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LWML Pastoral Counselor (2011-2015)

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Beauty in the LWML



About 25 years ago, I became very ill. The nature of my illness was puzzling, even to the doctors. It took more than two years before I had a diagnosis in hand. Meanwhile, we had to drop one thing after another from our lives. So many things I thought I had to do, and enjoyed doing, I could no longer do. One day, at a very low point, I shared with my husband, Roy, that I only had enough energy for caring for our young children, and some days I couldn't even do that! Roy's response surprised me, "What if everyone made their children their priority? Think what this world would be like!" Wow! What an impact this had on me. I could no longer participate in church choir, or leading the youth group, LWML meetings, or participate in weekly worship, but what I did get to do was to give our children a loving home and a strong spiritual foundation.

As my strength returned slowly over the years, while pacing my daily activities carefully, I began to ask, what CAN I do? I knew what I could no longer do, so I began to focus on what my limited energy would allow me to do. Slowly, my life returned to a new normal. One of the things I discovered during this time was the beauty of the LWML. We can participate in this group at many different levels. I encourage you to seek out and find the level that is right for you, one that not only fits into your life, but challenges you to take the next step in your spiritual journey. Be open to how and where God invites you to participate in His mission, sharing the love of Jesus with others by giving to mites, chairing a meeting, serving a funeral luncheon, leading a devotion, being a Zone officer, joining the District board or writing an article for the Alive or the Quarterly! No matter what your circumstances are, God can use you. The opportunities are boundless!

I hope to see you all this summer, God willing, at the 38th Biennial LWML Iowa East District Convention in Oskaloosa on June 17-18, 2016. What a joy to be able to celebrate missions by electing officers, choosing Mission Grants and praising our Lord together, united as Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Matthew 6:34. "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Joan Berquist
LWML IED President

Counselor's Corner



Right now – think of a situation that concerns you. It may be in our world, in our culture, in your family, or in your own private life. Got it?

Now take the next 15 seconds and worry about it. Ready . . . Go! That was SO productive wasn't it? It did wonders in helping change the situation, didn't it? Worrying is so valuable isn't it? (I hope sarcasm comes through in print).

Now take that same situation and use a different approach, one Jesus gives in Matthew chapter 6 and ask yourself these questions:

Does God take care of sparrows?

Yes.

Does God love you more than sparrows?

Yes.

So will God take care of the situation?
YES!

Does God take care of the flowers? Yes. Are you of way more value to Him than flowers? Yes.

So will God take care of the situation?
YES!

Has worry ever, ever accomplished anything good?

No!

Jesus deals firmly and yet gently with us and our worry moments. He develops and delivers His gift of trust by filling our minds and hearts with what He tells us about the love and care of our Heavenly Father. Read Matthew 6:25-34 and hear a loving Savior pointing you to a loving Father to whom you can come with your "situations." These verses are loaded with promises, assurances, and reminders that Jesus uses to tell us that whatever it is that concerns us is something that is within our Father's knowledge, concern and control.

The divinely inspired alternative to worry is to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, that is, to receive the salvation of Christ that comes through the Word of God. Then we will know and be assured that "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things." (Romans 8:32)

Pastor David Rempfer
Pastoral Counselor

Bylaws.... Bylaws... and More!



The LWML IED 2016 biennial convention once again will involve reviewing and updating the bylaws to reflect what we are doing.

Delegates especially are requested to review the proposed changes prior to attending the convention. You may receive a copy from the website or from your Zone President. A copy of the current bylaws as well as proposed changes are available on the following website: <http://lwml-ied.org/bylaws/>. The changes include but are not limited to:

- Handling societies that disband.
- Uniform use of abbreviations throughout.
- Clarifications within sentence structure etc.
- Clarify duties of the Vice President of Christian Life to reflect current practice.
- Clarify how the mailing list for the Quarterly and Newsletters is handled.
- Update the duties of the Christian Life Committee and Human Care Committee to reflect current practice.
- Changes are proposed for the Mission Grants Committee and Student Aid committee to reflect current practice.
- Change the list of Alive newsletter proof recipients reflecting current practice.
- Set term limits for the Short Term Mission Coordinator and Heart to Heart Coordinator.
- Update the Mission Grant Procedure to reflect current practice.
- Update the Endowment Fund sections to reflect current practice and clarify procedures.

