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Mites in Action

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."

As your district president, I have had the privilege of seeing mites in action by visiting Mission Central in August, and by attending Donation Day in October at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. When I had the opportunity to speak at Concordia Theological Seminary, I was able to bring greetings from the women of our district, share the mission goal of the LWML Iowa East, present the Mission Grant of \$10,000, and also talk about the experience of being someone who had used the Seminary's Food and Clothing Co-op.

Before leaving for Fort Wayne, I was explaining the impending trip to my mother. She was astounded that I was going to deliver a check for \$10,000. "Where did the money come from?" she asked. I explained to her that it came from the LWML Iowa East mite boxes! I would like to encourage each of you to continue to tell the story of the mite box to others. Indeed! Where did that money come from? It came from the heart!

The CTS Food and Clothing Co-op and Mission Central are two of the recipients of LWML Iowa East District mission grants during the 2014-2016 biennium. At our convention in Oskaloosa next June, we will have the privilege of voting for Mission Grants that we will support during the 2016-2018 biennium. How exciting to see the mission of the LWML Iowa East District continue on into the future.

God bless each of you with joy-filled hearts as you continue to support the mission of spreading the Gospel through the giving of mites. And may every gift to mites be a celebration of the birth and resurrection of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Joan Berquist
LWML IED President



Joan Berquist presents Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, President, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, with a check for \$10,000 from Iowa East District.

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



**You can also find it online
at lwml.org.**

Don't miss out!

Counselor's Corner

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. Jeremiah 29:11



In the Christmas movie, Home Alone, a family plans a Christmas getaway vacation. Airline tickets are bought, bags are packed, the kids are counted and off they go to Paris until they realize that one kid (Kevin) is left behind. Complete chaos ensues with the family trying to reunite for Christmas.

God the Father, when He planned and created the world, had our welfare in mind when He put man and woman in the Garden of Eden. All creation and man were perfect. Then Satan tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. By just the one sin, complete chaos and death entered the whole world. The crafty Serpent thought he had defeated God's plan so that man and God would be forever separated. But "God had planned something better for us" (Hebrews 11:40). For God promised Adam and Eve that he would send a Savior from the offspring of the woman that would crush the head of Satan and bring what was separated back together (Genesis 3:15).

The Son of God, your Savior, Jesus Christ was the plan to give all mankind hope and a future. Where death entered the world through the sin of Adam (Romans 5:12), the second Adam (Jesus) would strike a mortal blow against death. By Jesus' perfect obedience and Jesus' atoning death on the cross He gives "whoever believes and is baptized" (Mark 16:16) salvation and eternal life!

Now this doesn't mean our lives on earth will be free from chaos, sin and death. This side of heaven, even our best intentions to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... (and to) Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39) will fall short of the glory of God. Even our best laid plans to do 'better' next time will never be perfect. So we cling to our baptism and the perfection given to us, the righteousness of Christ which covers all sin.

At the end of Home Alone the family is reconciled, forgiveness is offered and peace ensues. So it is with Jesus. His plan is to forgive your sins, reconciling you to God the Father. No matter what plans you have made in your life that have gone awry, no matter what sins and chaos have come into your life, because of the blood of Jesus you have peace, and a future and hope!

Have a blessed Christmas,

Rev. David C. Lingard

LWML Meetings and More



We can get "stagnant" doing the same thing over and over again, and we need something new to invigorate us and inspire others to join us. Let's look at some ideas and resources available to you – wherever you are and however large or small your LWML group is.

1) Check out the LWML website – HOPE Committee resources at <http://www.lwml.org/hope> where you will find many ideas, some of which are listed below.

2) Attend the LWML University using the PowerPoint created by the LWML HOPE Committee. This tool is designed to educate all about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Test your knowledge and share!

3) Look under "Leader Development Resources" to find a variety of ideas to enhance your LWML. One is titled "Make Your LWML Young-Woman Friendly!" This tool is designed to help you identify areas where your group may need strengthening to make it more welcoming. Is there something they suggest that you could try? Don't forget that each Zone is encouraged to send at least one young woman to the June



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Young Woman Representative with the Zone covering her expenses. Encourage a young woman in your church to apply.

