# LWML - IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### May 11, 2024 - Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA

OPENING WORSHIP: Pastor Roepke

CALL TO ORDER: President Martha Hartwig at 10:30 a.m. Welcome, announcements, and introductions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Feb. BOD minutes were posted on the LWML-IED website for review. Secretary Sheryl Zinda noted that 2 items in the convention updates in the Feb.2024 minutes were corrected at the beginning of the week and the updated version posted. No changes were made to the updated posted minutes and they stand approved as posted. A thank you from Allison Cross, one of our scholarship recipients, was received and read. Joy Reinert and Betty Borchardt were appointed by Pres. Hartwig for minutes review.

TREASURER: See submitted report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See submitted report. \$27,128.29 in mites has been received since the Feb. meeting to meet our biennium mission goal.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: See submitted report. There will be LWML shirts and baseball hats for purchase at the district convention. Carolyn Zimmerman has a machine to print shirts on site that will be available at the convention, with 1 or 2 designs available at that time. LWML.org has a pop-up sale going on now with items for purchase.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: See submitted report. Helen will post prayer requests to the board as requested. Historian Diane Paulson requests all reports from zone presidents be sent to her, and she would like pictures of all zone officers sent to her in a printed version along with pictures of zone activities - please put names and dates on the back. She will be retiring from her position at the end of this biennium and Pres. Hartwig will accept names of those interested to be the new IED historian.

Assistant ALIVE editor Loretta Wuerdeman asked that articles for the next ALIVE be sent to Annette Raebel and that the convention manual is ready for print. Webmaster Jeanette Kruetner is working on the convention page for the website which will list the mission grants.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: See submitted report. There has been interest in supporting teachers in Iowa East who are wanting to become rostered church workers through the colloquy program. This costs them each approximately \$4500. Jeanette Kreutner brought forth a motion from the student aid committee to provide financial aid to colloquy students up to \$1000 per student during the course of their studies. Motion seconded, and after discussion the motion was defeated. The student aid committee will continue to explore options on funding colloquy students to bring to a future BOD meeting.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: See submitted report. Angie Banko reminded the board of the convention Gifts from the Heart recipients - a cash donation for Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg for a new gym floor, items for Community Lutheran School in Klinger and Readlyn, and baby items for Swaddling Clothes in Marengo. Specific items will be on the website.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Carolyn Zimmerman reported that the St.. Ansgar zone bylaws have been reviewed with no changes needed. She has received the district bylaw revisions from LWML and presented 3 formats in how the wording could be - A,B, or C. Carolyn moved to have the BOD use format B at the district convention for presentation of IED LWML bylaws.. Motion seconded and approved.

Member Development/YWR's: See submitted report. Karen Boehme asked that zone treasurers send or give their money for YWR hotel rooms to her - this can also be brought to convention.

PASTORAL COUNSELORS: Rev. Roepke and Rev. Ellingworth are working on inviting district pastors to the June convention through the zone pastoral counselors.

ZONE PRESIDENTS: See submitted reports.

PRESIDENT: See submitted report. Pres. Hartwig announced she will have shoulder replacement surgery at the end of July and will not be available to attend the fall rallies or the Aug. 10 BOD meeting. The Aug 10 meeting will be held as usual at Zion, Hiawatha with a VP leading the meeting.

Pres. Hartwig announced there was a \$10,000 gift to LWML from Mark Daly as a memorial in honor of his mother, a long time LWML member. LWML has decided to use it by giving each LWML district \$250 to be used as a gift to help someone attend a national or district convention who otherwise might not be able to afford to go. Jeanette Kreutner moved to wait and use the money to provide scholarships for women wanting to attend the 2025 Omaha convention. Motion seconded and approved. Jennifer Determan moved to place the \$250 in a CD to earn interest until used for the convention next year - seconded and approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Bonnie Thompson, meeting manager, continues to update the roster. LWML Convention Bus Coordinators Margaret Kistler and Karen Boehme noted that there will be a sign up at the district convention to ride the bus to the Omaha convention in June 2025 and that they will be retiring from this position after the district convention in June.

The Christian Life Committee presented the skit "Disciple Stew".

Pastor Ellingworth opened the afternoon session with a Bible study on The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Pres. Hartwig announced the following assignments for convention: Prayer before Officer Balloting - Faith Swenson.

