

**In this the love of God**  
**was made manifest among us,**



**that God sent His only Son into the world,**  
**so that we might live through Him**  
**(1 John 4:9).**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Jan. 25, 2025** -- YWR Applications Due
- **Jan. 28, 2025** -- EC Meeting via Zoom
- **Feb. 8, 2025** -- BOD Meeting, Zion, Hiawatha
- **June 26-29, 2025** -- LWML Convention, Omaha, NE
- **Nov. 15-22, 2025** -- Belize Mission Grant Trip with MOST Ministries

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

There are open positions that need to be filled in LWML IED:

- **Webmaster**—Maintain & update the LWML IED Website with current information. Contact Jeanette Kreutner for details at [webmaster@lwml-ied.org](mailto:webmaster@lwml-ied.org).
- **Historian/Archivist**—Keep record of all IED happenings. Contact President Martha at [president@lwml-ied.org](mailto:president@lwml-ied.org).

### **Alive Deadline for Submitting Articles for the SPRING Issue is FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

**Submit articles to the Editor at:  
[editor@lwml-ied.org](mailto:editor@lwml-ied.org)**

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## **LWML IED President ~ Martha Hartwig**

Advent is a time to focus on the unimaginable love our God has for us. We reflect on the promise of a Savior given to Adam and Eve – right after they had disobeyed God, just days after creation! We treasure the many Old Testament prophecies given by God so His children would know He hadn't forgotten His promise. We read the long genealogies included in Scripture to document the lineage of Jesus. We see a virgin and her betrothed visited by an angel with news that Mary would give birth to the Savior of the world. Jesus was presented in the temple, just as Jewish law required. God made sure we know He did exactly what He promised, down to the last detail. Advent is an awe-filled time where we hear God's unique plan for our salvation. He promised a Savior, and He kept His promise, right down to the last detail. Early Christians recognized the importance of Jesus birth. They began having a period of time set aside for focus on the coming of the Savior as early as the fourth century AD. By the sixth century AD, Advent was practiced worldwide. In our time of preparation for the arrival of Jesus, may we all spend time in the Bible. Let's find joy in the plan for our salvation set in place, from the beginning, by our loving God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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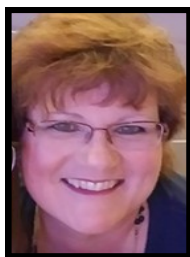
## **Jr Counselor ~ Rev. Matthew Vesey**

St. John has been called the apostle of love because the concept of love, both God's (John 3:16) and ours, (John 13:34) is featured prominently in his Gospel. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mt. 22:37-39). Sadly, due to our sinful, corrupt nature, we do neither. Every negative life experience argues against the love of God in our lives. These events hit us with hammer blows that reverberate within us: we are unworthy of God and His love. The Law of God with its demand for our perfection cannot help but agree. You and I are indeed unworthy sinners and deserve nothing but death and God's condemnation in hell for all eternity.

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What we as sinners deserve, is not what we get. Instead, we get the love of God in Jesus Christ made manifest by the cross of Christ on which He suffered and died in our place for the forgiveness of your sins. Because our sins are forgiven, life's hammer blows and the Laws agreement with them are silenced. They can accuse us no more. The shed blood of Jesus speaks far more loudly. Because there are no more accusations against us, though death will have its way, it will not be permanent. On the Last Day Jesus will return and call us up out of our graves by name and we will live again for all eternity in the new heaven and new earth to come. You and I deserve death, but we get life instead! If the hammer blows of life and the Law of God got you down, seek the love of God, and then look to the cross and the only begotten Son of God nailed to it. There you will see it made manifest. Ya gotta love it!

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

As I write this I'm in awe of the beauty that God lavishes on us! (All the colors, scents and activity). None of this compares to the beauty of the gift of God's love. *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him* (1John 4:9).

