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President's Corner

Greetings in the name of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ, the Light of the World.

This morning, my husband
came in from doing the chores
and showed me a picture of a
beautiful sun dog. There were two, but he had
positioned himself just right so that he could
get a clear picture of one of them without the
glare from looking right into the sun. I'm not
sure if the entire halo was visible because the
sun was too bright.

This beautiful scene got me to thinking
about the wonder of God. God, in His perfect
wisdom, created us in His image. And after
countless rebellious acts on our part, He
still loves us, still takes care of us, and still
forgives us. How do I know this? God's Word.
His words – first written on the hearts of man,
then written down for generations to come to
read and reread. To be passed on. To be told
and retold. To light up the world. Now that's a
beautiful scene.

Hymn 582, *God's Word is Our Great
Heritage* says "To spread its light from age
to age shall be our chief endeavor." That's
what Lutheran Women in Mission is all about.
Spreading its light. God's Word. God's light.
A light that is far greater and brighter than the
morning sun with two beautiful, radiant sun
dogs on a frigid winter morning.

The women of the Lutheran Women's
Missionary League have been saving their
mites for more than 75 years to assist
missionaries and organizations spread God's
Word - God's Light - all over the world. One
headline on the LWML website says "Over
\$100 Million in Mites in 43 Countries Since
1942." Think about that for a moment – that's
over 10,000,000,000 pennies (10 billion).
I cannot imagine what a pile of 10 billion
pennies would look like. But I do know what
a penny, or a mite, looks like and what they
are worth.

The widow's mite was considered to be
almost worthless. The miracle is what God
does with that mite, or penny. God takes
my worthless pennies and, combined with
worthless pennies from other godly women,
accumulates millions and billions of pennies
used to spread His Word farther and farther.
God takes my pennies and multiplies them
beyond my comprehension to take the
Gospel, His Word, His Light, to parts of the
world I have only read about in books.



President's Corner Cont...

His Word guides us throughout our life, lights our paths, shows us the way to Him. God's Word comforts us in death.

Let us continue to gather our mites, one by one, to spread the pure Word of God, His true teachings, throughout the world and throughout all generations.

*God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor,
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.*

Margaret Kistler
LWML IED President

Counselors Corner

Greetings and peace be to all. It is a privilege and honor to serve you as the Senior Pastoral Counselor, but with sadness as it is because Pastor McHone was called to the church triumphant.



What matters is that all Pastors who serve have one tool and message at their disposal – the Word of God. A Word that has a two-fold message of Law and Gospel. The Law has the hard message, “we are sinners who cannot save ourselves.” Its purpose is to bring forth the knowledge that each and every person needs the mercy and grace of God. This mercy and grace is presented to all in the Word of the Gospel. The message is that Jesus became sin for all and died for that sin and rose on the third day for salvation and eternal life.

We confess this truth as a church in the meaning of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed which says, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”

Thus our heritage is The Word of God. This is the eternal tool God has given us to share the eternal message of Jesus.

Pastor Christopher A. Roepke
LWML Iowa East District
Junior Pastoral Counselor

Christian Life

God's Word is our great heritage ... Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay ... LSB #582



This one-stanza hymn uses simple words that have a lasting impact and effect when we sing or read them. God's Word guides our way through life – we cling to that Word in good times and in bad, we hold fast to the promises of God it declares. We look to Him (through the Word and prayer) for guidance and direction when faced with difficult decisions. We pray the words He has given to us in the Psalms. We memorize and reflect on passages when a friend or loved one is hurting or in danger. And then comes death, not something to be feared, but rather the means by which we will finally see our Savior face to face. We know His Word is truth, and therefore we know we will be with Him for eternity. He promises it to us, through faith.

His Word comes to us in many ways – in the preaching and teaching in Divine Service; in study and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters; in songs and hymns; in daily prayer. As women of the LWML, we are encourager to our family, friends, and neighbors when we reach out to them in love. We gather for Bible study and fellowship, we study God's Word individually and together.

We can also share God's Word and His promise to us through a small token or gift. The LWML website has wonderful resources with many ideas, including creative crafts for your own use, to use at meetings or rallies, or to share with a friend when you visit (<http://www.lwml.org/program-helps-creative-crafts>). Schedule a time for the women of your congregation – perhaps include the young girls, even – to make some things together and deliver to your shut ins. Sharing the love of God, through His Word, is always a welcome gift!

