



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 5, 2022

District Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting



February 15, 2022

Newsletter submission
deadline



March 5, 2022

Central Zone
Spring Event, Filer



March 26, 2022

Western Zone
Spring Event, Nampa



April 9, 2022

Yellowstone Zone
Spring Event, Pocatello



April 29–May 1, 2022

LWML Utah-Idaho
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.

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U & I Together

February 2022



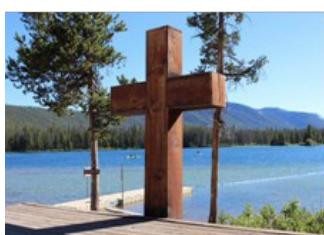
TRUST • RENEW • GROW • SERVE

By Pastor Pay

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalms 23:5)*

Serve is the last word of our biennium theme. It is the appropriate and natural response to the first three words. But let's not pretend that God, so active in our Trust (He gives us faith), in Renewing us, in Growing us (He strengthens our faith) - let's not pretend that he is not active in Serving, either. Who is setting the table in Psalm 23:5? Not us! God gladly takes on the duties of a servant!

As we seek to serve others, we cannot forget how God has served us: By preparing for us a mighty celebration feast in His Kingdom and working to bring us there by His death and resurrection. And let us not forget that He continues to serve us in the Divine Service (you see the "serve" in there, don't you?). He still continues to serve us with His Word, Sacrament, and Spirit. God be praised! And then, of course, what is a great way to praise Him? To turn in loving service toward those He has placed in our lives. God bless you and serve you with His goodness.



SAVE THE DATE

CAMP PERKINS RETREAT
JULY 15-17, 2022

"It Only Takes a Drop"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14.

Come and join your LWML sisters at Camp Perkins to meditate on God's word, enjoy God's scenery and enjoy the fellowship with singing and laughter. Bible study with Mary Smith will be based on John 4: 7-40 (Woman at the Well).

Retreat Center: \$163 Cabin: \$136

Look for registration forms in the May and June U&I.



A Letter from Lois

Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this note to you, the sun finally peaked out from behind the clouds that have covered us for days and days. Oh, now it's gone again! Well, isn't that the way life is? Sometimes we get just a glimpse of something positive that gives us hope as we look forward to the days ahead.

The District Executive Committee members are looking forward to our meeting on Saturday, February 5. The convention program will be discussed in addition to the banquet when we'll celebrate the LWML's 80th anniversary! Our special speakers, Deb Burma, Dr. Nancy Almodovar, Rev. Gary Piepkorn, and Rev. Roger Sedlmayr are looking forward to joining us in this celebration and especially for a time to be in God's Word together. Watch for more exciting details coming your way soon.

The 2023 LWML Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The order forms for the



beautiful blue convention shirt will be available soon.

News flash from LWML! Omaha, Nebraska, has been selected as the 2025 LWML Convention site. That's the eastern-most point in the Western Region and it includes eight districts, including ours. North and South Nebraska districts will be hosting this convention.

We have so much to look forward to in the months and years to come. However, for the short term, plan now to attend the District Convention in Burley, April 29 – May 1. Let's join together in the celebration of God's blessings through the LWML during the past 80 years and those we look forward to in the future.

Blessings and love,
Lois



"The LWML is easy to love, but not always easy to get to know. I had no idea about the wonderful work of the LWML let alone the wonderful women of the LWML until my time as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the Albuquerque convention. Please consider sharing your love for our beloved organization and the work God does through us by inviting a young woman to be a YWR from your zone at our district convention in April. There she will get to see some of the things God is doing in our communities, through our groups and in our district as we grow in Christ together."

Group presidents should be receiving information by early February regarding submitting names of delegates and YWR's for the District convention. Please look for this information and **return the completed form as indicated to the District Secretary by March 15.**

National Mission Grant

2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #6 Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends — \$70,000

As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil's Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant would further fund Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

During the Christmas season, Phil's Friends provides individuals who have to be in the hospital a special gift to know that they are loved. Last year Phil's Friends provided a teddy bear. During these visits, Phil's Friends volunteers have a chance to talk with the cancer patient and often times pray with them.



