



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Saturday,  
August 15, 2020**  
9am-12pm  
Virtual District  
Convention  
(see page 2)



**August 15, 2020**  
Newsletter deadline

**Did you miss the  
Virtual Retreat?**  
You're in luck!  
See page 3 for a  
special announcement.

## 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.

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# U & I Together

AUGUST 2020



## King of Time

by Pastor Pay

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)*

Time flies doesn't it? Summer is quickly fading, and school districts are already planning (or panicking?) for the upcoming new year. What happened? Weren't we just starting quarantines and setting up for "15 days" of flattening the curve? My how time goes by. It moves on a grander scale as well. I remember being a child wanting nothing more than time to speed up so I could get a job, drive a car, go to college... Now all those days are past, and I wouldn't mind time slowing down a bit. Perhaps you have felt the relentless march of time or the struggle to keep up with it. Are our best days behind us? Are our days of rejoicing and building all gone and only weeping and mourning remain?

Not at all! Time is not the King, time gets no last word, time, as all other things, bends the knee to our God! *But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day (2 Peter 3:8).* Our Lord stands outside time and space working all things for the good of those who love Him. This same God has broken into time and space to make his mercy and power known in Jesus. Through His work we can rest certain that those claimed by Him in baptism and faith have good days ahead of them – endless days! [*Jesus said,*] *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life"* (John 5:24a).

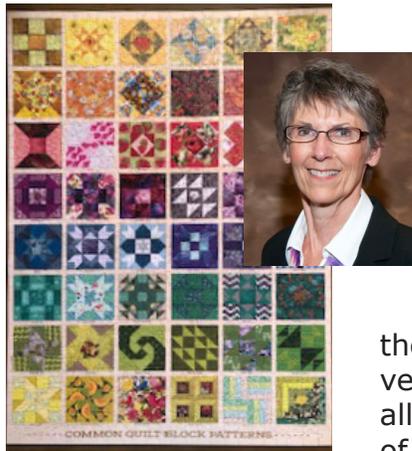
So let us, as the people of God, face each day's "*sufficient troubles*" (Matt. 6:34) with good courage. We truly have good days ahead of us – a whole lot of them. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## A Letter from Lois

Dear LWML Friends,

Do you enjoy putting puzzles together? I certainly do! This activity has kept me busy recently when I have been spending more time at home. Some puzzles are easier to assemble than others. This picture shows the last one I completed. Being a quilter, I thoroughly enjoyed finding a place for each of the 1,000 pieces and the puzzle came together quickly.

Assembling this puzzle brought to mind how similar this activity is with our lives. Sometimes the pieces fit together and sometimes not. Same is true as we're piecing together the District's virtual convention. There were many



pieces available to use from the larger convention program but they needed to be molded into a different picture and a smaller one. Through time God has provided these precisely shaped pieces we needed in

the form of technology, speakers, venue, music, etc., and they are all coming together in the spirit of cooperation, encouragement, respect, and love. Watch for the

picture of this convention puzzle to be revealed on August 15.

Blessings and love,  
Lois

### Lift Up Your Eyes – LWML District Virtual Convention

**Saturday, August 15, 2020  
– 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Come join your LWML Sisters of the Utah-Idaho District in Bible Study with Terri Bentley and music with Mary Smith by attending the virtual District Convention on Saturday, August 15, from 9-12. Make plans now to get together with your local LWML sisters at a church or at a home. The convention will be live streamed from Friendship Celebration Church; the link to join this gathering will be posted on our website at [utahidaholwml.org](http://utahidaholwml.org).

LWML representative, Karla Koehler, LWML Treasurer, will be sharing words of encouragement and giving us an update on the latest LWML news. You will be delighted to receive a special invitation to the 2021 LWML convention in

Lexington, Kentucky. Updated information from past and current district grants will also be shared with us.

