

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - IOWA EAST DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 2024 - Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA**

OPENING WORSHIP: Pastor Ellingworth

CALL TO ORDER: President Martha Harwig called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Introductions were done. Kolleen Hosford moved to approve the agenda as written with modifications as needed - seconded and approved.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting had been posted on the LWML-IED website for review. Hearing no additions or corrections the minutes stand approved as posted. Pres. Hartwig appointed Betty Borchardt and Patti Christensen for minutes review.

TREASURER: Report stands as submitted and will be filed. Balance on hand as of 9/30/24 is \$7,613.98.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Report stands as submitted.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: VP Elizabeth Roberts reported on the store that was held at the fall retreat. There is a new Bible study titled "Joy" on lwml.org. If anyone would like to submit a skit, devotion, or Bible study that they have authored to be used as a program resource, please send them to Liz who will pass it on to the pastoral counselors for review, and if approved will forward to LWML. Please contact Jan Brown if you would like to purchase any IED store items.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: Report stands as submitted. VP Becky Gluesing warned of scams on our G-suite account. Diane Paulson will continue as Archivist until a replacement is found. Pres. Hartwig moved to appoint Betty Borchardt as the IED registrar for a 2 year term - seconded and approved. ALIVE Editor Annette Raebel - see submitted report. The 2025 newsletter themes and submission deadlines have been announced. Annette was thanked by Pres. Hartwig for the excellent work on the newsletters and special editions.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Report stands as submitted. Kay Berry read a thank you letter from Jacob Diercks who is receiving scholarship funds at Concordia Seminary. Due to one of the undergraduate students no longer being eligible to receive IED scholarship funds and on recommendation from the scholarship committee, Pres. Hartwig moved that the returned \$750 be divided between the remaining 4 students in the spring of 2025, and the \$600 from the endowment fund be redeposited in that fund. No second needed - motion approved.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: Report stands as submitted.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: VP Margaret Kistler reported that the proposed revision of the Procedure Manual had been sent out to the BOD via email for input. The proposed version was available in print to examine. There are still a few positions that need more clarification as to their current duties.. Margaret moved to accept the current revision as presented - seconded and approved. The manual will be placed on the website and can be updated at each BOD meeting as needed.

Member Development member Karen Boehme reported that the current YWR nomination form for the 2025 Omaha convention on the IED website is NOT to be used at this time. An updated form will be available soon and all information can be entered and uploaded via the website. No paper forms need to be mailed. Applications are due by January 15, 2025 and the YWR's will be chosen at the February 2025 BOD meeting. Notifications will be sent out when the new form is available.

PASTORAL COUNSELORS: Report stands as submitted.

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Reports stand as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: See submitted report. New appointments are needed on various committees - zone presidents are asked to look over the list and sign up over the lunch break. Pres. Hartwig announced changes to the 2025 BOD meeting schedule - the May and November meetings will be moved up one week earlier to the first Saturday of the month. The 2025 meeting dates are: Feb. 8, May 3, Aug. 9, and Nov. 1.

The IED retreat will be held July 18-19, 2025 at Camp Iodiseca instead of the usual September dates. Camp counselors will be available to help with programming for any children that attend and more camp activities will be available. See the retreat committee submitted report for further details. The registration information for the Omaha national convention will be in the Winter Quarterly and members were encouraged to attend. The slate of officers has been filled and will be published in the Winter Quarterly.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Speaker's Bureau: Linda Allen reported she continues to update the list with help from Annette Raebel. Please let her know of new speaker ideas and if you know if someone should no longer be on the list. Short Term Missions: Gretchen Rasmussen reported on the upcoming mission trip to Belize on November, 15-22, 2025 sponsored by IED and MOST Ministries. All men and women of Iowa East LCMS congregations are welcome to go. At this time 7 of the 14 slots are filled. Gretchen would like to have the open 7 slots filled by the end of November. A \$1400 donation was made to MOST to secure the trip. At this time each person going will receive a minimum of \$600 to assist with costs, with the total cost being estimated at \$2500-\$3000. Gretchen needs names and email address plus \$100 deposit to secure your spot. See the special ALIVE edition that was published with all the trip information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Marna Mohr reported that the 2024 district convention bank account is in the process of being closed. Approximately \$8,000 was left to donate to mites and \$1,000 in seed money was sent to the 2026 convention committee.

