

LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS



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***I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,  
but God made it grow (1 Corinthians 3:6).***

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## Upcoming Events

*June 22-25, 2023: LWML Convention (Milwaukee, WI)*

*August 10, 2023 Newsletter Deadline for Fall Issue*

*September 8-9, 2023: IED Fall Retreat (Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca)*

*June 21-22, 2024: IED Convention (Cedar Falls, IA)*



## *"GET CONNECTED"*

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Katie Luther could be considered the first LWML member? In the 1500's, students sat at her dinner table. She helped the poor and ailing. She even hosted dinners for co-workers of Martin Luther.

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## President's Corner

## Martha Hartwig

I love tomatoes! We hadn't planted a garden in years because we didn't have a good place for a garden. Then came the Derecho which took down five trees. We were sad to lose the trees, but that loss presented a place for a garden. Blessings sometimes come in unexpected ways. The year after the Derecho we prepared the ground and anxiously waited for it to warm up enough to plant. We bought tomato plants. Nine of them: early producers, heirloom, three kinds of cherry tomatoes, and ones promising large yields. After we planted them, our neighbor came by to see the new garden and commented, "You have them too close together." We were sure they would be fine. We didn't take his advice. Oh, did those plants grow! We tied them up and cut back some branches, but I still had to pick them by crawling under branches and approaching the plants from different directions because the path was blocked. The next year we planted five tomato plants. God certainly gave the growth! When we share God's message of salvation, sometimes we are planting by telling someone the Gospel for the first time. Sometimes we are watering by encouraging someone through God's Word. And God is always the only one to provide growth. We may anxiously watch for growth just like we watch for tomatoes to turn red, but we can't speed up the process. Keep tending and watering those around you with God's Word.



## Senior Counselor's Corner

## Rev. Christopher Roepke

Many LC-MS congregations are concerned about their size and the dwindling size of their membership. This concern brings many worries and frets. Such as, will the congregation be able to exist or will there be enough members to carry out the duties required to keep the congregation functioning? This is also the worry to the congregation's LWML. If the congregation is getting smaller, so then is the LWML. When these pressures are faced, many ideas are offered to stem the tide of loss and "grow" the congregation. Many of these ideas are based on other things than the Word of God. They are emotional based and are designed to make a visitor happy rather than challenging them with the Word of God. It often means changing the teachings and doctrines of the Bible, "to grow the church." So, what can be done? Let's consider the words of our theme, I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. What did Paul and Apollos use? The message of Jesus, the Word of God. Paul planted, by telling of Jesus' death and resurrection for the sins of all people. Apollos used God's Word and the work of Jesus to strengthen people in belief and hope in Jesus. The growth was given by God. We confess the same in the meaning of the 3rd Article of the Apostles Creed. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.... In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers...."<sup>1</sup> What is found in this our confession of faith? The truth! It is the Holy Spirit who brings the growth. God does the work of bringing people to faith and keeping them in the faith through the Word of the Gospel. This reminds us to use what God has given: His Word and the message of Jesus. We can do nothing else than the work of Paul and Apollos in sharing and holding forth the Gospel and trusting that God will give the growth through the use of His Word.

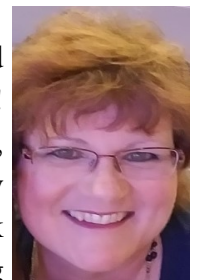


<sup>1</sup>From Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. P.17 1991 Concordia Publishing House

## VP of Christian Life

## Liz Roberts

I so enjoy Spring! Young animals are out playing, the grass is turning green and growing, and hardy plants will soon be blooming! We can enjoy the sunshine, rain and warmer temperatures! Then, even warmer temps, as it turns to summer! As we look at our theme...are you a planter, one who waters, or sometimes both?! Not only planting God's word and watering it, but how about planting and watering LWML into the hearts and minds of the women around you! Check out the LWML website for Bible study guides, devotions and skits that will help us in nurturing our sisters in Christ in God's Word and mission work! We learn by hearing, so it makes sense that we speak with all women about our faith, our Lord and Savior, Jesus, and how we can be His hands, feet, and voice through the LWML missions to reach many around the world!