Specific proposed updates to the LWML IED bylaws will be presented during convention. All delegates should review the proposed changes and bring any questions to the Delegate Orientation. There will be time for questions during the convention as well.

Judy Westergren
Vice President of Organizational Resources

Zone & Society Reminders



It is time once again to bill each society for their Quarterly and ALIVE subscriptions. The price for the Quarterly is \$5.00 per year per subscription when ten or more copies are sent to one address. If less than ten copies are sent to one address, the price is \$6.50 per subscription. The cost per year per ALIVE subscription is \$3.00.

Society Presidents and Treasurers should have received statements in February. Please make every effort to submit your remittance as soon as possible. Please contact myself or Elizabeth Gehle if you have any questions or concerns about your statements.

Also, please continue to send in your updated Society Record Forms for 2016. You can find a copy online at <http://lwml-ied.org/societyresources/>.

I would like to close with a thank you. With the end of my term approaching in June, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers and support. It has been a wonderful experience and it was a great pleasure to serve with you at our National Convention in Des Moines and the past four years. I have fond memories that I will cherish.

God's blessings to each of you as together we are Lutheran Women in Mission who are in the Word, of the Word, and walking with our Lord.

Vickie Ozburn

Vice President of Communication

Human Care



"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matt. 6:34. It is our sinful nature to worry, we know worry doesn't solve anything. If only we take our worries to God in prayer.

Most everyone knows someone – in our own family, in our church family, a neighbor or coworker, who has heard the diagnosis of cancer. As they struggle to cope with

this possible life threatening disease, we can stand by them to show our love and support as Jesus would have done. Pray that you might be able to meet some of the physical and spiritual needs of the patient and patient's family. Send cards, give lots of hugs, offer transportation to doctor's office or treatment center, treat the patient and family to a meal. Offer a few hours or half day relief to a caregiver. Deliver altar flowers to the patient if available, email uplifting stories and jokes. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1.

A reminder to bring complete mercy (Hygiene) kits for the 2016 LWML Iowa East Convention in Oskaloosa June 17-18. Each kit consists of one of each item: bath towel(dark), wash cloth(dark), bath size bar of soap (wrapped), adult size tooth brush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant, 6 Band-Aids(3/4") secured together, and 1 or 2 tissue packets. All items should be new and the loose items should be rolled up in the washcloth/bath towel, and secured with a ribbon or yarn. See you at Convention!

Darlene Read

Vice President of Human Care

Christian Life



I was thinking about the theme for this article of the "Alive" and I wondered how well I was adhering to its message:

Matthew 6:34. "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (I would also advise going back and reading verses 25-33.)

As I thought more and more and pondered on this passage, I realized that I don't worry about tomorrow as much as most people do as they age. I have been of the mindset that what will be will be, God holds my future in his hands. Sure, I have a five year plan, goals in life that I still want to achieve, but I am not worried that these plans or goals may change along the way. I struggle enough just to get through each day as it comes for as we all know, tomorrow never arrives, with each new day, it is today. I feel this was God's way of telling us "DON'T WORRY!" Philippians 4: 6-7 states "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and

petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Can anyone tell me how often you have heard these words, "Don't worry about tomorrow." We hear it in the faithful hymns of our church, we hear it from our friends and family members, and our pastors preach this in sermons, echoing what God tells us in His Word. We need to listen to what God is telling us. Luke 12:24-34 parallels Matthew 6:25-34. Put your faith in God. Listen to what He is telling you in His Word, "Don't worry about tomorrow." He will take care of you today! "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you, he will never let the righteous fall." Psalm 55:22; Proverbs 3:56 tells us to "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

"Have No Fear Little Flock" (Hymn 735, LSB) sums up this message for me, I hope it does for you!

