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*Pictured here are some of the ladies from Immanuel in Klinger. See page 10 to read about their lenten service project.*

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### **NEWS DEADLINE: July 15, 2021**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District (IED) has been around for a long time and has supported Iowa East sons and daughters in their educational pursuits at Lutheran Church Missouri Synod colleges and seminaries, as well as numerous organizations and entities whose core purpose is sharing the Gospel message with those they serve.



Over 75 years ago, LWML was established for the women of our church to encourage each other to be in the Word with Bible study, and following the example of the Widow's Mite story in the Bible, to give our contributions to help spread the Gospel.

You, the Women in Mission of Iowa East, pledged in 2020 to support \$105,000 in education and mission grants for the 2020 – 2022 biennium. At the halfway point of this biennium your mites have funded \$30,000 of this total. You can easily see that we are behind in our mites to fund the projects we selected. The Board of Directors met recently and came up with some ideas of how we can promote and encourage mite donations, especially during the next few months. I'd like to share these ideas with all of you:

- \* once a month, set out your large mite box for a special collection. Perhaps highlight one of the mission grants on our 2020-2022 list.

- \* give up something for a month and put the money you would have spent on it in your mite box – like a cup of coffee a day, a couple sodas each week, dessert, or chocolate

- \* choose an amount to drop in your mite box each day (if every LWML member would put a quarter in their mite box each day, we would more than surpass our goal!)

- \* sponsor a special fellowship after worship once a month with donations going to mites

- \* explain what LWML is doing to other groups in your congregations and ask them to help. Make Mite boxes available to everyone. Put them in odd places, too. I have one on my dryer for the loose change that I find when doing laundry.

These suggestions are meant to get the

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ideas flowing. However, we must first and foremost put our decisions and our mission grants in God's hands. With God all things are possible! Please continue to pray for each other, the students and the grant recipients.

If every LWML member in IED donates \$.25 a day, we will exceed our goal!

To add some fun to this challenge, let's join together for the summer months and send in our mites. A total of \$50,000 in mites, by the end of September, would bring us to where we should be to be able to fund all of our grants by the end of March 2022. I will proudly celebrate the accomplishment with a fashionable purple hairstyle. That's right, LWML PURPLE hair!

Let us work together to *serve the LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2).

*Margaret Kistler*  
LWML IED President



**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

Have you seen the posts on Facebook or other social media that show a picture of a beautiful home in an idyllic wooded setting that says, "Would you live here for free?" But that is not all it asks. It sets forth some conditions you would have to deal with if you agreed to live there—for "free." You would have to be disconnected from the internet and modern communication devices. You would have no television, phone, or computer. In other words, there is a catch, a price to pay.



As Matthew records what is referred to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7), it begins with the Beatitudes, those beautiful statements of blessings God bestows upon those who live faithfully in His gifts. The statements of blessing conclude with what may, at first, look like "the catch." *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account* (Matthew 5:11). The catch may seem to be that you will be reviled, you will be persecuted, and people will utter all kinds of

evil against you if you follow Jesus faithfully. Sign me up for that, right!?!?!?!?

The place to really focus in that statement is the words "on my account." Jesus, of course, spoke these words. He points out the reality of His followers living in this world—in this fallen world. Living by faith in Jesus, there will be people who oppose you, you will face hardship, you will be subjected to temptation to fall away from following Jesus. Satan and the sinful elements of this fallen world will rise against you, condemn you, and mistreat you. They cannot tolerate the work of Jesus in your life and will do all they can in effort to deny you the fruit of Jesus' saving work.

While it is unpleasant to go through and not easy to deal with, consider yourself blessed because you are, first and foremost, a child of God, a disciple of Jesus. You are set upon because you are Christ's. Satan and his influence do not have to work on that which does not already belong to Jesus. Consider it a privilege to suffer for the sake of Him who suffered supremely for your salvation! If you suffer in any way because of your identity as a disciple of Jesus, you are in good company—prophets, apostles, many faithful Christian martyrs. Like them, you know that the difficulties and hardships you face in this life are passing and fleeting. You have an eternity with Jesus which He has faithfully secured for you through His death and resurrection!

Shortly, the LWML will be meeting in convention to elect some new leaders and set mission priorities for the coming two years. The theme of the convention is "Running the Race...Looking to Jesus." The words of Jesus quoted above reflect the premise of that theme. You run the race regardless of the obstacles with the blessings of Jesus not only before you, but also within you. Knowing the company you are in and the strength you have in Jesus, *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven* (Matthew 5:12a)!

