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#### **President's Corner**

Our younger son hated food touching other foods on his plate. He also hated having to be still. That made the special event after church something that was not on his "happy"



list. We already sat through a church service. Then, we had a meal where everyone brought a dish to pass, including casseroles. Different kinds of food not only touched, but were all mixed together! After the meal, a seminary student spoke to us about his experiences as a Christian born in Africa. We lived in rural Wisconsin. This man didn't look like us, and he spoke in an accent difficult for a six-year-old to understand.

The speaker told us about common non-Christian religions Africa. in He shared how African customs and traditions made it difficult to be a Christian. He also shared how God was using men like him to share the Gospel. People were hearing about repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ. He was excited to learn more about the Bible and return to tell his people. When we got home, our son asked me why we cared. He asked, "Doesn't everybody go to heaven?" Oh my! That was a tough question! I told him the Bible tells us we are saved by grace, through faith. It says faith comes from hearing God's Word, which means everyone is not going to heaven. They need to hear God's Gospel. Our son looked at me, his little boy eyes filled with tears. He replied, "Then somebody better tell them!" WE are somebody!

Martha Hartwig IED LWML President

#### **Counselor's Corner**

One of the memories I have of growing up in Central Illinois is a certain church we often drove past when visiting the "big city" of Peoria. I don't know what the



denomination the church was or even its name, but I will never forget the message on the sign out front. Even though it was a changeable sign, the message never changed. It read, "This church is not a memorial for saints, but a hospital for sinners." Now, as a young boy, I didn't completely understand what those words meant, but like the mother of our Lord, I pondered them in my heart over many years. I knew what a church was, and I had a vague idea of what a saint might be, but I didn't understand how a church could be a hospital, and a hospital for sinners at that. You go to a hospital because you're sick and you need to be healed. Can sinners be healed? Who are the doctors in the hospital church? What are the medicines they use to heal sick sinners? These are the sorts of questions that church sign caused me to ponder in my heart.

The church is a hospital for sinners. It was many years later that I began to truly understand the meaning of those words. Sin is a sickness, a terminal sickness; the wages of sin is always and only death. Left untreated, sin will kill you; sin will kill us all. The church is a hospital in the sense that it is the one place where the cure for sin can be found and is dispensed regularly and freely for all sin-sick unto death sinners that will seek it out and not reject it. The cure is forgiveness - God's forgiveness in the cleansing blood of Jesus. There are a few different treatments for sin in the hospital that is the church – the proclamation of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, Confession

and Absolution, the Lord's Supper – and the doctors, if you will bear with my analogy, are your pastors. A traditional title for the office of pastor is *curate*. Curate literally means *one who cares* for and cures souls. Our German Lutheran forefathers used the word *seelsorger* which means the same thing.

As a curate and seelsorger, your pastor is called and ordained to care for sinners (chronic) and to cure sin (acute) when necessary. The difference between chronic and acute care in the church is the same as in the medical field: Chronic spiritual care is the ongoing, week-toweek care of sinners delivered primarily through the Divine Service. Acute spiritual care is a specific application of care to a serious and immediate spiritual illness delivered primarily through Individual Confession and Absolution. Pastors diagnose a sinner's situation and select the appropriate treatment and medicine to care for and to cure the souls entrusted to their care. The treatments and medicines the pastor is given by the Lord to treat (to forgive) sin are His Word and His Blessed Sacraments. Truly the church is a hospital for sinners.

But why is the church not a memorial for saints? Well, who are the saints? Saints are sinners who have been healed in the hospital church. You are a saint, not because of your good works, charity, piety, prayers, or anything that you do, but you are a saint because you have been healed (forgiven) in the hospital for sinners, that is, the church through the medicine of immortality that is the blood of Jesus Christ. Truly, the church is not a memorial for saints, but a hospital for sinners because Jesus came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (Luke 5:32).

Pastor Ellingworth
IED-Junior Pastoral Counselor

### **Communications**

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (Luke 5:32).

It seems to me that this verse means I first need to realize that I am



a sinner. That is an obvious fact, but I don't always acknowledge, repent, and rely on Jesus. I am thankful Jesus calls to me!

