

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 11, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA

OPENING WORSHIP: Pastor Ellingworth

CALL TO ORDER: President Martha Hartwig at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Nov, 12, 2022 BOD minutes were posted on the LWML-IED website for review. As no changes were made they stand approved as posted.

TREASURER: See submitted report - report will be filed for review.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See submitted report. An additional \$3,394.00 was deposited today 2/11/23.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIVE: See submitted report.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: See submitted report. Please submit prayer requests to Helen and she will forward to the BOD. ALIVE editor Annette Raebel reported the Spring 2023 newsletter will be the last printed edition. She volunteered to do special editions for conventions, retreats and other functions if requested. If anyone knows of a college student interested in helping with the newsletter please let her know, along with any ideas for the new electronic version. Zone Presidents - please make sure Margaret Kistler has up to date information on societies for email/online contacts for each congregation for newsletter distribution. Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner has restructured the District Resources page.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: See submitted report. The district has paid \$25,000 in mission grants since Nov. 2022, with the most recent being the Eastside Mission in Davenport and the Fort Wayne Seminary food pantry. We are at 47% of grants funded and are right where we should be at this time.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: See submitted report. Gifts from the Heart today will go to the Alternative Pregnancy Center in Waterloo. Nancy McHone will take gifts with her today or they can be mailed to the center at 1006 Decathalon Dr., Waterloo, IA 50701.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: See submitted report. Karen Boehme asked for donations for gift bags for our national YWRs be brought to the May BOD meeting.

PASTORAL COUNSELORS: See submitted reports. Please send items for review to Pastor Roepke as needed. Pastor Ellingworth is preparing a presentation for the IDE Spring Pastor's Conference to explain their responsibilities and roles in assisting the LWML with doctrinal review in their zones and LWML resources available to them.

ZONE PRESIDENTS: See submitted reports. Pres. Hartwig asked all presidents to get the spring gathering information to her so she can plan for attending, and to Annette Raebel for the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: See submitted report. Pres. Hartwig gave updates for the Milwaukee Convention in June: She will need zone delegate and alternate names by March 1, 2023.

There are pre-convention seminars for BOD members Thursday morning June 22 from 9:30-11:30 and it would be beneficial if there was a district member at each one. The district will pay the \$10 fee for those attending. The list of seminars is as follows: Archivist-Historian, Church Workers in Mission, Groups: LWML F.O.C.U.S. on Jesus, Mission Grants, Structure/Bylaws, Technology, Meeting Minutes, and Writer's Workshop. Helen Huedepohl

moved that "the district is to pay \$10/person for up to 8 people attending the pre-convention seminars for a total of \$80" - seconded and motion passed. Let Martha know by March 1 if you wish to attend a seminar.

STANDING COMMITTEES: See submitted reports. It was noted that LWR pick up is Saturday April 15, 2023 - NOT April 16 as in the report. The pick up sites are Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Decorah, and Windsor Heights. Jeanette Kreutner will put updated BOD information online and Bonnie Thompson will update the committee positions as they are appointed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 2023 Convention Bus - Karen Boehme has the roommate list done and is waiting to hear from National about rooms so she can get everyone a final cost. So far 52 are riding the bus and there are 3 seats left.
- YWR's for Milwaukee Convention: Pres. Hartwig reported we have had 6 women apply to be a YWR. At the Nov. BOD meeting it was voted to send up to 4. The national LWML recommends no more than 4 women per district serve as a YWR and a district would have to petition the national EC to send more than 4. Jennifer Determan brought forth a motion based on the recommendation from IED EC that "IED LWML send 4 women to the Milwaukee Convention as YWRs." Motion passed.

Pastor Roepke opened the afternoon session with a Bible study on The Church Year.

- Jennifer Determan reported on discussion over lunch with **Hannah Raebel** who is one of the 6 YWR applicants. She is in an LWML group from St. Paul's in Iowa City that is renting a van and an airbnb in Milwaukee for 12 younger women who are going to the convention. She volunteered to remove her name from the list of applicants as she can go with the St. Paul's group, and the one remaining woman who is not chosen as a YWR can go with the same group. It was also noted that if anyone or a society would like to help the 5th applicant with costs for the convention to send donations to St. Paul's in Iowa City.

