



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: Saturday, November 13, 2021

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - This Fall was filled with Zone Events which took me on some lovely drives through God's handiwork. Autumn is so beautiful in Iowa. Many thanks to all of the Event planners and participants. It was great to, once again, have a full schedule and to see so many faces and share a lot of LWML hugs. Our mites have been coming in, however, not fast enough to get my hair dyed purple. I did wear a lot of purple everywhere I went, though.

Sadly, but at the same time joyfully, my mother, Mildred Herman, passed away, at the age of 96, on September 30th. Many of you knew her through LWML and remembered her with gifts to IED. Thank you. I always knew Mom was a wonderful person, full of spunk and always ready for the next day. Hearing how she touched many of you was almost overwhelming. She was and will always be my LWML inspiration.

In addition to the normal functions of keeping up with emails (a little slower this quarter) and writing my article for the ALIVE, I've been working with Hannah to learn more about the many functions available to us on our new GSuite. The possibilities are almost endless. BUT, we are going to go one step at a time. Stay tuned.

Margaret Kistler

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: -

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - This past quarter I have written an article for the Alive newsletter and planned a devotion for our November board meeting. At the meeting, I'm hoping to update our inventory list for the Christian Life store and make decisions regarding purchases to have on hand for the convention next summer. My zone's rally was rescheduled, so I am planning to attend that (also as a District rep) on November 21. I was able to attend the InterDepartmental Meeting in St Louis for 4 days in October for my position as Features Editor for the

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine. It is always a joy for me to represent Iowa East District at the national level.

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - In preparation for this report, I read through the already submitted reports. I am amazed, thankful, and full of praise to God for all the dedicated, creative, inspired, and ambitious workers in His LWML organization. I am particularly thankful at this time for Hilary Brech's hard work the last two years with the Alive. God gives each of us a call to a facet of His Work and then equips us for that work. My role in the last few months has been reviewing the Alive and contributing an article.

Helen Huedepohl

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - I have been receiving several mission grants and plan to meet with the committee so that we can present a list of mission grants to have to vote on at the Board meeting on 11/13/21. I explained to Mission Central that we do not fund the exact same thing two bienniums in a row so that we could not do a "Just in Time" grant again. I have exchanged several emails and talked to several prospective mission grant application

V.P. HUMAN CARE: -

I attended the Mt. Pleasant Zone rally where I served as the district representative.

I received a list of potential Gifts from the Heart recipients from the Waterloo zone. The Human Care committee is looking over that list and will have recommendations for the board meeting.

Gifts from the Heart for the BOD meeting was chosen by the Davenport Zone and will be for the East Side Mission in Davenport. Items requested include canned goods, laundry and dish soap, body soap, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, and Visa Gift cards.

RECORDING SECRETARY: -

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Since the September board meeting I have been receiving the societies mites, memorials, periodicals, etc. I have made 5 deposits.

DEPOSITS: (Mites, memorials, periodicals)

September - \$5894.56

October - \$14043.29

TOTAL - \$19937.85

Our mites are increasing! Keep them coming in!!

Becky & I will have an update on our goal at our meeting.

The supply box will be at the BOD meeting for anyone to take what they need. The box contains mite boxes, remittance blank books and address labels. Mite box will be at the meeting

Marna Mohr
LWML IED Financial Secretary

TREASURER: -Treasurer's Report for Secretary's Minutes

Submitted by Becky Gluesing

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of September 30, 2021 are summarized below. The full financial report and the 2020-2022 Biennium Financial Report and 2020-2022 Budget Proposal are available in the password-protected section of the LWML IED website.

