

LWML IOWA EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 4, 2023 - Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA

OPENING WORSHIP: Pastor Ellingworth

CALL TO ORDER: President Martha Hartwig at 10:00 a.m.
Welcome and Announcements

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Aug. 12, 2023 minutes were posted on the LWML-IED website for review. No changes made and they stand approved as posted.

TREASURER: See submitted report - report will be filed for review. Becky Gluesing reported that the current balance as of today - 11/4/23 - is \$9,356.83.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See submitted report.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: See submitted report. Jan Brown reported there are a number of Mission Minded shirts and other assorted items available for sale today.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: See submitted report. Helen Huedepohl reported she will meet with zone presidents over lunch today. There have been concerns over some who cannot open agendas and add to the BOD reports and this will be addressed. Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner met with Daniel Sanchez of IDE who will help re-do our website and make needed changes. Also be aware of scams on G-Suite - Becky Gluesing recently received a request asking for money that was not legitimate. Registrar Margaret Kistler made a motion to have the registrar position now report to the VP of Communications - seconded and passed.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: See submitted report. A new member is needed on the Mission Grant committee. Pres. Hartwig appointed Lois Kundel - Margaret Kistler moved to accept the appointment of Lois Kundel to this position - seconded and passed.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: See submitted report.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Karen Boehme reported on the need for YWR's for the 2024 district convention - the application is on the district website and is due Jan. 31, 2024 to the zone presidents. Once the zone has approved the YWR, send the name(s) to Karen. Each zone should have in their bylaws how many YWR's they can send and they are paid for by the zone.

VP Carolyn Zimmerman will present the bylaw and procedure manual changes as suggested by the Structure Committee later in the meeting.

ZONE PRESIDENTS: See submitted reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: See submitted report. Pres. Hartwig announced that Erin Alter will be the keynote speaker for the 2024 district convention - she is the LWML short term mission coordinator and a member of the Lutheran Ladies Lounge podcast on KFYO. Karen Morrison, LWML VP of Mission Outreach will be the national representative.

STANDING COMMITTEES: See submitted reports. Dori Stanek reported the Fall 2023 totals for LWR pickup in Cedar Rapids on 10/21/23. 56 congregations participated with the following collection totals: 3,312 quilts, 706 health kits, 4,048 school kits, 20 sewing kits, and 373 layettes. \$3232.40 was collected for shipping. Sat. April 20, 2024 is the next collection day in Cedar Rapids. Sat. May 4, 2024 is also a collection day in Decorah. Times are from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Meeting Manager Bonnie Thompson reported she will keep updating the BOD roster as needed and distributed the 2024 refreshment rotation list for BOD meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 CONVENTION - Judy Westergren reported on the Archivist/Historian seminar she attended. Paper records need to continue to be kept - this includes all minutes and agendas and reports. This is given to the district archivist. Her entire report will be published on the district website.

Jeanette Kreutner attended the Mission Grant seminar, Margaret Kistler attended the Structure seminar - "Bylaws are how we function, not what we do", and Sheryl Zinda attended the Recording Secretary seminar.

Pastor Ellingworth opened the afternoon session with a Bible study on The Feast of All Saints.

2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION UPDATES: See submitted report.

Convention Chair Cheryl Killham brought forth the recommendation from the EC to approve the convention menu as printed. Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommendation - motion carried.

Cheryl Killham brought forth the EC recommendation to approve the fees related to the 2024 convention - Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommendation - motion carried.

Cheryl Killham brought forth the EC recommendation to approve the registration form. The BOD does not fill out the form or pay for their registration - Cheryl will take care of that. Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommendation - motion carried.

Cheryl Killham brought forth the EC recommendation to approve the exhibitor form. VP's are to let Cheryl know if they would like a table for their committee. Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommendation - motion carried.

Cheryl Killham brought forth a recommendation to approve the Praise Light Memorial for the convention to remember LWML sisters now in heaven. Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommendation - motion carried.

Pres. Hartwig asked for volunteers to assist her with the Convention Guidelines Manual - Margaret Kistler, Cheryl Killham, and Judy Westergren volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 MISSION GRANTS: The grant application has been approved by IDE President Saunders and President Hartwig. They will soon be published.

