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Sow • Nourish • Reap

36th Biennial LWML Convention

Des Moines, Iowa • June 25-28, 2015

President's Message

What is your favorite hobby? A hobby is a leisure time activity and offers diversion, relaxation, amusement or entertainment. My answer to the 'favorite' hobby question is knitting. When I sit down to knit, it is usually when I can enjoy some quiet time or view a favorite TV show, and knitting offers me relaxation and peace. One of the things I like most about knitting is that I am creating something that will have a purpose. Do you have something in your life that you could call a hobby?



Some people might answer LWML to the favorite hobby question. How can LWML be a hobby? There are many facets to the LWML and many ways to volunteer your time, talents and treasures. Your activities within the LWML help to continue to spread the Gospel to others. Your mites, attendance, service or prayer support count you in as being active in the LWML. Does the LWML offer you a diversion, relaxation with sisters in Christ, amusement and entertainment? If you answer yes, then perhaps LWML is one of your hobbies, but a hobby with a purpose!

This year, as we get ready to host the national LWML convention in Des Moines, we as a group have volunteered many hours in preparation for our sisters in Christ to be bountifully blessed by their convention experience. I am continually amazed at the joy that continues to spread among us as we diligently work together with LWML Iowa West District to be ready for convention in June. It may be true that this year LWML has been your 'favorite' hobby. Let's keep the momentum going beyond June as we continue to serve Christ's mission to share Jesus with the world.

Include the 2015 LWML Des Moines Convention in your summer plans. There is a life-changing and rewarding experience waiting for you, whether you volunteer as a worker or come as a participant. I am planning to go and would love to see you there!

Bountifully blessed with you,

Joan Berquist
President LMWL IED

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2 Corinthians 9:8, "... so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Counselor's Corner

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8



Pastor Rempfer

Are you abounding in good works? The Holy Spirit indicates through Paul that abounding in good works is the way of life for Christians. While we don't depend on them for salvation, nevertheless, we love to talk about good works. We love to do good works. We love to ABOUND (meaning overflow and go over and above) in every good work. Why is that? How does it happen?

Please notice that "abounding in every good work" is tied to, in fact it's totally dependent on, another "abounding" in our lives mentioned earlier in the verse. Paul uses the same verb in connection with the grace that God gives us through Christ. When God gives us His grace, He doesn't give it sparingly. He overflows! When God bestows His grace, it isn't done with scarcity. It's over and above! That's what God does! That's the way God is!

Rejoice in God's abounding grace! For our sin, God has, in the saving work of Christ, provided His grace that goes "over and above" what we need for forgiveness. In Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, God will and God does make His grace abound to us. For our vocations, God has, in His rich supply, provided His grace, so that we can be sure we will have all that we need for every calling and every opportunity that He places before us. Daily and richly we receive this abounding grace from God and then notice what happens.

That's when the word "abound" pops up a second time. When we receive this abounding grace from God, then we also abound in good works for our neighbor. That was true in our verse as the Corinthians responded to the needs of their fellow Christians experiencing a famine. That is true of LWML women across Iowa as you respond to the work that needs to be done for our upcoming convention. That is true of each Christian in our daily callings, in our life's vocations as God places opportunities for us to serve as parents, children and grandparents, as members of our families and congregations, as citizens in our communities, and as workers in our place of employment.

Are you abounding in good works? Sure

you are! It's a whole day full, a whole life full of abounding in good works. That's what Christians do. We can't help it! We love it! We abound in every good work because God has made His grace abound to us in Christ our Savior.

Organizational Resources

Magic Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes are permanent legal documents. They record the decisions made and what occurred during the meeting. They should be comprehensive, though brief.

Meeting minutes should contain:

- The official name of the organization.
- The date (year, month and day) of the meeting as well as the location (where the meeting was held) and the time the meeting began.
- The name and office of the person (normally the president) who calls the meeting to order and leads the meeting.
- The name of the secretary or recorder. Minutes of the previous meeting should either be read or reviewed (each member should have a printed copy) and there should be a motion to either "approve as read," "approve as printed," or "approve as corrected."
- Reports of officers and committees should be recorded including the name of the officer and the office held.
- Business should begin with "Unfinished" business and then "New" business.
- All motions made must include the exact words of the motion and the name of the person who made the motion. Names of those seconding the motion or proposing any action on that motion or discussion regarding the motion is not necessary, although the action and results of voting on the motion should be recorded.
- The end of the meeting should contain the hour of adjournment. The secretary or recorder should sign the minutes and include her office. The term "Respectfully Submitted" is no longer necessary.

