



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: Saturday, November 12, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - Martha Hartwig

Activities of the president August 12, 2022 to present: Reviewed minutes of Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings

Completed (IED) information forms as requested by LWML Represented Iowa East District (IED) Board at Fall Gatherings in the following zones: Benton, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Davenport, Marshalltown, and Mt. Pleasant

Wrote the President's article for ALIVE

Attended a virtual Communication Committee meeting

Made preparations for the Iowa East Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Team and attended AOL October 19 – 22 in St. Louis

Met with Convention Planner, Cheryl Killham, in several methods

Received and responded to emails, phone calls, and text messages as needed

Called and led a virtual IED Executive Committee Meeting Nov. 1

Prepared for Nov. 12 BOD meeting

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: - Carolyn Zimmerman

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - Liz Roberts

We have purchased more inventory for the LWML store.

I have reached out to members in prayer over particular concerns and needs.

Always something new, fun, and informational on the LWML website...I encourage everyone to use this valuable resource.

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Helen Huedepohl

On September 22, President Martha met virtually with Editor Annette, Webmaster Jeanette, and I to discuss the possibility of self-publishing the Alive. After thorough discussion, we could see numerous benefits to switching to this method of creating each issue. Each issue would be emailed to a contact at each congregation. The congregation contact could then print the number of issues needed. Or they could forward it by email to those who prefer. We agreed to propose this change to the EC on

Nov. 1st. The EC voted to present this proposal to the BOD at the November meeting. Annette has created a sample of the Fall issue in Publisher which was quite readable and attractive. A sample will be available for you to view today.

At this team meeting, we also addressed some of the challenges with our IED website. At present, our most urgent need is for news or articles to keep the website fresh.

Leaders, consider submitting articles, society or zone activities to Jeanette. If you do submit something, please send it in PDF format. Jeanette should not have to originate or alter documents, just post them.

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kruetner

I had the privilege of attending the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis in mid-October. It was a great honor to represent the district as such a convention. I can't even begin to express the wonderful training and ideas that came out of that conference. I look forward to sharing this information with the Board and our Zone Presidents, hoping that we can understand even more than we already do that we are privileged to serve God through this organization.

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Angie Banko

A thank you note was received from the Veteran's home in Marshalltown for the gifts that were delivered earlier this fall. The St. Ansgar Zone chose the "Hope for Life" pregnancy center for ingathering for this district board meeting. See the Call to Meeting document for a list of items to bring. The Waterloo zone will choose the ingathering for the February, 2023 meeting. An article was written for the winter ALIVE.

RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan

Since the August 13, 2022, board meeting I have been receiving the societies' mites, memorials, etc. I have made the following deposits:

DEPOSITS: (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals)

August 13, 2022	\$5,082.08
August 19, 2022	\$4,113.13
September 15, 2022	\$2,969.70
October 4, 2022	\$3,137.93
October 19, 2022	\$3,760.90
November 3, 2022	\$3,917.38
November 12, 2022	<u>\$3,698.53</u>

TOTAL - \$26,679.65

Our mites are increasing! Keep them coming in!!

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

TREASURER: - Becky Gluesing

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

The 2022-2024 budget includes \$30,000 for student scholarships. \$12,300 has been sent towards that goal. The 2022-2024 mission grants funded totaled \$87,200. This includes \$11,596 in grants from the 2020-2022 budget that were paid out in the first quarter of the current budget. The first grant request for the 2022-2024 budget for \$700 was received in late September and paid in early October.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	07/01/2022		\$ 6,973.06
Income received since	07/01/2022	+	\$ 16,947.70
Less expenses since	07/01/2022	-	<u>\$ 22,897.94</u>
Balance on hand as of	09/30/2022	=	\$ 1,022.82

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$92236.51 as of 11/10/2022 (most recent statement). This is a decrease of \$7,905 from the 6/30/2022 balance resulting from a change in market value. The stock market has not been kind to any investor. Praying trend of the last quarter will turn around soon.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$1,114.66 as of 11/10/2022 (most recent statement).

****Note**** The balances for the Joyful Response account and the Endowment fund are figures from the current date, 11/10/2022. I did not check balances at the end of the last quarter and couldn't figure out how to access previous balances.

COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth

I was blessed to attend the LWML Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Conference in St. Louis in October. AOL helped me tremendously in my role as Pastoral Counselor in the following ways: I better understand the 2021 – 2023 Biennium Focus of Proclaiming Christ, Supporting Missions, Equipping Women, and Serving Others and I will strive to encourage and support women in these ways and towards these goals. Further, I now better understand my role in doctrinal review and that doctrinal review does not concern

only written materials and Bible studies, but we want to make certain that all materials produced are in alignment with the Biennium Focus. The “What’s Your ‘Why?’ Reflection Tool” was a valuable tool for self-discovery and recommitment to why I and others are involved in the LWML, how we came to be involved, and consideration of who we might encourage to become involved. After attending AOL I feel much more confident in my role as Pastoral Counselor and I look forward to encouraging Zone Counselors and other Pastors to encourage and support the women they serve in their Zones and congregations towards the Four-Fold Biennium Focus.

COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev, Chris Roepke

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: - Vicki Gardemann

The Fall Event of the Benton Zone, was held at St. Paul’s Lutheran, Luzerne, IA, on Thurs., Sept. 22, 2022. The Theme/Bible Verse: “Are We There Yet?” John 16:16. Opening Service was lead by Pastor Dean Duncan. His devotion was based on John 16:16-24. As we wait, He asks us to humble ourselves and look to Him to strengthen us to serve with joy. The welcome was given by Linda Muench, St. Paul, and an invitation to St. John, Newhall April 20, 2023 given by Diane Stien. The guest speaker was Vanessa Palmer, wife of 4th year seminarian, Nick Palmer. Vanessa gave us a video tour of the St. Louis Seminary campus, viewing the chapel, educational, professors’ and students’ housing. Vanessa gave us a tour and procedure of obtaining food from the food bank and the clothing coop. Our IED President Martha Hartwig shared her personal faith journey. Martha and her family continue “Anchored in Christ” to a family originally from Liberia, now members of Martha’s church. Martha shared the many opportunities in LWML (go to www.LWML.org). National Convention in Milwaukee on June 22-25, 2023 (two YWR need to be selected). Pastor Woltemath, St. Stephen’s, Atkins, Benton Zone Counselor, led the Bible Study on John 16:16...”In Little While”...We have sorrow, but no one or nothing can take the JOY in JESUS away from us! In a “little while” we will have His Joy and Peace forever! Rally Reports: Mites \$131; Offerings: \$322; Ingathering \$525 (plus \$ 60 in gift cards). One half of offerings will be given to St. Louis Seminary Food Bank and half to the Benton Zone Treasury. Slate of officers were as follows: Zone Counselor: Pastor Schanbacher; Vice President: Elaine Haren; Secretary: Connie McQuiston.

CEDAR RAPIDS: -

The Cedar Rapids Fall Zone Event was held on Saturday, October 8 at Zion Lutheran, Hiawatha. The theme was “On Track to Share God’s Love”. Rev. Michael Erickson, Zone Pastoral Counselor, gave a Bible Study on Galatians 6:2 and “Formal to Dynamic

Equivalent Translations". Guest Speakers, Richard and Gretchen Hartwig and Trisha Adams, showed a video about Orphan Grain Train and talked about the mission and ministry involved with their work in Clemons, Iowa. Reflections from our two YWRs, Anna Noble – St. Paul's Marion and Amalia Magness – St. Paul's Chapel, Iowa City, that attended the LWML District Convention was read. Virginia Boyer was elected new zone president, Judy Westergren re-elected zone secretary and Rev. Brent Hartwig zone Pastoral Counselor. The spring zone event is April 1, 2023 at Our Redeemer in Iowa City co-hosted with St Paul's Lutheran Chapel & University Center and will be a servant event. Credentials: 46 members, 7 guests (total 53); offering \$464.00; ingathering for Mission of Hope: \$175, non-perishable food items, and hygiene items.

CLINTON: - Sheryl Zinda

The Clinton Zone held its fall gathering on September 24 at Immanuel, Charlotte. Pastor Dodgers from Immanuel led the Bible study "Baptized into the Death and Resurrection of Christ" and incorporated photos and information from his honeymoon trip to Greece in the fall of 2021, where they followed the footsteps of Paul. 21 LWML members were present, and \$249.00 was collected for our offering, of which half goes to district mites. President Martha Hartwig was present to give her district report. Patti Christensen was elected new zone president and Sheryl Zinda was elected vice president. The Spring gathering will be April 15, 2023 at St. John, Clinton.

DAVENPORT:

The Davenport Zone hosted the Fall Retreat at Camp IO-DIS-SE-CA, Sep 9-10. Friday we saw the movie "War Room". Saturday we had a presentation from Ellie Menz about

Working on the floats for the Rose Parade. Zone Counselor Pastor Brad Ferch led a bible study, 'Standing on God's Promises.