The mission grants approved come to a total of \$105,000. To date we have met our current installments on the 3 student aid grants. \$11,250 towards the \$15,000 undergraduate commitment, \$5,000 to the \$10,000 seminary student commitment (there were no applicants in 2021) and \$5,000 toward the \$5,000 deaconess commitment. There are a total of 4 students receiving these funds – 1 deaconess student and 3 undergraduate students. We have also fulfilled our \$10,000 commitment to the Mission Central: At Just the Right Time, \$12,000 to Lutheran Family Service, \$2184 to Continuing Pastoral Education, Liberia, \$5,000 to Community Lutheran School Bathroom and \$5,000 To Student Scholarship. At this time, we have spent \$55,434 of our \$105,000 in approved mission grants. This is 53% of the total approved grants. As we have finished quarter 6 of the 8-quarter biennium, we are 75% of the way through the biennium. As you can see, we are a little behind in our commitments but we made big strides in quarter 6. We have received request forms from 3 other grant recipients for a total of \$19,536. With God's help we will continue to be able to fund the requested grants.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	06/30/2021	=	\$ 16,003.83
Income received since	06/30/2021	+	\$ 23,982.39
Less expenses since	06/30/2021	-	<u>\$ 32,998.24</u>
Balance on hand as of	09/30/2021	=	\$ 6,987.98

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$60,840.91 as of 06/30/2021 (most recent statement). This is a decrease of \$3,860.70 from

06/30/2021 resulting from a \$315.25 deposit and expenses of the annual student aid distribution of \$3235.08, \$86.49 in expenses and a negative \$854.38 market value change. In August 2021 we received the annual 5% disbursement which amounted to \$3,235.08. This was equally divided and sent to 4 students – 1 deaconess student and 3 undergraduate students. We are anticipating a very generous bequest from Alberta Martens of \$50,000 to the endowment fund.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$783.00 as of 09/30/2021 (most recent statement).

COUNSELOR (JR.): -

COUNSELOR (SR.): -

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: -

CEDAR RAPIDS: The Cedar Rapids Fall Zone event was held October 2 at King of Kings, Cedar Rapids.

Zone Counselor Pastor Erickson presented a Bible study “O You of Little Faith” based on Matthew 14:22-33. Instead of having a speaker we took part in servant events, which included assembling school bags for local schools, assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief and making cards of encouragement for Trinity Lutheran School, students and staff.

A memorial gift of \$100 was donated to LWML IED mites in memory of Mildred Herman, mother of LWML IED President Margaret Kistler. Kay Karsten was installed as vice president and Gwen Timm as treasurer. Attendance totaled 49, which included 3 Pastors. Offering totaled \$267.56. Ingathering totaled 86 bags of school supplies and a monetary gift of \$96.00.

CLINTON: - The Clinton Zone held their fall gathering on Saturday Oct. 2 at Immanuel, Grand Mound. A light brunch was offered at 8:30. Pastor Steven Anderson started with Bible study at 9:00 entitled “More Precious Than Jewels” based on Proverbs 31.

The business meeting followed. A report was given on the fall retreat hosted by the zone. Fran Beer gave a report on attending the Lexington Convention as our zone delegate. Becky Gluesing was elected as secretary and Joy Schmid as treasurer. \$278.53 was collected for our offering, and 20 women and 2 pastors were in attendance. The ingathering was gift cards and cash for the Daniel Sanchez Family.

The Spring 2022 Gathering will be held at Trinity, Lowden on April 23rd.

DAVENPORT: -The Fall Rally was at Parkview Lutheran Sept 25. President Margaret was in attendance. Pastor Peter Hoft led a bible study "Faith in the Home". Jessica Trowbridge shared information about the Safe Families organization. Tammy McKay as Zone President and Lois Kundel as Vice President were installed. Spring Rally is scheduled for May 1, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran 2-4 pm.

DUBUQUE: -Dubuque Zone Fall Rally 2021, Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at Our Redeemers – Dubuque, IA

The rally began with Juanita Brissey from Our Saviors Dubuque welcoming everyone. Pastor Cearlock and Pastor Kincaid led us in the Matins' service.

President Kistler gave her President report- as of 10/16/2021 \$55,434 had been paid out in grants. We are half way there, keep up the good work. Alberta Martens received her crown of glory August 12th, she was a very active LWML member. She has left approximately \$50,000 to add to the IED Student Aid Endowment Fund through her Charitable Remainder Trust.

Pastor Cearlock lead the Bible study "In Remembrance of Me"

It was noted that some long time LWML members received their Crown of Glory since last we met Delores Lindsay and Annette Reimers.

