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in Iowa East District



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**Peace**

I leave with you;

My **Peace**  
I give you.



John 14:27

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful (Colossians 3:15).*

## President's Corner

I was a stay-at-home mom of two toddlers when a friend from church called. “Hi, Martha, this is Sandy. I want you to come to an LWML meeting with me. I will pick you up. I think you will like it.” I had heard of LWML, my grandma was a member, but I didn’t really know anything about it. I agreed to go to the meeting. And I did like it! Bible study, fellowship, supporting missions, and dessert were a convincing combination. Next, I attended my first national convention in Detroit. I became fully convinced LWML was a good fit.



Many years have passed since that phone call from Sandy. We have moved four times due to my husband’s jobs. None of the moves were my idea. It meant leaving our church home, my job, and our friends. What got me through four moves and three states was knowing there would still be LWML. I had new friends waiting – I just hadn’t met them yet. God has blessed me through each of these changes. I now have LWML friends across the country as well as here at home. The sisterly love through LWML is precious. Now you have blessed me with the honor of being LWML IED President. I am humbly thankful.

I now ask you to be Sandy to someone. Reach out with God’s love to a woman in need of the blessings of LWML. Bible study, fellowship, supporting missions, and dessert are still a good combination.

**Martha Hartwig**  
**IED LWML President**

## Counselor's Corner

When I think of the LWML and the various societies I have been blessed to work with over the past twenty years since my ordination, what comes to mind is the compassion, care, service, and perhaps most of all, the powerful force of God for getting things done, our Lutheran Christian women provide! A major aspect of “letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts” is being rightly ordered with God in Christ in our personal lives, in our homes, and in the church. Order without love is tyranny. That is what Satan offers in his kingdom. In the Lord’s kingdom, order is established through love in selfless, sacrificial service of others. That is what the LWML and her sister societies do. Whether it’s through Mites for mission, quilts for shut-ins, dinners for funerals, or any of the countless and diverse activities of our Lutheran Christian women, all is done with the love of Christ, rightly ordering things in relation to God and establishing the peace of Christ in our hearts. As your newly elected Iowa East District Junior Counselor, I look forward to working with you and supporting you in your loving service to Christ and His Church. God bless you and continue to make you a rich blessing to others!



In the Peace that is Christ Jesus,

**Pastor Jon M. Ellingworth**  
**IED-Junior Pastoral Counselor**

*Great  
are the  
works  
of the  
Lord.*

## Christian Life

As one body called to Christ we of LWML do have the peace of Christ that rules in our hearts. For that we are thankful. Thankful that Christ has given us that peace, but thankful for the gifts, talents and goods that He gives to us to share with fellow believers and those who yet need to hear the Word. As I let the peace of Christ rule in my heart, I thank you for trusting me with the position of VP of Christian Life. I was humbled by the number of votes I received, as I was sure it was going to be a very close vote. I ask for your prayers as I take on this position that God uses me and the Christian Life Committee to encourage, strengthen and uplift you in our walk together in our Christian Life. To God be the Glory! As you know there are many resources available to you on the lwml.org website. There are devotions, skits, Bible studies, etc. for you to use personally and in any group setting.



*Liz Roberts*  
*VP of Christian Life*



## Communications

Did you return from LWML IED Cruise bubbling with inspiration, joy, hope, and confidence? I know I felt uplifted and encouraged to stay “Anchored in Christ.” For those who missed the cruise, has anyone shared her cruise experience with you? If not, have you asked? As I write this the convention is fresh in my mind, but as you read this the retreat may be in our rearview mirrors. Not everyone can attend these events. It is up to those of us who have the privilege of participating to spread the insights we received. In other words, *communication!* Let’s not hoard our experiences. Let’s share them. To practice what I preach, here are some of my random notes from the convention: “We are anchored in the promises of God and have Biblical proof that He always keeps His promises.” “The Church should be seeking the lost and finding the found.” “Jesus sank into the mud of hell to win victory over Satan.” “Focus on that victory to remain secure and firm.” “We are living in that hope which is hand in hand with joy. Share it!”



It’s one of those experiences that enlarge by sharing and diminish by keeping to yourself. Of course, I highly recommend you personally experience the LWML gatherings. What are your plans for June 22-25, 2023?

*Helen Huedepohl*  
*VP of Communications*

**The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML)** is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 75 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

## Gospel Outreach

In thinking about what it means to be thankful, the first thing I could think of is the fact we were able to complete our Mission Grant commitments from the 2020-2022 biennium. This amounted to \$11,596. LCMS Missions, Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families and Voice of Care: Equipping Iowa East District for Disability Ministry and Respite Care were both very grateful that we were able to meet our funding commitments.



