

## LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS

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*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sept. 13-14, 2024** -- IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

**Oct. 19, 2024** -- Lutheran World Relief - Cedar Rapids &  
Des Moines (see box below)

**Oct. 29, 2024** -- EC Meeting via Zoom

**Nov. 2, 2024** -- Lutheran World Relief - Decorah  
(see box below)

**Nov. 9, 2024** -- BOD Meeting at Zion, Hiawatha

**Lutheran World Relief** will be in:

Cedar Rapids and Des Moines on **October 19, 2024**  
from **8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

They will also be in Decorah on **November 2, 2024**  
from **7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.**

If you have any further questions or you'd like more information,  
please call Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773.

**Deadline for Submitting Articles for the  
Winter Issue of ALIVE is November 1, 2024**

**Submit articles to: Editor at  
[editor@lwml-ied.org](mailto:editor@lwml-ied.org) -or- [araebel@netins.net](mailto:araebel@netins.net)**



## President's Corner ~ Martha Hartwig

Giving thanks in all circumstances is not easy. Our lives have so many events that make it difficult to feel thankful. Singing always makes it easier for me to give thanks. A hymn that has had a part in my life for a very long time is *Children of the Heavenly Father* (LSB #725).

Let's look at how it reminds us of reasons to be thankful.

Verse 1 reminds us that He is our Father and that He keeps us safe. The beautiful image of God holding us close to Him makes me thankful!

Then, in verse 2, it speaks of how God takes care of us and bears us in His arms to protect us. Thank You Father!

We know that nothing in this life can separate us from God, and verse 3 reminds us that God knows when we have troubles, and His undeserved kindness keeps us with Him. We are blessed!

Oh, and then there is verse 4 that emphasizes that He will never forsake us! We are not alone in our troubles! Our Loving Father is always with us and helping us make it through the hard times. Through faith, He gives us confident hope of blessings now and forever.

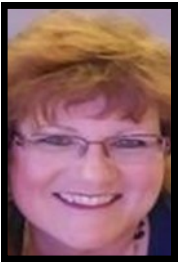
Please take some time to look up this wonderful hymn and re-read it for yourself to receive His blessings once again!



## Sr Counselor ~ Rev. Jon Ellingworth

The central story of the Holy Scriptures is the Exodus, the story of God's mighty deliverance of His people. Following the Exodus, however, the Israelites grumbled to the point of accusing God of intending evil towards them. Where was their gratitude? The LORD had delivered them from slavery by mighty works and provided for them.

How quickly they forgot. How quickly we often forget as well. When things go well for us, we can be tempted to take God for granted. When things go badly, we can be tempted to grumble against God and doubt His providence. To have God as our Father is to trust Him, His Word, and His promises in both good times and bad. Faith is not fickle; it does not give up when bad times come, but faith clings even more to our Lord's Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Thus, God's people maintain an attitude of gratitude in all things and give thanks to the LORD always.



## **VP of Christian Life ~ Liz Roberts**

*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

This is God's desire...a grateful heart. I will admit that there are times that giving thanks for a circumstance is not my first go to. It is not until I have gone through it that I can see God's hand upon it. There are things I'm not thankful for, but I need to find something within them to give thanks. To develop a heart of gratitude that happens first and not as an afterthought takes practice. So, start each day with "Thank you God for this day!" Then start adding a thank you for what is on your schedule and mind. Some of us will be getting ready for fall events, or told that we host the next convention, or are asked to be on a committee...check out the LWML website for some great ideas (Summer Resources have many ideas and helps). Thank you, God, for those whom you have given the talents to work up Bible Studies, devotions and event ideas! Thank you for the website to share those things quickly! Most of all, Lord, thank you for the wonderful women and men you've called to serve in the LWML!

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## **VP of Communications ~ Becky Gluesing**

Helen Huedepohl and I have had our transition meeting so I, Becky Gluesing, am officially the new VP of Communications. I've barely gotten my feet wet and have a fair amount 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 is 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.



## **VP of Human Care ~ Kay Berry**

Blessings to everyone in Iowa East District! This is my first term as Vice President of Human Care. I'm so excited to be serving in this role and to be able to share ideas with you to serve others in your societies and zones.

I have been retired for the last four years as a Lutheran school teacher. The majority of my teaching was at Trinity, Davenport for over 36 years teaching kindergarten. I am still very much involved in LWML, but have become involved as chair of the Mission Ministry Team and co-starting a Mission Kids Team at Trinity. We have made the Dominican Republic a priority mission, so I went to the Dominican Republic last summer and have been in contact with a few of the missionaries there. A few have come to visit, share and preach at Trinity. What has been really interesting is that we have been inviting the Mission Kids Team to all of our LWML events and many of them come with their parents. What a way to involve the kids. That is my challenge to you for this fall. Take one of your events and invite the kids and their moms, aunts, and grandmas. They love to help. Have a wonderful fall.