Nancy McHone moved that the BOD cast lots and each voting member vote for 1 with the top 4 vote getters going as YWRs. Motion seconded and in discussion Carolyn Zimmerman amended that the BOD vote for 1 name in 4 rounds with the highest in each round go as a YWR - amendment defeated. Above motion then defeated. Patti Christensen moved to draw 4 names from a hat - seconded and defeated.

Carolyn Zimmerman moved that the list of 5 names be presented with the BOD each voting for 4 and the 4 highest vote getters go as YWRs. Motion seconded and passed. Votes were cast using paper ballots and virtual attendees called or texted their votes to a non-voting member. The 4 women selected to serve as IED LWML YWRs are: Clarissa Spiehs, Lindsey Wycoff, Naomi McCloud, and Rachel Courtney. Delaney Rall will be invited to attend with the women from St. Paul's. Margaret Kistler moved the paper ballots be destroyed - motion seconded and passed.

Pres Hartwig reminded everyone that the prices for convention go up on March 15.

NEW BUSINESS:

- An application for a new society was received - St. Paul LWML in Iowa City. Helen Huedepohl moved to accept them as a new LWML IED society - motion seconded and passed.
- Guidelines from national LWML were distributed explaining the membership categories for active and supporting groups.
- 2024 IED Convention: Cheryl Killham, Convention Manager, and Carol Miller and Nancy Maurer, convention co-chairs, presented the following recommendations as motions from the District Convention Committee and EC: 1) The 2024 LWML IED convention will be held Friday June 21-Saturday June 22, 2024 with the BOD meeting Thursday evening June 20 - motion passed. 2) The location chosen is the Cedar Rapids Marriott - motion passed. 3) "Shout it Out - Praise the Lord" is the theme from Isaiah 12:5 - motion passed. 4) Karen Boehme as song leader and Jean Hilbert as keyboardist - motion passed.
 - Appointments: The following appointments were recommended: Member Development Committee - Hilary Weiss, Structure Committee - Margaret Kistler and Ginny Boyer, Student Aid Committee - Patti Christensen, Endowment Committee - Tammy McKay. Tammy McKay moved to accept these appointments - seconded and motion passed. Pres. Hartwig will contact people for further needed committee members.
- Pres. Hartwig reported that the Cedar Rapids Marriott was asking for a 20% down payment for the 2024 convention and that Cheryl Killham was working with them to see if it could be paid in increments as there is very little money in the convention committee treasury until registrations start to come in - Jennifer Determan made a motion based on the recommendation from the EC that "The district will pay the down payment for the 2024 convention site and the convention treasurer will return these funds as soon as possible." Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Pastor Ellingworth closed with Responsive Prayer 2.

Sheryl Zinda
Recording Secretary



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report



MEETING DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - Martha Hartwig

Sent multiple forms to National LWML sharing IED information
Wrote for the Spring Alive
Edited articles for Spring Alive
Accepted invitation to represent LWML at Lutheran Hour Ministries Convention
Received and reviewed YWR applications
Attended LWML President's Assembly in Milwaukee January 26-28
Connected with AOL Team with respect to planning for IED sessions
Prepared agenda and chaired IED Convention Committee meeting February 4
Reviewed IED Convention Guidelines
Prepared agendas for EC and BOD meetings
Corresponded as necessary

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: - Carolyn Zimmerman

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - Liz Roberts

Mustard Seed Devotions have aids to help you read the Bible in a year. There are coloring pages on the LWML website to help color the winter blahs away! There is a cute "God's Valentine to Us" Bible study on the website. I've noticed there are few new skits as well as Bible Studies. I have been in conversation with Karen Boehme about reaching out to the YWR's and offering a Bible Study and/or way to stay in contact with them.

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Helen Huedepohl

Communication! Numerous times I've thought, "Larry would like to know this." Alas, I no longer have that communication available. But I do have a much greater blessing which is the constant and instant opportunity of communication with my Lord, Savior, and King.

I am willing to be the line of communication between you and our district through email and Facebook. Just let me know.

