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The Iowa East women join in song as they sing praises to God at the Fall Retreat. Read more about the Fall Retreat on page 8.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Church Year!

This is the time of year I really look forward to the most: Advent services and the message of preparation as we move closer to Christmas, the songs and music (Oh, Come All Ye Faithful and Joy to The World, and of course, Silent Night), the decorations (you can't beat the greenery), the lights (candles, stars and angel hosts), and most of all **The Baby**.

Why?

Because without **The Baby** we wouldn't have Easter. And without Easter, there would be no need for LWML and its focus to be in the Word and to support missions.

Praise God and have a Happy New Church Year!

Iowa East has much to be thankful for in this past year and much to look forward to doing in the coming year. I am grateful for the opportunity God has given me to work alongside all of you as we pray, praise, give thanks and support mission work all around the world. Your mite offerings are making wonderful things happen. Please continue to pray for our mission grant and scholarship recipients.

I would also encourage your prayers for the upcoming District Convention. The Waterloo Zone women are planning a magnificent convention for you: Anchored in Christ. We will be gathering at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls on June 10 and 11. Make plans to attend and celebrate all of the blessings that God has given.

Your District has moved to a website based email system for the officers and some of the appointed personnel. Please take note of these new email addresses that are listed in the directory, and begin using them. We thank you!

God's blessings to and for all! Enjoy and be rejuvenated in this new year, beginning with the season of Advent.

District needs

There are numerous positions within the District that need willing servants to complete the work of Iowa East. Servants are needed for the Membership Development Committee and the Christian Life Committee. Please contact any of the elected officers for more information and to volunteer.



Margaret Kistler
LWML IED President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

I had a junior high teacher who, whenever a student would start complaining how tough things were in school or how busy he or she was or how mean his or her parents were, this teacher would respond, saying with a bit of humor, "It builds character!" Pretty soon students learned not to complain around him because they didn't want to hear that response. When dealing with hardship, we often do not want to hear about what hardship might be doing for us in a positive way. We often simply want sympathy. Not empathy...sympathy. We want people to feel sorry for us, to pity us, and, if possible, do something to fix the situation for us. We are not too focused on character building in those times.



No one desires to face hardships or to endure suffering. They are, however, realities of living in this fallen world. In fact, when preparing His disciples for carrying on in ministry after His ascension, Jesus advises His disciples that the one thing they will be sure they will encounter is suffering, hardship (for example, see Luke 12:11-12). But couple that with the assurance that the apostle Paul discovered—that all things work for good for those who are called for God's purposes (see Romans 8:28)—and we even find reason for joy in the midst of suffering. God works for our good even in the midst of our suffering and hardship. Those good purposes of God are typically hidden from us when we are in the depths of suffering, but we have a sure and certain promise that His purpose is there.

As Paul reminds us in Romans 5:3, if nothing else, suffering produces endurance. I like to call myself a runner. There are, however, times when I take extended times, sometimes months, off of running. (I just get lazy and don't do it for a while.) Every time I start back up, I have to suffer through those first few runs. But if I do, I am able to build up the endurance I need to run longer distances. I will not reach that ability to endure without experiencing the suffering of difficult breathing and sore muscles.

Our Lord does not stop at endurance in resisting temptation and dealing with hardship. Through developing that endurance, He molds and shapes our character. He forms us in our faith to be more Christ-like, to be people of noble character who love and serve our neighbors around us. Through that, we grow in hope because we begin to recognize how He who lived, suffered, and died for our salvation is at work in us, continuing His ministry through us meager human vessels. This, in turn, gives us hope, for we come to know all the more that we are loved by Jesus. We are loved by Him so much that He died and rose again to

bring us the hope of life everlasting in the glorious presence of God and to strengthen us through His grace to serve in His name.

