



U & I Together

November 2021



**November 4, 2021
at 7:00pm**

First Thursday Chat
"A Month of Thanksgiving"



November 15, 2021
Newsletter submission
deadline



A Time of Growth

By Pastor Pay

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:11).

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.

Trust, Renew, Grow, Serve. Perhaps it is ironic to meditate on "Grow" as winter draws closer. Creation around us isn't growing, it is receding. The animals have their stockpiles and are ready to hole up in their dens. The leaves have fallen, the grasses gone dormant. In the winter, the only things that seem to be growing are to-do lists, waistlines, and snow banks! Isaiah 61 reminds us that is not the case, however, with God's gifts. He reminds us, in this beautiful chapter (Read the whole thing!) that the Lord is in charge of making his righteousness and grace grow. And while the imagery of Isaiah 61 is powerful, let's be clear: God is not bound by any season. May this winter be a time of growth for you.

As we draw closer to celebrating the Birth of the Savior, may we know that any day is a good day to meditate on God's goodness and grace in Jesus. May this winter be a time of reflection on God's Word, Prayer, and may it be a time to encourage the Body of Christ. So yes, even as the seasons change, God will grant growth.



A Letter from Lois

Dear Friends,

Five months and counting. What are we counting you might ask? The months until we will gather in Burley for our Utah-Idaho District's 39th biennial convention. As fast as the months fly by, April 29, 2022, will be here in a blink of an eye! Well, I hope not that fast as we have much planning to do before then. And all will be accomplished as God is taking the lead and will guide us in all our decisions.

Several weeks ago the District Executive Committee members met; here are a few major topics discussed and decided upon for our convention:

Rev. Gary Piepkorn, LWML's Junior Pastoral Counselor from Portales, New Mexico, Rocky Mountain District, will represent the LWML during our time together. He is not a stranger to us as



he served as a Pastoral Counselor for our 2017 Albuquerque Host Committee along with Rev. Ross Shaver, Zion Nampa.

A Silent Auction Craft Sale will be held at convention to benefit the District Mission Grants. Ladies, start your crafting now!

Two convention offerings will be gathered: one is for our District Mission Grants and the other one will be divided among three Central Zone schools: Immanuel Lutheran School, Clover Christian School, and Trinity Eden Preschool.

Plan now to attend the convention where we will be celebrating with thanksgiving the LWML's 80th anniversary.

Blessings and love,
Lois

WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942-2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

In honor of the 80 years God has blessed the Lutheran Women's Missionary League we are being encouraged to celebrate as a district, zone, group and individual. We are encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 something.

How can we do this as a district, zone or group?

- Gather 80 pairs of socks, mittens, or other clothing items for a local shelter.
- Make 80 hygiene kits, school kits for Orphan Grain Train
- Make 80 dozen cookies and donate them to first responders or hospital workers.

How can we do this as an individual?

- Give an extra mite donation of \$8 or \$80.
- Do 80 hours of Bible reading for the year.
- Please share with us your ideas of 80's.

Be sure and take a picture of you 80's so they can be shared in the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. Details about where and when to send your photos and stories will be shared with you as they are received.



photo: <https://www.doxology.us>

District Grant Paid in October

Care of Souls Amount: \$5,000

DOXOLOGY — Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel

DOXOLOGY, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of LCMS, offers a professional continuing-education program that benefits three essential categories of people involved in the life and work of a congregation: the pastor, the lay leadership, and the pastor's wife. DOXOLOGY strengthens pastors so they can more faithfully pastor others. The funds requested will provide scholarship assistance for congregations and pastors with the highest priority going to pastors from congregations in the Utah-Idaho District of the LWML.

A Wonderful Day in Kuna!

Two LWML 2021–2023 Mission Grants were paid in October for the first time in LWML History. God blessed the LWML with a mite offering surplus from the last biennium. With this surplus, the LWML was able to begin funding mission grants one month earlier than usual.

