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Charles City's New Hope Women in Mission, Iowa East District's newest LWML society, was officially welcomed by IED President Joan Berquist, far left, at the St. Ansgar Zone Rally in Ventura.



New Hope women receiving their member certificate are, from left, Pat Heddens, Carole Melrose, Sue Ramthun, Shirley Petrack and Rhonda Westergard.

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Endurance

Hebrews 12:1b-2a "and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."



I saw the sweetest testimony of true love at the hospital the other night. A man was being wheeled into the operating room for a procedure, but before going in, the nurses allowed him to say good-bye to his wife of 69 years and have one last smooch. The tenderness I witnessed between this husband and wife brought tears to my eyes, a lump in my throat, and a longing for others to experience this kind of love. I know this couple and I know that they are secure in their faith. They have run with endurance, the race that is set before them, and looking to Jesus, their faith is made stronger as is their love for each other.

Our involvement with LWML allows us, and those whose lives we touch, to continue to run the race so that our faith may be perfected, through sharing the saving grace of love and forgiveness in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether you have helped prepare for convention, given money for mites, or made a pie for a bake sale, we are all sisters in Christ working to spread the Gospel.

Each of us has been given a task by God (Eph 2:10) that involves endurance and perfecting our faith. Whatever the circumstances, we can grow in our faith if we keep Jesus at the center of our lives. We do this by being in the Word daily, meeting with others for Bible study, attending church, or participating in LWML meetings and activities. Through our faith in God, we share our love for Jesus with others by going about our daily lives.

More than 1,000 volunteers are sharing their time before, during or after, to make the LWML Convention in Des Moines a mountaintop experience for their sisters in Christ from across our nation. As we prepare by planning tours, putting packets together, cutting fabric, collecting plastic grocery bags, submitting applications for volunteering, making banners, registering, making signs, touring facilities, coordinating buses, gluing magnets together, ordering special dress, or setting up volunteer schedules, we are running the race with endurance. The task that is set before us, preparing for a national convention in Des Moines, keeps us looking to Jesus, and working together to make it a convention that will build our faith and grow it, being perfected in the love and nurturing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEWS DEADLINE: July 15, 2015

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Newsletter Editor

Becky Wehrspann

Sow•Reap•Nourish
We are bountifully blessed,
Joan Berquist

Looking to Jesus!

"... and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ..." (Hebrews 12:1b-2a)



At times our life can seem like an agonizing race which is hard to endure. Maybe our mite goals are falling short and we worry about what will happen if we don't meet our goal. Maybe our society memberships are declining and the work is being borne out by fewer and fewer people. The LWML national convention in Des Moines is just around the corner and so much work is to be done. Will we have all the volunteers we need? Will all the preparations be completed in time? Will all the people come as we hoped? Will it all go as we planned? And on top of that we struggle every day with our own flesh and our own sin. Do we give as the Lord has given us? Do we encourage others or just complain when things don't happen the way we want? It can be so exhausting and maybe we don't think we have the faith it takes to endure, after all it is a race to the finish, or is it?

The word used for "race" in Greek is *agona*. It is the word from which we get "agony." Isn't that appropriate for a race? If you have ever run track or seen a foot race in person or on television, maybe you have seen the agony in their bodies as the runners give it all they have in order to capture the prize and win the race. The writer of Hebrews compares our life here on earth to be somewhat like a foot race.

A race is strenuous and calls for endurance. At times we may think we can't endure the race of this sinful world and especially our sinful lives. By our own reason or strength we can't. But, if you look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of your faith, you have in fact already won the race! You have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection which has made you a child of God, given you faith and forgiven your sins. You have often partaken of the bread and the wine, the body and blood of Jesus that forgives your sins and strengthens your faith. You have heard, and inwardly digested, God's Holy Word which gives you the strength to overcome agony and endure.

This is your Good News about the race set before you. Jesus endured the agony of the cross - so that in our agony - all who look to Jesus will endure to the end. Now go out and finish the race that is set before you because the founder and perfecter of your faith, Jesus Christ, has already won it for you!



What In the World is Parliamentary Procedure?

Parliamentary Procedure is a set of rules used in meetings which apply common sense, courtesy, and fairness to each and every member.