The Christian Life committee opened the afternoon session with a skit.

Pastor Ellingworth led a Bible study on The Third-Last Sunday of the Church Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

VP Margaret Kistler presented the Iowa East District Prayer Calendar Project from the Member Development Committee. For 2025, each zone in alphabetical order will have a month dedicated to highlighting their zone and its projects, activities, missions, etc. with one item for each day of the month. Zone Presidents should email their ideas for their month to Margaret.

VP Kistler reported on the proposed updates to the convention guidelines for future district conventions. Pres. Hartwig noted this is especially important now with 2 zones co-hosting. The proposed convention guidelines had been emailed to the BOD prior to today's meeting. This will be part of the Procedure Manual so can be updated as needed at BOD meetings. Pres. Hartwig moved on recommendation from the Convention Guidelines Committee that the proposed guidelines be approved. No second needed - motion approved. The committee will continue to work on the manual and bring further recommendations if needed to the Feb. 2025 BOD meeting.

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Misty Lutz announced sign up for the bus continues and asked zone presidents to ask their members for names of those who might be interested in riding. At this time there are 24 who have signed up.

Pres. Hartwig has been asked by the Omaha Convention committee for ideas from IED for a convention offering. Organizations suggested were Mission Central, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutherans for Life.

Pres. Hartwig announced the new appointments for the following committees:

Structure: VP Margaret Kistler, Ginny Boyer, Connie McQuiston

Human Care: VP Kay Berry, Becky Ernst, Diane Torrey, Joy Reinert

Student Aid: VP Jeanette Kreutner, Jo Johnson, Patti Christiansen

Endowment: VP Jeanette Kreutner, Barb Forsyth, Jo Johnson, Patti Christiansen

Mission Grants: VP Jeanette Kreutner, Betty Borchardt, Lois Kundel

Liz Roberts moved to accept the appointments - seconded and motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Pastor Ellingworth led the closing worship service.

Sheryl Zinda
Recording Secretary



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: November 9th, 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - Martha Hartwig

Met with convention guidelines committee

Initiated contact with Arrowhead and filled out forms with information about IED conventions

Wrote for Fall Alive

Attended Cedar Rapids zone gathering

Wrote agenda for October EC meeting and November BOD meeting

Completing multiple forms for LWML

Corresponded by email, text, and phone as needed

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: - Margaret Kistler

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - Elizabeth Roberts

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Becky Gluesing

I continue to send out emails and Facebook posts as requested. I also proof read the Alive publication and other documents as needed. The Communication committee consists of myself, Historian/Archivist, Alive editor, Webmaster, District Registrar and G-Suite administrator. I want to take this chance to thank them for all their hard work. You make my job much easier.

Historian/Archivist-Vacant

ALIVE Newsletter Editor Annette Raebel

Webmaster- Jeanette Kreutner

Was able to update the website with 3 Alive issues, updates for scholarships and mission grants, along with creating a special event for the Belize Short term Mission trip. Updated the officer’s page with known updates/ We still need a webmaster.

Registrar-Betty Borchardt

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kreutner

I wrote articles for Fall and Winter Alive. We paid 10,500 in scholarships and 3,000 for the Dakota Ranch . This is 13% of the obligation. We originally had 5 undergraduate scholarship winners, but one of the scholarship applicants changed her major to nursing, so that money was refunded.

Because of this refund, the scholarship committee has met and made the following recommendation. The scholarship committee recommends that the returned \$750 be divided between the remaining 4 students in the spring of 2025, and the \$600 from the endowment fund be re-deposited in that fund. This will leave \$4,500 to be divided between the 4 remaining students for the spring semester 2025

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Kay Berry

Wrote article for Winter ALIVE. Was involved with the Trinity Mission Kids Trunk-a-Treat and their meetings. Hosted 2 missionaries. Collecting items for East Side Mission Christmas gift store for kids.

RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda - attended EC and BOD meetings and posted minutes online. Wrote a submission for Winter ALIVE.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan

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

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

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| September 16, 2024 | \$5,116.83 |
| September 24, 2024 | \$ 170.50 (LWML Store @ Fall Retreat) (Deposit made by Jan Brown) |
| October 7, 2024 | \$4,388.36 |
| October 31, 2024 | <u>\$6,252.20</u> |
| TOTAL | \$15,927.89 |

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

TREASURER: - Marna Mohr

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of September 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 mission grants approved came to a total of \$103,500. This includes \$30,000 for student scholarships in which \$10,500 has been sent towards that goal. The first grant request for the 2024-2026 mission grants for \$3000 was received in late August and paid in late September. So \$13,500 of our 2024-2026 mission grants have been paid.

Current financials stand as follows:

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| Balance on hand as of 07/01/2024 | \$ 11,371.76 |
| Income received since 07/01/2024 + | \$ 20,412.51 |
| Less expenses since 07/01/2024 - | <u>\$ 24,170.29</u> |
| Balance on hand as of 09/30/2024 = | \$ 7613.98 |

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$108,178.37 as of 9/30/2024 (most recent statement). In August we received the annual 5% disbursement which amounted to \$5370.78. This was equally divided for our student scholarships.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$1,216.26 as of 10/31/2024 (most recent statement).

COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Mathew Vesey

I attended the IED LWML Fall Retreat and led a Bible study in the afternoon on Psalm 62 titled "Waiting is the Hardest Part."

I attended and led worship at the LWML Dubuque Zone Rally Saturday Sept. 21. The worship service was Matins and the sermon theme was "Do Not Be Anxious."

COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth

Attended IED LWML Fall Retreat Saturday, September 14. Lead a Bible study on Holy Cross Day and gave a presentation on Campus Ministry in general with specific information concerning the Wartburg Walther League.

Attended the IED LWML Westgate Zone Fall Rally Saturday, September 28. Lead the Office of Matins and preached a homily on the rally theme, the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be".

Guest preached at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar, IA on LWML Sunday, October 20, as part of Immanuel's 150th Anniversary.

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: - Connie McQuiston - Elected Zone President at Fall Rally September 17th in Belle Plaine. The speaker was Rev. Nicl Palmer from Newhall who gave a very interesting presentation on his trip to the Holy Land. He showed slides and gave narrative of his trip. This trip was part of his last class at the Seminary. Visited Newhall, Van Horne and Atkins Societies since election. Attended Atkins Women in Mission observation of LWML Sunday and 100 years of Women in service at St. Stephens Lutheran Church. This was observed by an Old Fashioned All Church Potluck. Over 100 members attended this event. Will be visiting Blirstown and Belle Plaine societies in November.

CEDAR RAPIDS: - Ginny Boyer-

The Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event was held at King of Kings on October 5, 2024. The Welcome was given by Norma Swift and the response was given by Sandy Pooock, Trinity, who invited us to the Spring Event on April 12, 2025. Brunch was served by members of King of Kings. Rev. Hartwig led the Bible study based on the theme and verse for today; "Serve with the strength God provides" based on 1 Peter 4:11. We were never meant to fight battles by ourself but **In the faith, by grace, in God's strength, against evil, to serve and to speak all the time.**

King of Kings Disaster Response Director Jason Koepnick and his son Dylan spoke about the team's disaster response efforts since they received their trailer as a result of an LWML grant. Their trailer was displayed at the Mobile, Alabama LWML convention in 2019. Members of the team completed LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) training in February 2019. So far, the team has responded to twenty-two (22) disasters in nine states and have been on twenty (20) mission trips. They were chosen at last summer's IED convention to receive an LWML IED grant for \$7500.

