



U & I Together

December 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 2, 2021
at 7:00pm
First Thursday Chat



December 15, 2021
Newsletter submission
deadline



December 15, 2021
Nomination Deadline



January 6, 2022
at 7:00pm
First Thursday Chat



April 29 - May 1, 2022
District Convention
Burley, Idaho

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



God comes to His people

By Pastor Pay

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God ... And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:35 & 38).

December is here already and soon we will be celebrating the birth of the Savior, Jesus. God could have ordained the coming of His Son in any fashion. He could have parted the heavens and come down in glory. He could have shaken the earth and come with awesome and fearful power. Yet instead He comes quietly. He grows inside the womb of His faithful mother, Mary, who gave herself to be the servant of the Lord and His Word.

The Word of the Lord tells us that Jesus still comes to us. And, like with Mary, He often comes quietly. We so often want God to rend the sky or shake the earth and show us His power and blessing. Instead, God has given us His blessing, according to His Word, in the washing of baptism. He has promised His presence with us where two or more are gathered, in His Word, and through the fruits of His cross, in the bread and wine. They might not seem amazing, but they are. God does come to His people. Not to frighten, not as an attention seeking narcissist, but as a Servant and a Savior.

And since He is our Savior, we can be confident that when He does rend the sky and come down on the last day (what a fearful and awesome day that will be!) we need not fear. Because He has already come to us to wash us clean and make us His own.

A blessed Christmas to you all. As Jesus grew in His mother Mary according to the Word of the Lord, may His love grow in each of you in all the wonderful ways He has promised according to the Word of the Lord.



A Letter from Lois

Dear Friends,

Recently during a discussion at a book study group I attend, the question came up, "What do you recall about your first home?" Various answers were heard from those in our group. Some were born in a big city, some in a small town, and many on a farm. Some of us older folks reminisced how we contended with the lack of running water and the absence of an indoor bathroom. The younger ones could not imagine how we lived through those tough times! One detail we agreed on, however, was that we each had a comfortable home and a nice warm bed.



Think about your beginning years as you hear once again about Jesus' birth and what He endured in His beginning years. A home in a barn, a bed of straw, animals sharing His "bedroom," a sudden trip to Egypt to escape death. His beginning years were not plush but were lowly and humble. All this, and more, He endured for you and for me because of His love for us!

A blessed Christmas to each of you!
Lois



Care Package
for
Grieving Parents

Hey All! This is your friendly end-of-the-year reminder about Thrivent's Care Package for Grieving Parents.

If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet requested a **Care Package** this calendar year, please consider requesting one. We have been working with several hospitals in the area to provide them with the care packages in order to gift it to families who have just gone through a loss.

These care packages are also a great option if you personally know someone that has lost a child recently. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 208-403-1509, Jeanne Lappin at 208.358.1388, or **Carolyn.Perez@thrivent.com**



Email address change?

Please unsubscribe your old email address.

How? Go to the bottom of a district email. There you will see an option to unsubscribe from this list. Click on the **[unsubscribe from this list](#)**.

Then, go to the **utahidaholwml.org** and the lower right corner has a button to request to receive district emails. Please fill out with your new email address.

The system works better for ladies to do it directly. If you have any problems, please contact Caryn at **lwml.carynellott@gmail.com** or 208-221-3243.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Celebrate the
Lord of the Nations

Psalm 33:12-13

2023 LWML Convention Theme:
Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Date: June 22-25, 2023

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).*

Goal: As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

Objectives:

Convention attendees understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament.
- Honor God by serving our neighbors.
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

Logo Explanation: The wooden cross reminds us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus; the banner of flags draped over the cross depicts the many countries of the world; the waving motion of the flag banner symbolizes our life in the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of the Word of God into all nations.

Mark your calendars now to be a part of this gathering of sisters — and brothers — in Milwaukee, June 22–25, 2023.

FLYING HIGH

This devotion was taken from the book, *By the Way*, written by Rev. Paul Devantier. The message is very appropriate in light of our service to the Lord and using the talents He has given us to further His Kingdom here on earth.

It's an amusing and insightful cartoon. A butterfly is flying above two caterpillars. One caterpillar says to the other, "Boy, you'll never get me up in one of those things!"

That's how it is for many people. They glimpse at things that need to be done in their world and say, "That's not for me."

Have you turned down opportunities to serve in your church or in your community by saying, "other people are more qualified," or "I don't do that well," or "I would be embarrassed."

It's good to remember that there may be something inside of you that could make you soar to new heights. You may not even know it exists, but God could bring that something out to help you be what you never imagined.

Pray that you may use your own God-given gifts and potential...and then fly!

Dear Lord, open us to the possibility that You could make of us something we might never have imagined. Transform us according to Your will and use us to further Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nominations for District office are due December 15 to Betty Reimann, Nominating Committee Chairman, at breimann65@gmail.com. Thanks for listening to Rev. Devantier's message.



◆ ◆ ◆
SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2022

**Join your LWML sisters at the
LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention
Burley Inn and Convention Center.
Burley, Idaho**

Watch for more information in the *U&I* and emails.

Sharing Christ's Love Through Sanctity of Life Resources

Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life, LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). The sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of "Life" curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools. With this grant, LCMS Life Ministry will build a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children, and elementary-aged children and their families.



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6.)

