)	\$891.93
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (23)	\$271.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$1,197.91
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (25)	\$413.24
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (48)	\$1,062.42
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (5)	\$35.50
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML (35)	\$235.00

MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (10)	\$534.06
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$361.70
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (28)	\$91.18
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$94.84
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$270.43
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (35)	\$76.29
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD (20)	\$293.33
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$360.00
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML (21)	\$215.50
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (14)	\$81.02
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS (20)	\$326.99
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML (30)	\$572.19
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (45)	\$454.67
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (20)	\$336.72
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23)	\$136.00
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY (18)	\$50.33
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14)	\$212.25
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS (14)	\$181.70
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES (17)	\$92.57
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$229.35
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (4)	\$495.96
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (18)	\$111.40
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (12)	\$194.22
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (6)	\$10.50
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (23)	\$290.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML (7)	\$296.83
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML (10)	\$244.39
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12)	\$85.52
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES (11)	\$584.55
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (16)	\$278.18
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY (18)	\$147.25
Total of Society Contributions April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019	\$31,417.61

ZONE RECEIPTS	TOTAL
BENTON	\$250.00
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$-00
CLINTON	\$-00
DAVENPORT	\$-00
DUBUQUE	\$-00
ELDORA	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$838.30
MT PLEASANT	\$121.30
ST ANSGAR	\$-00
WATERLOO	\$-00
WESTGATE	\$50.00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$216.00
Total of Zone Contributions April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019	\$1,475.60
Thrivent Choice (Endowment Fund)	\$675.00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)	\$9,745.09
IDE DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$-00
IDE DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-00
Sub-Total Receipts April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019	\$43,313.30
LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST	43,313.30



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Highlights from 2019 Fall Retreat

A Time for Beauty in Christ — Three Generations at Fall Retreat

A mother's desire is for her children, grandchildren and so on to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. To walk with and trust Him with everything. At the fall retreat this year my oldest daughter and her two sons and my daughter-in-law and her oldest daughter joined me! (Thank you for inviting the children!)

The excitement and anticipation kept growing as we neared Camp lo-DIS-E-Ca! Wonder what we'll do, what we'll see — oh, and to pick out the room in the Omega Lodge. Then it was which creature in the aquatic room were we going to sleep by? We settled in, then off to have supper.

Later, we join our sisters and brothers in Christ for the opening and the ice breaker. Thank you for showing your love in Jesus to all of us! The children were so excited to ask each of you to fill their boxes! Your smile warmed their hearts and mine. S'mores and games ensued.

Saturday, I know that they had a great time with Caterpillar Calli aka DCE Emma at the VBS for them, as they focused on Jesus. They made crafts, had adventures, went on a hay ride, saw the camp, grew in Christ and made friends!

The moms enjoyed the Bible studies, had discussions, met new friends and also reconnected with others they had lost track of.

The introduction to the Camp was a bonus for all of them. As brochures were gathered and the different camps offered were talked about.

Our time at the fall retreat and Camp lo-DIS-E-Ca ended with the three grandchildren asking us to please take a seat at the outdoor amphitheater for a performance. A three act play of helping others, singing, and a thank you for enjoying our show! They didn't want to leave. So YES, God made everything beautiful in His time! Praise the LORD!

In Him Who Loved Us First,

Liz Roberts



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- 1 - President Margaret Kistler presented a \$3000 check to Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca to complete their mission grant.
- 2 - The first ever Day Camp for kids was held on Saturday. The kids helped stack the ingathering items for Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca.
- 3 - The Cedar Rapids Zone Planning Committee
- 4 - Jan Johnston and Jan Brown performing a skit.
- 5 - Kids joining in to play games on Friday evening.

Society & Zone News

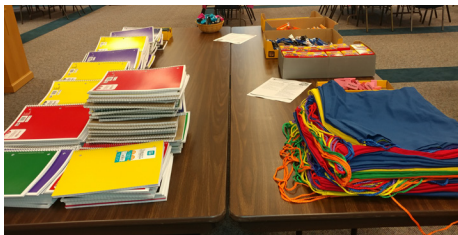
Benton Rally

The Benton Zone Fall Rally was held September 26, 2019 at St. Stephen's Lutheran; Atkins. The theme was "As We Journey in Faith" and the Bible passage was Psalm 119:105. Our speaker was Pastor David Lingard on his trip to Israel. We had an Old Fashion Tea and wore hats and gloves.