57 LWML members, 3 guests, and 2 pastors attended the meeting. The ingathering was for MMOC and included Diapers, wipes, children's books and other items. \$96 was collected for this organization. Rev. Hartwig installed Ginny Boyer, president and Janice Johnston, secretary followed by a prayer and blessing.

Currently we are looking forward to the Omaha Convention in June, 2025 and working with the Benton Zone planning the 2026 IED convention.

CLINTON: - Patti Christiansen

The Clinton Zone Fall Rally was held on October 5, at Immanuel, Grand Mound with 21 LWML ladies and 3 Pastors present. The event began at 8:30 with breakfast being served. The speaker was Rev. Tim Bickel from the POBLO ministry. He gave a Bible study and presentation titled "Persecution of Christians from the New Testament to the Present". For an ingathering, attendees made donations to support the POBLO ministry. Elections were held with Patti Christiansen and Sheryl Zinda being re-elected respectfully. Luella Scott presented her 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: - Lois Kundel -

The Davenport Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Park View Lutheran in Eldridge, Ia. The Rally 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 Philippians 3:20, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (ESV) 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 one pastor in attendance and 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 traveling singer/songwriter, worship leader and speaker Wendysue Flugge. She is from Menomonee Falls, Wis.

DUBUQUE: - Diane Torrey-

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

ELDORA: - Joy Reinert

The Eldora Zone hosted the Fall Retreat at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA on Sept. 13-14. There was a great turnout of 49 LWML women, 3 pastors, and 3 "adorable and very well behaved children". The children belonged to our Zone Counselor Pastor Wagner. One of the speakers on Friday night was Katlin Armbrrecht, our Young Woman Rep at the District Convention in June. Pastor Grewe from Lutheran Family Services gave a very interesting presentation about Anxiety. A great time was had on Friday night doing Hymn Bingo. Our Fall Rally was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls on

Oct. 5. The theme was Harvest of Blessings based on Galatians 6:9-10. The speaker was Davey Doering from the Lighthouse of Hope in Iowa Falls. She spoke about all the activities that they do for young single women having babies. Besides providing clothing, diapers, wipes, and toys, they provide social and Christian support. The Ingathering of \$407 was for the Lighthouse of Hope.

MARSHALLTOWN: - Tammi Christensen

The Marshalltown Zone Rally was held on October 5, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chariton. The theme was, God's Faithfulness to all Generations. There were 41 ladies and 2 clergy who attended. The theme verse was Psalm 71:18 "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Robert Ricard led Responsive Prayer to open the rally. Rev. Nathan Knaus led the Bible study. Our speaker was Toni Larson, Social Worker from Lutheran Family Service of Fort Dodge. Toni spoke about Dementia and Caregiving. An offering was taken for Lutheran Family Services as well as for the zone treasury. A book sale was held with books being offered for a donation to mites. Elections were held for the offices of Treasurer and President. LouAnn Perkins was elected Treasurer. There were no nominations for President. (Tammi Christensen has served as president for one term and would like to step down.) Rev. Ricard installed LouAnn Perkins. The zone is responsible for the 2025 District Retreat. Several groups have volunteered to head committees for retreat planning but the zone is in need of retreat co-chairs. The half day rally concluded with lunch. The Spring Rally will be at Redeemer Lutheran in Marshalltown.

MT. PLEASANT: - Becky Ernst . The Mt Pleasant Zone Rally was held on October 19th , 2024 at Our Savior Lutheran in Muscatine. The theme was on serving the Lord. In lieu of a speaker, we put together 24 school kits, 8 health kits and colored cards for Phil's friends. An ingathering was collected for Orphan Grain Train to offset shipping costs, Gretchen Rasmussen shared information about the mission trip to Belize in November 2025. Our Spring rally will be held at Zion Lutheran in Wilton, Iowa.

