



# U & I Together

## **In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen**

### Mark your Calendars!

Western Zone Rally  
October 6  
Beautiful Savior  
Boise



Yellowstone Zone Rally  
October 6  
Grace Lutheran  
Pocatello



Central Zone Rally  
October 14  
Peace Lutheran  
Filer



LWML Sunday!  
Check in with your church  
for date!

### LWML Sunday Theme "Our Rest in a Changing World"

Based on Psalm 62:5-8  
All resources can be found at  
[www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday)



Pastor Stephen Weems is the Pastoral Counselor for the Utah-Idaho LWML District. He serves joyfully in Idaho Falls at St. John Lutheran Church.

### Uphill

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13*

Let me begin with this fact: I don't like riding uphill.

Friends and I headed to Ashton, Idaho, to ride a gravel-bed section of the Ashton-Tetonia Trail. One detour took us along a dusty path to a county road with rolling hills to get back to the open section. "Rolling," means hills. Did I tell you I don't like riding uphill?



At times I lowered my visor, let the sweat pour, and focused on just the three feet ahead and tried to keep spinning. I focused my thoughts on the return ride; it promised to be ninety-five percent downhill. Yay!

In our intentions of joining Jesus in the redemptive work that He now leads us in, there are many joys along the way. But portions of the journey are uphill and some of the grades are steep. Life pressures step in; some who join us lose their mission focus, and we carry more for a time; it can take lots of energy to say "no" to really good opportunities that will keep us from the best work God has for us; and there are times our energy levels are simply not what we would want them to be.

In the uphill stretches of mission work with Jesus, we call out for a deeper experience of His presence with us because we never go alone. In Peter's words we set our "hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." With unwavering focus we settle our minds on the grace God will pour out along the journey, and we long to see others refreshed by Him! We focus, too, on the culmination of His redemptive work when Jesus returns to gather us.

**Prayer:** Lord God, in the uphill sections of joining you on your mission, keep me focused on how you work for my good, how you work for the good of others through me, and renew my energies in the truth that you will return to gather me to yourself along with all your people. Amen.

### U-I District Mission Statement

*The mission of the Utah-Idaho District Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to develop and maintain a mission consciousness among the women of the district and to assist them in using their gifts to the glory of the Triune God.*



## A Letter from Lois...

Dear Friends,

We give God thanks and praise that our Carolinas District attendees were kept safe during their convention on September 14-15. Their convention theme of SOS – Serving our Savior, selected months ago, proved to be quite appropriate considering the circumstances before, during, and after the convention.



The LWML Board of Directors is asking for proposals for the three convention offerings in Mobile, Alabama. Look around our district for a cause that would fit the criteria found at [www.lwml.org/mission-grant-proposals](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grant-proposals) and submit the resolution-formatted proposal to me by November 1, 2018.

Thanks to Meredith Moodie, Utah Zone President, and the women of the Utah Zone who granted me time to share district and national news with them at their rally. Your program was inspiring and enlightening!

Blessings and love,  
Lois Anderson, District President

## Mites Report

Over the summer we have received \$1150 for the LWML Utah-Idaho District's Heritage of Love Endowment Fund. Mites collected for July and August 2018:

Central Zone	\$1237.46
Utah Zone	\$ 0
Western Zone	\$1094.61
Yellowstone Zone	\$ 49.10



Sincerely,  
Barbara James,  
Financial Secretary

## U & I Tidbits



### The Christian

Those who attended our LWML retreat in July at Camp Perkins had the opportunity to experience Christian's journey to the heavenly kingdom as outlined in **Pilgrim's Progress**, a classic work by John Bunyan. The joys and struggles of the Christian life were explored throughout the weekend.

LWML President, Patti Ross, and Christian Life Vice President, Jennifer Huecker, asked Terri Bentley for a copy of the retreat since LWML is in need of new retreat materials. So, Terri wrote a couple accompanying Bible studies and sent the Department of Christian Life a version of the retreat that could be reproduced for other LWML events. In just a couple weeks, she received the following message to confirm that the Christian's Journey retreat will be part of the national LWML materials.

**"Great news!!! I just received word that your retreat has passed doctrinal review. I'm delighted to add this to our available resources. I'm sending the retreat on to the graphics committee and will send it to you when I receive it ready for publishing. Thank you so much for using your talents and creativity to encourage others to be in God's Word. Many Blessings!"**

**Jennifer Huecker, Vice President of Christian Life**

Thank you for helping the first-run of the Christian's Journey retreat be a success. When this resource is available through LWML, we will let you know.

Betty Reimann, Retreat Chairman

Journey

### DID YOU KNOW?

As your archivist/historian, I have enjoyed organizing and filing the District minutes, convention manuals and other pertinent materials. Did you know that our first convention was held in June, 1948, in Caldwell, Idaho, and we were called the Idaho District? At the next convention in June, 1950, at Clover, Idaho, members voted to change our name to the Utah-Idaho District. I have listed all the conventions since then, with each theme, date, location and president elected. In reviewing the themes, they could be summarized as follows:

**God, in His love and mercy, provides for us blessings of joy and comfort through Christ who is the Water of Life. Our prayerful response to all of God's blessings is thankfully rejoicing, trusting in His promises, and sharing with others what He has done for us.**

Arline Egbert, Archivist/Historian

Utah Zone Fall Event Ladies take a moment to pose.



