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Seek *first*  
the Kingdom of God

LWML Sunday is traditionally celebrated the first Sunday of October, but can be celebrated anytime. The LWML has many resources and materials to help you prepare.

[www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday)

Free resources available for download include:

- Bulletin Covers
- Litany, Children's Message & Sermon that can be incorporated into your worship service
- Bulletin Bites

Also, don't forget Mite Boxes, Mission Grant resources, LWML Sunday Envelopes, and any other materials your Society likes to distribute to members of your congregation.

The LWML Sunday theme encourages us to Seek First the Kingdom of God together this LWML Sunday!

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# Bounty of God's Love



This past July, I enjoyed a peaceful ride leisurely kayaking on a small lake in northern Wisconsin. The late afternoon temperature was in the upper 70s, the surface of the water was like a mirror, revealing fish swimming alongside me, the kayak slowly drifting through the waterlilies and the sound of the loons calling. At moments like this it is easy to feel the bounty of God's love. Nature provides us with a glimpse of God's bounty as wildlife and foliage are exquisitely cared for.

Participating in the 2015 LWML Convention in Des Moines was a different way to experience the bounty of saving grace that God has provided for us. It was amazing to experience the joint effort put forth by Iowa East and Iowa West districts. We have received many compliments on what a wonderful convention it was. If you have some time, check out the convention photos that are posted on the LWML website. I can almost guarantee that you will see someone you know in the photos!

Coming soon to a zone near you is a mini-convention experience. Your zone's Fall Rally is a place to gather with sisters in Christian fellowship, to hear about missions, and to learn about opportunities for service in the mission of spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

The LWML of Iowa East District is sponsoring a retreat in September. This, too, is a mini-convention experience, but a very relaxed one. Come join your sisters in Christ at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca and experience the bounty of God's love.

Have you thought about sharing your Christian faith and love for others by filling in an application to serve on a committee position for the district? Applications need to be completed and returned to me by November 1, 2015. The application is posted on our website or is available from your Zone President.

Being a member of the LWML allows us to reap the bounty of God's love in many individual ways. May God grant each of us the desire to share it.

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*Joan Berquist*  
LWML IED President

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have  
eternal life. (John 3:16)*

## Counselor's Corner

I wonder where, when and why death became known as "The Grim Reaper." The hooded skeleton figure dressed in a black robe with a scythe in his hand is indeed an interesting personification of death. Whatever its origin, it seems that the message conveyed about death is that it is ugly, it is scary, and it is coming after us to cut us down. And that is absolutely accurate ... apart from Jesus Christ.



For us and for our salvation, Jesus the living God came to earth to face the grim reaper. Death swung his scythe at Jesus and thinking that he had cut Jesus down like any other human, he rejoiced prematurely as the body of Jesus was laid in a grave. Not so fast, grim reaper. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Death could not and did not hold the sinless Son of God in the grave. Jesus is alive! Sin is forgiven! Death is defeated! The grim reaper has met his match.

Believe that as he comes after you. His scythe is still swinging and each of us is in its path. Fear not this ugly enemy. For in Christ, we are now the reapers, reaping the bounty of God's love. From the font, the pulpit, and the communion rail, God has poured in bountiful measure the riches of his grace that flow from the cross and the open tomb. Freely and without limits he invites us and implores us to reap the bounty of His gifts. What a wonderful plan of salvation, Jesus does the saving work and we reap the blessings! Let guilt raise its ugly head for we have one who declares us holy and blameless. Let the grim reaper swing his scary scythe, we have One who promises, "Because I live, you will live also."

*Now hell, its prince the devil, of all their powers are shorn; Now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn. Grim death with all its might cannot my soul affright; It is a powerless form, howe'er it rave and storm. (LSB 467 v. 4) God bless us as we receive and share the bounty of His love in Christ.*

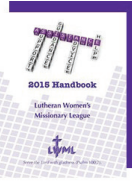
Pastor David Kempfer

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## HELP for your Zone/Society using the LWML Handbook



Is your Zone or Society seeking information about improving? There are many resources available. One is the LWML Handbook – 128 pages long, containing everything you should know about the LWML. Find it on the Web in PDF format at [www.lwml.org/home](http://www.lwml.org/home) – select the



Service tab and under that select **Group Resources**.

