



U & I Together

September 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**September 2, 2021
at 7:00pm**

First Thursday Chat
"Growing through Prayer"



September 15, 2021

Newsletter submission
deadline



September 25, 2021

Utah Zone Event



September 25, 2021

Yellowstone Zone Event



October 3, 2021

Central Zone Event



October 9, 2021

Western Zone Event

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.

www.utahidaholwml.org



What are you doing, God?

By Pastor Pay

*Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
"Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:16- 19)*

No, I don't always perceive it. I look at the news and see wars, people stranded, civilians and Christians dying. I see earthquakes ravaging Haiti. I see toxic political discourse. I see a pandemic that is apparently, either, the worst thing ever or not a big deal at all. *What are you doing, God?*

If you have wondered the same things, let us take heart. The people in Isaiah's day couldn't see God at work, but He was. When Jesus was dying on the cross it didn't seem like God was at work, but was He ever! Soon came Easter renewal and the glory of God. It is the same for His people now. Though we are beset by darkness on every side (and even inside), God is at work. He is working to save through his Word and Sacrament that goes out from His Church, His truth that goes forth from us.

It may be hard to see, but it is true. God has worked, in Jesus, to bring salvation to His people and has promised, and is working, to make all things new. May He see us brave and faithful to that day!



A Letter from Lois

Dear Friends,

The "learning season" has begun! Many schools are back in session, Bible classes are starting again in our churches and our LWML groups will also meet together to spend time in God's Word. We pray this season will be blessed where we can meet together, face to face, confident that God is watching over us.

Many people are living in fear because of what they read and hear about conditions surrounding them. It's been said that: "You're smart when you only believe half of what you



hear; wise is when you know which half to believe." When we're in God's Word, we can be confident His Word is true. Oh, Lord, grant us wisdom. We thank you for Your message of life, hope, love, and salvation – messages we never need to doubt.

Blessings to each of you as you grow in Christ during this "learning season" in His Word.

Peace in Christ,
Lois



"Giving Tuesday" is a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its day of giving, "September to Remember," on September 14, 2021.

The LWML will focus on the "Shining Lights" in our lives who share Jesus' truth in love through service to others. *Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).

You are invited to share a story about one of your "Shining Lights" on Facebook, donate to the LWML Mission

Goal in honor of that special someone, and pray for all district and national mission grants.

On September 14, 2021, you may donate through the LWML website, lwml.org, under the "Giving" tab, in honor of those "Shining Lights" in your life, making an eternal difference in the lives of others.

You may also mail your donation labeled for "September to Remember" or "GivingTuesday" to: LWML, 801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Full page flyer available on page 6 to print and share.

Last opportunity to apply for Mission Grants

by Jeannie Barrette,
V.P. Gospel Outreach

All applications are due **September 15, 2021** to Jeannie Barrette V.P. of Gospel Outreach wbarrette1@msn.com you can also contact your Zone President.

To see the Mission Grant criteria, application form and proposal deadline please visit our website at utahidaholwml.org The Mission Grants will be voted on at the District convention in 2022.

Please keep the Mission Grant Committee in your prayers as we begin this process and meet to review all applications.



Your Mites at Work



photo: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch; from lwml.org

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #1 Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — \$81,680

The mission of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. The Ranch provides unparalleled care, expertise, and presence in the name of Christ to keep today's troubled kids from becoming tomorrow's troubled adults. Recognizing the need to minister directly with the victimized boys and girls, the Ranch called an LCMS deaconess, Kelly Bristow. This role reflects the exact reason why a vibrant deaconess ministry was envisioned for our church body. Deaconess Kelly's work quickly began to bridge many of the gaps that often hinder a child's healing. Nearly all of the female residents and many of the male residents have been traumatized at the hands of a male figure. This simple reality creates immediate trust issues that can be difficult for a child to bridge, especially when dealing with a male chaplain. The Word of God helps to heal the walls of broken trust. Those at the Ranch are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus!" For more information, see the Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story on page 5 or go to www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-1.



Mission Grant Thank You Note

From Rev. Tom Hausch, *Kuna Lutheran Church*

"We are so grateful for the grant from the National Lutheran Women's Missionary League for \$100,000. We are so thankful for LWML's support in believing in Kuna Lutheran Church, but more importantly in God's plan to reach this community with the message of His love through what Jesus Christ has done for us and all mankind." (Note: An agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese has been reached to purchase a five acre parcel of land in Kuna for the price of \$695,000.)



Save the Date!

April 29 – May 1, 2022

The District Convention is coming soon!

In seven months, we will be celebrating LWML's 80th birthday and the amazing work He has done through us! (1942 – 2022) Plan now to join your friends in Burley for this exciting celebration!