Vickie L. Klinkhammer
Vice President, Christian Life

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Gospel Outreach

Where has the time gone? It seems like the postman was placing applications for student aid in the mail box for 2015-2016 and here it is time once again for the process to start all over. The May 1st deadline is just around the corner so do not delay. We are now accepting applications for Undergraduate Student Aid grants for the 2016-2017 school year. The applications can be found online at www.lwml-ied.org. Look under Mission Grants for the student aid page. As you read through the application guidelines, #4 contains the links for the application and financial condition forms to be downloaded. At the bottom of the page you will find a link for the Student Aid Checklist. If you have questions be sure to call me at 614-715-4108. Please keep the postman busy with your applications.



Cynthia Kofot
V.P. Gospel Outreach

mites continue to come in, we are able to honor the grants that are still pending. Here is an overview of three more mission grants that we have for the 2014-2016 biennium.

"Short-Term Mission Trip Assistance" - \$5,000 payment pending

A goal of the LWML is to encourage each LWML District to participate in short-term mission opportunities to raise awareness of the great need of spreading the Gospel Message throughout the world. The LWML Iowa East District is committed to offering short-term mission opportunities for its members. This grant would fund portions of travel for LWML Iowa East members in an effort to expand the number of women who can participate in short-term mission trips.

Migori Lutheran Church, Kenya, "Pastor and Evangelist Transportation" - \$5,000 payment pending

In an effort to reach more people with the message of salvation through faith alone in Christ Jesus, leaders of Migori Lutheran Church in Kenya travel great distances on foot. This time-consuming mode of transportation is a poor utilization of the Pastor and Evangelist's time. More time-efficient travel could be achieved by purchasing two modest-priced motorcycles, with proper helmets, jackets, and insurance, which this grant would support.

Mission Central, "Mercy Work, Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation, China" - \$10,000 paid in full

This project builds strong, lasting relationships with the Chinese people who desire and need education, health and sanitation, and developmental opportunities such as education scholarships, building schools, libraries, water wells, latrines, clinics, medical training, HIV/AIDS education and micro-credit establishment. The church connects these physical life-sustaining benefits with Word and Sacrament ministry. These blessings are shared in Mainland China with the poorest of the poor. Adoption of this grant will allow LCMS missionaries dedicated to spreading the Holy Gospel to connect with the poorest of the poor of Mainland China through mercy projects that will shine the Light of Jesus on their lives.

Help Available to Zone and Society Leaders

For most societies, as well as the zone, district and national levels of LWML, the new year does not begin in January. By this time, officers and members are well into the work of this biennium. How did your orientation go? Do you still have questions about what needs to be done when?

If so, help is available! The officers at each level are ready and willing to answer your questions and find the information or resources you need. Or, if you stump them with a really unique query, they will help you find the answers. Often the quickest way to get help is to go to www.lwml.org. It is a very user friendly resource for information about upcoming events, program ideas, Bible Studies, devotions, etc., as well as all the items available at the LWML store.

My resolution for 2016 is to be more effective in my role as chairman of the Iowa East District Member Development Committee. In order for me to accomplish this, I need your help in three ways:

1. Volunteer for the District Member Development Committee, or persuade someone from your society to do so.

2. Let me know the issues, concerns, struggles, and successes you have in developing the full potential of your society or zone. We are open to suggestions about ways in which the Member Development Committee can enhance Zone Rallies, District Convention, or Retreat.

3. Pray that each member finds their best way to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

We look forward to seeing you in Okaloosa in June!

Kathy Schweer
Chairman, Membership Development Committee

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



You can also find it online at lwml.org.

Don't miss out!

Heart to Heart Sisters

"So do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Each day surely has enough trouble. How does the Heart to Heart Sisters program spread across our district? Who will do that 'spreading'? How do we find our Heart to Heart Sisters? What do we say? How do we act?