Attendees of the 2022 IED Fall Retreat probably remember Ellie Menz's presentation on her work with IOWAY, a branch of the LCMS Iowa District West organization. Betty Borchardt and I were privileged to join the IOWAY Petal Pushers team for the 2023 Rose Parade. It was an amazing experience. A group of 27 orange sweatshirts does draw attention. I found that I was more aware of my words and actions in public since I was identified with Jesus and the Lutheran Hour with the float title "A New Day with Jesus" on my back. The day after the parade, the IOWAY Petal Pushers visited and served with the leaders of LOT 318 in Placentia, CA. The theme of LOT 318 is "Loving Others in Truth" based on I John 3:18. Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth. This organization partners with an impoverished community by sharing God's love through food, homework help, and activities. Local gangs have enticed or enslaved children into crime and drugs. The neighborhoods have changed by learning of Jesus' love for them. As Luke 5:32 reminds us, Jesus calls to sinners!

Helen Huedepohl VP of Communications

### **Christian Life**

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We are Saints and Sinners at the same time. As we study God's word



either in devotions, Bible studies, or listening to sermons, we are told we are righteous through our baptism into Christ. We were sinners at birth, but Christ covers us so the Father sees Him and not us. As we learn to live with Christ within us, we have repented of our sins. Not that we are perfect but we are forgiven. (Healthy, not sick, as Jesus makes reference.) Our task is to share this with others, whom Christ wants to be with Him, and that is with "all the world." Praise God that He wants all to repent. Go therefore in the righteousness of Christ and share Him with the world!

Liz Roberts VP of Christian Life

### **Gospel Outreach**

Do you know how much fun it can be to be a servant of God? I have experienced this since becoming your Vice President of Gospel Outreach. I have the



privilege of sending the checks and corresponding with our scholarship and mission grant recipients. Here are a few highlights:

Just today I received a check for us to fully fund POBLO International: Iowa East District Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training Grant. This grant will give us training to know

how to reach our neighbors who look and speak differently than we do. The theme for this issue is *I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance* (Luke 5:32). It is hard to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit to call the sinners like ourselves if we do not know how to approach our neighbors. This mission grant makes this possible for us.

Just before Christmas, the check for the Africa Region, LCMS Office of **International Mission: Mozambique** Dorcas Sewing Project was sent to the Office of International Missions in St. Louis. Today via email, I got a thank you from the coordinator for the Lutheran Church in Mozambique. The grant will help fund 15 additional sewing groups. The sewing program celebrated its 2 year anniversary on 11/3/2022. Not only do the women learn to sew, but enjoy Bible Study and fellowship as well. It is one of the five approaches that churches in Mozambique are using for Gospel Outreach. What a privilege it is to partner with our sisters in East Africa!

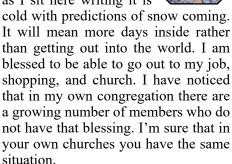
Thanks to your faithfulness as of mid-January, we have funded 40% of our scholarship and mission grant commitments. That is a total of \$44,796. That is a lot of mites! Please go to: http://lwml-ied.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/LWML-IED-Grants-Bookmark.pdf to download a bookmark and pray for these students and missionaries. Thank you.

Jeanette Kreutner VP of Gospel Outreach



### VP of Human Care

Each season as I write this article I try to bring you suggestions of ways to serve others. Even though this article will come to you in the spring as I sit here writing it is



I am encouraging you not to forget these among us. Individually there are many things you can do. Perhaps a phone call, a visit, or dropping a "Thinking of You" card in the mail. As a society, take some time at a meeting for everyone to sign a card or make plans for visits (if possible). By remembering these among us, we can bless and brighten their day and remind them that they are not forgotten and are an important part of our church.