Becky Wehrspann
Vice President of Christian Life

thanks
GOD
for
EVERYTHING

VP of Gospel Outreach



LWML Iowa East District offers student scholarships each year. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be a member of a congregation within the Iowa East District of the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod (LCMS). The applicant must also be a high school graduate who has enrolled and been accepted at any LCMS synodical training school and is preparing for full-time professional work in the LCMS. Additional information and the application form may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/>. Applications are due May 1 to Elizabeth Gehle, Chairman of the LWML IED Student Aid Committee. Her contact information can be found on the inside front cover of the Alive, or at the Student Aid web page listed above. Please encourage the eligible students you know to apply. A flier is available that you may post at your churches about our scholarship. The flier may be found at <http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/lwml-ied-scholarship-flyer-2019/>. Let's support these students so that they may continue to spread the Word's light from age to age and keep God's teachings pure throughout all generations (LSB582 God's Word is Our Great Heritage). Here are our current 2018-2019 LWML IED scholarship recipients. Remember to lift them up when you go to God in prayer.

Emiliann Pool

Concordia Theological Seminary –
Fort Wayne, IN
Deaconess Program (MA)

Emma Armbrecht

Concordia Nebraska
Early Childhood Education
Freshman

Isaiah Armbrecht

Concordia Nebraska
Pre-Seminary
Senior

Janelle Beckman

Concordia Wisconsin
Choral Music K-12 Education
Senior

Grace Hartwig

Concordia Chicago
Education
Sophomore

VP of Gospel Outreach Cont...

Hannah Thompson

Concordia Chicago
Elementary Education
Junior

LWML District Days will begin April 1 for two weeks on the LWML web site and on the LWML Facebook. Three LWML districts will be featured per day, highlighting two to three of each district's grants. Be on the lookout for Iowa East! Donations will go to each LWML district's mission goal. You can download and print the LWML IED Mission Grants bookmark at <http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants/lwml-ied-mission-grant-bookmark-2018-2020/>. For best results print on cardstock or heavy paper. Special thanks to Hannah Gehle (my niece!) for her sketch of Girl in Prayer featured on our bookmark.

Elizabeth Gehle

Vice President of Gospel Outreach



Heart 2 Heart

The Heart to Heart (H2H) program was created by the LWML to reach out to our sisters of different ethnicities and cultures and bring them into the LWML. The LWML offers them a venue where they can not only share their gifts and talents to help further the mission of the LWML, but also grow their relationship with our Lord.

The theme for this issue of ALIVE is the hymn, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" (#582). That to me implies a great treasure. What good is a great treasure if (1) people don't know about it and (2) we don't share it?

Grace Lutheran Church, Waterloo, has begun an International Friendship Center. We are offering our community free English lessons. It is off to a slow start - only two so far but who knows what doors those two will open? We have welcomed two different families to Grace: Alivena and her two children (Haiti) and Marie, her daughter Janet and now, Janet's son, Joseph (Liberia). We have also had a new friend, Kim, worship with us on occasion.

Sharing God's love and meeting personal needs is the first step. It is not hard. Anyone can do it. How about you?

Nancy McHone

Heart to Heart Coordinator

VP of Human Care

Human Care is God in Action through YOU!

It's about how you treat others – and that should be with thoughtful care and compassion. Human care is also about how you care for you! If you don't take care of yourself, how can you care for others? Know that you don't always need a group of people to make a difference in the lives of others.

There are simple small gestures that can make a difference in others.

You already know this. But how do you know this? Was it through your *heritage*? Heritage can include many things that can be handed down from generation to generation. Stories that can be passed down from your parents? Your grandparents? Your great grandparents? How about your Christian *heritage*? Where did that come from? Again parents, grandparents, great grandparents?

God's Word is our Heritage. And will be ours forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.... (#582 LSB). This hymn tells us we have our great heritage from God's Word and through God's Word we will continue to spread care to others (Human Care). We also spread God's Word to our children. They could see us doing our morning devotions and have them join us as we worship. "Little Visits With God" and "Little Visits for Toddlers" are just two of many resources that can help us spread God's heritage to our children. Children's books and children's Bibles can be a part of our heritage to continue or to start.