President Hartwig asked zone presidents to update the zone nominating committee with their member.

BYLAW AND PROCEDURE MANUAL CHANGES: VP of Organization Resources Carolyn Zimmerman brought forth the recommendations from the EC to changes in the district bylaws and the procedure manual. The procedure manual changes were reviewed. Pres. Hartwig moved to accept the recommended changes - motion carried. The updated procedure manual will be posted on the district website.

The bylaw changes were reviewed and potential changes were discussed. The BOD approved sending the potential changes to national LWML for review by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS: Pres. Hartwig made the following appointments: Karen Kuesel will be the newest member of the Christian Life committee, Gretchen Rasmussen has agreed to serve as short term mission coordinator, and Lora Duncan and Carole Spiehs are the 2024 district fall retreat co-chairs. Helen Huedepohl moved to accept these appointments - seconded and carried.

The 2024 district fall retreat will be September 13-14 at Camp Iodiseca. The Eldora Zone is hosting.

Carolyn Zimmerman announced a work day at Camp Iodiseca Sat. 11/11/23. The need for sewers with machines to make curtains is a priority.

Angie Banko announced that \$345 in cash and a \$10 gift card was collected for Gifts from the Heart and will be distributed to our scholarship recipients.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. and closed with prayer by Pastor Ellingworth.

Next meeting is Saturday February 10, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, IA.

Sheryl Zinda
Recording Secretary



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report



MEETING DATE: Nov 4, 2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - Martha Hartwig

Since we last met, I have:

Attended four Zone Gatherings

Attended several Convention Committee meetings

Reviewed and approved nominated Mission Grants

Received 3 names for consideration as District Counselor

Secured keynote speaker and LWML officer for 2024 convention

Written a 2 Minute Tuesday

Prepared agendas and Call to meet for BOD and EC meetings

Met with IDE LCMS President Saunders

Corresponded as needed

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: - Carolyn Zimmerman

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - Liz Roberts

I attended the Westgate Zone Fall Event and gave President Martha's report.

There is a new member to the Christian Life Committee - Karen Kuesel is from St.

James, Victor and is excited to help on this committee. Please welcome Karen.

We have ordered a few items for the LWML store.

I will be working with the co-chairs of the IED convention on some interruptions during the convention.

We will continue to work with the member development committee on staying in contact with YWR's and a Bible Study for them.

I wrote a devotion for the Winter Alive.

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - Helen Huedepohl

I was pleased to be able to find the answer to questions directed to IED through our G-Suite email account. I believe G-Suites is a good tool to connect individual members and IED officers. Recently, Jeanette Kreutner suggested more coordination and support among our zone presidents. Several presidents responded positively to an email from me and were able to help each other. It may be helpful to meet during lunch at our BOD meetings. I was able to be a sounding board for our Webmaster and Editor as they labor diligently to keep members informed and excited about LWML IED. My Facebook posting have focused on directing the public to our website lwml-ied.org.

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - Jeanette Kreutner

We have now reached 62% of our Mission Grant goal and expect to pay the Scholarships amounts right after today's Board meeting. For the 2024-2026 biennium, we have received 22 Mission Grant requests totalling \$126,100. President Saunders and President Hartwig have reviewed the grants. Now, the Mission Grant committee will meet. I will need a new committee member to replace Tammy McKay since she is no longer the Davenport Zone President

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - Angie Banko

I sent the cards that everyone signed at our last BOD meeting. In response to the cards and scholarships thank you notes were received from Matthew and Jacob Diercks. I will be bringing cards again to sign and send to the scholarship recipients. One of them will be a wedding card for Aaron Fosse and his bride who will be married over Thanksgiving weekend. Gifts from the Heart will be monetary donations to purchase gift cards to be included with the cards.

I attended the Mt. Pleasant zone rally in Fairfield and gave the President's report.

RECORDING SECRETARY: - Sheryl Zinda -

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Jennifer Determan

Since the August 12, 2023, board meeting I have been receiving the societies' mites, memorials, etc., and have made the following deposits:

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

September 1, 2023	\$3,064.58
September 9, 2023	\$ 717.55
September 30, 2023	\$5,702.86
October 28, 2023	<u>\$8,868.39</u>

TOTAL - \$18,353.38

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

I will be unable to attend the BOD meeting but please email me if you need more remittance books or address labels.

