

LWML—IOWA EAST DISTRICT NEWS

2025 LWML IED Retreat **July 18-19, 2025**



Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion
and the God of all comfort,
who comforts us
in all our troubles,
so that we can comfort those
in any trouble with the comfort
we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

THEME: COMPASSION

Based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**“THANK YOU” to
Tammi Christensen and
Tammy Van Haaften
and the women of Marshalltown Zone
for hosting the LWML IED Retreat at
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**



“Thank You” also to...

[Below Left] Dylan Lampe - The Interim Director of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, who gave a presentation about what is happening at Camp and some future goals.

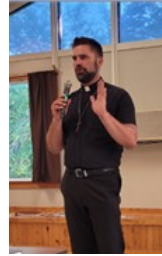


[Below Right] A couple members of the wonderful kitchen staff who prepared our amazing meals!!



Bible Study was provided by:

- **Pastor Beltz** [to the right] entitled “God’s Compassion”
- **Pastor Vesey** [below] entitled “God’s Compassion-For Me”



- **Pastor Ellingworth** [to the right] entitled “God’s Compassion-My Mission”



Speakers

Kolleen Hosford - College Hill Music Conservatory, Cedar Falls



Kolleen Hosford spoke on behalf of the College Hill Music Conservatory about the grant being used for the children who are learning how to play the piano and organ with the hope of training our church's future organists. They were the recipients of a \$2000 LWML IED Mission Grant in the 2024-2026 biennium. This grant has helped them to purchase music from CPH and David's Harp, an LCMS RSO. David's Harp helps CHMC teach hymns and liturgy

by publishing music for students at all levels of learning. CHMC has two students who are now playing for Divine Service, with several more working toward that goal. David's Harp also assists congregations looking to start similar programs. Praise God for this program that helps develop future organists!

Deaconess Chrissie Gillet of Lutherans for Life

Deaconess Chrissie joined us for the entire retreat. She started with Lutherans For Life in 2017. She is the Word of Hope Director. Her service dog, Phoebe, is with her. She meets those who are brokenhearted and offers spiritual care by responding in Christian truth and love. They have a very small staff but reach out to area churches and other resources within all 50 states and Canada. They would love to add more staff, but it's a budget issue. If you would like some help or more information, you can call them at 888-217-8679 or email them at info@word-of-hope.org.



Judy Schutte of Community Lutheran School, Readlyn



After retiring, Judy decided to help out at the school and began volunteering. Soon it grew into a position with the before and after school care, being a lunch coordinator, and the business manager. She loves the children and hearing them sing and pray to Jesus! Community Lutheran School of Readlyn was also an LWML IED Mission Grant recipient in 2024-2026. The grant helped with their science program.

Servant Events

- Preparing plastic bags for others to weave into plastic mats
- Coloring cards for Phil's Friends



Campfire & S'mores



**Fellowship
with Our
Sisters In
Christ**



Retreat Offerings

The Retreat offerings that will go to IED Mites for Mission Grants in Iowa East totaled \$520.65. It will fulfill the grant for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and then Word of Hope will be the next mission grant to be paid. So keep those mites coming!!

Retreat Attendance

Friday night supper - 37 adults

Saturday breakfast - 43 adults

Saturday lunch - 49 adults

Youth in Attendance

Friday night supper - 8 children

Saturday breakfast - 9 children

Saturday lunch - 9 children



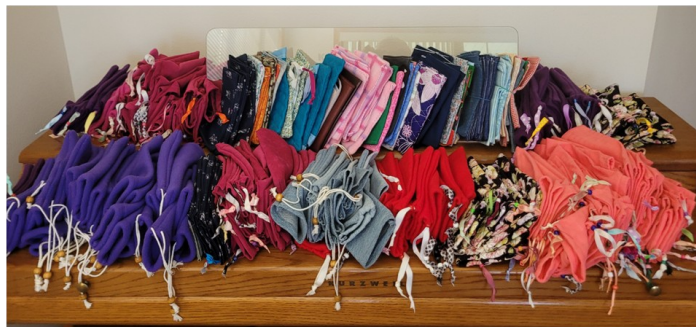
Ingathering Items **for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**



Cash \$66.

- 31 rolls of paper towels
- 6 large and 2 small packages of napkins
- 18 rectangular boxes of facial tissues
- 4 square boxes of facial tissues
- 6 rolls of toilet paper
- 390 postage stamps
- 266 13 gallon trash bags
- 80 30 gallons trash bags
- 150 sandwich size ziplock bags
- 54 quart size ziplock bags
- 40 gallon size ziplock bags
- 2 bottles of laundry detergent
- 1 large bottle of dish soap
- 1 can of antibacterial wipes
- 7 bottles of toilet bowl cleaner
- 5 bottles of bathroom disinfectant
- 2 cans of powdered cleanser
- 4 bottles of Pinesol

Donations to **MOST Ministries:** 377 eyeglass cases
71 pairs of sunglasses
7-10 pairs of eyeglasses



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