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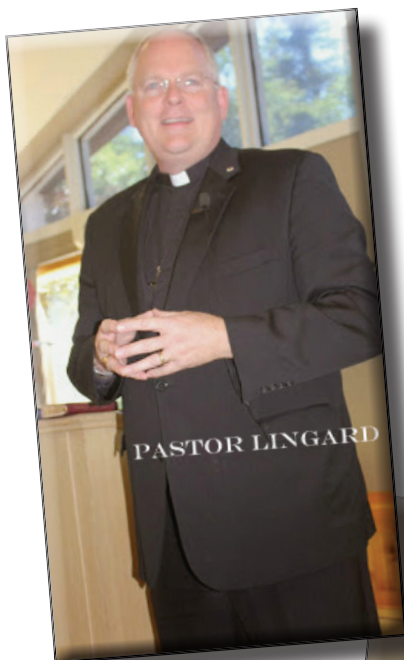


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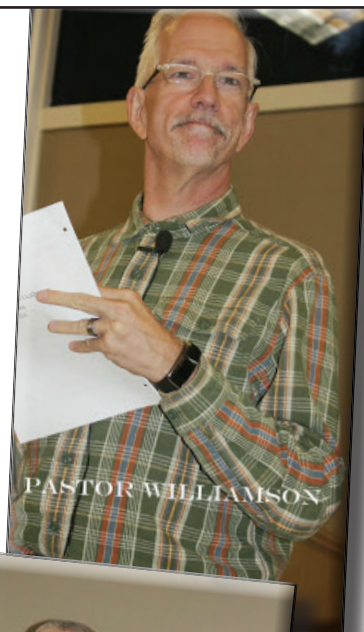
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Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

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PASTOR REMPFER

President's Message

The time is NOW to tell your LWML story!



It started when a friend invited me to a society meeting, with the simple words "You need to come to this." She had my interest and I went to satisfy my curiosity. That was more than 30 years ago! I have served in various capacities in the LWML and love this wonderful organization.

Through the years and different churches we have attended or visited, the first thing I look for is a presence of LWML. Why? Because the focus of the LWML is on the mission of spreading the Gospel and serving the Lord through projects, Bible Study and fellowship.

When I attended the Sioux Falls convention in 2007, I was overcome by the instant camaraderie I experienced by just being there. There were lines for the restroom, but the time you spent waiting with LWMLers from across the nation allowed you to experience the sisterhood of the LWML.

We have the opportunity to share the experience of the 2015 LWML convention in Des Moines by inviting a friend, volunteering our time at convention, or by attending and going back home to share our experiences. A national convention isn't going to get any closer than our own backyard. There will be servant events, mission speakers, voting for Mission Grants and officers, entertainment and worship.

Who invited you to your first LWML meeting? Be that person for someone in your life. Invite! Tell your story! Encourage! Invite someone to a society meeting or take them out for a cup of coffee. Tell them your story about how you became involved in LWML and why you stay. Encourage the women in your congregation to participate in the mission of spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

God's Word is the only constant in our changing and evolving world. Share it with your sisters in Christ! Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

God bless you with a passion for sharing the LWML with your sisters in Christ!

Joan Berquist
President LWML IED

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Counselor's Corner

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Lifetime Warranty!

Several years ago the old pressed wood siding on the parsonage was crumbling and needed replacing. It was decided to replace the old siding with new vinyl siding. It came from a very reputable, well-known company and was installed by experienced professionals. As they were installing the vinyl siding, I picked up a piece of the carton that the siding came in which had the warranty information printed on it. It stated that this siding had a "limited "lifetime" warranty. I was curious what it meant. Was it my lifetime, the lifetime of the house, or perhaps the lifetime of the company? The * led me to the small print and I was amazed at all the exclusions that applied to the "lifetime" warranty. It seemed as if they were trying harder to not give a "lifetime" warranty than to give one. Well, fast forward now several years and I started to notice something happening on the east and west sides of the house. Can you guess? The siding is fading – quite noticeably. It is beginning to look drab. I wonder what the "limited "lifetime" warranty says about that?

