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CRUISE into the 2022 LWML IED Convention

and



June 10 – 11, 2022 at Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls

Proclaimer: Rev. Brian Saunders, District President

Banquet Speaker: Cari Chittick, Assoc. Prof. of Education, Concordia, Irvine

Mites Challenge: Fishin' for Missions

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The year 2022 marks a milestone for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. LWML is 80 years old!

In 1942 - America entered World War II, Irving Berlin wrote "White Christmas", Voice of America began broadcasting, Duck (Duct) Tape was



developed, the average wage was \$1,800.00 per year, gas was 15 cents a gallon, a bottle of pop was 5 cents and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was founded

The first Mission Grant funded went to Christ Chapel for the Deaf in Cleveland, Ohio for \$15,000. Subsequent years saw funding for orphans and orphanages in Europe; mission work in Mexico, Japan, Hawaii, India and New York City – just to name a few.

While the specific projects have changed over the years, LWML is still funding mission projects all over our country and the world. Iowa East District is part of this rich history of supporting missions and missionaries all over the globe. The 2020-2022 biennium is a perfect example of this. Your mites have gone to Iowa East students, churches and schools, organizations in other states, and projects and missionary work around the world. The specific facts and figures for these projects can be found on the District website lwml-ied.org.

Praise and thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, for the past 80 years.

The next 80 years will bring many more changes, and the changes will occur at a faster pace than the past 80 years have seen. Let us continue to focus on the reason LWML is what it is. As stated in the LWML Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

The 2022-2024 biennium will bring new goals, new mission grant recipients and a renewed commitment to being part of joyfully proclaiming Christ. In honor of this momentous milestone, I have issued a Pre-Convention Challenge to the zones of Iowa East District to collect \$8,000.00 prior to the opening of the 2022 Convention in Cedar Falls on June 10. That's \$80 for 80 years from 100 donor entities. These entities may be individuals, Bible Study/Circle groups, local congregational groups/societies, etc. All specifics of the challenge will be shared by your Zone Presidents at upcoming gathering events.

And speaking of Convention 2022, it's that time again – a time to get together to: worship, praise God, give thanks, be inspired, choose new officers, new mission projects, and catch up with old friends. I hope to see you all in Cedar Falls, June 10 and 11 under the theme, **Anchored in Christ**.

Margaret Kistler
LWML IED President

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Peace of mind. Doesn't that sound appealing? Just letting your mind be at ease without a worry or a concern. Doesn't that sound amazing? Imagine going about your days always with a spring in your step, a smile on your face, and a song sounding forth from your lips! Just a 24/7 blissfest! Is that possible?



Probably not. Why not? Well, because we live in a world that is fallen, subjected daily to the impact of sin and brokenness. The creation groans under the weight of corruption and misuse. People hurt one another in so many different ways. Injustice is experienced in so many different ways-the person who was born into poverty in a third-world nation has done nothing more wrong or right than the person who was born into an affluent family in a top economy, yet they suffer merely because of where and into what family they were born; one person might sit in prison wrongly accused and convicted while a guilty person walks free because circumstances indicated the wrong person was quilty: a person is thorough about maintaining good health through exercise and diet, but then is struck down with cancer or dementia and suffers

Is peace of mind possible? Not from the things of this world. Not from internal gumption and will power. If peace of mind is going to be present, it will have to come from outside of ourselves. And for do-it-yourself people—which most of us are, whether we realize it or not—that becomes yet another frustration, which further deprives us of peace of mind.

The apostle Paul shared that he found a way to have peace of mind in any circumstance. He had high points in life in which he had a great reputation as a faithful Pharisee and was given power over other people to imprison and legally persecute them. He also had times when he was literally knocked down and forced to realize and acknowledge his sinful ways and to fear for not only his life, but also his salvation. He knew what it was like to be welcomed into a community because people wanted to hear the message of life in Jesus he came to share. He also knew what it was like to be beaten and driven out of those towns by those who wanted nothing to do with that same message.

What was the secret to this peace of mind, to this contentment? Jesus. He found it in the mercy and grace that was bestowed upon him through Jesus. He wrote, I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can

do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:12-13, ESV). Jesus, the One who died and rose again for sinners like Paul, you and me, and for the whole world, gives life to the full. That is what brings peace of mind. No matter what circumstances you face in this fallen life and world, the fact that you have peace with your heavenly Father through Jesus overshadows them all. When you go through difficult times, Jesus walks with you through them. When you have joyous times, you realize you have Jesus to thank for removing the sin that would have separated you from the Father and impeded the flow of His blessings to you.

