

SUBMITTED REPORTS for the November 12, 2016 LWML-IED Board meeting

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle

Deposits: (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals)

August	\$ 6,579.22
September	\$ 5,799.35
October	\$13,450.90
TOTAL	\$25,829.47

For the Winter Alive I submitted the Society Receipts Report.

Robin Duling and I were the speakers for the Davenport Zone Fall Rally and gave a presentation on the LWML IED mission trip to Kenya.

As part of my personal devotions, I read the readings found in the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (CPH publication). These are daily readings from the Psalms, Old Testament, New Testament, Writing for the day or date, Hymnody, Prayer of the Day for the day or date, and a reading from the Book of Concord.

VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vicki Klinkhammer

The Christian Life Committee will need one new member to fill out the committee of three. Please submit any names to president Joan. During the lunch break be sure to work your way back to the store and see what we have for sale. An article was written for the ALIVE on "Come and See." Today we are going to do a sketch called, "Exercising to His Word". This is one of many new sketches that can be found on the LWML website under resources as a free download. Everyone will be participating in our sketch this morning. I would like my committee members to spread out among you, so I know who is participating and most important, having fun.

With Thanksgiving coming we can all use exercise for our physical body to keep our condition in good shape but let us not forget to find spiritual strength in his word.

VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham

Board of Directors Directory: The directory has been updated for new Zone Presidents that I am aware of. Please make sure that your information is correct. Thank you for informing me when there are changes.

Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms: Zone and Society packets were distributed at the August BOD meeting. Thank you to those who have filled out and returned the 2017 forms to me, please get them sent in as soon as possible after your elections. These forms are very important because they have the names of officers in case someone needs to be contacted, the number of members, and the number of QUARTERLY & ALIVE IN IOWA EAST DISTRICT Subscriptions being distributed to each society each year. I am in the process of reviewing the current ALIVE and Quarterly subscription list to make sure they align with our society forms.

Communications: Stay in touch with the latest LWML happenings with LWML e-news, and national news, and go to www.lwml.org. For Iowa East District news go to <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>. For Facebook you can join in the conversation with our Lutheran Women by going to www.facebook.com/theLWML.

Personal Devotion: I read the daily devotion that is published by the Lutheran Hour Ministry (<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>).

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Luella Scott

On September 16th I sent the biennial reports of our District to Concordia Historical Institute, marked LWML, for storage there.

The zone board and rally minutes are coming to me rather slowly. Checking my files, I was mistaken; one zone didn't send in their Spring report.

Personal devotions are Portals of Prayer and Around the Word devotions; also on the computer LHM and WELS daily devotions.

ALIVE NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Marie McNary

We are working on the Winter Issue of the ALIVE, with the theme of "Come and See", from

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Psalm 66:5, which was the verse from LWML Sunday. We have the first draft back from the printers. Stephanie Behn and I are reviewing the edits before we send it out to the review team.

DIRCTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Behn

I have submitted an article, along with photos, highlighting our IED convention from June to Jonathan Kohlmeier, the LCMS IDE's contact person for the IDE Today publication. I'm hoping this article will appear in the fall/winter edition.

I attended the Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and set up a display table with LWML posters, an up-to-date listing of our IED mission grants and amounts funded thus far for the 2016-2018 biennium, and of course some chocolate kisses☺.

Also, please see the flier and bookmark left at your seats announcing the 2nd annual Giving Tuesday to be held on November 29th! Please announce this to your societies. You can find more information at the LWML website, specifically, www.lwml.org/givingtuesday. I can also send you the link to these fliers and bookmarks if you wish. Just let me know.

My personal devotions consist of the Lutheran Hour Ministries daily devotion via email and LWML devotions via Facebook.

VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot

I attended two Fall Zone Rallies in October, St. Ansgar Zone on October 8th and Marshalltown Zone on October 22. They were both enjoyable and the speakers were outstanding. Several grants have been paid since August. Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid, Concordia Seminary Student Aid, Concordia Graduate Deacon/ Deaconess Student Aid, and Lutheran Indian Ministries, "Equipping Natives Americans to Proclaim God's Might" have had partial payments made. The two grants that have been fully paid are: LCMS Missionary Rev. Duane Meisner, "Bringing Christ to Belize" and Trinity/Hope, "Haitian Feeding Program.

An article was submitted to IED ALIVE for the winter issue.

Student Aid forms are being reviewed for possible revision and work continues on the updated Endowment Fund pamphlets.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser

I have been contacting various organizations and asking for items of need that we can collect for "Gifts from the Heart". I had a request to find information about Orphan Grain Train collecting used Portals of Prayer and found the following statement, "No, we do not have enough requests for English language materials to collect them at this time. However, we are always collecting new and good used Bibles (with both Old and New Testaments) in English and Spanish. We request that covers and pages be intact."