*Pastor Ogilvie*  
LWML Iowa East District  
Pastoral Counselor

# GOSPEL OUTREACH

## LWML IED Mission Grants for 2022-2024

LWML Iowa East is now accepting applications for mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium. These mission grants will be voted on at our district convention next year in June 2022. We need your help! If you know of an organization who would benefit from an LWML mission grant, please encourage them to apply. Our goal is to have local, national, and international mission grants to select from at next summer's convention. The mission grant guidelines and application form may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants-2/>.



*Elizabeth Gehle*  
VP of Gospel Outreach



# CHRISTIAN LIFE

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*Becky Wehrspann*  
VP of Christian Life

Did Jesus really say 'Rejoice and be glad' when being persecuted? Yes, He did! And why can we be glad when others are hurting us with their words or actions? Because we know any earthly strife is only temporary, and when we are persecuted on account of God's Word, He promises us a reward in heaven.

There is a long history of God's people being persecuted in the Bible, and Jesus foretold His disciples – and us – that Christians would face persecution in this life on His account. People are persecuted and tortured and even killed for sharing the message of hope and salvation in Christ alone. I encourage you to take time to read these passages from God's Word regarding persecution:

Israel suffered under Babylonian rule (Isaiah 14:6)

Jesus warns of impending persecution (Matthew 10:16-25; Luke 21:10-19)

Early Christian persecution (Acts 8:1-4; Acts 11:19-21; Acts 13:50-52)

Overcoming persecution (Romans 8:35-39)

Being content, even in persecution (2 Corinthians 12:10)

God uses persecution for good (2 Thessalonians 1:4-12; 2 Timothy 3:10-15)

We read that the early Christians were persecuted from the start. But for many of them, it did not drive them away from God or from sharing their often eye-witness accounts of Jesus' work – it encouraged them all the more to proclaim His message of forgiveness and salvation.

We are not much different than the early Christians. While we are no longer eye-witnesses, we do have His Word and His promises, which have never changed. We have a sense of responsibility to share the Good News of forgiveness and salvation – not out of fear or guilt, but out of joy and love for our Savior. We may not face stoning or beatings or imprisonment as the early Christians did, but we do face ridicule, teasing, and isolation from our friends and neighbors (or perhaps even family members) for standing up for Christ. We turn to the same Words of hope that Jesus gave to His disciples – *And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age* (Matthew 28:20).

Your sister in Christ,



# VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Carolyn gleefully stepped to the microphone, "Madame President", as she addressed Margaret at our Convention Celebration. We joined her in laughter. After decades of calling Margaret Kistler "Mom", Carolyn Zimmerman, VP of Organizational Resources, delighted in formally addressing her. Do you suppose there is an LWML leadership gene? Former Board of Directors (BOD) member Mildred Herman is Mother and Grandmother to these



## Communications Cont...

LWML servant leaders. It seems unique to have a mother/daughter combination on our Executive Board. But wait, there's more....

Pam Haase, Marshalltown Zone President, proudly claims Becky Wehrspann, VP of Christian Life, as her daughter. We are thankful and praise God for our mother/daughter teams. We are even humbly proud of them.

With a little research, I learned of more LWML IED BOD family connections. Our Recording Secretary, Lora Duncan, is daughter to former Board member, Linda Berghoefer. Liz Roberts, Williamsburg Zone President, is a daughter-in-law to Merleta Roberts who also served in that position. Marna Mohr, Financial Secretary, didn't stray far from her mother's footsteps. Gloria Neuhaus was our district Treasurer in the 70's or 80's. Sheryl Zinda, Clinton Zone President, has a sister, Pam Williams, who is also president of her zone in Nebraska North District.

You probably know of other family connections in the LWML and its leadership. But when we really think about it, we know we're all related as Children of The Heavenly Father. It is this family relationship that is primary to our walk of faith. *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are* (I John 3:1). Dr. Kari Vo in the daily Lutheran Hour Ministry devotion from April 14 commented on this text, "I am His child through Jesus Christ my Savior; and God shows Himself through me. There is a family resemblance starting to show, completely by His grace."

All of our Christian life is a family affair. It is a blessing to have so many sisters and brothers filled with His Spirit all working together to serve the Lord with gladness.