Saturday, October 23, 2021, was a special day for the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the people of Kuna Lutheran Church. Approximately 15 excited people gathered at a small coffee shop in Kuna to receive LWML’s generous mission grant check of \$100,000. LWML’s mission grant #26, Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho, was one of the first grants to be paid this biennium. A five-acre parcel of land has been purchased for this plant church and these funds will be applied toward the acquisition of this property. Rev.

Thomas Hausch expressed his overwhelming thankfulness on behalf of his members for this gracious gift that will help them reach out to this rapidly growing community in Kuna with the good news of salvation through Christ.

Then to top it all off, nine women were there to form a new LWML group! These women are excited and enthused to serve their Lord with gladness. Betty Reimann and Terri Bentley joined me in presenting this zealous group with their Certificate of Membership. After hearing what the mighty Mite offerings can do with God’s blessings, (especially after receiving the grant check!), they took many Mite Boxes with them. Witnessing their mission spirit, I am confident they will share their gifts so other mission opportunities will be blessed as they have been. To God be the glory!



Pastor Thomas Hausch and LWML Utah-Idaho District President Lois Anderson



President Lois Anderson and Claudette Klinchuch stand on the the 5 acre parcel of land the LWML supported with the mission grant.



Claudette Klinchuch, Betty Reimann, Lois Anderson, Terri Bentley



LWML Utah-Idaho District President Lois Anderson presents Pastor Thomas Hausch with the check for the Mission Grant



President Lois Anderson, Betty Reimann, and Terri Bentley present a new LWML group with their Certificate of Membership.

Yellowstone Zone Update

by Nan Mueller, Zone President

Welcome to autumn (or winter?) in Idaho from the Yellowstone Zone. While we were still experiencing the warmth of summer, the ladies of Yellowstone enjoyed a Fall Zone Event hosted by Hope Lutheran in Idaho Falls at the end of September. We were graced with a national convention presentation from a YWR perspective by Madi Elliott, a Bible study on "The Little Things of God" by Melody Rosenwinkel, and interesting fun facts about angels from Pastor Pay. An ingathering of laundry detergent/dryer sheets, towels and wash cloths, canned items, diapers, and baby wipes were donated to The Haven, a temporary housing assistance program.

Several activities are planned or ongoing for the Yellowstone Zone. Hope Lutheran is again hosting their annual Holiday Fair on November 13th, with the return of crafters' tables and bake sale goodies. This year's table monies recipients will be: Idaho Falls Rescue Mission, the Braille Workers' program at St. John Lutheran (for supplies), and Lutherans for Life - Southeast Idaho chapter. December will see Hope's LWML group help host the Advent Fellowship held for members of the church and school. Monthly meetings continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, with December's meeting being suspended for the Advent Fellowship.

Grace Lutheran sponsored a vehicle at the church's Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween. Group president, Desrae Guerrero, was quoted as saying "I'm NUTS for the LWML" (see the



included picture). The vehicle's theme idea came from her daughter, Autumn (the fox in the picture). For November, the ladies look to aid the Braille workers of St. John by helping put together books, with December being a gift collection for area seniors in need. They continue with monthly meetings and evening Bible study on the 2nd Tuesday and the addition of 2 more circles - a morning Bible study on the 2nd Thursday (utilizing the study of Habakkuk Pastor Pay presented at Camp Perkins this summer) and a prayer shawl ministry on the 4th Tuesday.

Many blessings to all of you ladies for a THANKFUL November - and we hope to see you at the next district virtual chat.