Psalms 5:1 Give thanks to the Lord, Call on Him, make known among the nations what He has done.

Jill Fraser

Vice President of Human Care



Org. Resources

The following are suggested changes to consider when working on updating zone bylaws:

- The name of the organization should be – Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Iowa East District - Zone Name.

- The word 'national' does not need to be used before LWML. When you use LWML it always refers to the national organization.

- Change the term District or League to Iowa East District or IED.

- The month and year the bylaws were revised should be on each page.

Thanks to all those who pledged to the Rock-A-Thon event for the IED convention. We raised \$2730.80 with a match of \$500 by LCEF bringing the total to \$3230.80.

As you prepare for your Spring Rally, please make time to review your bylaws and reach out to me if you have any questions.

Janell Wollschlager

Vice President of Organizational Resources



LWML Iowa East District
is keeping you connected!

Find us online

at www.lwml-ied.org.

**The site is full of information,
pictures, news, events and more!**

**Access Society and
Zone Resources.**



*she will be
known by
the boldness
of her faith*

Treasurer

For this ALIVE issue, our theme hymn is *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*, #582. How does God use us "to spread light [His Word's] from age to age?" Certainly, through stewardship of our time, talent and treasure – including our mighty mites!



We're just about half-way through the 2018-2020 biennium. Overall, LWML Iowa East District mites have supplied almost exactly 50% of our budgeted expenses. What a blessing!

2018–2020 Budget (4/1/2018 – 3/31/2020)

Outreach \$204,995.00

Inreach \$11,300.00

Total \$216,295.00

Actual Expenditures (4/1/2018 – 2/1/2019)

Outreach \$100,904.52

Inreach \$6,137.97

Total \$107,042.49

% of Budget

Outreach 49.22%

Inreach 54.32%

Total 49.49%

Inreach funds are spent on fundraising and administrative expenses, including postage, printing, supplies, and Christian growth items for sale from the LWML Store. Outreach funds are those which provide programs and services to LWML Iowa East District and those in need. Thus far this biennium, Outreach expenses include:

- \$48,476.00 in funded LWML IED mission grants

- \$13,510.21 in mites sent on to (National) LWML

- \$15,535.00 in contribution to the LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund

Other Outreach expenses include payments for Quarterly and ALIVE subscriptions and expenditures for rallies and conventions.

Spreading God's Word is our chief endeavor. Thank you for sharing your mites in Christ's love throughout this and all generations!

Gretchen Rasmussen
Treasurer

Financial Secretary

The report on the next page shows all memorials and special gifts from July 1 to December 31, 2018. Memorials and special gifts donations go toward mites unless otherwise specified by the donor.



Society Treasurers: If you need remittance blank books, mite boxes or my address labels please contact me. Funds should be sent to me in the form of a check or money order made payable to LWML Iowa East District or LWML IED.

Thank you for sending in your mites!

May the Lord bless you as you joyfully serve Him,

Marna Mohr
Financial Secretary

A Friendly Reminder

**The deadline to apply
for scholarships ends**

May 1, 2019

**Find the application at
<http://lwml-ied.org/student-aid/lwml-iowa-east-district-student-financial-aid-application/>**

LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT MEMORIAL RECORD

July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

IN MEMORY OF	DONOR
Barb Buss	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Erna Heyde	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Laverna Kleinmeyer	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Maxine Burck	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Carol Duerr	Eldora, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Margaret Granzow	Eldora, St Paul's Ladies Aid
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Dorothy Fink	Hampton , Trinity Ladies Society
Dorothy Fink	Sharon Akers
Dorothy Fink	Mrs James Jorgensen Jr
Vernon Sandersfeld	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Margarete Willmore	Hubbard, St John's Mission Circle
Iva Taylor	Manchester, Women Of Our Savior
Murray Armstrong	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Verna Mahncke	Latimer, St Paul's LWML
Verna Mahncke	Evonne Plagge
Bertha Thielen	Latimer, St Paul's LWML
Bertha Thielen	Evonne Plagge
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Judy Kuch	Evelyn Wiebke
Dustin Schnormeier	Hubbard, St John's Mission Circle
Tim Danger	Hubbard, St John's Mission Circle
George Moats	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Lois Brufloft	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Ron Lettow	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Anita Lowe	Davenport, Trinity LWML
Dorothy Hillier	Davenport, Trinity LWML
Paul Whitbeck	Davenport, Trinity LWML
M. Neub	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Florice Kolb	Evonne Plagge
Shannon Smuck	Buckeye, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Dolly Silvest	Buckeye, St Paul's Ladies Aid
Lavonne Rastetter	Buckeye, St Paul's Ladies Aid
June Loney	Cedar Rapids, Bethany Women's Guild
Scott Nothdorf	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Carol Garrels	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid

Joel Drews	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Jean Snook	Clinton, Trinity Ladies Aid
Rev. Randolph McHone	Davenport, Women In Mission LWML
Rev. Randolph McHone	Evonne Plagge
Rev. Randolph McHone	Belle Plaine, 1st Lutheran Women In Mission
Rev. Randolph McHone	Doris Stanek
Rev. Randolph McHone	Helen Huedepohl
Rev. Randolph McHone	Cash Donation
Rev. Randolph McHone	Diane Paulson
Zelma Fink	Fairbank, St John's Dorcas Circle
Clarence Kruse	Hampton, Trinity Ladies Society
Richard Hagen	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Merle Lehrman	Stanwood, St Paul's Home Mission Circle
Marjorie Lehrman	Stanwood, St Paul's Home Mission Circle
Douglas Gorsh	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Norman Kuddes	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Rev. Maddick	Belle Plaine, 1st Lutheran Women In Mission
Helen Rapp	Cedar Falls, Dorcas Society
Wilma Raudabaugh	Cedar Falls, Dorcas Society
Eleanora Happel	Cedar Falls, Dorcas Society
Amy Mullis	Manchester, Women Of Our Savior
Ralph Frese	Homestead, St John's Ladies Aid
Mr Hogan	Iowa Falls, Immanuel Ladies Aid
Wilbert Petersen	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Allan Doehrmann	Williamsburg, St Paul's Women's Guild
Gift Donation	Hiawatha, Zion LWML

SPECIAL OCCASIONS REMEMBERED

SPECIAL OCCASION	DONOR
50th Anniversary of Ed & Connie Wehring	Brenda Boyce
60th Anniversary of Delbert & Doris Kruckenberg	Lowden, Trinity Ladies Aid
Joyce Schanbacher	Dave & LouAnn Knaak

TOTAL MEMORIAL MONEY RECEIVED: \$1197.00

Faith ♥

Spring 2019 Zone Rally Schedule

Zone	Date	Day	Start Time	Church	City
Benton	4-4	Thur	1:00 pm	St. Andrews	Van Horn
Cedar Rapids	4-6	Sat	9:00 am	Trinity	Cedar Rapids
Clinton	4-27	Sat	8:30 am	Trinity	Clinton
Davenport	4-13	Sat	9:00 am	Our Savior	Bettendorf
Dubuque	4-27	Sat	5:15 am	Mission Central	Mapleton, Ia
Eldora	4-6	Sat	8:30 am	Trinity	Hampton
Marshalltown	4-6	Sat	9:00 am	Redeemer	Marshalltown
Mt Pleasant	4-27	Sat	9:00 am	Our Savior	Muscatine
St Ansgar	4-6	Sat	8:30 am	Immanuel	St. Ansgar
Waterloo	4-6	Sat	8:30 am	Immanuel	Cedar Falls
Westgate	3-16	Sat	8:00 am	Grace	Jesup
Williamsburg	4-27	Sat	9:00 am	St. Paul's	Williamsburg

Zone Dubuque Zone

A group of women who refer to themselves as "Cover Girls" meets monthly at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dubuque to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Prior to the monthly meetings, individuals cut squares, tops and backs together for assembling the quilts. Much of the fabric is donated along with many bed sheets to use for backs of the quilts. The women were able to donate 74 beautiful quilts for the most recent fall collection. They also donated 50 baby care kits and 35 school kits. The quilts were displayed on the backs of the pews on LWML weekend prior to the donation date. Pastor Crawford reminded parishioners to "not cuddle up and nap during his sermon." The women may be few in numbers, but they accomplish great tasks for the Lord.