*Helen Huedepohl*  
VP of Communication



## G SUITE COORDINATOR

Our wonderful leaders discovered a program with a lot of possibilities called GSuite! This program is through Google and creates a bunch of connected Google

accounts that we can personalize! We are so excited to be able to use this program in the coming years to reach more people and make things easier for our executive board. Now, you may be asking, "Why the change? Everything was going so well." Which you would be right, our board members have made sure our organization runs smoothly and have put in so much amazing work to make LWML IED what it is today. For that, all I can say is "THANK YOU!" GSuite is simply using what God has provided us in order to reach more people that He loves--and that is the reason for the change. While we can't reach everyone, GSuite will allow us to create a plethora of ways to share God's message, our servant events, community, sisterhood, and so much more. As we progress we will explore what is beneficial to LWML and ways to incorporate the programs. The first objective, however, is to make sure the officers are comfortable using GSuite and everyone knows about the change. The first change we are going forward with is our emails! All executive officers and some appointed officers have email addresses with their position followed by @lwml-ied.org. For example, mine is admin@lwml-ied.org! This way, when new officers are elected and appointed we can keep the same email address. We thank you in advance for your patience and ask that you pray with us for God's guidance as we venture through this program to help share the good news of what Christ has done for us!



## NEW CHURCH WORKERS COMMITTEE

A new church workers committee has been developed. The duty of this committee is to welcome any new church worker to the Iowa East District with a welcome packet filled with LWML information and gifts. Members of this committee are Elizabeth (Liz) Roberts, Vicki Gardeman, and Darlene Boderman. Please notify President Margaret Kistler and/or one of the members of the committee of any new church workers you have that have joined the Iowa East District family. We want to welcome them and give them the connections they need for the LWML's support.

# TREASURER REPORT

*Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Matthew 5:11-12).*



LWML – the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, have you ever wondered exactly what that means? As my fellow Eventide members would tell you, I really enjoy delving into the meaning of words, items, customs etc. So, what does LWML mean? In my mind, three of the four words are pretty self-explanatory. While there are many types of Lutherans, the LWML is specifically associated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Women are women and a league is a group of like-minded people. But what exactly is a missionary? I’ve never considered myself a missionary. Yet when I looked the word missionary up, one of the definitions is a person engaged in a mission or devoted to work connected with mission. I guess that means we are all missionaries. As a group, the LWML-IED is devoted to funding our 14 mission grants for the current biennium. If you look at the treasurer’s report below, you will notice we are behind in funding those mission grants. It’s not surprising that we are behind, what with all the disruption in meetings and rallies the pandemic caused. I would ask all groups and individuals to be creative in ways to help

meet our \$105,000 mission goal. At my home church, we put our large mite box out in the narthex for 3 Sundays and explained the need to the congregation. We raised over \$200. There are also various ideas for mite projects on the website LWML.org. I’m encouraging all LWML groups to put on our missionary hats and prayerfully consider how we can meet our commitments to our 14 mission grants.

### 2020 – 2022 Budget (4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022)

Outreach	\$188,260.00
Inreach	\$18,125.00
Total	\$206,385.00

### Actual Income/Expenditures (4/1/2020 – 3/31/2021)

Income	\$60,383.15
	29% of budget

### Expenditures

Inreach	\$3,085.50
	17% of budget
Outreach	\$59,483.11
	29% of budget
Total	\$62,568.61
	30.0% of Budget

### Mission Grants (4/1/2020 – 3/31/2022)

Approved	\$105,000
Dispersed	\$30,000

*Becky Gluesing*  
Treasurer

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The following financial report shows all money deposited October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.



This includes mites, *Quarterly* and *Alive* payments, memorials and miscellaneous receipts. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the March 31st deposit. If there are any unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know.

Send your checks to:

Marna Mohr  
2119 G Ave  
Marengo, IA 52301  
319-330-4685

Thank you for sending in your mites!

*Marna Mohr*  
Financial Secretary

# LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

## October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

### SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID .....	\$43.00
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY .....	\$638.00
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION .....	\$163.79
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive) .....	\$-00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML .....	\$145.07
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID .....	\$170.00
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID .....	\$54.56
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD .....	\$136.44
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD .....	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY .....	\$440.46
CEDAR FALLS IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD .....	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD .....	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD .....	\$342.11
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE .....	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML .....	\$460.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY .....	\$1,167.47
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive).....	\$-00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (inactive).....	\$100.00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML .....	\$341.32
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION .....	\$60.00
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES .....	\$213.74
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID .....	\$193.32
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY .....	\$-00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD .....	\$129.21
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID .....	\$108.00
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive).....	\$-00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN .....	\$635.37
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD .....	\$108.07
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID .....	\$-00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB .....	\$280.69
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION .....	\$-00
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML .....	\$202.48
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY .....	\$298.71
DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive).....	\$-00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML .....	\$377.89
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD .....	\$60.00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD .....	\$310.00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY .....	\$-00
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL .....	\$969.24
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID .....	\$791.94
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT .....	\$39.24
ELMA, ST PETER LWML .....	\$51.04
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive) .....	\$-00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE .....	\$160.57
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE .....	\$839.19
FAYETTE, GRACE LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD .....	\$48.63
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE .....	\$116.71
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY .....	\$-00
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive).....	\$-00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE .....	\$210.00
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY .....	\$479.58
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID .....	\$21.00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY .....	\$1,994.11
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) .....	\$660.81
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID .....	\$136.00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE .....	\$675.52
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML .....	\$120.43
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD .....	\$431.38
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID .....	\$431.85
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID .....	\$245.29
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LUTHERAN LWML (inactive).....	\$-00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD .....	\$-00
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML .....	\$607.72
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID .....	\$141.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML .....	\$431.68
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID .....	\$57.74
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML .....	\$58.07