4) Use the Quarterly, LWML groups, or women within your church for "new" ideas. Try something a young person or prospective member suggests, even if you've done it before! This is a way to display acceptance of members within your group. We all strive for involved women within our churches, and what better way than to solicit ideas from them, use those ideas and involve them in the implementation.

5) Don't forget to invite-invite-invite! It usually takes several invitations before a new person attends a meeting or event. Don't give up – be welcoming and encouraging.

Do you have ideas to share that have inspired your group to reach out? Let the Alive Editor or IED webmaster know. Other societies may find that your idea works for them as well.

May the Lord bless the work you do in service to Him!

In His Service,
Judy Westergren
Vice President of Organizational Resources

Human Care

Do you remember a time when a letter from home was a cherished prize? You have the opportunity to brighten the day of a missionary wife by being the one who offers encouragement to her just as she does to those around her. You can be the one who writes, "You're in my thoughts and prayers." But you may be wondering, 'What do I say? How do I start?' Here are a few suggestions:

1. Order a current directory of addresses for missionaries and their families from LCMS World Mission.

2. Tell a little about yourself, your family, your interest and your church.

3. Ask a few questions about her family, about the work they are doing, the people they work with and specific prayer concerns. You may include a cute cartoon (especially about mothers), a good advice column, an interesting article, or a picture of a new fad.

4. Send a humorous card and write a loving note on her birthday. Send cards and letters well in advance of special occasions; overseas mail takes more time to be delivered.

5. Do not send packages or any items unless cleared by LCMS Mission, and do not request the missionary wife to send you items from the field; it may be expensive.

6. As you correspond with your missionary wife, you will discover other ideas that are appropriate for the two of you to share.

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus." (Philemon 1:4-5 NIV)



Darlene Read

Vice President of Human Care

Gospel Outreach

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that our Lord has plans for each of us. **Students from Iowa East District**, let us help you follow His plan for you. There is Financial Aid available for the 2016-2017 school year for students attending LCMS colleges. Go to lwml-ied.org, click on Mission Grants, and scroll down to Student Aid. As you read through the guidelines, note that the Financial Aid application, Statement of Financial Condition form and checklist must be downloaded and printed. All application



materials must be postmarked by May 1, 2016, and sent to Cynthia Kofort at the address listed on the website.

The Mission Grant Committee has been very busy compiling grant recipient applications for the upcoming district convention on June 17-18, 2016. As we look toward the upcoming biennium, let us not forget that our mites are still needed to fulfill our goal commitment of \$93,406 in our current biennium. To date, we are \$18,750 short of that goal. Your mites have helped us meet our commitment to many of our Mission Grant recipients. You can get an update of grants paid on our district website at www.lwml-ied.org. One way to fill your mite box is to drop a dime in each time you eliminate an Asian ladybug. As I sit here and write this article I have already put in \$2! Yes it is harvest time!

Mission Grant Recipient: Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, "Food and Clothing Co-op Food" - \$10,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during seminary years. While unmarried students live in campus dormitories, most seminarians are second-career students living off campus with wives and children. Frequently, these men have left the security of jobs and homes to move their families to Fort Wayne in preparation to serve our Lord in the Holy Ministry. One of the ways the seminary seeks to alleviate this financial burden is by providing students with access to the Food and Clothing Co-op, which is supported through the donations of individual donors, churches and other organizations. The Co-op is currently able to supply between 80%-85% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student.

Cynthia Kofort

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

Christian Life - Trust in God

Jeremiah 29:11 says "'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.'" What powerful meaning this Bible passage has for us.

From the day we were born to the day we die, God knows what our life will be like. He has planned our existence on this earth, and we only have to put our life into His hands. Our future holds the promise that when we



die, we will live with God for eternity. In my life, plans have changed drastically from what I ever imagined. Early retirement in August has agreed with me, but has put financial restraints on me that I did not account for. However, when I reread this passage, God has plans for my welfare, not for evil, and I have hope and a future by putting my trust in the Lord.