Once the new window "Group Resources" opens, go to the right side – under "Additional Group Resources" you will find a link to "Bylaws and Meeting Helps." Click that link to open another window. Scroll down to "LWML Handbook" on the left and click the link "2015 LWML Handbook" and the Handbook will open in PDF format.

**The Introduction** contains the definition of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), the Mite Box, the Mission Statement, our Symbols, the League Pledge and a Brief History

**Section A** contains information for Societies/ Local Organizations and Individual Members. The contents include: The Organization/Structure, The Circle Plan, Program, Officers, Finances, Relationships between the Individual Member, Society, Zone, District and LWML, Bylaws and LWML Resources for Societies and Individual Members

**Section B** contains information for Zones which includes the following topics: Purpose of the Zone, The Organization/Structure, Program, Officers, Nominations, Finances, Zone/District Relationship, Zone/LWML Relationship, Bylaws, Program Helps, and Resources

**Section C** contains information for Districts

**Section D** contains information about the LWML in general and is worth reading

**Section E** contains such items as: Articles of Incorporation, LWML Bylaws and Standing Rules

**Section F** contains a number of Meeting Helps

**Section G** contains a number of LWML-specific Resources such as: The LWML Pledge, Songs, Mite Box Devotions, Officer Installation and Blessing of the Quilts

**Section H** contains LWML Terms

If your Society or Zone would prefer a "personal" touch regarding improving your Society or Zone, please contact Kathy Schweer at (319) 466-3084 or (319) 321-2696 (cell), or email at [kdschweer1@msn.com](mailto:kdschweer1@msn.com).

Blessings to your Zone or Society as you continue to serve our Lord and Savior through the LWML!

In His Service,  
Judy Westergren  
Vice President of Organizational Resources

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## Human Care

As you read this article, many are now in the harvest time. This kind of harvest is a material harvest, but what about your spiritual harvest? Galatians 6:7-8, 10 (NIV) says "... a man reaps what he sows. Whoever



sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

At our Convention in Des Moines, it was wonderful to see all the quilts being tied, the pillow case dresses being sewed, school kits put together, Bibles being marked, etc. at the Servant Events. All was done in love, to make someone's life better. I and two other volunteers did Child Care for infants to 4-year-olds, so their mothers could enjoy the convention activities. There were nine children in our group. It was a joy to do this and also to meet new people. To God be the Glory.

*Darlene Read*

Vice President of Human Care

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## Gospel Outreach

Did you attend our National convention in Des Moines? If not, you missed a wonderful opportunity to see how our mites are helping through mission grants. Now that we have our 2015-2017 biennium grants selected at the national level, it is time to look toward our District Mission Grants for 2016-2018. The October 1, 2015 deadline is quickly approaching. Go to our web site ([www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org)), click on Mission Grants, and download the application.



Students were very busy this past spring with applications. We have the privilege of supporting nine young adults through our Student Aid Grants as they work toward their goal of full-time church work. Please take time to learn more about them on our web site or on Facebook.

Highlighted below are two more mission grant recipients who are reaping the bounty of God's love.

Mission Central, "Lutheran Church of the Philippines Church Planting" - \$10,000: The Church of the Philippines has established a goal to plant 100 new congregations and train hundreds of lay evangelists by 2017. Professional fees, government compliance and administrative costs for training and doing business in the Philippines are serious challenges to providing Christian care to the very poor who live in darkness. This grant helps overcome those obstacles to reach the people of the Philippines with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lutherans For Life, "Word Of Hope Ministry" - \$5,000: Word of Hope recently merged with Lutherans For Life. Its mission is to bring the healing of Jesus Christ to men, women, and families whose hearts are broken by abortion.

Word of Hope's program provides Gospel-focused resources, a 24/7 telephone hotline that answers 300 calls a month, confidential counseling and support to those who have had an abortion in the past and counseling for those who are contemplating an abortion in the future. Word of Hope shares the Gospel to bring healing, hope, and forgiveness.