Two women of the LWML Utah-Idaho District will be sharing their stories on how their lives were affected by hearing of God's love through the media. Dr. Nancy Almodovar, from Faith Lutheran Church, Mountain Home, Idaho, will share how she and her husband came to be members of the Lutheran church by watching one of our grant recipients, Worship Anew, a program sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho. Deya Reed, Group President at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Jerome, Idaho, will also share her story of how she and her husband were led to the Lutheran church by listening to the Lutheran Hour and the Sunday service radio broadcast from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Twin Falls, Idaho. (See program on page 5)

A convention offering is being gathered to benefit the 2020-2022 biennium District Grants and/or Orphan Grain Train Shipping Fund. Please send your checks by August 10 so an announcement may be made at the convention of the dollar amount received. On the memo line of your check, you may designate how you want your offering to be used (all to one recipient or a portion to both recipients). If it is not noted, your offering will be split 50/50.

Make your check out to **LWML Utah-Idaho District**. Mail it to: **Kathy Carlson, 221 Red Rock Trail, Kimberly, ID 83341**. Offering checks will be accepted after the convention; we ask that they be sent by September 15. Thank you for your financial support of our District's 2020-2022 mission grant recipients and also the mission of the Orphan Grain Train.

*Did you know? The original constitution of the Utah-Idaho District allowed for each delegate to the convention to be reimbursed 1.5 cents per mile. My, how times have changed!*

## Searching God's 20/20 Vision

by Melody Rosenwinkel

The Yellowstone Zone hosted the first Utah-Idaho District's virtual retreat on Saturday July 18. We spent time together even though we couldn't physically be together. Pastor Pay led us in God's Word on how to read the Psalms and how they apply to every feeling we go through in life. His hand out is on the Utah-Idaho LWML Website. Check it out.

Caryn Elliott led us in a Pringles can object lesson on how we actually see the world upside down and

backwards and our brains straightens it out. Mark 8:25 says: *Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.* Caryn reminded us that God's Word brings things into His perspective and we see love, grace and mercy.

Seeing each other, enjoying this time together as sisters in Christ and studying God's Word, was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning!



2021 LWML National Convention  
Lexington, Kentucky — June 24-27

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### Amazon Smile

Many of you shopped on Amazon over the last several months due to the pandemic. If you shop on Amazon frequently, you know about Amazon Smile, that it donates a percentage of your order total to the LWML if you designate LWML as your charity.

It's easy: Go to **smile.amazon.com** to log in to your Amazon account. Select your charity by clicking on "Your Account" in the upper right corner of the site. Thanks to all of you using Amazon Smile, users have generated **\$1,429.05** so far this biennium.

### Did you miss the retreat?

We have surprise for you! We are blessed to have the technology to share. Visit <https://www.utahidaholwml.org/virtual-retreat.html> to find the video of the retreat, download the Bible Study worksheet and object lesson.

We are thankful for the gift of sharing during this challenging time. Thank you to the incredible Yellowstone Zone Retreat Committee, Pastor Pay, Lois Anderson, Melody Rosenwinkel, Tina Bentley, and the wonderful ladies of the Utah-Idaho LWML!

Questions, contact Caryn Elliott at [lwml.carynellott@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.carynellott@gmail.com) or 208-221-3243.

### Your Mites at Work: MOST Ministries— Clean Water Filters \$3,000

The goal of this grant is to fund MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term). They impact the world for Jesus Christ through short-term missions by empowering the found to reach the lost. The funds will be used to install water filters that will provide clean water to 300 individuals, teach health and hygiene and conduct a week-long VBS.

This grant will be the second to be paid when funds are available. Please pray for all the Mission Grant recipients.

To see a complete list of all the 2020-2022 Grants please visit our web-site.

## Convention Servant Activity Update

by Cheryl Brunson

For the U&I District convention we had planned a servant activity of putting together Health Kits for Orphan Grain Train (OGT.org). The zone presidents got Thrivent Action Team money and bought the supplies. Then the convention went virtual. Betty Reimann at Boise volunteered to put the kits together since she had the towels and get them to Twin Falls for shipping. The supplies were sent to her and 150 Health Kits were assembled and packed. They were taken to Twin Falls where Steve, the owner of Gem State Transportation, will haul them free of charge to OGT in Norfolk, Nebraska. Steve hauls a truckload of donations to OGT for free every fall. We are thankful to Thrivent for their funds, to Steve for free transportation, and to Betty and her group for putting together this project.