What drastic changes have happened in your life? It could be an illness, a sudden death of a loved one, a job change, divorce or marriage, or moving to a new location which was not planned, but God knew and He has given you hope for a new future. As we read in Proverbs 24:14, "Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off." Wow! Our hope will not be cut off! These are words to live by and to lead us on day after day that there is hope in tomorrow.

God tells us in Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." If we are in daily prayer with our Lord and ask Him for guidance in our lives, we will be able to take each day as it comes knowing that in God's time, not ours, He will answer our prayers. We just need patience as it is not our will, but God's.

I will leave with you this hope from Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Vickie Klinkhammer
Vice President of Christian Life

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2016 LWML Iowa East District Convention Invitation

How many of us wish we could go back to those good ol' days of college life — except for the part about those stressful finals! God has prepared a special LWML Iowa East District convention June 17-18th, 2016 at William Penn University in Oskaloosa, hosted by the women of the Marshalltown Zone.

The keynote speaker on Friday evening will be past LWML President Janice Wendorf. The two-day convention will be an experience filled with many different aspects of LWML, from mites and missions to servant activities to uplifting music and joyful fellowship.

The recently opened Orphan Grain Train collection center in Clemons will be the recipient of the ingathering items collected during the convention. Please bring complete Mercy (Hygiene) Kits. Each kit consists of 1 each: bath towel (dark), wash cloth (dark), bath-size bar of soap (wrapped), adult-size toothbrush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant, 6 Band-Aids (3/4") secured together, and 1 or 2 tissue packets. All items should be new and the loose items

should be rolled up in the wash cloth/bath towel, and secured with a ribbon or yarn. Check the website at <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects> for more information.

We hope you take advantage of the dorm accommodations while you attend. The dorms have air conditioning, twin beds (2 per room) and are suite-style (2 bedrooms to a bathroom). Just like going to retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, be sure to pack your bedding, toiletries and towels. We encourage you to check the district website frequently for details and updates in the coming months. Registration forms are included in this issue.

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Heart To Heart Sisters



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."*

How reassuring: A future and a hope! God nourishes us for that future and hope with His Word and Sacraments. As we receive our nourishment, we become equipped to share that future and hope with others so they can be encouraged and nourished so they too will have a future and a hope.

Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters mission is to seek opportunities to establish relationships with women of diverse groups in our district and embrace diversity in our church body to connect these ethnic women to the life and work of the LWML.

Why should we embrace diversity in our LWML? The LWML is "women in mission." We support mission work all over the world. LWML helps women grow spiritually to use their God-given gifts in His harvest fields. When women of diverse ethnicities are brought into the LWML, the body of Christ, the church, is strengthened and grows!

How do we embrace this diversity? By opening our hearts and hands to share Christ. We can invite women into our Bible studies, church services, and LWML groups. It is important to invite and mentor ethnic women who are already in our LCMS congregations. By supporting and helping them grow in their faith and relationship to Christ and the church, they become better equipped to reach out to their ethnic communities.

Our zone presidents have all been contacted and asked to help identify ethnic groups in their zones. As we work together to meet Sisters, encourage them in their faith, and welcome them into the LWML, we are able to share the Good News of the future and hope waiting for them! What a wonderful gift to share!

Joy and Peace in Christ,
Nancy McHone
H2H District Leader

Financial Report

Thrivent Financial recently enrolled LWML Iowa East District in its Thrivent Choice Program. This means that you can now select LWML Iowa East as an organization to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Donations received from Thrivent Choice will go toward our Endowment Fund. When searching for LWML Iowa East on the Thrivent Choice site, the address will be listed under Davenport, Iowa. For more information about Thrivent Choice please visit their website at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>.

The following report includes all money deposited from April 1-September 30, 2015.



