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250 bookmark crosses, as pictured above, were made by Beverly Nielsen-Flugge from Elma and given to each attendee at the banquet during the Convention Celebration. Beverly, age 89, has attended many National Conventions and served in many offices of the LWML over the years. She sews around her society's quilts still today.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17, brings joy to my heart. Christ has done it all for me, for you, for all.



It goes without saying, 2020 has been a year that will be remembered. I will remember 2020 as the year the Iowa East District Convention took on a whole new look. We held virtual meetings, voted by mail, adjusted our schedules and more. God was right there, leading us all the way. Those that were able, met at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in September for a Convention/Celebration and heard from all of our planned speakers. We were inspired by their messages and pledged to continue with the Lord's work. Our new officers were elected and our mission goal was established by 150 delegates, voting from their homes in June, to fund 14 Mission Grants during the 2020-2022 biennium. Please continue to pray for these grant recipients and fill those beautiful mite boxes. Your new officers are already hard at work with the rest of the Board of Directors making plans for the future of LWML Iowa East District.

You will soon be seeing more information in the LWML *Quarterly* about the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27, 2021, or check it out at www.lwml.org. Your prayers for the planning committees and the safety of all those traveling to and attending the convention will be greatly appreciated. Iowa East District is making plans for a charter bus to the convention. If you are interested in receiving more information about these plans, please contact me. As plans are made and finalized, you will be notified.

Volunteer opportunities to serve on District Boards and Committees are available. Every one of you is a vital part of the work of the LWML Iowa East District. Please contact me, your local officers or current District Board members if you are interested in serving with the District Board of Directors.

This year may have been quite different, but the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's mission and vision are still the same.

President's Corner Cont...

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Serving with gladness,

Margaret Kistler
LWML IED President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

As this newsletter is being received, we are entering into a new church year—the season of Advent has brought us to another cycle through our spiritual journey. Soon, a new calendar year will begin, with many people praying that the new year is better than the one ending. Every morning in which we are privileged to receive blessings, from the Lord, even amidst struggles and trials of many kinds. We tend to like new things. Not simply because they are bright and shiny, but also because new things often mean moving forward in good directions.



In his second letter to the congregation in Corinth, the apostle Paul wrote, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus came into the world, born of the virgin Mary, to bring something new to those who are His. He came to bring not a new teaching—His message was the same of Moses and the Prophets. He came to bring not a new way of life—God's people have always been asked to follow the ways of God rather than the ways of the world. The "new" that He came to bring is the reality of a new creation within and for His people.

You are made into a new creation already. That happened in your baptism. You have been brought into Christ and made into a new creation. You have been washed clean

of sin and have had the righteousness of Jesus bestowed upon you. The "old" lived under the curse of sin and was condemned to an eternity separated from God. That has been put to death. The new creation has been instilled in you. Living in forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, you are given a new life, a redeemed life, an eternal life in the presence of your Lord who never leaves you nor forsakes you.

One of the functions of LWML is to come alongside women in the Church and to offer support and encouragement in living that new life to which you are called. The mission of LWML is to assist each woman in the LCMS "in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world." And the Iowa East District of the LWML is directed toward fulfilling that, as well. You are a new creation in Christ. With your sisters in the district and throughout our synod, may you be strengthened to live under the cross as the creation Jesus has made—and re-made—so that you may each serve the Lord with gladness, renewed in that gladness every day until Jesus returns to bring us ultimately to the new heavens and the new earth!

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie
LWML Iowa East District
Pastoral Counselor

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).



During a recent word search in my online Bible, I found the word "new" appears 211 times in the ESV. With a skim of the passages, I found there were a lot of "new" things in the Old Testament: new grain, new prophets, new moon, new song, new wine, a new generation; and also instances of "news" (which also appeared in the search), such as news of death and dying. But many of the instances of "new" in the New Testament are regarding God turning something old into new – most importantly us, His children and His creation.

Christian Life Cont...

According to Luther’s Small Catechism, in our baptism, we are washed clean with life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit. Christ’s death and resurrection promises us that new life is ours. We rejoice knowing that we live now in this new life, this new creation – as we daily confess our sins and receive forgiveness for them. One of the primary focuses of the LWML is to offer each woman opportunities to be in the Word and to use her unique gifts in God’s service. We do this by the Grace of God and for His glory.

There are “new” resources available at <https://www.lwml.org/covid>, specifically created by the Leadership and Development team during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some highlights include tips on meeting safely; making masks; supporting schools, retirement/nursing centers, and food pantries through service activities; links to various Bible studies; special LWML backgrounds for Zoom meetings; and more. I encourage you to use these new resources as you celebrate and cherish the new life you have through Christ Jesus our Savior.

