

**LWML - IOWA EAST DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August 10, 2024 - Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA

OPENING WORSHIP - Pastor Vesey

CALL TO ORDER: VP Margaret Kistler called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Introductions of new board members were done. Becky Gluesing moved to approve the printed agenda - seconded and passed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: May BOD minutes were posted on the LWML-IED website for review and also read by Recording Secretary Sheryl Zinda. Minutes stand approved as read and posted. VP Kistler appointed Betty Borchardt and Nancy McHone for minutes review.

TREASURER: See submitted report. Report will be filed for review. Balance on hand as of 8/9/24 is \$17,482.98 which includes scholarship funds.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See submitted report. The \$250 gift made to all LWML districts in May was deposited in the IED checking account to hold for use until the Omaha 2025 convention.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: See submitted report. There is currently a pop-up sale of items on lwml.org.

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS: See submitted report. Annette Raebel, ALIVE coordinator, would like feedback on going over the 12 page limit for the ALIVE if needed. The limit was in place when it was being published on paper, but now that it is online only there is no charge. Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner is working with Daniel Sanchez to make the website easier to use. Registrar Margaret Kistler reported that as of the end of July, half of the district groups have paid for their Quarterlies. New statements will be going out soon for what is still owed.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: See submitted report. Jeanette Kreutner reported that of the \$73,500 of mission grants approved at the June convention, \$22,500 has already been requested from recipients. We pay the grants in order as they are requested and as funds are available, and groups were encouraged to promptly send their mite collections in. Scholarships: There are 4 seminary students and 5 undergraduate students receiving scholarships this year. On recommendation from the EC, Jeanette moved that \$7500 would be divided between the 4 seminary students, and \$7500 be divided between the 5 undergraduate students. This means that each seminary student will receive \$1,875 paid out in full in the fall, and each undergrad will receive \$1,500 split between the fall and spring semesters. No second needed - motion passed.

The amount from the endowment fund that goes to the 9 scholarship recipients is \$5,370.78. Becky Gluesing moved to add \$29.22 from the general fund to give each student an even amount of \$600. Motion seconded and passed.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: See submitted report.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Margaret Kistler asked that if zones update their bylaws to now send the revisions to her for review. Karen Boehme, Member Development Committee, thanked everyone for a great district convention on behalf of the YWR'S and looks forward to bringing the young women to the Omaha convention.

PASTORAL COUNSELORS: See submitted reports.

ZONE PRESIDENTS REPORTS: See submitted reports. Jeanette Kreutner reported for the Dubuque zone that their fall gathering will be September 21 at St. Paul, Delaware and they will be packing school kits.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: See submitted report.

STANDING COMMITTEES: See submitted reports. LWR pickup in Cedar Rapids is Oct. 19 - 8:30-11:00 and Decorah Nov. 2 - 7:30-10:30. More information and forms will be on the website and ALIVE.

FALL RETREAT: See submitted report.

POST 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT: See submitted report.

2025 CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Misty Lutz reported plans will be announced at the Nov. BOD meeting.

The Christian Life Committee presented the skit "Keeping a Child-like Faith".

Pastor Ellingworth opened the afternoon session with a Bible study from the Quarterly - "Steadfast in Faith - First Article Blessings".

There was no unfinished business brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS: A proposed pairing of zones to host the district conventions was presented.

Kay Berry moved "on recommendation from the EC we accept the proposed convention host zone pairings and the years they will host". No second needed - motion passed. The zone pairings and years to host are:

2026 - Benton and Cedar Rapids

2028 - Clinton and Davenport

2030 - Dubuque and Waterloo

2032 - Eldora and Marshalltown

2034 - Mt. Pleasant and Williamsburg

2036 - St. Ansgar and Westgate

The EC also brought forth information on Arrowhead Conferences and Events to assist the host zones with convention planning. Sheryl Zinda moved "on recommendation from the EC, IED will use Arrowhead Conferences and Events to find locations, negotiate site fees, and advise LWML-IED on contracts". No second needed - motion passed. Arrowhead is a not-for-profit organization with the goal of helping Christian groups plan and execute cost-effective events.

Betty Borchardt moved as recommended by President Hartwig to appoint Misty Lutz as the 2025 Convention Bus Coordinator, motion seconded and passed.