Place:

Burley Inn and Convention Center

Date:

April 29 – May 1, 2022

Theme:

Trust • Renew • Grow •
Serve (Hebrews 10:23-24)

Bible Study Leader:

Deb Burma, a well-known
Christian author/speaker

The District Executive Committee will be meeting October 16, 2021, to make more plans regarding the convention program, mission grants, Gifts from the Heart, and convention offering recipients. Stay tuned for more details coming your way soon.



Congratulations New National LWML Committee Members!

Mary Smith, Chairman
Christian Resources Editors
Committee

Nichelle Dykema
Graphic Artist

DCE Kristina Parker
Committee on Young
Women

Zone Events and Updates

Western Zone Update

Western Zone Fall Rally will be held on
Saturday, October 9, 2021

Host: Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Ontario, OR

Time: Registration 9:00-9:30am

Suggested Donation: \$3.00

LWML Prayer Service led by Pastor Matt
Henry

Special Presentation by District YWR's

Mission Project: Hope Pregnancy Center Ontario

Suggested items newborn to 2T onsies and or new clothing,
blankets in neutral colors, burp cloths and diapers.
Christian books and tracts. *(In the event that we go
Zoom, monetary donations can be made by each society.)*

***Due to Covid protocols, masks will be required. In case of
CDC guidelines, we may switch to a Zoom event if necessary.*

Yellowstone Zone Update

Happy Feeling Fall-ish, ladies of the Utah-Idaho LWML. We in the
Yellowstone Zone have been working hard to prep for potential
re-opening activities and/or in-person gatherings, especially
with the Fall Event. Both Hope and Grace groups have been able
to meet and set plans for activities for the remainder of 2021,
and possibly a start to the 2022 schedule.

To that effect, the Yellowstone Zone's Fall Event will be
held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Hope Lutheran
in Idaho Falls. We are pleased to have Ms. Madison Elliott
speaking to us regarding her experience at the National
LWML convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Our Bible study
leader will be Melody Rosenwinkel. Please watch for "flyers"
in your inbox for additional information if you'd like to join
us. Blessings on your September.

Central Zone Update

Join the women of the LWML Central Zone on Sunday, October
3, 2021, for our Fall Event at 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran
Church. Pastor VonBusch from Trinity Lutheran in Rupert will
lead our Bible Study based on the LWML Sunday Theme "Our
Hearts are in HIS Hands". Shelby VonBusch will share with us
about her experience as a YWR at the recent LWML Convention
in Lexington, KY as well as about the Noah's Ark Encounter in
Williamstown, KY. We will also hear from President Lois Anderson
and our Central Zone delegate about the LWML Convention in
June. For our ingathering, we will be collecting food, cleaning
supplies, and baby items for Voices Against Violence which
provides emergency sheltering, counseling, and many other
resources for those who are victims of violence in our community.

Utah Zone Update

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - 9 a.m. Join in person, or by
Zoom, at Christ Lutheran Church, Murray, Utah.
Bible Study Leader - Pastor Bennett



Have you ever thought about Visual Prayer?



"Visual prayer
is the practice of
slowing down to write,
color, or doodle during
a focused time of
prayer..."
(From [visualfaithmin.org/
visual-prayer](http://visualfaithmin.org/visual-prayer))

The links below will
help you get started or
**Join the September
Chat on Sept. 2** for
more information:

visualfaithmin.org

[lwml.org/coloring-
resources](http://lwml.org/coloring-resources)



*Helping at-risk Children Succeed
in the Name of Christ.*

Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — \$81,680

Since 1952, the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 34,000 at-risk youth and their families. As a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Ranch brings Christ-centered hope and healing to children from across the nation who have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence, and more. At the Minot, Bismarck, and Fargo, North Dakota, campuses, the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch combines the best-in-class psychiatric care with best-in-class Christ-centered spiritual care unlike any other organization in the nation. Children ages 10–18 and their families find new futures as they seek healing, hope, and new beginnings at the Ranch. With their Christ-centered Lutheran heritage and mercy-focused care, the Ranch becomes a place of stability, hope, and comfort for those they serve. During their time at the Ranch, the children learn to see the world differently, feel the love of God through those who care for them, and begin to look to the future with hope. The discovery of the Savior's mercy is often the most vital component of a child's healing.