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## VP of Communications

## Helen Huedepohl

Planting, watering, fertilizing, and weed control comprise the main work we do in a garden or field. How does that relate to our spiritual work? Reading and studying the Bible plants and waters the Word in our minds and hearts. The Holy Spirit grants growth of understanding, trust, and action. We access many additional resources to care for our spiritual “gardens.” Some of which can be:

- Bible study and fellowship with others in your LWML group
- LWML Quarterly and ALIVE
- LWML conventions, gatherings (rallies), and retreats
- Podcasts: “LWML on the Go” or “Lutheran Ladies Lounge”
- Hear and read the LWML Facebook daily devotion
- Carry “Mustard Seed” devotions in your purse or briefcase to read and share

Of course, as we grow in our own faith, we eagerly share it with others around us. The growth expands. God gives the growth! Happy Gardening!



## VP of Gospel Outreach

## Jeanette Kreutner

When I saw the theme for this issue, I had to shake my head. This verse so describes the blessings uncovered in the past week. Just before writing this article, I put a check in the mail that will fully fund the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Food Bank Mission Grant. We paid half earlier this year. My pastor and his wife shared with me how 30-plus years ago, they had a newborn baby boy and the food bank was a huge help to them during their time in seminary. Back then, other LWML groups funded the food bank and today my church is a recipient of that growth. Today we are funding it and helping at least three of our scholarship recipients at Fort Wayne with their monthly food and clothing needs. And another one of our scholarship recipients, Nick Palmer, will be serving St. John’s Newhall as their pastor. Your mites watered, the seminary professors planted into Nick’s life and God will give the growth at St. John’s Newhall. Ladies, we can feel so many times that we are not being effective in our calling as God’s people. But let me encourage you, these mites that you send into Iowa East are having an eternal impact, both in Iowa and around the world. Not because of our efforts, but because *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth* (1 Corinthians 3:6). Thank you all for your faithfulness. What a privilege to be able to be used in God’s kingdom!



## VP of Human Care

## Angie Banko

As I have been pondering this issue’s theme verse for this article it occurred to me that God is giving the growth in a big way right now. Trees have been filled with leaves, crops are being planted, plants are coming out of the ground and outside by my door a robin is sitting on a nest growing its family. As the summer months go on there are many ways that you can share this growth with others. Do you have shut-ins that would enjoy a small bouquet of flowers to cheer them? Can you use your flowers to beautify the altar of your church? Can you share the bounty of your garden with someone who can’t or doesn’t care to garden? There are a myriad of ways that you can share God’s growth with others. Consider doing so during these summer months.



## Treasurer

## Becky Gluesing

Our theme verse is such an appropriate verse for this time of year. I can almost see the grass get greener and the flowers we started from seed are ready to be planted outside. What a wonderful creation our God has given us. But as I thought a little more about the entirety of the verse it made me think about the confirmations for two of my granddaughters this spring. What part can I play in creating fertile soil for the seed to take root? Attending church on Sundays is a good start but it takes more than pew time to make an impression. To quote an old saying – we need to walk the walk and talk the talk in our everyday lives. And it does not require grand gestures; it's the little things we do all the time. Its things like prayers before meals, keeping Christ in Christmas (and every day), and finding ways to bring God into everyday conversations. Not that God needs any help, but if we can smooth the path of others, what a wonderful contribution that would be.