Matthew tells us not to worry about things that haven't happened yet. God has promised that He will not abandon us. Christ tells us He will be with us to the end of the age. So why do we worry about how to act or what to say to our Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters - our sisters of diversity? Why? Because we are all weak, fear-filled, sinful human beings!

The solution? We need to actively welcome our H2H sisters. Learn together of each other's similarities and differences. Speak in love and about Christ's love to each other. Reach out and draw them in - sharing a oneness in Christ. Now, THAT's sisterhood!

Nancy McAllone
Heart to Heart Sisters Coordinator



Fall Retreat "Save the Date"

Set your GPS (God's Plan for Salvation) for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca LWML Fall Retreat on September 9th & 10th. Look for more info & registration form in the next Alive.

**Lutheran World Relief
Pick Up - April 16**

Trinity Lutheran Church • Cedar Rapids
8:30 til noon

Ankeny • Resurrection Lutheran
8:30 til noon

Questions call Dori Stanek
319-845-3030 or 319-558-9773

Financial Report

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from July 1 to December 31, 2015. Memorials and special gift donations go towards mites unless otherwise specified by the donor.



to the district are forwarded to national LWML on a monthly basis to help meet national grant goals and expenses. 75% of all mites received remain in the district to meet district grant goals and expenses.

May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him!

Elizabeth Gehle
Financial Secretary

As a reminder: 25% of all mites submitted

SOCIETY RECEIPTS

July 1, 2015 TO December 31, 2015

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR		
Don Ahrens	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society	Helen Heitshusen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Doris Von Ahsen	Lynn Evans	Clifford Heitshusen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Doris Von Ahsen	Joan Heitman	Ellen Hillmer	Janet L. Miller
Doris Von Ahsen	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	Ellen Hillmer	Waterloo, Grace Sewing Circle
Bob Baker	Davenport, Trinity LWML	Helen Jackson	Luella Scott
Fern Becker	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle	Helen Jackson	Stanwood, St. Paul's Home Mission Circle
Joy Below	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle	James Jones	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Susan Bishop	Muscatine, Our Savior LWML	Eddie Kinsinger	Lynn Evans
Norma Borcharding	Evonne Plagge	Edward Kloetzer	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Mildred Busch	Luella Scott	Don Koch	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Don Clayton	Beverly Grove	Don Koehn	Waverly, St. John's Dorcas Society
Phyllis Dohrmann	Evonne Plagge	Genevieve Krieger	Manchester, Our Savior Mission Guild
Bertina Eckman	Lynn Evans	Loyce Larsen	Iowa City, Our Redeemer LWML
Bertina Eckman	Garth & Vicki Gardemann	Arlene McMann	Blairstown, Grace Ladies Aid
Bertina Eckman	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid	Lucinda Meier	Waverly, St. Paul Artesian
Bertina Eckman	Helen Huedepohl	Virgil Meswarb	Waverly, St. John's Dorcas Society
Bertina Eckman	Marengo, St. John's Ladies Aid (Hinrichs)	Fritz Miller	Davenport, Trinity LWML
Bertina Eckman	Darlene Read	Frankie Moennich	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid
Bertina Eckman	Barbara Schnebbe	Alice Mae Neubauer	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Bertina Eckman	Lloyd & Mary Ann Trimpe	Ruth Norton	Harland and Joan Heitman
Richard Fatland	Alden, St. Paul Ladies Aid	Darwin Otto	Readlyn, Klinger LWML
Gladys Granzow	Eldora, St. Paul Ladies' Aid	Monica Pichelmann	Reinbeck, Dorcas Society
Evelyn Hack	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid	Wayne Picht	Waverly, St. John's Dorcas Society
Evelyn Hack	Luella Scott	William Ramspott	Alden, St. Paul Ladies Aid
Mildred I. Hall	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid	Robert Rasmussen	Waverly, St. John's Dorcas Society
Larry Hanson	Alden, St. Paul Ladies Aid	Donald Rubendall	Alden, St. Paul's Ladies Aid
Marie Happel	Jim & Helen Jorgensen, Jr.	Erna Schmidt	Denver, St. John's LWML
Marie Happel	Van Horne, St. Andrew Missionary Society		
Merle Heinzeroth	Alden, St. Paul Ladies Aid		

