



# U & I Together

## In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen

### Mark your Calendars!

Central Zone Event  
March 2, 2019  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Twin Falls

Western Zone Event  
March 30, 2019  
Christ Lutheran  
Meridian

Yellowstone Zone Event  
April 6, 2019  
Hope Lutheran  
Idaho Falls

38th Biennial Convention  
June 20-23, 2019  
Mobile, Alabama

Camp Perkins Retreat  
July 19-21, 2019

### Huddle? What does it mean?

- :to crowd together
- :to gather a close-packed group
- :to hold consolation

Stay tuned as  
U&I Huddle into 2019!

### What Is Psalm 46

What if? Our minds were designed to question. God formed us in loving wisdom for adaptability in a changing world. We question uncertainty. We do not always welcome what is inevitable, and change is inevitable. One person said, "If you make a friend of change you will have a friend for life."

My mom has lived most of her 83 years in California. As I was writing this morning, she was texting me of mass shootings, wildfires and landslides far too close to family members around the state.

[Note: My mom was not a fan of texting early on, and now it is her preferred tool for keeping track of a very large family as she remains busy and active herself. Change. Adaptability.]

But my mom rejoices that she is confident of *What Is*. And because of that certainty, she can acknowledge the uncertainties of this life and even provide care and comfort to family and friends affected by tangible threats and hardships.

So *What Is*? Twice the writer of Psalm 46 says, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Our God, who claimed a people and fulfilled a promise to send the world the Savior through their family, has indeed given us Jesus. He stepped into our neighborhood, a place of change full of tangible threats and hardships. And Jesus knew his Father would restore all of it one day.

With the faith of Jesus, we too know *What Is*. God is actively bringing people to himself in Jesus. His reconciling, restorative work continues, and when Jesus returns we will be with him. We can trust his promise in verse 10, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

**Prayer:** Lord, with Martin Luther we believe A Mighty Fortress is Our God. Even if the mountains be uplifted and moved into the heart of the sea, we remain under your gracious reign. In love you have made us your children. That is *What Is*, Lord. You are for us, and your love always wins. Mighty are you. Amen.

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### 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,

Recently four district leaders attended the Assembly of Leaders training in St. Louis, "Follow the Leader" based on Philippians 4:9. Our pledge is to share leadership information at our February Executive Committee meeting, spring and fall zone events, and at our Camp Perkins Retreat in July. Vickie Schmidt, Caryn Elliott, Sarah Manweiler, and I plan to lead these "Huddle" events.

They'll be interactive and fun so you'll want to make sure you're in attendance when we are in your neighborhood! The "Huddle" leaders will be "coaching" attendees at the Central and Utah Zone Spring Events. The Yellowstone and Western Zone "players" will hear the "game plan" during their Fall Events. Watch for more details in your church's bulletin as the time approaches.

### 2019 Mobile Convention Update:

The Convention insert is in the winter *LW Quarterly* – check out all the interesting details. Remember the fun we had in hosting the 2017 Convention in Albuquerque? We'll have a reserved section in Mobile where we can relax and enjoy being served!

Registration discount of \$25 was made possible from the LWML's Endowment Fund earnings.

Major proposals for LWML restructure will be brought before the convention body.

Utah-Idaho District Young Woman Representative (YWR) application/information (for Mobile Convention) has been sent recently to all LWML presidents.

One convention offering proposal from the Utah-Idaho District was sent to LWML for their consideration.

The national LWML's 2017-2019 biennium will end in four months – March 31, 2019. Your generous Mite Box offerings will help to reach the \$2,075,000 mission goal so that all mission grants can be paid. Your prayers to extend God's Kingdom will be heard and our grant recipients will be blessed.

Praising our Newborn King with you!  
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## Mites

### Great news!

Giving Tuesday exceeded the match! \$48,505.02 was given plus the \$20,000 match! Giving Tuesday total was **\$68,505.02!**



*Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good. (Psalm 118:1a)*

## U & I Tidbits



**Did you notice the four photos in November's Issue from Immanuel LWML fair? So...**

Immanuel Lutheran LWML in Twin Falls celebrated LWML Sunday with a fair on October 22, 2018. The members of the congregation were invited to check out several displays, including information about society activities, the structure of LWML, local, district, and national mission grants, Immanuel's Quilting Group, Bethesda, and LWML membership information. A scavenger hunt kept many busy trying to find information found within the displays and a couple of prizes were awarded to participants. Ingathering items were packaged to take to Volunteers Against Violence. When fair goers were ready to relax, they could sit at the tables and color LWML bookmarks or cards, watch the looping LWML videos and read Mustard Seeds.

**Thank you ladies for sharing!**

We have a U&I Huddle plan!



We are excited to serve!