As St. Paul succinctly put it in Romans 5:3-5, "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

The hope of LWML is that every woman of our church body is growing in that truth daily. When you are suffering, LWML has resources available for you through Bible studies, Mustard Seed devotions, inspirational accounts of sisters in Christ, even Scripture-based coloring pages for a wonderful devotional focus. (All these can be found at lwml.org.) Most importantly, LWML is present to provide fellowship with sisters in Christ to walk alongside you and to pray for you through those trying times. What a joy to have this fellowship to lean upon as together you serve the Lord with gladness, growing in faith, endurance, character, and that glorious hope that is yours in Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie
Pastoral Counselor

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VP of COMMUNICATIONS

Our theme verse of Romans 5:3-5 speaks of suffering. Lately in our LWML IED family, this hits us directly. We've had illnesses that meant we had to miss the Retreat or other important events. We've had a board member need to relinquish her position due to health issues. Several of our LWML sisters experienced physical separation through death of loved ones. Lora, Betty, Margaret, Carolyn, Linda, Angie, myself and more suffer through the grief. I'm sure you have others you could add to that list. However, we're not mired in the mud of suffering. Suffering produces...HOPE! Yes, we have hope – The Hope. God promises us this. He will use our suffering for His glory.



Helen Huedepohl
VP of Communication

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5: 3-5).



We are proud of the young people from Iowa East that are pursuing church work careers, and we know that there is much endurance needed to finish the race for the needed education.

We of the LWML IED want to help those students as we have done for many years. Once again, we are offering \$15,000 in undergraduate scholarships, \$10,000 for Seminary scholarships and \$5,000 for Deaconess scholarships.

Please send interested students to <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/> so they can read the guidelines and apply for scholarships. There is a simple checklist to follow.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2022. Please encourage students to apply. We want to come alongside our students who are pursuing church work professions. Please encourage those students you know to apply so that we can be an encouragement to them as they endure to train for church work.

Jeanette Kreutner
VP of Gospel Outreach

**Lutheran World Relief
pickup in spring 2022 will
be in Cedar Rapids on April
23 from 8:30 until noon. Call
Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773
if you have questions.**

**GROUP RECORD FORMS HAVE
BEEN SENT/GIVEN TO GROUP
PRESIDENTS.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND
RETURN TO YOUR ZONE
PRESIDENT BY DECEMBER 31ST.**

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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Rejoice in suffering? Yes! It is hard for our sinful, human mind to comprehend that God wants us to rejoice in our suffering. Why would He ask that of us? He gives us the answer in the rest of the passage "... suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame ..."

Endurance: demanding great physical stamina

Character: mental and moral qualities of an individual

Hope: trust and expectation for something specific to happen

Each time we face suffering, our stamina, mental health, and moral limits are tested and strengthened – we are confronted with our own mortality and the need we have for God. He strengthens us so that we put our hope and trust in Him, not in ourselves, to get us through. We see the need for His Word, for His forgiveness, and for His mercy. Without suffering we would be tempted to falsely believe that we were in control of our own lives and would not see the need for our Heavenly Father or for a Savior.

God also gives us the neighbors around us and He calls us to be neighbors to others. In this way God's people bring the Word to one another, to pour the Holy Spirit into the hearts of His people.

The winter season can be a time of great rejoicing. It can also be a season of great suffering. As baptized, redeemed children of God we reach out to our neighbors in the rejoicing and the suffering. We can pray for one another, send cards of encouragement and hope, or make a phone call or visit. We share God's love in many ways, and the LWML has many resources to help, all available at lwml.org. Some ideas to get you started are printable cards and bookmarks, Mustard Seed devotion packets or booklets, and Bible studies of various lengths and topics. I encourage you to reach out in love to your neighbor!

Rejoicing with you,

Becky Wehrspann
VP of Christian Life

TREASURER REPORT

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5: 3-5).



The passage theme for this issue immediately made me think of the Bible study at the national convention in Lexington by Deaconess Heidi Goehmann, where she spoke about endurance and resilience. Life is full of hardships and we need to learn to deal with them because endurance builds resilience. If we look at James 1:2-3 it tells us, *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance (NIV).*

Resilience, perseverance and endurance, I see examples of it all around me as I write this. One look outside with the leaves falling, my garden is all but gone – only the tomato plants left - and they won't last much longer plus the crops coming out of the fields; the ground will need to endure the rigors of another winter. By the time you read this the ground will be covered with snow and nothing will grow for a few months. But the ground is resilient, it perseveres through the hardships to endure for another growing season. How much better for us with a God who loves us enough to give His only Son for our salvation? As we read in Psalm 34:19, *The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.* Which brings me back to a statement from the Bible study I will carry with me forever. "What God leads you to, He will lead you through." As long as we remember this, we can endure any challenge.

