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*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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*“The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits” (Matthew 21:43).*

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I live in the country. This time of year, when the trees are full of leaves and the corn is "as high as an elephant's eye", the only thing I see looking out my windows is God's creation. It is beautiful! I thank God for the beauty.



When I turn around and see and hear what's going on in our world, sin's impact on God's perfect creation is everywhere. Once again, I thank God. This time, I thank Him for sending Jesus to save us. I thank Him for Jesus' life and death on the cross to save me. I thank Him for His plan for me to be part of LWML – to learn more about Him and share that Good News with people near and far who need to know of His love. I pray for the world.

Imagine a world where everyone loved God with all their heart, soul and mind AND loved their neighbors just as they love themselves. What a beautiful world that would be. Until that heavenly day, let us continue to pray, praise and give thanks and "teach all nations" about God's love.

In June, Iowa East District held the election portion of our Convention, choosing our new leaders and our Mission Grant recipients for the 2020-2022 biennium. Check the website for the list and descriptions of each. Let us join together daily with our prayers, lifting these recipients to the Lord. Let us all remember, that even though our daily routines have changed, the daily needs of God's children have not. We all still need to hear His words and our Mission Grant recipients still need our mites so they are able to carry the Good News of Jesus redemptive work to those who need to hear that beautiful message.

*Margaret Kistler*  
LWML IED President



**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

When Jesus speaks in Matthew 22:37-39, And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus



**Counselor's Corner Cont...**

is summing up of the moral law, the Ten Commandments. These commandments are binding on all people in all times and places. This Law of God is good. A law that is often marginalized by being ignored or used as a means of salvation.

We need to remember how to use the law of God. In the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism, the law is used as a curb/fence that helps prevent sin. A mirror that shows us our sin. A guide, the teaching aspect of the law that teaches us God's will and pleasure. A law that is relentless in demanding that each of us keep the law perfectly without excuse.

How do we love God? How do we love our neighbor? In 1 John 4:19, We love because he first loved us. God has loved you by Jesus dying on the cross. His love gives you the strength and will to Love God and your neighbor. When you fail out of the weakness of your sinful nature, confidence is given that your life is covered by the work of Jesus.

This love of God and neighbor is manifested by your membership in LWML. As a member, you love God in learning about and sharing the message of Jesus. You love your neighbor by acts of mercy. All flowing from God's Love for you in Jesus. May God continue this work in you through His grace and mercy.

As your elected Jr. Counselor, I will continue forward in encouraging you in the grace and mercy of Jesus. A grace and mercy that leads us all forward in the LWML mission to love God and our neighbor.

In Christ,

*Pastor Koepke*  
LWML Iowa East District  
Pastoral Counselor

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Matthew 22:37-39

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*



Love. That little 4-letter word is used in the English language to express our desire for many things, from favorite colors, to pizza, to

our children and spouses. We love so much stuff! Yet we forget the "great(est) and first commandment" to love God above all things. Thankfully He doesn't forget to love us as often as we forget to show our love for Him. He blesses us with "every good and perfect gift from above" (James 1:17). And included in those gifts is our love for our neighbor.

There are many ways to reach out in love, and I have shared a variety of examples with you here in this column: devotions, Bible studies, crafts, cards and more can be found on the LWML website at lwml.org. We can also witness our love for God and our dedication to spreading His Gospel message by 'advertising' our church and the mission of the LWML on our clothing, jewelry, coffee mugs, and water bottles. These are often conversation starters that can lead to a witness of how God's Work is being accomplished through collecting mite offerings – to the tune of more than \$100 million in the past 78 years.

Our Christian Life committee has a lot of these specific items available for purchase at our District convention celebration planned for September 12 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Clothing, devotions, Bible studies, jewelry and more will be on hand. Can't attend the day at Camp? Perhaps a friend from your congregation or Zone will be there and would be willing to pick up some items for you. Or maybe you are the one attending and could bring home a new mug or necklace for someone in your church. I encourage you to proudly use these tools to spread the love of Jesus to everyone you meet!

