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President's Message

The time is now!



The time is now to invite someone to a meeting, retreat or zone rally to share the mission and the camaraderie of the LWML. As a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), you are a part of this wonderful group. Whatever level of participation you choose to be involved in brings you into the sisterhood of believers known as the LWML.

Why LWML? We are an auxiliary of the LCMS and we as a group across our nation raise millions of dollars for missions each year. When you contribute mites (offerings) to the LWML Iowa East District (IED), your mites support the biennial mission goal of \$200,000 and the national LWML biennial mission goal of \$1,830,000. Wow!

What exactly do these mites do? They feed seminary students and their families, contribute to tuition for those going into full-time church work, build churches, allow ministry to happen in other countries so the lost can be saved. Through the LWML, God uses our differences to accomplish one goal – that of spreading the good news that Jesus died for our sins.

It is enriching and fun to get together with fellow believers, studying the Word and sharing fellowship. I encourage you to make time in your schedule Sept. 12-13 and join your sisters in Christ for the LWML IED retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Come and be filled with laughter and joy as we gather together. Write the date of your fall Zone Rally as an appointment on your calendar. Plan to attend and invite someone to come with you.

I experienced the special bond LWMLers share when I flew to the 2013 LWML convention in Pittsburgh. Several LWMLers and I ended up waiting for the same connecting flight in Chicago. Some of us knew each other and some were new friends. We got to chatting while waiting for our flight. All of a sudden we each heard our last names being called over the sound system telling us to report to our gate. We had visited our way through all of the boarding calls!

The time is now for each of us to welcome our friends into the joy of serving our Lord with gladness. God bless you with a heart for sharing Jesus with others!

Joan Berquist
President LWML IED

Counselor's Corner

Our oldest daughter's favorite movie is "The Sound of Music." She can watch that movie over and over again. Given her choice when she was young, I honestly believe that every day our home would have been filled with "The Sound of Music."

Adapt that a little bit and it's something for us to consider as Christians. Martin Luther once said, "After theology, I accord to music the highest place and the greatest honor." Would it not be appropriate that our churches, our homes and our lives would be known for the sound of music, that is, the sound of joyful praise noted by the Psalmist, "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praise to my God while I have my being"? (Psalm 104:33)

Certainly that sound of music will occupy our eternities! We sing in the Te Deum, "To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there-in. To you cherubim and seraphim continually do cry." We will join that song! But why wait? With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify God's glorious name!

Unfortunately that sound of music is often drowned as we sing the blues of our complaints and as we moan about this or that problem. Our reasoning becomes, "Angels and archangels have reason to sing, but not I."

Oh yes we do! For the sound of music is not about us nor dependent on our situations. It's the work of God. The sound of music is inspired by and comes as a result of our God who created us, who preserves us day by day, who sent and sacrificed His own Son for our salvation, who claims us as His children in Holy Baptism, and who daily and richly forgives all our sins.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and therefore never does our reason for the sound of music, a song of praise to our God. May it be said in our churches, our homes, and our lives that we will sing to the Lord as long as we live.

Pastor David Remyfer
Senior Counselor



Ready Set Recycle!

As I read the theme verse (Psalm 126:2) the first thing that came to my mind was how in just a few short months at the Des Moines convention there will be much laughter and shouts of joy as we gather to proclaim our risen Christ's name. That the Lord has done great things for us goes without saying when we look at the success He has allowed us in our fund raising efforts through Ready-Set-Recycle. Our current total as of June 30, 2014, was \$23,959.17 after some disbursements. WOW! As the convention fast approaches there will be much to do, but I encourage you to continue supporting this fundraiser so we can all shout for joy because of the good things the Lord has done for us.



Susan Bishop
Ready-Set-Recycle Coordinator

Fall Retreat

Something So Ridiculous

Hosea 11:4 and I
Corinthians 1:26-28

The women of St. Ansgar Zone invite you to join them at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on Sept. 12-13, 2014, for the LWML Iowa East District Fall Retreat "Something So Ridiculous." There will be fun, fellowship and Bible Study with Maizy the Clown as our speaker and Bible Study leader.

Bring your Bible, bedding, snacks, towels, pillow, comfortable clothes and a big smile and great attitude for a special overnight at Camp.

We will collect Gifts from the Heart for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Needed items include cleaning supplies, dish soap, paper towels, copy paper, photo paper and napkins.

Register by Sept. 4 to pay the special rate. The registration form can be found online at www.lwml-ied.org.



Human Care

Dear Sisters in Christ,
Human Care is God in action through you. "As God's chosen people, holy, and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" Colossians 3:12 (NIV).