Jennifer L. Determan
LWML IED Financial Secretary

TREASURER: - Becky Gluesing

Treasurer's Report for Secretary's Minutes

Submitted by Becky Gluesing

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of September 30, 2023 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 2022-2024 budget includes \$30,000 for student scholarships. \$22,500 has been sent towards that goal. The final \$7,500 will be sent when the balance allows. The 2022-2024 mission grants funded totaled \$87,200. This includes \$11,596 in grants from the 2020-2022 budget that were paid out in the first quarter of the current budget. In the sixth quarter (June-September), we paid 2 mission grants for a total of \$772.63. Both grants were to the Wartburg Walther League. This brings our total mission grant dispersals for the biennium to \$43,068.63. In the current 7th quarter we have paid the \$3,000 grant to Community Lutheran School. This is 62% of the mission grants funded for the current biennium.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	07/01/2023		\$ 5,284.80
Income received since	07/01/2023	+	\$ 18,789.98
Less expenses since	07/01/2023	-	<u>\$ 22,229.13</u>
Balance on hand as of	09/30/2023	=	\$ 1,845.65

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$95,222.70 as of 09/30/2023 (most recent statement). This is a decrease of \$2,736.27 from the 3/01/2023 balance resulting from a change in market value. The stock market has been unpredictable lately. The only silver lining is the decrease was much less than the previous quarter.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$2,989.15 as of 09/30/2023 (most recent statement).

COUNSELOR (JR.): - Rev. Jon Ellingworth

COUNSELOR (SR.): - Rev. Chris Roepke

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: - Vicki Gardemann - Benton Zone Fall rally was held Thursday Sept. 23 at St. Andrew, Van Horne. Our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Lutheran Family Services who spoke on "The Footsteps of Paul" in Greece and Rome. "In a life full of trials and tribulations, your LWML Benton Zone gift card of \$450 gas cards and gift of \$70...enables LFS to continue walking alongside people through the changing seasons of life. Thank you!" Rev. Jeff Schanbacher led afternoon devotions. 43 were in attendance. Mite offering was \$325.18. Total offering was \$487.00 Spring rally 2024 will be April 27 at St. Stephen's, Atkins.

CEDAR RAPIDS: - Ginny Boyer

The Cedar Rapids Fall Zone Event was held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marion, IA. A delicious breakfast was served with several types of quiches, breads, and fruit. Guatemalan coffee was served. Janice Johnson gave the welcome and Karen Pfeffer from Bethany, Cedar Rapids, responded with the invitation to the Spring Event which will be held April 13th, 2024. The M & M's skit invited us to the District Convention in June 2024.

Anna Noble presented "Project Guatemala" from her recent mission trip. Rev. Andy Noble led the Bible Study on the theme verse, Colossians 1:6-7.

We elected Norma Swift, King of Kings as treasurer and Carol Hanneman, St. Paul's, as Vice President. We took a short break to encourage each other to serve on the structure and Christian Life Committees. Those zone committees now have three members each. The breakfast donations were given to mites and the ingathering had many items for Central Furniture Rescue.

CLINTON: - Patti Christiansen

The Clinton Zone Fall Rally was held on October 14th, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton. Pastor Wille led a study on the hymn Jesus, Priceless Treasure. Health kits were made to be sent to Orphan Grain Train and cards were made to be distributed to cancer patients through Phil's Friends.

DAVENPORT: - Tammy McKay -

Davenport Zone had a Fall Rally Oct 14 at Risen Christ.

5 Blankets and cards for Phil's Friends were made and \$63 collected

21 people attended

Lois Kundel was elected President and Tammy McKay Vice President

Bible Study by Pastor Licht based on the theme of Col 3:17

DUBUQUE: - Margaret Kistler

Dubuque Zone Fall Event was held Saturday, October 14 at St. Paul in Mc Gregor.

Opening worship was led by Rev. Michael Keller of St. Paul. Our Zone Counselor, Rev.