### Angie Banko VP of Human Care

#### Zone Gatherings Spring 2023

Zone	<b>Gathering Date</b>	Location	Time
Benton ~ Vicki Gardemann	April 20, Thursday	St. John, Newhall	8:00 am – noon
Cedar Rapids ~ Ginny Boyer	April 1, Saturday	Our Redeemer, Iowa City	8:00 am - noon
Clinton ~ Patti Christiansen	April 15, Saturday	St. John, Clinton	8:30 am - noon
Davenport ~ Tammy McKay	April 30, Sunday	Holy Cross, Davenport	2 pm – 4 pm
Dubuque ~ Margaret Kistler		Our Savior, Manchester	
Eldora ~ Joy Reinert			
Marshalltown ~ Tammi Christensen	April 29, Saturday	Immanuel, Grinnell	
Mt. Pleasant ~ Becky Ernst	May 6, Saturday	Concordia, Burlington	
St Ansgar ~ Darlene Bodermann	April 15, Saturday	St. Peter's, Riceville	
Waterloo ~ Kolleen Hosford/Nancy McHone	April 1, Saturday	Immanuel, Cedar Falls	8:30 am - noon
Westgate ~ Deaconess Faith Swenson	April 22, Saturday	Our Redeemer, Independence	9:00 am – noon
Williamsburg ~ Jo Ann Johnson	April 22, Saturday	St John's Lutheran, Victor	8:00 am registration; 9:00 am - 1 pm

### **Financial Secretary Report**

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 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 my address labels, please let me know. Funds should be sent to me in the form of a check or money order and made payable to: LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED

Send your checks to:

Jennifer Determan

5314 Fjord Drive

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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

Jennifer Determan Financial Secretary

### **Treasurer Report**

As you read this issue of the ALIVE, we will be well into 2023 but as I write this it's still the middle of January. I wondered how many of us made New Year's Resolutions, and how many have kept those resolutions. I know I'm not doing overly well with mine. I haven't broken it yet but haven't really kept it to its full intent. It's another sign of my weak human nature and it reminds me of Romans 3:23, where Paul writes that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory



of God". But our God is an awesome God. He sent his only son to pay for man's sin. As we hear in Luke 5:32, *I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance*. What a wonderful gift we have been given, one beyond our human understanding. What we can do is to continue to serve Him with our hearts, our talents and yes, our mites. As the numbers below indicate, mighty deeds are accomplished with our mites. All thanks to our loving Father.

#### Becky Gluesing Treasurer

Approved

Dispersed (2020-2022)

Balance Remaining

Mites-Outreach	\$149,340
Mites-Inreach	\$14,15
Mites-Budget	\$163,49
Reimbursable Items	\$52,50
IED Total Budget	\$215,99
Student Aid Budget 4.1.	22-3.31.24
Student Aid Budget 4.1. Approved	
U	<b>22-3.31.24</b> \$30,000 \$15,000

Mission Grant Budget (4.1.22-3.31.24)

Actual IED Budget 4.1.226.30.22		
10.1.22 Beginning Balance	\$2,540.72	
MITE BUDGET:		
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Income:	\$23,104.67
Expenses: Outreach	\$19,675.03
Expenses: Inreach	\$185.95
Total Mite Expenses:	\$19,860.98

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS BUDGET:			
Income:	\$8,058.91		
Expenses:	\$6,215.92		
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,163.58		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,076.90		
12.31.2022 Ending Balance	\$7,627.40		

### <u>Lutheran World Relief ~ Drop Off Sites</u>

\$81,096

\$24,796

\$56,300

April 15th, 2023 ~ 8:30 a.m. until noon ~ 1363 1st Ave SW in Cedar Rapids

April 15th, 2023 ~ 8:30 a.m. until noon ~ Windsor Heights Lutheran Church,

1240 66th St, Des Moines

May 6th, 2023 ~ 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. ~ Olson Explosives Inc, 1837 Trout Run Road, Decorah

If you have any questions, call Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773. Thank You.

### LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD July 1, 2022 to December 30, 2022

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Louis Rowe	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	
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Marilyn Worple		
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Ruth Jahlas	Victor, St. John's Ladies Aid	
Carol Groff		
Bob Murray	Manchester, Women of Our Savior	
All LWML Women	Davenport, Trinity Women in Mission	
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Katie Hofer	Vicki Gardemann	
Verne Doehrmann	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	
Don Mews	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	
Wayne Walters	Williamsburg, St. Paul Women's Guild	
Betty Linn	Hubbard, St. John's Mission Circle	
Lois Rathe		
Murray Evans		
Joyce Schomburg		
Ramona Hoppe		
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SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED		
SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR	
Thea Muller's Baptism		
Mary Sukup's 90th Birthday	Sharon Akers	
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TOTAL MEMORIAL/SPECIAL OCCASION MONEY RECEIVED: \$1,000.00

## 2023 CONVENTION

Christmas Cheer......Newhall, St. John Tabitha Society

### CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS

Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Scripture Verse**: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).

Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament
  - Honor God by serving our neighbors
  - Proclaim His message to the nations.

As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

At the Assembly of Leaders (AOL) Convention, we began working on a mentorship program for our district. While the full mentorship program is not camera ready, we were inspired to mentor young women going to the LWML Convention this June.

We especially want to help young women who were not able to attend as Young Women Representatives (YWR). If you are willing to make a financial contribution to help these young women offset the cost of convention, please send it to St Paul's Chapel (payable to St Paul's Chapel with LWML written in the memo line). If you are going to the convention and willing to help guide our young women, please email us at missionsisters@lwml-ied.org. Finally, talk to the young women at your churches, ask how you can support them, and most of all—pray for each other.

Hannah Raebel and Jennifer Determann (AOL mentor leaders)

St. Paul's Chapel 404 E Jefferson St Iowa City, IA 52242



# What: LWML IED Fall Retreat 2023

When: September 8th & 9th

Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Why: Christian Fellowship

Theme: Christ above all (Colossians 1:15-17).

Stay tuned for more information to come!

### "Serving Him from the Heart of LWML IED"

Donations for *Phil's Friends* in Illinois are being collected by the LWML IED Convention bus riders. The donations will be given to *Phil's Friends* located in Wheaton, Illinois on the way to the convention in Milwaukee on June 21, 2023. We plan to donate our time to assist in their projects on location.

The mission of *Phil's Friends* is to provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. Numerous donations are appreciated – a list for the care packages mailed out can be found here - https://philsfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/Care-Package-Needs-wBlanket-Instructions-2.pdf Some of the items included (new and unused) are puzzle books, port pillows, throws of all kinds, hats of all kinds, homemade chemo caps, fuzzy socks and non spiral 5x7 journals (composition books decorated on front and back). In one month, they send out over 5,000 *Phil's Friends* cards. Directions for cards can be found and printed here - https://philsfriends.org/cards-of-hope/

Contact Karen Boehme for more information and directions from *Phil's Friends* for fleece throws, port pillows, or decorating a composition book. Various style patterns of chemo caps are available online. In regards to locations for pick-up of donations and more information, contact your zone president or Karen Boehme at 319-239-3463 or boehmekj@msn.com. Thanks for your generosity and prayers, Karen Boehme.

### WHAT'S YOUR 80 CHALLENGE?



#### St. Paul's - Marion

The women of St. Paul's, Marion completed their "What's Your 80? Challenge by collecting 80 + (93) packages of underwear and socks for Orphan Grain Train during October. The Ninety-three packages contained a total of 526 pairs of socks or underwear. Submitted by Janice Johnston, President

### **Immanuel - Davenport - Undie Sunday**

Front row (L-R): Beverly Meier, Dorothy Jones, Karen Schroder, Doris Haussmann, Betty Garrow, Cindy Stanfield, Barbara Mann, Beth Riedel, Dee Madesian. Back row (L-R): Kay Willet, Lois Kundel, Jeanette Bachman, Beverly Rebarcak

Immanuel of Davenport was very generous in supporting both men and women Veterans in our community. The donations were given to our Quad City Veterans Outreach Center.







#### **Immanuel - Fairfield**

Immanuel Lutheran LWML group (ILLC) of Fairfield has been collecting various items for Orphan Grain Train over the last four months. November was "Undie Sundays" (over 150 items collected) plus infant items (51 items); December was "Hygiene Kits" (16 complete kits); January was "School Kits" (7 complete kits); and February was "Super Sock Sundays" (180 pairs collected and they are still coming in). A Thrivent Action Card was received and used to fill in the gaps where needed. We praise the Lord for all His blessings!