MANCHESTER, OUR SAVIOR MISSION GUILD .....	\$643.75
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID .....	\$487.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML .....	\$729.68
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML .....	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON .....	\$-00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML .....	\$-00
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL .....	\$-00
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML .....	\$131.98
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML .....	\$820.27
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD .....	\$-00
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML .....	\$441.00
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY .....	\$627.75
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY .....	\$405.62
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE .....	\$329.27
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive).....	\$-00
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML .....	\$406.95
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD .....	\$438.70
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML .....	\$87.24
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML .....	\$338.83
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE .....	\$167.94
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS .....	\$304.68
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML .....	\$331.00
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML .....	\$675.00
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID .....	\$-00
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive).....	\$-00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD .....	\$252.50
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE .....	\$-00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS .....	\$-00
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID .....	\$150.78
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY .....	\$435.06
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY .....	\$267.69
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS .....	\$48.00
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES .....	\$155.27
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID .....	\$706.03
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE .....	\$-00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (inactive).....	\$-00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML .....	\$-00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH .....	\$196.90
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY .....	\$-00
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID .....	\$-00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY .....	\$466.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML .....	\$64.13
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML .....	\$141.38
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN .....	\$152.11
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES .....	\$105.00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive).....	\$-00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD .....	\$612.31
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY .....	\$522.94
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive).....	\$-00
Total of Society Contributions October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 .....	\$28,511.20

#### ZONE RECEIPTS

BENTON.....	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS.....	\$-00
CLINTON.....	\$-00
DAVENPORT.....	\$-00
DUBUQUE.....	\$400.00
ELDORA.....	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN .....	\$462.18
MT PLEASANT.....	\$-00
ST ANSGAR.....	\$200.00
WATERLOO .....	\$-00
WESTGATE.....	\$185.00
WILLIAMSBURG.....	\$104.25
Total of ZoneContributions October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.....	\$1,351.43

READY, SET, RECYCLE (Endowment Fund) .....	\$-00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS .....	\$2,865.32
IDE DIRECT RECEIPTS .....	\$3,468.40
THRIVENT CHOICE (Endowment Fund) .....	\$538.00
Sub-Total Receipts October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.....	\$36,734.35

#### LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST

**TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST ..... \$36,734.35**



# Invitation to Fall Retreat

*The women of the Clinton Zone LWML invite you to join us for the one day Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on September 11, 2021. There will be fun, fellowship, and growth in God's Word with our sisters in Christ. Friday overnight stay is available.*

**Theme:** Jesus My Solid Rock | **Theme Verse:** Psalm 62:6

**Bible Studies led by:** Michelle Diercks, DCE @ Grace, DeWitt and Pastor Eric Oberman of Grace, DeWitt

**Items to bring:** Bibles and a snack to share. (An extra pair of shoes and socks might be helpful if you do the prayer walk early while the dew is still on the ground)

**In-Gathering (donation items) for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca:** Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, 13 gallon trash bags, cleaning supplies, copy paper, postage stamps

**Servant Activity:** Cards for Troops, please bring any cards you would like to donate. We will be donating unsigned cards to troops for future use. We will be signing Christmas cards that will be sent to the troops by Clinton Community College, Phi Theta Kappa group.

## KIDS ARE WELCOME! • AGE 3 - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*Plans are underway, so keep an eye out for more information coming later this summer.*

### SCHEDULE:

#### Friday, September 10th

No formal activities planned.