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Jeannie Barrette V.P. Gospel Outreach

*LWML
Utah-Idaho
District
Advent Mission
Gift
December 1-15,
2021*



*The LWML Utah-Idaho District
is sponsoring a "Giving Tuesday" event
December 1-15, 2021.*

*This is a special giving opportunity to
support our District Mission Grants.*

*Ladies may donate through their
LWML group or by mailing checks to the
LWML Utah-Idaho District*

Financial Secretary:

Kathy Carlson

221 Red Rock Trail

Kimberly, ID 83341

*Please note on your check
"Advent Mission Gift"*



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT
2020-2022 BIENNIUM
VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, December 2, 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.

White Elephant Gifts

Bring a White Elephant gift to show and tell!

Introduction and chat with Rev. Steve Barckholtz,
Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, Buhl, Idaho

Christmas Story read by Chris Tatham,
Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello, Idaho

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774508400>

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.



Sharing Christ's Love Through Sanctity of Life Resources

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000
Mission Grant #4
\$92,000



Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000

*Before I formed you
in the womb
I knew you,
and before you
were born
I consecrated you;
I appointed you
a prophet to
the nations*
(Jeremiah 1:5).

In recent years the sanctity of life, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack in societies across the globe. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continues to stand on the truth of God’s Word, making disciples for life. LCMS Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and the culture at large, and working with the LCMS to share Christ’s love and mercy with their neighbors.

This grant will assist parents, teachers, family members and Christian friends to *train up a child in the way he should go* (Proverbs 22:6),

teaching children from a young age that all human life is valuable to God and thus to all of us.

We Pray Together:

Father, You are the creator of life. You knew us before we were formed in the womb. As we reach out to this world, we pray for Your guidance to follow Your will, as together we uphold the sanctity of human life and share Christ’s love and mercy with our family and our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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





Sharing Christ's Love Through Sanctity of Life Resources

Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000

Pray for the children and families who will benefit from the sanctity of life teachings shared through LCMS Life Ministry materials.

Prayer #1

Father, You are the creator of life. You knew us before we were formed in the womb. As we reach out to this world, we pray for Your guidance to follow Your will, as together we uphold the sanctity of human life and share Christ's love and mercy with our family and our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen..

Prayer #2

Lord, God, we thank You for the precious gift of life You have given to Your children. Be with each one of these children as they understand that they are special and uniquely made according to Your design. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #3

Heavenly Father, You have given us the gift of life. Thank You for the resources this grant will provide to the many who may be struggling to understand the plan You have for each one of Your children. Help us to be strong in upholding the sanctity of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #4

Gracious Lord, the author and creator of life. Help children to understand God formed each of them in their mother's womb. We pray for parents, teachers, and Christian friends to train up a child in the way he should go. Help us to stand firm in Your Word in a world that wants us to follow it instead of You. We joyfully proclaim "Jesus Loves Me, this I know". In the name of Your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

lwml.org/mission-grants

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

***Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:5).***

In recent years the sanctity of life, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack in societies across the globe. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) continues to stand on the truth of God's Word, making disciples for life. LCMS Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and the culture at large, and working with the LCMS to share Christ's love and mercy with their neighbors.

Our children, from a very young age, are surrounded by media that attack the family as well as Christian values and morals. Even public libraries in some communities have begun offering story hours focused on anti-family concepts. These influences on our children cause devaluation of life, marriage, and the family as God designed it.

LCMS Life Ministry shares biblical teachings regarding the sanctity of all human life, with a clear Law and Gospel approach, according to the confessional witness of the LCMS. The resources of this grant will provide accessible information to children and families regarding life and family issues. It was created specifically to be developmentally appropriate for early childhood, young children, and elementary aged children and their families. Included will be classroom materials, videos, storybooks, and digital books for children and families which focus on providing awareness of sanctity of life concerns throughout all stages of life.

These grant resources will create among children an awareness and respect for life and the family as God designed it, which will have a lasting effect on choices they make as they grow and mature. The resources will also create pro-life educational outreach to children through LCMS congregations and Lutheran schools, child-care centers, and preschools as well as other Christian schools and children's ministries.

This grant will assist parents, teachers, family members and Christian friends to *train up a child in the way he should go* (Proverbs 22:6), teaching children from a young age that all human life is valuable to God and thus to all of us.

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



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer of Praise to our Lord for His faithfulness in our lives	1 Pray for family and friends	2 Pray for your church	3 Pray that those who do not know God will see God in the Christmas season this year
5 Pray for everyone attending worship at your church today will be blessed	6 Pray for someone at your work or in your life who does not know Jesus	7 Pray for Peace "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8	8 Pray for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League	9 Thank God for our families and friends and for the time we get to be with them this Christmas season	10 Read Hebrews 2:13 Trust in the Lord with your needs today	11 Pray for your neighbor
12 Pray for joy in your life and those around you	13 Pray for the LWML grant - Mission & Outreach to the Least of These	14 Pray for our military	15 Read Psalm 16:8-9 Thank God that He is our right hand and we can have a glad heart.	16 Pray for a childlike faith as Baby Jesus comes to us.	17 Call a friend and pray with them	18 Pray for National Grant #1 Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
19 Pray for a Godly attitude	20 Bless someone in need with Christmas gift	21 Call someone who will be alone this Christmas season	22 Pray for our nation to find peace	23 Pray for God to put someone in your life that you can share His faithfulness with	24 Attend church and pray with your church families	25 Praise God for Baby Jesus
26 Pray for a thankful heart	27 Read Isaiah 30:18 Amen	28 Pray to love someone who is not so loveable	29 Pray for your Pastor	30 Prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings God granted you in 2021	31 Pray for the New Year That it will be a blessed year for you and your family	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).