



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 15, 2020

Newsletter deadline



October 3, 2020

**Western Zone Event
Virtual Fall Rally**

Separated, but Bound by
Love; 10am via Zoom



October 4, 2020

Central Zone Event

"Kingdom People Produce
Kingdom Fruit"

2pm at Trinity Rupert



October 6, 2020

Your Strong Suit

Join your LWML friends from
around the world for this
Donna Snow study, every
Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.
MT beginning October 6th.



October 10, 2020

Yellowstone Event

God's Vision for 2020

9:30am-11am

at Hope-Idaho Falls,
Grace-Pocatello, or
Zoom from home!

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

OCTOBER 2020



Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

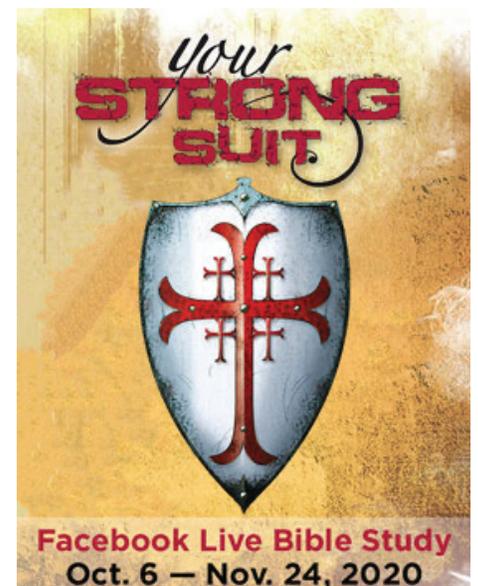
by Pastor Pay

I had put it off long enough. It was time to mow the lawn. So I got my electric push mower out and started cutting grass. Not long after I started, I turned and saw someone else was mowing the lawn. Charlie, my two-year-old son, had brought his toy mower out from the garage and started pushing it along the lawn. His mower didn't have any blades, of course. He cut no grass, instead, he sent little balls popping off inside the mower to make noise. But he did imitate me.

As Paul calls us to imitate his imitation of Christ, we confess that we often are about as helpful as Charlie. I will never preach as good as Paul or Jesus, you may never be as bold, none of us will be as merciful. But the call still stands. We get our mowers out and we follow after the Apostles and our Lord.

I didn't begrudge Charlie's lack of grass cutting, quite the contrary! It warmed my heart

to see him trying. I have a sneaking suspicion the Lord views us the same way. We strive for goodness, mercy, forgiveness, kindness, and truth. And when we fall short or feel so unhelpful, let us run to our merciful Father for forgiveness and strength - it is ours through Christ's work for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit.



<https://www.lwml.org/bible-studies>

A Letter from Lois

Dear LWML Friends,

During the past month, another puzzle has been finished. The assembled 1,000 pieces show a variety of 64 candy bars and, yes, my mouth watered as I worked on it! What's your favorite candy bar? Mine is Almond Joy. I love the chocolate covered coconut with the almonds on the top. Sweet and crunchy.

When the last piece was put into place, I immediately ate a few M & M's I had tucked away. That was my reward. We know that nothing we do could ever earn the reward of eternal life our Lord gives us by grace. We also don't serve in the LWML for selfish gain. But let us not forget that serving the Lord through the LWML also has its rewards and blessings: a very large circle of friends



who encourage each other, time in God's Word that helps us grow, and many opportunities to serve our neighbor. These benefits might make a good theme for our District! As a matter of fact, the District Board of Directors met on September 12 and chose this theme:

Trust • Renew • Grow • Serve

Keeping this theme in mind, an appointed Strategic Planning Task Force will be proposing goals and objectives to the Executive Committee for the District's 2020-2022 biennium. Please pray this process will produce God-pleasing results and bring glory to His Name. May God bless our District as we thank Him for the rewards and blessings we share as Lutheran Women in Mission.

Blessings and love,
Lois



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

Want to hear something exciting?

The Utah-Idaho District has submitted a grant for the LWML Grants Committee to pray over and consider passing on to their Executive Committee and then to the Lexington Convention ballot.

What grant, you ask?

God has blessed the Kuna Lutheran Mission with Pastor Tom Hausch and other faithful servants. They are holding small group ministry and having worship services in the Kuna High School. The grant was submitted for \$100,000.00 to buy land in order to build their own building.

That is exciting and it is more exciting to see this mission grow and be a blessing to the people of Kuna.

What can you do to help, you ask? Pray, pray, pray for the LWML Grants Committee and the delegates at the Lexington Convention to be open to God's Will on selecting how our mites are used to further His kingdom.

To God be all Glory,
Honor and Praise.

Your Mites at Work: Food for Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op—Ft. Wayne Indiana. Partial payment (at their request) of \$2000.00.