2024 CONVENTION UPDATES: See submitted reports.

Convention manager Cheryl Killham reported on the menu changes for the convention so as to keep the price from increasing. Rooms need to be booked soon as the hotel will be opening up any held rooms not yet reserved for the convention. Table coverings will be provided for exhibitors. Co-chair Carol Meyer encouraged members to use the convention song "Shout it Out, Praise the Lord" in their congregations prior to convention. All congregations are asked to promote the Megaphone Mite Challenge as LCEF is matching \$500 in donations at the convention. There are 157 full time registrants and 11 exhibitors at this time. A new LWML group at St. Silas, North Liberty, has been formed. Karen Boehme encouraged any BOD members to stop in at the YWR room at convention to welcome them and share about IED. Pres. Hartwig will be emailing a Google document to all zone presidents later today to list all delegates from the groups in their zone to be used in the certification of delegates, Please have this completed by May 18.

Pres. Hartwig made a motion to accept the following slate of officers for election at the district convention - motion carried.

VP of Organizational Resources: Margaret Kistler

Treasurer: Marna Mohr

VP of Communication: Becky Gluesing

VP of Human Care: Kay Berry

Junior Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Matthew Vesey and Rev. James Preus

Pastor Roepke led the closing worship service.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Sheryl Zinda Recording Secretary



# LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2024

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

# **IED LWML PRESIDENT: - Martha Hartwig**

Activities since Feb. 2024

Received and submitted information about LWQ

Attended Convention Committee meetings as needed

Corresponded with St Silas women with respect to having an LWML group Attended zone gatherings in Waterloo, Sumner, Mason City, Newton, and Monticello

Corresponded with Keynote speaker Erin Alter, LWML representative Karen Morrison,

and Gifts of Love representative Ann Carrick, LCMS President Saunders

Sent registration information for special guests

Preparation for IED convention as needed

Correspondence as needed

## V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: - Carolyn Zimmerman

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - Liz Roberts Christian Life Committee has been gearing up for the convention with items for the LWML store. Hopefully we will have a good selection available. I have been contacted by an LWMLer from another area about being able to purchase a t shirt and bracelet. I have let her know that I will check back with her after our convention. I have had a few prayer requests and fulfilled those requests.

# V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Helen Huedepohl

I have answered emails, posted requested promotions or news on Facebook, and helped proofread documents when asked.

Historian/Archivist-Diane Paulson
ALIVE Newsletter Editor

**Webmaster-** Jeanette Kreutner Making some progress on this but not as much as hoped.

**Registrar-Margaret Kistler** 

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kreutner The greatest accomplishment was the fact that we were able to pay all Mission Grants with money raised during the 2022-2024 biennium. Against all odds you ladies did it!!! WE will not need to carry over any obligations to the new biennium

We are starting to receive student aid applications. Please remind your students to apply!

Student Aid Committee- We also want to allow teachers who want to be rostered Lutheran school teachers to apply for financial aid for the colloquy training. The cost appears to be about \$4,500. We would like to propose giving aid up to \$1,000 during the course of the training. We would like put this before the board today

# V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Angie Banko

I have been communicating with the convention co-chairs in planning for the collection of the Gifts from the Heart.

**RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda -**

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan

Since the February 10, 2024, board meeting I have been receiving the societies' mites, memorials, etc., and have made the following deposits:

**<u>DEPOSITS</u>**: (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals, Misc.)

March 4, 2024	\$3,825.94
March 21, 2024	\$6,213.08
March 28, 2024	\$5,441.13
April 6, 2024	\$4,493.50
April 29, 2024	\$4,811.43
May 11, 2024	\$2,343.21

TOTAL - \$27,128.29

Thank you for all of your mites - 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 March 31,2024 are summarized below. The full financial report and the 2022-2024 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. The entire commitment of \$30,000 has been met. The 2022-2024 mission grants funded totaled \$81,096. 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 eighth quarter (January-March), we paid 5 mission grants for a total of \$26,527.37 This included \$10,000 to Valley Lutheran School, \$1027.37 to Wartburg Walther League, \$5,000 to LCMS for the Hope for the Hopeless program, \$5,000 to Matongo Seminary Chapel and \$5,500 to Concordia Seminary to help address the pastoral shortage. This brings our total mission grant dispersals for the biennium to \$72,596. In the 1st quarter of the 2024-2026 biennium, we have paid the remaining \$2,500 grant to Camp Io-Dis E-Ca. Currently all of the requested mission grants have been funded for the 2022-2024 biennium. LERT will not be requesting the final \$6,000 of their request.