Caleb Schewe led Bible Study. In-gathering - \$355 cash for Io-Dis-E-Ca. Diane Torrey

was elected Vice President and Helene Kuempel was elected Secretary. There were 22

women and 10 guests in attendance. The Spring 2024 Event will be held at St. John's of

Monticello on April 27. All joined together in The Lord's Prayer for closing our meeting.

ELDORA: - Joy Reinert

Eldora Zone - Joy Reinert

The Eldora Zone Fall Rally was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eldora on October

14. The theme of the rally was "Comfort from God" based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. The

speaker was Rev. Mick Wolfram from Lutheran Family Services. He spoke about the

many different services that they offer such as working toward Healthy Workers & a

Healthy Church, adoption, mental health, marriage counseling, and grief counseling.

An offering was taken for Lutheran Family Services. The In-gathering was a monetary

donation for the Orphan Grain Train feminine hygiene kits project that we started on July

12. In addition 94 pairs of underwear, 34 bars of soap, and 32 wash cloths were

donated. We also collected an offering for Mites. 35 ladies, 4 pastors, and 1 vicar

attended. The Eldora Zone is responsible for the 2024 retreat and 2 ladies volunteered

to co-chair it.

MARSHALLTOWN: - Tammi Christensen The Marshalltown Zone Rally was held October 7, 2023 at St. John Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa. There were 35 members, 3 pastors and 3 guests who attended. Our speaker from Lutheran Family Service was not able to attend, however, Rev. Beltz spoke to us about the Lingering Affects of Covid and encouraged us to think about what specific things we can do for our communities; how

the LWML relates to young people; and how we can reach out to care for and love those who are struggling. District President Martha Hartwig gave her report and participated in the discussion led by Rev. Beltz. A purse, puzzle and book sale was held with proceeds going to Mites. The ladies of Our Savior - Newton will host the spring rally.

MT. PLEASANT: - Becky Ernst . The Mt Pleasant Zone had a wonderful rally at Immanuel Lutheran in Fairfield on Oct 21st. The rally's reformation theme was "Singing the Solas ." We played a game of "Name that Tune" and learned the history behind several beloved hymns. Rev Mark Brase led the Bible Study entitled "How Many Solas?" Gretchen Rasmussen from Immanuel, Fairfield submitted a grant proposal to IED for the 2024-2026 biennium to help fund a short term mission trip with MOST ministries. We elected Gretchen Rasmussen as Vice President, Angie Banko as secretary and Barb Jipp as treasurer. Rev Mark Brase will be our Pastoral counselor.

ST. ANSGAR: - Betty Borchardt - The St. Ansgar Zone held their Fall Rally on October 14 at Trinity, Osage. Vacancy Pastor Bryon Northwick led opening devotions. Our Theme was "Serving Jesus" based Matthew 25:40b. We assembled 126 hygiene kits for the Orphan Grain Train. Those along with several miscellaneous items, quilts and other items were put in a trailer to go to the orphan grain train. Pastor Matthew Wollberg led a bible study around our theme. Christian life presented the skit "An American Woman and an African Woman". We elected a president, vice-president and secretary. Thirty-five attended.

WATERLOO: - Kolleen Hosford and Nancy McHone.

The Waterloo Zone held their Fall Rally at College Hill Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, on Saturday, October 14th. Thirty-four attended. Matthew 5:16 was the theme verse: "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." Pastor John Wegener led the group in Matins. The Bible Study was "A Walk Through Ephesians", led by Pastor Knox. Daniel Sanchez, Director of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, was the guest speaker. An ingathering of items was taken for the camp. A new pastoral counselor, Kevin Richter from St. John's Reinbeck was elected. We also elected a new secretary and a treasurer. Our next Zone gathering will be the Prayer Service in the spring hosted by Our Redeemer, Cedar Falls and Peace, Shellrock.

WESTGATE: - Deac. Faith Swenson -

The Westgate Zone Fall Rally was held in the Commons at Immanuel-Klinger on Saturday morning, September 23. Hosted by St Paul-Readlyn and Immanuel-Klinger ladies. A continental breakfast was served.

Theme – LCMS U and campus ministry at area college and university.