And His strength is made readily available to you. You are invited to His house of prayer to receive His Word and sacraments for the nourishing of your faith. You are encouraged to read and study His Word alone and in fellowship with others to be encouraged in your life and to increase your peace. You are called to serve as Jesus uses you as His hands and feet to do His work and as His mouthpiece through which is shared the gospel of peace with others.

This happens for each of you individually, and it happens within the community of LWML. Hopefully, you are making plans to attend the district convention this June. It will be a time of encouragement, strengthening, joy, and peace-of-mind building. Hopefully, you are taking advantage of the opportunities you have to gather with your sisters in Christ in your congregations where those same things happen in your local setting. Hopefully, you know it really is no secret of how you can find strength, contentment, and peace of mind in all things—it is through Jesus. In Christ.

Pastor Ogilvie Pastoral Counselor

VP of Communications

We all have abundance. Abundant work to do, abundant distractions, extra pounds and yet snacks beckoning.... That's probably not the type of abounding Paul mentions here, but we can be content in Christ even if we feel overwhelmed. With our focus on Christ in the



Holy Spirit's power, we can learn to adjust to our resources and gifts, our wants and our needs. We can ask His guidance and give Him glory. We can be content.

Sometimes (or maybe often) we may feel frustration within our LWML group. Maybe the way we've "always done it" is no longer working. Maybe we Lutherans CAN change. It is truly amazing how

Communications Cont...

many resources are available on lwml.org. For example, on lwml.org/online, you can:

- Sign up to get regular devotional or leadership emails.
- Read President Debbie's blogs I look forward to these and forward them to a friend.
- For those who prefer to listen instead of read, learn how to get LWML podcasts.
- Link to LWML YouTube channel which is a treasure chest of resources such as Donna (Pyle) Snow Bible studies, Jan Struck Convention skits, and other convention presentations.

How about trying Mailbox Members? A wealth of information awaits you at lwml.org/mailbox to help you reach out to church members who don't attend a meeting. The goal is to be in the Word and share the Word through service and mites while being Anchored in Christ. See you on the cruise in Cedar Falls in June!

Helen Huedepahl
VP of Communication

GOSPEL OUTREACH

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:12-13).



The scripture selected for this newsletter is so appropriate to where we are at in this world. All of the challenges of COVID throughout these last two years have made this scripture very precious to me. As I write this article I am recovering from COVID which is fairly mild in my case.

Paying our missions grants has shown how the ladies of LWML IED keep their eyes on Christ in good times and bad. As of this writing (1/23/22), we have paid \$78,720 of the \$105,000 of the mission grants we voted for in June 2020 when we could not meet in person. Given the challenges that we have faced, I give God all the glory.

We can meet the rest of our obligations, not in our strength, but with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Please continue to be constant in prayer and in contributing to the mission grants. We will celebrate together when we, with God's help, are able to meet the commitments we made two years ago.

In His Service.

Jeanette Kreutner
VP of Gospel Outreach

CHRISTIAN LIFE

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:12-13).



A well-known saying is "you don't know what you're missing until it's gone." Perhaps it's a new food allergy diagnosis preventing you from eating your favorite dessert, or a car accident that has left you with an unreliable loaner. I'm sure none of us can forget the weeks and months that we were unable to gather in public for worship. We didn't know what we were missing until it was gone.

Imagine living in a country or city where God's Word is prohibited, maybe even by punishment of death. How much more would we cling to His good gifts if we knew they could be taken from us at any moment? And yet they can be — Satan can deceive and distract us into thinking that we will always have the opportunity for public worship and Christian fellowship. Thanks be to God we do not have to fear government punishment for studying or gathering around God's Word, but many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world do face that level of persecution.

Through the LWML Mission Grants, we can support those Christians who face persecution or worse for the sake of the Gospel. Our mite offerings help train pastors, deaconesses and other church workers to proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus; they help send missionaries to reach God's people in remote villages and large cities; and they help prepare materials to share the Gospel.

As we near the March 31 biennium deadline for our lowa East mission goal, know that our offering response to God's will is helping spread His Word to the ends of the earth. We can discern His will when we are encouraged in daily devotion, prayer, and Bible study. There are many resources to help us find this encouragement on the LWML website (lwml.org). We also look forward to gathering this summer at our lowa East convention in Cedar Falls. These are times we can be refreshed and renewed by His Word and Spirit to recognize the gifts He has given to us instead of taking them for granted. Thanks be to God!