Lots of fellowship opportunities if overnight option selected

Breakfast will be provided with overnight option

Friday supper is **NOT** included

#### Saturday, September 11th

7 am Self Led Prayer Walk

8 am Breakfast for overnight participants

8-9 am Registration, prayer walk and servant event

9 am Welcome, hymn sing, and ice breakers

9:30 am Bible Study by Michelle Diercks, DCE

11 am Break

11:15 am LWML Focus

11:45 am Lunch, Prayer Walk, Servant Event

1 pm Bible Study by Pastor Eric Oberman DeWitt

2 pm Acknowledgements, Gifts, Singing & Closing



# Society & Zone News



A typical Lenten tradition at Immanuel would be for the ladies of the LWML to provide supper for parishioners before Wednesday evening Lenten services. Due to COVID-19, we decided to forfeit the suppers this year and take on a 40 day service project.

His Hands Food Pantry in Oran, Iowa is a local organization and serves all of Bremer County. After contacting them, we quickly came to realize that there was a need. People lost their jobs or were temporarily laid off to no fault of their own. The Pantry gave us a list of food and personal items they needed and we went to work.

It was important to make our project a big deal! We rummaged through the church attic and basement and found workable items to create an interesting display. Thank goodness for our "creative" department. Our Pastor was instrumental in making our project a huge success. He gave us the idea for the theme/Bible verse we were searching for and it was perfect. But he endured the suffering that should have been ours... (Isaiah 53:4 Good News). This was Pastor's sermon series theme for Lent. Every week, without fail, Pastor urged people, through his announcements, to get involved in our project by sacrificing as little or as much as they could. As a result, the donations have been overflowing every single week. Everyone is participating. Our



Caring project ended after Good Friday service. The food pantry has been very grateful for our weekly deliveries. They said we are filling the gap of usually shortages. Proverbs 19:17 (Good News) says, Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. Speaking for the entire church, our reward has been great!

The St. Ansgar Zone held it's Spring Gathering on April 17 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma. Pastor Korth had opening devotions. Our Zone counselor Pastor Korth led us in Bible study on Hebrews 12: 1-17. The Christian Life Committee of Pat Heddens, Denise Gerdtz, and Jan Kruger presented the skit, "The Storms of Life". Our speaker was Rev. Keith Haney from Iowa West District Mission Outreach. His speech he entitled "Culture in America Today." Our ingathering was for the Riceville Food Bank. We gathered money and several boxes of items for them. The Orphan Train trailer was filled and the back of a pick-up truck. We had 26 members, two pastors and six guests present. Our offering was \$349.00.



Our LWML group, eight in attendance, met at Trinity Lutheran Church, Knoxville on April 17th and watched the Donna Snow videos from the LWML website on Overflowing Abundance Bible study. We got through session one and decided to do session two also! They were really good. Even though they were taped last year, they still applied to stuff we are going through today with COVID.



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The Waterloo Zone Prayer Service was held on Saturday March 13, at St John's Lutheran Church, Reinbeck hosted by the Dorcas Society of St John's. Pastor Kevin Richter of St John's led the service. The theme was "Praying with Others." Twenty ladies, two Pastors, and one vicar attended. We were honored to have four ladies from the Marshalltown Zone join us for the service. Due to Covid-19, a brunch was not served. Everyone received a goodie bag from the Dorcas Society to take home as they left. The Service may be viewed by going to St John Reinbeck Worship and clicking on Saturday March 13 LWML Prayer Service.



Join in to the LWML Convention from the comfort of home by visiting [www.lwml.org/2021-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2021-convention) to view the live stream during the convention. Additionally, videos of convention highlights and adopted 2021-2023 Mission Grants will be available online in early Fall 2021.

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## UPDATE ON NEWSLETTER EDITOR

It is a joy to be the Newsletter Editor for our wonderful district. At the end of this calendar year my term as Newsletter Editor will be up. The Board of Directors have been praying and searching for the next lady to fill this position for Iowa East District. Please help us as we continue this search by joining in prayer and talking to someone about it that may come to your mind. I would love to have the remainder of the year to show the next editor what I have done to collect the information and work with our printers as they lay the issue out and mail it out. I enjoy building

relationships with many who serve on the Board of Directors while attending quarterly board meetings. This is a two year, appointed position. At this time, we send out four publications a year. When President Margaret first asked me about it, I laughed. The title is what threw me off, but with organizational skills as a strength of mine, this position has been a great fit for me. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

*Hilary Brech*  
Newsletter Editor



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 24-27, 2021**

LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

**September 10-11, 2021**

Fall Retreat

**June 10-11, 2022**

IED LWML Convention at Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls



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