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kreutner

I wrote an article for the Alive. I had the privilege of sending checks to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Ft Wayne Seminary, Mozambique, Immanuel Lutheran, Lutheran East Side Mission and POBLO. These total \$25,000 and we have met 47% of our scholarship and mission grant commitment. Praise the Lord!!

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Angie Banko

I wrote an article for the spring ALIVE. It is the Waterloo Zone's turn to choose a recipient for the Gifts From the Heart. Since we are meeting virtually they have asked for financial donations to Alternatives Pregnancy Center, 1006 Decathlon Dr., Waterloo, Iowa 50701. However, if you live in the area you can take baby items donations directly to them.

RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan

Since the November 12, 2022, board meeting I have been receiving the societies' mites, memorials, etc., and have made the following deposits:

DEPOSITS: (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals, Misc.)

December 1, 2022 \$ 3,344.52

December 30, 2022 \$ 6,745.04

January 13, 2023 \$ 5,201.66

January 28, 2023 \$ 6,422.53

February 11, 2023 \$ 3,393.48

TOTAL - \$25,107.23

\$3,900.00 of this total is for 52 National Convention Bus deposits.

Thank you for all of the special Christmas donations - To God be the Glory!

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.

Jennifer L. Determan
LWML IED Financial Secretary

TREASURER: - Becky Gluesing

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of December 31, 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. \$15,000 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. In the third quarter (October- December), we have paid 4 mission grants for a total of \$13,200. The grants were \$700 to the Wartburg Walther League, \$2,000 to Immanuel Lutheran LERT for hurricane relief work, \$5,000 to the Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project and \$5,500 to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Note: We have also paid \$5,000 for the POBLO grant in January.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	10/01/2022	\$ 2,540.72
Income received since	10/01/2022	+ \$ 31,163.58
Less expenses since	10/01/2022	- <u>\$ 26,076.90</u>
Balance on hand as of	12/31/2022	= \$ 7,627.40

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$95,828 as of 12/31/2022 (most recent statement). This is a decrease of \$15,130.40 from the 9/30/2022 balance resulting from a change in market value. The stock market has not been kind to any investor. Praying the market for the 4th quarter is will turn around soon.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$1,449.30 as of 12/31/2022 (most recent statement).

COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth

I attended the IED LWML 2024 Convention Planning meeting Saturday, February 4 at Zion Lutheran Church - Cedar Rapids. I attended the IED LWML Executive Committee meeting (Google Meet) Thursday, February 9. I plan to attend the Westgate Zone Rally in Independence on Saturday, April 22. I submitted an article for the Spring 2023 "Alive."

COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev, Chris Roepke

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: - Vicki Gardemann

CEDAR RAPIDS: - Ginny Boyer

The Cedar Rapids Zone Event will be held on April 1st at Our Redeemer, Iowa City. St. Paul's Chapel at Iowa University will co-host the event. The event will start at 8:00 am and do breakfast and the servant event first. The ingathering is going to be items for baby care packages to support Bridgehaven pregnancy support center and the servant event is going to be making cards and postpartum kits for Bridgehaven. The rest of the morning includes the business meeting. Laurel Sellers and Hannah Raebel are chairing this event.

Our spring board meeting will be at Our Redeemer on Feb. 21st, 6:30 pm.

CLINTON: - Patti Christiansen

The Clinton Zone Spring Rally will be held on April 15th, 2023 at St. John Lutheran, Clinton.

DAVENPORT: - Tammy McKay

Risen Christ had an Advent program Dec. 4. We placed chrismons on the christmas tree and Michelle Warner gave a program explaining the chrismons and hymns were sung that were connected to the chrismons.

The Davenport Zone Spring Rally will be April 30,2023 at Holy Cross, Davenport

DUBUQUE: - Margaret Kistler

ELDORA: - Joy Reinert

MARSHALLTOWN: - Tammi Christensen

The Marshalltown Zone Spring Gathering will be April 29, 2023 at Immanuel - Grinnell. The Rev. Dan Johnson will present, " The present state of Lutheranism under Putin! What is next?" and Rev. Dr. Koepp will lead the Bible Study, " Feb by Christ, Walking with Jesus Together in Love". To my knowledge, thus far there are nine ladies and one gentleman going to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee from the Marshalltown Zone,

eight of the ladies are riding the district bus.