What a joy it was for me and the others helping with the "Gifts from the Heart" ingathering at convention, to receive, sort and pack the school supplies and monetary gifts for St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer and St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Eldora, and also the reusable sanitary pads for the "Hands of Mercy" project for foreign missions.

The following items were received: 79 boxes of crayons, 148 packages of #2 pencils, 39 bottles of Temptra paint, 85 packages of colored construction paper, 106 boxes of facial tissue, 51 packages of napkins, 40 packages of computer/copier paper, 55 bottles of hand sanitizer, and numerous miscellaneous items such as glue, erasers, rulers, colored markers, scissors, paper towels, handi wipes, etc. School items were divided equally between the two schools. Money taken in for St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer was \$764.50 and for St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Eldora was \$750.31. A count of 272 reusable sanitary pads totaling 16 pounds was sent to "Hands of Mercy" Fort Wayne, Indiana for foreign missions.

What a wonderful outpouring of love you gave to these outreach areas. All praise be to God.

Darlene Read
Vice President of Human Care

Updating Zone and Society Record Forms

It was exciting to see so many of you at our LWML IED Convention in June. Check out the information and photos at our wonderful new website at www.lwml-ied.org, thanks to our very own webmaster and Public Relations Director Marie McNary.



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 Rally and

Society elections. The forms will be available from your Zone President as well as on our website at <http://lwml-ied.org/society-resources/>. These forms are very important in three ways: 1) they provide the LWML 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 Quarterly magazines and Alive newsletters. Between now and January 31 is the only time of the year you can decrease your subscription numbers. Updated numbers are sent into the LWML office in the spring and take effect with the summer issue.

Please complete the forms and send them to your Zone President or to me (Vickie Ozburn, 226 W Main St., Lisbon, IA 52253) as soon as possible after your elections.

In His Service Together,
Vickie A. Ozburn

LWML IED Mission Grants, 2014-2016 biennium

At the Marshalltown convention in June, the voting assembly approved a \$200,000 Mission Grant Goal. Of that, \$93,406 will be used to support Mission Grants in our District and around the world. The voting assembly selected the following Grants to be supported during the 2014-2016 biennium:

1. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Retreat Experience Improvements - \$6,000
2. Concordia Seminary Student Aid - \$7,500
3. Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid - \$15,000
4. Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Food and Clothing Co-op - \$10,000
5. New Hope Lutheran Church, Charles City, Start-up funds - \$5,600
6. Migori Lutheran Church, Kenya, Pastor and Evangelist Transportation - \$5,000
7. Lutherans for Life, 'Word of Hope Ministry' - \$5,000
8. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, 'God Speaks in Our Language' - \$5,000
9. LWML Iowa East District, Short-Term Mission Trip Assistance - \$5,000
10. POBLO International, Training Pastors for North India - \$7,000
11. Mission Central, Mercy Work, Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, China - \$10,000
12. Mission Central, Lutheran Church of the Philippines Church Planting - \$10,000
13. LCMS Missions, Nigeria Seminary Support - \$2,306

Organizational Resources



Blessings to you as you keep your organization alive and update your bylaws periodically.

Judy Westergren

Vice President of Organizational Resources



Lutheran World Relief

Our next pick-up date is October 18, 8:30 a.m.-noon, at Trinity Lutheran in Cedar Rapids (1363 1st Ave. SW) and Resurrection Lutheran in Ankeny (914 NW Ash Dr.). The boxes do not need to be weighed, but still must be less than 40 lbs. The current forms can be used; new forms will be available Oct. 18. If you have any questions, contact Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773.



2015 LWML Des Moines convention checklist

- Mark your calendar to be in Des Moines June 25-28, 2015
- Order your convention polo shirt
- Share the convention newsletter
- Include the Bulletin Bits in your church newsletter or bulletin
- Fill out a "Call for Workers" form
- Check out the Iowa East District LWML website (www.lwml-ied.org) and "Like" us on Facebook
- Check out the LWML website (www.LWML.org) for convention information

What a wonderful, uplifting experience we had at the convention hosted by the Marshalltown Zone. It was a mountain-top experience, and then we returned home to continue or begin our journey of service to you, the members of LWML.

The Bylaws have been updated per the delegates vote. Each society is to receive a copy from their Zone President. If your society does not receive a copy, contact your Zone President to arrange receiving them. Those who wish may download a copy from the District website at <http://lwml-ied.org/bylaws/>. We are striving to make all forms and materials available to societies and members by using our website.