### IED Budget for 4.1.22--3.31.24

Mites-Outreach	\$149,346
Mites-Inreach	\$14,150
<b>Mites-Budget</b>	<b>\$163,496</b>
Reimbursable Items	\$52,500
<b>IED Total Budget</b>	<b>\$215,996</b>

### Student Aid Budget 4.1.22-3.31.24

Approved	\$30,000
Dispersed	\$15,000
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

### Mission Grant Budget 4.1.22-3.31.24

Approved	\$81,096
Dispersed (2022-2024)	\$37,296
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$43,800</b>

### Actual IED Budget 4.1.22--6.30.22

1.1.23 Beginning Balance	\$7,627.40
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### MITE BUDGET:

Income	\$16,413.56
Expenses-Outreach	\$16,640.87
Expenses-Inreach	\$492.84
<b>Total Mite Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,133.71</b>

### REIMBURSABLE ITEMS BUDGET:

Income	\$7,318.00
Expenses	\$3,669.94

**TOTAL INCOME** \$23,731.56

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$20,803.65

**3.31.23 Ending Balance** \$10,555.31

**MITES FOR JESUS AND HIS FLOCK!!**

## Financial Secretary

## Jennifer Determan

This Financial Secretary's Report shows all money deposited from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. This includes mites, Quarterly and Alive payments, memorials and miscellaneous receipts. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the March 31st deposit. If there are any unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know at [financialsecretary@lwml-ied.org](mailto:financialsecretary@lwml-ied.org). You may send your checks and remittance slips to:

Jennifer L. Determan  
5314 Fjord Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Thank you for sending in your mites!



## LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT Society Members & Contributions ~ October 1, 2022 — March 31, 2023

<b>SOCIETY MEMBERS &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$386.64
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$646.85
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION	\$623.69
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$0.00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$45.99
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$1,505.03
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$53.62
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD	\$184.66
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD	\$189.77
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY	\$1,020.35
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD	\$210.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD	\$820.29
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML	\$1,230.79
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY	\$1,423.79
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE	\$0.00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML	\$79.86
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION	\$19.56
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES	\$247.75
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$0.00
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY	\$390.00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD	\$280.23
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$0.00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN	\$0.00
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD	\$201.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID	\$0.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB	\$363.63
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION	\$831.20
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML	\$698.83
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$335.00
DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML	\$0.00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML	\$456.17
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD	\$60.00
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD	\$210.80
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$559.89
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$732.41

ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT	\$217.08
ELMA, ST PETER LWML	\$723.87
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE	\$235.58
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE	\$252.29
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD	\$0.00
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE	\$0.00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$625.77
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$557.58
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$94.00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY	\$838.00
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES)	\$933.67
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$403.57
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE	\$806.93
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML	\$188.50
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD	\$873.63
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$347.70
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID	\$469.08
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD	\$0.00
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML	\$1,149.48
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$453.02
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$478.15
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$24.07
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML	\$151.81
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR	\$1,040.04
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$244.50
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$1,550.63
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML	\$534.44
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML	\$511.54
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$0.00
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML	\$125.76
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	\$171.99
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML	\$1,075.06
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD	\$118.01
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$442.67
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY	\$934.85
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY	\$647.58
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE	\$476.66
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML	\$0.00

OSAGE, TRINITY LWML	\$478.00
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD	\$476.42
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML	\$58.94
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML	\$613.15
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$233.84
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS	\$465.93
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML	\$591.86
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML	\$1,312.66
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID	\$0.00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD	\$37.50
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE	\$0.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPER	\$0.00
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$162.47
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$331.60
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY	\$383.49
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS	\$439.03
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES	\$672.45
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$1,278.15
VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE	\$0.00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH	\$593.65
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY	\$223.69
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY	\$1,446.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML	\$134.00
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML	\$263.52
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN	\$186.00
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES	\$0.00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD	\$160.00
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY	\$489.17
<b>Total of Society Contributions October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023</b>	<b><u>\$42,536.83</u></b>