Thankfully, God's Word is not like vinyl siding. God's Word has been carefully made and has stood the test of time. God's Word does not fade or wither and in fact, it has lasted many "lifetimes" of the saints who have gone on before us, giving them wisdom and proclaiming Christ and Him crucified to generation after generation. God's Word has stood through storms of every kind and attacks from outside and even inside the church. God's Word has been questioned and doubted by believers and unbelievers and yet shown time and time again to be the accurate, faithful and true Word of God. And the best part is that God's Word offers an UNLIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY, "That whoever believes in him (Jesus) shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Talk about a LIFETIME warranty! No asterisks, no exclusions, no limits. Jesus died on the cross for your sins and all sinners who repent and believe in order to give us eternal life. Oh, and did I mention the price? NO COST!



Jesus paid the whole bill. Jesus' love for you will never fade. Jesus' love for you will never wither. Jesus' love for you will stand forever. Guaranteed.

Pastor David Lingard
Junior Pastoral Counselor

Gospel Outreach

The time is NOW to begin the financial aid application process for the 2015-2016 school year for students attending LCMS Synodical colleges. Go to lwml-ied.org, click on Mission Grants, and drop down to Student Aid. As you read through the guidelines note that the Financial Aid Application, Statement of Financial Condition form and checklist can be downloaded and printed. The May 1 deadline will be here before we know it.

The time is NOW to send in your mites so these grants and many more can be paid. A complete list of our 2014-2016 Mission Grants can be found on our district website at www.lwml-ied.org.

New Hope Lutheran Church, Charles City, "Start-Up Funds" - \$5,600

New Hope Lutheran Church in Charles City was formed on October 1, 2011. The congregation has been worshipping on Saturday evenings at a store front church in downtown Charles City. Comprised of 25 members, New Hope Lutheran Church has received a donation of an abandoned building and are looking to remodel this into their own facility. While the needs are great, a laptop computer and printer and an electronic church organ are vital to this congregation. There is no other LCMS church in the Charles City area, and the Lord has instructed us to "teach the nations" — a goal of the LWML.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, "Retreat Experience Improvements" - \$6,000

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is utilized by 60-70 groups annually, as well as hundreds of summer campers. Necessary bedding and equipment wear out over time. Advancements in technology are prompting groups to have technology needs that cannot always be accommodated. An important part of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission is to serve as a retreat facility for LCMS congregations, schools and



other groups for Christ-centered teaching, fun, and relaxation. The facility is utilized annually by the LMWL IED for their fall retreat. This grant will provide for new mattresses and some bunk beds in the Alpha Lodge. Additionally, funds will be utilized to improve conference and retreat technology. The current setup and removal process is time-consuming and requires different arrangements for different groups. The location of the projector and speakers frequently make it difficult to see electronic presentations. Audio amplification is poor. Grant funds will be used to install drop down projector screens and projector mounts in both lodges, with new speakers in the Alpha Lodge dining and activity hall, and audio connection to the Fireside Room. These improvements will further the ability of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca to serve as a high quality retreat and conference center, as the camp seeks to provide Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration for groups and individuals of all ages.

I look forward to giving updates in future issues on which grants have been paid.

Cindy Kefoot

Vice President, Gospel Outreach

Human Care

It was a privilege to represent the Iowa East District at the Marshalltown Zone Rally on Oct. 4 in Knoxville. They hosted six speakers talking about "Special Needs." One was a teacher working with special needs children, another was a college student who had polio, and the others had family members with special needs. How do we react to people with special needs? Do we try to ignore them, do we pity them? Or do we feel compassion for them, and ask if they need help?

For those providing care, we could offer to relieve them for a couple hours or just ask "how can I help?" Sometimes a special needs person might want to talk about their disability. It's amazing what we can learn from one another. We are all unique and God's children. Pray for these families, encourage them, and show them love. 1 John 4:7 says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."