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 – 9/30/2021)

Income \$111,998.48 - 54% of budget

Expenditures

Inreach \$3,892.65 - 21% of budget

Outreach \$110,161.08 - 59% of budget

Total \$114,053.73 - 55% of budget

Mission Grants (4/1/2020 – 6/30/2021)

Approved \$105,000

Dispersed \$48,250

We have paid \$7,184 in mission grants so far in October

Becky Gluesing
Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The following Financial report shows all money deposited April 1st, 2021 – September 30th, 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 September 30th 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

Thank you for sending in your mites.

Marna Mohr
Financial Secretary



Thank you to our Iowa East Women who are serving on national LWML positions!

Becky Wehrspann continues to serve as Features Editor for the Quarterly.

Marie McNary serves on the Information Technology Committee.

God bless you as you fulfill these positions.

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT

April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$157.00
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$687.26
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION	\$247.71
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$-00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$338.81
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$819.34
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$200.09
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD	\$152.20
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY	\$518.35
CEDAR FALLS IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD	\$100.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD	\$98.49
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML	\$351.04
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY	\$288.90
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH	\$-00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE	\$-00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML	\$63.70
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION	\$55.58
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES	\$395.70
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$-00
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY	\$663.84
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD	\$287.23
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$590.60
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD	\$-00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN	\$1,000.24
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD	\$1,015.45
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID	\$-00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB	\$317.41
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION	\$1,535.83
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML	\$281.86
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$225.00
DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML	\$-00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML	\$204.59
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD	\$691.91
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD	\$154.76
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY	\$-00
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$656.36
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$-00
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT	\$81.45
ELMA, ST PETER LWML	\$636.80
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$-00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE	\$179.06
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE	\$332.91
FAYETTE, GRACE LADIES AID	\$-00
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD	\$221.02
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE	\$-00
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY	\$-00
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$-00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$679.32
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$288.69
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$68.00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY	\$1,455.27
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES)	\$1,061.55
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$195.00
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE	\$615.61
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML	\$11.06
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD	\$875.81
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$432.73
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID	\$1,064.32
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LUTHERAN LWML	\$-00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD	\$346.35
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML	\$686.22
LAONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$266.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$296.68
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$41.53
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML	\$35.00

MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR	\$655.74
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$180.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$1,217.39
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML	\$514.98
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON	\$-00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML	\$292.55
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$-00
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML	\$310.00
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	\$442.76
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML	\$839.68
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD	\$-00
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$254.19
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY	\$74.00
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY	\$162.55
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE	\$330.42
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML	\$-00
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML	\$102.00
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD	\$-00
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML	\$120.59
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML	\$435.00
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$118.05
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS	\$-00
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML	\$496.70
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML	\$-00
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID	\$-00
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD	\$-00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD	\$-00
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE	\$93.50
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS	\$-00
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$153.08
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$289.31
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY	\$161.47
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS	\$708.92
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES	\$986.59
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$2,186.30
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE	\$-00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML	\$-00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML	\$-00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH	\$50.15
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY	\$-00
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID	\$-00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY	\$580.29
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML	\$137.25
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML	\$262.24
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN	\$341.00
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES	\$25.00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS	\$-00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD	\$951.69
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY	\$271.72
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID	\$-00
Total of Society Contributions April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021	\$35,714.74

ZONE RECEIPTS

BENTON	TOTAL \$295.00
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$-00
CLINTON	\$203.50
DAVENPORT	\$156.00
DUBUQUE	\$765.00
ELDORA	\$-00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$-00
MT PLEASANT	\$98.00
ST ANSGAR	\$-00
WATERLOO	\$202.00
WESTGATE	\$156.00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$300.75
Total of Zone Contributions April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021	\$2,176.25

Thrivent Choice (Endowment Fund)	\$95.00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)	\$3,915.08
IDE DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$9,567.26
IDE DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-00
Sub-Total Receipts April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021	\$51,468.33

LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST	\$51,468.33



Fall Retreat Highlights

FROM CLINTON, IOWA



The Clinton Zone hosted the 2021 IED Fall Retreat at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca 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”.