<b>ZONE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
BENTON	\$138.50
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$0.00
CLINTON	\$124.50
DAVENPORT	\$360.65
DUBUQUE	\$0.00
ELDORA	\$0.00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$30.79
MT PLEASANT	\$0.00
ST ANSGAR	\$0.00
WATERLOO	\$0.00
WESTGATE	\$154.27
WILLIAMSBURG	\$429.25
<b>Total of Zone Contributions October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023</b>	<b><u>\$1,237.96</u></b>
<b>THRIVENT CHOICE (Endowment Fund)</b>	\$469.00
<b>MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)</b>	\$1,076.00
<b>IED DIRECT RECEIPTS</b>	\$5,811.08
<b>IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES</b>	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total Receipts October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023</b>	<b><u>\$51,130.87</u></b>
<b>LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST</b>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST</b>	<b><u>\$51,130.87</u></b>



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## Iowa East District Registrar News and Notes ~~ From Margaret Kistler

I am currently your IED District Registrar. This position's main responsibility is to create and maintain the record file of the LWML IED. So, what does this mean? As your District Registrar, I ensure our district's records are kept up to date. These records include the names and addresses of each congregation, LWML society/group, officers/contact persons for the society/group, membership numbers, LWML Quarterly subscriptions and ALIVE distribution email addresses. FUN FACTS: There are currently about 115 churches in Iowa East, with about 90 active local societies/groups with a membership of roughly 1,500 women. The local president or contact person will receive a request from me after Thanksgiving for updates, including how many LWML Quarterly magazines you will want to receive the following year. For Iowa East, the LWML Quarterly magazine subscription year runs from Summer issue through Spring issue. Your president/contact person and treasurer will receive a statement of your account in June, once the new subscription starts, which will detail your payments received and amounts due. Keeping our IED records current is very important. Please feel free to contact me at registrar@lwml-ied.org at any time with updates to your records, questions about your account, problems with your LWML subscriptions, or email address changes for your ALIVE newsletter.

### **COME JOIN US AT THE 2023 CONVENTION!!**

**Celebrate the Lord of the Nations  
on June 22–25, 2023  
in 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).*

### **"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, home-made 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](mailto:boehmekj@msn.com). Thanks for your generosity and prayers, Karen Boehme.



**I planted the seed, Apollos watered it but God made it grow  
(1 Corinthians 3:6).**

It's Spring!...the planting season. Though I am not a gardener, I can see there are things I do that apply to this verse. I plant the seed of God's word into the hearts and minds of preschool children...sometimes the parents and grandparents as well. Then the Apollos' of their lives water it: parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, pastors, and Christian friends. But the part that is important is that God makes it GROW! Most of the time, I don't get to see the watering nor the growth.

We are all given a part in this gardening. As servants of God, we do our part, but then we continue to pray for the seed to grow in someone else's life. We should all be thankful for the planters, waterers, and to God for His word planted in our life, so we can believe and see our faith grow. Who have you been a planter to lately? How have you watered your neighbor this past week?

Dear Lord Thank you for the seed (Your Word), the planters of the seed, the waterers and most importantly the growth You provide. Help us to continue to nurture it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

~~ Devotion by Liz Roberts ~~

## ZONE NEWS

**The Benton Zone's** Spring Rally was hosted by St. John Tabitha, Newhall, on April 20, 2023 with 31 members present. Opening devotions were lead by Rev. Steven Rempfer, based on John 20, "Peace be with you." Our guest speaker, Judy Westergren, IED Parliamentarian, spoke on "Many Facets of Serving in the LWML." Rev. Jeff Schanbacher, Zone Counselor, spoke to us on "God has placed you where you are." In-gathering items were for Phil's Friends. Fall rally is September 21, 2023, hosted by Missionary Society of St. Andrew's, Van Horne.

**The Dubuque Zone's** Spring Rally was held 4/22/23. We were privileged to hear Pastor David Weber preach his final sermon and give his final Bible Study after 25 years of serving in Iowa East District. Julie Sunne gave a talk on the attributes of God and we enjoyed a great lunch from the women of Our Savior. Pastor Caleb Schewe was installed as the interim Dubuque Zone Counselor.