Darlene Read

Vice President, Human Care

Organizational Resources

All About Meetings – The Agenda

All meetings, large or small, need a plan, often prepared by the leader. This plan is officially referred to as an "Agenda." The reason for such a plan is to assure all necessary parts of the meeting are included and not forgotten. Copies of the agenda should be distributed at a larger meeting, but small, intimate meetings need not have an agenda for all participants. The meeting leader should have a written Agenda for her use.

Parts of the agenda of any LWML meeting should include the following:

1. Call to order (this could be a "welcome" in a very informal meeting)
2. Opening devotion, prayer, and/or Bible Study
3. Roll call (optional) – at this point guests and new members could be welcomed, unless done at the welcome.
4. Minutes read and approved (assuming this group has a secretary who records minutes of the meeting) Note: There should be some recording of the group's actions for each meeting.
5. Treasurer's report – If monies are involved for this particular group
6. Reports of officers and/or committees – This is necessary if the group has officers, committees, circles, etc.
7. Unfinished/Old Business – Any business that was not completed at a previous meeting and needs to be addressed.
8. New Business – Any business to be addressed that has not been addressed in the past.
9. Announcements – Upcoming events, projects, etc. that meeting members should know about.
10. Adjournment – This may be a closing prayer or other closing for an informal meeting.
11. Program – If there is a program.

Please note that there are options for an agenda depending on the group. Most LWML meetings should also include at some point the gathering of Mites. Mites are for Missions, selected by LWML delegates at the district and national LWML conventions. All mites are forwarded to the LWML District Financial Secretary to be divided:

Seventy-Five percent (75%) are used to support the work and missions of the district LWML.



Twenty-Five percent (25%) are used to support the work and missions of the national LWML.

The list of Mission Grants supported by mites are posted on the District and LWML websites. These Missions are sometimes listed in the Quarterly or Alive newsletters as well.

Blessings to you and your group as you seek to serve the One who loved you first – Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Judy Westergren

Vice President, Organizational Resources

Financial Secretary

Wow! You have amazed me (and I'm sure my postal carrier) with your generosity of mites! Every day I have LWML mites in my mailbox. What a blessing all of you are to LWML! Your mites share the warmth of the Gospel – the



Good News that stands forever.

I was recently asked a question about memorials. When I receive a memorial gift I will send an acknowledgment letter to the donor. Memorials may be designated for areas such as mites or the endowment fund. Memorial donations are also posted in the Alive twice a year – in the fall and spring issues.

The following report includes all money deposited from April 1-September 30, 2014. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the September 30 deposit. 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.

Have a joyous Christmas season!

Elizabeth Gefhle
Financial Secretary

SOCIETY RECEIPTS	
APRIL 01 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	
ALDEN, ST PAUL LADIES AID (20)	\$522.86
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$978.41
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN LADIES AID (20)	\$278.98
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (18)	\$350.40
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (11)	\$623.26
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (7)	\$30.68
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (4)	\$129.85
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (15)	\$-
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$262.50
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (66)	\$657.32
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMENS MISSION CIR (10)	\$-
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (35)	\$543.91

CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (45)	\$412.72
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$-
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LWML(15)	\$-
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID (15)	\$194.29
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN WOMEN (30)	\$346.27
CLINTON, ST JOHN LADIES AID (16)	\$519.09
CLINTON, ST JOHN MARY/ MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$50.00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE (19)	\$355.89
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$50.00
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$653.56
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (20)	\$228.68
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (7)	\$160.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (12)	\$145.88
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST LWML (35)	\$326.21
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (35)	\$278.84

DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$-
DELAWARE, ST PAUL'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY (3)	\$60.00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (28)	\$405.58
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN WOMEN (35)	\$244.35
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (30)	\$373.70
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML (6)	\$29.42
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (20)	\$682.19
ELDORA, ST PAUL LWML (55)	\$2,334.62
ELDRIDGE, PARKVIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (25)	\$129.95
ELMA, ST PETER LWML (21)	\$450.91
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN LADIES AID DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$112.50
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (25)	\$75.82
FAYETTE, GRACE LWML (inactive)	\$-
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LADIES GUILD (8)	\$123.67
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (19)	\$142.78
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA SOCIETY (12)	\$175.23
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive)	\$-
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (16)	\$261.18
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL LWML (10)	\$-
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (13)	\$428.17
HAMPTON, TRINITY LUTHERAN LADIES SOCIETY (61)	\$1,461.86
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (34)	\$100.00
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (16)	\$338.19
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S MISSION CIRCLE (18)	\$428.73
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER MISSION LEAGUE(10)	\$97.16
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER MISSION GUILD (30)	\$-

IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (57)	\$873.04
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID(15)	\$109.88
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN DORCAS GUILD (13)	\$109.39
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$289.80
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (10)	\$661.55
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (37)	\$1,333.64
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (20)	\$272.71
LUZERNE, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (18)	\$603.48
MANCHESTER, OUR SAVIOR MISSION GUILD (21)	\$545.75
MAQUOKETA, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LWML	\$-
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (22)	\$443.77
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S RUTH/ SARAH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$-
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$1,395.57
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (25)	\$-
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID DILLION (5)	\$-
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (47)	\$409.23
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (7)	\$-
MELCHER, ST JOHN LWML (8)	\$288.50
MILLERSBURG, TRINITY LWML (4)	\$-
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (3)	\$-
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (10)	\$387.94
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (10)	\$418.47
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$360.86
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (30)	\$120.00
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$-
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE CIRCLE (17)	\$218.48
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$-
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (65)	\$576.74

OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN LWML (25)	\$196.87
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML	\$-
READLYN, IMMANUEL, KLINGER LADIES AID (20)	\$350.50
READLYN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (11)	\$-
READLYN, ST PAUL MARY/ MARTHA CIRCLE (18)	\$541.10
REINBECK, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (28)	\$82.68
RICEVILLE, ST PETER'S LWML (20)	\$746.99
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (58)	\$1,330.17
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (5)	\$57.50
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (13)	\$65.00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$-
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$20.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (23)	\$250.11
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23)	\$219.00
SUMNER, ST JOHN/ST PAUL LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$131.76
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (15)	\$229.65
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS SOCIETY (24)	\$-
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML (20)	\$259.12
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$178.65
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$185.00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (5)	\$-
WATERLOO, CHRIST CIRCLE OF HOPE (inactive)	\$-
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (20)	\$-
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (21)	\$177.60
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (16)	\$389.09
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (10)	\$-
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (17)	\$209.31
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$169.70

WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$612.50
WAVERLY, ST PAUL LWML - ARTESIAN (11)	\$140.80
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN LWML (10)	\$81.17
WEST UNION, GOOD SHEPARD LWML (inactive)	\$-
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (18)	\$365.17
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (14)	\$133.30
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$1,117.18
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive)	\$-
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE (15)	\$101.34
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-
Total of Society Contributions April 01, 2014 - September 30, 2014	\$34,315.67

ZONE RECEIPTS

APRIL 01 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

BENTON	\$261.50
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$99.68
CLINTON	\$73.84
DAVENPORT	\$73.84
DUBUQUE	\$71.44
ELDORA	\$5,274.75
MARSHALLTOWN	\$520.68
MT PLEASANT	\$-
ST ANSGAR	\$76.39
WATERLOO	\$73.84
WESTGATE	\$-
WILLIAMSBURG	\$260.08
Total of Zone Contributions April 01, 2014 - September 30, 2014	\$6,786.04
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS	\$850.00
IED DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$9,697.98
IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-
LCMS Foundation Scholarship Endowment Interest	\$927.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS April 01, 2014 - September 30, 2014	\$52,577.57



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**Lutheran Women's Missionary League
36th Biennial Convention**

Thursday, June 25-Sunday, June 28, 2015

Is your calendar marked for June 25-June 28, 2015 to be at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines? It will be a time to "be fed by God's Word and Sacrament, be nurtured through worship and fellowship, and be equipped to sow, nourish, and reap in the Father's field." It will also be a time to work together as the Iowa East and Iowa West districts of the LWML.