The Davenport Zone had its Fall Zone Rally on October 9 at Our Savior, Bettendorf. Zone Counselor Brad Ferch from Immanuel, Davenport led a Bible study on "Love" based on John 3:16. Carol Von Soosten gave a presentation on the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry. President Martha joined us and helped us with information that we needed. 44 members were present. Pastor Peter Hoft was installed as Zone Counselor,

Loretta Wuerdeman was installed as Zone Treasurer and Kay Berry was installed as Zone Secretary. The next Zone Rally will be at Holy Cross in Davenport.

DUBUQUE: - Tammy McKay

The Dubuque Zone Fall Rally was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Guttenberg on October 8, 2022.

After a short break during which we moved to the lower level, Deaconess Faith

Swenson talked to us about “What is a Deaconess?” Faith shared personal experiences of her work at College Hill Lutheran Church and explained some of the duties Deaconess’ have. Some are care for the physical needs of the congregation freeing up Pastors to minister and teach, serve overseas, care for and educate women, lead groups in Bible Study and music and pray for congregations.

Lunch of hot turkey sandwiches, relish, chips and a delicious selection of bars was served by the Trinity Ladies.

The Christian Life committee then encouraged us all to attend the National Convention in Milwaukee on June 22-25, 2023 with a cute skit about what Milwaukee and the convention has to offer us.

Gloria Rattenborg invited the ladies to Our Savior in Manchester for the spring rally in April..

The credentials report:

Members -25

Pastors -3

Guests -5 plus 3 children

District Offering \$161.68 Ingathering \$173.00

Pastor Weber installed Margaret Kistler as the new President of the Dubuque zone.

Joyce Johnson was not present and will be installed at the Spring Rally.

President Kistler adjourned the meeting.

ELDORA: - Linda Allen

Fall Rally for Eldora Zone was held at St.Paul’s, Alden on Saturday morning, October 8, 2022. All 8 congregations were represented by 31 members with 2 pastors and 2 speaker guests present (total 35). Following opening by host pastor, Traphagan, Davey Doering and her partner at Lighthouse of Hope pregnancy center, recently opening a new location in Story City, brought us the latest statistics and stories of hope from their work to prevent abortions & support new moms & families. The ingathering for the Rally supplied them with lots of wonderful baby clothing, diapers, and Cash cards for other necessities. General offering amount is being reserved to support our Delegate’s trip to the National Convention. Following skits and business, Pastoral Counselor Beisel, led in Catechism study “ FREE, YET SLAVES Reflections on Christian Faith and Duty”.

Newly elected President: Joy Reinert, and re-elected Treasurer: Sandy Lettow were installed before adjourning to a “walking taco” lunch.

We are invited to Buckeye for the Spring ‘23 Rally.

MARSHALLTOWN: -

The Marshalltown Zone Fall Rally was held at St. John, Melcher on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 9 am - 3:30 pm. Pastor Daniel Provost, led Matins. Pastor Gregory Hyatt presented a movie on Martin Luther and also led the Bible Study titled, “Wood Does This Mean?”, based on the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. Christian Life volunteers presented 2 skits. Tammi

Christensen was elected President and Helen Maddick was re-elected to serve as Treasurer for 1 more year; Pastor Hyatt installed both. IED President Martha Hartwig thanked Pam Haase for serving as President the previous 4 years. The St. John ladies provided a delicious lunch and organized a book sale for mites. The Spring 2023 Rally will be at Immanuel, Grinnell.

MT. PLEASANT: - Becky Ernst

ST. ANSGAR: - Darlene Bodermann

The St. Ansgar Zone held its Fall Rally on October 8 at Immanuel, St. Ansgar. Our Zone Counselor, Pastor Matthias Wollberg led us in a bible study entitled "The Christian Way of Hope". The Christian Life Committee presented the skit "Meet Me in Milwaukee". Betty Borchardt was elected our new Vice-President and Arla Murray-Juhl as treasurer. We did the zone 80 challenge by having school kits items as our ingathering and then assembling them for the Orphan Grain Train. We assembled 97 kits. 32 members, 1 guest and 2 pastors attended. Our offering was \$338.00.