#### **Current financials stand as follows:**

Balance on hand as of	01/01/2024		\$ 13,368.44
Income received since	01/01/2024	+	\$ 24,266.76
Less expenses since	01/01/2024	-	\$ 32,791.14
Balance on hand as of	03/31/2024	=	\$ 4,844.06

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$104,171 as of 03/31/2024. This is an increase of \$1,311 from the 12/31/2023 balance resulting from a change in market value. Thanks be to God for another increase in this fund. Later this year, dividends will be sent to us that are used for student aid.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$4,070 as of 03/31/2024. At the beginning of the next biennium, I will withdraw all but \$100 to keep the account open. The funds will be deposited and logged as mites.

COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth -

**COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev. Chris Roepke** 

#### **ZONE PRESIDENTS**

**BENTON: - Vicki Gardemann -**

**CEDAR RAPIDS: - Ginny Boyer-** The Cedar Rapids Spring event was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids on April 13th, 2024, with the theme "Sharing the Joy of God's Love". We opened the meeting with a buffet brunch. Our Christian Life Committee presented a skit titled ""What gives a Woman Strength and Joy". Rev. Brent Hartwig led us in a Bible study focusing on "Joy". He talked about the book of Philippians that has many verses containing the word joy.

Cindy Goerdt from Bethany spoke about Bethany's Comfort Dog Ministry. She emphasized the history of starting this ministry and the service that it provides to many in the Cedar Rapids area. April Deppe and Mary Haase were approved as YWRs for the IED Convention. 52 members attended the event with 11 others. 164 items of different types of canned meat were collect for the Bethany Food Pantry.

#### **CLINTON: - Patti Christiansen**

The Clinton Zone Spring Rally was held on April 6, 2024 at Grace Lutheran, DeWitt. Pastor Obermann opened with a devotion on the ninth chapter of Isaiah. The speaker was Michelle Diercks, author of Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God's Presence. Items for layette kits were collected and will be sent to World Relief. The event was attended by 29 members, 2 guests and 1 Pastor.

**DAVENPORT:** - Lois Kundel - The LWML Davenport Zone Spring Rally was held at Immanuel Lutheran on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Pastor Ferch, Immanuel, and Pastor Hoft, Park View, both spoke on the Rally Bible verse John 10:10b.

During the **Servant Events**, baby fleece blankets and quilts were tied, 12 diaper bags filled, and Ingathering baby items were sorted and packed. All items were delivered to Pregnancy Resources and the Women's Choice Center.

#### **Rally Details:**

- Attendance: 37 ladies, 3 pastors.
- Mites collected \$179.86, Zone funds \$186.00, Ingathering dollars \$150.00.
- There was a total of 1691 Ingathering items donated, included in that number was: 1095 diapers, 97 onesies, 62 receiving blankets/quilts, 103 pairs of socks, 55 packs of diaper wipes, and many other needed baby items.
- A motion was made and passed to donate an additional \$500.00 to the IED Mite Fund, to support IED grants and scholarships.

# **DUBUQUE: - Margaret Kistle**

## **ELDORA:** - Joy Reinert

On April 20, 2024 our Spring Rally was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hubbard.

The theme was "We Preach Christ Crucified" based on 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. The guest speaker was David Fiala who is an international mission advocate of the LCMS. He said that he "travels to visit contributors, congregations, LWMLs and bible study groups to share news about how our church is carrying out her mission." The Ingathering was designated to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for Andreasen, a missionary in Romania. Katlin Armbrecht, our YWR to the 2024 District Convention in June was confirmed and introduced.

#### **MARSHALLTOWN: - Tammi Christensen**

The Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally was held April 20, 2024 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Newton. The theme was, "God Values Us at Every Age", Deuteronomy 31:8 was the theme verse. Pastor Robert Ricard led Responsive Prayer II. Rev. Dr. James Lamb from Lutheran Family Services spoke on "The Other End of Life". His presentation covered the theological and practical aspects of end-of-life issues. Christian Life presented a skit, "Disciple Stew". Lunch was served. President Martha Hartwig shared her report. Pastor Joel Picard led the Bible Study on Psalm 90. There was a brief business meeting. Pastor Ricard led Daily Prayer. Attendance was 51 including 3 pastors and 2 guests. \$510.00 was given in a love offering for Lutheran Family Service. \$96.50 was given at the book sale for mites. The Zone offering was \$286.00. Trinity - Chariton will host the Fall Rally in October 2024.