Theme Bible verse – “How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word” Psalm 119:9 NIV.

Rev. Miguel Gonzales-Felicino, host Pastor, opened with devotion and prayer.

Speakers were – Rev. Jon Ellingworth from St John-Waverly – about Wartburg- Walther League and Rev. Kent Peck from St Peter-Westgate & Grace-Fayette about Upper Iowa ministry. They presented to us the need and importance of LCMS presence on college campus for students. They shared what exciting things which are occurring at their respective schools along with getting the young people involved. This is an important and rewarding outreach each minister does for their area communities. We are thankful for their service of God’s work in our Zone! They both requested prayers for the young lives that are growing in the gospel.

Gifts from the Heart in-gathering, monetary offering, was divided equally for the campus ministries of our speakers.

The meeting was called to order by Zone President Deaconess Faith Swenson. Election and installation of officers was held with Brenda Boyce, Secretary and Carol Lau, VP remaining in office.

A skit was performed by the Christian Life Committee of our Zone along with a skit performed by the IED convention co chairs (Westgate and Williamsburg Zones) with information about the 2024 Convention next June. Save the date: June 21 and 22 at Radisson-Cedar Rapids.

Carol Lau, our Zone Delegate at the National Convention gave a report about the convention. She also mentioned as Zone VP she is working on our zone history photo books.

Liz Roberts, representing Iowa East, read a letter from District President Martha Hartwig.

Elloha Quigley gave an update on progress in establishing a zone Grief Support group.

Linda Jeske displayed some of the zone banner for next year IED convention.

In relation to the Pillowcase Sewing Project servant event for patients at University of Iowa children and adults patients- which is currently happening in the Westgate Zone – Becky Wehrspann brought along to show us the pillowcase her daughter Marta was given while a patient at the University of Iowa hospital (Marta, 8 yrs old, experienced a serious, nearly 60 feet, fall at an Iowa Park in May 2017. She had extensive hospitalizations at U of Ia Stead Children’s Hospital and a lengthy rehab. She is now a freshman in high school and busy with all types of school and family activities, in fact she just got her drivers permit. AND she still uses the

pillowcase from U of IA. Thanks be to God for her recovery and the prayers given for her and her family).

The Westgate Zone Spring Rally 2024 will be hosted by the women of St Paul and St John Sumner on Saturday, April 6. More details will be coming.

Closing prayer was given by Rev John Block, our zone Pastoral Counselor.

Teller's Report – 44 Lutheran women, 6 pastors, 3 guests and 4 children. Registration money was entirely donated to His Hands Food Pantry in Oran. There were also monetary offerings for Mites and another for Westgate Zone.

Submitted by Karen Boehme

WILLIAMSBURG: - Jo Johnson -

Williamsburg Zone held their Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The ingathering was a monetary gift for the Joint Seminary Fund to aid seminary students and their families with expenses. A brunch was served by the ladies of St. Pauls. Pastor Preus had the Bible study based on John 4:35b: "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." Carol Meyer and Nancy Mauer, convention co-chairs gave a skit on the Convention for 2024 inviting all to come. Election of officers was held electing Jo Johnson, President, Karen Kuesel, Vice President, and

Leslie Nuehring, Treasurer. Installation of officers was held immediately.

President Martha Hartwig was in attendance and gave a report. Reminder of the Lutheran World Relief pickup will be Oct 21 st at Trinity, Cedar Rapids. Afterwards a Service Event was done in which we tied quilts. We had 29 ladies in attendance.

APPOINTED PERSONNEL

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: - Margaret Kistler -

District Registrar Report As of 10/31/2023

LWML Quarterly Subscriptions

Total for all ordered through IED	\$7,945.50
Total Received from Groups	\$6,956.50
Total yet due from Groups*	\$ 636.50
Total covered by IED**	\$ 352.50

* 118 entities within IED (active groups, inactive groups, churches without LWML, IDE office) , There are 13 groups that still owe for the 2023-2024 subscription.

**Per By-Laws – IED offers 2 subscriptions to inactive groups, churches with no LWML and 1 to IDE office

At the end of November, a Statement of Account will be sent to the groups that have not yet paid for their current subscription. There are currently 13 groups on this list. A copy will be sent to their Zone Presidents.