The Departments are busy in preparation for the convention. Your help is needed! Check out our district LWML website (<http://www.lwml-ied.org/>) where you will find the

"Call for Workers" form. Workers do not need to be LWML members – ask your friends, husbands and adult children! Please complete and return as directed. In April 2015 you will be contacted as to how you will be asked to assist. Reminder to 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 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 your District LWML website. Wearing your polo shirt can help create excitement about the convention.

Is your congregation including the "Bulletin Bits" each month? 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 also can be found on our District LWML website.

Also on the website is the Host Committee Convention Newsletter Bountiful Blessings. Keep up-to-date as to what is happening in preparation for the convention.

Please remember the Host Committee in your prayers.

Young Women invited to Des Moines



The LWML IED is looking for two young women to attend the LWML Convention in Des Moines as Young Women Representatives. Ideally, a YWR should be a mature young woman, preferably 22-35 years of age.

The Committee on Young Women is planning a very intensive program that will

immerse these young women into what LWML is all about so they can return to their districts, as well as to their zones and societies, ready to share what they have learned and to intensify their service to the Lord through our organization.

If you would be interested in attending the convention as a YWR, please complete the application and send it to your Zone President by February 1, 2015. Applications and more information about the convention can be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/event-items/2015-lwml-convention/>.



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Search "LWML Iowa East District" and like us to find:

District News and Photos • Updates on new online resources • Updates from National LWML Bible verses • Connect with LWML members from across the District • So much more!

LWML IED Fall Retreat

Although the weather was very chilly, 60 women came to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for a chance to participate in “Something so Ridiculous” in September. After a busy work session of folding, cutting, and crocheting plastic bags into sleeping mats, Maizy the clown joined us. Throughout the evening and into Saturday, Maizy showed how she uses science and the tools of her trade to demonstrate that God’s love never runs out.

Pastors Williamson, Rempfer, and Lingard shared a sampling of “ridiculous” acts in the Bible during our three Bible studies.

Friday evening was filled with laughter as Clown Bingo was played. BINGO!!!! Everyone was a winner. The laughter continued as the gals from Bethlehem, Mason City, modeled for us the latest fashions that LWML women are wearing.

With the stars shining and the closing devotions complete, the bonfire, snacks, board games, and cards were played well into the night.

Meals provided by the camp cooks proved to be very tasty and welcomed as the tables would compete to be the first in line. No one wanted to be last or miss out. Many thanks goes out to the great job these ladies did. Daniel and Paul accepted the “Ridiculously” overwhelming gathering of camp supplies brought in by LWMLers – thank you one and all.

And as for the plastic bags, the surplus was placed into storage at Loretta Vogt’s home for the upcoming convention. Thank you, Loretta.

The ladies of the St. Ansgar Zone wish to thank all who came and laughed along, side by side, with us.

If you missed out this year, we encourage you to plan for next year.

GOD’S LOVE NEVER RUNS OUT!

Cindy Kofoot and Sandy Krause
2014 Retreat Co-Chairs



Nurture Young Women, One Spoonful at a Time

Many young women today are trapped in a virtual tug-of-war. On one end of the rope is the world and all of its heavy demands – work, family, extra-curricular activities, finances, house chores, relationships ... the list is endless. On the other end of the rope is their love for God and the need for participation in worship, Bible study, and prayer. The modern Christian woman needs to be nurtured in God's Word and yet they often carry the load of worldly responsibilities. The time is NOW to mentor these women!

Begin with prayer: Ask God to give you the ability to connect to the young women in your church. Pray in the name and power of Jesus that you would plant a seed in the hearts of these women and that the Holy Spirit would bring them to a closer relationship with God.

Re-evaluate: Family priorities and school activities will often take precedence over attendance to traditional LWML monthly meetings for young women.