This procedure originated in early English Parliaments and came to America with the first European settlers. It became a uniform method of conducting business meetings in 1876 when Henry M. Robert published his manual on Parliamentary Law (Robert's Rules of Order).

This book of rules is continually updated and is used as the basic principles of order for clubs, organizations, and groups who conduct business. The LWML uses this guideline in conducting business, which follows the basic principles:

- The rights of each member are respected, allowing them to be heard by presenting motions, seconding motions, debating (discuss) motions and voting on motions.

- The establishment of a quorum (written in the bylaws) which specifies the minimum number of members that must be present to conduct business legally. If a quorum is NOT specified in the bylaws, 100% of the membership must be present to conduct business. If a quorum is NOT present, business may not be conducted - reports may be given, but no business (motions) may be made or voted upon. This prevents the "few" ruling the "majority."

- Order is maintained by allowing only one item of business at a time, and only allowing one person to speak at a time.

Helps with Parliamentary Procedure are available on the LWML Website at www.lwml.org; under "Service" select the item "Group Resources" where you will find a number of helps. It is also possible to look up Parliamentary Procedure on the Web and find additional resources, or order material from the National Association of Parliamentarians.

God's Blessings to you as you serve Him by allowing each member to have a voice and vote in your LWML!

Judy Westergren
Vice President of Organizational Resources

Gospel Outreach

As the May 1 deadline for student aid applications was approaching, the mail box was filled with requests. The Student Aid Committee members found themselves busy reviewing the grant requests and will be notifying the students of their grant status after June 1. The Mission Grant Committee continues to distribute the mites that are received. Not only are we nearing the halfway mark of the \$93,406.00 goal, we are also halfway into our 2014-2016 biennium. Please keep your mites flowing in. Check out the latest updates for grants funded on our website at www.lwml-ied.org.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation, 'God Speaks in Our Language' - \$5,000.00 PAID IN FULL

Here in Iowa, the mission field is coming to us! Today, more than 130,000 Iowa residents are of foreign birth; in the last decade alone, Iowa's immigrant population increased by more than 45 percent. Many of these visiting students and new immigrants are coming from places where the Word of God is not freely proclaimed and the name of Jesus is not known or called upon. "How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?" (Romans 10:14). By partnering with Lutheran Heritage Foundation, we can provide congregations and pastors with tools to reach out to people in their own language. LHF has published over 65 different language versions of Luther's Small Catechism. A Child's Garden of Bible Stories and a fully illustrated children's book is also available in 12 languages, with several more translations underway. Pastors and teachers are able to receive materials from LHF to use in classes and during visits to new immigrants. Parishioners will have access to Christian materials in Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or other languages to begin sharing with their new neighbors the message of Jesus Christ.

Mission Central, Mercy Work, Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, China - \$10,000.00

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. LCMS missionaries who are dedicated to spreading the Holy Gospel will connect with the people of Mainland China through mercy projects that will shine the Light of Jesus on their lives.

Cynthia Kofoot

• • • Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Human Care Silver Spoons

Many women and men involved in planning for our National Convention have "Endured" several obstacles to get everything right and in its place, but looking to Jesus, He is the founder and perfecter of our faith. I'm looking forward to seeing my "old friends" and making "new ones," like a family reunion.

Have you heard about the "Silver Spoons" program? The Silver Spoons program pairs nursing care residents with volunteers during mealtimes. The volunteers provide help to residents who need assistance eating. Silver Spoons give residents the opportunity to take more time to enjoy their meal through companionship and conversation, which can improve their quality of life. Eating is a social activity and talking helps keep people sharp – communication is important! If this opportunity interests you, check your local care center and/or hospitals. I'm sure they would welcome your help.

Darlene Read

Vice President of Human Care



The Iowa East District banner for the Des Moines convention was designed by Kathy Krueger of Arizona. Kathy's mother, Lynda Krueger, pictured, is the Williamsburg Zone President. Lynda recently finished the banner, which will be part of the Opening Worship Service processional on Thursday, June 25.



Mission-Ministry-Vision

Refresh Your Members: Get Them to E-A-T

LWML is not the only organization that needs more members, more actively involved members, to reach its potential and fully accomplish its mission. In order to thrive, every organization must have a "critical mass" of people working together toward its goals. Since all levels of LWML enjoy having refreshments, let's look at how we can increase member involvement when we E-A-T!

