



U & I Together

NOVEMBER 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 5, 2020

2020-2022 Biennium
Kick-Off Zoom Party
(see page 5 for details)



November 15, 2020

Newsletter deadline



November 15, 2020

Convention Banner Design
submission deadline

Quarterly Mite Report

Central Zone - \$3640.00
Western Zone - \$1361.10
Utah Zone - \$749.52
Yellowstone Zone - \$567.60

Convention Offerings

District Grants - \$5074.50
Orphan Grain Train -
\$1175.50

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

Life's Joys

by Melody Rosenwinkel

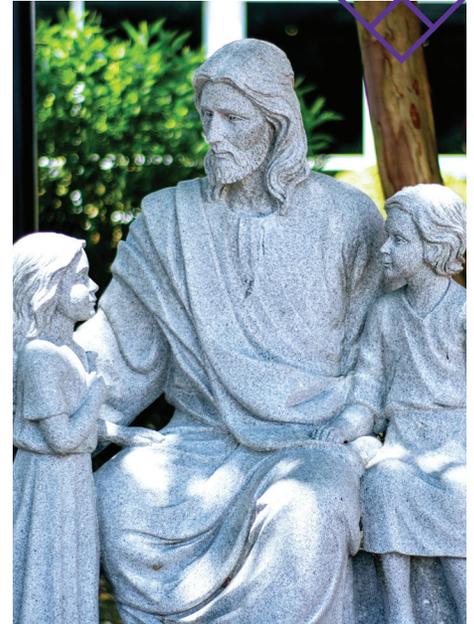
Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong ...

One of the greatest joys in life is singing "Jesus Loves Me" to a child and have them smile so big, it fills your heart. It's so simple and yet so powerful. Jesus loves me.

In Matthew 18, Jesus tells us to humble ourselves as a child. Children are trusting, open and eager to learn and are totally trusting others to guide and care for them as they grow.

We are children too and we can continually learn and grow while trusting our Father.

We will never grow up enough to stop learning and serving our Lord. It's simple and a great joy when you tell someone, especially a child, about Jesus.



Humble yourself as a child. Believe as a child. Jesus loves you.

Lord, help us to always be humble as a child, trusting in you. Keep our eyes open to those around us who need to know that You love them. Help us to remember how much You love us. Amen.



MARY'S ON THE BALLOT!

The LWML's nominating committee, elected at the LWML 2019 Convention, has recently released the slate of officers for the Lexington Convention. This committee has approved the nomination of Mary Smith for the office of VP of Communication. Please pray for Mary and all the candidates who are willing to serve the LWML in this new role if elected.

A Letter from Lois

Dear LWML Friends,

During the past month, I have assembled the border of another puzzle. All the other pieces, about 900, are waiting on the table for their specific place in the large, empty space.

This reminds me of how the plans are developing for our District for this biennium. We have the framework and are now looking at all the pieces to see where they will fit. The Executive Committee (EC) met on October 17 to discuss these parts and we are relying on God to bring this picture together for us. Here are the primary points of our discussion:

- Thrivent Choice Dollars® donations for the 2020-2022 biennium will be designated to the outreach for Young Woman Representatives (YWR) in our District.
- The 2022 District Convention site selected is the Best Western Plus Burley Inn & Convention Center.
- The addition of an appointed position of Social Media Facilitator was referred to the Bylaws Committee. Alecia Rasmussen is temporarily serving in this position.
- The plans presented by the Strategic Planning Task Force were approved and will help our District's women to be together virtually. See news in this issue for the first gathering on Thursday, November 5.



All the pieces will fit together because God has promised to be with us. We trust in His promises to renew us in His Word while we grow in faith and serve our neighbor.

Blessings and love,
Lois



Rev. Von Busch Installed at Trinity, Rupert

President Lois welcomes Rev. James Von Busch to the Central Zone at his installation service dinner at Trinity, Rupert, Idaho. He had served as the Utah-Idaho District Pastoral Counselor during the 2016-2018 biennium. Joining in this celebration is Rev. Alex Lissow and Rev. Steve Barckholtz.



Share Your Story of God's Faithfulness

O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name; For Thou has worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. (Isaiah 25:1)

God is at work in all of our lives and others could benefit and would enjoy hearing how He has been faithful to you. Please share your story by sending it to VP of Christian Life, Melody, melodylwml@silverstar.com. Your story will be published in the U & I Together and on social media. Let's lift others up with real life stories of God's goodness.

