



U & I Together



In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen

God Saves

*Praise the Lord,
who carries our burdens day after day;
he is the God who saves us.
Our God is a God who saves;
he is the LORD, our Lord,
who rescues us from death.*

Psalm 68:19-20 GNT

“He is the Lord, our Lord.” Don’t you love that? There is a God who saves and delivers, and he is not distant but comes close. And my God is in the saving, rescuing and delivering business.

Oh, and he’s accomplished.

Which means I do not have to be the savior, the rescuer or the deliverer. I can trust God is at work in these areas, and I am freed up to let him work through me for the good of others that they may ultimately know him, too.

In his book, *Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life*, Jeff Vanderstelt writes:

I can pray, display, and declare, but I can’t save.

That’s God’s job. So I will keep on listening, loving, blessing, sharing, and praying.

Prayer: God, my God, heighten my awareness of where you are at work in the lives of people in my family, in my circle of friends, among my faith community members, and in those with whom you give me influence. Your ways are salvation, rescue and deliverance; you have accomplished this *for* me. Let me delight more and more that you are still working steadfastly for others that they may come to know you and your love. Let me help to introduce to you those presently far from you. In the name of Jesus, my Savior, Amen.

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

Mark your Calendars!

Utah Zone Rally
September 15
St. John’s
Salt Lake City
(Downtown)

Central Zone Rally
October 14
Peace Lutheran
Filer

Western Zone Rally
October 6
Beautiful Savior
Boise

Yellowstone Zone Rally
October 6
Grace Lutheran
Pocatello

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



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 Lutheran Women in Mission,

Over the past several months, I have been thinking about a theme for this biennium. As we “look” forward to our next convention in **2020**, I read many Bible verses that focused on eyes, vision, look, light, etc. From all these readings, I have chosen this theme: **“With Our Eyes on Christ, We Serve Others.”** What we accomplish as witnesses and in service to others is only through the power of Christ.

Our District’s Board of Directors met recently to discuss biennium goals and other current business items. These are a few of the actions taken:

Timely Communication: For a trial period, a shorter *U & I Together*, with pertinent information, will be published each month.

Reallocation of 2016-2018 Unfunded Open Arms Grant: \$5,000 will be distributed to local 2016-2018 grant recipients as follows:

\$2,500 to King’s Kids Ministry, Eden, Idaho

\$2,500 to Camp Perkins Outdoor Ministries, Hospitality Initiative

Bethesda Grant: After being put on hold pending more research on the grant’s change in focus, the Board denied the grant and reallocated the \$5,000 by granting \$1,000 each to these 2018-2020 recipients:

Nychelle Dykema (Peru Missionary)

Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, Idaho, Faith-based curriculum

MOST Mission Scholarship for Women of the U-I District

Worship Anew sponsored by Peace Lutheran Open Arms Ministry

Clover Christian Lutheran School, Scholarship Funding

Blessings to each of you as you continue to serve Him.

Lois Anderson, District President

Mites Report

Mites collected for the 1st Quarter (April-June) were:

Central Zone	\$1500.65
Utah Zone	\$ 786.66
Western Zone	\$1451.38
Yellowstone Zone	\$ 342.74
Joyful Response	\$ 525.00
LWML Retreat	\$ 707.11



REMINDER:

The sooner you send in your mites, the faster National Grants and the Utah-Idaho District Grants can be funded. Deposits are made monthly towards the end of the month.

Sincerely,
Barbara James,
Financial Secretary

U & I Tidbits

Generations of love and fellowship shared at Camp Perkins. We were blessed to have grandmothers, mothers and daughters (and in-laws) share the weekend.



Congratulations Grace and Terry!



Our VP of Servant Resources was married on Saturday, August 11 to Terry Mullinix. We wish this happy couple God’s blessings as they begin this new chapter of their life.

Need servant activity ideas?

Check out the new Human Care tab on our District’s website:

www.utahidaholwml.org

Zone Notes



Utah Zone - Meredith Moodie

Greetings from the Utah Zone. Summer is fading away and fall will be here soon. It will be nice not to have 100 degree days. With fall coming it be time for our fall rally, and it will be held **Saturday, September**

15, at St. John's downtown Salt Lake City. We will be having a Bible study on "caring." Also we will have a speaker from the Rescue Mission, with ingathering of socks for men and women, toothbrushes, and bath

towels for the Rescue Mission. I am looking forward to all of you being there.



Central Zone - Vickie Schmidt

Greetings from LWML Central Zone! The women of Central Zone will gather on **Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer** for our Fall Rally. Our theme is the LWML Sunday theme, **"Our Rest in a Changing World"** Psalm 62:1-8; the Bible Study will be led by Pastor Johnson. Our guest speaker is from Stanton Healthcare of Magic Valley, which provides support and solutions for pregnant women and families with life-affirming options. Deya Reed, Society President from St. Paul's, Jerome, will share her personal story of the gift of adopting her son Benjamin because of the support and service provided by Stanton Healthcare to the mother. We pray that the women of the Central Zone will be blessed as we are assured of God's changelessness in our changing world and celebrate the gift of life that comes only from our Lord God.

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



Yellowstone Zone - Betty Oloff

The Yellowstone Zone will hold its Fall Event at Grace Lutheran in Pocatello on **Saturday, October 6, 2018**. The address is 1350 Baldy. **Ingathering of canned food will be donated Pocatello Food Bank.** Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Contact Betty at bcoloff@yahoo.com for more information.



YOUR MITES AT WORK

NATIONAL GRANT - LUTHERAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS - UGANDA - \$48,000 - PAID!

Thanks to your generous Mite offerings, this grant will complete Phase II of construction of two schools in Kayunga District, Uganda. Between 100 and 200 children, ages 4 to 12, will be educated in these schools. The villages of Kakiika and Lukonda will provide bricks and land for the school, with Resurrection Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Southeastern District supporting the remaining costs of labor and materials. When complete, each of the two school buildings will have four classrooms. Two of the classrooms in one building will also be used for weekly Lutheran worship services.

2018-2020 Utah Idaho District Officers

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Secretary/Meeting Manager Sheryl VerWey	Financial Secretary Barbara James	<i>"With Our Eyes on Christ, We Serve Others."</i>

More U & I Tidbits

Prison Ministry

Linda Larson and Tina Bentley are seen here delivering two boxes of Bibles to the Ada County Jail. Natasha Koff, Religious Coordinator for the jail, gladly received this gift from our District's women. The Bibles were marked to guide the reader through a summary of the Gospel at the recent convention in Pocatello and at the District Retreat. Spanish Bibles will also be marked by a member of the Western Zone and will be delivered when completed. May God bless those who receive these Bibles and read His Words of love to them.



Women of Bethesda Lutheran Communities and the Morning Star LWML Circle from Immanuel, Twin Falls, responded to the call for hygiene kits to aid those affected by the fires in California. With the help of a Thrivent grant, many kits were assembled and shipped to an Orphan Grain Train location in Sparks, Nevada, for distribution in areas of need. Thank you, gals, for your servant heart!

National Note



WE'RE MOVING!

The LWML office is moving from the Concordia Publishing House building to the Concordia Seminary St. Louis campus (CSL) this fall!

At a 2016 Board of Directors Strategic Planning meeting, one of the major goals adopted was to "Communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers." President Patti commented about the move, "It will put us in a great setting for the students and staff on campus to get to know LWML and our mission a little better. Being a presence on campus will put us visibly in their environment." May the LWML staff and the CSL students/staff be a blessing to each other as they work to extend His Kingdom.