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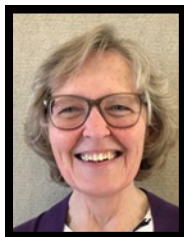
## **VP of Gospel Outreach ~ Jeanette Kreutner**

The women of LWML IED societies will be giving 13 different mission grant recipients much to give thanks for in the coming biennium. The list of all the mission grants and scholarships can be found on page 11 in this issue.

The combination of all grants and scholarships total \$103,500.

You can find a mission log and bookmark that can be printed out at <https://lwml-ied.org/2024-2026-scholarships-and-mission-grants/>. Please print out these resources to encourage mite giving and prayers for these mission grants. The scholarship money this year will support four seminarians and five undergraduate church worker students. They too will also be giving thanks. We are blessed to have so many students answering God's call for church work in Iowa District East. If your society would like more information about the students so that you can pray and support them, please let me know. Thanks in advance for your faithful mite giving.

## VP of Organizational Resources ~ Margaret Kistler



“Give thanks in all circumstances .....

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you in this position. One of my responsibilities is to be your resource person for questions on your by-laws. This is one of those topics many find easy to put off. By-laws are simply your guide to how your group runs, so that there is continuity in your meetings and activities and new members and officers have a guide to follow. As we all know, life changes things as the months and years go by. New inventions, methods of doing things, needs of the group, etc. will require your by-laws to be revised accordingly. It is a good idea to take a look at these governing documents every two to three years, so they are up to date with your current practices. If you have questions, please reach out to me. When you are ready to make changes official, please send it to me to be reviewed for wording and compliance with LWML by-laws. The office of Organizational Resources also includes committees on Member Development and Young Women’s Representatives. Prayerfully consider joining one of these committees and be a part of the leadership teams that work for you through the LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors. If you have questions, thoughts or ideas for these committees, please contact me. Serving the LORD with gladness!

### **ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO SERVE ???**

There are a couple positions that need to be filled within LWML IED:

- **Webmaster**—Maintain and update the LWML IED Website with current information--Contact Jeanette Kreutner for details at [webmaster@lwml-ied.org](mailto:webmaster@lwml-ied.org).
- **Registrar**--Maintain a listing of all IED societies and keep track of the Quarterly orders/payments--Contact Margaret Kistler for details at [registrar@lwml-ied.org](mailto:registrar@lwml-ied.org).



## Treasurer ~ Marna Mohr

I (Becky Gluesing) would like to take this opportunity to say what a privilege it has been to serve as the LWML IED Treasurer for the last four years. Marna Mohr was elected as your new treasurer at the LWML IED Convention.

However, since the numbers to be reported are from the time I, Becky, served as treasurer, I felt it made more sense for me to submit this report and give Marna more time to familiarize herself with the numbers. As I said at the district convention, thank you for letting my inner geek play with numbers during my tenure. I've really enjoyed it. However, let's say a big welcome to Marna!

### IED Budget 04.01.24—3.31.26

Mites-Outreach	\$145,350
Mites-Inreach	\$11,500
<b>Mites-Budget</b>	<b>\$156,850</b>
Reimbursable Items	\$38,150
<b>IED Total Budget</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>

### Student Aid Budget 4.1.24--3.31.26

Approved	\$30,000
Dispersed	\$0
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

### Mission Grant Budget 4.1.24--3.31.26

Approved	\$73,500
Dispersed (2024-2026)	\$0
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$73,500</b>

### Actual IED Budget 04.01.24—06.30.24

04.01.24 Beginning Balance	\$4,844.06
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### Mite Budget:

Income	\$14,615.58
Expenses-Outreach	\$8,262.21
Expenses-Inreach	\$646.81
<b>Total Mite Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,909.02</b>

### Reimbursable Items Budget:

Income	\$12,246.14
Expenses	\$11,425.00

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$26,861.72</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$20,334.02</b>
<b>06.30.24 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$11,371.76</b>

**Rejoice and give your mites to the Lord !!!**

**LWML 2024 Giving Tuesday: September to Remember is on September 10, 2024**





## Financial Secretary ~ Jennifer Determan

The report below shows all memorials and special gifts from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, including the Praise Light Memorials from our June Convention. Memorials and special gifts donations go towards mites unless otherwise specified by the donor. Society Treasurers: If you need remittance blank books, mite boxes or my address labels, please let me know. Funds should be sent to me in the form of a check or money order and made payable to: LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED.