New officers LouAnn Knaak VP, Janell Wollschlager, Secretary and Pastor Weber Pastoral Counselor

30 women attended and 3 Pastors

Ingathering for Pastor James May serving in Africa collected \$275.00 and General offering for Zone \$144.00

Board meetings will be done by Zoom moving forward.

Jean Schulz gave a moving presentation on The Hand of the Lord is Powerful regarding an accident her and her husband were involved in and how God was with them the entire way, incorporated stones into presentation.

ELDORA: -Eldora Zone gathered together 29 members and 2 Pastors and 1 Vicar for the 2021 Fall Rally at Immanuel Lutheran, Iowa Falls on Saturday morning, October 2.

Opening was led by Vicar Micah Brooks of Hampton with hymn singing throughout the program. In-gathering for Orphan Grain Train totalled: \$830.

District President Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders was featured speaker of the day, encouraging everyone with all the biblical reasons why we can be “JOYFULLY LUTHERAN”. He also helped us to understand what is involved in Altar Pulpit Fellowship with LCMS being established as we continue to develop mission congregations and “districts / synods” throughout the world.

President Margaraet’s Fall message was in our packet. Communications from her about her Mom’s passing into Glory was also shared. Margaret, her family, and other families experiencing loss today were included in our prayers.

Elections established second terms for Pastoral Counselor: Paul Beisel; Vice President: Barbara Winter; and Secretary: Linda Asmus. Pastor Saunders installed Pastor Beisel who then installed VP Winter and Secretary Asmus.

Jill Fraser, our Delegate to National Convention in Lexington, gave us a delightful report of her experiences and the accomplishment of the National Convention. All received the new bookmark list and prayer response for our Mite Giving.

President Linda and Jill then presented the convention skit “Cruisin’ to the IED LWML 2022 District Convention -- “Anchored in Christ”. Approximately 12-15 members responded that they hope to attend. Following the Christian Life skit, our meeting adjourned to a great lunch and wonderful fellowship in the dining hall, served by the ladies of Iowa Falls congregation.

MARSHALLTOWN: - The Marshalltown Zone held its Fall Rally on Oct 30th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lacona. Our theme was “Not Normal” based on 1 Peter 2:9(KJV). Pastor Hyatt led us in devotions based on Matthew 28:19-20 and a Bible study titled “Sent on a Mission: The Story of One Missionary - Jonah. Our guest speaker was Gary Thies from Mission Central. He spoke of the urgency to tell our neighbors about Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit has worked in the hearts of many people who have generously supported Mission Central. Our Love Offering for Mission Central was \$1,638. In the business part of our meeting, we enjoyed the skit presented by Rena Garner, our Christian Growth Chairman, and Michele Phillips titled “Cruisin’ to the IED LWML 2022 District Convention -- “Anchored in Christ”. Peggy Wagner was reelected Vice President, and Pam Richardson was elected Secretary. Our attendance was 48, the offering for the zone was \$404. Pastor Hyatt installed Peggy as Vice President and gave the closing devotion. Our Spring Rally has been scheduled for April 9, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in State Center.

MT. PLEASANT: - The Mt. Pleasant Zone held its fall rally at Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant on October 9th. The theme was "God's Quilt of Comfort" based on Proverbs 31:20,22. Opening devotions were led by Pastor Chris Roepke, Pastoral Zone Counselor. The ingathering for monetary donations was collected for purchase of a sewing machine needed in India. Quilt squares were distributed for the ladies to give a way to "build " God's quilt in our communities . A mission presentation was provided by Mrs. Jean Mitchell and Annie Hall from "On His Path, " a local ministry working with children born with clubfoot deformity. It was really interesting to hear about what is happening in this area, and they are from southeast Iowa. Karen Lyons spoke about MOST Ministries and many ladies brought eye glasses to the rally for donation. Election results Becky Ernst from Our Savior Muscatine -President and Angie Banko from Our Savior Muscatine -Vice President. Gretchen Rasmussen will remain Acting Secretary until a new candidate is identified. The Spring Rally will be at Our Savior in Muscatine.