ST. ANSGAR: - Betty Borchardt - The St, Ansgar Zone Fall Event was held on October 5, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ventura. They served a lovely breakfast followed with Opening Devotions by Pastor Jesse Burns. The offering was \$393.00. 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 \$335.00 plus items for the Food Pantry were collected. Cindy Kofoot, Immanuel, St. Ansgar, was elected as Vice President and Robin Miller, Bethlehem, Mason City, was elected Treasurer. A delegate and an alternate to the LWML Convention in June were elected. 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, Installed the new Vice President (the new Treasurer was not in attendance) and offered the closing prayer.

The ladies of Redeemer provided all participants with a snack bag for the trip home.

WATERLOO: - Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone.

The Waterloo Zone held our Fall Gathering on Saturday, 28 September at St John Lutheran in Denver. The theme was "Just As I Am...". Guest speaker was Michele Hartshorn, the Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations for Lutherans For Life. Pastor Feldt led the opening service and closing Bible Study. Fall elections were held. The Co-President position was divided and Nancy McHone will be President and Kolleen Hosford will be Vice President. They were installed by our Zone Counselor, Pastor Kevin Richter.

WESTGATE: - Barbara Forsyth

The Westgate Zone Fall Rally 2024 with the theme of "*Life*" was held at St John-Waverly on Saturday, September 28 starting at 8:30 AM. Hostesses were ladies from St Paul-Artesian and St John-Waverly. A continental breakfast was served.

The morning began with a Matins service in the church by Rev. Jon Ellingworth. Then the attendees moved to the Fellowship area where LWML Westgate Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Tanner Post led a study of the hymn "*Take My Life and Let It Be*", LSB #783.

The first speaker was Stacey Armbricht, our Zone YWR at the district convention in June. The second speaker was Elloha Quigly, representing the Westgate Zone Grief Support Committee. Vera Hoins also was a speaker and shared about opportunities to visit the Creation Museum.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Carol Lau - President Pro Tem for Deaconess Faith Swenson.

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 to Orphan Grain Train - \$448 cash, 3 boxes of clothing, and many school kit items were collected.

Tellers report: Westgate Zone offering: \$216 ; Mite offering: \$227; Orphan Grain Train: \$448.

LWML members: 28; Pastors: 4; Guests 2; children: 10; Total: 44 attendees.

The Spring Rally is planned on March 29, 2025, at St John-Fairbank. The ladies of St John-Fairbank and Grace-Jesup are the hostesses.

Submitted by Karen Boehme.

WILLIAMSBURG- Jo Johnson

The Williamsburg Zone Fall Rally was held at Trinity Lutheran in Ottumwa on October 17 th . Registration started at 11:30 am with a delicious soup and sandwich luncheon at noon. Pastor James Preus led us with the opening service and Bible study based on the theme which was from Proverbs 9:10, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. Pastor Stephen Preus was our speaker talking of his missionary trips to Uganda where he helped teach the seminary students. Our business meeting followed with election of vice president, Karen Kuesel, and secretary, Marna Mohr with Pastor James Preus as our pastoral counselor. Installation of officers was done by both Pastor James and Pastor Stephen. Our in gathering was a collection of money for Pastor Stephen Preus to purchase books for Uganda. Hope Lutheran, Sigourney will be hosting our spring rally.

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

MEETING MANAGER: - Bonnie Thompson

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : -

PARLIAMENTARIAN: - Judy Westergren.

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - Linda Allan

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: - Dori Stanek

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Misty Lutz

IED CONVENTION MANAGER:

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2023-2025: -

Lindsey Wyckoff

Rachel Courtney

Clarissa Spiehs

Naomi Iltis

2025 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: - The Marshalltown Zone is currently looking for 2 volunteers to co-chair the Retreat. The date has been set for July 18-19, 2025. The staff at Camp IoDisECa will be available to provide childcare on Saturday, July 19th for those women who would like to attend with their children/grandchildren. We have had 4 Marshalltown Zone societies volunteer to head one of each of the following committees: Speakers, Registration, Centerpieces and Ingathering. We are looking for a society to work on the prayer walk and perhaps 2 societies to provide an idea and organization for the servant events. Tammi Christensen hopes to visit with the Eldora Zone ladies and the District Pastoral Counselors at the district meeting to learn more about the previous retreat so she will be better equipped to answer questions of those who have volunteered to help plan the upcoming retreat.

