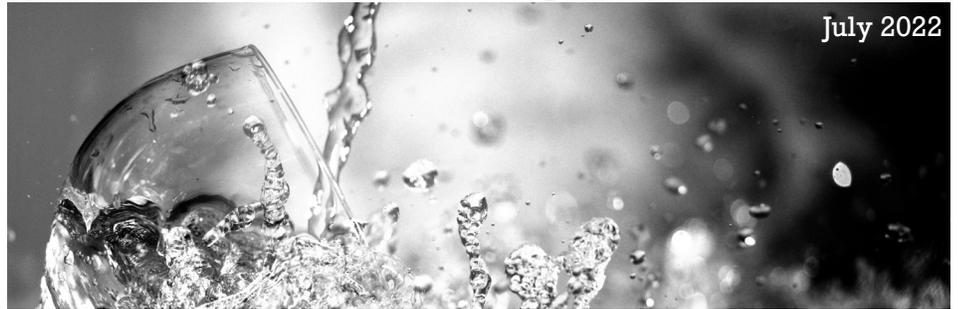




# U & I Together

July 2022



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**July 15, 2022**

Newsletter submission  
deadline



**July 15-17, 2022**

Women's Retreat  
Camp Perkins



**Sept. 17, 2022**

Utah Zone Event  
Grace Lutheran Church,  
Sandy, UT



**Oct. 2, 2022**

Central Zone Event  
TBD

## 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](http://www.utahidaholwml.org)

## What Do You Thirst For?

VP Christian Life Cindy Wilson

I sat by my brother's bed in the ICU. I prayed that this discomfort would be temporary. A nasal tube for feeding had just been inserted due to swallowing difficulties. He no longer would be able to sip the ice water or ginger ale he had been able to drink just the day before.

This scene took me back several years when my sister could not taste water or take any fluids by mouth for more than 4 months. Due to a botched surgery, all her fluids were delivered by IV. A drainage tube removed massive amounts of infection from her body. She was unable to sip cool, refreshing, life giving water. After her ordeal, she thanked God every day she could drink water, hold it in her mouth and let it pass down her throat. She was finally able to satisfy her thirst. We know water is essential to life. So, what do you thirst for?

God used many references to water in Scripture to tell the story of His Son Jesus. Genesis 1:1 says *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters"*. In Revelations 22 the last chapter of the Bible, John writes of the *river of the water of life flowing down from the throne of God and of the Lamb* (vs 1) and *"the Spirit and the bride say "Come!" Let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."* (vs 17)

At the Festival of Tabernacles Jesus told the people *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."* (By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive.) John 7:37-39

From beginning to end God uses water for life on earth and continues to provide this water of life in heaven for all who believe.

Get a nice, cool, refreshing glass of water and sit down daily with God's Word. As Psalm 42:1-2 says: *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. **My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God.***



## Forever Friends

One of the joys of LWML is that we make Forever Friends wherever we go. Even if there are long spans of time between visits, we know that there is a smile and hug waiting when we reunite with our sisters in Christ.

Our LWML Utah-Idaho convention in Burley provided many such reunions after we were separated by a pandemic and other life interferences. Those virtual events, although nice, are not quite the same as reaching out to a friend with a piece of chocolate or a glass of wine.

Only a month after Burley, I was fortunate to work the LWML booth with our neighboring LWML districts to the west. Carmen Nagel from the Oregon District and MaryLynn Huntwork from the WA-AK District teamed up with me to create a place to promote LWML in the Northwest District LCMS Synodical Convention in Portland. I have been friends with Carmen since the late 1970s when she lived in Boise but MaryLynn became one of my new best friends in the LWML. We laughed. We planned. We prayed. We ate chocolate. We together presented to the general assembly the new mission statement of the LWML as we implement it within our districts.



  
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**support missions,**  
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*Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).*  
**CORE VALUES:**  
Christian Women | In God's Word | Mission Focused  
Sisters in Christ | Servant Leaders  


The focus of the NOW Convention was Jesus is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever! That got our wheels turning for our respective LWML districts. Once upon a time (about 1944), the three separate NW LWML districts were part of one district. We started brainstorming about a collective retreat or event for the three districts sometime in the future (year to be determined) so we can celebrate and reunite our bond here in the northwest, including Utah.