I thank each of you for your willingness to serve Him – and want to remind you that the bylaws of your society and/or zone should reflect what you "do" and therefore should be reviewed and updated approximately every two years since changes are often made within a working group. The update process should be:

Societies should review their bylaws and submit proposed changes to the **Zone** Structure Committee. Once the Zone Structure Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and made suggestions and/or comments, the society then reviews the suggestions and/or comments and incorporates them as they see fit. Then the society will vote on accepting the bylaws changes. Once changes have been made and accepted, the updated bylaws need to be distributed, with a copy of the updated bylaws sent to the **Zone** Structure Committee Chairman. **Zones** should review their bylaws and submit proposed changes to the **District** Structure Committee. Once the District Structure Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and made suggestions and/or comments, the Zone then reviews the suggestions and/or comments and incorporates them as they see fit. The Zone will then vote on accepting the bylaws changes. Once changes have been made and accepted, the updated bylaws need to be distributed, with a copy of the updated bylaws sent to the **District** Structure Committee Chairman.

LWML Iowa East District Convention – M

Rejoice in the Li



Marshalltown, Iowa – June 20-21, 2014

Light – John 8:12



Treasurer Report

“Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’”



Rejoice in the Light! What a wonderful, fun-filled district convention we participated in this last June. The voting assembly approved a \$200,000 Mission Goal. This will provide \$93,406 for District Mission Grants. We begin our biennium with payment of the student aid grants for IED students attending Concordia Colleges to prepare them for full-time church work, as well as the annual payment of the grant for our Seminary students from IED. What an awesome way to start paying grants with the future of our church body.

Those of us at the convention received information from Maddy Hatter who came across country from the National Convention in Pittsburgh. It took her a year to get to Marshalltown, but she was full of information about her trip and all the LWML society meetings and rallies she attended along the way. Maddy likes to laugh, and many times she makes the LWML laugh with her! Maddy reported on all the great things that the Lord has done around the world with the mites from the LWML. One of Maddy’s highlights was being able to talk with Jan Struck after the Pittsburgh Convention and having their photo taken by Joan Berquist. Jan will be joining us in Des Moines in 2015!

As we continue our journey through the

2014-2016 biennium we need to continue to joyfully give our mites unto the Lord so He can continue the great things. Remember to sign up for the Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and be ready to laugh with Maizy the Clown.

The Mighty Mites for the 2014-2016 biennium began on April 1, 2014, and will continue until March 31, 2016. Let’s remember to keep our awesome God in first place and the mighty mites will roll in.

Marcia Reints
Treasurer

Financial Secretary



When I find multiple envelopes in my mailbox with money in them, my “tongue is filled with shouts of joy” and praise to God. Will I still have shouts of joy now that Elizabeth will be getting all those checks in her mailbox? Yes, I have plenty of joys in my life and innumerable reasons to praise God. I resolve to use my mailbox as a reminder of your faithfulness in mite, memorial, and other remittances which give glory to God. It was a pleasure to work with you as we all served the Lord with gladness. Please send all monies to our new Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Gehle, at 4600 Grand Ave. Unit C10, Davenport, IA 52807.

Helen Huedepohl
Outgoing Financial Secretary

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

JAN 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014

DONOR	IN MEMORY OF
Garrison, St Marks Tabitha Society	Frances Wieditz
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George and Lois Mumm	Rev. Lewis Wunderlich
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Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society	Duane Thielen
Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society	Edna Schnabel
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Alden, St. Paul's Ladies Aid	Pastor Paul Bussert
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Williamsburg, St Paul Women's Guild	Amanda Hook
Williamsburg, St Paul Women's Guild	Wanda Huedepohl
Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid	Lola Furman
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Chariton, Trinity LWML	Marion Kessel
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Belle Plaine, First Women in Mission	Walter Kollmorgen
Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid	William Dougan
Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid	Gladys Brauer
Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid	Dale Doehrmann
Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid	Tom Kessler
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Wayne and Mary Anne Meyer	Martha Orton
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Williamsburg, St Paul Womens Guild	Elsie Robinson
Williamsburg, St Paul Womens Guild	Donna Gorsh
Gary and Janis Hinrichs	Leona Baack
George and Lois Mumm	Gladys Brauer
George and Lois Mumm	Edna Sanders
SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED	
Edgar and Alice Heitshusen	Richard & Ethel Newkirk's 65th Anniversary
Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid	Chuck & Pat Ryan's 50th Anniversary
Larry and Helen Huedepohl	Their 50th Anniversary
LWML IED Board of Directors for Endowment Fund	Thanksgiving for Janice Johnston's leadership
TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED \$1,911.00	



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- So much more!

