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ways leads to a joyful end.” LSB 752 v. 1*

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President's Corner



I wear a pair of silly shoes when I meet with a special group of women who meet regularly in fellowship. When I see the shoes sitting in my closet, they remind me of the times our group has laughed or cried together and the times that we have supported each other as sisters in Christ. Those silly shoes make me smile.

If you are involved in LWML, it is likely that you have some purple items in your closet, just as I do. We LWMLers wear these items because they remind us of the missions we support, and the sisterhood we share through our participation in the LWML. We wear them as a witness to the mission of our group – telling others about Jesus. When we meet together we share Bible study, fellowship, gathering of mites and our special friendship in Christ. Whatever you need to remind you about your LWML participation, whether a shirt, a Mite Box or a phone call from a friend, rejoice that God has put that remembrance in your path and enabled you to be a part of this amazing group of believers. My drawer full of LWML shirts makes me smile.

As I wind down my term as your district president, I am thankful for the drawer full of purple and the reminder that you, dear sisters, are the bonus God has provided for me when we band together to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

You, dear LWML Iowa East sisters, make me smile.

It has been a joy and an honor to serve the LWML Iowa East District these past years. May our gracious God continue to plant a desire in your hearts for sharing Jesus with others.

Joan Berquist

LWML IED President 2014-2018

Counselors Corner



*"Be still, my soul:
the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of
grief or pain. Leave to your
God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful
will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your
heavenly Friend Through thorny ways leads
to a joyful end." This is stanza 1 of the Hymn
Be Still, My Soul (LSB # 752) which was
written by Katharina Amalia Dorothea Von
Schlegel who was born in 1697 in Germany.*

The hymn was originally published in

a German hymnbook in 1752 and later translated into English in 1855 by Jane L. Bothwick (1813-1897), who was a member of the Free Church of Scotland. The hymn was connected to the tune FINLANDIA by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) around 1927 in England. It was first brought to America in a Presbyterian hymnal in 1933. At current count the hymn is found in over 140 hymnals!

It has been said that this hymn was a favorite of devout Christian and Olympic athlete Eric Liddell, who became known for refusing to run on the Sabbath in the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics. It was famously portrayed in the 1981 movie Chariots of Fire. Eric Liddell would later become a missionary and ordained minister in China and was imprisoned by the Japanese during WWII where he died in 1945. Liddell purportedly taught this hymn to fellow prisoners.

This hymn has a decidedly international flavor and is so appropriate for the theme of this issue of LWML IED Alive! LWML is all about women in mission! For 75 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Through the tireless volunteers of LWML, the officers and societies here in Iowa and around the country, millions of dollars have been raised and sent out which help proclaim Christ crucified and the forgiveness of sins found in Jesus Christ to the world!

My "joyful end" as pastoral counselor is almost here. Joyful not because it is the end but because these past four years have been an honor and privilege to be connected to the greatest mission-minded organization in the world. I thank you for providing me with many wonderful times and opportunities to Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100:2). I leave you with these words found in stanza 1 & 2 of the hymn. "Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake." Amen! Amen!

Pastor Rev. David Lingard
LWML IED Pastoral Counselor

VP of Organizational Resources



Be still, my soul: The Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend Though thorny ways leads to a joyful end."

One thing we can always count on is change. You think things are going along status quo and then bam, things change. My family and I are going through some major changes right now. I have taken a new job position and we are moving to the Dubuque area. With that we are changing our home, school, church, LWML Zone, friends and jobs. We will be going through some thorny ways in the next few months but I know that the Lord will be with us to a joyful end. Embrace change, whether it be a change you expect or not expect and know the Lord will be with you every step of the way.

Janell Wollschlager
VP Organizational Resources

VP of Gospel Outreach



Once again the student aid committee was blessed with numerous student aid requests to review. The students will be notified after the LWML IED district convention June 15-16 of their status.

The endowment fund committee has created a new and revised Student Aid Endowment Fund pamphlet. It is now available on our website. Check under Resources/ zone and society resources.

Thanks and Praise be to our Lord and Savior for another successful 2016-2018 Mission Grant biennium. Join me in prayer as we ask our Lord and Savior to bless the 2018-2020 Mission Grants that have been selected. As of March 15, 2018 the Mites still needed at National is \$1,166,750. As your mites are received at district, 25% is sent to National LWML to reach this goal.