MT. PLEASANT: - Becky Ernst The Mt Pleasant Spring Rally will be held on May 6th at Concordia in Burlington starting at 9 am. Daniel Sanchez, Director of Camp Iodiseca will be the speaker. Many ladies are going to the National Convention and most are driving themselves.

ST. ANSGAR: - Darlene Bodermann

The St. Ansgar Zone Spring Rally will be April 15 at St. Peter's Riceville. I know of 6 ladies planning to go to the convention and all are riding the bus.

WATERLOO: - Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone

Our Board meeting was held 21 January at Grace Lutheran. Our attendance was small due to weather and a funeral. New heads are needed for Christian Growth and Public Relations as past head, Kolleen Hosford, is now co-president of Waterloo Zone! Jan Miller was chosen as zone delegate to the Milwaukee Convention. Judith Fink will be the alternate. "Alternatives Pregnancy Center" was chosen as recipient for Gifts of the Heart for February. Our Prayer Service will be held Saturday, February 25th at Faith Lutheran in Waterloo. The Spring Rally will be April 1st at Immanuel in Cedar Falls. Pastor Knox expressed clergy concerns as far as zone counselor position is concerned. He has crafted ByLaws changes that would address Article VII - "Election and Term of Office" and Article X - "Counselor" to help facilitate concerns. These proposed changes will be presented to the IED Board as well as Zone members at later dates.

WESTGATE: - Deac. Faith Swenson

I have had many email communications with the Co-chairwomen and Williamsburg Zone President for the 2024 District LWML Convention. We are looking forward to our Zone rally on April 22 in Independence, Iowa. A representative from Valley Lutheran will be there to share the ministry that is happening.

WILLIAMSBURG: - Jo Johnson

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: - Margaret Kistler

Over the past quarter, every society/group in Iowa East has been contacted to update them on their subscription account status, and to request an update

on officers/contact persons for contact information and number of LWML Quarterly magazines wanted for the 2023-2024 subscription year.

As of February 6, 2023, I have received this information from most. I am following up on those few that have not responded (or that I possibly missed).

Each Zone President was sent, via email, a spreadsheet containing the current Iowa East records. They were asked to review and proofread for errors.

According to our records, (as of Feb. 6) there are 13 groups that have not paid for their 2022-2023 subscriptions yet. (I know that some of these have been sent in, they just have not been deposited/recorded yet for me to update this sheet)

Iowa East's LWML Quarterly subscriptions renew with the Summer Issue. Our numbers will be sent to the LWML office in late March - early April. I will continue to follow up with the groups to get their 2023-2024 requested amounts.

Did you know? - there are 111 societies/groups in Iowa East (21 are currently listed as Inactive) and 7 churches that have no LWML group (yet).

Did you know? - a total of 1588 members have been reported.

Thank you, all, for your assistance.

In Christ, serving with gladness,

Margaret

MEETING MANAGER: - **Bonnie Thompson**

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : - **Diane Paulson**

PARLIAMENTARIAN: - **Judy Westergren**

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - **Linda Allan**

I have no changes at this time in the Speaker Roster.

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: - Dori Stanek

Spring pickup **Apr 16, 2023**, Trinity, CR 8:30 am to noon

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Karen Boehme & Margaret Kistler

The LWML IED convention bus to Milwaukee is near capacity.. At this time we are taking names of people to be on the waiting list if some things change with anyone who sent in the bus seat deposit, etc. If you are interested in going on the bus and have not signed up yet– please do ASAP. Have not heard from National about the hotel rooms for us yet, but expect to soon. The total cost of the bus per person will be coming soon-with a due date of the remaining balance to be paid to Karen Boehme by check written out to “LWML IED” and memo “Bus to convention 2023”. Emails with continuing information will be sent to those who have sent in their bus seat deposit check.

Any questions - contact Karen Boehme boehmekj@msn.com or 319-239-3463.

IMPORTANT Reminder to all Iowa East members – the convention bus will be stopping at Phil’s Friends in Illinois on the way to Milwaukee. We are dropping off all donations we have collected for them and will be volunteering our time to assist their projects. By email I will be sending detailed information to assist your zones and societies.