Jean Shaffer	Manchester, Our Savior Mission Guild	Kyler Stockton	Darlene Read
John Sheldahl	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle	Kyler Stockton	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Emily Smith	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid	Orville Walter	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Beulah Strieter Snyder	Harold, Janet & Elizabeth Gehle	Reno Walter	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Avis Steinfeldt	Eldora, St. Paul Ladies' Aid	Ruth Walters	Iowa City, Our Redeemer LWML
Kyler Stockton	Lynn Evans	Richard Wenz	Davenport, Trinity LWML

SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
Thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary – Chuck & Sharon Akers	Chuck & Sharon Akers
In honor of Alice Hoffmeier's 80th birthday	Pat Powell
50th wedding anniversary - Everett & Ruth Ann Kroemer	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
50th wedding anniversary - Terry & Roseanne Schneider	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
In honor of Heidi's niece's marriage - Michelle Mueller & Erik Sorenson	Heidi Iltis

TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1555.01

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*Did you know ... That you can designate
your Thrivent Choice dollars
to LWML Iowa East District?
Please contact Financial Secretary,
Elizabeth Gehle wth any questions.*

38th Biennial LWML Iowa East District Convention, June 17-18, 2016

Have you sent in your registration yet? Don't wait! Encourage all your LWML sisters to attend the Iowa East District Convention at William Penn University in Oskaloosa on June 17 and 18th. Get there early on Friday for servant activities, set up your dorm room (remember to bring bedding, pillow and towels), and then take in all that God has planned for you at this convention. Human Care ladies will gladly receive your Mercy kit ingathering materials and then you can head next door to check out the exhibit hall with its many vendor displays. So much to do and see in such a short weekend. We're excited to host past LWML President, Janice Wendorf as our keynote speaker. Her messages are always inspiring and uplifting. Rev. Bart Day will speak on National Missions and we'll hear from former missionaries Rev. Bob & Sue Pfeil during the convention. Enjoy opportunities to meet the YWRs, renew friendships and make new friends, and get ideas for your society. Registration deadlines are quickly approaching, so don't delay. Check out the district website or the Winter Alive issue for the registration forms and Mercy kit instructions.

Set your GPS for Oskaloosa, and we'll welcome you with open arms!

Publicity Committee, 2016 LWML IED Convention

Mission Grant Proposals

The following Mission Grant Proposals will be presented and voted on at the LWML IED Convention in Oskaloosa for our 2016-2018 biennium. The list below is presented by Cynthia Kofot, VP Gospel Outreach.

- LWML IED Student Aid - Undergraduate - \$15,000
- LWML IED Student Aid - Seminary Student - \$10,000
- Iowa District East Deacon/Deaconess Graduate Student Aid - \$5,000
- Lutheran Hour Ministries - Reaching Rahab - Outreach Ministry to At-Risk Young Women in Kenya - \$5,000
- LCMS - Veterans of the Cross - \$2,500
- LCMS - Hanoi School Library Upgrade - \$5,000
- LCMS - Mercy Medical Team Chaplain Scholarships - \$4,000
- Rev. Duane Meissner - Christ to Belize - \$10,000
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services - Detention Ministry - \$5,000
- Concordia Editorial - Spanish Edition of Chocolate Life Women's Devotional - \$10,000
- Concordia Gospel Outreach - Churches to Children Outreach Project - \$7,500
- Trinity / Hope - Haitian Feeding Program - \$5,000
- Lutheran Indian Ministries - Equipping Native Americans to Proclaim God's Might - \$7,000
- CLEF-E Reader Project - \$5,000
- Higher Things - Providing Special Needs Items for Higher Things Youth Conference - \$5,000