Mission Grant Spotlight:

Grant #11 CONCORDIA GOSPEL OUTREACH, "Churches to Children Outreach Project"- \$7,500

"VP of Gospel Outreach" Cont.

Many congregations often lack the funding necessary to acquire printed books and other Gospel-based materials to share with those they serve. This funding enables Concordia Gospel Outreach to equip at least 20 LCMS congregations' ministries in the Iowa East District with outreach kits tailored to the specific ministry needs of each congregational program identified through training resources, Bibles, educational materials, and distribution assistance to spread the Gospel.

Grant #9 LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION REFUGEE SERVICE, "Detention Ministry: Sharing the love of Christ to detained immigrants" - \$5,000

1,000 Spanish-language Bibles given to men and women in immigration detention receive the comfort and share encouragement as immigrants seek relief and mercy from immigration courts. They are a source of strength to carry with them through the next stages of their journey.

As this is my final article I wish to thank God for giving me the opportunity for letting me serve, and my sisters in Christ who entrusted me to work with student aid, endowment funding, and mission grants. The past four years have allowed me to grow as a leader and to develop my computer skills. "Serving the Lord with Gladness" has become my new motto.

Cynthia Kofoot

Vice President of Gospel Outreach

VP of Human Care

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him.... Psalm 62:5.

When you see or hear the words "human care", what comes to mind? Are you thinking about agencies such as Lutheran World Relief, or Lutheran Family Services, the American Cancer Society, Lutherans for Life, Orphan Grain Train? Maybe you think of your local nursing home or food pantry. These are all agencies are in need. If you in charge of the fundraising or collecting items for any of these human care agencies do you question if you are capable of having the right ideas or how to go about this task? Do you share these doubts/anxieties with your friends or your LWML group? Do you have



a conversation with them? Do your doubts/anxieties seem to fade after sharing?

Maybe you contemplate these ideas quietly by yourself. The first verse of the hymn "Be Still My soul, Before the Lord" tells us "Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will always hear". (Do you know prayer is defined as a solemn conversation with God?) The hymn continues "Wait then in quiet confidence. Your anxious thought at rest. God knows your needs... and works before you ask". Be Still my Soul... On God in patience wait. God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late". Where is your quiet place for having a conversation with God to share your doubts and anxieties?

Jill Fraser

Vice President of Human Care

Micah 6:8

VP of Christian Life

"Be still, my soul: The Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend. Though thorny ways leads to a joyful end."



These lyrics really hit home for me, when I read them. I'm sitting here watching a light April snowfall and feel so blessed. The past couple months have grown my patience and my ability to wait in the face of the unknown. My husband Bill was admitted to the hospital on February 12th with severe pneumonia, atrial fibrillation (AFib), and acute respiratory distress syndrome. He spent 14 days in ICU under sedation and then 37 more days in specialty care and physical rehabilitation. Along this journey several hard decisions were made, always leaning on the Lord. I prayed daily to the Lord for his strength and guidance for myself and our family, as well as all the wonderful caregivers at the hospital. I recall at several of the harder times I had to remind myself to "Be still, my soul" I knew the Lord was with us and he would provide for us, I just needed to stay strong and be patient. Through this thorny way God has opened for us a second chapter in Bill's life.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer ... (Psalm 18:2a).

Vicki Ozburn

Vice President of Christian Life

Heart to Heart Sisters

"Serve the Lord with gladness" are words very familiar to all LWMLers. But what does it really mean and how do we do it? Heart to Heart (H2H) is asking all LWMLers to look around and find our sisters from different cultures, ethnicities - reach out and love and serve them.

And we don't need to send missionaries out to do this. Look around, God is bringing these sisters right to our doors!! Grace, Waterloo has welcomed a woman from Liberia. And she has brought her daughter over from Liberia and into our church! We have also befriended a young woman from Haiti and her two children - one of whom was born here and baptized at Grace! God is so good and making it easy for all of us!!

Our H2H sisters are out there - in Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids as well as smaller communities. Christ calls us to be loving (John 15:12); to put our love into actions (1 John 3:18); and to serve Him through serving others (Col.3:23). How are you loving and serving? Our H2H sisters are waiting for us!!