MT. PLEASANT: - Becky Ernst . We had our Spring Rally April 20th 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church in Mt, Pleasant. The theme was God's House-Then and Now with the theme verse Psalm 122:1. Pastor Michael Scudder of Mt Pleasant led our program and Bible study on the Tabernacle and why it was built like it was; and how churches are built with that in mind based on Exodus 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell in their midst." An ingathering was collected for the future work in Romania by Rev. Jordan Andreasen and his family. There were 16 members, 4 Pastors and 1 guest in attendance. Our Savior in Muscatine will host the Fall LWML rally on October 19th 2024.

ST. ANSGAR: - Betty Borchardt - Our Spring Event was held April 13th at Bethlehem, Mason City. Our speaker was dietitian Ann Scott who reminded us that "All Good Things, All Good Food: God the Source of All Good Nutrition." The scripture was Genesis 9:3. Ingathering and Gifts From the Heart were items to be transported to Orphan Grain Train collection site in Clemens and food items for Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank in Mason City. The proposed changes to the bylaws were approved. There were 34 Members, 4 Pastors and 2 Guests in attendance

# **WATERLOO:** - Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone.

The Waterloo Zone held their Prayer Service and Spring Gathering on 17

February at Our Redeemer in Cedar Falls. It was hosted by the Women of Peace, Shellrock and Our Redeemer. Total attendance was 29. Our Zone Counselor, Pastor Kevin Richter, was sworn in by Pastor Michael Knox. Our YWR for the Convention, Mary Dubke, was introduced. A servant event followed the Prayer Service. Fleece blankets for Valley graduates were cut and sewn. An invitation to the Fall Rally to be held at St. John in Denver was given by Gayle Rector. Date TBD.

WESTGATE: - Deaconess Faith Swenson It's been a busy quarter! We held our spring rally at St. Paul's, Sumner on April 6, 2024. Our speakers were the grief support committee that was formed last fall to address and care for men and women in our zone grieving for one reason or another. On April 13, the grief committee hosted Rev. Kincaid who led a workshop on grief. In February I attended (along with our convention co-chair Nancy Maurer) the Westgate Circuit winkle and met with the pastors about upcoming events and how they can support the women in their congregations and vice-versa. Lastly, we continue to prepare for the convention.

#### **WILLIAMSBURG- Jo Johnson**

The Williamsburg Zone held their Spring Rally April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, Homestead. The theme was "Joy in Our Journey" from the bible verse Nehemiah 8:10 which reads "The Joy of the Lord is your strength". After a delicious brunch, Pastor Preus had opening devotions. As our mite offering was collected, we sang our convention song, "Shout it Out". Our YWR, Holly Geiger from St. John's, Homestead was introduced to everyone as well as intros to Jaclyn Kolesar and Cassie Roberts. These ladies will represent our Zone during the Convention. IED District convention coming in June was discussed with a report from Carol Meyer, Co-Chair of the convention. Reminding everyone of the Mite challenge, the Praise Light Memorial, and the discount for sending registrations before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Speakers, election of officers and delegates were all discussed. After the business meeting, Pastor Preus led the Bible Study based on the theme from Nehimiah 8:10, concluding that "our strength is not in our own might, but the Lord."

Our In-Service event was coloring cards to send along with gas cards for families with members that are at the University of Iowa Hospitals. Over \$700 was collected for gas cards. We had 29 women and 1 Pastor in attendance. Ottumwa will be hosting the fall rally.

## **APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

# **MEETING MANAGER: - Bonnie Thompson**

#### ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN: - Diane Paulson

I am working on collecting all Zone reports to complete this biennium. I am also working on the Historian display for convention.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: - Judy Westergren.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - Linda Allan** 

**WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: - Dori Stanek** 

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Karen Boehme & Margaret Kistler OMAHA 2025 – bus signup sheet will be at the IED convention 2024 NOTE: Karen and Margaret will not be coordinators for Omaha convention.

**IED CONVENTION MANAGER: Cheryl Killham –** Communicating with Convention Registrar regarding registered exhibitors and session attendees. Communicating with the hotel on behalf of the needs of the convention zone committees and changes with the menu.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

**HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -**

## YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2023-2025: -

**Lindsey Wyckoff** 

**Rachel Courtney** 

Clarissa Spiehs

Naomi Iltis

Member Development Committee have asked the YWR Representatives 2023-2025 to assist with the YWR Orientation, Vendor booth, Convention activities etc.