# Zone Notes

## Yellowstone Zone - Betty Oloff

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! So on **Saturday, October 6**, our women will be assembling a gift package for their pastor during our Fall Event at Grace, Pocatello. The LWML's website helped us to plan this activity. (These helpful hints can be found by typing "tool kits" in the search box at lwml.org.) Registration begins at 9 a.m. Your generous donation of canned food will be donated to the Pocatello Food Bank.

## Western Zone - Sherrie Prien

### "Beautiful Feet" Wanted in Boise

Western Zone's Fall Rally will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018**, at Beautiful Savior, Boise, ID. Come relax and center on the Gospel, meditate on the Word, and feel happiness at the following stations: Pedicure, neck massage, music relaxation, sugar scrub making, card

making, and "Just a Cup of Coffee" devotion. The theme "Beautiful Feet" from Isaiah 52:7 will gently remind us of Whose we are and that as sisters in Christ we are all bound by the arms of Jesus. Bible study will be led by Pastor Matt Henry.

**Ingathering of new heavy socks for both men and women will be given to Boise Rescue Mission.**

Registration 9-9:30 with a suggested \$3 donation. Lunch will be provided!

Can't wait to see you there!



In His Service,  
Sherrie Prien, Western Zone  
President

## Central Zone - Vickie Schmidt

LWML Central Zone will gather together on **Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 pm** at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer for our Fall Rally. The theme is based on the LWML Sunday Theme, "Our Rest in a Changing World," Psalm 62:1-8. We will collect baby items for the Stanton Healthcare Wishing Well Store. These items include: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, new clothes (newborn – 3T), receiving blankets, baby shampoo, baby lotion, diaper rash cream, teething toys, and Similac Advance Formula.

## Utah Zone - Meredith Moodie

Utah Zone just had its fall rally. Twenty-nine women and three guests enjoyed a super great morning. Pastor Krause of Cross of Christ in Bountiful did a great Bible study about caring. (Did you know the dictionary has 15 meanings for care?) He also included words of caring in Greek and Hebrew. Bible verses we talked about were Luke 10:34,35, 1 Tim. 3:5, Hebrews 2:6, and Judges 19:16-21, to name a few.



We also had a speaker from Rescue Mission, Pastor Chris. He opened with Luke 7:18-22, 10: 25-27, and Matthew 25: 37-40, 20: 20-23. The Rescue Mission started in 1972 when two men took second mortgages on their homes to open the mission in Salt Lake City. They provide over 600 meals a day. We had an ingathering of towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and men's and women's socks for them.

Announcements: Dixie Funk handed out flyers about the Reformation Sunday Service and Oktoberfest Dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Church on October 28, 2018. Church service starts at 4:00 and dinner is at 5:30, cost is \$7 per person. Last year they had 300 people and are looking to have more this year. Utah Zone has a new secretary, Tisha Barrett, as Pam Quisler is moving to Boise.



Next year Utah will be hosting Camp Perkins, see all of you there.



### Time to celebrate "Sock-tober"!



Help the people at your local homeless shelter or rescue center with socks, donated by members of your congregation. Involve the Sunday school kids with kids' socks! Everyone needs socks, especially in the winter.

**Check the district's website, [utahidaholwml.org](http://utahidaholwml.org), for more Human Care ideas.**

# Thank you to U & I!

Thank you for the generous donation of \$1,185.18 presented to Hope Lutheran School from your Utah-Idaho District convention this past April. Your generous donation is helping to fund school improvements as we enter our 61<sup>st</sup> academic year. Your support will help to ensure that we have a strong academic program, centered in Christ, for years to come.

Sincerely,  
David J. Roth  
School Operations Manager



September 11, 2018

On this day of remembrance and national service, we are reminded of the heroic efforts and sacrifices made by so many 17 years ago this day. In the face of horror, unconditional sacrifices were made, and it is right and good that we honor those and inspire others to acts of service in their memory.

As Christians, we have the greatest of all examples of unconditional love in the face of great horror. In spite of our sin and rebellion, our loving Savior bore the punishment we deserved and redeemed us to new life – everlasting life – marked by grace and love which reflects the love of our Savior.

LWML has always been a model of that same “character of service and sacrifice” and we thank you for your love and generosity!

We were honored to host your District Convention last April in our High School building. Your generosity outfitted our choir and music room and your gift to our High School at the convention has been utilized as scholarship funding for students and families in need. Again we say, “Thank you!”

I am blessed to report that we now have a full time principal, Mrs. Hanne Krause. This will be the third Lutheran High School she has led and we are eager to see what God will do in her ministry among us! We are at 42 students in grades 9-11 and are now firmly and safely established. How exciting will it be to see our first graduates in 2020! We covet your prayers for their faith and success in life.

Please share our gratitude with your leadership and we pray God’s rich blessings upon your every endeavor done in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Serving the Lord of the Church,  
Rev. Jonathan M. Dinger



# National



## **YOUR MITES AT WORK—NATIONAL GRANT**

Mercy House for Women and Children in Flint, Michigan

This abandoned house will be remodeled with the help of a \$100,000 grant approved at the 2017 Albuquerque Convention. The home will provide a safe, caring, and loving environment where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught. Our theology of “Right to Life” will help to protect the unborn, who are precious in the eyes of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.