Seventy-five women attended the retreat. 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 lo-Dis-E-Ca 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 piano accompaniment. \$729 in profits from the registrations will be sent in for district mites.



Ingathering for Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca



Signing cards for soldiers as a servant event. This is a joint project with Trinity Lutheran in Clinton and Clinton Community College.



Joining together in song. Music was provided by Amy Redhage with violin music and Joy Schmid with the piano accompaniment.



Grandkids eating with Grandma. There was programming for everyone and family time too!



Anchored in Christ

FROM CEDAR FALLS, IOWA



Land Ahoy Sisters in Christ!

The 2022 IED LWML Convention is in sight and our LWML Mission Love Boat's Port of Call is in Cedar Falls, Iowa on June 10-11, 2022, celebrating that we are **Anchored in Christ** and *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure* (Hebrews 6:19 NIV).

The LWML Waterloo Zone invites you to come aboard as we celebrate our oneness in Christ and His plans for our Mission work. Check out this impressive itinerary!

- The LWML Mission Love Boat will have smooth sailing as we hear from our speakers:
 - o The Worship Service Proclaimer for the Convention is Iowa District East President Reverend Brian Saunders
 - o The Friday Night Banquet Speaker is Cari Chittick, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Lutheran Teaching Programs, Colloquy and Placement.
 - o Carol von Soosten, Gifts of Love, Gift Planning Counselor
- Don't miss the chance to firm up your personal anchor with Bible studies led by Pastor Ogilvie and Pastor Roepke
- Make a joyful noise with song led by: Kolleen Hosford, organist/pianist at Grace Lutheran in Waterloo
- We will be "making love waves" with Gifts from the Heart, an ingathering benefiting area recipients. More details to come.
- It's all hands on deck for our Servant events.

You won't want to miss the Deep Sea Fishing for Mites Tournament and get your photo taken with your catch! There will be chances to win prizes. Also, you will enjoy an outstanding cuisine that's prepared fresh on board and served by a friendly crew!

While cruising, enjoy the warm sunshine of Christian fellowship with old and new friends in Christ.

Book your trip and get your boarding pass!

Registration cost is only \$135. You are encouraged to complete it by May 1, 2022 so that we are able to plan for your arrival.

Staterooms (hotel rooms) are available for a cost of \$119 per night at the Hilton Garden Inn. Through May 10, 2022, you may reserve a room online, at our block rates, with this special link: https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/A/ALOCFGI-LWML-20220609/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG. The phone number for reservations: 319-266-6611 ext 0. You may call anytime and name the LWML block to receive the block rate as available.

Don't be left high and dry. Make plans to cruise with your LWML sisters and be **ANCHORED IN CHRIST**.

Anchored in Christ,

Captain Jan Miller

Captain Laura Woebeking

2022 LWML Convention Co-Chairs



IN CHRIST



Society & Zone News



ST. PETER, ELMA

St. Peter, Elma LWML had a brunch after church to honor our three 60+ year LWML members.



L. to R. are Irma Jensen, Beverly Plugge and Charlotte Platte.

EVENTIDE LWML AT TRINITY

One of the mission projects for the Eventide LWML at Trinity, Clinton is to sign Christmas cards to send to active-duty soldiers and veterans. Cards are signed with a brief message, your home location with your name being optional. The project also involves sending unsigned cards to the troops for their use. Cards are then taken to Clinton Community College where the Phi Theta Kappa honor society forwards them to the military. We enlisted the help of the congregation in signing the cards. In 2020, we were able to send 650 signed and 330 unsigned cards to the troops. As a result of the success of last year's project Eventide was named the **Alumni Association Outstanding Friend of the College for 2021**. It was a wonderful way for our group to connect with the college and provide a service to our military personnel. As an extension of the card signing project, Eventide decided to send a Christmas card to every nursing home patient in Clinton. Again with the help of the congregation we were able to take around 500 cards to the nursing homes. We received several positive comments from the residents.