Offer a Sunday morning Bible Study once

per month and use the LWML Quarterly studies. Following the Bible study, offer a mission minute, updating them on one mission of the LWML.

Give those women who cannot attend the business meetings the fast facts from the meeting in a handout, with invitation but no expectation.

Invite all women to participate in society projects in small ways. Be appreciative of any contributions.

Have compassion: Be quick to empathize and acknowledge the heavy demands on today's young women. They will appreciate your compassion.

Offer reminders: Young women are pulled in every direction and may need many meeting and event reminders. Use texting, Facebook, email, or phone calls – or all of these!

Discover passion: As signs of Christian passion and service begin to emerge from these young women who have been quenched by the Word, be ready to act. Provide loving support and guidance to their ideas. Nurture their growth in the LWML, one spoonful at a time.

Laura Woebbeking
Member Development Chairman

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The Seasons of Life

Winter will soon be upon us, another year gone full circle. One of the joys, (or curses) of living in Iowa is the chance to live with all four seasons; to see, feel, and hear the beauty God has created for us. How many of us take the change of seasons for granted? Do we stop and think when the green grass goes brown, when the leaves on the trees turn color then bare their branches, when the snow blankets the ground, that God has created all of this for us? His love for us is boundless.

This reminds me of one of my favorite books of the Bible, Ecclesiastes, especially chapter three, which begins "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I remember as a child enjoying every season as it came. The spring brought walks in the gentle rain, playing jacks or pick-up sticks on the front porch, jump rope or hopscotch in the driveway. Summer was always for swimming, going on picnics in the park, riding bikes. Fall took us back to school, enjoying the walk (we weren't driven), taking in the glorious colors of the trees. And winter would be



sledding, ice skating, and making snowmen.

As adults, are we seeing and enjoying God's beauty as we did as a child? I think for many of us the answer is NO. We flee to warmer climates in the winter, and in the hot summer we barricade ourselves inside where the air conditioner is blasting. Do we encourage our children to be a part of God's creation, to take advantage of the seasons he has given us? If not, we need to allow our children a chance to breathe in what he has given us, as the saying goes, "Take time to smell the roses" – God's roses. God is with us through every season, even the long days of winter when everything seems so bleak and we just want to hibernate from the world.

The Bible tells us in both Matthew 24:35 and Mark 13:31, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." It's during these times that we need to look to Christ. Through Him, we know that even during our bleakest times, God will never leave us. His love never dies. "But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you," 1 Peter 1:25 (KJV). It is the same for us. God's love will never die, for soon winter will turn to spring, giving forth new life.

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Vice President, Christian Life

Zone

Benton Zone:

The Benton Zone Fall Rally was held in Newhall on Sept. 18. The theme was Mission of Mercy.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Pastor Steve Rempfer led us in Opening Worship. Pastor Michael Musick, chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospital, was our speaker. The Christian Growth Committee presented a humorous skit entitled "Mission Service Hot Line." The Bible Study by Pastor Dean Duncan was on "A Mission of Mercy." There were 39 LWML members present, 6 pastors and 1 guest.



Cedar Rapids Zone:

The Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Rally was held Saturday, Oct. 25 at Bethany, Cedar Rapids. The theme was "God's

Creation." Ingathering donations were collected for the Veterans Center. The Bible study was led by Pastor Erickson and reminded us that God is a gardener who constantly prunes us to shed off the bad and let the good grow. Ellen Bauer gave a presentation on The Creation Museum and strongly encouraged those of us who have not been, to go. There were 83 in attendance.

Clinton Zone: The Clinton Zone Fall Rally was held Saturday, Sept. 27, at Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Mound. There were 49 persons in attendance. Newly elected officers were installed as follows: President, Alberta Martens; Vice President, Linda Wiese; and Pastoral Counselor, Pastor John Preus. Discussions were held concerning National Convention projects. Pastor David Anderson from East Side Mission in Davenport was the guest speaker.