WATERLOO: - Judith Fink

The Waterloo Zone Rally was held October 8, 2022 at Grace Lutheran Church. The theme was "Clothed With Compassion" Colossians 3:12-13. The Rally began at 8:30 with registration and breakfast served by Hannah Society. Opening devotions were led by Vicar Goodroad from Our Redeemer. A Christian Growth Skit, "Love In Action", was presented by Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone. Our speaker for the morning was Dusty Steele from House of Hope in Waterloo. Dusty shared about the programs they have implemented to help homeless women and children break out of poverty and homelessness by educating them about finances, work ethic as well as providing resources to help them leave the House of Hope with stable housing, gainful employment, reliable transportation, dependable childcare, financial independence and the skills to overcome future adversity as well as achieve long-term success. Committee reports were shared. Pastoral Zone Counselor, Pastor Michael Knox, Peace Lutheran and Our Redeemer, shared that pastors have discussed the possibility of discontinuing choosing Zone Counselor based on who hosts the Prayer Service. Judith Fink and Kolleen Hosford will look over the By Laws and bring a proposal to the executive board meeting in November. Since President Hartwig was unable to attend Jennifer Determan, IED District Financial Secretary shared her report. Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone were elected as co-chairs for the office of zone president with Jan Miller as zone secretary. Zone offering was \$159. Ingathering for House of Hope was 25 items and \$201. Twenty-six members, 1 pastor and 2 guests attended. The invitation for the Spring Rally to be held at Immanuel was given by Jennifer Determan. Prayer Service will be at Faith Lutheran. Installation of officers was done by Pastor Knox. LWML Pledge and Responsive reading was led by Kolleen Hosford. Pastor Knox led a Bible study on Colossians 3:12-13. Cloth yourself with compassion. The Word is our source of

strength; Faith is a gift from God. Our purpose as Christians? Manifest love of Christ to the world in which we live.

WESTGATE: - Dea. Faith Swenson

The Westgate Zone met for our Fall Rally at St. John's Lutheran, Fairbank. Hosted by St. John's, Fairbank and Grace, Jesup, the theme was "Sing to the Lord". Our goal was to sing 80 stanzas of music for 80 years. While we didn't quite make it, it was a blessing to "Sing to the Lord" in a unified voice. Nancy Maurer was elected treasurer and Faith Swenson elected as president. Pastors did hymn studies. We are also gearing up for co-hosting the 2024 IED District LWML Convention.

WILLIAMSBURG: - Jo Johnson

The Williamsburg Zone Fall Rally was held October 6th at St. James Lutheran church in Victor. "Put your hope in God", Psalm 43:5b was the theme. After a delicious brunch, Pastor Voss led us in opening devotion based on the theme for the day. 27 LWML members were present along with 3 pastors. Mite collection was \$539.00 with \$100 designated to be used for student aid. Liz Roberts read a convention report from our young woman representative, Hilary Weiss. Election results were Kendra Voss, Vice President, Marna Mohr, Secretary, and Pastor James Preus as zone pastoral counselor. Newly elected officers were then installed by Pastor Voss. Announcements were read and a discussion on how to get more women involved with LWML followed. A video of "Journey thru the Ark" was watched with a short discussion afterwards. Meeting concluded with closing devotion.

APPOINTED PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: - Margaret Kistler

MEETING MANAGER: - Hilary Brech

I have tried to wrap up my tasks to prepare for the transition as a new meeting manager has been found. I will meet with her at the board meeting.

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : - Diane Paulson

PARLIAMENTARIAN: - Judy Westergren

You May contact me regarding parliamentary procedure and/or bylaws. I am available as a resource.

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - Linda Allen

I am planning to verify all the contacts on the present list. Please let me know if you have any new suggestions for the list.

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: - Dori Stanek

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Karen Boehme & Margaret Kistler

Plans are underway for an IED convention bus to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2023. Spread the news. Seat deposit of \$75 is due before December 31, 2022. Fuel charges continue to be volatile. The total charge of riding the bus per person is estimated to be \$230 +-?

The bus will leave on Wednesday, June 21, 2022 from various locations. Plans are to stop on our way to Milwaukee at "Phil's Friends" in Illinois and donate needs and perhaps due a servant event to help them.

Convention begins on Thursday, June 22 and goes through about noon on Sunday, June 25. At the closing we will be heading back to Iowa.