*Becky Wehrspann*  
VP of Christian Life

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

The IED has been blessed by the service of Janell Wollschlager over the past four years as the District Vice President of Organizational Resources. This past June, the delegates elected me to continue her work for the next four years. I am so excited for this opportunity and very much look forward to serving our Lord through the LWML in this capacity.



My husband, Drew, and I live in Marion with our three children - Jack, Everly and Luke. Our days are filled with school, 4-H,

## Organizational Resources Cont...

gymnastics, swimming, going to the library, and exploring the world around us. When we are not trying to keep up with our kids, you can find Drew biking, running or gaming and me at Starbucks.

Having children has been one of the biggest blessings of my life. Seeing their faith just as Jesus described during his life on earth has changed me in the best, most unpredictable, way. Their unknowing example has shown me what it means to love the Lord with all your heart.

I am so grateful for the commitment of the LWML to continue to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors, near and far. I very much look forward to the opportunity to live this love to each of you through this newly elected position. Thank you, truly, for blessing me in this way.

*Carolyn Zimmerman*  
VP of Organizational Resources



## VP of Human Care

I am excited to be back on the Board of Directors and serve as your Vice President of Human Care. Some of you may already know me from the different roles I have had on the board. I live in Muscatine with my husband Darren and we attend Our Savior Lutheran Church. I work as an 8th grade math teacher in the Muscatine School District.



Teachers and students everywhere have just come off the weirdest and most challenging year of their careers. As I sit here and write this article schools across the state and country are trying to figure out what school will be like in the fall. Parents, students, and teachers are scared, worried and nervous about what their school will be like. Please pray for all those who are making difficult decisions about this new school year and the decisions they may have to make as the year progresses.

We have lots of different kinds of teachers in our midst. We have those that teach in our churches in Sunday School, weekday school,

VBS, etc. We have those that choose to homeschool their children. We have teachers that teach in our Lutheran schools and those that teach in public schools. All need our love and support. Here are some ways to support them. First of all, pray for them. Teaching can be a tough job no matter where you are doing it. A note of appreciation for their work can make their day. In most schools, money is in short supply and so helping out a teacher with supplies they need for their classroom will be most appreciated. If you don't know what to buy just ask. It won't take them long to let you know their needs. Or a gift card where they can make their own purchases. Don't forget the students in your communities. Many cannot afford the supplies they need. Some towns have collections for school supplies. Basic school supplies will be gratefully received if dropped off at the local school.

These are just a few ways that you can show your communities that you love and care for them.

*Angie Banka*  
VP of Human Care



## VP of Communications

About this time last year, I prayed for guidance and insights as a member of LWML-IED Nomination Committee. One of the names that came to mind was Helen Huedepohl (myself). Now I pray fervently for God to provide all that is needed to serve Him in this position. Would you join me praying for all of your leaders?



My husband Larry and I live on the campus of Highland Ridge Senior Living Community in Williamsburg. Our church family is St. John's by Homestead. Our four children and five grandchildren live in Iowa and Oregon.

If you served as a delegate for LWML-IED this year, you know that the VP of Communications position is changing in scope and structure. However, if you do have questions concerning LWML at any level, feel free to contact me. (Look on page two for contact details.) I will do my best to find the person who knows the answer.

I have a question for you. What would you

like to see on our LWML Iowa East District Facebook page? Have you visited that page? Here's the link <https://www.facebook.com/iedlwml>. This page plus our website <http://lwml-ied.org/> endeavor to keep you informed.

Our theme verse provides guidance and advice for all our communications: Love God and others! May God's love permeate all of our communication.

*Helen Huedepohl*  
VP of Communication

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## LWML IED MISSION GRANTS, 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

I am delighted to announce the grants selected to be supported during the 2020-2022 biennium.

1. Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid - \$15,000
2. Concordia Seminary Student Aid - \$10,000
3. Concordia Deacon/Deaconess Graduate Student Aid - \$5,000
4. Continuing Pastoral Education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Liberia, West Africa (partially funded) - \$2,184
5. Financial Aid for Seminary Students in South Africa (partially funded) - \$2,184
6. Community Lutheran School Bathroom, Readlyn, Iowa - \$5,000
7. Trinity Lutheran Student Scholarship Program, Cedar Rapids, Iowa - \$5,000
8. Voice of Care: Equipping Iowa District East for Disability Ministry and Respite Care - \$8,596
9. Orphan Grain Train, Central Iowa Branch, Clemons, Iowa - \$10,000
10. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch: Nutrition Center Transformation - \$7,036
11. Lutheran Braille Workers: Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness - \$10,000
12. Lutheran Family Service: Choose Life, Change Lives: Furthering Pregnancy & Adoption Services - \$12,000
13. Mission Central: At Just the Right Time - \$10,000
14. LCMS Missions: Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families - \$3,000

Our mission grant goal is \$105,000. With the Lord's help and our mighty-  
mites, we can meet our mighty mission goal! The updated mission grant  
list and bookmark may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants-3/>.  
Continue to keep these missions in your prayers.

Joyfully serving Him,  
*Elizabeth Gehle*  
VP of Gospel Outreach



# NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Greetings to my fellow sisters in Christ from your newly elected treasurer, Becky Gluesing. As we get to know each other, here's a little about myself. I am a retired RN, having spent the vast majority of my career working in the operating room. I am a wife, mother and grandmother. My husband Wayne and I have been married for 46 years. We have three adult, married daughters. They have blessed us with seven lovely grandchildren, five girls and two boys. I have been a member of LWML for 46 years serving in various roles at the local and zone level. This is my first district office, as such I am asking for your support and prayers.



I'd like to share something I read about the number 2020, the year we are in. An interesting fact is that if you add 20 and 20 together you get 40, which is an important number in scripture. The number 40 is mentioned 146 times in the Bible. Some of them are well known – it rained for 40 days and nights while Noah was on the ark, the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert after fleeing Egypt and Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning his ministry. Lesser known 40's include - Jonah spent 40 days warning Ninevah to repent, Elijah also fasted for 40 days on Mt. Horeb and that Saul, David and Solomon all reigned for 40 years. In the Bible 40 often represents a period of testing, trial and probation. Does that sound familiar?

The other thing about the year 2020 is that 2020 is the number used to signify perfect vision. But in reality, the only one with perfect vision is our heavenly Father. He truly knows what is best for us, even if it's not what we have planned. He sees beyond our physical form into our hearts. Our theme for this issue of the Alive is Matthew 22: 37-39. We are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your souls and with all your mind. This tells me we need to rely on His 20/20 vision to give us what we need and lead us through these trialing times we are experiencing.

In closing, here is the current accounting of our allocations with a reminder that even during this period when meetings have been curtailed, we continue to have expenses. Please remember your mites.

## 2020 – 2022 Budget (4/1/220 – 3/31/2022)

Outreach	\$188,260.00
Inreach	\$18,125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$206,385.00</b>

## Actual Expenditures (4/1/2020 – 6/30/2020)

Outreach	\$4,445.85
Inreach	\$939.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,385.31</b>

### % of Budget

Outreach	2.36%
Inreach	5.18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.86%</b>

*Becky Gluesing*  
Treasurer



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from January 1st to June 30th, 2020. Memorials and special gifts donations go towards 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.

Send your checks to: Marna Mohr  
2119 G Ave  
Marengo, IA 52301  
319-330-4685

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, 2020 to June 30, 2020

## IN MEMORY OF

## DONOR

Leta Mae Christy.....	Shirley Meyer
E Cleveland .....	Alden, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Eileen Christensen .....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
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Jim Jorgensen .....	Evonne Plagge
Roma Glandorf.....	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Fern Wetjen .....	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
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Cora Schoenfelder.....	Evelyn Wiebke
Lucille Snyder .....	Clinton, Trinity Lutheran Church
Jeanette Means.....	Iowa City, Our Redeemer LWML
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Bill Henson.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Ruth Pikerak.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Kermit Neubauer.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
David Brinkley.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Fredrick Lehrman .....	Stanwood, St Paul's Home Mission Circle
Darlene Read.....	Victor, St John's Ladies Aid
Mae Kaestner .....	Victor, St John's Ladies Aid
Shirley McMenemy .....	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Esther Schaefer .....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Harvey Von Ahsen .....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild

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Mae Kaestner .....	Larry & Helen Huedepohl
Mae Kaestner .....	Karen Kuesel
Mae Kaestner .....	Frances Magdefrau
Mae Kaestner .....	Mary Kollmorgen
Mae Kaestner .....	Elaine Haren
Carol Borcharding .....	Latimer, St Paul's LWML
Mae Kaestner .....	Loretta Vogt
Dale Baack .....	Marna Mohr
Ruth Bruch .....	Carol Edwards
Karen Goeglein .....	David & Lou Ann Knaak
Shirley Hansen.....	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild
Nadine Coots .....	Victor, St John's Ladies Aid
Howard Huedepohl.....	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Dale Baack .....	Larry & Helen Huedepohl
Carol Lake .....	Iowa City, Our Redeemer LWML
Evalyn Mathews.....	Hubbard, St John Lutheran Mission Circle
Ruth S.....	Readlyn, Klinger LWML
Gordon Heitshusen .....	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Lorraine Stedman .....	Westgate, St Peter LWML

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

### SPECIAL OCCASION

### DONOR

Merle & Alice Burmeister 50th Anniversary .....	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Martha Hamdorf 100th Birthday .....	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid

**TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1,056**

### LWML SUNDAY

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

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits. As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.

# VOTING RESULTS

Thank you to all the Iowa East District LWML delegates who participated in the mail in voting this summer. Go to <https://lwml-ied.org/> to see the full results of the voting.



## THE WHEELS ON THE LWML BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND ...ALL THE WAY TO LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY!

Charter Bus Chairman needed for Iowa East District Bus that will travel to the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky on June 24-27, 2021.

Duties include: estimating number of riders, size of bus needed, and contacting charter bus companies for bids. Next, bring a report to Iowa East District BOD with recommendation for company that will best fit needs, size of bus and proposed fare to charge. You will prepare publicity and a reservation form for the Iowa East District, accept reservations, and keep in contact with riders. You will work closely with the national leaders who arrange charter bus plans and hotels for charter riders and prepare an itinerary for riders.



## ZONE WEB PAGE RESOURCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

At the request of the zone presidents, I have created a web page that can be used by each zone. It is up to each zone how these pages are to be utilized.

Right now, only Clinton, Dubuque, Mt. Pleasant, Waterloo, Westgate and Williamsburg zones have made use of this resource. I encourage the other zones to do the same.

Here is a good example to see how one zone is using this page <http://lwml-ied.org/westgate-zone-news/>.

*Jeanette Kreutner*  
Webmaster



## OPEN POSITIONS

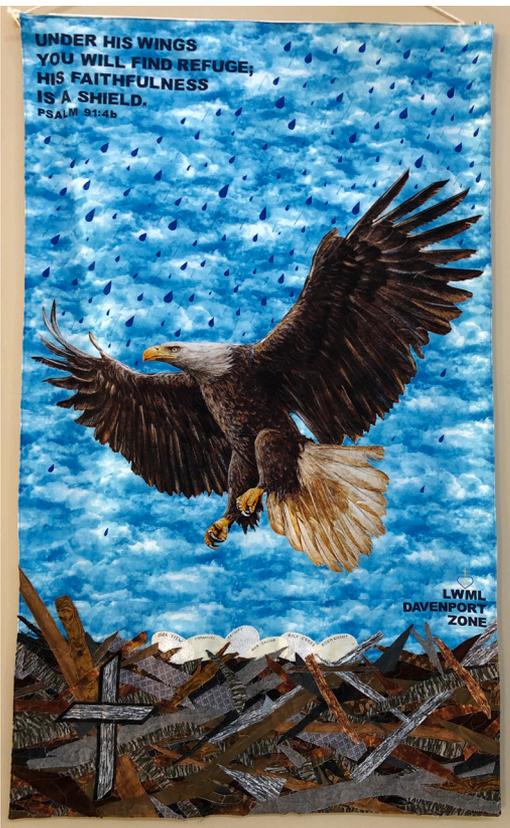
There are many ways to serve Iowa East District LWML. If you are interested in one or more of the following opportunities, please contact President Margaret or your zone president to get more information.