E – ENCOURAGE one another. Share our good experiences at meetings, rallies and conventions. Enthusiasm is contagious. Instead of complaining about how few attended a meeting or helped with a project, tell about the new insights you gained from the devotions or the speaker. Share the good time you had working on the project and the good it accomplished, and add "Maybe next time you can join us."

Encouragement is also very important after the member has agreed to come to a meeting/event or assist with a specific task. Remind her of the date/time/place, and check whether a ride is needed. Encourage the members who are working together to connect with each other, for example, by sharing their mutual interests. Encourage them with Scriptural quotes or paraphrases such as "The Lord will be with you." God will help you know what to say.

A – ASK personally, persistently, kindly, sensitively, pleasantly, boldly – just ask! Invite a new member of your church, a long time member who has not yet been involved in LWML, or a member who has quit coming to meetings. Listen to their answers and try to find a way to deal positively with any negative responses. The next step is to help them become actively involved. This may take effort on your part to learn about their talents, interests, other responsibilities with jobs and /or family, and any other factors that would affect their response. If the task you need fulfilled fits with their talents or interests, perhaps with the right encouragement their answer will be "yes." Even a "no" response can lead to future involvement, so listen carefully. Next time, ask for something different. Sometimes it takes several attempts to find a way to connect them to the many opportunities for service in your church, society, and other levels of LWML.

Whenever possible, appeal to their inner desire to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Remind them that the Lord will give them the ability to do whatever they are being called to do, just as He equipped the prophets, apostles, and disciples. As "Women in Mission," we are doing

our part to take the Gospel to the lost.

T – THANK them for their time, their thoughtful response, their willingness to serve. Thank them personally, specifically, and often. Let them know that you really are glad they have joined you. Tell others how much you appreciate having these new members involved. Rejoice that a meeting went well, that an event was a blessing to its participants, that goals were met. Give thanks to God for what LWML can do when we help all members get involved!

ENCOURAGE, ASK, THANK! Assist all women in our churches to become involved in the LWML!

Kathryn Schweer
MMV Consultant

Financial Secretary

The following report includes all money deposited from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. This includes monies received for mites, memorials, and Quarterly & Alive payments. If there are unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know. The number in parenthesis after the society name indicates the reported number of members. If that number is incorrect, it may be that we do not have your most recent Society Record Form. Please contact your Zone President to update your form and information.

I will be at the National Convention in Des Moines this summer and hope to meet many of you there!

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

Elizabeth Gehle
Financial Secretary



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!**

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT SOCIETY RECEIPTS

OCTOBER 01, 2014 - MARCH 31, 2015

ALDEN, ST PAUL LADIES AID (18)	\$384.31	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (10)	\$124.00
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$597.76	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (12)	\$60.61
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN LADIES AID (18)	\$154.95	DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST LWML (35)	\$530.39
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00	DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (35)	\$1,200.18
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$823.74	DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$385.24	DELAWARE, ST PAUL'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY (12)	\$517.50
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (6)	\$200.78	DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (28)	\$644.35
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (4)	\$363.02	DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN WOMEN (60)	\$726.35
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (12)	\$300.47	DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (28)	\$555.00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$0.00	DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML (5)	\$20.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (66)	\$548.55	DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (30)	\$876.56
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMENS MISSION CIR (10)	\$280.00	ELDORA, ST PAUL LWML (50)	\$520.70
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$988.52	ELDRIDGE, PARKVIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (25)	\$212.60
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (45)	\$985.73	ELMA, ST PETER LWML (12)	\$766.07
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$0.00	EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LWML (10)	\$98.73	FAIRBANK, ST JOHN LADIES AID DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$457.42
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID (15)	\$311.90	FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (25)	\$254.26
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (14)	\$80.00	FAYETTE, GRACE LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN WOMEN (30)	\$445.85	FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LADIES GUILD (8)	\$315.26
CLINTON, ST JOHN LADIES AID (19)	\$462.90	FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00
CLINTON, ST JOHN MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$228.00	FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (19)	\$199.85
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE (18)	\$134.07	GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA SOCIETY (10)	\$607.04
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$283.30	GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive)	\$0.00
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$0.00	GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (15)	\$215.17
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$312.30	GRINNELL, IMMANUEL LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (20)	\$629.93	GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (10)	\$425.98
		HAMPTON, TRINITY LUTHERAN LADIES SOCIETY (60)	\$3,489.16
		HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (34)	\$1,030.75

HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$438.00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S MISSION CIRCLE (18)	\$335.77
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER MISSION LEAGUE(10)	\$142.18
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER MISSION GUILD (30)	\$1,928.01
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (50)	\$520.44
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (15)	\$634.01
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN DORCAS GUILD (12)	\$112.56
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$762.08
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (10)	\$387.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34)	\$928.22
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$35.73
LUZERNE, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (10)	\$334.63
MANCHESTER, OUR SAVIOR MISSION GUILD (21)	\$819.77
MAQUOKETA, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LWML	\$0.00
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (21)	\$543.00
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S RUTH/SARAH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$0.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$1,177.77
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (21)	\$576.88
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID DILLON (5)	\$0.00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (47)	\$1,663.54
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (7)	\$208.14
MELCHER, ST JOHN LWML (8)	\$303.10
MILLERSBURG, TRINITY LWML (3)	\$80.70
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$44.67
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (12)	\$750.01
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (8)	\$296.03
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$1,243.40
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (20)	\$421.53
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$1,044.09
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE CIRCLE (13)	\$307.59
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (65)	\$754.98

OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN LWML (21)	\$326.22
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (10)	\$495.64
READLYN, IMMANUEL, KLINGER LADIES AID (20)	\$400.08
READLYN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$0.00
READLYN, ST PAUL MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE (18)	\$176.76
REINBECK, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (32)	\$791.48
RICEVILLE, ST PETER'S LWML (25)	\$891.34
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (9)	\$655.76
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (4)	\$89.96
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$31.00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$80.00
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$151.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (23)	\$562.33
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23)	\$270.86
SUMNER, ST JOHN/ST PAUL LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$356.06
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14)	\$358.70
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS SOCIETY (15)	\$320.54
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML (24)	\$278.41
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$490.15
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (6)	\$9.50
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (5)	\$282.76
WATERLOO, CHRIST CIRCLE OF HOPE (inactive)	\$0.00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (20)	\$0.00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (21)	\$344.20
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (15)	\$240.30
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (8)	\$357.92
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (17)	\$270.96
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$447.66
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$1,000.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL LWML - ARTESIAN (11)	\$323.93
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN LWML (10)	\$0.00
WEST UNION, GOOD SHEPARD LWML (disbanded)	\$0.00

WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12)	\$324.95
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (14)	\$277.12
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$791.05
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive)	\$0.00
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE (15)	\$227.78
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive)	\$708.39

Total of Society Contributions October 01, 2014 - March 31, 2015	\$51,875.89
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LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT ZONE RECEIPTS

OCTOBER 01, 2014 - MARCH 31, 2015

BENTON	\$209.50
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$0.00
CLINTON	\$0.00
DAVENPORT	\$0.00
DUBUQUE	\$0.00
ELDORA	\$0.00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$0.00
MT PLEASANT	\$0.00
ST ANSGAR	\$0.00
WATERLOO	\$0.00
WESTGATE	\$0.00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$404.76
Total of Zone Contributions October 01, 2014 - March 31, 2015	\$614.26
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS	\$1,146.00
IED DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$161.84
IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$0.00
LCMS Foundation Scholarship Endowment Interest	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS October 01, 2014 - March 31, 2015	\$53,797.99

Fall Retreat Invitation

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

In September we'll be coming off the exuberance of the summer convention. The women of the Waterloo Zone invite you to continue reaping the bounty of God's love at the Fall Retreat on September 18 and 19 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Come and learn the abundance of God's love through Bible Study, fun and fellowship. We will serve the Lord with gladness in our servant events which will extend our mission into our district.

Bring your Bible and be prepared to be filled to overflowing! Other suggested items to bring are snacks, and comfortable clothes. Towels and/or twin 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 Io-Dis-E-Ca. Items include: Postage stamps, Binder clips, plastic recycle bins, surge protection power strips, file boxes (for record storage), 33 gallon trash can liners, brooms, double bed sheets (flat and fitted), large-size bandages, hand sanitizer. Check www.lwml-ied.org for a complete list of items.