*Cynthia Kefoot*

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

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## Updating Society & Zone Records



It was exciting to see so many of you at our LWML National Convention in June. Thank you to all the volunteers who served with a heart like Jesus. Check out the information and photos at [www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org). Thank you to our very own webmaster and Public Relations Director Marie McNary for all the hard work in keeping us informed.

Many of you are getting ready for your Zone and Society elections in the coming months. Please remember to complete your new Zone and Society Record Forms after your Fall Rally and Society elections. The forms will be available from your Zone President as well as on our website ([www.lwml-ied.org](http://www.lwml-ied.org)) under Zone & Society Resources. Please complete the forms and send them to me as soon as possible. These forms are very important in three ways: 1) they provide the IED Board with your contact information so we can keep you updated; 2) they are used to count members and societies; and 3) they are used to order and bill your Societies for the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Alive newsletter. Please complete this form and return it every year, whether you have an election yearly or not, and even if your officers have not changed.

Between now and January 31, 2016, is the only time of the year you can decrease your Quarterly subscription numbers. Updated numbers are sent into the LWML office in the spring and take effect with the summer issue.

Please send your completed form to your Zone President or to me at: Vickie Ozburn, 226 W Main St., Lisbon, IA 52253.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord ..." Col 3:23 (NIV).

*Vickie Ozburn*

Vice President of Communication

# Christian Life



September is upon us, when summer turns to autumn, and we hope there will be an abundance of food, water, clothing, housing, money, etc. to carry us through the winter months ahead. We plead for a harvest of plenty and pray that God will sustain us. In Genesis 8:22 we hear these words, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." In essence, God is telling us he will provide; it may not be in the way we envision, but all we need to do is put our trust in him. "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him" Jeremiah 17:7 (NIV). Not only will we reap the bounty of the harvest, we will reap the bounty of God's love.

When I heard that the theme for Fall Retreat is from John 3:16, it brought back memories of my confirmation days. This was the Bible passage that was bestowed on me the day I was confirmed. God gave me his one and only Son to die for me so that I would not perish but have the eternal life, a life that we should all be ready and waiting for. In the meantime, He will provide the harvest for as long as the earth endures, we can put our trust in this acknowledgement.

Remember how you put your trust in Him in the past, contemplate how you are putting your trust in Him now, and look to the future to see how you can continue to put your trust in the Lord. No matter what the time of year, no matter where our life might take us, God will always be our constant companion. "By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me a prayer to the God of my life" Psalm 42:8 (NIV).

Blessings on your months ahead.

*Vickie Klinkhammer*  
Vice President of Christian Life

# Heart to Heart



How blessed we are to know that the Lord loves us every day and always. The Holy Spirit has given us the faith to graciously receive His gifts and endless love. We shout for joy as we reflect on what the Bible teaches, for the power is in the Word of God and the Bible is God's Word. Each time you open your Bible you will discover His gifts that will enrich your lives, comfort and inspire you.

The Bible shows us that the body of Christ grows and is strengthened when we have the support of one another. Through the mission of LWML and Heart to Heart Sisters, diversity is what builds a strong organization. Embracing diversity is a key element in becoming a team. Oneness in Christ is strengthened through teaming with LCMS sisters of varied ethnic, cultural, generational and organizational backgrounds. In an effort to support Christian Sisters of LWML and Heart to Heart we must continue to encourage one another in our walk with God.

God calls you to use whatever gifts, talents, and qualities He has given you to serve Him (1 Peter 4:10). Let us come together in His name to strengthen our Societies, Zones, and our District, to build friendships and grow Heart to Heart Sisters through LWML. We might begin with "mentoring," – a word we are all familiar with, but how often do we apply the meaning in our daily lives? Jesus left us with a "Mentor"—the Holy Spirit. Let us begin today by applying our mentoring qualities: faithfulness, recognizing needs, commitment, listening, trustworthiness, and encouragement.