Kay Berry reported that \$331 was collected for Gifts from the Heart and will be sent to Iowa West District flood relief efforts.

Pastor Vesey led the closing worship service. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Sheryl Zinda  
Recording Secretary

Attendance for Aug. 10, 2024

Executive Committee:

Martha Hartwig, President	Absent
Marna Mohr, Treasurer	Present
Rev. Jon Ellingworth, Sr. Pastoral Counselor	Present
Rev. Matthew Vesey, Jr. Pastoral Counselor	Present
Kay Berry, VP of Human Care	Present
Jeanette Kreutner, VP of Gospel Outreach, Webmaster	Present
Liz Roberts, VP of Christian Life	Present
Jen Determan, Financial Secretary	Present
Becky Gluesing, VP of Communications	Present
Sheryl Zinda, Recording Secretary	Present
Margaret Kistler, VP of Organizational Resources	Present

Zone Presidents:

Lois Kundel, Davenport Zone	Present
Nancy McHone, Waterloo Zone	Present
Carol Lau, VP of Westgate Zone	Present
Becky Ernst, Mt. Pleasant Zone	Present
Tammi Christensen, Marshalltown Zone	Present
Patti Christiansen, Clinton Zone	Present
Jo Johnson, Williamsburg Zone	Present
Joy Reinert, Eldora Zone	Present
Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone	Present
Ginny Boyer, Cedar Rapids Zone	Present
Margaret Kistler, Dubuque Zone	Present (also an EC member)
Vicki Gardemann, Benton Zone	Absent

Appointed Personnel and Committee Members:

Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian	Present
Tammy McKay, Christian Life	Present
Diane Paulson, Historian	Present
Karen Kuesel, Christian Life	Present
Linda Allan, Speaker's Bureau	Present
Nancy Maurer, Co-chair 2024 Convention	Present
Carol Meyer, Co-chair 2024 Convention	Present
Annette Raebel, ALIVE Editor	Present
Cheryl Killham, Convention Manager	Present
Gretchen Rasmussen, Short-term Mission Coordinator	Present
Misty Lutz, Member Development	Present
Karen Boehme, Member Development	Present



## LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

**MEETING DATE: August 10, 2024**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**IED LWML PRESIDENT:** - Martha Hartwig - My shoulder surgery went very well. Your prayers, thoughts, and cards were great positive encouragement. Retreat is a possibility for me to attend, depending on how the healing progresses. Recovery hasn't been as painful as some online reports led me to believe, but I certainly wouldn't suggest it for a fun experience. Knowing God's blessings already prepared for us gives great comfort and strength. Medical advancements are amazing!

2024 IED LWML Convention:

Thanks for all the hard work that helped us Shout it Out - Praise the Lord.

After district conventions,, information is passed on to LWML officers so grant totals from all districts are compiled.

Convention guidelines are being revised.

Evaluations we reviewed.

A possible pairing of zones to host conventions are compiled.

Resources to find possible convention sites are being considered through Arrowhead Conference and Events.

Plans for 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha are under way. Grant proposal guidelines are available at lwml.org. The deadline for submission is September 1, 2024.

Promotional materials are also available on the lwml.org site.

It's not too early to begin planning possible Young Woman Representatives for Omaha. Also begin thinking about possible district banner designs. Information about bus travel will be coming.

This fall we have opportunities to plan events at our zone gatherings as well as LWML Sunday events in our congregation. Please include information about zone fall gatherings in the zone president reports for today's meeting. I will be checking the dates and hope to attend some.

Blessings on your work today as we serve Him together,

Martha

**V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES:** - Margaret Kistler -

**V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE:** - Liz Roberts - Our convention duties as Christian Life Committee; we prepared and performed skits: 1 was about the bylaws and the other was to give a cheer for our meeting the mite goal. The LWML store was well visited and many items were purchased. The idea of making District t-shirts I think there were

about 20 sold, so maybe visit that idea later.

Tammy McKay volunteered to fill the position that Kay Berry had as a member of the Christian Life Committee. Thank you Tammy! And also many thanks to Kay for her support and help!.

### **V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Becky Gluesing -**

Helen and I had a phone transition meeting, so Becky Gluesing is officially the new VP of Communication. I've barely gotten my feet wet and have a lot of learning to feel comfortable in the new role but with God's help and all the assistance from my wonderful LWML members I'm sure I'll get there. Messages continue to be sent out as requested. Please contact me if there is anything you want or need. Even if it's a question that can be sent to the group to assist in your duties.