This includes mites, memorials, and *Quarterly* and *Alive* payments. 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 Gehle

Financial Secretary

SOCIETY RECEIPTS

APRIL 01, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (18)	\$86.03	CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (14)	\$103.20
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$297.55	CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES (30)	\$273.63
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (18)	\$294.14	CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (19)	\$386.25
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00	CLINTON, ST JOHN MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$50.00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$200.58	CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD (18)	\$262.47
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$653.01	CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$47.00
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (6)	\$40.27	CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$0.00
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (4)	\$204.19	CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$0.00
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (12)	\$80.00	DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (20)	\$222.28
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$270.00	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (7)	\$0.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (66)	\$915.65	DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (12)	\$298.99
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMENS MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$0.00	DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION (35)	\$240.65
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$140.20	DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (35)	\$667.52
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (45)	\$590.65	DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (12)	\$70.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$0.00	DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (10)	\$124.63	DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (28)	\$406.50
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML (15)	\$56.67	DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD (60)	\$500.31
		DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (28)	\$269.63
		DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY (5)	\$58.00

DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (30)	\$598.28	MAQUOKETA, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LWML	\$0.00
ELDORA, ST PAUL LWML (50)	\$622.55	MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (21)	\$255.50
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (25)	\$72.55	MARENGO, ST JOHN'S RUTH/SARAH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$0.00
ELMA, ST PETER LWML (12)	\$954.92	MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$933.38
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00	MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON (5)	\$0.00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$86.50	MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (21)	\$184.00
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE (25)	\$133.20	MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (47)	\$762.15
FAYETTE, GRACE LWML (inactive)	\$0.00	MELCHER, ST JOHN LWML (8)	\$96.62
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (8)	\$130.76	MILLERSBURG, TRINITY LADIES AID (3)	\$19.50
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAULS LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00	MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$70.00
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (19)	\$0.00	MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (12)	\$338.84
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY (10)	\$102.00	MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (8)	\$264.00
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive)	\$0.00	MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$374.05
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (15)	\$154.07	MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (7)	\$66.50
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL LWML (inactive)	\$0.00	NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (20)	\$370.52
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (10)	\$110.19	NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$115.40
HAMPTON, TRINITY LUTHERAN LADIES SOCIETY (60)	\$2,067.29	OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CLUB (13)	\$196.38
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) (34)	\$231.24	OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$0.00
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$292.65	OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (65)	\$317.47
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE (18)	\$593.23	OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD (21)	\$136.60
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER MISSION LEAGUE (10)	\$43.33	OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (10)	\$58.70
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD (30)	\$0.00	READLYN, IMMANUEL, KLINGER LWML (20)	\$222.50
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (50)	\$1,077.77	READLYN, ST PAULS LADIES AID (11)	\$0.00
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (15)	\$40.00	READLYN, ST PAUL MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE (18)	\$314.02
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00	REINBECK, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (32)	\$592.51
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN DORCAS GUILD (12)	\$32.49	RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML (25)	\$701.55
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$170.84	ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (9)	\$944.56
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (10)	\$122.00	SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (4)	\$0.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34)	\$1,230.74	SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$120.00
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$328.84	SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$0.00
LUZERNE, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (10)	\$397.56	STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$30.00
MANCHESTER, OUR SAVIOR MISSION GUILD (21)	\$786.29	STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23)	\$66.60
		STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (23)	\$198.35
		SUMNER, ST JOHN/ST PAUL LADIES SOCIETY (20)	\$203.60

VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14)	\$193.10	WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$447.00
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS SOCIETY (15)	\$0.00	WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML (11)	\$161.27
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES (24)	\$352.49	WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML (10)	\$241.34
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$567.72	WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12)	\$153.47
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (6)	\$0.00	WEST UNION, GOOD SHEPARD LWML (disbanded)	\$0.00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (5)	\$0.00		
WATERLOO, CHRIST CIRCLE OF HOPE (inactive)	\$0.00	WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$669.49
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (20)	\$0.00	WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES (14)	\$98.65
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (21)	\$158.05	WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive)	\$0.00
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (15)	\$385.00	WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY (15)	\$214.94
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (8)	\$0.00	WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive)	\$0.00
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (22)	\$167.93	TOTAL OF SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL 01, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$30,384.84
WATERLOO, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (17)	\$431.80		