Roberts Rules of Order contains additional information regarding meetings which may be helpful to you.

Peace in Christ,

Judy Westergren

Vice President of Organizational Resources

Gospel Outreach

Mites in Action

The Iowa East District LWML Gospel Outreach Committee wants to remind all students enrolled in an LCMS college or seminary that the May 1 deadline is fast approaching. Go to lwml-ied.org to get your application forms and your guidelines.



Your mighty mites are busy at work. We have continued to meet more of the grant requests. Partial payouts have gone to New Hope Lutheran Church in Charles City; Camp Io-Dis-Ca; Mission Central: Capacity building in the Lutheran Church of the Philippines; and Mission Central: Concordia welfare and education foundation in Mainland China. Full payments have been made to POBLO International Ministries for training pastors for North India; and LCMS Missions for Nigeria Seminary Support.

POBLO International, "Training Pastors for North India" - \$7,000

New Lutheran congregations are being planted and pastored by first generation Christian leaders. They and their parishioners formerly followed either Hindu or Sikh religion. Their greatest need is for sound Biblical teaching. The pastors themselves know the Bible very well, but need further training in Lutheran theology. Most have not been able to attend formal seminary training. Lutheran seminary professors will travel to teach 4 day intensives once a month at Everlasting Life Lutheran Church. Up to 50 Lutheran pastors are ready to receive the initial training. This training helps prepare a new generation of Lutheran pastors to plant Lutheran congregations across North India, an area where the LCMS had not previously worked. This grant is helping new groups of people hear the clear message of the Gospel, thus extending the grace of Christ to those who have never heard it before. New Christians will benefit from Christ centered teaching. Pastors will benefit as they grow in sound Biblical doctrine.

LCMS Missions, "Nigeria Seminary Support" - \$5,000

The Lutheran Church of Nigeria reports a presence in 19 of Nigeria's 36 states. It is estimated that more than 60 million Muslims live in states where the church does not yet have a presence. The LCMS commits approximately \$50,000 per year to The Lutheran Church of Nigeria in support of their seminary. This grant helps further the theological education of future

pastors and evangelists in Nigeria so they may continue to work among the unreached.

Don't forget to check the Mission Grant listing on our web site to see how the mites that you sow and nourish are reaped by the recipients.

Cynthia Kefoot

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

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Human Care

Care for One Another

As I'm writing this article it is "very" cold and windy outdoors, but the fresh snow makes everything look so clean. I'm thankful to have a warm house, food for the table, and clothes to wear. How blessed I am and we are.



It brings to mind all the suffering in this world, with hunger, tornadoes, typhoons, earthquakes, and floods. We in the LWML can provide help in the midst of suffering by making and sending quilts, collecting clothing, supplying our local food pantries, assembling sewing and layette kits, and all other kindness we can give.

In Galatians 6:2, Paul encourages us to "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Darlene Read

Vice President of Human Care

LWML Iowa East District is keeping you connected!

Find us online at www.lwml-ied.org.

The site is full of information, pictures, news, events and more!

- 2015 Des Moines Convention news, including a shirt order form, Bulletin Bits, and Bountiful Blessings newsletters!
- 2015-2017 Mission Grants we are supporting through our Mighty Mites!
- Student Aid Application – deadline is May 1!

**Have you "Liked" us on Facebook?
Find us at LWML Iowa East District!**

Mission-Ministry-Vision

Your LWML Society R.I.P.

Winter 2015: The “Ladies Aid” of “Wonderful Counselor Lutheran Church” officially died on January 17, 2015, at 76 years of age. The cause of death was unknown, but the society had been suffering from apathy, leaderlessness, and malnutrition. No funeral service is planned, but remembrances may be sent to the church office: 2020 LWML Street, Your Town.