Women of LWML and Heart to Heart Sisters are mission-minded and know that as children of God we are all one in heart, and are blessed to share in the joy as we witness Christ at work in the hearts of all God's children. "I will sing to the Lord because He has dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:6).

Iowa East District Heart to Heart Sister Coordinators Nancy McHone (nlmchone@gmail.com) of Waterloo, and Jeannie Mirfield (jeannieinabottle62@yahoo.com) of Port Byron (Davenport), are eager to visit with your Societies or Zones and share what they have learned through the Heart to Heart Sisters Leader training sessions. They also would be available to help with structuring Heart to Heart Sisters within your Societies or Zones. Please contact Nancy or Jeannie if you have questions, ideas and/or comments to share.

Rejoicing with you in the glory and wonder in all of God's gifts!

Inside each *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* are Bible Studies, articles, devotions, Mission Grant updates, news from LWML groups around the United States, and much more!

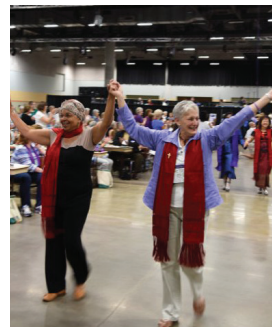


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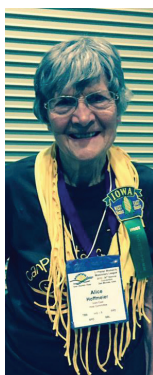
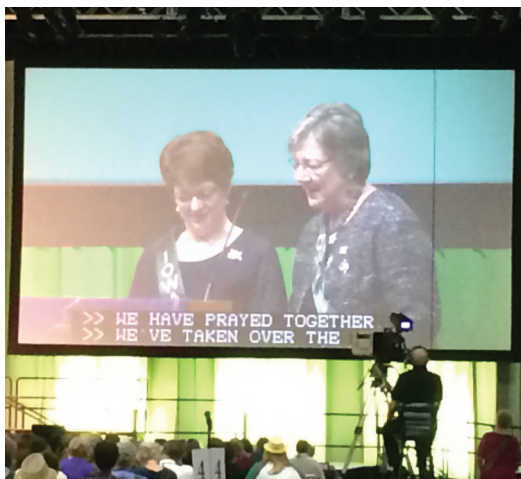
Don't miss out!



# LWML Des Moines Convention Highlights



# June 25-28, 2015





## Member Development

This issue of the Alive is filled with reports of the excitement of our convention in Des Moines and the many stories of what our mites have done and will be doing for missions. At the final session on Saturday a first-timer asked me, "What does the other \$500,000 do for missions? Why do we say we have a mission goal of two million dollars and then only designate part of it for mission grants?"

My quick answer was that all the work that LWML does is for the purpose of mission and service. But where does the money go? LWML does not have any dues, so all the costs of running the organization must come from our mites. The officers and board members at any level of the organization are not paid, but they are reimbursed for expenses of attending the meetings (although many of them donate their travel costs). There are paid staff at the national level for publishing, accounting, marketing and other services. Committees develop the resources available to all of us through the web site or the catalog, but converting them to all the materials available free to members and societies is done by LWML staff.

And what rich resources we have! One of my favorite parts of convention is visiting the LWML store to see what is new. The clothing, books, and gift items are nice to have, but the real treasures are in the many pamphlets and notebooks for how to improve our work at the society, zone, and district level. There is help for every officer and committee and most of it is free or at a very nominal cost. I am finding inspiration from the new book by our past national presidents, Hope Notes: Devotions for Women. I encourage each of you to use the resources of LWML.

May we all grow in our ability to "Serve the Lord with gladness."

*Kathy Schweer*  
MMV Consultant

## Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief fall pick up will be October 17, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids and at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

*Dori Stanek*  
LWR Coordinator

## Fall Retreat

Reaping the Bounty of God's Love – John 3:16

Has your garden's bountiful produce got you dragging? Do the dog days of summer have you looking to finish off the season with refreshment for your soul? Look no further than the LWML Iowa East District Fall Retreat! The Women of the Waterloo Zone invite you to the Fall Retreat on September 18 and 19 at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca. Continue to nurture the seedlings of friendship formed this summer in Des Moines.