Jeanette Kreutner, with the help of Daniel Sanchez, has been working to make the LWML-IED website more user friendly. Check it out when you get a chance. I did find the improvements helpful. Speaking of the Webmaster. Jeanette is also the VP of Gospel Outreach. Holding both positions is quite a workload and we are looking for a new Webmaster. Having Daniel Sanchez available for IT assistance will be quite helpful. Please prayerfully consider whether you could serve the Lord in this role.

**V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kreutner -** The convention delegates voted for \$73,500 worth of mission grants . To date we have already received requests for funds for \$22,500. This is 30% of our total mission grants. We are receiving requests for funds much earlier this biennium than we did the last biennium. As I explained at the convention, mission grants are paid in the order that requests are received and funds are available.

We have 9 scholarship recipients this year. 4 are seminary students and 5 are undergraduate students. The executive committee would like to propose that we award 7500 to the seminary students and 7500 to the undergraduate students. That means each seminary student would receive \$1,875 and each undergraduate would receive \$1,500. The entire scholarship amount for seminary students is paid in the fall, and the undergraduate scholarships are divided between the fall and spring semesters. If the above proposal is accepted by the Board of Directors, that means we will be dispersing \$11,250 this fall and \$3,750 for the spring semester.

The amount from the endowment fund is \$5,370.78. We will need to add six cents to make it divide evenly between the nine students to receive \$596.76 a piece.

**V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Kay Berry** - I will be handing out a new Gifts of the Heart In-Gathering Zone rotation for future Board Meetings. This meeting is a monetary donation for Iowa West Relief Efforts. We will also continue to send cards each meeting to our scholarship recipients.

**RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda** - I attended all EC and BOD meetings and the 2024 IED convention which was a wonderful time of fellowship and praise.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan** -

Since the May 11, 2024, board meeting I have been receiving the societies' mites, memorials, etc., and there were several deposits from the Zone Convention. I have made the following deposits:

**DEPOSITS:** (Mites, Memorials, Periodicals, Convention Offerings, Misc.)

June 21, 2024	\$3,098.94	
June 21, 2024	\$3,511.00	(Friday Offering @ Convention)
June 22, 2024	\$3,809.28	(Mite Challenge @ Convention)
June 28, 2024	\$ 599.36	(Reimbursement Payments for YWR Hotel Rooms)
July 16, 2024	\$1,389.50	(LWML Store @ Convention)
July 17, 2024	\$ 750.00	(Praise the Light Memorials)
July 29, 2024	\$4,590.43	
August 10, 2024	\$1,485.00	(Sat. Offering @ Convention to The Iowa Co. Food Bank) **
August 10, 2024	<u>\$1,248.25</u>	

**TOTAL - \$20,481.76**

Thank you for all of your mites and offerings - To God be the Glory!

\*\* A note about the Saturday offering at Convention - The total offering for the Iowa County Food Bank was \$1,620 broken down as follows: \$135 in checks made payable to the Food Bank directly, \$290 in checks payable to LWML IED, and \$1,195 in cash.

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: - Marna Mohr** -

Submitted by Becky Gluesing - the info provided occurred while Becky was treasurer

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of June 30,2024 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 2024-2026 budget includes \$30,000 for student scholarships. No scholarship payments have been made for this biennium. The 2024-2026 mission grants approved totaled \$73,500. All requested grants from the previous biennium were funded in that biennium. LERT will not be requesting the final \$6,000 of their request. No mission grants have been funded in the current biennium. Student scholarships are the first priority of the new biennium. Scholarship amounts will be determined at the August BOD meeting. Funds are available to meet this commitment.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	04/01/2024		\$ 4,844.06
Income received since	04/01/2024	+	\$ 26,861.72
Less expenses since	04/01/2024	-	\$ 20,334.02
Balance on hand as of	06/30/2024	=	\$ 11,371.76

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$107,652 as of 06/30/2024. This is an increase of \$3,481 from the 03/31/2024 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. \$3,969 was withdrawn from the account at the beginning of the biennium. There is a \$100 minimum required to maintain the account. As of 6/30/2024 there was a balance of \$657.36 in this account.

**COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth -**

Convention, convention, convention! I had a great time at the Convention! Really enjoyed getting to meet new people and to get to know some I already knew better. So much good to celebrate. I very much enjoyed leading the Bible study; such an enthusiastic and responsive crowd! Thanks and blessings for the next biennium! To God alone be all glory.

**COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Matthew Vesey -** Had a delightful time at the convention and looking forward to serving our lovely Lutheran Women in Mission this coming biennium.



## **ZONE PRESIDENTS**

**BENTON:** - Vicki Gardemann -

**CEDAR RAPIDS:** - Ginny Boyer - I enjoyed the Iowa East District Convention and felt that it went very well. For me, the Bible Studies and Worship Service were the highlights. Being a member of the chorus was good. The business of the meeting proceeded well.

The Cedar Rapids Zone Board will meet on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to plan our Fall Event at King of Kings. The Fall Event is planned for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will share their experiences with disaster relief. Their trailer will be available for us to see. The ingathering will be items needed for the trailer. King of Kings members have gone to Iowa West to help with flood relief this summer. I am looking forward to attending the IED Fall Retreat this September.

**CLINTON:** - Patti Christiansen -

The Fall Rally will be held on October 5, at Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Mound.

**DAVENPORT:** - Lois Kundel - The IED Convention in Cedar Rapids was awesome, spiritually uplifting, energizing and fun. The Davenport Zone had 13 women in attendance, including a YWR. Immanuel's Pastor Bradley Ferch attended the Pastor's luncheon; he even came early so he could attend more of the convention and visit the exhibitors. The hotel and convention center was a great facility. The highlight of the convention for me was pinning our Davenport Zone YWR Cherise Valdez. It was doubly rewarding because she was not only our Zone YWR, but also attends my church Immanuel Lutheran and is our newest LWML Mission Club member. The Davenport Zone Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, September 28, at Park View Lutheran Church in Eldridge, Ia.

**DUBUQUE:** - Margaret Kistler -

**ELDORA:** - Joy Reinert - Seven Eldora Zone ladies and our YWR Katlin Armbrecht attended the Iowa East District Convention in Cedar Rapids in June. On July 24, the Zone held a Fun Night at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hubbard. Pastor Wagner led devotions to start the evening. The Ingathering was a monetary donation for St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Mo. where Clarissa Spiehs, a Milwaukee

Convention YWR, teaches and is one of the girls' dormitory supervisors. The school is fundraising for its Capital Campaign which includes redoing their science classrooms. For fun we had an LWML style Family Feud. Afterwards everyone helped fill welcome bags with snacks for the dormitory students which includes international students. The Eldora Zone invites you to the Fall Retreat on September 13 and 14.

**MARSHALLTOWN:** - **Tammi Christensen** - The Marshalltown Zone Fall Rally will be October 5 at Trinity in Chariton. Our speaker will be Toni Larson from Lutheran Family Service of Fort Dodge. She will speak about Dementia and the challenges caregivers face in caring for those with dementia. Pastor Nathan Knaus will lead the Bible Study. There will be a short business meeting. Zone Pastoral Counselor Rev. Robert Ricard from Trinity - State Center will install new officers. The rally will conclude with lunch at noon.

**MT. PLEASANT:** - **Becky Ernst** - Our zone had a lot of members who were able to attend the district convention in June. It was so much fun to attend. The zone board meeting will be August 17th. The fall rally will be held on October 19th at Our Savior Lutheran church in Muscatine. Registration and breakfast is at 8:30 and the opening worship will begin at 9am.

**ST. ANSGAR:** - **Betty Borchardt** - Seven LWML members from the zone attended the convention, plus our YWR, Rachal Paulus. It was a joy to have her attend. Also in attendance for the pastor's luncheon and the Opening Worship was Pastor Miller of Elma.

The summer board meeting will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, The Fall Event will be held at Redeemer, Ventura with a tentative date of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WATERLOO:** - **Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone** - Our Fall Gathering will be held at St. John Lutheran in Denver on Saturday, September 28. Registration is at 8:15. The theme for the Gathering is "Just As I Am". The speaker will be Michele Hartshorn, Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations for Lutherans for Life. Our Zone is also working to revise our ByLaws.