Nancy McHone
Heart to Heart Coordinator

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Treasurer

We "finance types" tend to view things a little differently. When I read the first verse of LSB hymn 752, "Be Still, My Soul," I think of budgets. That's a good thing! Especially fitting are the words, "Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain." Allow me to explain.



Society delegates attending the LWML IED Convention will have the opportunity to vote on approving the 2018-2020 biennium budget. Let's review how our Heavenly Father orders and provides by exploring what a budget IS and what it is NOT.

A budget is a "financial" expression of our mission. It is an instrument to show our desire to affirm each woman's relationship with Christ, encourage and equip women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. A

budget is not a tool to get more mites from societies, nor should it be construed as a fundraising goal. The why of our giving is more important than what we give. Christian stewards give in thanksgiving for blessings received from God, not to a budget.

Our IED budget describes how we plan to spend our mites, while providing a means of accountability to our members for how those gifts reach our mission. Let's examine this by highlighting key budget areas of our outreach and inreach.

Outreach funds include the most obvious titles meeting our mission statement. Contained here are mites to provide programs and services to LWML Iowa East District and those in need: the lost, the non-churched, and the struggling. Included are District Mission Grants, mites sent to (National) LWML, and contributions to the IED Student Aid Endowment Fund (both through direct gifts to the District and through allocations of Thrivent Choice® and Ready Set Recycle dollars). Outreach funds are also used to provide subscriptions to the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and ALIVE and to support active mission at conventions.

Inreach funds are spent on fundraising and administrative expenses. Items like postage, printing, insurance premiums, and board member mileage reimbursements may not seem significant, but they really do support and complement our mission and outreach goals. Managed well, these items keep IED running smoothly and efficiently. They, too, are part of our stewardship and a reflection of the glory of the One we serve with gladness!

The budget presented for the new biennium is merely a tool for prayerful planning regarding the resources given us by God. It is ultimately He who orders and provides. He remains faithful regardless – even when our earthly plans don't go as planned. May the Lord help us always keep our budgets in the proper perspective! Thank you for your prayers, your stewardship, your mites and your service. The Lord is on our side and will always provide. To His glory, we are led to a joyful end!

Gretchen Rasmussen
Treasurer

Financial Secretary Report

The attached report includes all money deposited October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018. This includes mites, Quarterly and Alive payments, memorials, and miscellaneous receipts. Some checks may not have arrived in time to be included in the March 31st deposit. If there are unexplained discrepancies with your records, please let me know. The number in parenthesis after the society name indicates the reported number of members. If that number is incorrect it may be that we do not have your most recent Society Record Form. Contact your Zone President to update your form and information.

Look for the Financial Secretary's booth at Convention in Cedar Rapids. I'll have items available such as remittance books and mite boxes with the new LWML logo. If you won't be able to attend convention and need these items, please contact me. I look forward to seeing everyone in June at Convention!

God's blessings to you as you joyfully serve Him!

Elizabeth Gefle
Financial Secretary



Convention Gifts From The Heart: BABY SHOWER

- SUGGESTED ITEMS
- Disposable Diapers
 - Wet Wipes
 - Sleepers / Onesies
 - Baby Lotion
 - Baby wash
 - Baby washcloth
 - Fleece Blanket
 - Baby Toy
 - Diaper Bag



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LWML Iowa East District - October 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018	
SOCIETY MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTIONS	
ALDEN, ST PAUL'S LADIES AID (15)	\$377.58
ATKINS, ST STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIETY (15)	\$940.57
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (18)	\$412.77
BENNETT, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$502.99
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (9)	\$723.63
BUCKEYE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (10)	\$35.12
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (6)	\$295.00
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (7)	\$124.04
CEDAR FALLS, IMMANUEL DORCAS SOCIETY (27)	\$768.60
CEDAR FALLS IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD (14)	\$-00
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (30)	\$1,118.10
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (20)	\$464.05

CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (58)	\$807.30
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (inactive)	\$-00
CENTER POINT, ST JOHN LUTHERAN RUTH CIRCLE (inactive)	\$235.15
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID/LWML (12)	\$198.29
CHARLES CITY, NEW HOPE WOMEN IN MISSION (15)	\$191.46
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLES (30)	\$325.66
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (14)	\$477.30
CLINTON, ST JOHN'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (18)	\$69.00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE GUILD (15)	\$583.61
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$192.00
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$632.59
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (23)	\$330.39
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (8)	\$62.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (21)	\$129.88
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST WOMEN IN MISSION (35)	\$1,232.97
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (30)	\$1,056.50
DELAWARE, ST PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (15)	\$446.00
DEEP RIVER, CALVARY LWML (inactive)	\$-00
DENVER, ST JOHN LWML (24)	\$562.42
DE WITT, GRACE LUTHERAN LWML MISSION GUILD (60)	\$381.84
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER CHARITY GUILD (26)	\$297.22
DUBUQUE, OUR REDEEMER LWML SOCIETY (8)	\$162.17
DUBUQUE, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (15)	\$623.25
ELDORA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (43)	\$913.06
ELDRIDGE, PARK VIEW WOMEN REACHING OUT (20)	\$129.51
ELMA, ST PETER LWML (15)	\$548.73
EVANSDALE, ST PAUL LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
FAIRBANK, ST JOHN DORCAS CIRCLE (12)	\$146.74
FAIRFIELD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES CIRCLE (22)	\$264.81
FAYETTE, GRACE LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
FORT MADISON, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (5)	\$99.13
FREDERICKSBURG, ST PAUL'S LYDIA CIRCLE (20)	\$259.76
GARRISON, ST MARK'S TABITHA MISSION SOCIETY (10)	\$205.87
GLADBROOK, CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY (inactive)	\$-00
GRAND MOUND, IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (12)	\$314.26
GRINNELL, IMMANUEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	\$169.48
GUTTENBERG, TRINITY LADIES AID (10)	\$359.77
HAMPTON, TRINITY LADIES SOCIETY (53)	\$1,150.74
HIAWATHA, ZION LWML (HOSANNA & HAPPINESS CIRCLES) (8)	\$729.29
HOMESTEAD, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (12)	\$278.75
HUBBARD, ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MISSION CIRCLE (18)	\$266.42
INDEPENDENCE, OUR REDEEMER LWML (9)	\$143.08
IOWA CITY, OUR REDEEMER LWML MISSION GUILD (30)	\$1,173.56

IOWA FALLS, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (50)	\$756.41
JESUP, GRACE CONCORDIA LADIES AID (13)	\$186.61
KEOKUK, MESSIAH LUTHERAN LWML (inactive)	\$-00
KEYSTONE, ST JOHN'S DORCAS GUILD (13)	\$193.66
KNOXVILLE, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$491.09
LA CONA, ST PAUL LADIES AID (15)	\$316.52
LATIMER, ST PAUL'S LWML (34)	\$2,388.33
LOWDEN, TRINITY LADIES AID (11)	\$206.38
LUZERNE, LUZERNE LADIES AID/ST PAUL'S LWML (8)	\$102.03
MANCHESTER, OUR SAVIOR MISSION GUILD (22)	\$749.72
MARENGO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (23)	\$458.00
MARION, ST PAUL'S LWML (50)	\$1,628.21
MARSHALLTOWN, REDEEMER LWML (25)	\$374.33
MARSHALLTOWN, TRINITY LADIES AID OF DILLON (5)	\$-00
MASON CITY, BETHLEHEM LWML (48)	\$609.41
MC GREGOR, WOMEN OF ST PAUL (5)	\$35.50
MELCHER-DALLAS, ST JOHN LWML (35)	\$34.97
MONTICELLO, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
MT PLEASANT, FAITH LWML (10)	\$553.47
MT VERNON, ST PAUL PRISCILLA GUILD (10)	\$-00
MUSCATINE, OUR SAVIOR LWML (25)	\$1,011.11
NEWHALL, ST JOHN TABITHA SOCIETY (28)	\$579.21
NEWTON, OUR SAVIOR FAITH SOCIETY (15)	\$709.40
OELWEIN, PEACE SONSHINE MISSION CIRCLE (10)	\$375.85
OSAGE, ST JOHN'S LWML (inactive)	\$-00
OSAGE, TRINITY LWML (35)	\$530.48
OSKALOOSA, ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD (20)	\$587.28
OTTUMWA, TRINITY LWML (20)	\$206.22
READLYN, IMMANUEL KLINGER LWML (21)	\$362.00
READLYN, ST PAUL'S MARY MARTHA CIRCLE (14)	\$219.55
REINBECK, ST JOHN'S DORCAS (20)	\$404.74
RICEVILLE, ST PETER LWML (30)	\$836.30
ST ANSGAR, IMMANUEL LWML (45)	\$1,221.21
SHELL ROCK, PEACE LADIES AID (6)	\$89.49
SHELLSBURG, ZION LADIES GUILD (inactive)	\$-00
SIGOURNEY, HOPE MISSION GUILD (3)	\$680.00
STANWOOD, ST PAUL'S HOME MISSION CIRCLE (1)	\$147.00
STATE CENTER, ST JOHN LADIES AID AND VESPERS (20)	\$278.33
STATE CENTER, TRINITY LADIES AID (23)	\$177.36
SUMNER, ST JOHN'S/ST PAUL'S LADIES SOCIETY (18)	\$391.52
VAN HORNE, ST ANDREW MISSIONARY SOCIETY (14)	\$410.38
VENTURA, REDEEMER DORCAS (14)	\$162.66
VICTOR, ST JAMES LWML LADIES (17)	\$274.55
VICTOR, ST JOHN'S LADIES AID (18)	\$407.16