Made manifest means: 1. clear or obvious to the eye or mind. 2. display or show (a quality or feeling) by one's acts or appearance; demonstrate. God did both to show His love...Jesus was made man so our eyes could see Him and God demonstrated HOW MUCH he loves us by sending His only Son to take our place. "Live through Him..." We live through Him because we are His through our baptism. He lives in us and we in Him. In faith we trust in the promise that God The Father sees us through the lens of His Son and not our crimson sin-stained lives. In response to His love, if you are one that God has blessed with the ability to write a devotion, a skit, or Bible study, please submit them to me to have them reviewed by our Pastoral Counselors. From there, others will delight in them as they will be shared through LWML. I encourage you to read daily how much God loves you! See how you live through Jesus by your actions and words by reflecting Christ.

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



Our theme verse begins with *In this the love of God was made manifest*. My first thought was this is God communicating with us, sharing His love for us. However, how will we share that love or communicate the good news to others? Most of us know someone who is a shut in, of some form or another. Many would benefit from hearing from us and especially the sharing of Jesus love. A visit would be perfect but that is not always possible. A project that my church's LWML groups are working on is sending Christmas cards to a local veteran's home and various local nursing facilities. We find how many residents each facility has, sign that many cards and hand deliver them to the facility who distribute them to the individual residents. We enlist the aid of the entire congregation in signing the cards; we include a first name, the name of our church, and maybe a short message. You can choose any number of facilities you want or maybe do it at a different time of the year, if that works better for you. Actually, it could be distributed equally throughout the year. Communication is the key, share the good news.

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



*...so that we might live through him...* Fall has come to an end with the beautiful change of season, the colors magnify the Lord, Reformation reminding us that *through faith, we are saved*, and Thanksgiving letting us know that we have so much to be thankful for in our lives. But now we have a new season, a season to get ready for the baby Jesus. I always told my kindergarteners that we had to get ready for Jesus. We started out by making a paper plate advent wreath with a magnet to put on the refrigerator so everyone in the family would see what Advent was all about. You see not everyone knew about Advent, or even Jesus, but they “always” put their child's work on the refrigerator. Hmmm! I better get my boxes down and get ready for Jesus! What do you do to get ready? In the Visual Faith Ministry, [www.visualfaithmin.org](http://www.visualfaithmin.org), there is a free Advent calendar for you to do during this time.



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

So often in the articles written, the focus has been on the mission grants and the wonderful work that LWML IED supports. But we also invest in students who are answering the call to be church workers and they are truly “Mites in Action.” For example, LMWL IED supported Rev. Isaiah Armbrecht with scholarships through four years of undergraduate and three years of seminary. Now he is serving as the pastor of Our Savior in Manchester (Dubuque Zone). What a blessing! We often forget that the scholarships represent 29% of our overall Mission Grant and Scholarship budget. We also voted at the 2022 Convention to fund the scholarships first so that we would not fail to meet our commitment to these students. They need our prayers and encouragement. We know it is very easy to become discouraged, so we need to come alongside these students and share in their joys and burdens. Please pray for the following students and thank God for them. If your society would like to encourage or support one of these scholarship students in any way, please contact Kay Berry at [vphumancare@lwml-ied.org](mailto:vphumancare@lwml-ied.org). She can provide more contact information.

### Scholarship Recipients:

- Allison Cross of Marion at Concordia Chicago (Deaconess)
- Jacob Diercks of Grand Mound at St. Louis Seminary (Seminarian)
- Lydia Armbrecht of Williamsburg at Concordia Seward (Music Education)
- Matthew Diercks of Grand Mound at Concordia Wisconsin (Pre-Seminary)
- Noah Hartwig of Iowa City at Concordia Chicago (Pre-Seminary)
- Noah Russell of Cedar Rapids at St. Louis Seminary (Seminarian)
- Owen Dawson of Cedar Falls at Ft. Wayne Seminary (Seminarian)
- Zach Johnson of Eldora at Ft. Wayne Seminary (Seminarian)



## **VP of Organizational Resources ~ Margaret Kistler**

Love. The definition of love in the American Heritage dictionary and the definition of love in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians are quite different. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 does a much better job, in my opinion, of telling the reader what love is and isn't. *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is*

*not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* Love is Jesus. Jesus is Love. Therefore, I believe Love is what has guided the women of our church since the very beginning. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been a big part of this for over 80 years, but our history goes back a lot farther than that. We, the Organizational Resources Department and its Member Development Committee, will be sharing more information about our great history in future issues of Alive. In the meantime, we suggest you check out the wealth of information on [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) Remember our mission statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. And our motto: Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).