Spring Zone Events

Western Zone Women,
mark your calendars and save the date!

Spring Event will be held Saturday,
March 26, 2022. With the theme
Out with the Old, In With the New
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church, Nampa

Registration: 9 - 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$3.00

Lunch will be served.

Bible Study with Rev. Matt Henry

Ingathering: Nampa Family Justice Center

More information to come.



Yellowstone Zone Women,
mark your calendars and save the date!

Spring Event will be held Saturday,
April 9, 2022. With the theme
Steeped in the Word

Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church Pocatello

Registration: 9 - 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$3.00

Lunch will be served.

Bible Study with Deacon Aaron Hayes

More information to come.

Ingathering Ideas

by Cheryl Brunson Vice President of Human Resources

Are you looking for ideas for an ingathering for your spring event? homeless shelters and rescues can always use socks for their clients. Women's shelters always need diapers or feminine hygiene products. Ask the local food bank if they have any special needs. Food stamps are really only usable for food so other necessities, like toilet paper, are needed by clients.

Greetings from the Central Zone!

The women of the LWML Central Zone are working hard planning and preparing for the upcoming U-I LWML District Convention, April 29 - May 1, 2022, at the Burley Inn, Burley Idaho. We are looking forward to hosting each of you as we come together for worship, study, business, and lots of fun and fellowship.

LWML Central Zone would like to invite you to our Spring Event, **March 5, 2022**, at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Pastor Paul Johnson will lead us in the LWML 2022 Prayer Service **Lord, Teach us to Pray** - Luke 11:1.



For our ingathering, we will begin collecting ingathering items for the upcoming U-I LWML District Convention (please see upcoming advertisements for specific items). We will also be holding our Spring Business Meeting and Spring Elections. At this time, the Central Zone will need to elect a new Central Zone President and Secretary. If you feel that God is calling you to a leadership position in the Central Zone, please contact President Vickie Schmidt at vschmidt@immanueltf.org or chat with your local group leader.

If you are in the LWML Central Zone and looking for a book study, Sheryl VerWey will begin a study on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The book study will be going through the new book by Deb Burma - Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge. Deb Burma is the Bible Study Leader at the upcoming District Convention. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Sheryl VerWey at sverwey62@gmail.com.

District Missions and Mites Update

Take a look at the current status of the District Mission Grants and the Quarterly Mites Report.

Quarterly Mite Offerings

October–December 2021

Central Zone - \$3,974.56
Western Zone - \$3,605.37

Utah Zone - \$1,869.87
Yellowstone Zone - \$1,019.80

\$580.00 in Advent Offering

Grant Name	Amount Granted	Funded
Food for Concordia Theological Seminary's Food and Clothing Co-op – Ft. Wayne, Indiana	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MOST Ministries-Clean Water Filters	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Immanuel Lutheran School Scholarships for Students – Twin Falls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Trinity Lutheran Preschool - Eden	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bringing Light to Those Living in Darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel (Bethesda)	\$4,000.00	----
Care of Souls (DOXOLOGY)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bahamas Mission Trip, Grace Lutheran Church, Sandy, Utah	\$2,210.50	\$2,210.50
Missionary Support: Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf	\$2,210.49	\$2,210.49
Total	\$33,420.99	\$29,420.99



LWML Utah-Idaho District Proposed District Mission Grants for 2022-2024

The Mission Grant Committee met back in September 2021. We had 24 applications to review. After much prayer and discussion, we submitted the following 17 Mission Grants to the District Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee has approved the following Mission Grants to appear on the Ballot at the 2022 District convention for the 2022-2024 Biennium.

Please read and prayerfully consider each Grant. Let your delegate know your recommendations.