Charter Bus to Mobile

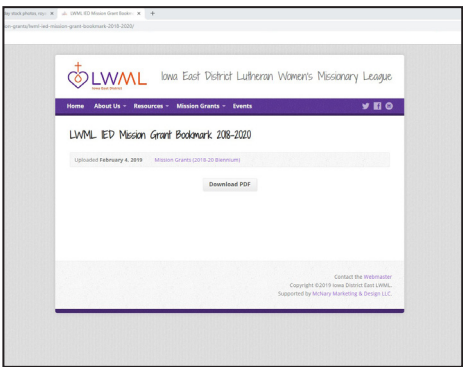
The bus to Mobile is now full BUT, if you still want to go to Mobile on the bus, please notify Jan Johnston as a standby list will be kept. (As we all know, plans can change.) Conventions are inspiring, fun and informative, so please don't hesitate. The bus trip will be take two days leaving from Iowa with three pick-up possibilities. There will be an overnight stay in Missouri both going and coming home. We will have some movies, and some trivia games OR you can catch up on sleep, do some needlework or read. Your choice!

Our request for a hotel assignment has been sent to the Convention Hotel Chairman along with the list of those women (and men) who will stay in each room BUT it's not too late. Yes, men are welcome!

Reservation forms can be found in the Fall/Winter Alive or online. Questions may be directed to Janice Johnston, Mobile Charter Bus Coordinator, 319-377-7678 or jannron@centurylink.net.



Brand New



Bookmark created for District Mission Grants.
Find this fabulous new resource at
<http://lwml-ied.org/mission-grants/lwml-ied-mission-grant-bookmark-2018-2020/>



Iowa East District

LWML IED Mission Grants 2018-2020 Biennium	
1.	Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid - \$15,000
2.	Concordia Seminary Student Aid - \$10,000
3.	Concordia Deacon/Deaconess Graduate Student Aid - \$5,000
4.	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Starting Sooner: Activities for Young Children and Families - \$5,000
5.	LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses - \$10,000
6.	Lutheran Special Education Ministries: New Beginnings for Children with Learning Needs - \$5,000
7.	Phil's Friends: The Hope Expansion Project - \$5,000
8.	Lutheran Braille Workers: Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love (partially funded) - \$1024
9.	Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan - \$5,000
10.	Lutherans for Life: Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion - \$5,000
11.	Lutheran Family Service: Turning Hearts and Minds Toward Life - \$10,000
12.	Valley Lutheran School: Valley Lutheran School Transportation - \$6,476
13.	POBLO International: When Your Daughter Tells You, "I'm Going to Marry a Muslim" - The Unequally Yoked Resource Project - \$8,000
14.	LCMS U at UNI - \$2,000
15.	Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN, Food and Clothing Co-op to purchase food - \$5,000
16.	LCMS Missions: Operation Barnabas - \$3,000
17.	LCMS Missions: Soldiers of the Cross - \$4,000



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OF THE
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Save the Date!

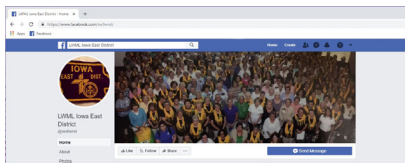
Iowa East Fall Retreat
September 6-7 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Ecclesiastes 3

Spring pickup for LWR will be the Saturday after Easter, April 27. Pickup locations are Cedar Rapids and Ankeny. If there are any questions, please contact Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773.

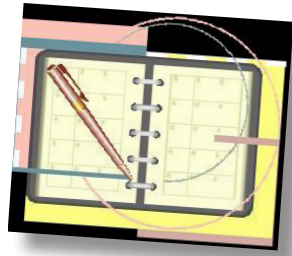


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Mark Your Calendars

- April 27, 2019** – Lutheran World Relief Spring Pickup in Cedar Rapids and Ankeny
May 1, 2019 – Application Deadline for Student Aid
June 20-23, 2019 – LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama
September 6-7, 2019 – IED Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
October 19, 2019 – Lutheran World Relief Fall Pickup in Cedar Rapids and Ankeny
June 12-13, 2020 – IED District Convention

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