# Immanuel - Davenport - Quilts and More

Front row seated (L-R): Dorothy Jones, Doris Haussmann, Barbara Mann, Cindy Stanfield, Beth Riedel - Back row standing (L-R): Dee Madesian, Beverly Meier, Cheryl Puls, Kay Willet, Jeanette Bachman, Lois Kundel

On LWML Sunday, October 2, 2022, the following items were made by women of Immanuel and blessed in honor of LWML's 80th anniversary: 26 Quilts, 15 Receiving blankets, 17 Flannel diapers.

Also blessed were 25 School backpack kits that were collected and put together by



Immanuel's Board of Education. All items were taken to Clemons, IA and donated to Orphan Grain Train. Our goal was to donate 80 items in honor of our 80th anniversary and we made 83!

### **LWML IED ZONE NEWS**

### St Ansgar Zone

The Spring Rally/Gathering will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riceville, IA.

### **Westgate Zone**

Our Spring Rally is April 22, 2023 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Independence with the SONshine Mission Circle members of Oelwein as co-hosts.

Theme "Rejoice" Phil. 4:4. • \$5.00 Registration 9am • Rally begins 9:30 am.

Speaker Pastor Kevin Richter, chaplain at Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls.

"Gifts from the Heart" we will be collecting school supplies for Valley Lutheran.

### "On Call" List for Convention 2023

Interested on being on the short notice "on call" list for the Convention in Milwaukee?

This would be a list of names of those women, not signed up for the convention, who could be notified on short notice to take the IED bus to Milwaukee and attend the convention.

Contact: Karen Boehme by calling 319-239-3463 or emailing boehmekj@msn.com.



### LWML is celebrating 80 years!

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, we are encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something.

### Please join us in praying for 80 days and for 80 different needs.

Submitted by Immanuel Davenport.

Ple	ease pray for:	ibmitted by Immanuel Davenport.
	Immanuel Lutheran Church	a sense of God's peace in this world of chaos
	Pastor Ferch	the opportunity to help and serve others
	our church family	to be content with what you have
	our shut ins	strength to overcome anger, bitterness, and resentment
	those serving in the military	hope for a better tomorrow
	your family	faith to move mountains
	school children	guided by the Spirit to make good decisions
	school teachers and staff	the ability to let go of grudges and resentments
	missionaries	to be more compassionate and understanding
	unbelievers	healing and restoration in relationships
	yourself	the ability to see the good in people
	volunteers	to be a light to others
	our elders	a spirit of charity and good will
	our trustees	to be guided by the Holy Spirit
	our church staff	a closer relationship with God
	the homeless	a spirit of repentance
	political leaders	to find joy and happiness in life
	LCMS leaders	those struggling with addictions
	LCMS seminary students	the East Side Mission
	our political leaders	wisdom to make good decisions
	our country	to be surrounded by God's love, peace and comfort
	your neighbors	doctors, nurses and healthcare workers
	when you hear a siren	your faith to grow stronger
	our farmers and their crops	for a spirit of love and understanding
	our first responders	someone who might need your help today
	parents	the news headlines for today
	faith	someone who you don't like
	strength	someone who doesn't like you
	Iowa District East	the church council
	someone who is sick	the medi-helicopter transporting patients
	someone who needs comfort	victims of Hurricane Ian
	co-workers	that our country will turn from their wicked ways
	a stranger you meet in the store	the fruits of the Spirit
	your spouse	protection from physical, emotion and spiritual harm
	your marriage	the truck drivers
	strength to overcome temptations	Sunday school teachers
	your mail carrier	the checkout clerk
	the ability to forgive others	the upcoming holiday season
	courage to face difficult challenges	Ukraine and other God-fearing countries
	the news media	safe travels, near or far

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#### **ZONE PRESIDENTS**

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## **Upcoming Events**

- June 22-25, 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI
  - September 8-9, 2023
     IED Fall Retreat

## Submissions Deadline for Spring ALIVE is April 15th , 2023

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