



U & I Together

JUNE 2020

A Whole New World, or is it?



What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

There are new government regulations on travel, masks, and distancing. There are new protests, new headlines, new worries. There are new Officers in LWML, and a new Pastoral Counselor (Yours truly). 2020 seems like a year of new, unprecedented changes.

But it isn't, really. This is still the same broken world consumed by pestilences and violence. We, like every other generation, are still the same broken people.

So what are we to do as broken people in a broken world? Despair? Not at all.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

This broken world and our broken hearts are all the same, as Solomon reminds us. But the Lord makes all things new! This shines bright in the death and resurrection of our Lord - finally someone overcomes the brokenness of sin and death! And he has won that victory for us so we can be of good courage and, like the saints before us, continue to abide in his victory and promises.

Yes, it may look a little different in 2020. But, make no mistake, "the word of the Lord endures forever!" We have the privilege to grow in that Word and share it with a world that desperately needs it.

In Christ,
Pastor Garen Pay

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Saturday,
July 18, 2020**

10:00am

Virtual Retreat via
Zoom meeting
(see page 3)



August 14-15

Tentative District
Gathering at
Friendship
Celebration, Boise



June 20, 2020

Newsletter deadline

Utah-Idaho 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.

www.utahidaholwml.org



A Letter from Lois



Greetings to each of you; I pray you are well and learning to adapt to change. How is your patience level during this uncertain time? When so many details are out of our control, patience is not always evident. However, it is a good time to slow down and be in God's Word where we find His comfort and hope.

The District Board met Thursday, May 28, via Zoom, to discuss plans for our convention. Because our environmental circumstances change from week to week, the District Board decided to meet again on June 25 to discuss the possibility of meeting together at Friendship Celebration in August.

Until then, please keep these details in your prayers; we know God

has a plan and we pray He will grant us patience as we wait for that plan to unfold.

Blessings and love,
Lois



District Board Installation via Zoom



Nominations Needed

In preparation for the Lexington Convention in June 2021, the LWML is looking for nominees for the following offices:

- VP of Christian Life**
- VP of Gospel Outreach**
- VP of Communication**
- Recording Secretary**
- Nominating Committee (5)**

Nominations can be made at lwml.org/nominations.

Contact Nominating Committee Chairman Brienne Stahlecher at nominations@lwml.org.

Grant Deadline 9/30

Are there mission endeavors in our LWML District that need financial support as they reach

people with the love of Christ? For all the details you need to know about submitting a grant, go to the LWML's website at lwml.org/mission-grant-proposals.

Mission grant proposals are due September 30; however, submit them by August 15 to allow time for processing.

A Transition for the Financial Secretary

by Barbara James

As my time as your Financial Secretary comes to a close, I just want to thank you for allowing me to serve the Utah-Idaho LWML District in that capacity for the past four years. It has been a great experience.

As of June 1st, please send your MITE OFFERINGS to: Kathy Carlson, 221 Red Rock Trail, Kimberly, ID 83341.

The new remittance form can be found on the Utah-Idaho LWML website under Forms. www.utahidaholwml.org/forms.html



Grant Note: Lutherans for Life \$30,000

Lutherans For Life (LFL) has been serving our Lord for 40 years by equipping Lutherans to be voices for life. This grant uses social media and modern technology to share God's loving grace. Social media offers a new mission field where God can reach many through us and LFL who are facing life issues.

Please help support this and all of our grants by mailing your mites to your group's treasurer.



Utah-Idaho District Retreat Update

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing (James 1:2-4 NAS).

The Utah-Idaho District Retreat at Camp Perkins has always been a highlight for those who attend. It is a time of Bible study, hugs, games, music and just being together as sisters in Christ.

With Covid-19 and the restrictions from the CDC and the State of Idaho, we cannot have the retreat as we know and love it. Therefore, the Utah-Idaho Board of Directors has decided to cancel the retreat at the Camp Perkins location.