ZONE RECEIPTS		MISC DONORS RECEIPTS	\$330.00
APRIL 01, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015		IED DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$368.37
BENTON	\$526.00	IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$0.00
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$268.00	LCMS Foundation Scholarship Endowment Interest	\$894.04
CLINTON	\$75.00		
DAVENPORT	\$12.50	TOTAL RECEIPTS APRIL 01, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$36,063.78
DUBUQUE	\$0.00		
ELDORA	\$835.50		
MARSHALLTOWN	\$194.32		
MT PLEASANT	\$0.00		
ST ANSGAR	\$1,071.00		
WATERLOO	\$50.00		
WESTGATE	\$257.85		
WILLIAMSBURG	\$796.36		
TOTAL OF ZONE CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL 01, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$4,086.53		

Nominations for Vice President of Communication

are still being accepted to be included on the 2016 LWML IED ballot at convention. Please prayerfully consider serving at the District level in an elected position. To submit your name, or for more information, please contact Sandy Krause at Trinity Lutheran Church in Osage at trinsk@osage.net or (641) 732-4771.

Find us on the Web! *lwml-ied.org*

• Encourage Young Women in your Zone to apply now to be a YWR at the District Convention in Oskaloosa this summer. Applications are available online at <http://lwml-ied.org/young-women-representatives/>

• Check on the status of our 2014-2016 biennium Mission Grants. Prayerfully consider a Mite Donation, as \$18,750 remains to be dispersed to our recipients. <http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants/>

• We are continuing the Ready-Set-Recycle Program:
<http://lwml-ied.org/resources/ready-set-recycle/>

Bountiful Blessings Reaped at Iowa East District Retreat

Have you been busy reaping the bounty of God's love? Almost 50 women from all around Iowa East joined the women of the Waterloo Zone for the 2015 Fall Retreat, held Sept. 18-19 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Participants enjoyed the full spectrum of Iowa weather in 24 hours at camp, and enjoyed the fellowship of fellow LWMLers even more!

Many servant projects remaining from the Des Moines convention were completed and sent on to the waiting agencies, including 14 baby quilts, 14 fleece blankets, and 71 lap robes. Uplifting Bible studies were provided by our wonderful district pastoral counselors. Johanna got us moving and laughing with her

wonderful activities – we didn't know paper plates could be so aerobic! Devotions several times during each day kept our focus on God's Word. Skits entertained – who knew that our Paypal Jesus already purchased heaven for us? The camp staff provided delicious meals and bottomless mugs of coffee.

And with our bounty, we blessed Camp through our 'Gifts from the Heart,' bringing 124 items for the Camp to use.

The women of the Waterloo Zone want to thank everyone who joined us at camp, and we pray that you continue to reap the blessings of that bountiful, beautiful weekend.



A tribute to Bertina Eckman

On September 25, 2015, we said our earthly goodbyes to Bertina Eckman from Amana with singing Abide With Me at her grave. Exactly three months earlier, Bertina worked at the Bountiful registration table in Des Moines. None of us (including Bertina) knew her physical heart was giving out. We didn't know when she readily agreed to spend a day in Ankeny helping assemble convention packets. If I'd known her heart was wearing out, would I have asked her to work so hard? Probably not. Maybe that's why God didn't reveal that to any of us until a few weeks ago. No one knew because Bertina's heart – her whole being – was for the Lord and His work. She helped in any and all ways she could. She displayed joy and

thankfulness for her salvation through Christ. She was a sample of all LWML sisters.

*Contributed by Helen Huedepohl,
Williamsburg Zone*



Bertina (on the right) is pictured at the convention with another LWML sister with a heart for the Lord, Evelyn Lutz.