## Ingathering Update: You can still send eyeglasses to MOST Ministries

As part of the ingathering for the 2020 U&I District convention, societies were collecting used eyeglasses and #1 readers for MOST ministries. If you have some, you can go to the MOST website, [MOSTministries.org](http://MOSTministries.org), and see how and where to ship them. Please ask me for reimbursement from the district for postage. If your society never collected eyeglasses or #1 readers, you can collect them and ship them anytime to MOST. If you send glasses to MOST, please take pictures and email them to me so we can celebrate at the virtual convention in August.

Cheryl Brunson [chiggerb@msn.com](mailto:chiggerb@msn.com)



## September To Remember

GivingTuesday is a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating this event on Tuesday September 15, 2020, our **LWML September to Remember**.

Do you have a loved one, a mentor, an LWML sister, or a pastoral counselor who has inspired you in your walk with our Lord and your support of LWML. Send them a note and let them know how they inspired you. Then share your LWML story of that person on Facebook, donate toward the

LWML Mission Goal in honor of that special person, and pray for the LWML mission grants.

***Give on Tuesday,  
September 15, 2020 and  
DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!***

Thanks to a generous family, this year all GivingTuesday donations will be matched, up to \$10,000 in matching funds!

## LWML SUNDAY

***Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit***

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... *The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.*

As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In

response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.

**2020 LWML Sunday  
downloadable materials,  
authored by  
Rev. Larry Krueger,  
are now available.  
Visit  
[lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://lwml.org/lwml-sunday)**

# VIRTUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

Saturday, August 15, 2020  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Opening of Virtual Convention ----- Lois Anderson, President  
Lighting of Convention Candle -----Melody Rosenwinkel, VP of Christian Life  
Greetings from Friendship Celebration Church ----- Rev. Tom Hausch  
Opening Devotion and Prayer-----Rev. Garen Pay, District Pastoral Counselor  
Bible Study “Lift Up Your Eyes” ----- Terri Bentley  
Introduction of Newly Elected Officers ----- Lois Anderson, President  
Greetings from the LCMS Northwest District ----Rev. Roger Sedlmayr, 6th Vice President  
Greetings from the LWML OR and WA/AK Districts ----- Carmen Nagel/Marilee Ryan

Song Break ----- Mary Smith

Greetings from LWML -----President Debbie Larson  
Invitation to the 2021 Convention in Lexington, Kentucky----- Video  
LWML Report -----Karla Koehler, LWML Treasurer  
Grant Report – 2018-2020-----Jeannie Barrette, VP of Gospel Outreach  
Mites in Action-----Dr. Nancy Almodovar  
Grant Report – 2020-2022-----Jeannie Barrette, VP of Gospel Outreach  
LCMS Thank You ----- Video  
Convention Offering Report----- Lois Anderson, President  
Orphan Grain Train----- Video

Song Break ----- Mary Smith  
Past National Convention Pictures ----- Video

Financial Report ----- Lois Anderson, President  
Mission Moment – Friendship Kuna Mission ----- Rev. Tom Hausch  
Young Woman’s Representative Report ----- Heidi Ross and Paige Swanson  
2020 Retreat Report -----Melody Rosenwinkel, VP of Christian Life  
Invitation to 2021 Retreat-----Vickie Schmidt, Central Zone President

Song Break ----- Mary Smith

Greetings from Lutheran Hour Ministries -----Dale Bentley  
Mission Moment -----Deya Reed, Jerome Group President  
Memorial Tribute ----- Kresha Schulze, Past VP of Communication  
Servant Activity/Ingathering Report ----- Cheryl Brunson, VP of Special Focus Ministries  
Receiving of Ingathering Items -----Bea Black, Women’s and Children’s Alliance  
Invitation to the 2022 District Convention -----Vickie Schmidt, Central Zone President  
Closing Remarks----- Lois Anderson, President  
Closing Devotion/Prayer-----Rev. Garen Pay  
Closing Song ----- Mary Smith  
Convention Adjournment----- Lois Anderson, President