Central Zone Event Update

by Vickie Schmidt



Three future LWMLers attending Central Zone Event with their mother, Krista Gullidge, YWR Shelby Von Busch



Bible Study Leader Rev. Von Busch



Immanuel Group President Cindy Gibson, Ingathering for Voices Against Violence

2021–2023 Biennium

Mission Goal:

\$2,150,000

Mission Grant #3

Bible Books to Encourage and Strengthen Faith in Africa

Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children

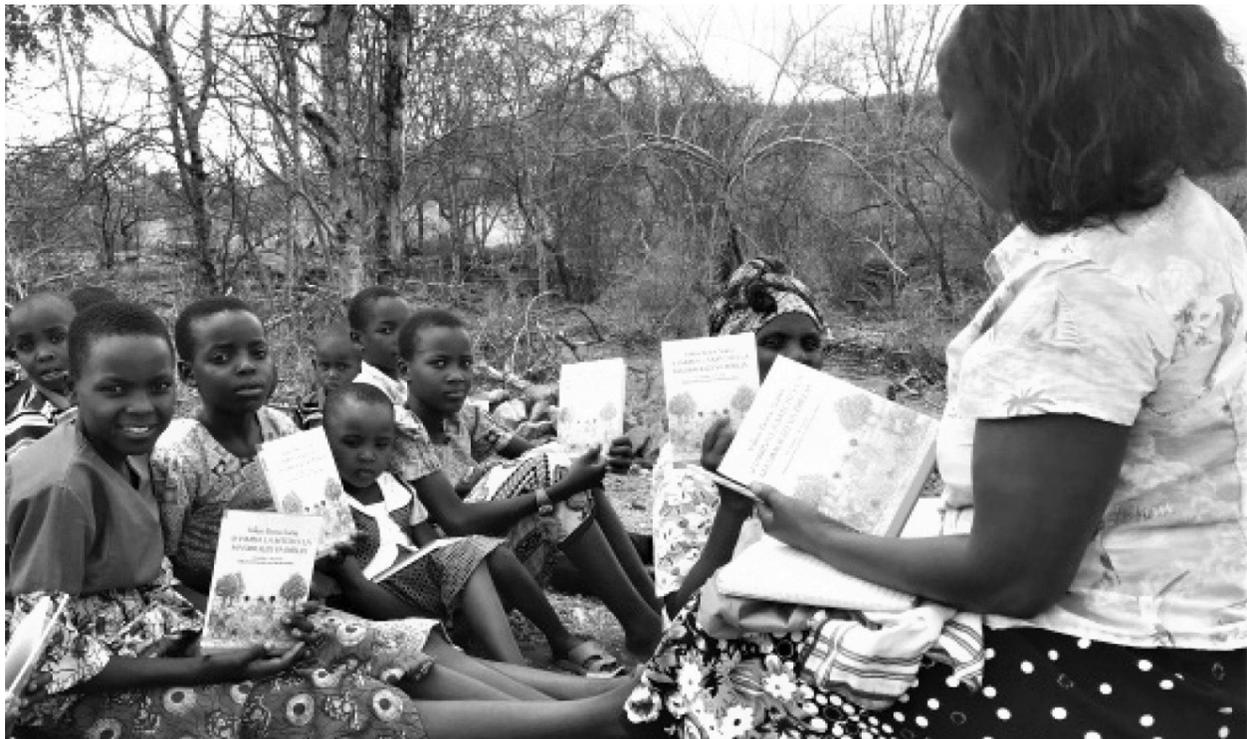
Lutheran Heritage Foundation – \$100,000

Translations of A Child's Garden of Bible Stories and Luther's Small Catechism have been completed and distributed in places like Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and South Sudan. Parents in these countries now have the resources they need to tell their children about Jesus and how God made the world. The children can keep the brightly illustrated books, which are often the first books they own. The same book which teaches about Jesus may also be the one that teaches the student to read.

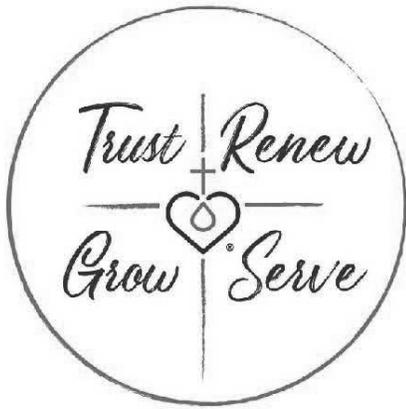
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We Pray Together:

Dear heavenly Father, we give thanks for the growth of the church in Africa. We ask Your continued blessing on the teachers of Your Word. Guide and sustain them as they satisfy the thirst of those who yearn to learn more of Jesus and His love. In His name. Amen.