Ready, Set, Recycle Program

Originally, the Ready, Set, Recycle (RSR) program was a joint program between Iowa East and Iowa West districts to assist in offsetting the cost of hosting the LWML Convention in Des Moines. In August, the LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors voted to continue the RSR program for the Iowa East District. The money received from this program will



be directed to the LWML IED Endowment Fund. From the beginning of July through the end of September, \$233.39 has been collected from the program.

For questions regarding the RSR Program, you may contact your Society Facilitator, Zone Facilitator, or District Facilitator. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items along with the guidelines for shipment of the items may be found on the LWML IED website (www.lwml-ied.org/resources/ready-set-recycle).

Cheryl Killham
RSR District Facilitator

Iowa East Represented in St. Louis

Three members of LWML IED recently traveled to St. Louis for the annual Interdepartmental Meeting for all LWML Committees. Martha Hartwig, left, serves as Gospel Outreach Committee member, Becky Wehrspann is Features Editor on the Official Publication Staff (Lutheran Woman's Quarterly), and Marie McNary is the Information Technology Committee Chairman. Not pictured, but also representing



IED is Cheryl Killham, Mission Servants Committee member.

Society

Zone

St Paul, Williamsburg

The women of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsburg recently finished the Women's Bible Study "Living A Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma.



Our Redeemer, Dubuque



The LWML Society of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church-Dubuque hosted a Sew Day on Saturday, Sept. 19. They also celebrated LWML Sunday by serving refreshments to the congregation.



Pictured are, left to right (front), Vickie Klinkhammer, Julie Butler, Arlene Reisen, (back) Diane Torrey, and Alice Greenwood.

The **Cedar Rapids Zone** held its Fall Zone Rally on Saturday, October 24. The guest speaker was Greg Happel, on behalf of Mission Central, who spoke on being a missionary wherever you go. The "Men of God Project," King of King's Men's Gospel Chorus, gave an inspiring 15-minute concert of wonderful music. The ingathering was for CrossRoads Mission in Cedar Rapids, which is a Christian mission to help the neighborhood and homeless within the community.

The **Clinton Zone** held its Fall Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlotte, on Saturday, October 3, with 40 people present. Pastor Max Mons from the University of Iowa Campus Ministry spoke on "Why Campus Ministry?" Pastor Rodgers presented a Bible Study on "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." A skit titled "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying" was presented. A business meeting and installation of officers followed.

On September 26 the women of the **Davenport Zone** met at Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport. The theme was "Planting Seeds" from 1 Corinthians 3:7. The guest speaker was Rev. Duane Meissner, who will be planting the very first Lutheran church in Belize.

The **St. Ansgar Zone** hosted speaker Julie Kritzschmar, who shared information about her mission trip to Haiti. She is also organizing a Feed My Starving Children food packaging event in our area next spring. The Rev. Ryan McDermott, a former pastor in our zone, shared preparations he and his family are making for their service in the mission field in Ghana. Love Offerings were received for both of these mission outreach efforts.

The **Waterloo Zone** Fall Rally was hosted by the Evening Guild of College Hill Lutheran in Cedar Falls on Saturday, October 10. The theme was LCMS-U, from 1 Peter 1:24-25. Pastor John Wegener spoke about campus ministry at UNI, and how important it is for our students to have the unchanging Word of God given to them as often as possible. "Mary and Marlene" shared LWML's M&Ms: Missions and Mites. The in-gathering was for the Student Cupboard at College Hill.

The **Westgate Zone** Fall Rally was held on October 24 at Peace Lutheran Church Oelwein. LWML members of the SONshine Mission Circle and Our Redeemer LWML of Independence served a soup luncheon. Pastor Michael Holmen, Oelwein and Independence, spoke about his experience in September to South Sudan, teaching and preaching to seminary students.