1. Chita Congregation Building Project; Amount \$5,000

Siberian Lutheran Mission,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The goal of this grant is to purchase a structure for liturgical worship and church business in Chita. The current membership of the Chita congregation is over 100 people. The congregation is very committed to liturgy and missionary outreach. A building has already been located and discussions to purchase have begun.

2. Comfort Dog Ministry; Amount \$2,500

Trinity Lutheran Church and School,
Hicksville, New York

The goal of this grant is to enhance the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, specifically for travel expenses that incur when the Comfort Dog Ministry is called upon to provide comfort to those that are hurting. The funds could also act as a matching challenge to encourage gifts from members of the congregation and to send handlers to receive additional training by the LCC staff.

3. Different Languages, Same Savior: Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World; Amount \$3,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation,
Macomb, Michigan

The goal of this grant is to translate and publish Luther's *Small Catechism* or colorful Bible storybooks for children. This would allow missionaries to introduce new believers to the Savior, Jesus Christ.

4. ELCT Lake Tanganyika Diocese; Amount \$5,000

International Lutheran Council,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The goal of this grant is to help with two seven-day workshops in Lake Tanganyika Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. One workshop will be for 35 pastors while the other will be for 40 executive council members. These workshops would help participants grow in the spiritual capacity to hold to the truth of God's Word and to recognize false teaching.

**5. Environmental Play Place;
Amount \$2,000**

Concordia Learning Center, Holy Trinity,
Riverton, Utah

The goal of this grant is to add a "sharing library" that includes faith books and Bibles for our students and also to add Bible verses to some of the play structures. We want to make this a place for spreading the Gospel.

**6. Feeding Haitian Children Physically
and Spiritually; Amount \$3,000**

Trinity HOPE, Mount Juliet, Tennessee

We give with a joyful heart. Therefore, the goal of this grant would be used at Haitian Lutheran School to sponsor the feeding program. This will help provide noon meals to children, teachers and cooks. We work with Lutheran churches in and throughout Haiti to proclaim Christ and feed children both physically and spiritually.

**7. In Every Language Funding
Translators; Amount \$4,000**

MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

MOST mission projects require a translator when serving different countries at each station such as, vision testing, dispensing of eyeglasses or fitting. The goal for this grant is to cover the cost of translators for 2-4 mission teams each year of the biennium. The funds would be used exclusively for paying translators.

**8. Jesus' Love Transforms Lives in the
Good Shepherd (Group) Home in the
Dominican Republic; Amount \$4,000**

Hogares Luterano el Buen Pastor,
St. Louis, Missouri

The goal of this grant is to help cover the expenses for the care of six teenagers and young adults with intellectual and

developmental disabilities in their group home. This would include: staff, food, utilities, rehabilitation and clothing. The LCMS office of International Missions continues to increase the number of missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Thanks to our God leading this project, the Home just celebrated its 10th year.

**9. Joyful Noise Learning Center (Day
Care); Amount \$2,000**

Clover Trinity Lutheran Church,
Buhl, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to purchase Christian curriculum such as Bible story books, Arch books and Christian themed puzzles from Concordia Publishing House to help share Jesus with all our children.

**10. Let it Snow Van ... Get the tracks
and watch the mission GROW!!;
Amount \$5,000**

Camp Perkins Outdoor Ministries,
Hailey, Idaho

The goal of this grant would be to help purchase a Snow Van with a versatile track system that will provide Camp Perkins with the necessary resource to accomplish their mission through year-round Christian learning and renewal opportunities, thereby proclaiming the Gospel and nurturing disciples for Christ.

**11. Living by Faith, Not by Sight;
Amount \$5,000**

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW),
Idaho Falls, Idaho

The goal for this grant is to offset the cost of production of Braille and Specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials at the LBW Ministry Production Center in Idaho Falls over the next two years. Any remaining funds will be used at the national level for the same purpose.