Convention Speakers



Janice Wendorf will be serving as our keynote speaker. Janice was the 16th president of the LWML from 2007-2011. She currently serves on the board of Lutheran Hour Ministries and Concordia University Wisconsin. She is married to the Rev. Kenton Wendorf and they have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

Pastor Bob and Sue Pfeil served as Missionaries to Kyrgyzstan for 11 years. Bob continues to serve congregations as vacancy Pastor and fill in for pastors when needed. He is also a Representative for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Sue served on LWML National Board as Chairman of Gospel Outreach Committee and is active in her zone and district LWML.



Rev. Bart Day is executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission. His primary responsibility is to oversee all national mission functions of the ministries based at the church body's headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. This includes over 17 programmatic ministries that work to support districts, congregations, schools, and workers of the synod.

Debbie Larson will serve as the LWML Representative to our District Convention. Debbie is the Vice President of Organizational Resources. Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman desires to share Christ and be Christ to everyone she meets and that she is given the love and support to do just that.



Proposed Bylaw Changes

The 2016 IED LWML biennial convention once again will involve reviewing and updating the bylaws to reflect what we are doing.

Delegates should review the proposed changes prior to attending the convention. A copy of the current bylaws as well as proposed changes are available on the following website: <http://lwml-ied.org/bylaws/>.

All proposed updates to the IED LWML Bylaws will be presented during convention. There will be time for questions during Delegate Orientation as well as during the bylaws presentation at our convention.

Article I - Name

Be consistent with names of offices and committees by removing the title "District" or "District LWML" prior to office and committee names where warranted throughout the bylaws.

Article III- Members

Section 7 - Remove the statement "all women of the LWML" indicating "All" women within a congregation. This stipulation is not a current practice in societies. Note change of letter renumbering indicated above. The abbreviation IED is per Article I.

Article VI- Conventions & Representation

Section 3 - To be consistent with abbreviations and clarify the sentence structure.

Section 4 - Clarify representation by removing the exact percentage and implement

abbreviations per Article I.

Article VIII- Duties of Officers

Section 2 & 3 - To clarify duties regarding resources available to Zones, Societies, and the Communication list maintained. Also to reflect current practices.

Article XIII - Standing Committees

Section 3,5,7, 8 - Clarify and reflect current practice.

Article XIV- Appointed Personnel

Section 1 - Simplify the description of "Appointed" personnel and use abbreviations.

Section 4 - To reflect current practices.

Section 6 & 7 - Establish term limits for Short-Term Mission Coordinator and Heart to Heart Coordinator.

Article XVI- Mission Grant Procedure

Section 1 - Address instances where grant funds are returned at the end of Section 1.

Section 2 - Updates to reflect current practice.

Article XVII- Endowment Fund

Section 2-5, 8-10 - Clarify and correction of current practice.

Article XVIII - Finances

Section 2 - Re-word to clarify convention expenses for Board members.

Judy Westergren, Vice President of Organizational Resources

Officer Nominations

Pastoral Counselor



Rev. Michael Holmen, Peace Lutheran Oelwein & Our Redeemer Independence



Rev. Randolph McHone, Grace Lutheran Waterloo

Vice President of Human Care




Jill Fraser, Eldora Zone **Janice Johnston, Mt. Pleasant Zone**

Vice President of Organizational Resources




Janell Wollschlanger, Westgate Zone **Grace Gotoski, Clinton Zone**

Treasurer




Gretchen Rasmussen, Mt. Pleasant **Stephanie Behn, Eldora Zone**

Vice President of Communication




Cheryl Killham, Cedar Rapids Zone **Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone**

Society

Society News



SONshine Mission Circle - Peace Lutheran Church, Oelwein

The members of the SONshine Mission Circle of Peace Lutheran Church in Oelwein were busy ladies in 2015 with many Mission Outreach projects such as donating to Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca, the Rev. David Preus, the Rev. Michael Holmen, Cross Road Mission Church, Malawi Medicine Bottle Project, Buchanan County and Fayette County Food Banks, the Giving Tree, the Community Lutheran School and honoring our local veterans. In 2016, in addition to the above projects, we plan to support the Orphan Grain Train by making Hygiene Kits, Cancer Care Packages - Phil's Friends, and the Brothers and Sister's in Kenya.