Mark Your Calendar

January 15, 2016 – Deadline for Spring Alive submissions

February 20, 2016 – LWML IED Board of Directors meeting

March 31, 2016 - End of 2014-2016 biennium

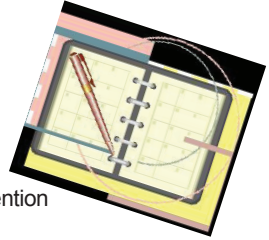
May 1, 2016 - Application deadline for Student Aid

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

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

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

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



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2016 LWML IED CONVENTION – REGISTRATION FORM

June 17-18, 2016

William Penn University—201 Trueblood Avenue – Oskaloosa, IA
Complete one form for EACH person attending
and make a copy for your reference.

NAME: _____ (Please Print Clearly)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ **E-MAIL: _____

LWML ZONE: _____ NAME OF CHURCH: _____

ATTENDANCE: (Check One)

- ☐ Delegate (must register as full-time)
☐ Alternate
☐ LWML IED Board Member – (voting)
☐ LWML IED Board Member – (non-voting)
☐ LWML IED Member (General Registration)
☐ Young Women's Representative
☐ Pastor
☐ Guest

CHECK SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS:

- ☐ Wheelchair
☐ Gluten Free meals
☐ Vegetarian meals
☐ Other (please specify) _____

FRIDAY SERVANT EVENT: ☐ I will be attending

FRIDAY BOX LUNCH: (Please check one of the following) ☐ Turkey ☐ Roast Beef

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET: (Please check one of the following)

☐ Zia's Nutty Chicken ☐ Pan-seared Pork Tenderloin ☐ Vegetarian Smoked Gouda Farfalle

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:

- ☐ I will be eating breakfast at the college, because I am staying at the college.
☐ I will *not* be eating breakfast at the college, because I am staying someplace else.

FEES: (Check One)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time (registration fee, Fri. lunch & banquet, Sat. lunch)..... | \$90.00 | After May 1, 2016: \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday only (registration fee, Fri. lunch & banquet)..... | \$60.00 | After May 1, 2016: \$ 70.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday banquet only..... | \$35.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday only (registration fee and plated luncheon)..... | \$45.00 | After May 1, 2016: \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm Housing (Housing registration form required)..... | \$15.00 | |

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (make check payable to: **LWML IED Convention**)

For a confirmation notice, provide email (above) or enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form.**

Send Registration Forms and Check to:

Melanie Maddick
1244A 190th Street
State Center, IA 50247

**Registration Forms and fees are due by MAY 1, 2016
and are not refundable.**

**MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED FOR
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You may email questions to teacherkmk@hotmail.com**



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William Penn College Dorm Rooms are available for Convention Housing, 2 people per room.

**To make your reservation, fill out the information below
and return it with your Convention Registration form.**

NAME _____ (Please Print Clearly)

ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ Thursday, June 16 _____ Friday, June 17

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____ Saturday, June 18

Total Number of Nights _____ x \$15.00 per night per person = \$ _____ (2 people per room)

Make checks payable to LWML IED Convention and send with registration form.

_____ I would like to room with _____

_____ I would like to meet a new friend, please assign me a roommate

Remember to bring bedding, towels, and toiletries with you.

If you prefer to not stay in the dorms, these are the hotel choices in Oskaloosa. You will need to call to make your own hotel reservations and use your credit card to secure a room. Rooms range from \$60 to \$170. (The hotel tax is in the \$10 range.) NONE OF THE HOTELS HAVE ELEVATORS, but help with luggage may be made available if you request assistance when you book your room. Please mention the LWML Convention when reserving your room. Breakfast is served at all locations listed below.

Comfort Inn
(starting at \$100 plus tax)
2401 A Ave.W
641-676-6000

Super 8
(starting at \$89 plus tax)
306 S 17th St.
641-673-8481

America's Best Value Inn
(starting at \$60 plus tax)
1315 A Ave E
641-676-8351

McNeill Stone Mansion
Bed & Breakfast
(starting at \$105 plus tax)
1282 C Ave E
641-673-4348