Because of your continued prayers and giving we were able to fund the Food and Clothing Co-op. This money will be used to purchase non-perishable and perishable food for the seminary students. The second payment will be paid in November and third and final payment will be sent in January. See thank you letters from two students on page 4.

Thank You for all your prayers and support of our Mission Grants.



Your Mites at Work: Immanuel Lutheran School Scholarship for Students-\$5000.00 Fully Paid.

The goal of this grant was to provide funds to students that attend Immanuel Lutheran School. These funds will be used to help five families pay tuition this year. God is Good!!!!



LWML Mailbox Member

Do you wonder how you can reach out to the ladies in your congregation that are not members of LWML?

LWML has a program called "The Mailbox Member Program." The program is an intentional way to reach out to women of your congregation who may not be currently participating in LWML activities. The program promotes the value of LWML

and encourages participation in ways that fit into their lives and various vocations.

You, as a Lutheran Woman in Mission, have the exciting opportunity to reach out and encourage these sisters to participate in God's work through LWML. There are many resources and additional information about this program at www.lwml.org/mailbox.

Thanks to all of YOU for making this a

September TO REMEMBER

Who inspired you in your walk with the Lord?



LWML thanks God for everyone who participated in our 2020 September to Remember (GivingTuesday) challenge. ... The amount continues to grow as donations have been flooding the mailbox at the LWML Office.

Donations to Date: \$90,726.48
Matching Gift: \$10,000.00
Grand Total: \$100,726.48

Thank God, and thank you for making this a September to Remember!

<https://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday>



LWML Podcast Now Available!

Listen to devotions on the LWML Podcast! New episodes with devotional content will be posted every Wednesday.

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Mission Grant Thank You Notes

Dear friends in Christ,
Grace, Mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen. Allow me to introduce myself; My name is Nicholas Whitney. I am 32 years old and have a beautiful family! My wife Cassie and I have been married for 11 years. From this wonderful marriage we have been blessed with two wonderful children; Lyla (6) and Henry (4). I am in my 3rd year of studies at Concordia Theological Seminary here in Fort Wayne, IN. In the three years that my family and I have spent here, we have relied on a lot of generosity. Some of that generosity we know exactly where it comes from. Such is the case with family back home, personal donors through the seminary, our home congregation, and at times, church's I have preached at here in the area giving not only money, but also food and basic house hold goods. Other times the good Lord has graced us with blessings and gifts from we people and groups we don't know. Much of these "unknown" blessings and gifts come to us from the Co-Op here on campus. Either by food, clothing, games, books, basic house hold goods, gift cards, and or even just putting us in contact with people who can help, the Co-Op is not only helpful, but is rather vital for many students on campus. Living a semi-nomadic life style while in seminary until we are called and placed by God, many families, mine included, rely on donations made to the seminary. The many and varying services I have listed prior, my family and I have partaken of and have used all of them in some way or another. Often times,

these generous gifts and blessings make it possible for me to concentrate on my studies without having to worry. Other times these gifts and blessings have made it possible economically to simply stay here in Fort Wayne and continue studies. There is no doubt that coming to seminary is hard. Hard on students and families alike.



During these past months of COVID-19 virus, civil unrest in major cities and a economy that has been hard hit because of these events, the Co-Op and those unnamed individuals and groups who take the time to support and stock it, make It possible for me and many other students to survive the additional stresses. It has become almost common place for me to simply reference Matt. 6:25-26; "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Blessings,
Seminarian Nicholas Whitney

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Dear Friends in Christ,
My name is Brennan DeForest and I am a second year student at CTSFW. I grew up in West Jordan, Utah which is a suburb of Salt Lake City. I attended college at Concordia University in Seward, NE and graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. I have known since high school, though, that I wanted to be a pastor, so I also was in the pre-seminary program at Concordia Nebraska. Now I am just beginning my second year of seminary after an awesome first year.

This letter comes to you thanking you for your recent gift to the CTSFW food and clothing co-ops. Even though I live on campus and have a meal plan, I still benefit so much from the co-ops. I have found in the clothing co-op several clerical shirts. Meanwhile from the food co-op I am able to keep a fresh stock of snacks for the week. Additionally, on Saturdays and Sundays there is no



dining service for breakfast. I am thankful for the food co-op because I get breakfast foods which fill me up until lunchtime rolls around and keep my stomach from grumbling during church on Sunday. The food co-op also provides laundry detergent for my dorm, which saves me money since I don't have to buy it. Finally the food co-op provides a number of toiletries so that I save money by not having to pay for Kleenex, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap.

Not only I but my friends who are married and live off campus also benefit from the food co-op. They get their weekly groceries from the food co-op which saves them time and money. There is also always an abundance of food there so I have been to a number of get togethers with my friends where all the food came from the co-op.

Overall, I want to say thank you once again for your generosity! Many lives are impacted because of your gifts and prayers!

In Christ,
Brennan DeForest