Is this the obituary for your society? Are you watching it slowly die because nobody wants to take a leadership role? Is there no support for the few members who are trying to do the serving, altar guild, and other duties that “the ladies have always done”? Perhaps you need to change the RIP (Rest In Peace) to a more challenging RIP attitude: Remember – Involve – Protect.

Remember your mission! “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.” Do you know the “gifts” of each woman in your congregation? Is there any way that you can encourage them to share their talent and experience? Are you able to ask a newcomer, or a member who has never been active, to join you in some task or come to a Bible Study? How can you help others become involved if you never ask them to join in the fellowship of LWML? Keep asking until you know why they are unable to participate. It is the mission of the LWML to assist the members of our congregations to grow closer to God and use their gifts in ministry.

Involve in Ministry! Besides serving the needs of their local congregation, members of LWML are involved in the ministry that Jesus gave to us in the Great Commission. The primary means for carrying out this ministry is the faithful, prayerful contribution of our mites to meet the mission goals of our District and National LWML. To involve the women in our congregations, we need to keep them informed about what these mission projects are and what they have accomplished with our support. The Quarterly and the Alive in Iowa East District have news about these grants, or check the website at LWML.org. Other ministry opportunities include short term mission trips, hearing reports from

missionaries at zone, district, or national meetings, and providing updates at society meetings or in the weekly congregational bulletin.

Protect the Vision! We have a vision of an active, alive LWML at all levels. In order to protect this vision from the apathy that could kill it, we must support those who are trying to keep it going. Instead of “we tried that before and it didn’t work,” could we explore both old and new options? Instead of giving up on increasing attendance at meetings, can we focus on finding ways to get the members of our congregation involved in small ways? Does each woman have a mite box and understand its purpose? Are we offering ways to help them have a closer relationship with God, such as prayer partners, small group Bible Studies using the ones in the *Quarterly* or under the Resources tab at LWML.org?

My prayer is that each society consider the challenge to Remember, Involve and Protect rather than let it die. LWML needs your creativity, your enthusiastic support, your encouragement, and your prayers. As your Mission/Ministry/Vision consultant, I would be happy to discuss your situation and provide any information that may be of help. Please feel free to call me at 319-321-2696 or write to me at kdschweer1@msn.com.

Kathryn Schweer
MMV Consultant

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Financial Secretary

The following financial report shows all memorials and donations given in remembrance of special occasions from July 1 to December 31, 2014.

Society Treasurers: If you would like my address labels for sending mites, please contact me and I’ll be happy to mail them to you.

Have a bountifully blessed day!



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LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

JULY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Margaret (Peggy) Anderson	Fredericksburg, St. Paul's Lydia Circle
Nettie Assink	Lynn Evans
Dean Bennett	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Dean Bennett	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid (Joy Circle)
Don Blake	Don & Deloris Clayton
John D. Bodermann	Mary Thies
Audrey Borcharding	Evonne Plagge
Marvin Colander	Manchester, Our Savior Mission Guild
Adele Dieterich	Joan Feldt
Dale Doehrmann	Lynn Evans
Arlyn Eness	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Ruth Espe	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle
Karen Freudenberg	Waterloo, Immanuel Dorcas Society
Esther Green	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Evelyn Griffin	Lynn Evans
Evelyn Griffin	Darlene Read
Mary Hanson	Mason City, Bethlehem Women's League
Ramona Huedepohl	Lynn Evans
Ramona Huedepohl	Janis Hinrichs
Ramona Huedepohl	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
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Dale Kasischke	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle
Tom Kessler	Lynn Evans
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Darrel Killham	Alice Hoffmeier
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Ben Kirchner	Elma, St. Peter LWML
Delmar Knock	Lynn Evans
Delmar Knock	Ida Strunk
Delmar Knock	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Elmer Krakow	Marengo, St. John's Ladies Aid
Helen Kraus	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid
Maxine Lehrman	Luella Scott
Maxine Lehrman	Stanwood, St. Paul's Home Mission Circle
Ray Malcolm	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Mark Matthias	Readlyn, Klinger LWML