Clinton Zone

The Clinton Zone Fall Rally was hosted by the Trinity Clinton societies on October 5 with 34 in attendance. The theme was "Serve One Another in Love". Bible Study was conducted by Pastor Anthony Dodgers titled "The Holy Spirit & the Reformation". After the business meeting we adjourned for Clinton Zones first servant event. Members could help tie fleece blankets, pack school kits or pack personal care kits. The packing moved along faster than expected and we completed eight blankets, 78 personal care kits, and 132 school kits thanks to Thrivent action team, Trinity church, and ingathering. Continuing with the servant theme, each person received a new mite box, some pennies to start their saving and an LWML bookmark with one of the "serve verses". We felt that our first time doing a servant event was very successful.



Darlene Read

Darlene Read of Williamsburg received her Crown of Life October 13, 2019. Darlene was quiet and unassuming. She was a humble servant of the Lord. Even though she seemed to be an introvert, she answered the call to serve in leadership positions. She was Williamsburg Zone President for eight years. She was Iowa East District Vice President of Human Care. She didn't have email, but faithfully checked with the church secretary for any messages.

I write this not only to give honor to Darlene and thanks to God for giving Darlene to us, but to plant a seed in your mind, "Does God have a role for me in LWML IED?" Although you don't think of yourself as a leader, does God think of you as the leader He wants for LWML IED? He doesn't choose the equipped, He equips the chosen. Could that be you?



Waterloo Zone

The Evening Guild ladies of College Hill hosted the Waterloo Zone LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, September 28 at College Hill



Lutheran Church. Pastor John Wegener, of College Hill led the opening devotions. Rev. Max Mons of St. Paul Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City was the speaker. He spoke on the campus ministries of St Paul's Chapel, Iowa City and College Hill, Cedar Falls. An ingathering was taken for the Campus Ministry of Iowa City and Cedar Falls. New officers Kolleen Hosford, vice president; Ginny Poppen, treasurer; and Jan Miller, secretary were installed. 37 members, four pastors and four guests were present.

Society & Zone News Cont...



Our Redeemer Cedar Falls Dinner Scarves

Mary-Martha Guild and Christian Care members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, have made over 50 dining scarves in the last two years for the dementia residents of the Western Home Community Nations project. Dining scarves are a dressier, stylish replacement to the institutional-looking dining bibs more typical in this setting and the residents enjoy picking out their own scarf before each meal. The scarves are made with colorful flannel material. A member of the congregation lives in the Nations Cottage and is proud of the efforts of our ladies and does not hesitate to inform staff and visitors that "my church made these for us."



Davenport Rally



Ladies at the Davenport Zone Fall Rally made necklaces to be used as bingo prizes at Davenport Lutheran Home.

Williamsburg Rally



Williamsburg Zone Fall Rally was hosted by St. John's, Homestead. We all looked to Ruth Zuber for leadership as we anticipated this opportunity. Ruth planned the zone rally. She approved

the table set up, made decisions for food and activities, and even arranged for someone to cook in her absence. She knew she was going to the hospital for treatment during the rally. She said, "The doctor told me I would be in the hospital for a month, and I told him..." That was who she was. A leader, a force to be reckoned with, a loving soul. She died before the rally. She had planned the rally, which made it easy for us to host. Her funeral was harder to host without her organizational skills. Our lives will be harder without her. She will be missed here, but she is enjoying being with our Lord.

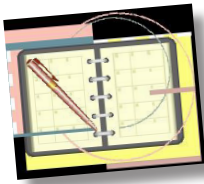


Westgate Zone

Westgate Zone Fall Rally was held at Peace Lutheran Church in Oelwein with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Independence as co-hosts. Before the rally a sing-a-long was held with Brenda Boyce as leader and Rhoda Baldwin as organist. The Rev. Michael Holmen led us in opening devotions and talked about our theme "God is Love". Mardene Bahe, president of the SONshine Mission Circle of Oelwein welcomed 41 members and three pastors. The Christian Life Committee did a skit about "Hearts".

Our speaker was Deaconess Faith Swenson of Fairbank. Faith talked about her education and what was needed to be a deaconess. She also shared information on what a deaconess does, can do and how she helps others.

Mark Your Calendars



May 1, 2020 Student Aid Application Due
June 12-13, 2020 – IED District Convention

SAVE THE DATE! **June 12-13** is the IED LWML convention. It will be held at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be David Fiala, assistant director of LCMS Missionary Recruitment. Please plan to attend!



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