Lindsey and Rachel are available. Naomi and Clarissa are unavailable this time.

2024 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: -

## **IED CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS: Carol Meyer Nancy Maurer**

The Convention Handbook is being reviewed for corrections and will go to print soon at

Print Express. There are 30 Praise Light Memorial names that will be displayed on a table outside of the banquet/meeting room. Daniel Sanchez has 9 included LWML announcements in the IDE Church Workers Packet for April. Monthly bulletin inserts have been sent out. Nancy and Carol both attended Pastor Winkle meetings to announce the convention and speak about LWML. We put convention announcements and updates in the spring issue of The ALIVE.

We are excited about the upcoming convention and cannot wait to see you all there! Shout It Out! Praise the Lord!

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Annette Raebel -**

**ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Loretta Wuerdeman** 

**G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - Hannah Raebel** 

## **COMMITTEES:**

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**:Committee meeting ahead of BOD meeting.

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: -Tammi Christensen

#### **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme**

The Member Development Committee has been busy with details for the convention with YWR's. With thanks to God and ladies dedication - there will be 10 YWR's serving from various IED zones! There are plans for a vendor booth by our committee, YWR orientation at 10AM on Friday, YWR (past and present) and young women at the convention luncheon at 11:30 AM on Friday, and our new YWR's will be leading the opening service on Saturday morning. Hotel rooms and roommates will be assigned in the near future for our ten ladies.

Cedar Rapids Zone- April Deppe & Mary Haase; Davenport Zone - Cherise Valdez; Eldora Zone-Katlin Armbrecht; St Ansgar - Rachel Paulus; Waterloo Zone - Mary Dubke; Westgate Zone - Stacy Armbrecht; Williamsburg Zone - Holly Geiger, Jaclyn Kolesar & Cassie Roberts

March, April and May - IWML Mailbox newsletters were emailed to YWR's.

**STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: - Carolyn Zimmerman** 

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: - see VP's note - unless Jan Brown has information to add.

**HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: - Angie Banko** 

**MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - Jeanette Kreutner** 

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: -

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -**

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme, Chairwoman**

Thanks for your assistance in helping with the Nominating Committee! Names to date for the election ballot at convention-to be approved at the May BOD meeting.

VP of Organizational Resources --- Margaret Kistler

VP of Communications --- Becky Gluesing

VP of Human Care --- Kay Berry

Treasurer --- Marna Mohr

Jr Pastoral Counselor – Rev Matthew Vesey and Pastor James Preus

NOTE: From LWML IED By-laws June 2020 Section 4

Nominations for elected officers may be made from the floor of the convention provided written consent of

the nominee has been secured and she meets the stipulated qualifications for office.

# Attendance for May 11, 2024



#### Executive Committee

Martha Hartwig, President Present Helen Huedepohl, VP of Communication Present Sheryl Zinda, Recording Secretary Present Rev Christopher Roepke Present Rev. Jon Ellingworth Present Carolyn Zimmerman, VP of Organizational Resources Present Jeanette Kreutner, VP of Gospel Outreach Present Angie Banko, VP of Human Care Present Becky Gluesing, Treasurer Absent Jennifer Determan, Financial Secretary Present Elizabeth Roberts, VP of Christian Life Present

#### Zone President

Vicki Gardemann, Benton Zone Present

Ginny Boyer, Cedar Rapids Zone Present

Patti Christiansen, Clinton Zone Present

Lois Kundel, Davenport Zone Present

Margaret Kistler, Dubuque Zone Present

Joy Reinert Eldora Zone Present

Becky Ernst, Mt. Pleasant Zone Present Nancy McHone, Waterloo Zone Present Carol Lau, rep for Westgate Zone Present Jo Ann Johnson, Williamsburg Zone Present Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone Present Tammy Christianson, Marshalltown Zone Present Appointed Personnel and Committee Bonnie Thompson, Meeting Manager Present Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian Present Linda Allan, Speaker's Bureau Present Dori Stanek, LWR Coordinator Absent Karen Boehme, Member Development Present Chery Killman, Convention Manager Present Carol Meyer, 2024 Convention co-chair Present Nancy Maurer, 2024 Convention co-chair Present Jan Brown, Christian Life Committee Present Annette Raebel Alive Editor Absent Loretta Wuerdeman Co-Editor Present Kay Berry, Christian Life Committee Absent Diane Paulson, Historian Present In-person= 32