Maurine Meyer	Evonne Plagge
Marilyn Miller	Sharon & Chuck Akers
Marilyn Miller	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Marilyn Miller	Jim & Helen Jorgensen, Jr.
Carl Oehl	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid
Jerry Rabe	Sharon & Chuck Akers
Jerry Rabe	Belle Plaine, First Lutheran Women in Mission
Jerry Rabe	Linda Berghoefer
Jerry Rabe	Lynn Evans
Jerry Rabe	Garrison, St. Mark's Tabitha Society
Jerry Rabe	Alice Hoffmeier
Jerry Rabe	Keystone, St. John Dorcas Guild
Jerry Rabe	Darlene Read
Jerry Rabe	Allan & Joyce Schanbacher
Jerry Rabe	Doris Stanek
Ione Riskedahl	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle
Elsie Robinson	Lynn Evans
Edna Sanders	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Dittmer
Raymond Schwartz	Lynn Evans
Raymond Schwartz	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Norma Stenbeck	Irma Jensen
Norma Stenbeck	Mary Thies
Duane Stohlmann	Lynn Evans
Duane Stohlmann	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild
Martha Tellin	Westgate, St. Peter
Eldon Wetjen	Lynn Evans
Eldon Wetjen	Williamsburg, Immanuel Ladies Aid
James Wetjen	Homestead, St. John's Ladies Aid
Carla Wieben	Lillian Johnson
Carla Wieben	Mt. Vernon, St. Paul Priscilla Guild
Carla Wieben	Harold & Eunice Scheer
Eleanore Yunghans	Elma, St. Peter LWML

SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
Fred & Barbara Pauling's 50th wedding anniversary	Arlin & Bev Schmidt
Grandniece Anyssa Mueller's Baptism	Heidi Iltis

TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$2,347.66

Connecting Heart to Heart

A small but mighty group of Heart to Heart Sisters is actively seeking women of diverse ethnic groups to join the LWML as Heart to Heart Sisters. Members are invited to share in the closeness and feel the connection through training sessions, meetings and special events. Through Heart to Heart Sisters and special focus ministries, women can grow (be bountiful), develop friendships (sow), find support (nourish), and find encouragement to grow in faith (reap).

Jeannie Mirfield became the LWML Iowa East District Heart to Heart Sister District Leader after attending the Heart to Heart Sisters training in Pittsburgh at the 2013 LWML Convention. During the five days of intense training, Jeannie was given the goals and reviewed the outline for the means of embracing diversity and purpose of the Heart to Heart Sisters Program. The goal is to help us examine our own attitudes about cross-cultural interactions to challenge us to build bridges to, and develop friendships within groups beyond our present boundaries – connecting Heart to Heart. By sharing the heart and identity of the LWML, Jeannie would like to help sister societies to establish the Heart to Heart Sisters Program within their own zones and societies. Jeannie is eager to share what she learned at the 2013 training in an effort to develop more Heart to Heart Sister leaders in the district. Please e-mail Jeannie with questions or ideas to jeannieinabottle62@yahoo.com. You can also contact her at 563-370-3527.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Heart to Heart Sisters is grateful for the peace and joy that comes with knowing our gracious and loving Lord. We look ahead with anticipation and promise in this New Year. We shall commit our today and tomorrow to prayer. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:34.



Spring Cleaning

"For everything there is a season ..." begins Ecclesiastes chapter 3. The windows now can be open and the fresh breeze can blow the staleness out and freshen our homes and lives. Many "domestic engineers" are thinking are about a good housecleaning. There may be some special plans for major repairs and renewal to our homes. But have you ever thought about a spiritual housecleaning?

A stranger entering your home may not notice any need to clean house. He may not see the dirt and grime hidden in the corners. Are our lives in need of a good spring cleaning? People may not see our hidden dirt and grime called sin. But we know, like David did, what our sins and transgressions are. They cannot be hidden from God. Psalm 51:3-4 says "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."

Our lives are in desperate need of daily repentance and forgiveness. Our lives and hearts are so filthy they can't be painted or hidden. They need to be made clean through Jesus' blood shed for our sins on the cross.