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## **Secretary ~ Sheryl Zinda**

Reading the theme verse for this issue, I looked up the definition of “manifest” as I don’t usually use that word. My two favorite definitions were: 1) To prove - put beyond doubt or question, and 2) To make clear or evident. God showed us His love by sending His Son - a real flesh and blood man - to earth. There is no doubt or question about that for believers. He also made it perfectly clear and evident that He loved us so much He died for us on the cross. What a way to show us how much He loves us. Jesus Christ is how God showed us His love - how it was made manifest. We are coming into the Advent and Christmas seasons where we will again celebrate God sending His Son to earth as a man, to live and die for each one of us, His dear children. As sisters in Christ, let us live in the light of His love and work together to serve the Lord with gladness.

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**A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO CHERYL KILLHAM!**

**We thank you for your work with  
LWML Iowa East District Conventions  
and in writing convention guidelines!**





## Treasurer ~ Marna Mohr

In April this year, we started a new biennium and we have a new LWML Iowa East District mission goal. In June at our convention, your delegates adopted 14 mission grants totaling \$103,500 in support of extending God’s Kingdom. You and your group help support LWML IED Mission Grants through individual mite box offerings and setting up recurring electronic donations through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund’s Joyful Response program. For more information go to our IED website [lwml-ied.org](http://lwml-ied.org). Our district website is also a great place to keep tabs on our Mission Grant progress. Check back regularly for funding updates because we are starting to fund some of our 2024-2026 Mission Grants. Remember that 25% of your mite offerings and memorials help support national LWML Mission Grants. If you want your mite offerings and memorials to stay in our IED you need to request it on your remittance form when you send it in. I look forward to sharing mite offerings and IED Mission Grant updates with you throughout this biennium. I am blessed to be your LWML sister in Christ.

### BUDGET FOR BIENNIUM 04.01.24—03.31.26

#### IED Budget

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

#### Student Aid Budget

Approved	\$30,000
Dispersed	\$15,300
<b><u>Balance Remaining</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,700</u></b>

#### Mission Grant Budget

Approved	\$73,500
Dispersed (2024-2026)	\$ 3,000
<b><u>Balance Remaining</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,500</u></b>

#### IED Budget Actual

07.01.24 Begin. Bal.	\$11,371.76
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#### Mite Budget Actual:

Income	\$14,776.01
Expenses-Outreach	\$20,204.74
<u>Expenses-Inreach</u>	<u>\$ 535.90</u>
Total Mite Expenses	\$20,740.64

#### Reimbursable Items Actual:

Income	\$ 5,636.50
Expenses	\$ 3,429.65

**Total Income Actual: \$31,784.27**

**Total Expenses Actual: \$24,170.29**

**End. Bal. 06.30.24 \$ 7,613.98**





## Financial Secretary ~ Jennifer Determan

This Financial Secretary's Report shows all money that was deposited from April 1 - September 30, 2024. This includes mites, *Quarterly* and *Alive* payments, memorials and miscellaneous receipts. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the September 30th 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  
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Thank you for sending in your mites!

### LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

<u>SOCIETY MEMBERS &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$199.34
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$569.57
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION	\$369.39
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$698.39
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD	\$84.76
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY	\$688.95
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD	\$60.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD	\$423.16
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML	\$368.25
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY	\$499.64
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML	\$136.00
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES	\$165.72
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$60.00
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY	\$358.77
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD	\$276.00
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$71.52
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN	\$365.22
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD	\$131.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB	\$210.42
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION	\$436.59
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML	\$755.47
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML	\$322.48
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD	\$60.00

DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD	\$59.00
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$1,038.44
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$359.45
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT	\$210.00
ELMA, ST PETER LWML	\$305.17
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE	\$92.85
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE	\$202.56
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$263.95
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$461.18
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$166.00
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY	\$0.00
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES)	\$415.00
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$313.13
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE	\$649.97
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML	\$66.00
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD	\$210.00
IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID	\$384.66
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID	\$164.57
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML	\$917.45
LACONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID	\$272.00
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$568.25
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$50.00
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML	\$96.95
MANCHESTER, WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR	\$1,004.97
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$53.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML	\$387.20
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML	\$174.00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML	\$406.47
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL	\$255.50
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML	\$100.00
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	\$258.57
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML	\$858.80
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML	\$333.00
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY	\$416.15
NORTH LIBERTY, ST. SILAS LWML	\$132.36
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE	\$248.36
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML	\$308.75
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD	\$347.45
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML	\$539.50
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML	\$247.00
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE	\$52.24
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS	\$135.00
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML	\$623.53
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML	\$100.00

SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD	\$112.50
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE	\$80.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPER	\$50.00
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID	\$148.00
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY	\$271.79
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY	\$215.25
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS	\$448.23
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES	\$382.88
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID	\$1,295.70
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH	\$217.75
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY	\$66.00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY	\$150.00
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN	\$42.00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD / BIBLE CLASS	\$494.78
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY	\$419.14
ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID	\$199.34
<b>Total of Society Contributions April 1 - September 30, 2024</b>	<b><u>\$25,953.09</u></b>

<b><u>ZONE RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
BENTON	\$187.67
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$53.00
CLINTON	\$197.50
DAVENPORT	\$679.86
DUBUQUE	\$0.00
ELDORA	\$0.00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$96.50
MT PLEASANT	\$132.00
ST ANSGAR	\$0.00
WATERLOO	\$0.00
WESTGATE	\$145.00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$261.55
<b>Total of Zone Contributions April 1 - September 30, 2024</b>	<b><u>\$1,753.08</u></b>

<b>MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (includes Memorials)</b>	\$6,066.70
<b>Sub-Total Receipts April 1 - September 30, 2024</b>	<b><u>\$33,772.87</u></b>

<b>LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST</b>	\$5,370.78
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ENDOWMENT INTEREST</b>	<b><u>\$39,143.65</u></b>

*Lord, help me serve You with gladness, Amen!*



## Member Development ~ Karen Boehme

PURPLE and GOLD opportunity in Iowa East District ~ It's time to prayerfully seek out and invite young women (age 22-35 yrs ish) from your congregations and zones to apply to serve as an Iowa East District - Young Women Representatives (YWR) to the 2025 LWML Convention

in Omaha, June 26-29. The Convention theme is "Growing in God's Grace" Find the application form and information on the lwml-ied.org website. Due date is January 15, 2025.

## ZONE & SOCIETY NEWS

**CLINTON ZONE** -- The Clinton Zone Fall Rally was held October 5, at Immanuel, Grand Mound, with 21 LWML ladies and 3 pastors present.



The event began at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast being served. The speaker was Rev. Tim Bickel from the POBLO ministry. He had a Bible study and presentation titled "Persecution of Christians from the New Testament to the Present." For an ingathering, attendees made donations to support POBLO Ministry. Elections were held with Patti Christiansen and Sheryl Zinda being re-elected respectfully. Luella Scott presented her District President's pin to Patti to be worn and then passed on to future presidents. The 2025 Spring Rally will be held in Lowden.



**DAVENPORT ZONE** -- The Davenport Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Park View Lutheran in Eldridge, IA. It began at 8:30 am with registration, an in-gathering collection, and a delicious brunch. Rev. Peter Hoft led the Bible study based on the rally theme verse of *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ* (Philippians 3:20). The study was titled “Dual Citizenship: Living in Two Realms”. Installation was held with Rev. Hoft, re-elected as Zone counselor, Loretta Wuerdeman, re-elected as treasurer, and Cherise Valdez, our YWR and a new member of LWML, elected as secretary. There were 36 LWML ladies and 1 pastor in attendance. Our in-gathering, both a monetary collection and various in-kind items, was designated for the Quad City Veterans Outreach Center. Our Spring Rally will be held in March 2025 at Trinity Lutheran, Davenport. The theme is “Be Bold” featuring singer/songwriter, worship leader, and speaker Wendysue Flugge from Menomonee Falls, WI.