**WESTGATE:** - **Deaconess Faith Swenson** - Co-hosted Convention in June with Williamsburg. Finishing up wrap-up on convention. Our Zone Rally will be on September 28 at St. John's, Waverly. St. John's Waverly and St. John's Artesian will be hosting. Our Grief Support Committee continues to meet, is growing, and is in the planning stages for another workshop.

It was great hosting the district convention together with the Williamsburg Zone. Thanks to those able to be with us.

We enjoyed Stacy Ambrecht as our zone YWR.

We will miss our Zone President, Deaconess Faith Swenson. Her husband Rev Jacob Swenson accepted a Divine Call to serve at West Portal Church located in San Francisco, CA. We are grateful for her service to LWML while in the Westgate zone. " Shout it out! Praise the Lord!"

**WILLIAMSBURG: - Jo Johnson** - As we wrapped up the convention it was dubbed a success and was enjoyed by the majority of the attendees. The survey comments gave some great suggestions which I hope will be looked and acted on for the next convention. Trinity of Ottumwa will be hosting our Fall Rally. Date and theme will be coming. Elections for new officers will be done at the Fall Rally.

### **APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

**MEETING MANAGER:** - Bonnie Thompson - I will not be able to attend the August 10th meeting. I would ask that you keep my father in your prayers, as he has fallen and broke his pelvis. At 86 years old he is healing very slowly. We so greatly appreciate it.

**ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN :** - Diane Paulson - I have been working on getting materials together for the past biennium.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** - Judy Westergren -

**SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR:** - Linda Allan - No changes to report at this time. Please let me know of any entries that are no longer valid. Thanks.

**WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR:** - Dori Stanek -

**LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR:** -

**IED CONVENTION MANAGER:** - Cheryl Killham - Met with President Martha to discuss 2026 convention. Updated LWML IED Convention Planning Guide.

**SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR:** - Gretchen Rasmussen - Working with MOST Ministries to formalize a short-term mission trip to Belize on November 15 - 22, 2025. The mission team in Belize is excited to host a group from Iowa East District during that time frame! The mission grant approved for our new biennium will help kick off funding for participants. More info to come as plans are finalized. Please share this opportunity with your groups/Zones and consider collecting eyeglasses or doing service projects in support of MOST Ministries! More information and project resources may be

found here: [https://www.mostministries.org/serving\\_at\\_most](https://www.mostministries.org/serving_at_most)

## **HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -**

## **YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2023-2025: -**

**Lindsey Wyckof Rachel Courtney Clarissa Spiels 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: - Lora Duncan and Carole Spiels** - Retreat will be held September 13 and 14 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Theme is Psalm 62:7. We have two confirmed speakers: Katlin Armbricht and Lutheran Family Services and have an ask out to a third. There is a special issue of the Alive on the Website with the schedule and registration. There will not be a VBS this year since we didn't have a volunteer for this. Start gathering supplies for camp and eyeglasses and sunglasses for MOST ministries. Bring a small rock or two to paint and take home and some hymn tune knowledge for hymn bingo. It will be a weekend of fun and fellowship.

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

The 2024 LWML IED Convention had a total of 225 attendees over 2 days, June 21-22. Offering #1, LWML IED Mite Goal was \$3,511.00. Offering #2, The Iowa County Food Bank, was \$1,620.009. Our Mega Megaphone Mite Challenge raised \$3,809.00, including a \$500 donation from LCEF. Gifts From the Heart donations were school items plus \$1,607 for Community Lutheran School, Readlyn, \$1,626.83 for Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg, and baby items and \$1,137.00 for Swaddling Clothes in Marengo. Servant events included making hymnal markers, cards, and bracelets. There were 20 exhibit tables. The LWML store was well stocked with a variety of items.