We need to pray, as David did, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. We can scrub and bleach and paint and repair our physical home and still a microscopic inspection would reveal dirt and germs and filth. No matter how hard we work or what we do, we cannot make ourselves clean in God's sight. The only "cleaning solution" for our sin is "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

Prayer: Blow into our lives, Holy Spirit, and chase our sins away. May our new lives through Jesus' blood attract others to the true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To God be the Glory. Amen

Lynn Evans
Christian Life Committee



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36th Biennial LWML Convention

Here we are, the year of the exciting 36th Biennial LWML Convention that we will be hosting in less than six months in Des Moines. Are we ready for this awesome experience, one we'll never forget? I'm sure we are!

Committees are busy reviewing and assembling all the duties down to the finest of details. Workers are volunteering and eagerly waiting for schedules and convention assignments of where they can best serve the anticipated 5,000 attendees come June. Thanks to all of you for your service of love. Keep encouraging others in your church, societies, zones and districts to participate. Many workers are still needed – there's a task for everyone!

Whether or not this is your first convention experience, I guarantee you it will be one you'll always cherish. Together we will be fed by God's Word and Sacrament, nurtured through worship and fellowship and equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in our Father's field, and we will thank, praise, and share our Heavenly Father's love.

Please enjoy a bountiful and blessed 2015!

Marilyn Schroeder

2015 Host Committee Chairman

Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap

The 2015 LWML Convention will soon be here. After many months of planning by your Convention Host Committee and with your help we will be greeting our LWML sisters (and brothers) from across the county in Des Moines. Just a few reminders:

Convention Workers, DO NOT complete the registration form in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Complete the registration form that will be in your worker assignment packet. You will receive a \$65 discount coupon for committing to two 4-hour shifts during the convention.

Have you ordered your convention polo

shirt? Download the Convention Shirt order form from the LWML IED website (<http://www.lwml-ied.org/>). Wearing your polo shirt can help create excitement about the convention.

Is your congregation printing "Bulletin Bits"? The Bits are short articles to include in your Sunday bulletins and/or monthly newsletter to keep your congregation informed and encouraged to be a part of the convention. They can be found on the LWML IED website.

Keep up-to-date as to what is happening in preparation for the convention by reading the Host Committee Convention Newsletter Bountiful Blessings. It can also be found on the LWML IED website.

If you want to be a blood donor (you do not have to attend the convention) on Thursday, June 25, please schedule your appointment at www.lifefervebloodcenter.org and click on "Donation Now" (use sponsor code "Lutheran").

For more convention information check out the 16-page section of the Winter *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

Please continue to remember the Host Committee in your prayers.

Pages Needed

The Personnel Resources Department is busy assigning volunteers to work at Convention. One area still in need of workers is that of Pages. We would like to have a dozen. We need your help in recruiting more Pages!

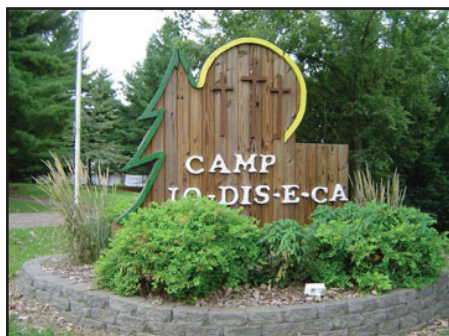
- Pages are to be between 14-17 years of age.
- There is NO REGISTRATION fee for Pages. They should be listed on an adult's registration form, Line 6 - Children under 18.
- Any teenager who is staying overnight during the convention MUST be housed with an adult, be that a parent, other relative or friend (they may be asked to help pay for their lodging, but that is up to the adults with whom they are rooming). Pages living in the Des Moines area may wish to commute to convention, staying at home overnight.
- Pages may choose not to attend the entire convention, and should indicate any preference of days for working on a CALL FOR WORKERS form.
- Pages will be given a t-shirt, hat and badge to complete their Page Special Dress. The order form for the t-shirt will come in their worker packet, when assignments are made. If a Page wants more than one t-shirt they will incur that expense.
- Pages will pay for their own meals.
- It is hoped that each Page will be able to work two, 4-hour shifts. This may be adjusted to best fit the number of Pages available.