ALIVE emailing list -

All names and email addresses for those on the District Roster have been added to the emailing list for the ALIVE. If you have 2 email addresses listed, they both have been added.

There are now 160 addresses on the list.

Please pass the word along that any member who wants the ALIVE emailed to them, just send your email address to me at registrar@lwml-ied.org and I will add them.

MEETING MANAGER: - Bonnie Thompson

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : - Diane Paulson

PARLIAMENTARIAN: - Judy Westergren.

I served as a resource for various individuals with questions regarding bylaws and officer vacancies, etc.

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - Linda Allan I am working on an application form to collect information for new speaker prospects. (I will probably need help if we want this to be digitally interactive.) No further progress to report.

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: - Dori Stanek

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: Karen Boehme & Margaret Kistler

IED CONVENTION MANAGER: - Cheryl Killham – I have been corresponding with Lori Margellos at Radisson, Cedar Rapids. Hotel reservation link has been created to book the rooms <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9657416>. There are a limited number of double rooms available. The king rooms have a sofa bed and can sleep 3. I attended the tasting, convention committee, and updated the proposed registration forms.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2023-2025: -

Lindsey Wyckoff

Rachel Courtney

Clarissa Spiehs

Naomi Iltis

2023 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: -

IED CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS:

Plans for the 2024 IED LWML Convention are moving ahead at full speed!

The convention will be June 21-22, 2024, at The Radisson Hotel, 1200 Collins Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA. The menu has been set. Registration forms and the Evaluation Form are done and ready for BOD approval. We have a Keynote Speaker secured. We will be having a Praise Light Memorial table again this year. Our Program Book is being printed by Print Express of Independence, IA. Gifts From the Heart will be for Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg and Community Lutheran School, Readlyn. Servant Event activities include making hymnal markers, making greeting cards of all types, and making Praise bracelets. Our Convention Committees are working hard on their duties and preparing for convention. We are finalizing details all the time! Watch for more information in the next issue of ALIVE and at lwml-ied.org

Carol Meyer

Nancy Maurer

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Annette Raebel -I have put together the themes for 2024. In hopes of making it easier to have all information in one spot, I have also included the due dates and publication/distribution dates. Please see below:

2024 ~ ALIVE Issues

Spring Issue Theme: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Feb 1 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is Feb 10th
March 1 Distribution of ALIVE Spring Issue

IED Convention Invitation (Optional-if committee desires)

Location/Date: Radisson Hotel, Cedar Rapids, June 21-22, 2024

April 1 Editor sends email reminder for committee to provide layout by April 10th
April 20 Distribution of ALIVE IED Convention Invitation

Summer Issue Theme: *Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power (Psalm 21:13).*

May 1 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is May 10th
June 1 Distribution of ALIVE Summer Issue

IED Convention Issue (Optional-if enough response)

Theme: *Shout It Out. Praise The Lord (Isaiah 12:5).*

June 25 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is July 5th
July 15 Distribution of ALIVE IED Convention Issue

IED Retreat Invitation (Optional-if committee desires)

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

July 5 Editor sends email reminder for committee to provide layout by July 15th
July 30 Distribution of ALIVE IED Retreat Invitation

Fall Issue Theme: *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

Aug 1 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is Aug 10th
Sept 1 Distribution of ALIVE Fall Issue

IED Retreat Issue (Optional-if enough response)

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

Sept 15 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is Sept 25th
Oct 10 Distribution of ALIVE IED Retreat Invitation

Winter Issue Theme: *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).*

Nov 1 Editor sends email reminder that article submission deadline is Nov 10th
Dec 1 Distribution of ALIVE Winter Issue

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: - Loretta Wuerdeman

WEBMASTER: - Jeanette Kreutner

Daniel Sanchez has volunteered to help us overhaul our website. I met with him in October and we discussed several items. We will meet later this month to get some working ideas. The good news is that we will not have to start from scratch. This is a item long needed

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - Hannah Raebel

COMMITTEES:

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: President Martha Hartwig, Convention Manager Cheryl Killham, Convention Co-Chair Carol Meyer, and Convention Co-Chair Nancy Maurer met on October 3 and the Radisson Hotel for a tasting menu. The Convention Committee discussed proposed convention fees, menu, and forms to present to the BOD for approval.