“Back to the Future” was discussed as a theme using “There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country (Jeremiah 31:17)”.

Let us pray for the Lord’s wisdom for planning such an event where we can get acquainted (or reacquainted) with more of our LWML Forever Friends nearby in the west. Can you imagine how our light will shine all together like that? Please pray for guidance about this opportunity as it is presented to the prospective district boards.

For now, I hope to see many of you at Camp Perkins next month. Get your registrations in soon. Many sources of inspiration await you in the Sawtooths with your sisters in Christ as “It Only Takes a Drop”.

President, Terri Bentley

## Young Women Representatives at Convention

Kristina Parker, Utah-Idaho District YWR Committee

The Friday Night Pinning Ceremony was one of the highlights for our Young Women Representatives. Not knowing what to expect upon arrival, it can be overwhelming to be in front of so many. The history of the pin, the links intertwined, and the promises of God and sisterhood are powerful and bring and ease to the mind. It was an honor to participate alongside President Lois and Pastor Piepkorn who did a tremendous job lifting these women up.

It was truly a perfect evening; with a time of service, a shared meal, worship, topped off with fellowship and delicious snacks! I couldn't think of a warmer and more Lutheran Women in Mission-like welcome for these young women.

An extra thank you to Pastor Von Busch and Pastor Pay for a wonderful trivia night on Saturday. The YWRs had a blast learning about our beloved organization through laughter and friendly competition. What a beautiful weekend for so many to get to know who we are and how they can make this organization theirs as well.



## Mites in Action: National Mission Grant Spotlight

### 2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #13 Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim and the country of Mongolia is largely Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. Through widely-accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources in the Kazakh language, family members and relatives will be impacted by the Gospel in their homes. LHM has the media expertise to ensure the Gospel message is brought to a region where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources are being distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the main language of the region.



*A Kazakh woman and her daughter learn about Jesus through Christian resources, such as booklets and Bible story activity books for children from Lutheran Hour Ministries.*

## Treasurer reports

<b>Offering #1</b> .....	<b>\$2,565.00</b>
(District Mission Grants)	
<b>Offering #2</b> .....	<b>\$4,678.00</b>
(Immanuel Lutheran, Clover Christian, Eden Preschool)	
<b>Rob Moore Note Cards</b> .....	<b>\$153.00</b>
(benefits Camp Perkins)	
<b>Feed the Mite Box</b> .....	<b>\$384.30</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b> .....	<b>\$2,470.00</b>
<b>Endowment</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Robert Moore Painting</b> .....	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Total for Convention</b> .....	<b>\$15,260.30</b>

The above does not include online giving.  
Working on transition to new treasurer.

**Summer greetings,  
Utah-Idaho LWML sisters.**

The Yellowstone Zone ladies are taking time to take care of themselves for the next month or so – spending time on their own with God, with their own families, and their church family. We are still keeping aware of the needs in our communities – and offering assistance as called to do so.

At this time, plans for our Fall Zone Event are in the works. Information regarding program details, date, and ingathering will become available in a future newsletter

Nan Mueller



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**Order your Convention Shirt Now!**  
Visit Convention Central at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and complete the form to get your convention polo. Group orders are encouraged, so tell your friends!



**Utah-Idaho District  
Women's Retreat**

**JULY 15-17**

**AT**



Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
*40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention*  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Celebrate the  
*Lord of the Nations*

Psalm 33:12-13



**June 22-25, 2023**

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Invites you to the

## *40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention*

**June 22-25, 2023**

Wisconsin Center — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## **Celebrate the Lord of the Nations**

*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).*

### **Convention Goal**

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

### **Convention 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.

### **Convention Logo Explanation**

The 2023 LWML Convention logo features a wooden cross, reminding us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. Wrapped around and draped over the cross is a long banner with the flags of many countries. The cross supports the banner as Christ delivers life and salvation to all the children of man. The banner waves symbolizing our life by the Holy Spirit and the movement and proclamation of the Word of God into all nations.