IED CONVENTION MANAGER: - Cheryl Killham

Sent out the Request for Proposal (RFP) to multiple venues for the 2024 IED convention and have received responses from most of the venues. Toured some of the venues and determined several venues are not feasible. Collecting historical information from past conventions to track metrics.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2021-2023: - Hilary Brech

2022 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: - The Fall Retreat was held on September 9-10, 2022 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The theme was Stand on God's Promises. The Bible Verse was Deuteronomy 31:8, It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. In-Gathering was Camp Needs, or monetary donations. Friday included bring your own supper, a devotion by Tammy McKay, the movie "War Room" and a campfire with singing. Saturday began with a bingo ice breaker, devotion by "Maddie", the LWML Pledge and Lutheran Women One and All. We learned the song, "Standing on the Promises of God" by Maddie and Davenport Zone. Bible Studies were led by Pastor Ferch, Davenport Zone Counselor. The guest speaker was Ellie Menz from IDW. She shared her experiences on organizing and participating in the Rose Parade Float building along with mission opportunities that groups are involved with while there. Loretta Wuerdeman and Bev

Baker from Davenport shared some highlights of their trip with Ellie. Other things were, skits, singing, inside/outside prayer walks, fleece blanket servant event, hayrack ride around camp, lunch, and more. Trinity, Immanuel, Holy Cross, ParkView, Risen Christ and Our Savior all contributed in some way to make the weekend enjoyable. Daniel, Dylan, Andrew for all of their work in setting this weekend up. They were truly a blessing.

*Dubuque Zone is on board for the 2023 Fall Retreat. All 2022 retreat information has been sent to Jeanette and seed money will be sent to them.

Kay Berry, Lois Kundel and Marcia Reints thank all who attended, helped with the weekend and had a blessed time.

COMMITTEES:

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - I have sent out 2-3 more welcome packets to new church workers. Please keep me updated on new workers within your zones...pastors, vicars, teachers, deaconess.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme

Happy to report that Misty Lutz from Dubuque Zone is joining this committee.

Since July, each month Karen has been emailing a newsletter to the YWR's who served at the district convention held last June. The newsletter has a link to an LWML devotion and happenings in the Iowa East District. All the YWR'S have been invited to apply for serving as a YWR at the national convention June 2023.

At the convention last June our committee had a survey for the YWR's on what they would like to see – we will check into the VP of Christian Life & committee to join with our committee to begin, in the new year, an online-zoom Bible study. The goal to be keeping the YWR's connected and keeping them involved with LWML while providing support in The Word to them.

**Addition from the BOD meeting on November 12, 2022 - with the costs of the upcoming convention and travel expenses to Milwaukee, it was mentioned that IED will be able to send and support FOUR YWR's at the upcoming national convention!

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: - Have updated the inventory for the LWML store.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: -

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Annette Raebel

Themes for 2023 ALIVE issues are as follows: Spring - *I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance* (Luke 5:32).

Summer - *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth* (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Fall - *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you* (James 4:10).

Winter - *If you prepare your heart, you will stretch out your hands toward Him* (Job 11:13).

We have been looking at the pros and cons of doing the ALIVE on our own (without Print Express). It would be done in Word's Publisher and then emailed out to societies and/or members (TBD yet). It has already been shown to the EC. A proposed timeline has been thought through already also.

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

WEBMASTER: - Jeanette Kreutner

The website is in need of updating and the committee met to help. We hope by the time of the next Board meeting to have a good start on the way to re-doing the website

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - Anette Raebel

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: - Angie Banke

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - No need to meet this quarter

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: - No need to meet this quarter

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: -

2022 IED Convention Report

8/9/2022

Laura Woebeking and Jan Miller, Co-Chairs

The Waterloo Zone gives thanks to God for His blessing on our planning efforts as we cruised into the 2022 IED LWML Convention, "Anchored in Christ". Faced with the raging sea of

uncertainty during the pandemic, He guided our efforts to His Glory to celebrate the 80 th LWML IED convention!

- A report to the BOD will be complete in September with all forms, marketing materials, servant event notes, minutes, expense reports, etc. saved on a flash drive for future reference.
- A list of recommended changes to the planning guide has been given to President Martha Hartwig and Convention Manager, Cheryl Killham to be reviewed at a later date.
- A full review of the convention evaluation forms and a summary of comments will also be given in September.
- The Anchor Light Memorial and the Mites Challenge each raised about \$1200.
- Gail Noltensmeier, Convention treasurer, states that income from registration was \$27,000. Convention venue expense \$18,000. Balance on hand \$9969.80. (Praise God!!)
- Most expenses were covered by Thrivent Grants and Waterloo Zone Church donations. When we are certain that all expenses are turned in, Gail will write a check to the District.