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: -.Welcome packets were sent to 20 church workers between August 22 and October 7, 2023.

Jennifer Determan has been the one sending out the welcome packets since the last board meeting. THANK YOU Jennifer!

As chair of this committee, I, Liz Roberts wrote up the description of this committee and sent it to Margret Kistler first to proof read as she was the one who implemented this committee during her presidency. It was then forwarded to the Structure Committee for review.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - Karen Boehme

I have been in contact with the YWR's monthly by emailing a devotion plus LWML mailbox member newsletter with news from national and IED.

At the Fall Retreat we held a time together with YWR's and played "Women of the Bible" bingo. It was great to reconnect!

I attended the Williamsburg Fall Rally with Nancy Maurer. It was enjoyable to attend another Zone's rally.

Our committee remains in contact in developing plans for an online Bible study with Christian Life Committee with our YWR's.

The Committee is in the planning stages for activities and opportunities for past and our 2024 YWR's at convention next June

Our committee is planning to have a vendor booth at the convention next June.

YWR from your Zone at the IED Convention June 2024!!

Our committee and everyone in the IED is looking forward to meeting a young woman from your Zone to serve as a Young Woman Representative!

The link for the application and information about a YWR is on the IED webpage <https://lwml-ied.org/young-women-representatives/>

Applications are due before January 31, 2024.

Just a reminder that the YWR's for our District Convention are determined by their respective Zone along with monetary assistance.

The Member Development Committee requests who is representing your Zone (I prefer to be in contact with each Zone -if you have a gal or do not have a gal). The Hotel room reservations are made by a district rep and the zone reimburses that cost. Registration cost for your Zone YWR is also paid by the Zone.

For more details or questions contact the Zone President, President Martha Hartwig or Karen Boehme (319-239-3463)

Committee: Karen Boehme Misty Lutz Hilary Weiss

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: - Carolyn Zimmerman

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: - Jan Brown has been in charge of the LWML store. She keeps track of the inventory and makes sure that it is available for purchasing items. We will be working on helping the Member Development Committee with staying in touch with our YWR's.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: - Angie Banko

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - Jeanette Kreutner

Will meet in November

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: - NO reason to meet this quarter

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: - We will try and meet in November or December

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: -

Westgate zone- I have been contacting people in my Zone. Also gave a few suggestions to President Martha. Karen Boehme

Where do I find application forms and what officers will be up for election? Thanks!

Executive Committee

Martha Hartwig, President	Present
Helen Huedepohl, VP of Communication	Present
Sheryl Zinda, Recording Secretary	Present
Rev. Jon Ellingsworth, Jr. Counselor	Present
Carolyn Zimmerman, VP of Organizational Resources	Present
Jeanette Kreutner, VP of Gospel Outreach	Present
Angie Banko, VP of Human Care	Present
Becky Gluesing, Treasurer	Present

Zone Presidents

Vicki Gardemann, Benton Zone	Present
Ginny Boyer, Cedar Rapids Zone	Present
Patti Christiansen, Clinton Zone	Present
Lois Kundel, Davenport Zone	Present
Margaret Kistler, Dubuque Zone	Present
Joy Reinet, Eldora Zone	Present
Becky Ernst, Mt. Pleasant Zone	Present
Kollen Hosford, Waterloo Zone	Present
Carol Lau, rep for Westgate Zone	Present
Jo Ann Johnson, Williamsburg Zone	Present
Betty Borchardt, St. Ansgar Zone	Present

Appointed Personnel and Committee

Bonnie Thompson, Meeting Manager	Present
Judy Westergren, Parliamentarian	Present
Linda Allan, Speaker's Bureau	Present
Dori Stanek, LWR Coordinator	Present
Karen Boehme, Member Development	Present
Chery Killman, Convention Manager	Present
Carol Meyer, 2024 Convention co-chair	Present
Nancy Maurer, 2024 Convention co-chair	Present
Jan Brown, Christian Life committee	Present

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