BOOK REVIEW: A House Divided, by Robert Whitlow

Robert Whitlow, author and practicing attorney, has written many faith-based legal drama novels. In *A House Divided*, Whitlow tells of a family of attorneys and how faith brought them together when the father took on a high-stakes medical tort case on behalf of two young boys. Read more about Whitlow on his website at robertwhitlow.com.

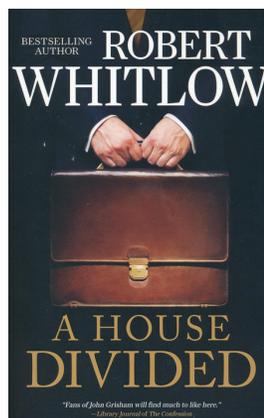


photo: [ChristianBook](http://ChristianBook.com)

Your Mites at Work: Trinity Lutheran Preschool \$5,000 Trinity Lutheran, Eden, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to help Trinity Lutheran Preschool, an active outreach ministry to the rural communities of Eden and Hazelton. They work with families that are not connected to Trinity Lutheran Church. The funds will be used to create a space that stimulates learning through play in a nature-based area and to purchase items such as the One in Christ curriculum.



photo: *Trinity Lutheran Preschool*



Seminary Christmas Marketplace

The Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Seminary Guild sponsors a Christmas Marketplace each year for the seminary students.

They have toys, quilts, clothes, and gift cards. The gift cards are especially popular. They want them in increments of \$10, \$20 and \$25 to national chain stores or restaurants or gas stations. They also accept cash. ***They must be at the Seminary by Dec 1.***

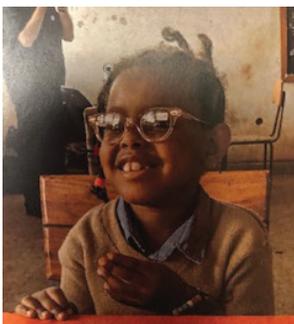
Perhaps you could collect them from your entire congregation and support our future Pastors and their families at Christmas.

**Mail them to:
Concordia Theological
Seminary
attn: Co-op
6600 N. Clinton St.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825**

For more information,
email Katherine Rittner
co-ops@ctsfw.edu
or call 260-452-2168.

◇ Mission Grant Thank You Notes

One of the ingathering projects from the 2020 District Convention was eyeglasses for MOST Ministries. This little girl's smile shows her joy and thanks!



"In the picture to the left, our (MOST) team was working in Ethiopia at a school for the deaf. This precious little girl was so excited to receive a pair of glasses. Your eyeglass donations change lives each time a pair of glasses is given out. We are grateful for your support of MOST Ministries and ask for your continued prayers. You are precious in His sight and in ours."

Kelly Bone, Business Manager and Volunteer Director

Yellowstone Zone Service Project

For the month of November, Hope Lutheran and Grace Lutheran are working on service projects within their group. Grace is planning on the collection of cold weather protection (with COVID considerations) and participation in the National LWML "November Eucharisteo Project" with inclusion of the whole church through a weekly email newsletter.

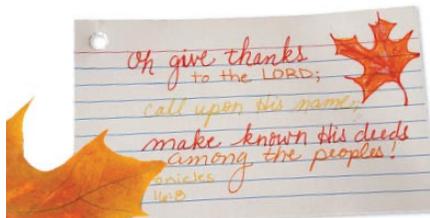


photo: *lwml.org*

Visit <https://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/november-eucharisteo-project> to learn more.

Yellowstone Zone Fall Event

Grace Lutheran in Pocatello, hosted the event presented virtually and in person in small groups at Grace and Hope Lutheran Idaho Falls. About 15 attended.

The Event opened with a welcome from Zone President Nan Mueller, and District President Lois Anderson extended her greetings. Pastor Garen Pay led the ladies in a Bible study on "Trust: Faith and Science Intersection". He illustrated multiple facets of this topic with descriptions showing how God has a hand in all things, referencing Colossians 1: 15-17, including things found to have a basis in science. Yet, Christians are still able to find the positive (where worldly viewing may see only negative or death) and are able to share their real life belief (because of cohesive network of public testimony, starting with those of the disciples).

Ms. Jennifer Chance spoke on several mission trips she's taken, including one to Central America. With a focus on Hebrews 10:23-25 and John 6:29, she urged each of us to "reflect Jesus with each other" and to "lean into the abilities He has equipped you with".

The Event closed with a prayer by Nan Mueller. Betty Oloff, Yellowstone Vice President, explained the service project – MOST Ministries Witness bracelets.