Carol compiled all of the convention evaluations and sent that report out to the convention committee. For the most part, the comments were very positive! Many said it was one of the best ever! A few concerns were, of course, the Friday meals, having 1 Bible study on Friday and Saturday instead of both on Saturday. There was some disappointment with Erin Alter, banquet speaker. The Banquet Room was too cold, need more stretch breaks, and use the microphone whenever anyone speaks. People were happy to see a choir, song selections, and pianist! We have a \$9,655 surplus in our convention checking account. All expenses have been paid and \$1,000 seed money will be sent to the next convention committee. Nancy and I tried to keep registration cost down as much as possible. We encouraged societies to apply for Thrivent Action Cards. There were several of

those used. Williamsburg and Westgate Zones did a great job at keeping expenses down. Every society in both zones that was assigned a job never turned in a bill. All materials were donated. St. James, Victor, donated all of the convention bags. Lutheran Interparish and St. John's, Victor, donated all of the paper for the name and meal tags and the Opening and Closing Worship folders. Peace, Oelwein and Our Redeemer, Independence donated all of the Servant Event materials. Hope Lutheran Sigourney, and Trinity Lutheran, Ottumwa, donated all materials for decorating the tables, plus whatever other materials that we don't know about. The convention banner was paid for out of the convention funds. The convention committee will meet to decide about the surplus. Margaret Kistler, Martha Hartwig, Nancy Maurer, and Carol Meyer met to begin rewriting the Convention Planning Guide. We will finish this in the next few months. Nancy and Carol would like to thank Annette Raebel, Convention Handbook editor, for all of her hard work. The 3 of us were in charge of compiling the handbook. It was printed by Print Express, Independence, Iowa. With the donation of Thrivent Action cards, the final bill was \$511.00. Also, a big thank you to Helen Huedepohl and Loretta Wuerdeman for proofreading the Convention Handbook. We had 20 pastors at the Opening Worship service. They were treated to a Pastor's Luncheon before the service. A convention T-shirt was done. Daniel Sanchez put several convention items in the monthly church workers packet. Please remember this is available to LWML at any time.

**WEBMASTER:** - Jeanette Kreutner- Made a page for the Fall retreat. Posted the updated bylaws and Mission Grant information

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** - Annette Raebel - The *Alive* IED Convention Issue has gone out with wonderful pictures that were submitted. Also, the *Alive* IED Fall Retreat Invitation Issue has been sent out as well. If you plan to attend the retreat, be sure to get your registration sent in to the appropriate person! If you have not received either of these issues, please contact me and I'll send you a copy. Thank you!

**ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** - Loretta Wuerdeman -

**G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR:** - Hannah Raebel - We are still working through transferring accounts and getting people comfortable with them. If anyone has an updated roster, please share it so that we can add it to the shared drive.

**Registrar:** - Margaret Kistler -

## **COMMITTEES:**

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report

**NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - Tammi Christensen -**

Thank you to everyone who shared the names and contact information of new church workers with our committee at the district convention. Welcome packets were sent in July to: Rev. James Rockhill at Trinity-Osage, Vicar Harvey Peters at Our Redeemer-Cedar Falls, Rev. Isaiah Armbrecht at Our Savior-Manchester, as well as new teachers Susan Guehmann, Jason Specht, Lexi Long, Beth Williams and Lori Rulfs of Trinity-Davenport, and teachers Jared Campbell and Carla Chabal of Lutheran Interparish School of Williamsburg.

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

IED was blessed to have ten zone YWR's at the convention! The committee shared about LWML and enjoyed spending time with each one of them! Special thanks to those district members who donated gift items, welcomed the YWR's personally or in any other way gave encouragement to them.

Our committee had a vendor booth in the exhibit hall promoting LWML. We also had a "ring toss around the megaphone" challenge for those who stopped by our booth. Thanks to Lindsey W and Rachel C for their time working in the booth and for joining the ten young ladies at Orientation and during the convention!

I continue to monthly email a LWML devotion to YWR's.

Thanks and praise to God for our Zone YWR's 2024! We look forward to our future IED YWR's 2025 at the convention in Omaha. Watch for application information that will be coming soon-thanks!

**Karen Boehme   Misty Lutz   Hilary Weiss**

**STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: - Margaret Kistler -**

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

**HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: - Kay Berry -**

**MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - Jeanette Kreutner - did not meet**

**STUDENT AID COMMITTEE:** - Committee met to select 9 scholarship recipients. Recommended that 50% goes to 4 Seminary students and 50% to 5 undergraduate students

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:** - did not meet

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

Thanks to those who served on the nomination committee. The election was completed at the IED convention. Results-

VP of Organizational Resources - Margaret Kistler

VP of Human Care - Kay Berry

VP of Communications- Becky Gluesing

Jr Pastoral Counselor- Rev Matthew Vesey

Treasurer- Marna Mohr