Lots of information/ needs list can be found at

<https://philsfriends.org/about-phils-friends/>

Contact Karen Boehme for more information

IED CONVENTION MANAGER: - Cheryl Killham

Continued to receive responses to the Request for Proposal I had sent to multiple convention venues for the 2024 LWML IED Convention. Toured additional venues and held follow-up conference calls. Prepared Convention Site selection information to present to the Convention Committee. Updated LWML IED Convention Planning Guide. Attended Convention Committee meeting on February 4 at Zion Lutheran, Hiawatha.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2021-2023: - Hilary Brech

2023 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: -

IED CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS: - Convention Treasurer is Marna Mohr, Convention Registrar is Kendra Voss, Logo design will be done by Heather Arp, program manual editor is Annette Raebel and the printer may be The Design Shop.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Annette Raebel

Themes for 2023 ALIVE issues are as follows:

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).

I would like to add a few extra items within the ALIVE, starting with the summer issue.

One thing would be to add a small devotion. Another item would be to add some LWML history. However, I've got questions. Do I need special permission to do this? If ok'd, is anyone interested in contributing by writing devotions? Please contact me with any other ideas that you would like to see in the ALIVE.

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -**WEBMASTER: - Jeanette Kreutner**

The only update to the website was the asked for improvement to the District Resources page.

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - Hannah Raebel

Updates! There are now 5 shared drives; the one most are used to is now called District BOD. The communications team, convention committee, and nominating committee all have their own shared drives as well. I am currently working on updating the permissions so those on the committees without LWML gmail accounts are able to access them as well with the goal being to have the drives fully operational by the end of the month. Committee members will receive an email when the drive is good to go.

COMMITTEES:

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Convention Committee met on February 4. The committee reviewed the various convention site venue proposals. The committee discussed proposed recommendations for convention site, date, theme, Bible verse, song leader, and keyboardist. Long-time LWML A/V technician, Darrel Peterson, had passed away prior to the previous convention and his son, David, was unable to support our convention. Cheryl talked to David to confirm that he is willing to continue to support the LWML conventions. Daniel Sanchez was contacted by the host zone, not knowing that Cheryl had contacted David, to ask if he knew of any college students who would be interested in A/V support. It was suggested that Daniel be contacted again to ask for

a student who would be interested in a non-paid volunteer who would be willing to learn from David.

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - I need to review the IDE Reporter to see if I have new church workers to welcome. Otherwise nothing to report.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme

Misty Lutz and I attended the BOD meeting in November 2022.

The Member Development Committee has been in contact with Liz Roberts with ideas of remaining in contact with the past YWR's. We have some good ideas and plan to search them further to report back.

Each month I email an LWML devotion and share the happenings with national LWML and IED to the ladies who were YWR's at the IED convention June 2022..

NOTE: for the May BOD meeting, those who wish to donate items (fun things, candy, kleenex, purple pens, hand lotion, post it notes, money etc) bring them to the meeting and I will prepare them to give to the YWR's at convention. Thanks for your generosity!

As per the applications received for serving as our YWR's at the convention in Milwaukee this June — I am blessed and excited to report we have 6 awesome young women from our district who completed the application process and each had a letter of outstanding recommendation. Per the suggested guidelines given by national in choosing a YWR- each of one these gals totally surpass them. Each young woman specializes in caring and serving. Each makes a positive impact with their talents and in their vocations of – family, children, church, LWML, women, parents, school, students, patients, music, inmates, and community.

Here are the answers each gave on their application-

Delaney Rall, 20 yrs, Student, Daycare, Waterloo Zone

1.The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

I serve the Lord by attending church regularly, praising God by singing and playing instruments, and helping others when they need it.

2.What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

I am a peer leader at my church, I give piano and clarinet lessons through my church's

conservatory, I have sung in church choirs before, and I have played my instruments in church bands before.