Your sister in Christ.

Wecky Wehrspann VP of Christian Life

TREASURER REPORT

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:12-13).



This passage reminded me of the message from Pastor Ogilvie's Counselor's Corner from the previous Alive issue. He pointed out that our human nature does not want to hear about any positive benefits from hardship, which is a reality of living in a fallen world. I think we all have struggled with this at some time or another. I know I have. As I look out the window at the snow that fell overnight, I am reminded of how little I like winter weather. But even the dreaded winter weather has a silver lining. Without the colder weather. I wouldn't need a fire in the fireplace and I sure do enjoy that. I also would not have had the opportunity to enjoy watching the grandchildren sledding in the backyard at Christmas. So without the cold and snow I would not have these benefits. The trick is to look beyond the initial hardship and suffering to find a positive somewhere. You may need to dig a little, but the benefits are usually out there somewhere. Where would we be if Christ had not endured the hardships of the cross? Our salvation came at a huge price. Praise God for His mercy.

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 \$141,819.94

69% of budget

(We are 88% through the biennium)

Expenditures

Inreach \$3.990.40

19% of budget

Outreach \$134,148.55 Total \$148.138.95

72% of Budget

Mission Grants (4/1/2020 - 6/30/2021)

Approved \$105,000 Dispersed \$61,684

We have paid \$10,000 in mission grants so far in January

Becky Gluesing
Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Memorials and special gifts donations go towards mites unless otherwise specified by the donor.



Society Treasurers: If you need remittance blank books,

mite boxes or my address labels please contact me. Funds should be sent to me in the form of a check or money order made payable to LWML lowa East District or LWML IED.

Send your checks to: Marna Mohr 2119 G Ave • Marengo, IA 52301 319-330-4685

Thank you for sending in your memorials and special gift donations!

Marna Mohr Financial Secretary

WANTED:

We have openings for young women age 22-35 (+-) years; member of LCMS in Iowa East District: have a deep love and devotion to her Lord and Savior: willing to serve and participate as a Young Women Representative for your zone at the IED LWML at the June 10-11, 2022 Convention; truly rewarding experience! Applications due to your Zone President ASAP. For more information contact the Member Development Committee-Lauren Gangel, Martha Hartwig, Karen Boehme (boehmeki@msn. com) or President Margaret Kistler http://lwml-ied.org/young-womenrepresentatives/

VP of Human Care

At the November, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, three different organizations were chosen as recipients for the district convention Gifts From the Heart.

The first is the House of Hope in Waterloo. This is a homeless shelter for single mothers with

children. These families can stay here for up to two years while they work to regain their independence. Here is a list of items they would welcome to help the families living there: dish soap, dish drain racks, 4 x 6 area rugs, shower curtain liners, magnetic hooks, command hooks, Dollar General gift cards in \$10 denominations, quarters for the coin laundry, and board games for all ages.

The second is the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Over the past two years many families' resources have been stretched and food banks have been a tremendous help in expanding their budgets. Nonperishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, and more will be welcomed.

The third is Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls. Schools, teachers and students have had many challenges over the past two years. School supplies such as pencils, dry erase markers, and copy paper would be welcome.

If you are planning to attend the convention, I encourage you to contribute to one or more of these organizations. Even if you are not able to attend you can still contribute by giving your donation to someone who is attending. I also encourage societies to take up collections to bring along. Gift cards and quarters won't take up much space in your bag so take up a monetary collection in your church to purchase those, or collect canned goods or other items to bring along as well. I am confident that the women of lowa East will be generous in their gift giving.

Angie Banko
VP of Human Care

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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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.
- It's all hands on deck for our Servant Events.
 We will be making a cross favor to be given to residents in nursing homes. Greeting cards will be made for congregations in our zone who have card ministries. Fleece blankets will be made for graduates of Valley Lutheran High School.
- Anchor Light Memorial: At sea, an anchor light is displayed by a ship to indicate that it is at anchor. The LWML 80th anniversary gives us the opportunity to memorialize all those faithful women whose anchor light shined brightly during their lives. We remember their witness of how to remain anchored in the hope of Christ even in the roughest of seas. These women who now rest in peace in the safety of God's harbor, have been our role models by their faith and service. There will be an Anchor Light Memorial display at the lowa East District Convention, remembering these faithful servants.
- o You are invited to send a \$20 mites donation for each woman that you would like to include in the Anchor Light Memorial.
 - o Please send honoree's name, 4X6 photo, and

one line about her LWML service. Also include who has given the memorial.