I am also thankful that the delegates voted to fund \$30,000 for scholarships, and \$69,500 for 12 different mission grants. The faith of the delegates to do so was very moving to me. For this biennium we have committed to \$111,096 in Mission Grants. I will be providing information on these mission grants on the websites and in emails to the district presidents.

I am thankful for the privilege of being elected Vice President of Gospel Outreach. By the grace of God I will uphold the trust granted to me by all of you. Your prayers will be appreciated.

**Jeanette Kreutner**  
*VP of Gospel Outreach*

## VP of Human Care

It was wonderful to see so many attendees at our convention in June. The Human Care Committee worked to collect all the items that were brought for the Gifts from the Heart. Each time someone came to drop off a donation, it was like opening



up a gift to see what was inside. Our beneficiaries were the House of Hope, a shelter for women getting back on their feet; the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, and Valley Lutheran School. Your generous donations will help all three of these organizations. Thank you to everyone throughout the Iowa East District for your generosity.

I'm sure that in your local communities there are organizations that are similar to these three. As I've heard through local news, organizations such as these are asking for donations to help others who have been impacted by the high prices, as we are all experiencing. As we head into fall please consider contributing to your local organizations to help them with their needs. They will be able to tell you how you can best help.

**Angie Banko**  
*VP of Human Care*

## Financial Secretary Report

Just a quick note to say I'm very excited to be your newly elected Financial Secretary and I look forward to working with you! You may now send your mites, Quarterly and Alive payments, and memorials via check to the following address:



Jennifer L. Determan  
5314 Fjord Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
319-230-0244  
Thank you!

**Jennifer Determan**  
*Financial Secretary*

# Treasurer Report

As this is my first report since the new budget was adopted, I feel a brief explanation of what you will see is in order. Margaret and I felt that splitting the budget into two sections, mites and reimbursed expenses would better represent what your mite donations are used for. The mite section will still be reported as outreach (mission-oriented items) and inreach (operating expenses). Reimbursed expenses are exactly what they sound like—items that are meant to pay for themselves. Items that would fall into this category include Quarterlies and Alive subscriptions, rallies and convention fees, convention bus fees and Christian Growth Store purchases. I hope this makes sense after you see the report.



## Becky Gluesing Treasurer

<u>IED Budget for 4.1.22--3.31.24</u>	
Mites-Outreach	\$151,190
Mites-Inreach	\$13,900
<b>Mites-Budget</b>	<b>\$165,090</b>
Reimbursable Items	\$52,500
<b>IED Total Budget</b>	<b>\$217,590</b>

<u>Mission Grant Budget (4.1.22-6.30.22)</u>	
Approved	\$112,690
Dispersed (2020-2022)	\$11,596
Balance Remaining	\$101,094

<u>Actual IED Budget From 4.1.22--6.30.22</u>	<u>Sub-totals</u>
4.1.22 Beginning Balance	\$9,003.25

<u>MITE BUDGET:</u>	
Income:	\$21,267.44
Expenses: Outreach	\$15,937.89
Expenses: Inreach	\$3,506.65
<b>Total Mite Expenses:</b>	<b>\$19,444.54</b>

<u>REIMBURSABLE ITEMS BUDGET:</u>	
Income:	\$6,229.17
Expenses:	\$10,072.52

TOTAL INCOME	\$27,496.61
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,517.06
<b>6.30.2022 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,982.80</b>

# Financial Secretary Report

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from January 1 to June 30, 2022. 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 address labels, please contact our new Financial Secretary, Jennifer Determan. Funds should be sent in the form of a check or money order made payable to LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED.



It has been a pleasure serving as Financial Secretary the past 4 years.