The Eventide group with the plaque from the college



The Eventide president, Jane Marlowe, receiving the plaque from the college.

ST. ANSGAR ZONE

The St. Ansgar Zone held it's Fall Gathering 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 Bible study using Bible verses around our theme. Our speaker was Linette Heimbuch, Director of their Sunbeam Christian Preschool & Childcare of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Our ingathering was for them. Jan Kruger and Denise Gerds 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. Bethlehem sent us home with a lovely sack lunch.



Gary Thies from Mission Central was the guest speaker at the Marshalltown Zone Gathering at St. Paul, Lacona on October 30. A total of 48 people attended.



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The Christian Life committee performed, "In His Hands," from the LWML website at the Cedar Rapids Zone Event.



Three generations attended the Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event at King of Kings on Oct. 2, Iowa East District President, Margaret Kistler, her daughter, Carolyn Zimmerman, VP of Organizational Resources and granddaughters, Everly and Millie. The LWML legacy continues on.



Women assembling blessing bags filled with school supplies at the Cedar Rapids Zone Event hosted at King of Kings in Cedar Rapids.

CLINTON ZONE REPORT

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 two pastors were in attendance.

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

MT. PLEASANT ZONE

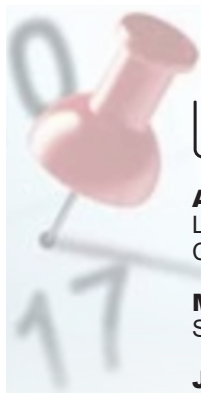
The Mt. Pleasant Zone of LWML Iowa East District met at Faith Lutheran in Mount Pleasant, IA on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for the Fall Gathering. \$251.00 was collected for the ingathering to purchase a sewing machine needed in India. The gathering theme was "God's Quilt of Comfort" based on Proverbs 31: 20, 22. Quilt squares were distributed for ladies to give away to "build" God's quilt in our communities. Rev. Scudder led a Bible Study based on our theme and Psalm 23. A mission presentation was provided by Annie Hall and Jean Mitchell from "On His Path," a local ministry working with children born with clubfoot deformity.

Election of Zone Officers: President, Becky Ernst from Our Savior, Muscatine; VP (second term), Angie Banko from Our Savior, Muscatine; Secretary, no nominee. Gretchen Rasmussen will remain Acting Secretary until a new candidate is identified.

BENTON ZONE

The Fall Gathering of the Benton Zone was held at Grace, Blairstown, IA on September, 25, 2021. Mites and gift cards for the family of Keturah Weber were collected. Keturah is battling cancer. She is the granddaughter of Martin and Joan Weber, retired LBT translators. Martin and Joan spoke at the gathering about how God used them and their TIME to translate and encourage people in their walk with our Lord.

Pastor Schanbacher, Grace, Blairstown led devotions on Esther 4:14. Pastor reminded us of how God is in control of our time and has a purpose in all that we do. Pastor shared the story of Esther and how God worked in each step of her life putting her in just the right place at the right time to save her people.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23, 2022

Lutheran World Relief Pick Up in Cedar Rapids

May 1, 2022

Student Aid Application Deadline

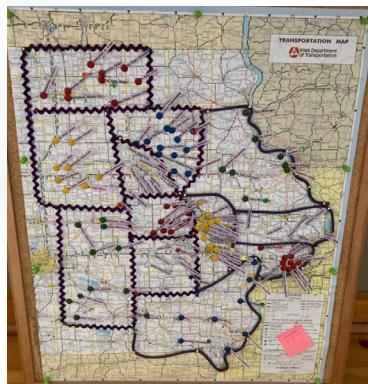
June 10-11, 2022

IED LWML Convention at Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls

June 22-25, 2023

Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Zone Map



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