12. Making Immanuel Lutheran Child Development Center (CDC) More Lutheran; Amount \$2,000

Immanuel Lutheran CDC, Twin Falls, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to purchase Christian flags, wooden crosses, Bibles and vinyl Bible verses for the walls. Additional funds would be used to purchase CPH religious curriculum and instruments for each of the classrooms. This would allow us to focus on God's Word and teaching of the Gospel.

13. Sowing in our School; Amount \$2,000

Hope Lutheran Church and School, Idaho Falls, Idaho

The goal for this grant is to purchase Story Bibles, books and Christian materials for the early childhood students to develop their knowledge of Biblical content that is age appropriate. Additionally, student Bibles would be acquired for the elementary students to familiarize them with God's Word and develop their reading skills in a Gospel centered manner.

14. Two (2) Year Old Preschool; Amount \$2,000

Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sandy, Utah

The goal for this grant is to purchase Lutheran books, devotions, family information and religion class curriculum. Funds would also be used to fund scholarships for families who need financial help with daycare needs.

15. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families; Amount \$3,000

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, Missouri

Ministry to the Armed Forces holds two Chaplain training seminars each year. The goal of this grant would be used to cover travel expenses for spouses to attend the seminar. These seminars help teach them how to care for themselves and their families while they care for the military families they serve.

16. Worship Anew; Amount \$5,000

Open Arms Ministry, Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to have Worship Anew on television for our surrounding communities twice every Sunday morning. The funds would be used to Share Christ's Love with those who are unchurched and others who are not able to attend services.

17. XrossWay Disciple Makers Conference; Amount \$5,000

XrossWay Lutheran Ministries, Twin Falls, Idaho

The goal of this grant would be to host what would potentially become an annual Disciple Makers Conference for lay people. The funds would be used to help finish the development of the core materials to be presented at this conference. This conference would equip God's people with the principles to share the Gospel.



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT
2020-2022 BIENNIAL
VIRTUAL EVENT
Thursday, February 3, 2022
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.

Bible Study with Amy Hubach
Seward, Nebraska

Introduction and chat with Rev. Roger Sedlmayr
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Twin Falls, ID

valentine cards for Special Friends

Zoom Link:

<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 lwmldistrict@gmail.com.

Yes, even on the evening of the event.

LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT CONVENTION

APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2022

**Burley Inn and Convention Center,
Burley, ID**

Trust • Renew • Grow • Serve

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds
(Hebrews 10: 23-24).*

Convention Goal Statement:

Walking hand in hand with Jesus we have hope in the here and now, gaining knowledge to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others, serving with grateful hearts and creating new opportunities to do so.

Convention Objectives:

As women of God We:

- Proclaim His grace and mercy;
- Joyfully celebrate our salvation in His Word, prayer; and fellowship
- Serve our neighbors through witness and mission; and
- Rejoice in the Hope that our lights shine bright in the darkness of the world.

**Watch for more information in the *U&I*
and at www.utahidaholwml.org**

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pray for those who are sick	2 Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ	3 Read Nahum 1:7 Pray for trust in the Lord	4 Pray for those who don't know Christ	5 Pray for the Utah-Idaho Executive Committee as they meet today
6 Read James 5:16 Ask others to pray for you.	7 Thank our Lord for His peace and joy	8 Pray for your enemies	9 Call a friend	10 Praise God for the gifts He has given you	11 Pray for National Grant: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	12 Ask God what you and He are going to do today
13 Worship with joy today	14 Pray for the ones you Love	15 Pray for your church leaders	16 Call a shut in	17 Praise God for creating you to be you	18 Love is kind. Be kind to someone today.	19 Pray for our government
20 Pray for Lutheran School workers and their schools	21 Read Romans 5:8 and praise God for His unconditional love	22 Pray for world peace	23 Romans 11:9-12 Be devoted	24 Pray for National Grant: Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses	25 Pray for all Christian missionaries	26 Read 1 Peter 5:6-11 Believe it
27 Praise God for His strength	28 Pray for Yourself to be God's witness in all you do and say today					 Utah-Idaho District

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