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



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT
2020-2022 BIENNIUM
VIRTUAL EVENT

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Fellowship from 6:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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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.

A Month of Thanks Giving

Bible Study with Michelle Jenks,
LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator

Introduction and chat with Rev. Joshua Heimbeck
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Logan, UT

Gratefulness Activity with Sherrie Prien
Thanksgiving Ideas to share with
family, friends, or others that God puts in our path

Zoom Link:

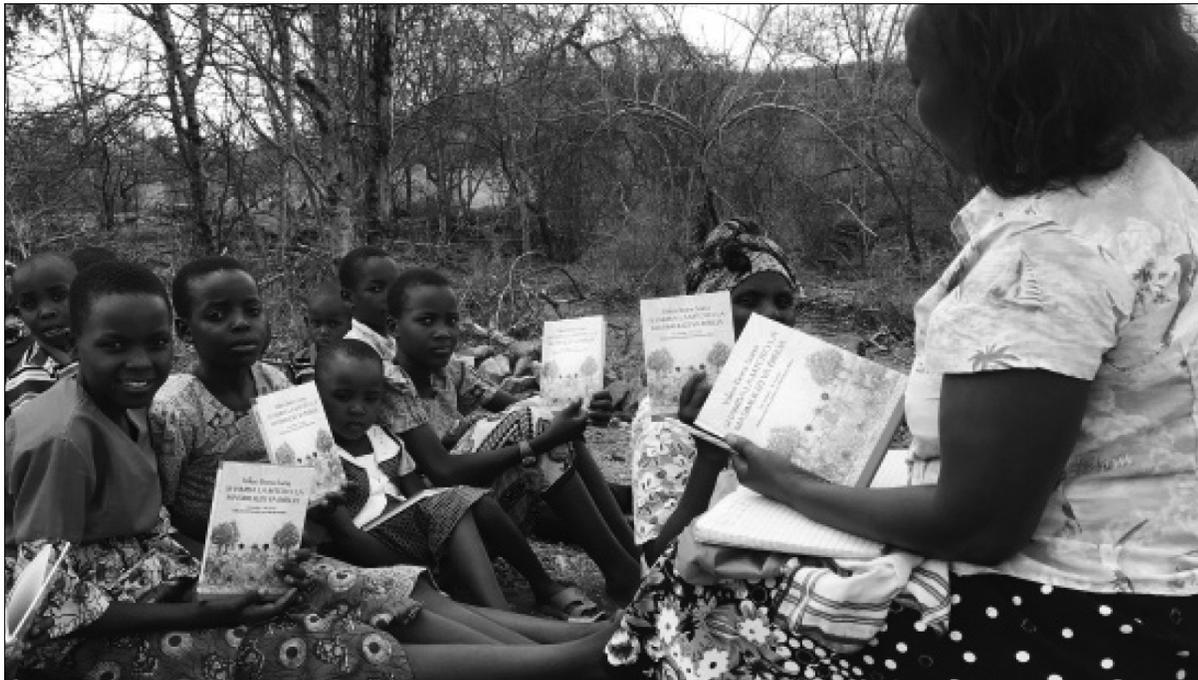
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We look forward to seeing you on zoom! For questions or assistance with zoom link please contact Caryn at (208)221-3243 or lwml.carynellott@gmail.com. Yes, even on the evening of the event.



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*You shall teach them
to your children,
talking of them
when you are sitting
in your house,
and when you are
walking by the way,
and when you lie down,
and when you rise
(Deuteronomy 11:19).*

*I have no greater joy
than to hear that
my children are walking
in the truth (3 John 1:4).*

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Pray for Africa's children who learn about Jesus their Savior through Bible stories translated into their native tongue by Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

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Prayer #2

Lord, we are blessed to have books and materials where we can learn and teach our children of Your forgiving grace. These materials are available in our own language and we are privileged to support other translations. We thank You for the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation that translates, publishes, and distributes books for children and their parents. This gift of God's Word in their own language helps them to grow in their faith. In His name. Amen.