Send your checks to: Jennifer Determan

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

### LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

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## **IN MEMORY OF**

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**SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED**

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In Honor of Velma Butt’s 90th Birthday  
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In Honor of Vera Gienapp’s 103rd Birthday

**DONOR**

Alice Heitshusen  
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**TOTAL MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL OCCASION MONEY  
RECEIVED: \$1,645.00**

**Westgate Zone** – Pillowcase Project Update: On June 27, 2024, Karen Boehme delivered the remaining 21 pillowcases made by Westgate zone. Last year, we had already delivered 129. Thanks and praise to God that together we made 150 pillowcases for hospital patients!!! In addition, many thanks are given to those who did the cutting, sewing, ironing, pinning, AND praying!!

## **LWML IED 2024 Fall Rally Information**

Benton Zone	TBD	TBD
Cedar Rapids Zone	October 5	King of Kings, Cedar Rapids
Clinton Zone	October 5	Immanuel, Grand Mound
Davenport Zone	September 28	Park View, Eldridge
Dubuque Zone	September 21	St Paul, Delaware
Eldora Zone	October 5	Immanuel, Iowa Falls
Marshalltown Zone	October 5	Trinity, Chariton
Mt Pleasant Zone	October 19	Our Savior, Muscatine
St Ansgar Zone	October 5	Redeemer, Ventura
Waterloo Zone	September 28	St John, Denver
Westgate Zone	September 28	St John's, Waverly
Williamsburg Zone	October 17	Trinity, Ottumwa





2024-2026  
IED Mites

### **LWML IED Mission Grants:**

- **Lutheran Family Services**—Preventing Burnout in Lutheran School Teachers with Christ-Centered Counseling Resources = **\$7,500**
- **LCMS Office of Pastoral Education**—Set Apart to Serve: Second-Career = **\$5,000**
- **King of Kings, Cedar Rapids**—Disaster Relief Project = **\$7,500**
- **Wartburg Walther League**—Reaching Today’s College Students = **\$2,500**
- **College Hill Conservatory**—Raising Up Future Church Musicians = **\$2,000**
- **Word of Hope**—Suicide Prevention for Post-Abortive Women = **\$5,000**
- **Mission Central**—Serving the Lord in Latvia -- Rev Samuel Bobby = **\$7,500**
- **Community Lutheran, Readlyn, IA**—School Science Grant = **\$6,000**
- **Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)**—Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Two By Two = **\$5,000**
- **Lutherans For Life**—Volunteer Relations = **\$7,500**
- **Eastside Mission**—Van Repair Request = **\$7,500**
- **MOST Ministries**—LWML IED Short-term Mission Trip for Members of the LCMS IDE = **\$7,500**
- **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**—Nutrition Center Transformation = **\$3,000**

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**2024-2026 LWML IED Mission Grants = \$73,500**

**2024-2026 LWML IED Scholarships = \$30,000**

**Grand Total IED Grants and Scholarships = \$103,500**

# ZONE NEWS

**Davenport Zone** - The IED Convention in Cedar Rapids was awesome, spiritually uplifting, energizing and fun. I hope more people can experience a convention in the future. The Davenport Zone had 15 women in attendance, including a YWR. Pastor Bradley Ferch, from Immanuel, attended the Pastor's luncheon; he joined us early so he could attend more of the convention and visit the exhibitors. The highlight of the convention for me was pinning our Davenport



Zone YWR Cherise Valdez. Also, it was doubly rewarding because she was not only our Zone YWR, but she also attends my church, Immanuel Lutheran, and is our newest LWML Mission Club member. The Davenport Zone Fall Rally will be held at Park View Lutheran Church in Eldridge, Ia, on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Our Board meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

**Marshalltown Zone's** Fall Rally will be October 5, 2024 at Trinity in Chariton. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Toni Larson from Lutheran Family Service of Fort Dodge will speak about dementia and the challenges caregivers face in caring for those with memory loss. Pastor Nathan Knaus will lead the Bible Study. There will be a short business meeting. Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Robert Ricard will install new officers. The rally will conclude with lunch at noon. There will be a book sale with all donations going toward mites.

**Mission Grant Update given at the  
LWML IED Convention:**



*Serve the Lord with Gladness! (Psalm 100:2).*



## **ZONE PRESIDENTS**

<b>Benton Zone</b>	Vicki Gardemann
<b>Cedar Rapids Zone</b>	Ginny Boyer
<b>Clinton Zone</b>	Patti Christiansen
<b>Davenport Zone</b>	Lois Kundel
<b>Dubuque Zone</b>	Margaret Kistler
<b>Eldora Zone</b>	Joy Reinert
<b>Marshalltown Zone</b>	Tammi Christensen
<b>Mt Pleasant Zone</b>	Becky Ernst
<b>St Ansgar Zone</b>	Betty Borchardt
<b>Waterloo Zone</b>	Kolleen Hosford & Nancy McHone
<b>Westgate Zone</b>	Dea. Faith Swenson
<b>Williamsburg Zone</b>	Jo Johnson

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