Western Zone Fall Event

The Western Zone held its first ever Zoom Fall Rally on Oct 3, 2020, and we are happy to say it was a success, with 41 women and men on line for the Rally. Special Guest Wendy Sue Fluegge from Wisconsin provided some beautiful music. Bible study was led by Pastor Matt Henry on Separated but Bound by Love (Eph. 4:16). Seven different mission projects received canned foods, food baskets with scrubbies, quilts, eye glasses, paper products, cheese and chicken and white socks. Thank you to all the women of the Western Zone for making this program successful and for your generous blessings to those in need.

Hope, with consideration to COVID limitations, is changing up their annual November activity – with a Bakeless Bake sale. The donations, usually gained with a craft fair, will be collected on Nov 15 and 16 for 3 mission projects: the Idaho Falls Rescue Mission, David Barnes – a former Hope student and soon-to-be missionary overseas, and "Ray of Hope" - a missionary family based in Thailand.

Central Zone Fall Event

On October 4, 2020 the Central Zone met together for a Fall Event "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit" (LWML Sunday 2020) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, ID. The Bible Study, based on the LWML Sunday program, was led by our Pastoral Counselor Pastor Gullidge from St. Paul's in Jerome. Unfortunately our speaker did not show up, so small groups and the full group discussed how members were able to support and care for family, friends, church members, etc. during the Covid 19 shutdown and how we can continue to support others as we move forward. We spent a few minutes going over the resources that LWML.org has available for use during the continued Covid social distancing precautions. Women were again encouraged to either ask for assistance in using technology or helping others to use technology to stay connected with each other and with LWML sisters. Our ingathering was new or gently used Bibles, food, and small kitchen gadgets for Victory Home Restoration Center that has facilities in both Twin Falls and Burley, ID. Though our group was about 10 or so women less then for an average event, the women felt blessed to have the opportunity to meet together in worship and fellowship.

< left: Yellowstone Zone Event service project - MOST Ministries Witness Bracelets.

> right: Central Zone President Vickie Schmidt with Bible Study Leader Rev. Gullidge and Marge Barckholtz contributing items for ingathering





CONVENTION CENTRAL

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Banner design for 2021 Convention!

We are looking for assistance in the presentation of our district at next year's National Convention. Ideas for a design are needed to help us represent the U&I during the banner procession in Lexington, Kentucky. We've received a few ideas, but we're looking for a few more to give us a better variety to choose from.

Any ideas are welcome, the theme of the convention is: "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus" based on Hebrews 12:1-2. A thought to keep in mind with all of this is - a simpler design is easier to understand in the short minutes some individuals will have to view the banner during the procession (and for those who see images of the convention though they may not be attending the full convention). Also, if you have an idea but aren't inclined to draw it out, please reach out to us and we'll do our best to bring your description to life.

Please have all ideas sent in by Nov. 15, 2020.



2021 Convention Offerings

During the 2021 Lexington Convention we will have the opportunity to bring our offerings to the Lord. The Thursday Communion Service offering is designated as a contribution to the LWML's mission goal.

The LWML is looking for recipients that could be supported by one of these three other convention offerings. Research the proposed recipients thoroughly to guarantee they meet the following criteria:

- Be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word.
- Fit into plans and projections of the LCMS.
- Be current and ready for implementation.

Recipients must be willing to provide feedback via photos and documentation to the LWML as to how the funds are being used, and how they are showing mercy and sharing the Gospel message. Offering proposal deadline is November 30, 2020. For more details, please check out our District's website at www.utahidaholwml.org/events/nationalconvention2021.



YWRs for Lexington

Our District's Vice President of Special Focus Ministries, Cheryl Brunson, is asking for nominations of Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) to attend the June 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, KY. The Executive Committee will select a YWR and an alternate from the Central Zone. If an additional YWR is to be sent to the convention, she will be selected from the District at large. More information will be sent to the Zone Presidents soon.



National Mite Report

The 2019–2021 fiscal period is April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021.

Mission Goal for 2019–2021 Biennium:

\$2,100,000.00

Mite Offerings Received

(as of September 30, 2020):
\$ 1,587,345.19

Total Mites Still Needed:

\$ 512,654.81



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT
2020-2022 BIENNIUM
VIRTUAL KICK OFF
Thursday, November 5, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.
Hebrews 10:23-24*

AN EVENING OF ZOOM CHAT

Your LWML Utah-Idaho District officers invite you to join them for an evening of introductions.

Rev. Von Busch and Rev. Bennett, who have accepted new calls within the Utah-Idaho District, will be introduced.

You will learn more about the biennium theme
TRUST-RENEW-GROW-SERVE

There will be a tech moment and more!

Sign on early for visiting with your LWML Sisters!!

Zoom Event link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89772294036?pwd=aEp3OXRVTfVlEL1hxWk1KU3VXMXBUUT09>