Lutheran Church Extension Fund challenged the women of Iowa East District to donate purses and raise money for mites through a silent auction at the Marshalltown Convention. But the response was so overwhelming that instead of an auction, a mite donation was requested. Hundreds of purses were donated, and more than \$1,500 was raised – including a donation from LCEF – to be used toward the 2014-2016 mite goal. Praise be to God!

Christian Growth

Did you get to go to our District convention and Rejoice in the Light? That is the light of our Lord Jesus Christ in His beloved Word. He gives us opportunities to be in His Word each day of our lives. Today we can again rejoice that the sun is shining and the temperature is cooler. There was talk of a drought early this year but the Lord has prevailed. He has shown the world that He is in control and knows what we need. He knows when we are hurting, frustrated or depressed. We just need to remember He has us in His hands and is taking care of us. We need to go to Him faithfully each day to ask His forgiveness. We also need to thank Him for all He has done for us and for being our loving Savior. As scripture tells us, God is in control. We can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

God's Blessings to each and every one.

Sandi Duncan
Christian Growth Committee

Christian Life

The June/July 2014 issue of "The Lutheran Witness" was about the persecution of Christians world-wide. In America we talk freedom of speech and religion, but in reality Christianity is being attacked in many ways.

One of these ways is the conflict that has arisen between science and the Bible. Our current educational system teachers must teach that ONLY science is right and the Bible is in opposition to science. Any thing or idea that opposes or exposes a false science is automatically wrong. Other ideas are ridiculed and may cost teachers their jobs. Case in point: an Iowa State professor was made to resign because outside the classroom he spoke about Intelligent Design in creation instead of some other accepted theory.

As people of faith we are warned about what the devil will use to deceive us. We are warned about things which may cause us to fall from faith. As these challenges daily bombard us, it is more important for each of us to daily be devoted to Bible study and prayer. God will answer our prayers and through the Word, the Holy Spirit will keep us faithful to our Triune God. Some

Bible references about persecution include Revelation 2:10; John 15:20-21; Hebrews 10:32-39; I Corinthians 4:12; and II Timothy 3:12.

Lynn Evans
Christian Life Committee

Society Trinity Lutheran, Osage

One hundred twenty-four quilts were made by the women at Trinity, Osage. One woman, Janice Duenow, made all the tops that the group members quilted together. The quilts were on display in the church sanctuary one Sunday this spring.



LWML Sunday

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. The materials, available for download at lwml.org, have been designed to help with your congregation's worship and celebration of LWML Sunday 2014.

The LWML thanks God for The Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, author of this year's materials. He was proclaimer for the Pittsburgh Convention Sunday worship service. He and his wife Wenona live in Georgia, where he is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Decatur. Based on Ephesians 5:2, the theme he has chosen for the 2014 LWML Sunday celebration is "Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings."

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 4, 2014 – Registration deadline for
Fall Retreat (\$5.00 late fee after Sept. 4)

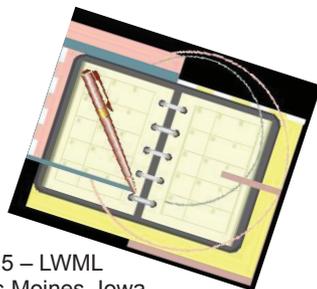
Sept. 12-13, 2014 – LWML IED Fall Retreat,
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Oct. 5, 2014 – LWML Sunday

Oct. 15, 2014 – Alive submission deadline

Oct. 18, 2014 –
Lutheran World
Relief pick-up,
Cedar Rapids
and Ankeny

June 25-28, 2015 – LWML
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Fall Rally Schedule

Benton	Thurs., Sept. 18	8:30 a.m.	St. John, Newhall
Cedar Rapids	Sat., Oct. 25	8:30 a.m.	Bethany, Cedar Rapids
Clinton	Sat., Sept. 27	8:15 a.m.	Immanuel, Grand Mound
Davenport			Immanuel, Davenport
Dubuque	Sat., Sept. 20	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul, Dubuque
Eldora	Sat., Sept. 20	8 a.m.	St. Paul, Buckeye
Marshalltown	Sat., Oct. 4	9 a.m.	Trinity, Knoxville
Mount Pleasant	Sat., Sept. 27	8:30 a.m.	Immanuel, Fairfield
St. Ansgar	Sat., Sept. 27	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter, Elma
Waterloo	Sat., Oct. 4	9:30 a.m.	Grace, Waterloo
Westgate	Sat., Oct. 11	8:30 a.m.	St. John, Fairbank
Williamsburg	Thurs., Oct. 2	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's, Williamsburg