Register by September 4 for the reduced rate. The registration form is in this issue and can also be found online at www.lwml-ied.org. The Waterloo Zone looks forward to hosting you!



Licht and Samantha Nelson are representing our district as YWRs. They will participate in Des Moines at the YWR group meetings, a morning processional, and other activities and business of the convention. When they return home, they will continue to represent our district in their own societies and zones, and at our district board meetings. These experiences will remain with them the rest of their lives.



I attended my first convention 30 years ago in Ames. I was so impacted by this experience, I have carried it throughout my life. I made life-long friends and became closer to my Lord. Thousands of women are planning to attend our convention in Des Moines. Don't miss this opportunity right here in our own state.

As LWML women, we intentionally go out and Sow•Nourish•Reap to let others know that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Denita Krause
Member Development Committee

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Nominating Committee

The LWML Iowa East District Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to be listed on the ballot for the 2016-2018 biennium. "Therefore my beloved (sisters), be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your work is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

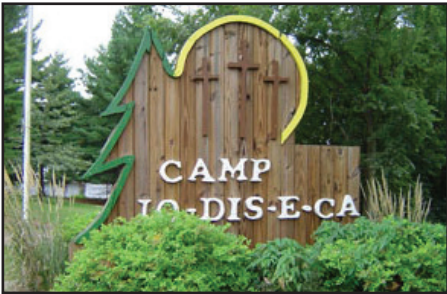
If you should be contacted, please give it prayerful thought to say yes to serving. If you are not contacted, but are interested in having your name placed on the ballot, please contact your Zone's nominating committee member. The positions up for election at the 2016 District Convention are Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Organizational Resources, and Treasurer.

Sandy Krause
Nominating Committee Chairperson

Member Development

What a wonderful time to be in the LWML Iowa East District and on the Host Committee team! We are blessed to have our National Convention in our own state.

Many young women, whether coming on their own or as a Young Woman Representative, will have an experience of a lifetime. Gretchen



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Heart to Heart

Endurance As We Serve "Heart to Heart Sisters"

We answer Jesus' call to serve when reaching out with a loving and compassionate heart.



But we must have a strong desire to serve with endurance – giving the gift of time, and embracing the opportunities to grow as we plant seeds for the future. Through Heart to Heart Sisters ministries of LWML we can do it! With sisterly love, determination, and God's gifts of endurance, we pray for all people of faith to shout with affirmation and declare our faith.

On April 18 at Park View Lutheran Church in Eldridge, the LWML Davenport Zone hosted guest speaker in Missions the Rev. Allan Buckmann. He shared stories of his many years serving abroad. Since 2004 he has served as Chairman of Christian Friends of New Americans. Within this faith-based organization, a Heart to Heart Sisters society has formed and meets monthly, encouraging women from around the world to meet, study the Bible, share their stories, enjoy fellowship and ethnic appetizers, and their love for the Lord. This Heart to Heart Sisters society currently has women gathering from 15 different regions of the world to share in fellowship and studies.

There are endless opportunities to share God's glory. Therefore run with endurance, run as if you were winning a race, a race in seeking out all women to grow God's Kingdom, racing to your LWML society to host a Heart to Heart Sisters gathering, extending the invitation to women of all backgrounds.

We thank our Lord for being in control of this world and for the courage and endurance given to each of us for it is not always easy to be courageous in a fearful world. "For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations" Psalm 100:5 (NIV).

Please contact Jeannie Mirfield, Heart to Heart Sisters Coordinator, with questions or ideas to share at jeannieinabottle62@yahoo.com, or 563-370-3527. Together, running with endurance, we can win the race.

Society

Peace Lutheran, Oelwein

The SONshine Mission Circle of Oelwein just completed its second year as a member of LWML. Monthly meetings and many activities have taken place. Some highlights include remembering our "Prayer Pal" on special occasions, attending two Church Basement Ladies performances, attending the district convention and zone rallies, collecting mites, buying gifts for the "Christmas Giving Tree," making Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief, creating a "Discipline Calendar," serving a Palm Sunday breakfast, making May Baskets for shut ins, enjoying a family picnic, honoring veterans, donating supplies to Lutheran schools and community food banks, enjoying a "Ladies Day Away," serving a soup supper, making favors for the national convention, serving "Muffins for Mites" on LWML Sunday, and participating in the monthly funny fine.