Bring your Bible and be renewed in the abundance of blessing found in His Word! Discover the abundance of joy to be found in sharing time with your sisters in mission. Be sure to dress comfortably for our time together, which will include servant event opportunities at the camp, and projects that were started at convention.

Register by **Sept. 4** for the reduced rate. The registration form can be found online at [www.LWML-ied.org](http://www.LWML-ied.org). Towels and/or bedding linens can be requested on the registration form for a fee, or you may bring your own.

We will collect Gifts from the Heart for Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca. Visit <http://www.campiodiseca.org/Supportthecamp.html> for a complete list of needed items.

The Waterloo Zone looks forward to hosting you!

### Friday, September 18

1:00 pm – Check In Begins (Friday only or both days)

2:00 pm – Servant Events, Hayride

5:30 pm – Opening and Camp Tours

6:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm – Devotions/Vespers

7:30 pm – Break

7:45 pm – Bible Study and Skit

8:30 pm – Campfire, Music

9:15 pm – Closing Devotions

### Saturday, September 19

7:00 am – Faith Walk

7:30 am – Check In (Saturday only)

8:00 am – Breakfast

8:45 am – Devotions

9:00 am – Bible Study

9:45 am – Break

10:00 am – Speaker: Alice Hoffmeier

11:00 am – Activity

11:45 am – Christian Growth - skit

12:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm – Music

1:15 pm – Bible Study

2:00 pm – Devotion and Closing





# Financial Report

The following Financial Report shows all memorials and donations given in remembrance of special people and occasions from January 1 to June 30, 2015.

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 (not cash) made payable to LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED.

Thank you for sending in your mites so we can Sow, Nourish, and Reap! The Lord has bountifully blessed us!

Serving Jesus with you,

*Elizabeth Gehle*  
Financial Secretary



## LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

JANUARY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2015

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR	IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Ruth Anderson	Diane Paulson	Opal Hinton	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Karen Bachman	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild	Opal Hinton	Mrs. Robert G. Pekarek
Ruby Bachman	Van Horne, St. Andrew Missionary Society	Frances Hoger	Waterloo, Immanuel Women's Guild
Frank Bird	Alden, St. Paul's Ladies	Lillian Holtz	Westgate, St. Peter Women
Susan Bishop	Linda Berghoefer	Lucille Jones	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Susan Bishop	Lynn Evans	Lucille Kenning	Evonne Plagge
Marie Bohle	Dubuque, Charity Guild Redeemer	Charles Kleinmeyer	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Merita Brecht	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid	Naomi Krakow	Marengo, St. John's Ladies Aid
Merita Brecht	Helen Huedepohl	Dorothy Krakow	Marengo, St. John's Ladies Aid
LaVonne Brockshus	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid	Veneta Kroemer	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
LaVonne Brockshus	LaVerne Walters	Veneta Kroemer	Luella Scott
Lillian Canterbury	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society	Barbara Kueker	Donald Kueker
Marcella Doehrmann	Lynn Evans	Barbara Kueker	Norbert & Audrey Schmidt
Marcella Doehrmann	Janis Hinrichs	Barbara Kueker	Waverly, St. Paul Artesian
Marcella Doehrmann	Helen Huedepohl	Gladys Lamasters	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Marcella Doehrmann	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	Betty Lind	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Shirley Farmer	Deloris Clayton	Gary Lovik	Hosanna Circle, Zion, Hiawatha
Shirley Farmer	Harriet Marcaris	Neoma Newton	Frances E. Magdefrau
Pat Garbe	Lynn Evans	Neoma Newton	Luella Scott
William Garringer	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	Ray Nodurft	Manchester, Our Savior Mission Guild
Lillian Hillers	Delaware, St. Paul's Women's Society	Gladys Osmundson	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Ellen Hillmer	Waterloo, Grace Hannah Society	Mildred Potratz	Westgate, St. Peter Women
Opal Hinton	Alice Herrold	Janis Prange	Helen Huedepohl