The Appointed Positions that are open and need to be filled as soon as possible are:

- ***District Registrar (New position)***
- ***Short - Term Mission Coordinator***
- ***Heart to Heart Coordinator***

The Standing Committee openings to begin in November are:

- ***Christian Life Committee (3-year term)***
- ***Member Development Committee (3-year term)***



The Davenport Zone Banner is ready for the District Convention Celebration. The eggs have the names of the society church on them.



51 quilts were assembled, tied, and delivered to the Orphan Grain Train in Clemons by the Faith Lutheran LWML in Mt. Pleasant this summer. The two young Edwards sisters and their grandmother also assembled and donated school kits, layette kits, and a sewing kit.



THE CLINTON ZONE

The Clinton Zone will not hold a Fall 2020 gathering due to Covid-19. The zone board will meet to handle any items that cannot wait until Spring 2021.

THE WESTGATE ZONE FALL GATHERING

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger are hosting the Westgate Zone Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m. with registration inside the church entrance.

Opening devotions by Rev. Philip Girardin, host pastor begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at 9:45 a.m. The Rev. Andrew Preus, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Guttenberg and St. Paul Lutheran Church of McGregor will be speaking at 10 a.m. with "Standing on Scripture" - 2 Timothy 3:12.

After the Christian Life skit, reports, and business meeting with installation of new officers, the Rev. Michael Holmen, Zone Counselor will conduct the closing devotion.

We will be collecting supplies for mercy and school kits for the Orphan Grain Train.

Due to COVID-19, everyone is asked to bring their own beverage and snack as food will NOT be served at this gathering. Masks are encouraged, but not required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12, 2020 – Convention Celebration at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Registration, LWML Store Opens, and Servant Events begin at 9 a.m.

October 17, 2020 – Lutheran World Relief Pickup in Cedar Rapids and Ankeny

June 24-27, 2021 – LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

# FALL 2020 ZONE GATHERING SCHEDULE

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>City</b>
Benton	10/15/2020	1:00 PM	First Lutheran	Belle Plaine
Cedar Rapids	10/3/2020	9:00 AM	St. Paul's	Marion
Clinton	No fall zone gathering.			
Davenport	9/19/2020 is canceled. Hope to reschedule for October or November			
Dubuque	No fall zone gathering.			
Eldora	No fall zone gathering. Mail in voting in October.			
Marshalltown	Postponed until spring 2021.			
Mt Pleasant	10/17/2020	9:00 AM	Immanuel	Fairfield
St Ansgar	10/10/2020	9:00 AM	Trinity	Osage
Waterloo	9/26/2020	8:30 AM	St. John	Denver
Westgate	9/19/2020	9:30 AM	Immanuel - Klinger	Readlyn
Williamsburg	No fall zone gathering.			



## ZONE PRESIDENTS

### **BENTON ZONE**

Elaine Haren

### **MARSHALLTOWN ZONE**

Pam Haase

### **CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE**

Carolyn Zimmerman

### **MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE**

DeEtta Rasmussen

### **CLINTON ZONE**

Sheryl Zinda

### **ST. ANSGAR ZONE**

Darlene Bodermann

### **DAVENPORT ZONE**

Tammy McKay

### **WATERLOO ZONE**

Judith Fink

### **DUBUQUE ZONE**

Jeanette Kreutner

### **WESTGATE ZONE**

Nancy Maurer

### **ELDORA ZONE**

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### **WILLIAMSBURG ZONE**

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