We are inspired by God's Word and recalling His promises we promote mission awareness and support mission work, so everyone in this world can hear the word of God and we do it by serving with love and gladness.

Trinity LWML, Davenport

On November 21 Davenport Trinity LWML sponsored a cancer benefit for one of its long-time church members, Fritz Miller. Trinity used Thrivent Action dollars to help fund the event. The benefit included a potluck, silent auction, and live music by local Christian artist, Maria Klein. Over \$5000 was raised at the event to help the family with medical expenses.

On December 16 Davenport Trinity LWML co-hosted an Advent supper with the First LEGO League (FLL) Team. Trinity used Thrivent Action dollars to purchase the food. The Advent Supper included a Christmas carol sing-along, and preceded the 1st-3rd grade Christmas program given by Trinity Lutheran School students. Donations received from the supper totaled \$330.10, and all money went to fund Trinity's FLL team, comprised of Trinity Lutheran School and home school students. At the FLL Regional Qualifier in December, Trinity's FLL team earned 1st place Champion's Award, 1st place robot score, and advanced to the Iowa FLL State Championship on January 16th.



In Loving Memory

Becky Wright, Marshalltown Zone President, was called home to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ January 25, 2016. Becky was a stay at home mom and wife for many years. She served God in everything she did and was part of LWML. She loved her grandchildren and her church family. She was 54 years old. (Pictured with her husband, Steve).

Mark Your Calendar

March 31, 2016 - End of 2014-2016 biennium

March 31, 2016 - Last Day to Sign Up for LWML Short Term Mission Trip

April 16, 2016 - Lutheran World Relief Pick-Ups

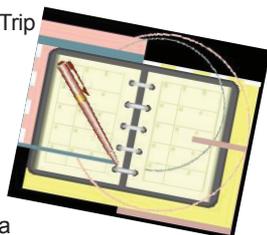
May 1, 2016 - Application deadline for Student Aid

May 1, 2016 - Discounted Registration Deadline for LWML IED Convention

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

September 9-10, 2016 - LWML IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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



ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON ZONE

Diane Rabe

MARSHALLTOWN ZONE

Sandi Duncan

CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE

Cheryl Killham

MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE

Angie Banko

CLINTON ZONE

Alberta Martens

ST. ANSGAR ZONE

Betty Borchardt

DAVENPORT ZONE

Kay Berry

WATERLOO ZONE

Judith Fink

DUBUQUE ZONE

Denita Krause

WESTGATE ZONE

Marlys Deterding

ELDORA ZONE

Sharon Mulford-Henson

WILLIAMSBURG ZONE

Helen Huedepohl

2016 Spring Rally Schedule

Benton	Thursday, April 21	St. Stephens, Atkins	Marshalltown	Saturday, April 2	St. John, State Center
Clinton	Saturday, April 23	St. Johns, Clinton	Mt. Pleasant	Saturday, April 9	Our Savior, Muscatine
Cedar Rapids	Saturday, April 9	Zion, Hiawatha	St. Ansgar	Saturday, April 16	St. Peter, Riceville
Davenport	Saturday, April 9	Our Savior, Bettendorf	Waterloo	Saturday, April 16	Our Redeemer, Cedar Falls
Dubuque	Saturday, April 30	St. Paul, McGregor	Westgate	Saturday, April 9	Immanuel, Klinger
Eldora	Saturday, April 2	St. Paul, Hubbard	Williamsburg	Saturday, April 30	Trinity, Millersburg