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR	IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Janis Prange	Harlan & Barbara Schnebbe	Mary Thies	Elma, St. Peter LWML
George Prange	Harlan & Barbara Schnebbe	Mary Thies	Mary Thies Memorials
Arlene Rabe	Belle Plaine, First Lutheran Women in Mission	Mary Thies	DuWayne Kirchner
Arlene Rabe	Frances E. Magdefrau	Orma Warschkow	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Laurie Rose	Westgate, St. Peter Women	Geneve Wetherbee	Deloris Clayton
Lester Runge	Davenport, Trinity LWML	Geneve Wetherbee	Helen Maddick
Lester Runge	Lester Runge Memorials	Geneve Wetherbee	Harriet Marcaris
Alberta Schmidt	Darlene Bodermann	Geneve Wetherbee	Marshalltown, Redeemer LWML
Alberta Schmidt	Mary Thies	Shirley Whitmore	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Fran Schrein	Cedar Falls, Our Redeemer Mary Martha Guild	Ed Wibben	Fort Madison, Our Savior Ladies Guild
Lois Schuchmann	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild	Carla Wieben	Gloria Krob
Lucille Sonnenberg	Davenport, Trinity LWML	Arlene Wulf	Reinbeck, Dorcas Society
Louise Stambaugh	Marengo, St. John's Ladies Aid		

SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED	
SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
In celebration of the Baptism of Laura Joy Amen (Heidi's great niece)	Heidi Iltis
Alvin & Cathy Licht's 50th anniversary	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Richard & Arla Mae Ebers' 60th anniversary	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Shirley Petrack's 80th birthday	Allan & Joyce Schanbacher
In honor of 100th anniversary in June	Victor, St. John's Ladies Aid
Mary Balvanz's 90th birthday	Bonnie Voss

**TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$2939.35**

*Serve the Lord With Gladness - Apply for an LWML Iowa East District Board Position!*

Now is the time to prayerfully consider submitting your name for a position on the LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors. Both elected and appointed positions will be available in 2016.

Elected positions will be decided by convention delegates at the 2016 LWML IED Convention in Oskaloosa. Please consider submitting your name for the ballot:

- Vice President of Organizational Resources
- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Human Care
- Treasurer

Appointed positions will be appointed by LWML IED President, Joan Berquist to begin in January 2016. Positions available are:

- Public Relations Director/Assistant Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Christian Life Committee Member
- Archivist / Historian
- Member Development Committee Member
- Short Term Mission Project Team

Applications for all positions can be found on our website at <http://lwml-ied.org/society-resources/>

# Society

## St. John's Lutheran Ladies celebrate a century of service

St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid of rural Victor enjoyed a momentous celebration of their 100th anniversary on Sunday, June 14, at their church south of Victor. The morning service began with the ladies singing "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Pastor Stuart Rethwisch recognized them for their volunteer dedication to the congregation and the world, by this auxiliary of the church.

As a part of the observance, all ladies were invited to wear hats, harking back to the traditions of years gone by. Also recalling tradition (up until about the recent half century), the women sat on the north side of the church, while all men sat on the south side. As a unique recollection of the past, the offering was gathered in klinge boildes, velvet bags attached to wooden poles, which were extended down the rows of parishioners by the ushers. The klinge boildes were purchased by the Ladies Aid in 1918.

Following the service, a short program included the reading of a brief history of the century of Ladies Aid activity. A bountiful dinner was provided and served by the Church Council.

### A Meaningful History

On Jan. 18, 1915, twelve ladies met to organize a ladies group. At the next meeting, it was named "The St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid Society." Meetings were to be held the second Thursday of each month, which continue to this day. The German language was used for the first three years, and after 1918 English has been used exclusively.

In 1918 the ladies began making and giving away quilts to area families who had fires and other disasters, and the practice has spread to donations around the world. There is no exact count of quilts that have been donated, but it is estimated to be approximately 3,000. This year, most of the record number of 60 quilts crafted by St. John's went to Lutheran World Relief, who collectively delivered 9,240 quilts to Nepal in the earthquake disaster.