Becky Wehrspann
VP of Christian Life



VP OF HUMAN CARE

As I am writing this article the season of summer is coming to a close. We have had our first cold snap; the leaves are turning and the days are growing shorter. By the time you read this the autumn season will be coming to a close, the heat will be on and the new season of winter will be upon us. Perhaps many of you can look in your closet and see a variety of coats, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to choose from when you go out into the cold. Sadly, for many of our neighbors and community members that is not the case. When they look in the closet all they may see is a less than warm sweatshirt and nothing for their heads or hands.

I would like to encourage you individually or as a society or church to consider donating



winter items to help out those without such things. Grateful recipients of these items would be homeless shelters and schools. New items are generally preferred, but I’m sure that very gently used items would be accepted as well. Let’s help keep everyone warm and safe this winter.

Angie Banka
VP of Human Care

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 5:17, reminds us that we are brand new! How will God use His new creation – YOU – today? This week? This year? In 2021?



All local groups have received the *LWML Iowa East District Official Record Information* form to complete and return. Don’t let that paper get buried in your “To Do” pile. Iowa East District needs this information to expedite communication with you. We have deadlines to get updated numbers to LWML for *Quarterly* subscriptions.

The face masks that we use to prevent the spread of virus must not prevent the spread of God’s Word – His Gospel. The masks do not gag you. You can still communicate His justice and love.

Helen Huedepohl
VP of Communication



TREASURER

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Recently, my husband and I went for a drive just to get out of the house and to view the fall foliage. My first thoughts were what a wondrous God we have who created such beauty for our pleasure. On a little deeper

retrospection, I thought about how the leaves are turning colors in the trees and will soon fall to the ground to decay. But through no effort of their own, come spring these same trees will sprout new leaves then soon be in full foliage. It didn't take much of a leap to see the similarities between myself and the trees. As a person past retirement age, I can tell my body is 'changing colors'. There are more aches and pains, shop till you drop involves dropping a whole lot earlier and it takes a little bit to get all the joints moving in the morning. While I deserve nothing more than eternal death and decay, I have a most gracious God that through no merit of my own, will restore me to live with Him in eternal salvation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come.

As I prepared our financials for the current biennium, I noticed how the coronavirus has affected our ingathering of mites. My LWML society, Eventide of Trinity Lutheran in Clinton, did not meet for 6 months. The time without meeting significantly decreased our mite offerings. On the other hand, as I'm sure Marna will report, the generosity of my fellow LWMLers was obvious. Here is where we stand for the current biennium:

**2020 – 2022 Budget
(4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022)**

Outreach	\$188,260.00
Inreach	\$18,125.00
Total	\$206,385.00

**Actual Income/Expenditures
(4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022)**

Income	\$22,934.70	11.1% of budget
Expenditures		
Inreach	\$1,978.08	10.9% of budget
Outreach	\$26,912.29	14.3% of budget
Total	\$28,890.37	14.0% of Budget

Becky Gluesing
Treasurer



LWML IED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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/>.

Applications are due May 1 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-poster-2020/>.

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

Emma Armbrecht, Williamsburg

Concordia Nebraska, Junior
Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Brett Determan, Cedar Falls

Concordia Nebraska, Freshman
Pre-seminary

Marissa Kroenke, Bettendorf

Concordia Theological Seminary Ft Wayne
Deaconess – MA, year 2

Joyfully serving Him,
Elizabeth Gehle
VP of Gospel Outreach

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The following Financial report shows all money deposited April 1st, 2020 – September 30th, 2020.



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 30th 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.

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

Thank you for sending in your mites!

Marna Mohr
Financial Secretary

LWML Iowa East District April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (15)	\$194.12
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (15)	\$157.13
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (18)	\$278.81
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$-00
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (9)	\$462.87
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$24.94
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (6)	\$11.18
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (7)	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$112.16
CEDAR FALLS IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (14)	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (30)	\$50.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$54.84
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (58)	\$380.71
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$-00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$-00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML (12)	\$50.00
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (15)	\$-00
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES (30)	\$192.49
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$254.83
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$192.15
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD (15)	\$500.00
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$-00
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$52.50
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (23)	\$75.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (8)	\$-00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (21)	\$-00
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION (35)	\$265.41
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (30)	\$250.00
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (15)	\$100.00
DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$-00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (24)	\$251.17

DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD (60)	\$-00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (26)	\$350.00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY (8)	\$90.00
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (15).....	\$-00
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (43).....	\$-00
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (20)	\$-00
ELMA, ST PETER LWML (15).....	\$323.64
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE (12).....	\$45.68
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE (22).....	\$106.47
FAYETTE, GRACE LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (5).....	\$-00
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (20).....	\$-00
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY (10).....	\$-00
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive).....	\$-00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (12).....	\$235.00
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY.....	\$291.54
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (10).....	\$-00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY (53).....	\$264.00
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) (8)	\$317.71
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (12).....	\$165.00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE (18).....	\$220.00
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML (9).....	\$4.50
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD (30).....	\$420.67
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (50).....	\$64.00
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (13)	\$202.79
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LUTHERAN LWML (inactive)	\$-00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD (13).....	\$50.00
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20).....	\$588.96
LA CONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (15).....	\$148.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34).....	\$263.45
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11).....	\$250.39
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML (8).....	\$16.86
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR (22).....	\$558.61
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (23)	\$105.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50).....	\$516.62
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (25)	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON (5).....	\$-00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (48).....	\$-00
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (5)	\$-00
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML (35)	\$83.00
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (10).....	\$507.01
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (10)	\$52.00
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25).....	\$-00
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (28)	\$189.80
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15).....	\$-00
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE (10).....	\$179.75
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$-00
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (35).....	\$-00
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD (20).....	\$-00
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$45.80
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML (21).....	\$103.00
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (14)	\$165.65
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS (20).....	\$-00
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML (30)	\$787.18
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (45).....	\$-00
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (6)	\$25.50
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive).....	\$-00

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SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$-00
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$20.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (20).....	\$-00
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23).....	\$104.26
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY (18)	\$90.57
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14).....	\$-00
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS (14).....	\$-00
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES (17).....	\$192.69
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$566.10
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (6)	\$-00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (inactive)	\$-00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (4)	\$-00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (18).....	\$-00
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (12)	\$-00
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (6)	\$-00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (23)	\$260.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML (7)	\$88.87
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML (10).....	\$310.00
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12).....	\$117.05
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES (11)	\$86.55
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive).....	\$-00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (16).....	\$241.82
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY (18).....	\$278.70
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
Total of Society Contributions April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 ...	\$13,984.50

ZONE RECEIPTS.....	TOTAL
BENTON	\$150.00
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$-00
CLINTON.....	\$-00
DAVENPORT	\$-00
DUBUQUE	\$-00
ELDORA	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN.....	\$-00
MT PLEASANT.....	\$-00
ST ANSGAR	\$-00
WATERLOO	\$-00
WESTGATE	\$-00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$483.75
Total of ZoneContributions April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.....	\$633.75

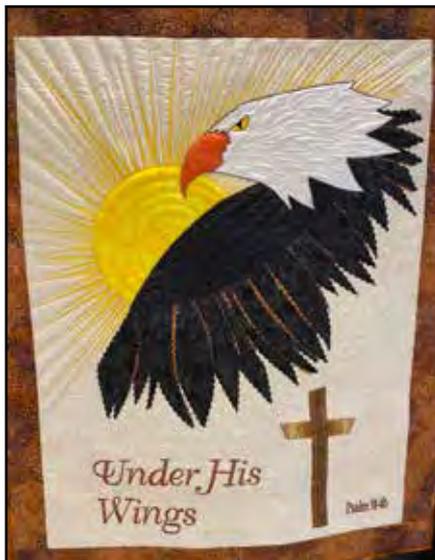
Thrivent Choice (Endowment Fund).....	\$137.00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials).....	\$2,344.55
IDE DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$3,082.64
IDE DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-00
Sub-Total Receipts April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.....	\$20,182.44

LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	\$2,732.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST	\$22,914.70

IED CONVENTION CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS



A big thank you to these ladies from St. Ansgar Zone for hosting a wonderful Convention Celebration and for their incredible flexibility as plans changed! St. Ansgar Zone won the mites challenge for the convention. The goal of \$4,000 for the convention was met.



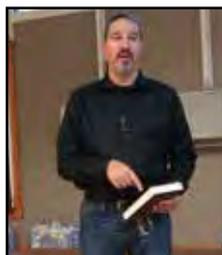
Beautiful Convention Banner. We remember that during the Convention Celebration the 78 people in attendance collected two offerings: \$1,645.41 to go to our IED Mission Grants and \$2,681.75 to go to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Gifts from the Heart for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca included: 56 assorted paper products, 51 cleaning supplies, eight office supplies, and one case of water.



Ripping bandages was fun during our servant event time.



Making Witness Bracelets for Most Ministries to use in the Mission Field to help share the Gospel. Ladies also colored cards for Phil's Friends



Convention Speaker David Fiala, LCMS Mission Advocate spent the day with us and spoke at our banquet. He gave great reports about our missions within the LCMS.



Lexington Skit performed to invite ladies to attend the National Convention in June.