Prayer #3

Lord, continue to bless the Lutheran schools across Africa. We thank You for faithful teachers. We give thanks that the Lutheran Heritage Foundation provides Bible story books for the children to own and to share with others. We rejoice as the children share God's Word with their family and friends. In His name. Amen.

Prayer #4

Lord, open our hearts to opportunities to spread Your Word to all people. Help those who need to hear about God's love and salvation find Lutheran materials written in their language. Continue to guide our support of the translation and distribution of these materials around the world. We give thanks that our mite offerings expand this special ministry. In His name. Amen.



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CUT OR FOLD THIS LWML PRAYER GUIDE ON THE DASHED LINE AND KEEP IN YOUR BIBLES FOR



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The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to preach the Gospel in the languages of the people at Pentecost. Today He uses the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) to translate books that explain Scripture to people around the world. LHF was created in 1992 by Rev. Robert Rahn to provide Christian printed materials to people in the former Soviet Union. These new Christians had a Russian Bible, but the hundreds of pages proved to be overwhelming. LHF took on the challenge of translating and publishing books such as Luther's Small Catechism and A Child's Garden of Bible Stories which helped explain the Bible in all its richness in the Russian language.

LHF continues to expand its mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people in countries where the Gospel is not well known and provides books that encourage and strengthen the faith of established churches. Books are given free of charge to the churches and individuals who need them.

Africa has 1.2 billion people; over half of those souls are waiting to be introduced to their one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Islam has made huge inroads into the continent with 500 million people bowing to Allah, while others continue to follow the traditions of their ancestors. However, Christianity has grown from only 8 million in 1900 to over 631 million in 2000. With this phenomenal growth in Christianity, there is a great need for books and materials translated into the language of the people for use by children and their families.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Thank God for sending us His Son</p>	<p>1 Read John 3:16 Thank our God for life</p>	<p>2 Read Hebrews 13:8 Thank you, Lord for never changing</p>	<p>3 Prayer of Thanks for your church, pray for those seeking Him</p>	<p>4 Prayers of Thanks for your neighbors</p>	<p>5 Prayers of Thanks for all Gods Blessings</p>	<p>6 Prayers of Thanks for the food that you eat, pray for the hungry</p>
<p>7 Prayers of Thanks for your Pastor</p>	<p>8 Prayers of Thanks for the love in your heart</p>	<p>9 Prayers of Thanks for your health, pray for those who are having health issues</p>	<p>10 Prayers of Thanks for your home, pray for those who have no home</p>	<p>11 Prayers of Thanks for our Veterans</p>	<p>12 Prayers of Thanks for your job, pray for those looking for a job</p>	<p>13 Prayers of Thanks for the seasons</p>
<p>14 Prayers of Thanks for Freedom of religion, pray for those who do not have the same freedom</p>	<p>15 Prayers of Thanks for His unconditional love</p>	<p>16 Prayers of Thanks for laughter</p>	<p>17 Read Philippians 4:4 God calls me! Pray for that calling.</p>	<p>18 Prayers of Thanks for Rainbows. Read Gen 9:13-16</p>	<p>19 Prayers of Thanks for Challenges and the lessons learned</p>	<p>20 Prayers of Thanks for His Forgiveness</p>
<p>21 Prayers of Thanks for your family</p>	<p>22 Read Isaiah 61:10</p>	<p>23 Read Colossians 4:2 Amen</p>	<p>24 Prayers of Thanks for family/friends traditions</p>	<p>25 Give Thanks for God is Good!! Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>26 Prayers of Thanks for teachers</p>	<p>27 Prayers of Thanks for missionaries, pray for their safety</p>
<p>28 Prayers of Thanks for the Bible</p>	<p>29 Prayers of Thanks for memories</p>	<p>30 Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice and pray knowing it is God's will</p>				

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