In addition to supplying quilts, the Ladies Aid also made bandaging cloths for hospitals in World War II. They have sponsored students to become church workers, served many meals for funerals, farm sales and other events, and

provided new altar coverings and financial assistance to larger church projects, such as carpeting and a new roof. In November each year, boxes of baked goods are packed and given to shut-ins, those serving in the military, and college students.

Until February 1948, the ladies met in the members' homes, until the church building was raised, and the basement was built. Several times each year the meetings are held at area restaurants.

In 1947 the Ladies Aid joined the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League, which provided the women with a world-wide avenue of access to help with needs everywhere. Their motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Through gathering of Mites for Missions, based on Jesus' parable of the widow's mite, nearly two million dollars has been put to work here and abroad, in the past biennium.

Through its century of existence, the St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid has been dedicated to promote Christian knowledge, to develop a greater zeal for church work and missions, to perform works of charity – and for wonderful fellowship.



First row: Gloria Neuhaus, Judy Hinrichs, Marie Schultz, Ruth Jahlas, Nadine Coots and Ilene Meyer; second row: Merleta Roberts, Sandy Slaymaker, Marna Mohr; back row: Betty Bayer, Lois Weiss, Jen Rethwisch, Carol Meyer, Mary Anne Meyer, Jasiel Timm and Liz Roberts.



Ilene Meyer, 94, has been a member of St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid for 70 years, and still has all of the 70 years of program booklets since she became a member of the society. She is also the oldest member of the congregation.

The badge of praying hands was one of those created for all the members by Liz Roberts.

# Mark Your Calendar

September 4, 2015 – Early Discount Deadline for Fall Retreat

September 18-19, 2015 – LWML IED Fall Retreat, Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

October 1, 2015 – Submission Deadline for 2016-2018 Mission Grant Applications

October 17, 2015 – Lutheran World Relief Pick-up, Cedar Rapids & Ankeny

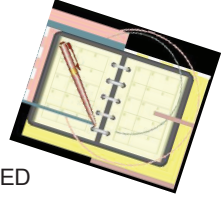
November 1, 2015 – Application Deadline

for LWML IED Elected or Appointed Positions

November 7, 2015 – LWML IED Board of Directors meeting

June 17-18, 2016 – LWML IED Convention, Oskaloosa

June 22-25, 2017 – LWML Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah



## 2015 Fall Rally Schedule

Benton	Thursday, September 24	St. Andrew	Van Horne	8:30 a.m.
Cedar Rapids	Saturday, October 24	King of Kings	Cedar Rapids	9 a.m.
Clinton	Saturday, October 3	Immanuel	Charlotte	8:30 a.m.
Davenport	Saturday, September 26	Trinity	Davenport	8:30 a.m.
Dubuque	Saturday, October 17	Our Savior	Manchester	9 a.m.
Eldora	Saturday, October 17	Trinity	Hampton	8:30 a.m.
Marshalltown	Saturday, October 10	St. Paul	Lacona	9 a.m.
Mt. Pleasant	Saturday, October 17	Faith	Mt. Pleasant	8:30 a.m.
St. Ansgar	Saturday, October 3	Immanuel	St. Ansgar	8:30 am
Waterloo	Saturday, October 10	College Hill	Cedar Falls	8:15 a.m.
Westgate	Saturday, October 24	Peace	Oelwein	11 a.m.
Williamsburg	Saturday October 3	St. John	Marengo	8:30 a.m.



## ZONE PRESIDENTS

### BENTON ZONE

Diane Rabe

### CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE

Cheryl Killham

### CLINTON ZONE

Alberta Martens

### DAVENPORT ZONE

Kay Berry

### DUBUQUE ZONE

LouAnn Knaak

### ELDORA ZONE

Sharon Mulford-Henson

### MARSHALLTOWN ZONE

Becky Wright

### MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE

Angie Banko

### ST. ANSGAR ZONE

Betty Borchardt

### WATERLOO ZONE

Judith Fink

### WESTGATE ZONE

Marlys Deterding  
Zelma Fink

### WILLIAMSBURG ZONE

Lynda Krueger