God has provided us the technology to be able to still have a retreat on July 18th. It will be a virtual retreat using the Zoom program. There will still be Bible study, music and activities. We will be able to see each other and still be in fellowship together.

Some of you are thinking, what is Zoom? It is a program for virtual meetings and it is free to you. You will be emailed instructions on what to do when you "register" for the virtual retreat. Details will be in the July U&I.

It has been suggested that if you still want to support Camp Perkins, please send them the registration fee that you would have sent for the retreat. It would be a huge blessing for them.

Watch for more information on the virtual retreat in the July U & I. The Yellowstone Zone is excited to offer something we've never done before.

Don't hesitate to contact us with questions. Caryn, [lwml.carynellott@gmail.com](mailto:carynellott@gmail.com) or Melody, melodylwml@silverstar.com.

Where two or three have gathered in My name, there I am in their midst (Matthew 18:20 NAS).

To God be the Glory.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH AND BLESS YOUR FAMILY

Thinking about things on earth after you depart is an odd exercise. Our resurrection faith gives us the boldness to do just that, knowing eternity lies before us. Are your plans for the direction of God's gifts in place, so that family and ministry will be blessed when you are with Jesus? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor will pray and discuss with you as you work toward clarity of purpose of your God-given gifts.

For help thinking this through, contact Linda Gage, your LWML Gift Planning Counselor, to see how she can assist you with expressing your faith through your Christian Estate Plan. LWML provides free, professional Christian estate planning services.

Linda can be reached at 1-800-741-4138. Or you may call Lois Anderson, District Gift Planning Advocate, at 208-954-3534 for more details. Your family will thank you for leaving them with your words of lasting encouragement and guidance.

www.lwml.org/gifts-of-love



Returning God's Blessings

Hello from Hope Lutheran in Idaho Falls

by Betty Oloff

These last two months of staying at home has affected us quite a bit. We have put things on hold until later in the summer. When our ladies are ready to meet as a group, we probably will meet for a picnic and then finish the business that has not gotten done.

We will vote for officers for 2020-2021 and vote for the three mission projects we fund from our annual craft fair in November.

A lot of phone calls have been made between our ladies to make sure people have what they need and to know they are remembered. Each prayer request on our prayer chain include a Bible passage reminding us that God is in control, with His love surrounding us and His Wisdom guiding us.

We look forward to getting together again. God is good all the time.



MG Thank You Notes

Thank you for the notification. I'm sorry the convention was cancelled but I look forward to future opportunities to meet the ladies of the UT-ID LWML!

**Daniel Jenkins,
Vice President of Ministry
Advancement
Lutheran Braille Workers**

What wonderful news! Please thank your faithful ladies for their approval and continued prayers.

**Karen Carter,
Bethesda Auxiliary President**

Staying Busy by Serving Others

by Kathy White

Since our LWML group is so small we have not met and might not meet until September. I spent my days sewing pillow case dresses and quilt tops for Orphan Grain Train. I have been attending worship services the last couple of weeks which has been such a blessing, too. Hearing God's Word and receiving the Lord's supper has helped me a lot. I also have been participating in the online LWML Bible study "Overflowing Abundance".

MG Thank You Note

What exciting news! Thank you for letting us know. I pray that you are doing well and that the world soon returns to "normal."

**Ruth Martin and Kelly Bone,
MOST Ministries**



Stay Home and Be Safe

by Roberta Trenkel

These are the words I see when I go to church. Oregon shut the churches down. We can open now with social distancing and a 25 person limit. Our LWML group has not met since the shut down was implemented.

Our ladies were busy meeting and making britches from tshirts. We have filled a tote and will be sending them to Orphan Grain Train.

Some have also been making masks that have been delivered to local care centers, hospitals, food bank and since some businesses are opening some have gone to beauticians and the like.

We are looking forward to meeting June 4th for our monthly meeting. We pray that God will be with everyone during this time of testing.

I hope this is useful for you. Thank you for your service and God bless you.