ST. ANSGAR: - The St. Ansgar Zone held it's Fall Rally on October 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mason City, Vacancy Pastor Jesse Burns had opening devotions. The Theme was "Train up a Child in the way he should go" Proverbs 22:6. Our Zone Counselor, Pastor Korth led us in a bible study using bible verses around our theme. Our guest speaker was Linette Heimbuch, Director of their Sunbeam Christian Preschool & Childcare of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Our ingathering was for them. Jan Kruger and Denise Gerdts of the Christian Life Committee presented the skit "Cruising to the LWML Convention next June in Cedar Falls". The Orphan Grain Trailer was filled again. Election results; President, Darlene Bodermann and Secretary, Norma Brunner. Anna Mae Roethler was approved to serve on the Christian Life Committee for the 2021-2024 term. Attendance was 33 LWML members, 5 guests and 3 pastors. Our offering totalled \$385.00. Bethlehem sent us home with a lovely sack lunch.

WATERLOO: -Waterloo Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 16 at St. John, Reinbeck under the theme of "Called to be CONNECTORS" Luke 2:10. A delicious breakfast was served by the ladies of the Dorcas Society of St. John. Our speaker was David Fiala, Mission Advocate for the LCMS. He shared with us the work of being a Mission Advocate and talked about many of the missionaries that he works with. An ingathering offering was taken for the missionaries of the LCMS and a zone offering was taken. The ladies enjoyed working on a craft project of making crosses for nursing homes that will be part of the servant events at the convention. Pastor Kevin Richter, Pastor of St. John and also Zone Counselor lead the opening and closing devotions. Officers installed for the next biennium were Kolleen Hosford, Vice President and Ginny Poppen, Treasurer. 20

ladies, 1 guest and 1 Pastor were in attendance.

Our zone continues to make plans for the 2022 IED Convention with the Lord's guidance. We are excited to be hosting this event and look forward to seeing everyone there on June 10 -11, 2022 in Cedar Falls.

WESTGATE: - Fall rally had to be rescheduled due to a Pastor's funeral that was held the same day. The new date will be Sunday, November 21 at 2 PM.

WILLIAMSBURG: - We had our fall event on Saturday, October 23rd at Trinity, Ottumwa. Our speakers were Jocelyn and Justin Benson.

She is the head teacher at Whittenburg Academy, an online Lutheran curriculum for students K-12. Justin shared that he is on the board of regents for Luther Classical College. This college will be located in Casper, WY. The 1st session will be held in the fall of 2025. This will be a college for Lutheran students only being taught by Lutheran professors. Right now they are in the stage of asking for monetary support from congregations across the country. Their goal is to keep tuition down for the students. More information can be found on their website lutherclassical.org.

The focus of the whole event was to "Train a Child in The Way". It is our duty 1st and foremost to be the ones teaching our children and grandchildren, etc. about Christ and the teachings He has given us to share while we walk, gather together for meals, lie down and rise up. These teachings are to be on our hearts and minds, and shared. Build relationships with God and one another.

Liz Roberts was re-elected as the Zone President, and Luanne Heitshusen as Treasurer. Much discussion was on how we are not reaching the younger ladies of our congregations...they will help but don't want to be part of the organization. Margaret shared that our LWML has evolved and our primary purpose is to gather ladies together for Bible Study in any format that may take on (in person, online, mailbox members) and mission projects. We need to educate these young women of our purpose and remove the stigma of it being the "old ladies group". They are already involved, they just don't know it.

As an advertisement - St. John's of rural Victor (2656 CC Ave, Victor) - is having a drive-through live nativity on the weekend of December 11th and 12th. The times are 4:30-7:30 pm. Come one, Come All to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! If you enjoy craft shows - in the town of Victor, as part of their Old Fashion Christmas, there is a very large one at the school from 8:00am-2:00pm. Other activities are planned and a closing program at the Legion Hall at 7:00pm (Children and Community Choirs).

APPOINTED PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: -

MEETING MANAGER: - I continue to update our roster and my mass email list as new ladies begin serving our district. I plan to send out a new copy of the roster after our board meeting so we can officially appoint some new personnel first. If you need any contact information prior to that, please send me an email. I continue to email many ladies as I work with Margaret to prepare for meetings and keep things organized. If you have not filled out your Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest form, please complete and turn them into me. They can be found on the password protected part of the website. Thank you to all who have turned these in in a very timely manner.