VINTON, TRINITY MISSION CIRCLE (6)	\$-00
WAPELLO, ST PAUL LWML (inactive)	\$-00
WATERLOO, CONCORDIA LWML (4)	\$-00
WATERLOO, FAITH, WOMEN OF FAITH (18)	\$122.80
WATERLOO, GRACE HANNAH SOCIETY (12)	\$438.75
WATERLOO, GRACE LADIES AID (6)	\$53.00
WAVERLY, ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY (23)	\$1,247.00
WAVERLY, ST PAUL ARTESIAN LWML (7)	\$343.76
WELLSBURG, ST JOHN'S LWML (10)	\$-00
WESTGATE, ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (12)	\$353.49
WILLIAMSBURG, IMMANUEL LADIES (11)	\$348.25
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL'S NIGHTLIGHTS (inactive)	\$-00
WILLIAMSBURG, ST PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (16)	\$988.58
WILTON, ZION EVENTIDE SOCIETY (18)	\$424.76
WILTON, ZION LADIES AID (inactive)	\$-00
Total of Society Contributions October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	\$45,379.24
ZONE CONTRIBUTIONS	
BENTON	\$-00
CEDAR RAPIDS	\$-00
CLINTON	\$125.00
DAVENPORT	\$-00
DUBUQUE	\$-00
ELDORA	\$300.00
MARSHALLTOWN	\$-00
MT PLEASANT	\$-00
ST ANSGAR	\$-00
WATERLOO	\$-00
WESTGATE	\$227.00
WILLIAMSBURG	\$284.75
Total of Zone Contributions October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	\$936.75
MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS	
READY, SET, RECYCLE (Endowment Fund)	\$-00
THRIVENT CHOICE (Endowment Fund)	\$620.00
MISC DONORS RECEIPTS (Includes Memorials)	\$710.00
IED DIRECT RECEIPTS	\$525.20
IED DIRECT DONATED EXPENSES	\$-00
LCMS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST	\$-00
Total Receipts Plus Endowment Interest October 01, 2017 - March 31, 2018	\$48,171.19

Zone

WESTGATE ZONE SPRING RALLY

The Westgate Zone Spring Rally was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Artesian on Saturday March 17, 2018. We had a total of 57 LWML members, pastors and LWML IED Officers present. Pastor Michael Holmen, Zone Pastoral Counselor installed the New Officers.

Our Speaker was Ch. Col. Randolph McHone USAF Ret. "Operation Barnabas" Counselor, Vacancy Pastor at St. Paul's, Artesian and LWML IED Jr. Pastoral Counselor. Our In Gathering Monies will help the military families in N.E. Iowa, who may need some assistance.

We were blessed to have several LWML IED Officers present. They shared with us information about the Quarterly, a Letter from LWML IED Pres. Joan Berquist, The Orphan Grain Train Workday, and Janell Wolschlager got us all prepared to "Do Some Rocking" at LWML IED Convention, June 15-16, 2018 to raise money for Mites.

