



# U & I Together

April 2021



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**April 8, 2021**

District Virtual Event  
(See page 6 for details)



**April 15, 2021**

Newsletter submission  
deadline



**JULY 16-18, 2021**

CAMP PERKINS RETREAT

"Masks, Bask, Tasks"

Look for registration forms in  
the May and June issue

### Quarterly Mite Report:

Mites offering for the 4th  
Quarter (January - March)

**Central Zone - \$2,475.29**

**Western Zone - \$2,641.71**

**Utah Zone - \$1,118.31**

**Yellowstone Zone -  
\$1,362.90**

### LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission,  
we joyfully proclaim Christ,  
support missions, and equip  
women to honor God by  
serving others.

### 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.



## Renewal

By Pastor Pay

Isaiah 40:28-31 *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

One of our theme words for this biennium is "Renew." It shows up in Isaiah 40, a promise to all who wait for the Lord. Waiting isn't usually a lot of fun. In fact, I think we hate waiting. At the store, at the stoplight, for the five seconds it takes our web-page to load. We hate it. But that doesn't change the fact that the Christian is a person in waiting. We are waiting for the promises of God to be fulfilled. Promises of forgiveness and life eternal in Jesus. Thousands of years our God waited until the time was at hand for his plan of salvation to come into effect. Then another thirty-three years our Lord waited, and then, finally, three days in the tomb. Then his promise of resurrection came true. This resurrection promise is what we wait for. The Lord will renew his people, he will renew you! That body that aches and can't do what it used to...fear not! It will be made new. What wonderful promises in Jesus! Thanks be to God he gives us strength, hope, and His presence while we wait. God bless.



## A Letter from Lois

Dear Ministry Partners,

We're going to Lexington!! After much prayer and consideration, the LWML Board of Directors voted to hold an in person convention in June. You can be a part of this wonderful gathering; early registration is open until April 15. Send your form in now; you won't want to miss this opportunity to be with other mission-minded servants. However, if this is not possible, the convention sessions will be livestreamed for members at home to participate in the worship services, Bible studies, and all the business sessions.

Our district delegates are Nancy Almodovar (Western Zone), Judy Lierman (Central Zone), Betty Oloff (Yellowstone Zone), and Dixie Funk (Utah Zone). They are your representatives at this convention and they want to hear from you. During your April or May group meeting,



please cast your vote for the mission goal, mission grants (vote for 10), and officers. A ballot will be sent to your group president and she will send your vote to your zone delegate. Your vote will make an impact on the mission grant selections and also the future leaders of our LWML.

To read about the mission grants and officer candidates prior to voting, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention>. Thank you for participating in this important mission opportunity our Lord has put before us.

May God guide all the details of this convention as we continue "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

Lois



## A New Endeavor: Joy Bielenberg heads to Navajo New Mexico

Thursday, March 25, will be the beginning of a new adventure for our Sister in Christ, Joy Bielenberg of McCall. Joy will be heading to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, New Mexico, where she will begin a ministry working with the children of that community as a tutor and ESL teacher. Joy went to Navajo in 2014 with the Utah-Idaho LWML mission team when we conducted a week long summer program with the children and families of that church and community. Working with those children touched her heart and planted a seed that is now turning into this new endeavor.

Please keep Joy and these children and families in your prayers as she begins this new program.



## Call For Grant Proposals:

We have started the process of "Calls for District Mission Grant Proposals." To see the Mission Grant criteria, application form and proposal deadline please visit our website at [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org) you can also contact your Zone President or email Jeannie Barrette V.P. of Gospel Outreach at [wbarrette1@msn.com](mailto:wbarrette1@msn.com) if you have any questions.

Please keep the Mission Grant Committee in your prayers as we start this process.



Left: Christel (left) and Dominican Deaconess Intern Kate Phillips (right) were on the radio show Café con Fe hosted by CPTLN(Lutheran Hour) Director Yaritza Rosa (center); Right: Rev. James teaches confirmation class in Ponce.

## Your Mites at Work:

### **Missionary Support: Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf; \$2,210.49 - LCMS Office of International Mission**

Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf are missionaries in Puerto Rico. James serves as a church planter and pastor in the city of Ponce. His focus is to establish a strong Lutheran presence which will boldly proclaim the Gospel and meet the physical and spiritual needs of a community that is hungry for the Gospel and for hope. As a deaconess, Christel is involved in the long-term disaster relief efforts at the mission's various mercy houses. The funds requested will be used to support their work.

Christel and James have asked for prayers for their new confirmation class. They are halfway through and it's been very challenging in many aspects. You can read their most recent newsletter and subscribe to updates here: <https://mailchi.mp/c2531ff0b3b3/february2021>

### **Mission Grant Thank You Notes:**

Dear Donor,

*I can't tell you enough about how much your donations help my family while my husband is busy studying God's Word. Thank you so much and God bless you!*

*Peter, Taitlyn, Moses and Naomi Preus  
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Food and Clothing Co-op*

*To the Members of the Utah-Idaho District,*

*You are a great friend and partner in ministry! You are the reason so many people have access to the Scripture in Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio formats. Thank you for this district grant to help us share the Word of God and our ministry at Lutheran Braille Workers.*

*Jay Zemke, President  
Lutheran Braille Workers*



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**AmazonSmile?**

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LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT  
2020-2022 BIENNIUM  
VIRTUAL EVENT  
Thursday, April 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship from 6:45 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 fellowship and prayer.

Introduction of next theme, "Renew", and chat with Rev. Garen Pay, LWML Utah-Idaho Pastoral Counselor

Bible Study with Signe White, Camp Perkins  
Introduction of Camp Perkins Leadership Staff

Activity: Prayer Time

### **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774508400?pwd=UEpJZUZNa3dHWDIXL3phUk9jOG8xZz09>

We look forward to seeing you on zoom! For questions or assistance with zoom link please contact Caryn at (208)221-3243 or [lwml.carynellott@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.carynellott@gmail.com). Yes, even on the evening of the event.

# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Easter Sunday He Is Risen!!! He Is Risen Indeed!</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Read Psalm 51:10-12</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the Gospel today!</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Pray today for those who are struggling with cancer.</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Read John 14:1-6</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Read Isaiah 53:5</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Pray for every member of your family by name</p> <p>3</p>
<p>Pray for our Lutheran Schools and Child Development Centers</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Call a friend and pray with them</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Praise God for Whom all blessings flow</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Pray the Lord's prayer, quietly and slowly</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Continue to pray for peace in our nation</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Thank the Lord for the Spring rains to nourish our lands</p> <p>17</p>
<p>Pray that your worship will be a blessing to all who attend</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Read Philippians - 4:6-7 Thank God for His peace</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Pray for the 2021 Host Committee for the Lexington Convention</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Say a pray of thanksgiving for Life, now and the next</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Pray for all Christian Pastors</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Praise God for your loving family</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Pray to be a blessing to someone today</p> <p>24</p>
<p>Pray for whatever God has put on your heart</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Read Jeremiah 31:25</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Pray for our military men and women</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of living in America</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Read John 16:33</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Pray for someone who is ill. Give them a call or send a note.</p> <p>30</p>	

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