Hilary Brech

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : - I am in the process of getting minutes from the zones gathered for this Biennium and preparing them to be sent to St. Louis. I am contacting the Zones for this information as needed. Diane Paulson

PARLIAMENTARIAN: -

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - There are plenty of interesting topics and people to deliver them. You can see the list on the website or contact Liz Roberts 641-990-8272 or liz223grace@gmail.com. Any new additions to the list please direct them to Liz as well.

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: -

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: - Together with President Margaret we have been gathering information, etc for a possible spring 2022 bus trip to Mission Central in Mapleton (Monday), overnight in Carroll (meet other LWML members from IEW) and then tour/drop off donations/work at Orphan Grain Train in Clemons (Tuesday)

Karen Boehme

IED CONVENTION MANAGER: Worked with the Convention Committee to propose the registration fee to the board of the directors.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2021-2023: -

2021 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS:

The Clinton Zone hosted the 2021 IED Fall Retreat at Camp Iodiseca on September 11th. We were blessed with a beautiful late summer day for fellowship and growth in Him. Our theme was based on Psalm 62:6 – “Jesus - My Solid Rock”.

75 women attended the rally. Michelle Diercks was our morning speaker, and Pastor Eric Obermann from Grace, DeWitt presented the afternoon Bible study.

A large ingathering of needed items for Camp Iodiseca was collected, along with a special collection of gift cards and cash for the Daniel Sanchez family to help with their medical expenses.

The servant event was signing Christmas cards for our military personnel. This is a joint project with Trinity Lutheran in Clinton and Clinton Community College.

Music was provided by Amy Redhage with violin music and Joy Schmid with the piano accompaniment. \$729 in profits from the registrations will be sent in for district mites, and \$500 seed money will be passed on to the Davenport Zone for the 2022 retreat.

COMMITTEES:

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - I have sent out another welcome packet to Vicar Mark Zieroth and his wife, Taylor from Our Redeemer, Cedar Falls.

May the Lord continue to bless Iowa East with new church workers to learn from the current and the retired church workers in serving our congregations and schools. May the Lord continue to show us how to honor, respect and encourage those He has placed among us as we work together in furthering His kingdom.

Submitted by Liz Roberts

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - As noted in Bus Coordinator Report above, President Margaret and I have been gathering information for offering a bus trip to Mission Central and OGT in spring of 2022.

In the Westgate Zone, where I belong, I will be giving each President of a Society a letter with information and form to apply for a YWR for the District Convention in 2022 at our Fall Rally on November 21, 2021. Deadline date to District will be January 15, 2022. I give that suggestion to all Zone Presidents to get the word out about future YWR. The form and additional information are available on the IED website --look under “RESOURCES”, then scroll down to “Young Women Representatives” On the page, look for --

[Young_Woman_Representative_Application_2020-1-James-and-Karen-Boehme](#) 

Karen Boehme,

Lauren Gangel and Martha Hartwig

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: -

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: -

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - I am pleased to report that I have been working with our soon to be Newsletter Editor, Annette Raebel and Assistant Editor, Loretta Wuerdeman to begin the transition. We have been setting up and learning about the G Suite accounts. We use Google Drive heavily in this position. It is a marvelous tool for our situation. Annette's daughter, Hannah, is the one who manages these accounts for the district. So it has been fun to have another Mom and Daughter duo serving the Lord in IED. I have also been trying to share how I put together the *Alive* while not meeting together yet as distance makes it more difficult. We will continue to work together to equip both of these wonderful women for service. Thank you to all who contributed to this issue. I received lots of submissions for the Society and Zone section. I am thrilled to fill this section up! Thank you for having me as your editor, as this is my last issue. It was a wonderful "job" to do and very enjoyable.

Hilary Brech

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

WEBMASTER: - Been keeping up with posting updates as they have been supplied.

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - Working through our first set of transitions and still editing tutorial videos.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: -

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: -

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: -

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: -