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

I know that the LWML is a group of ladies that serve the Lord all over the world. There are so many donations that go to so many different places and are meant to make a difference for many people. I got the opportunity to represent Iowa East District as one of the YWR's this past summer

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I desire to be a YWR for the district because I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the LWML and serving the Lord and the community in so many different ways. It makes my faith stronger, knowing that God's working through every single one of us involved in LWML.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

I have a talent for singing, playing the piano, clarinet, bassoon, and baritone ukulele and writing. I have great leadership skills that I have had the chance to develop with the help of my full time job during the summers at Little Blessings Daycare in Davenport, Ia. I can work well on my own and with others.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

I will definitely be trying to serve in my district. While school is pretty heavy now that I am furthering my education degree, I will serve as much as I can.

7. Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes, I am.

Clarissa Spiehs, 21 yr, Student, Eldora Zone

1, The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

I serve the Lord with gladness by being the art club vice president at Concordia University, Nebraska. I have helped with Christmas Child Operation in 2022.

2. What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

I have taught 1st grade VBS at my church for the past four years. I have been involved with my church youth group: I helped sort and organize the church garage sale, served the Easter breakfast and served Ash Wednesday Dinner. I went to the 2016 and 2019 National Youth Gatherings. In high school, I was a youth leader.

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

My mom and grandma are both very involved at the zone level. My mom was a Young Women Rep. in Florida. I attended various meetings with my mom and grandma growing up, whether it was sewing or different activities. I feel I know a lot about LWML.

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I desire to learn more about the LWML as I plan on being active in LWML at the church I receive my call.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

My interests are sewing, printmaking, drawing, cooking, and gardening. I am good at communicating and working with others.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

If I receive my call in Iowa District East, then I will serve in this district. I plan on being active and serving in many capacities in the district where I get called.

7. Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes, I am able to participate and be involved with the whole convention.

Lindsey Wycoff, 35 yr, Wife, Mother, Preschool Associate Marshalltown Zone

1. The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

I get to talk about the Bible and Jesus daily at my current job. Even affiliated with the public school, we are a faith based daycare in which get to inspire young preschoolers minds

2. What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

Choir, picnics, game nights midweek services, bible study

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

I have been involved more within the last year, I attended zone rallies and district convention as a YWR.

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I'd like to be more involved when time allows.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

I feel I can be a good friend and mentor, that holds a lot of traditional values and keeps people accountable. I also enjoy singing, gardening, family outings, embroidery and cross stitching.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

To the best of my ability, God willing.

7. Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes, I will look forward to the bonds and relationships I will make.

Hannah Raebel, 26 yr ,Correctional officer, Cedar Rapids Zone

1. The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

I believe we serve God in all our vocations both at church and in our daily lives. As a chapelite I encourage others to attend church while also helping when I can, whether that be a board position, helping with kids, or serving meals

2. What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

I have been active in our Student Leadership Team while completing my undergrad. Currently I am the Board of Director Secretary and lead our LWML group.

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

I have been passively involved throughout high school and college. Since my graduation I have been actively involved, first at a district level as the GSuite administrator, then starting an LWML group at the chapel and being the contact person, and finally serving on the Christian Life committee at my zone level.

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I want to learn more about how LWML operates and what other districts are doing to encourage young women and utilize technology so I can further develop my strengths to serve.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

I have a great ability to think outside of the box and pursue creative options in order to achieve a goal. I also have a wonderful ability to empathize which serves me well at my job both in my interactions with coworkers and inmates.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

Yes

7. Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes

Naomi McCloud, 29 yr, Wife, Mother, & Nurse, Davenport Zone

1. The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

I serve in multiple areas within my various vocations. As a wife, I aim to serve my husband with joy and meet his needs above my own. As a mother, I strive to serve my children by modeling joyful obedience and service to the Lord. As a nurse, I joyfully care for my patients and clients again aiming to reflect the joy of the Lord in all that I do.

2. What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

I have been a Sunday school teacher for the last few years off and on. Currently I teach 4-5th graders and really enjoy teaching them and challenging them to apply their faith in new ways in their everyday lives. I am a member of the LWML and recently joined our church's Congregational Life committee, which works to plan events to encourage fellowship within the congregation. I am also the church liaison for Pregnancy Resources, a pro life pregnancy center in our community

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

I have known about the LWML since I was young, as my mom has been involved at our church since before I was born. I have helped with may service projects (school kits, baby care kits, quilts) and have been to multiple events. I was a YWR at the district.