My article for the ALIVE is based on Psalm 66:5, "*come and see what God has done – His awe-inspiring deeds....*"

As representative from the LWML IED, I attended the Waterloo Zone Rally on Saturday, October 8, 2016 to deliver the District President's report. I was graciously welcomed and met some "old" friends. It was interesting to see how a rally, different from my own zone, was conducted. I learned from the difference and the enjoyed the likeness of my zone.

The next "Gifts from the Heart" will be announced at a later date.

My daily devotions are my Bible, Portals of Prayer and LWML Mustard Seed Daily Devotions.

VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager

I had a wonderful time attending the Friday evening session of the LWML 2016 Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. It was a nice time to reconnect with my sisters in Christ and get my GPS recharged with a wonderful Bible study. Sandra Lingard's presentation made me want to join in on future mission trips.

I had the privilege of attending the Benton Zone Fall Rally on September 29th as the District Representative. While there, I delivered the President report to the zone. The bible study was based on

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St. Michael & All Angels day which I found very interesting. The guest speakers were missionaries Martin and Joan Weber who had been in Africa.

I have received the final copy of bylaw updates from Dubuque and Williamsburg Zone. Zones that need to consider updating their bylaws within the next year are: Benton Zone (2012), Cedar Rapids Zone (2013), and Eldora Zone (2013).

I reached out to Debbie Larson, the LWML VP of Organizational Resources, with a question about retention of records. She sent me the LWML Records Management Policy and Procedures file in which each zone will be receiving a copy.

I also submitted an article for the Winter Alive with information on records retention and inviting new ladies to our LWML meetings.

My daily devotion includes Mustard Seeds and Portals of Prayer.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT: Kathryn Schweer (no report)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist

MEETING MANAGER: Becky Wehrspann

New name tents have been created, and folders updated, following personnel changes at the Zone and District level.

The room arrangements for our Board Meeting were made and requested for set-up to the District Office.

I met with President Joan to discuss items to include on the agenda.

A Spring Rally schedule has been started and will continue to be updated.

My daily devotion time reading the Today's Light Bible verses and devotion in the mornings, Mustard Seed devotions that I receive by email each day, and Portals of Prayer in the evenings with my family.

SHORT TERM MISSION Challenge: Sandra Lingard (no report)

HEART to HEART COORDINATOR: Nancy McHone

Since our last meeting, I have done an article for "ALIVE". My primary focus has been working with a Liberian sister who has been attending my church. Thank you, Martha Hartwig, for all your support and encouragement!

I use the LWML Mustard Seed Daily Devotions and the Portals of Prayer in my devotions.

2016 IED Retreat Report: Rhoda Baldwin, Doris Dawson, Co-Chairs

68 campers came together at Camp Io-Six-E-Ca on September 9-10, 2016 for the District Fall Retreat. We worshipped, studied God's word, played, sang, ate, walked and worked together, all under God's Divine love, protection and grace.

We were blessed by having our two District Pastoral Counselors, Pastor David Lingard and Pastor Randolph McHone, with us to give wonderful guidance in Bible study and Worship leadership, respectively.

Nancy McHone, our District's "Heart to Heart" Coordinator, also a camper, had been secured as the nurse go-to person for any medical issues. Thankfully, there were none.

Keynote speaker, Martha Hartwig, blessed us with a very moving presentation and also aided us in identifying our own opportunities for servanthood.

Because of an extra block of time, Sandra Lingard's brief travel summary was able to be stretched, to the joy of the campers.

Marcia Reints, "The Purple Lady", dropped in a couple of times and really livened up the group. God has blessed Marcia with such a spark, that she uses to His glory.

Servant Event: 50 Blessing Bags were assembled, to be distributed to homeless veterans of the Cedar Rapids area. We are grateful to Thrivent for the \$250 Seed Money to make this possible.

In-Gathering: Many tangible gifts, brought by the campers, were given to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Monetary gift of \$115.80 were included in the In-gathering. Camp Director Daniel Sanchez stated that "ever since LWML has been holding their Retreat at camp, no paper toweling has had to be purchased."

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After all the bills were paid, a sizeable balance remained in the Westgate Zone Retreat Fund. Remembering the shortage of new hymnals at camp \$300 was sent to the camp to be used for purchase of more hymnals.

We thank the LWML IED Board of Directors for their prayerful support and guidance this past year. We now pray for the Williamsburg Zone as they make plans for the 2017 LWML District Fall Retreat.