We were grateful that our morning Spring Rally ended with dry roads for most of us, to return home.



LWML IED OFFICERS
AT WESTGATE ZONE
SPRING RALLY

L. to R. Becky Wehrspann, Quarterly Features Editor, Nancy McHone, Heart to Heart Coordinator, Janell Wolschlager, V.P. of Org. Resources, Jill Frazer, V.P. of Human Care.

Williamsburg

Williamsburg Zone had their spring rally on April 19th in Victor, Iowa. We began with supper and then had devotions which were led by Pastor Rethwisch of St. John Victor, and Bible Study was led by Pastor Gray of Marengo. Our scheduled guest speaker was Rev. Gary Sears who shared on his recent trip to Liberia to teach pastors. He enlightened us on the formation that the pastors in Liberia are going through and how much they crave the confessional teachings that Pastor Sears and his team teach them. Trinity, Conroy is in the process of raising funds to buy Kindles for each of the 24 pastors to ease the burden of carrying books so far (which makes them a target for thievery), and also from being destroyed by the heat. They have purchased 4 Kindles so far, which were well received by the men this year.

We also had a special treat to have Caitlin Worden de Ramirez with us, who serves the LCMS as a Deaconess in Latin America. She shared with us about the work she does in Peru with the mercy houses, how they just had their first round of child confirmations, and that they have had a lot of baptisms! They are blessing the community by giving the children of Lima a safe place to be in the afternoons, and because of this, they are also reaching out to the parents and are growing their church!! Caitlin was joined by her husband, Jean Carlos who will be attending the seminary in the Dominican Republic this fall to become a pastor. They hope that once Jean Carlos graduates, they will be able to return to Lima to continue working at Castillo Fuerte as a Pastor/Deaconess team.

A short business meeting was held after these presentations. We heard from Cheryl Killham who highlighted bits of a letter from President Joan. Cheryl encouraged our zone to pick out two tellers for counting votes as a back up to the electronic voting, if it does not work. LWML is ALIVE in Williamsburg!



Rev. Gary Sears presents on his work teaching pastors in Liberia



Caitlin and Jean Carlos Ramirez present on their work as missionaries to Latin America

Clinton

The Clinton Zone LWML held their Spring Rally on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowden, IA. 33 persons were in attendance. Pastor Daniel Redhage led the Bible Study titled "Could you be a Missionary?" Our guest speakers were Pastor David Lingard and his wife Sandra on their recent mission trip to Kenya, Africa. Very informative! A business meeting was held and a delicious luncheon followed the meeting.

Iowa East District YWR's sponsored a Learn and Serve Event in March. Senior Pastoral Counselor, Rev. David Lingard gave a Bible Study and President Joan Berquist talked about what LWML is. Rachel Wegener, one of the current YWR's and two past YWR's, who are now actively involved with LWML, shared their experience as YWR's and then we put together 9 school bookbag kits which will go to local families who are in need. Thrivent action grants helped get the supplies for the kits. LWML is ALIVE in Iowa East!



On February 17th, 2018 as an Ingathering Offering, 17 LWML IED Board of Directors members (and 1 husband) spent a day at Orphan Grain Train. They helped pack boxes of women's tops, men's pants, children's shoes, children's jackets and men's shirts. They taped the boxes and took them to the warehouse where they will be shipped to wherever there is need. Six zones were represented: Benton, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Eldora, Marshalltown, and Westgate.

Jill Fraser reports "It was an enjoyable day as we worked alongside the sisters and brothers in Christ who give of their time every Tuesday and Thursday to help God's people who are in need."



Rev. Roy Berquist (husband to President Joan) has accepted a Divine Call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayward, Wisconsin. They move to Hayward on May 10th, 2018. She will still serve as our President and preside over the June convention until our new president will be elected.

President Joan has shared her new address and phone number with us, and her email remains the same.

Please join me in thanking President Joan for her service and guidance to all of us in Iowa East District LWML. President Joan, we wish you many blessings as you get to know your new "purple peeps" in Hayward and the North Wisconsin District.

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Mark Your Calendars

June 15-16, 2018- IED District Convention, Cedar Rapids Marriott

September 7-8, 2018- IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E Ca

June 20-23, 2019- National LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama

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