**Immanuel Lutheran’s Society, Davenport, IA** -- Our church received a flyer from LCMS making members aware of disaster relief program needs because of the recent hurricanes and asking for support. Our Mission Club chose to donate \$500. After making other church members aware, they also wanted to donate. The total we sent to the Disaster Relief Fund was \$1,062. On our LWML Sunday in October, we had 18 quilts, 3 blankets, 2 afghans and 16 toddler throws blessed. They were then delivered to Orphan Grain Train, Clemons, IA.

**DUBUQUE ZONE** -- Twenty-one people gathered at St Paul's Lutheran in Delaware for the Fall Rally. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful breakfast of egg bites and fruit. Rev. Matthew Vesey preached and Rev. Caleb Schewe led a Bible Study, both on how to avoid fear and depression. Then, the participants packed 59 school kits to send to Orphan Grain Train. A delicious lunch of pork loin, chips, and dessert was served. Diane Torrey was elected the new Dubuque Zone President.



**MT PLEASANT ZONE** -- Mt. Pleasant Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 19, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Muscatine. A total



of 25 people attended and that included four pastors and two husbands. “Serve” was the theme for the rally, based on Joshua 24:14, which reads *As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.*

Opening  
Matins and



Bible study were also based on this theme verse. Following the business meeting, 24 school kits and 8 hygiene kits were assembled for Orphan Grain Train. Many cards were signed and colored for Phil’s Friends.



**ST. ANSGAR ZONE** -- St. Ansgar Zone Fall Event was held on October 5, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran, Ventura. A lovely breakfast was served and followed with opening devotions by Pastor Jesse Burns. Offering collected totaled \$393. There were 27 members, 3 pastors and 2 guests in attendance. A trailer was loaded with 315 quilts, 189 school kits, 340 pillowcase dresses, 112 hygiene kits, 56 health kits, 86 teacher kits, plus many boxes/bags of clothing, blankets, afghans and miscellaneous items. The speaker was John Morgan, director of the Clear Lake/Ventura Food Pantry. A “love” offering of \$335 plus items for the food pantry were collected. Cindy Kofoot of Immanuel, St. Ansgar, was elected vice president and Robin Miller of Bethlehem, Mason City, was elected treasurer. A delegate and alternate were elected for the LWML Convention in June. Various reports and informational sheets were printed and available in the packet. Zone Pastoral Counselor Pastor Matthias Wollberg led the group in Bible Study. He also led the blessing of the ingathering and offered the closing prayer.



**WATERLOO ZONE** -- The women of the Waterloo Zone of the LWML celebrated our workmanship in Christ at our Fall Rally on September 28, 2024, set to the theme “Just as...I am” at St. John Lutheran Church in Denver, Iowa. Pastor Larry Feldt led the opening and closing Bible study reminding us that we are “precious in His sight.” Guest speaker was Michelle Hartshorn of Lakeville, MN, Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life. Volunteer Relations assists in starting and maintaining For Life ministry groups that support congregations and communities. Michelle reminded us that Lutheran women can be the gospel motivated voices for life. She shared the three life ministry opportunities to equip congregations as we speak up for life. An inspirational message combined with spiritual growth and beautiful fellowship was enjoyed by all.

**WESTGATE ZONE** -- Westgate Zone Fall Rally with a theme of "Life" was held at St John, Waverly, on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by St Paul, Artesian, and St John, Waverly, a continental breakfast was served. The morning began with Matins service by Rev. Jon Ellingworth and was followed by Rev. Tanner Post (Zone Pastoral Counselor) leading a study of the hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*, LSB #783. Speakers included: Stacey Armbrecht, our Zone YWR at the district convention in June; Elloha Quigly, representing the Westgate Zone Grief Support Committee; and Vera Hoins shared opportunities to visit the Creation Museum. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Carol Lau. Election results: Zone President, Barbara Forsyth, from Immanuel, Klinger and reelected Zone Treasurer, Nancy Maurer, from Peace, Oelwein. Rev. Post installed the officers and led the closing. Ingathering collected: \$448 for Orphan Grain Train, 3 boxes of clothing, and school kit items. Offering: \$216. Mite offering: \$227. LWML members: 28; Pastors: 4; Guests 2; children: 10; Total: 44 attendees. Spring Rally, at St John, Fairbank on March 29, 2025 will be hosted by St John, Fairbank, and Grace, Jesup.





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