IED CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Annette Raebel -

2025 Themes for *Alive Newsletter*:

2025.1 Spring Issue [Submission deadline is February 10, 2025]

Theme: *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen* (Ephesians 3:20-21).

2025.2 Summer Issue [Submission deadline is May 10, 2025]

Theme: *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand* (Isaiah 41:10).

2025.3 LWML Convention Issue – Omaha, NE [Submission deadline is July 5, 2025]

Theme: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen* (2 Peter 3:18).

2025.4 IED Fall Retreat Invitation (Optional--if committee desires) [Submission deadline - July 5, 2025]

Theme: *Verse...TBD* (Reference).

2025.5 Fall Issue [Submission deadline is August 10, 2025]

Theme: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).

2025.6 IED Retreat Issue (Optional--if enough response) [Submission deadline is October 10, 2025]

Theme: *Verse...TBD* (Reference).

2025.7 Winter Issue [Submission deadline is November 10, 2025]

Theme: *I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers* (Philemon 1:4).

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

There are 12 new church workers who will soon be receiving welcome packets. The packets have been addressed. President Martha Hartwig has written a new letter to be added and Jan Brown will supply Mustard Seed devotions to add to the packet. The packets will be mailed shortly after the District BOD meeting.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme, Misty Lutz, Hilary Weiss

November 2024 report –Monthly LWML Mailbox Newsletter emailed to YWR's every month with an LWML devotion and happenings at IED and LWML.

In preparation of the convention 2025 in Omaha, we are asking for applications of young women to serve as IED YWR. Applications are due January 15, 2025. At the February BOD meeting the YWR's are selected. YWR applications and information may be found on the IED lwml website <https://lwml-ied.org/> Thank-you!

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

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

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE:

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - Jeanette Kreutner

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: -

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: -

ATTENDANCE FOR NOV. 9, 2024

EC:

President Martha Hartwig - Present

Becky Gluesing, VP of Communication - Present

Sheryl Zinda, Recording Secretary - Present

Rev. Jon Ellingworth, Senior Pastoral Counselor - Present

Margaret Kistler, VP of Organizational Resources - Present

Kay Berry, VP of Human Care - Present

Marna Mohr, Treasurer - Present

Liz Roberts, VP of Christian Life - Present

Jeanette Kreutner, VP of Gospel Outreach - Absent

Jennifer Determan, Financial Secretary - Absent

Rev. Mathew Vesey,, Junior Pastoral Counselor - Absent

ZONE PRESIDENTS:

Connie McQuiston, Benton Zone - Present
Ginny Boyer, Cedar Rapids Zone - Present
Patti Christiansen, Clinton Zone - Present
Lois Kundel, Davenport Zone - Present
Diane Torrey, Dubuque Zone - Absent
Joy Reinert,, Eldora Zone - Present
Tammi Christensen, Marshalltown Zone - Present
Becky Ernst, Mt. Pleasant Zone - Absent
Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone - Present
Kolleen Hosford, Waterloo Zone (VP) - Present
Barbara Forsyth, Westgate Zone - Present
Jo Ann Johnson, Williamsburg Zone - Present

APPOINTED PERSONNEL:

Bonnie Thompson, Meeting Manager - Present
Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian - Present
Linda Allan, Speakers Bureau - Present
Dori Stanek, LWR - Absent
Karen Boehme, Member Development - Present
Cheryl Killham, Convention Manager - Absent
Gretchen Rassmussen, Short Term Mission Coordinator - Present
Jan Brown, Christian Life - Present
Misty Lutz, Member Development, Bus Coordinator - Present
Annette Raebel, ALIVE Editor - Present
Loretta Wuerdeman, Asst. ALIVE Editor - Absent
Diane Paulsen, Historian - Absent

Present: 26

Absent: 9