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**The Eldora Zone's** Spring Rally was held on April 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Buckeye. The theme was "Trained in the Lord" based on 2 Timothy 3:15. The speaker was Rev. Jason Zoske who gave some background history of the Ft. Wayne Seminary where he attended. He explained how the Food & Clothing Co-op worked and how important it is to the students and their families. The Ingathering was given to Jason to take to the Co-op.

**The St. Ansgar Zone's** Spring Rally was held on Saturday, April 15, at St. Peter's in Riceville. Our theme was "He Cares for You." Pastor Matthias Wollberg, our zone counselor, had opening devotions and also led us in a Bible study. The Christian Life Committee of Jan Kruger and Dianne Joens along with Pastor Wollberg led us in the skit "Cast All Your Care." Our speaker was Toni Larson from Lutheran Family Services who spoke on mental health. The ingathering was for Phil's friends, which we will take to convention with us on the bus. We gathered a pickup and trailer of items for the Orphan Grain Train. There were 25 ladies and 1 pastor present. Our offering was \$233.00 plus a love offering for Lutheran Family Services of \$248.25.



**The Waterloo Zone's** Spring Rally hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a presentation from Orphan Grain Train. Ladies cleaned out their closets for a generous gift from the heart. Orphan Grain Train serves from 27 locations across the United States. Last year more than \$37.7 million worth of humanitarian aid and food was shipped to people in need. Waterloo Zone LWML members left the rally with a heart to serve as they picked up Christmas boxes to fill that will be sent internationally to children who likely would not receive any gift.



**The Westgate Zone's** Fall Rally will be Saturday, September 23, at Immanuel Lutheran, Klinger.

**The Williamsburg Zone's** Spring Rally was held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at St John's Lutheran Church, Victor with 25 in attendance. The theme was "Thanks be to God: We are HIS." Pastor Stuart Rethwisch led the opening devotions. Bible Study was conducted by Pastor James Preus based on our rally theme. Our speaker was Pastor Gary Sears of Trinity, Conroy. He spoke of his trip to Liberia where he goes to help teach the pastors there in Liberia. A monetary donation was collected to give to Pastor Sears for Liberia. An ingathering was taken for "Care Package Needs for Phil's Friends." The collection will be taken on the bus to the Convention in Milwaukee, WI. The bus will stop at Phil's Friends headquarters on the way to the convention to deliver the collection of items.



# SOCIETY NEWS

**Immanuel-Klinger Church** 2022 - Ladies Aid Society commemorates 90 years - Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Acknowledging the need for a women's organization to be involved within the church, community and abroad, a meeting was held in the sacristy on October 12, 1932, to form a Ladies Aid Society. A constitution was written and read by Pastor L Yockey. There were eleven charter members. In 1943, the society became affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The October 2022 meeting was a celebration of thanks to God for His continued blessings. A program filled with memories was led by Mary Zimmermann (former member and wife of Rev Bruce Zimmerman at Immanuel 1974-1992). As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Note: The photo was taken at the LWML Christmas Party 2022 by Nicole Barnes.



**St. John Lutheran Church** Hubbard put notices in the bulletin for three weeks advertising their second annual LWML Muffins for Mites Bake Sale on Sunday, May 21. The bake sale took place before Sunday School and after the Church Service. All sales were by donation. A display and the big mite box at the entrance to the fellowship hall explained what Mites are and that they go towards funding the district grants and scholarships. Their goal is to raise \$80.

**St Paul Buckeye** had five ladies get together, prior to a regular meeting, and they tied 5 fleece blankets for Phil's Friends. The blankets will be delivered to Phil's Friends on the way to Milwaukee.

**St. Paul Dubuque** hosted a Friendship Tea on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> by the Mission Circle. Invitations were personally handed out to all the women. The day started with a song Bible study by Misty Lutz. She brought us back to our days in Sunday school, remembering the songs we sang and where they fit in the Bible.



Next we worked on a service project for the Red Basket, put together by Kristie Fry, to help with those needing menstrual products. Information was given out and discussed about what LWML is and how Mission Circle is a part of this organization and the great projects it funds. We then served a wonderful meal of chicken salad croissants and salads.



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