Nearly all of the Ranch's female residents have been traumatized in some way, and in almost all cases the perpetrator was male. In addition, most of the young men who have been subjected to violence or abuse have experienced it at the hands of a male figure. This simple reality creates immediate trust issues that can be difficult for a child to bridge, especially when dealing with a male chaplain. In 2018, while recognizing the need to minister directly to the hearts of victimized young girls and boys, the Ranch called an LCMS deaconess, Kelly Bristow, to complement the work of the Spiritual Life Staff. Her work quickly began to bridge many of the gaps that often hinder a child's healing. This incredible relationship of trust became a turning point in children's lives. When the children complete their treatment and move on from the Ranch, they leave knowing God loves them and that His love will never change. Many of the children have written Deaconess Kelly, thanking her for everything she had done in the healing process. Many have found a church home where their faith remains rock solid.

The specialized ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch impacts more than 1,400 children and families each year, from all corners of the United States. The deaconess ministry is part of the Ranch's overall Spiritual Life Program, and it impacts more than 300 residential children annually. Two-thirds of the children receive services at the Minot campus. With this grant, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will be able to fund one full year of deaconess ministry in Minot, North Dakota.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants



Prayer for the Christ-centered and
mercy-focused care of the Deaconess
Ministry at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Prayer #1

Dear Lord, we praise and thank You for the encouraging words of Matthew 25:40b, assuring us that whenever and wherever we serve "one of the least of these my brothers" or sisters of Christ, we are serving the Lord. We pray that the healing ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will have a restoring impact on the lives of the children who have faced unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma — truly the least of these. We commend to Your care all who participate in and are impacted by this deaconess ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #2

Gracious Father, we especially bring before You the innocent children living at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch who are victims of abuse or neglect. These experiences often result in trust-related issues that are very difficult for a young child to overcome. We seek Your guidance for the deaconess working with this specialized ministry as she assists young girls and boys to grow in their trust and faith in Jesus. We ask You to bless the deaconesses, the children, and the mite offerings that will support this outreach ministry to the least of these my brothers and sisters. Amen.

Prayer #3

Loving Father, bless the ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch which impacts more than 1,400 children and families each year from all corners of the United States. This ministry helps the children move toward a Christ-centered hope and healing in remarkable ways. The Ranch's Spiritual Life Program touches nearly all of the residential children being served, two-thirds of which are on the Minot, North Dakota, campus. Dear Jesus, grant that through the discovery of Your mercy and grace, these children will have healing. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer #4

Lord, Provider of care and love, more than 34,000 at-risk youth and their families, many of whom have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, and violence, have all been touched by Your love and compassion at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Thank You for providing a place of stability, hope, and comfort to those being served. We pray that this mission to the children will continue to bring love, comfort, and peace. In Your name we pray. Amen.



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CUT OR FOLD THIS LWML PRAYER GUIDE ON THE
DASHED LINE AND KEEP IN YOUR BIBLES FOR
DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

September

TO REMEMBER

September 14, 2021



LWML 2021 GivingTuesday: September to Remember

This year, we focus on those “**Shining Lights**” in our lives that share Jesus’ truth in love through service to others.

Who has been your shining light?

We encourage you to share a story of one of your “**Shining Lights**” on Facebook, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that special someone, and pray for our mission grants.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

Read others’ “shining light” stories at lwml.org or follow us on Facebook (@TheLWML) and Instagram (@lwmlnational)!

Give on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Thanks to a generous family, GivingTuesday donations will be matched up to \$10,000!

How to donate:

On September 14, 2021, you will be able to donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday. You may also mail your donation labeled for “September to Remember” or “GivingTuesday” to:

LWML
801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010
St. Louis, MO 63105

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pray for your Pastor	2 Read Psalm 34:1	3 Pray for a clean Heart	4 Pray for Wisdom
5 Read Ephesians 4:32	6 Labor Day! Pray for American Workers	7 Pray for the teachers returning to school	8 Pray for your family	9 Pray for your friends	10 Read James 1:5-4	11 Pray for your community
12 Grandparents Day! Say a prayer of Thanks for all grandparents	13 Read Jeremiah 29:11-13	14 Pray the Lord's Prayer	15 Read John 10:7-9	16 Pray for the Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	17 Pray for an opportunity to plant a seed for our Lord	18 Pray for you to be a blessing to someone today
19 Pray for our Sunday School Teachers	20 Send a card and pray for someone ill	21 International Day of Peace. Pray for Peace.	22 Pray for you to truly trust the Lord with a decision you need to make	23 Is there a member of your family who does not know Jesus? Pray for them	24 Pray for UT-ID grant DOXOLOGY— Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel	25 Pray for our children in school to be bold for Jesus
26 Greet a visitor at church and pray for them	27 Read Ephesians 6:18 pray for someone on your heart	28 You are beautiful in His sight. Praise and thank God	29 Thank our Lord that you are called by name	30 Pray for the UT-ID Counselor — Pastor Pay		 Utah-Idaho District

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).