- o Example: Jane Doe, LWML President 1975-1979, St. John's Lutheran Church, Reinbeck. By Dorcas Society
- o Example: Jane Doe, LWML mentor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Reinbeck. By Laura Doe, granddaughter
- o Mail to: Laura Woebbeking, 1270 Hwy T47, Gladbrook, Iowa 50635 by May 1st.
- o If you would like your photo back, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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! 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/g/groups/personalized/A/ALOCFGI-LWML-20220609/index.jhtml?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 Woebbeking 2022 LWML Convention Co-Chairs

When registering for your convention hotel room in Cedar Falls, be sure to mention the LWML Convention to get the rate of \$119 + tax. Please register by April 1st if possible! Rates will still be honored until May 1st, but the block will be released after May 1st.

IED LWML Officer Nominations

Below is the current list of officer nominations. Additional nominations will be accepted to fill the slate to 2 nominations per office.

Please contact Judy Westergren if you are interested in serving.

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Cheryl Killham Cedar Rapids Zone

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Spring 2022 Zone Gatherings

Zone	Date	Start Time	Church	City
Benton	4-30-22	1:00 p.m.	St. John	Keystone
Cedar Rapids	4-9-22	9:00 a.m.	Trinity	Cedar Rapids
Clinton	4-23-22	9:00 a.m.	Trinity	Lowden
Davenport	5-1-22	2:00 p.m.	Trinity	Davenport
Dubuque	3-26-22	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Dubuque
Eldora	4-2-22	9:00 a.m.	St. John	Wellsburg
Marshalltown	4-9-22		Trinity	State Center
Mt Pleasant	4-23-22		Our Savior	Muscatine
St Ansgar	4-2-22		Redeemer	Ventura
Waterloo	4-30-22		Faith	Waterloo
Westgate			St. Peter	Westgate
Williamsburg			Hope	Sigourney

BENTON ZONE

The Benton Zone Fall Gathering met September 25, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church, Blairstown. "For Such a Time as This", taken from Esther 4:14, was the theme. Pastor Jeff Schanbacher based the devotion on this Bible verse, reminding us of how God is in control of our time and has a purpose in all that He does. Welcome was given by Loretta Vogt and the response by Janyce Pohlmann, St. John, Keystone. Spring Gathering is April 30, 2022 from 1 pm - 5 pm. Martin and Joan Weber, retired LBT translators, were guest speakers. Many times, they moved out of their comfort zone and were reminded of the plans God had for them, instead of what they thought was the better plan. President Vicki, convention delegate, spoke of highlights of the National Convention, reminding us that "God has a plan for you and me in the LWML." Pastor

David Lingard led us in Bible study, based on Genesis 37-50, sharing how the story of Joseph and story of Esther prepared them "For Such a Time as This." Christian Growth gave a skit to help a discouraged grocery shopper to see God's promises on the grocery shelves (Life cereal, Promise margarine, Zest soap, etc.) President Vicki read a letter from our LWML IED President Margaret Kistler. Thirty-eight were attendance. Pastor Lingard led us in closing devotions reminding us that God has given us an inheritance, a future, and a hope in Christ and has prepared good works for each of us to do "For Such a Time as This." Pastor Lingard installed Pastor Doug Woltemath, St. Stephen's, Atkins, as Benton Zone Counselor for 2022-2023. Submitted by Vicki Gardemann

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief pickup will be April 23, 2022 from 8:30am until noon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, IA or at an additional site at 1240 66th St, Windsor Heights, IA. If any questions, please call Dori Staenk at 319-558-9773.

Remember to turn in your zone and society news so we can share what is happening across lowa East! You can also visit the zone webpages on our district website at

http://lwml-ied.org/zones/

to see the happenings around the district.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31, 2022

End of LWML IED 2020 - 2022 biennium

April 23, 2022

Lutheran World Relief Pickup in Cedar Rapids

May 1, 2022

Complete your boarding pass for LWML IED Convention

May 1, 2022

Student Aid Application Deadline

June 10-11, 2022

LWML IED District Convention

June 22-25, 2023

LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI

Zone Map



ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON ZONE

Vicki Gardemann

CEDAR RAPIDS ZONE

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