Folding bandages during the servant event time



CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE GATHERING

Dr. Sarah Mathias joined the Cedar Rapids Zone Gathering via Zoom to speak about her Short-Term Medical Missions in Guatemala. The ladies of Our Redeemer Lutheran, Iowa City and St. Paul's Lutheran, Marion co-hosted this wonderful gathering.



CLINTON ZONE GATHERING

The Clinton Zone held their fall zone board meeting on September 25. There will not be a Fall 2020 Gathering, but they are planning on a Spring 2021 Gathering at Grace, DeWitt.

The Mary Martha Circle at Immanuel, Grand Mound, recently held a collection of school supplies for the teachers in the congregation. Many people of Immanuel contributed needed supplies and money so the ladies could support the local teachers.



MARSHALLTOWN ZONE GATHERING

The Marshalltown Zone postponed their fall gathering this year, and will have it in the spring of 2021. The ladies of St. Paul Lutheran in Lacona will host the rally.

Six women from our zone attended the LWML District Celebration/Convention at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in September. Our zone banner, designed and made by Ann Roach, Chariton, was displayed along with other zone banners.



Contact Hilary Brech, Meeting Manager if you are interested in purchasing the Iowa East District badge for \$1. Many women like to wear these badges while at convention to show which district they are from.



Visit www.lwml.org/mailbox for Mailbox Member Program information and resources. This is a great program to utilize while many face difficulties of meeting together during Covid 19

WESTGATE ZONE GATHERING

On Saturday morning, September 19, 2020 the Westgate Zone LWML held their Fall Gathering "Standing on Scripture" at Immanuel-Klinger. The morning started at 9:00 a.m. with registration. An in-gathering of donated items for "school kits" and "health kits" for Orphan Grain Train in Clemons were collected together with Thrivent Action Team projects.

Opening devotion by Host Pastor Philip Girardin was given at 9:30 a.m. followed by speaker, Rev. Andrew J. Preus from Trinity-Guttenberg and St. Paul-McGregor. Pastor Preus based his Bible study "Bearing the Cross" on 2 Timothy 3:12.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Maurer. 26 members, three pastors and two guests were present.

Iowa East District LWML representative present was President Margaret Kistler. She shared news from the district. A week prior, the 2020 LWML Convention/Celebration was held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca due to rescheduling and relocating after the "traditional convention" was canceled in June. One of the high points at camp was the "Mite Challenge" of raising \$4,000 (with \$500 from LCEF) was met! It was truly an exciting time with all thanks given to God!

In response to fulfilling the Convention/Celebration fundraising challenge, President Margaret was to "wear the wings" made for her. But there were no wings to wear that day of the convention... She may have thought, with no wings to wear at the convention/celebration she got out of doing that... Well, to her complete surprise, during her presentation at this rally,



a week later of meeting the challenge, she was reminded by her LWML sisters that she needed to start wearing "her wings"! Thanks to Martha Hartwig and her creative sewing skills, she made President Margaret "purple wings" after Karen Boehme asked her on Sunday the 13th if it would be possible for her to have them ready for the upcoming zone rally -- in six days. So, President Margaret was "winged" this day and the mites raised for the challenge will help spread the word of the gospel through the LWML. SPOILER ALERT: for those zones holding their Fall Gatherings in the near future - keep your eyes open to see the "purple wings" on our district president!

The LWML sketch presentation, "Exercising to His Word", was given by Brenda Boyce, Marilyn Helmuth, and Becky Wehrspann.

Closing devotion was led by Pastor Michael Holmen, LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor.

Thanks to those who were a part of this inspiring time - pastors, organist, board members, attendees and the ladies of Immanuel!

The Westgate Zone Spring Gathering 2021 is scheduled to be held at St. Paul-Readyln.



WESTGATE ZONE SOCIETY SKETCH

The St. John's/St. Paul's Ladies Society, Sumner, Iowa celebrated LWML Sunday on Oct 4, 2020 in both of our churches. With the help of vacancy Pastor Michael Parris, our members presented a sketch from the LWML website. It was titled, "A Revealing Conversation," and gives a summary about Mite Boxes.

The Photo shows, "The Wallet" Patsy Buls, (Treasurer of our Society) and "The Mite Box", Darla Fagenbaum (Secretary of our Society). In the background is the Westgate Zone Banner from the 2018 IED Convention.



for the day. Our congregations also said the LWML pledge. We ended our services with the hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

As was stated in the sketch, 75% of the money contributed on October 4 will go to IED, and 25% of that money will be sent to the National LWML.

The sketch was performed prior to the sermon

LWML 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION INFORMATION



Date: June 24–27, 2021

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Scripture Verse: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

President: Debbie Larson

Goal Statement: Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

Objectives: Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.



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