Ready Set Recycle

We began to **Sow** back in 2008. As plans progressed we began to **Nourish**, and now look forward to the convention where we will **Reap** many rewards from our Ready-Set-Recycle fundraising program. As we approach the end of our recycling fundraiser for the 2015 convention in Des Moines, I again want to thank all the societies for the work done for this project. The amount we raised was amazing. I know Mabel Schmitt would think we did an awesome job!

Funds raised in 2014 and so far in 2015 are \$1,420.18 with a total raised since 2008 of \$25,264.72 for recyclables only. WOW!!! To God be the Glory!

Susan Bishop
Ready-Set-Recycle coordinator



Save The Date

The LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT FALL RETREAT will be September 18-19, 2015 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. It will be hosted by the Waterloo Zone. Watch the summer issue of the Alive for more details and the registration form.

Kolleen Hosford,
Christa Boileau, and Gayle Rector
Fall Retreat Co-Chairpersons

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief pick-up will be Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at Resurrection Lutheran in Ankeny (914 NW Ash Dr.), and Trinity Lutheran in Cedar Rapids (1363 1st Ave. SW). If you have any questions, please contact Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773 or 319-845-3030.

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!



You can also find it online at lwml.org. Don't miss out!

Westgate Zone

Ten women from the Westgate Zone gathered at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn, on Jan. 2 for a workshop day to assemble favors for the Des Moines convention. They cut and glued seed packets, and sewed buttons and Velcro on the 'bountiful bags.' Twenty-four bags were made by Elenore Rathe from Immanuel, Klinger.

The societies represented were St. Paul, Sumner; St. John, Spring Fountain; Immanuel, Klinger; St. John, Waverly; St. John, Fairbank; Peace, Oelwein; and St. Paul, Readlyn.

Zone



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Zion, Hiawatha

The women of Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha held their annual Pie Sale in November. It was a big success! One hundred pies were made by hardworking LWML members and we sold them all. Over \$1,000 was earned, plus a generous Thrivent match. All together we donated more than \$1,400 to a dozen missions. Thanks be to God!

St. Paul, Williamsburg

The women from St. Paul Lutheran in Williamsburg have been making quilts for the residents of Bethesda Lutheran Homes in Watertown, Wisconsin, for many years. Last year they made and sent 45 quilts. Dennis Vanden Heuvel, Development Director at Bethesda Lutheran Communities, says, "They truly are a blessing to our mission here at Bethesda."



Trinity, Davenport

Trinity Davenport LWML hosted Blanket Bash 2015, a congregation-wide service opportunity. Over 80 people of all ages came together on Sunday, January 25, to tie more than 100 fleece blankets that will be donated to the Quad Cities Area chapter of Project Linus and then distributed to children ages 0-18 who are in need of comfort.



Mark Your Calendar

April 15, 2015 – Alive submission deadline for Summer issue

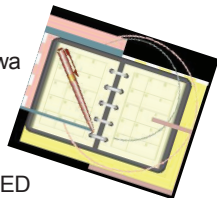
April 18, 2015 – Lutheran World Relief pick-up, Cedar Rapids and Ankeny

May 1, 2015 – Student Aid application deadline

June 25-28, 2015 – LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

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

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



2015 Spring Rally Schedule

Benton	Thursday, April 16	8:30 am	Zion, Shellsburg	Marshalltown	Saturday, April 18	9:00 am	Trinity, Marshalltown
Clinton	Saturday, April 11	8:30 am	Trinity, Lowden	Mt. Pleasant	Saturday, April 25	9:00 am	Our Savior, Fort Madison
Cedar Rapids	Saturday, April 11	8:30 am	Trinity, Cedar Rapids	St. Ansgar	Saturday, April 18	8:30 am	Redeemer, Ventura
Davenport	Saturday, April 18		Parkview, Eldridge	Waterloo	Saturday, April 18	8:30 am	Grace, Waterloo
Dubuque	Saturday, April 11		Trinity, Guttenburg	Westgate	Saturday, April 18		St. Paul, Fredericksburg
Eldora	Saturday, April 18		St. Paul, Eldora	Williamsburg	Saturday, April 11	8:30 am	St. John, Homestead

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
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	Zelma Fink
WILLIAMSBURG ZONE.....	Lynda Krueger