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

**Marna Mohr**  
*Financial Secretary*

# LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

## IN MEMORY OF

## DONOR

Wendell Schmitt.....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Lois Stratmann .....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Hap Sherman.....	Marengo, St John's Ladies Aid
Ruth Long.....	Charles & Sharon Akers
Memory of Loved Ones.....	Velma Butt
Ruth Long.....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
LaDonna Reynolds.....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Lillian Green .....	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Betty Kurth.....	Mt Vernon, St Paul Priscilla Guild
Marilyn Mortenson.....	Mt Vernon, St Paul Priscilla Guild
Jerry Hoins.....	Waverly, St John's Dorcas Society
Gerhard (Gary) Hinrichs.....	Ruth Gwin
Gerhard (Gary) Hinrichs.....	Helen Huedepohl
Larry Huedepohl .....	Garth & Vicki Gardemann
Melvin Roberts.....	Lynn Evans
Charlene Colangelo.....	Evonne Plagge
Lennis Flores.....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Tom McClure .....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Gloria Stenzel.....	Alex & Hilary Brech
Corrine Schoer.....	Lynn Evans
Muriel Hillers .....	Delaware, St Paul's Women Society
Charlene Colangelo.....	Latimer, St Paul's LWML
Gerhard (Gary) Hinrichs.....	Marengo, St John's Ladies Aid
Eulah Berstler.....	Lynn Evans
Melvin Roberts.....	Marna Mohr
Gerhard (Gary) Hinrichs.....	Janis Hinrichs
Melvin Roberts.....	Janis Hinrichs
Hap Sherman.....	Janis Hinrichs
Lois Nelson.....	Elma, St Peter LWML
Joyce Kroul.....	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Lillian Hagen.....	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Ron Knock .....	Williamsburg, St Paul Women's Guild
Corrine Schoer.....	Paul & Ruth Langehough
Lilah Hurley.....	Davenport, Trinity Women in Mission
Roger Wiebold .....	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Donald Walters .....	Hubbard, St John's Mission Circle
Joyce Andresen.....	Keystone, St John's LWML
Ardis Olgilvie.....	Lynn Evans
Ardis Olgilvie.....	Marna Mohr
Ronald Tirevold.....	Alden, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Joan Hook .....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Donna Lichty.....	Cedar Falls, Immanuel Dorcas Society
Marie Dreefke.....	Hubbard, St John's Mission Circle
Margaret Fuhrman.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Muriel Hillers .....	Delaware, St Paul's Women's Society
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Alys Henderson.....	Manchester, Women of Our Savior
Ken Payne .....	Guttenberg, Trinity Ladies Aid
Larelle Richman.....	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
N. Bergman .....	Readlyn, Klinger LWML
Allen Haworth.....	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Charlene Schuetz.....	Bettendorf, Our Savior LWML
Linda Sizemore.....	Eldora, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Don Wichman.....	Manchester, Women of Our Savior

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

### SPECIAL OCCASION

Honor of Rueben & Joanne Wennndt 70th Anniversary..... Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid

## DONOR

**TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1,595**

# LWML Sunday: “For Us and With Us”

LWML Sunday is traditionally set for the first Sunday in October, but can be celebrated at any time. This year’s theme is “For Us and With Us” from Romans 8:31-39. Paul reminds us that in this world we will always face things bigger than ourselves and our own strength. However, through Christ, we are already more than conquerors and already have the victory through Baptism. Let’s live every day trusting in Christ, who is “For Us and With Us” always!



# LWML gets a Community Award



## 2022-2024 Scholarships and Missions Grants

<b>GRANT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families.....	\$3,000
Equipping Iowa East District for Disability Ministry .....	\$8,596
Scholarships: Undergraduate, Seminary & Deaconess.....	\$30,000
Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project.....	\$5,000
Matongo Seminary Chapel.....	\$5,000
Hope for the Hopeless.....	\$5,000
Iowa East District Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training .....	\$5,000
Comprehensive Efforts to Address the LCMS Pastor Shortage .....	\$5,500
Feed My Lambs .....	\$3,000
Wartburg Walther League (LCMS-U).....	\$2,500
Let Us Sing to the LORD, Enriching Camp Worship with Beautiful Music.....	\$8,000
Immanuel Lutheran LERT.....	\$8,000
Financial Assistance to CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food.....	\$10,000
Internet Infrastructure Improvement.....	\$10,000
Faith Based Program .....	\$2,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$111,096</b>

## **LWML Iowa East District Fall 2022 Zone Gathering Schedule**

Benton: 9-22-22, Thursday, 9 a.m., St. Paul's, Luzerne / "Vanessa Morgan, wife of St Louis seminarian/Are we there yet?"

Cedar Rapids: 10-8-22, Saturday, 8:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Zion, Hiawatha / Richard Hartwig from Orphan Grain Train/On Track to Share God's Love Galatians 6:2

Clinton: 9-24-22, Saturday, Immanuel, Charlotte /

Davenport: 10-9-22, Sunday, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., Our Savior / Bettendorf / Carol von Soosten of LWML Gifts of Love.