Davenport Zone: The Davenport Fall Rally was held at Immanuel Lutheran, Davenport, on Oct. 18 with the theme, The Aroma of Christ, based on 2 Corinthians 2:15. There were 49 members and 6 pastors in attendance. Pastor John Wegener from College Hill Campus Ministry at the University of Northern Iowa was the speaker. Zone officers installed for a second term are: Tammy McKay, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Gehle, Secretary.

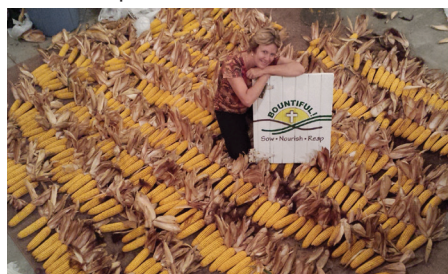
Dubuque Zone: The speaker, Julie Dass, a Missionary with the Sisters of Faith, presented a sobering, eye-opening message on The Danger of Islam. She encouraged us to get knowledge of

our faith, read our Bibles, and dig deeper into our Christian beliefs so we are more prepared to face the dangers of Eastern religions. Pastor Donald Krause from St. Paul, Delaware, was elected as the new Dubuque Zone Counselor. There were 40 members, 34 guests, and 4 pastors present.

Eldora Zone: The Eldora Zone Rally was on Sept. 20, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Buckeye. The theme was Laborers for the Harvest, Matthew 9:37-38. The speaker was Connie Wubbena about English Bible Camp in Poland. Money was collected as an ingathering for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Mt. Pleasant Zone: The Mt. Pleasant Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Immanuel, Fairfield. A monetary ingathering was collected to support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Rev. Ted NaThalang, Coordinator for Southeast Asia Projects, from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, was our guest speaker. Lutheran Heritage Foundation translates, publishes, distributes, and introduces books that are Bible based, Christ centered, and reformation driven to people in countries who have asked for translations. Pastor Brase led the closing devotion with a reading from Revelation, followed by prayers. There were 29 members, 3 pastors and 2 guests in attendance.

Waterloo Zone: A Bountiful Harvest! More than 300 ears of corn were picked and dried, ready to be made into centerpieces at the Waterloo Zone Fall Rally for the 2015 National Convention. Praise God for His amazing workmanship!

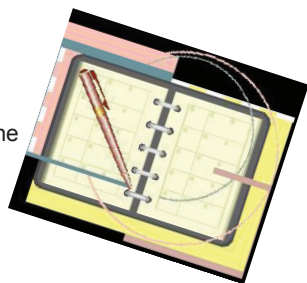


Westgate Zone: The guest speaker for the Westgate Zone Fall Rally was Pastor Pat Kane from Crossroads Mission in Cedar Rapids. There were 53 members, 4 Pastors and 3 guests attending the rally at St. John, Fairbank. Food and paper products were collected for the Fairbank Food Bank. Our Zone elected Co-Presidents, Zelma Fink and Marlys Deterding. Pastor Moss had opening devotions and Pastor Berquist did the closing. Many of the servant event items for the Des Moines convention were brought to the rally, along with items for Ready, Set, Recycle.

Mark Your Calendar

January 15, 2015 – Alive submission deadline
February 1, 2015 – YWR application deadline
February 21, 2015 - Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2015 – Notification for Des Moines convention workers

May 1, 2015
– Student Aid application deadline
June 25-28, 2015 – LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa



Ready, Set, Recycle

Anyone out there caught up in holiday "doings"? Even if you are, I know that you still have Christ's birth at the center of your "doing." Blessings to you for that.

Here we are about at the end of the year and only six months until the Des Moines convention. I know many, many societies are caught up in "doings" for convention.



Thank you for that. As we begin the final countdown, please remember to continue your recycling "doing." As you know, this has been a blessed monetary help toward this convention. The balance at the end of October was \$24,440.32.

As the grass and flowers have withered, my hope is that the Word of God that we will hear at this convention will remain with us for months and even years to come. Remember God's Word stands forever, to Him be the Glory!

Susan Bishop

Ready, Set, Recycle Coordinator

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