Our main project was hosting a guest day, when 60 guests enjoyed looking at old paper dolls and a metal doll house, while enjoying a piece of pie and ice cream and praising and thanking our Lord for our blessings.



Back row, left to right: Shirley Buhr, Christian Life Growth Chairman, Burn Vargason, Treasurer, Nancy Maurer, Secretary

Front row, left to right: Linda Meyer, Vice President, Mardene Bahe, President

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Zone

Cedar Rapids Zone

The Cedar Rapids Zone held its Spring Rally on Saturday, April 11. The theme of the rally was "The Great Co-Mission" based on Matthew 28:19-20. It was a wonderful morning of fellowship, Bible Study, and guest speaker, Irene Reinking. Irene is from Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, and shared some of her mission experiences in Liberia. The morning concluded with a Convention Blessing for all those who will be attending the LWML Convention in Des Moines. The Blessing of Convention Participants was found at the LWML website.

Clinton Zone

The Clinton Zone held its Spring Rally on April 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowden. A delicious brunch was served to 42 attendees. Pastor Daniel Raghage led the Bible Study "A Glimpse of Heaven." Mary Lu Konrad was the keynote speaker: "HIS Gifts of Love." A skit "Many Kinds of Love" was presented.

Davenport Zone



Pastor Bob Bartel, associate pastor at Park View Lutheran Church and Rev. Dr. Buckman.

On April 18, the women of the Davenport Zone met at Park View Lutheran in Eldridge for the Spring Rally. The theme was "Gathering the Nations Among Us to Christ" with Matthew 28:20 as the theme verse.

We enjoyed beautiful music by singer and songwriter Linda Pasvogel, and our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Allan Buckman from Christian Friends of New Americans.

Dubuque Zone

Two young, enthusiastic pastors highlighted the Dubuque Zone Rally held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Guttenberg, Iowa, on April 11. Reverend Andrew Preus led the LWML women and four attending pastors in an enlightening Bible study on the theme of the rally, "Serve the Lord With Gladness." Following the study,

Reverend John Wegener, pastor at College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls and guest speaker for the rally, shared about his unique ministry and outreach to University of Northern Iowa college students. Both pastors uplifted the attendees with the Gospel message.

Eldora Zone

The Eldora Zone Spring Rally had the privilege of hearing Grant Schmidt, Vice President of Operations at Orphan Grain Train, talk about all the disaster services they provide to the United States and 62 foreign countries. Their largest supporter is the LWML. The new branch in Clemons will officially charter this month, so Iowa East District will have a close place to send quilts, funds, clothing, shoes, and supplies.

Waterloo Zone

The Waterloo Zone LWML held its Spring Rally on Saturday, April 18, at Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo. The Women's Guild and Dorcas Societies of Immanuel Lutheran in Waterloo served as hosts for the morning under the theme "He who has ears, let him hear" from Matthew 13:9. Pastor Gerald Kapanka, Immanuel, led opening devotions



and Bible Study on Sowing the Seed and being hearers of God's Word from Matthew 13:3-9. Laura Woebbekeing, Creative Enhancement Coordinator for the Des Moines convention, brought us updates on convention. We held a servant event workshop working on projects for the convention. Pastor Edward Killian, Zone counselor, led closing devotions.

Westgate Zone

The Westgate Zone Rally started with a brunch at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg. Our speaker was Pastor Michael Parris, who is a Macau Missionary. After his talk and pictures, there was a very active question and answer time. Pastor Berquist, St. John, Fairbank and Grace, Jesup, led the opening devotion, and Pastor Koch, St. Paul, Fredericksburg, had the closing devotion.

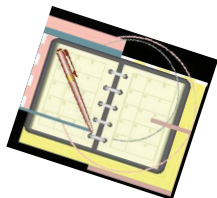
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June 25-28, 2015 – LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

August 15, 2015 – LWML IED Board of Directors meeting

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

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



2016 LWML Iowa East District Convention

The Ultimate GPS: God's Plan of Salvation

Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'"

Place - William Penn University, Oskaloosa

Date - **June 17-18, 2016**

Keynote speaker - Janice Wendorf

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