2018 LWML IED Convention Report: Angie Banko, Karen Lyons, Co-Chairs

The contract for the Cedar Rapid, Marriott has been signed. The convention will be June 15-16, 2018.

On June 14 the Executive Committee and Board of Directors will meet.

The Mt. Pleasant Zone will meet January 21 at the Marriott for an organizational meeting to form committees and outline duties for the convention.

Ideas were submitted from zone members for convention theme ideas. Out of 8 choices 4 were chosen to bring to the Board of Directors for a vote.

Choices are:

1. "Grafted to the Vine" John 15:16-17: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

2. "Follow Me" Ruth 1:16: "But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.'"

3. "We Are the Lord's" Romans 14:8: "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." OR

1 Peter 3:21: "Baptism now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." OR

2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

4. "Focus on Jesus" Hebrews 12:2: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." OR

Colossians 3:2: "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Benton Zone: Diane Rabe

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** First Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine
Date: September 29, 2016
Bible Verse:
Theme:
Speaker:
Attendance:
Offering:
Ingathering:
Other:

Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City
Date: October 29, 2016
Bible Verse: Romans 12:13
Theme: "Disney Hospitality from the Theme Park Gates to the Pearly Gates"
Speaker: Pastor Brent Hartwig
Attendance: 68
Offering: \$453.61
Ingathering: Items for Domestic Violence Shelters –

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\$113 monetary gift, 50 Gift Cards, 50 Items

Other: Elected Zone President: Margaret Kistler

Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton
Date: October 8, 2016
Bible Verse:
Theme: Youth Ministry
Speaker: Steven Preus

Davenport Zone: Marcia Reints

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Davenport
Date: October 22, 2016
Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:12
Theme: "Come and Pray"
Speaker: Elizabeth Gehle, Kenya Mission Trip
Attendance: 49
Offering: \$87.40 to Zone Treasury
Ingathering: \$405 for Lutheran Family Services

Dubuque Zone: Denita Krause

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Delaware
Date: October 8, 2016
Bible Verse: Job 19:25
Theme: "I Know my Redeemer Lives"
Speaker: Mary Christensen, Missionary Nurse
Ingathering: Monetary Gift for Missionaries

Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Iowa Falls
Date: September 24, 2016
Bible Verse: Matthew 10:32
Theme: "I know the plans I have for you."
Speaker: Pastor John Wegener, Campus Ministry
Attendance: 49
Offering: for Mites
Ingathering: For Cedar Falls Campus Ministries

Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, Melcher
Date: October 22, 2016
Bible Verse: Luke 10:29
Theme: "The Good Samaritan"
Speaker: Molly Christensen
Attendance: 47
Offerings: \$385.25, Mite Offering: \$133.20 Love Off. for Molly, \$553
Ingathering: Items for Orphan Grain Train

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Mt. Pleasant Zone: Angie Banko

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton
Date: October 8, 2016
Theme: "Be Kind and Compassionate"
Speaker: Chaplin Don Johnston of Beacon of Hope Hospice
Attendance: 50
Offering: \$190 for zone treasury
Ingathering: Monetary Gift for Hospice of \$202

St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Osage
Date: October 8, 2016
Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:8
Theme: "Here I am, Send Me"
Speaker: Sandra Lingard, Kenya Mission Trip
Attendance: 49
Offering: \$410 for zone treasury
Ingathering: School Kits and other items for Orphan Grain Train

Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, Denver
Date: October 8, 2016
Bible Verse: Micah 6:8 & Joshua 1:9 & Story of Good Samaritan
Theme: "Who is my neighbor? GOD'S people in a remote place."
Speaker: Helene Kuempel – Medical Mission Team to Kenya
Attendance: 36
Offering: \$205.00 for zone treasury
Ingathering: Monetary Ingathering for Lutheran for Life of \$154.00

Westgate Zone: Marlys Deterding

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Readlyn
Date: October 8, 2016
Theme: "Gather With Thankful Hearts"
Speaker: Pastor Tim Rossow, Lutherans for Africa
Attendance: 52
Offering: \$144.00 **Mite Offering:** \$25.00
Ingathering: Community Lutheran School

Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl

2016 Fall Rally **Location:** Hope Lutheran Church, Sigourney
Date: September 29, 2016
Bible Verse: Matthew 19:14
Theme: "Let the Little Children Come to Me"
Speaker: Rachael Gray, Swaddling Clothes Program
Attendance: 42
Offering: \$354 for IED Mites & Zone Delegate Fund
Ingathering: For Swaddling Clothes Program