Dubuque: 10-8-22, Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Trinity, Guttenburg / Deaconess Faith Swenson/ 1 Peter 4:10

Eldora: 10-8-22, Saturday, Alden /

Marshalltown: 10-29-22, Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., St. John, Melcher-Dallas /

Mt Pleasant: 10-15-22, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Zion, Wilton / Lutheran Family Services

St Ansgar: 10-8-22, Saturday, St. Ansgar /

Waterloo: 10-8-22, Saturday, Grace, Waterloo, House of Hope /

Westgate: 10-15-22, Saturday, St. John's, Fairbank / Hosted by St. John's Fairbank & Grace Jesup

Williamsburg: 10/6/22, Thursday, 9:00 a.m., St. James, Victor / Ark Presentation Psalm 43:5b

## **2022 LWML IED Fall Retreat**

The women of the Davenport Zone LWML invite you to join us for the Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on September 9 & 10. There will be fun, fellowship and growth through God's Word with our sisters in Christ. The retreat theme is **Stand on God's Promises**, based on Deut. 31:8, with Bible studies led by Rev. Bradley Ferch, Immanuel, Davenport. Please bring a Bible and a snack to share. If spending Friday night, bring a flashlight, bedding/towels and essentials. In-Gathering donation items for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca are Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, 13 gallon trash bags, cleaning supplies, copy paper, and/or postage stamps. Bring material for a fleece blanket (per zone) because the Servant Event is to tie fleece blankets for Project Linus. The Sharing Activity is to make Promise Bracelets.

## **IED YWR CONVENTION NEWS**



The Member Development Committee is excited to share with you that at the IED Convention this past June in Cedar Falls, there were six Young Women Representatives. Amalia, Anna, Delaney, Sarah, Hilary and Lindsey were immersed in the convention happenings. At the opening service on Friday, June 10, the YWR's were active in the Banner Processional in representation of their zone with their zone President. Other activities included singing, Bible studies, mite reports, speakers, servant events, reports and an evening banquet were just a few of the activities. On Saturday morning, the young women were the leaders for the opening devotions "*God, Our Guiding Light*," written by Martha Hartwig.

Look for these special ladies at the IED Fall Retreat and at your zone gatherings as together we continue to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. We are grateful for these gals and all YWR's who have served. Our district is truly blessed by these *Women in Mission!*

Martha Hartwig, Karen Boehme, Hilary Brech and Emily Woodall



# LWML IED ZONE NEWS

## Eldora Zone

Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 8 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alden beginning with registration from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Our CENTER OF HOPE comes from Psalm 34:18: "The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Guest speaker will be Davey Janes Doering. For more information please contact Barb Jass, Society President, at barbjass@hotmail.com or 641-425-6644.

## Marshalltown Zone



The Marshalltown Zone women attending the 2022 LWML IED Convention in Cedar Falls gathered together for a picture of themselves with the banner that they brought for the convention.

## St Ansgar Zone

The St. Ansgar Zone had 11 members attend the convention in June. The fall rally will be held in October at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar.

## Westgate Zone

The Westgate Fall Event is October 15 from 9-11 a.m. (with registration beforehand) and will be located at St. John's Lutheran, Fairbank. The event is hosted by the ladies of Grace, Jesus and St. John's, Fairbank. The theme is "Sing to the Lord a New Song." There will be fellowship, Bible study, goodies, and (obviously) singing! - Deaconess Faith Swenson

## Williamsburg Zone

Williamsburg Zone has an interim president, Jo Ann Johnson, from St. James in Victor as Liz Roberts has a new position in Iowa East District, VP of Christian Life. Our fall event, at St. James in Victor, is set for October 6th at 9 a.m. The theme is "Put your hope in God" based on Psalm 43:5b.

# 2022 IED CONVENTION ~ June 10-11, 2022



Hosted by Waterloo Zone  
Convention Committee



Convention Co-Chairs Laura  
Woebeking and Jan Miller with  
Waterloo President Judith Fink



Waterloo Zone Ladies at the  
Registration Table



Fishing for Missions  
Mite Challenge



Left: Anchor Display made by Dwayne and Laura  
Woebeking Below: Anchor Light Memorial Table



Installation of  
Newly Elected  
Officers



LWML 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake



80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display



LWML Women hard at work at the Servant Event, yet having fun and good fellowship

Below: Our Wonderful Humorous Interrupters Right: Various Banners



**ANCHORED**  
**IN**  
**CHRIST**  
**Hebrews 6:19**



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## **ZONE PRESIDENTS**

BENTON ZONE: Vicki Gardemann

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DUBUQUE ZONE: Jeanette Kreutner

ELDORA ZONE: Linda Allan

MARSHALLTOWN ZONE: TBD

MOUNT PLEASANT ZONE: Becky Ernst

ST. ANSGAR ZONE: Darlene Bodermann

WATERLOO ZONE: Judith Fink

WESTGATE ZONE: Dea. Faith Swenson

WILLIAMSBURG ZONE: Jo Johnson

## ***Upcoming Events***

- June 22-25, 2023 - LWML Convention  
Milwaukee, WI
- September 9-10, 2022  
LWML IED Fall Retreat

### ***Submissions Deadline for Winter ALIVE is October 15th , 2022***

Please submit articles to Editor, Annette Raebel at editor@lwml-ied.org  
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