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I would love to meet and connect with other YWR's in the district. At this point in my life, I am really seeking fellow Lutheran moms and women with whom I can connect and

share experiences with. I would also like to see what other districts are doing to encourage young women to participate in the LWML.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

I am very interested in serving women in unplanned pregnancies and empowering them to make a choice for life. I serve as a nurse at a pro life center in Bettendorf and absolutely love witnessing to women and showing them the truth about the life in their womb. I feel that I am compassionate and have great empathy for my patients. I am also a good listener.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

Yes, that is my hope. I want to come back from the convention with all sorts of ideas in how I can serve in my district.

7. Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes, I am willing and able to participate in the full scope of the convention and looking forward to experiencing all that it has to offer.

Rachel Courtney, 31 yr, Wife & Mother, St Ansgar Zone

1.The LWML motto is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?

My current life stage provides me the opportunity to serve my family and other young mothers. I model gladness to my children in how I approach the tasks of our day. I can listen to and support other moms as well as witness to them through my attitude and perspective on motherhood.

2. What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?

I am involved with our Sunday School and have helped with various advent meals and

our Ragbrai pie making. We somewhat recently moved, and I was involved with the LWML, chime choir, choir and the family life board at our previous church.

3. What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?

I know that it is a lovely group of women that meet for local Bible study and fellowship as well as supporting missions locally, nationally and internationally. I was involved with LWML at my previous congregation and plan to get involved again.

4. Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?

I feel that I could be of service to the district and I would like to grow in faith with other like-minded women.

5. What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?

I am organized and feel that I am able to get along with people of various ages. I also enjoy baking and cooking and enjoy helping others with those gifts.

6. Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?

Yes

7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Yes

In Closing

Prayerfully consider each of these fine young women as an LWML IED YWR. With sincere interest in sending each of the applicants-it will be addressed at the BOD meeting, Saturday, Feb 11. Thanks!

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: - We will work toward helping you in your Christian Life. If at anytime you have a need or want please reach out to any of us on the committee. Need something from the LWML store, reach out to Jan Brown.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: - Angie Banke

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - We did not meet

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: -

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: -

Executive Committee

President - Martha Hartwig	In person
VP of Communication - Helen Huedepohl	In person
Recording Secretary - Sheryl Zinda	In person
Sr. Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Christopher Roepke	Virtual
VP of Organizational Resources - Carolyn Zimmerman	In person
VP of Gospel Outreach/Webmaster - Jeanette Kreutner	Virtual
Financial Secretary - Jennifer Determan	In person
Jr. Pastoral Counselor - Rev. Jon Ellingworth	In person
VP of Christian Life - Liz Roberts	In person
VP of Human Care - Angie Banko	Virtual
Treasurer - Becky Gluesing	Virtual

Zone Presidents

Benton - Vicki Gardemann	In person
Cedar Rapids - Ginny Boyer	In person
Clinton - Patti Christensen	In person
Davenport - Tammy McKay	In person
Dubuque - Margaret Kistler	In person
Eldora - Joy Reinert	Absent
Marshalltown - Tammi Christensen	Virtual
Mt. Pleasant - Becky Ernst	Virtual
St. Ansgar - Darlene Boderman	Virtual
Waterloo - Nancy McHone	In person
Westgate - Faith Swenson	In person
Williamsburg - Jo Ann Johnson	Virtual

Appointed Personnel and Committee

Bonnie Thompson	In person
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Diane Paulson	Absent
Judy Westergren	In person
Linda Allen	Absent
Dori Stanek	Absent
Karen Boehme	In person
Chery Killman	In person
Emily Woodall	Absent
Hilary Brech	Absent
Carol Meyer	In person
Nancy Maurer	In person
Misty Lutz	Absent
Pam Haase	Absent
Kay Berry	Vitual
Jan Brown	In person
Annette Raebel	Virtual
Hannah Raebel	In person
Loretta Wuerdeman	Absent
Angie Banko	Virtual
Becky Ernst	Virtual
Judith Fink	Absent

Tammy McKay

**In
person**

Patti Hinrichs

Absent

In person - 23

Virtual - 12

Absent= 12

35 in attendance