



# U & I Together

August 2022

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**August 15, 2022**

Newsletter submission  
deadline



**Sept. 17, 2022**

Utah Zone Event  
Grace Lutheran Church,  
Sandy, UT



**Oct. 1, 2022**

Western Zone Event  
Beautiful Savior



**Oct. 2, 2022**

Central Zone Event  
TBD



## Joyous Freedom

Pastor Triplett

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God (1 Peter 2:16).*

The Apostle Peter exhorts the action of living as those who are free. Too often we find ourselves longing for rules and regulations, though they are burdensome, we can look to our flesh as able to accomplish a list of tasks. This makes us happy for a moment until we realize that our motivation is selfish. In our freedom, we can live with a life that is not bound to rules and regulations that produce acceptance to God. We are complete in Christ and received as God's children. May the Lord help us to act like God's children, heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven, as we walk in joyous freedom.

## 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.

## LWML Sunday 2022

"For Us and With Us" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31-39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

**2022 LWML Sunday downloadable materials, authored by Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, are now available at [www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday)**



Romans 8:31-39



## Divine Appointments

Saturday morning, the moon remained sentinel over Perkins Lake. The water froze in place as the sun reflected the rays back into the quiet of the morning. A perfect setting to study the Word and reconnect with God.

The woman at the well thought she was getting away to be by herself when she chose to draw water from Jacob's Well at midday when no one else was expected to be there. Instead, she had a divine appointment with Jesus.

I hope each of the 38 women who escaped from their normal routines to meet at Camp Perkins for the LWML Retreat this year felt their divine appointment with Jesus. Mary Smith's Bible Study brought us to a thoughtful understanding of the Living Water Jesus offers each of us. We live in a thirsty world and need to share this eternal life-giving hope to the lost and the searching.

During our worship time with Signe and Eileen, we were reminded that

*If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:6-9).*

It does not matter what our past may be, we can be brought out of darkness into God's glorious light.

Although time on the mountain with sisters in Christ was wonderful, we all must return home to our normal routines in life. However, we can continue those divine appointments with God through time in the Word with daily devotions and weekly Bible Studies. If you do not have a resource for this, check [Program Resources - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(Iwml.org\)](http://ProgramResources-LutheranWomen'sMissionaryLeague(Iwml.org)) for many free options. New ones are highlighted each month.

If you find yourself frantically on the go, try to listen to the weekly LWML podcasts available through the LWML app (listed in the app store). You can listen while running errands "On the Go." Or you can subscribe to the daily Mustard Seed devotions [Email sign-up - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(Iwml.org\)](http://Emailsign-up-LutheranWomen'sMissionaryLeague(Iwml.org)) that are delivered to you each day to keep you connected to the Word.

*Don't miss your divine appointments with God and others.*

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Blessings until we meet again,  
President, Terri Bentley

## TIPS ON GIFT PLANNING

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For your estate plan and the gift plan within it to work, it takes coordination of all your professional advisors to make sure you are creating the best plan. Have you ever been to multiple different doctors, each treating a certain condition, only to find that what one is doing is impeding what the other is trying to do? This can happen in estate gift planning as well. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can coordinate the work of all your professional advisors so that they are creating a unified plan. Contact Linda Gage at [Linda.Gage@lfnd.org](mailto:Linda.Gage@lfnd.org), 800-741-4138. While you are thinking about your gift plans and how they will mesh with your estate plans, Linda will be recuperating from hip replacement surgery. Then after September 1, she will be ready to help you sort through all your questions and help you put your mind at ease! Your prayers for her recovery and for pain free days ahead are appreciated.

## Treasurer's Report Updated Convention Amounts

(includes the online giving):

<b>Offering #1</b> .....	<b>\$2,632.15</b>
(District Mission Grants)	
<b>Offering #2</b> .....	<b>\$4,802.94</b>
(Immanuel Lutheran, Clover Christian, Eden Preschool)	
<b>Robert Moore Painting</b> .....	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Robert 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>Total for Convention</b> .....	<b>\$15,452.39</b>

*The only amounts that changed were the 2 offering amounts.*

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## Mites in Action: National Mission Grant Spotlight

### 2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #14 Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People

#### Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$100,000

Deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary has requested, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program is expected to increase, enabling the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



*Sarah Johnson is a second-year deaconess student who looks forward to serving either as a congregational deaconess or as a chaplain working with elderly residents in assisted living facilities or in hospice.*



*Bridgette Sharp is a 2020 Residential Deaconess Studies Program graduate who served her internship at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet, Texas. Her hope is to serve as a congregational deaconess providing services that include leading women's Bible studies, visiting those in hospitals and retirement homes and doing community outreach.*

## District Retreat at Camp Perkins

Thirty-eight women joined together at Camp Perkins for the annual LWML Utah-Idaho District retreat. Bible study leader, Mary Smith, led the group in studying John 4:7–45 about the woman at the well and her interaction with Jesus as He kept His “divine appointment” with her. The group learned how Jesus shared His love and grace with the woman, leading her to tell others to “come and see” for themselves this Man who was the Messiah.

Other activities included singing, going on a Prayer Walk, enjoying the beautiful setting of Camp Perkins on the lake and on the retreat center porch, and praising God at campfires and Sunday morning worship. Cards of encouragement were colored and shared with others outside our group. Snacks, games, and fellowship in the evenings gave everyone time to be with friends old and new.

Next year the retreat will be hosted by the Utah Zone on July 14–16.



## Mission Grant #1 PAID

# Let is Snow Van. Get the Track and Watch the Mission Grow!!!

Camp Perkins Outdoor Ministries, Hailey, Idaho



July 16, 2022 at the LWML Camp Perkins Retreat I had the honor of presenting a check from LWML for \$5000.00 to Signe White, Executive Director of Camp Perkins. What better time to

pay our first grant than at the LWML retreat and many Sisters in Christ could be there to share the good news. Blessings to you all for your giving hearts.



## God's Plan

VP Special Focus Ministry Madison Elliott

The verse *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear; The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* (Psalm 27:1) can provide us comfort in many different scenarios. Each day we are presented with choices. Some of these choices can be 'major life decisions' or something small, like deciding what we want to eat for breakfast or what book to start reading.

Those 'major life decisions' we are faced with might impact only us, or may impact our families or our communities in major ways. Recently, I was faced with a difficult decision in which I had to trust in God's plan. I had to remind myself that the Lord has a plan for me and presents me with these choices. Because of this, there is no need to fear. The Lord knows each of us and He calls upon us at different times to serve. He always listens. When we walk with God, we are never alone.

Within the past two years, The Lord has called upon many women of the LWML to utilize their strengths in different ways. In speaking with someone whom I love dearly, they reflected upon their strengths and reflected to me that God utilizes each of us in different ways. Many times, we may set unrealistic expectations for ourselves about things that we "should be doing," or "should be better at," forgetting that God blesses each of us with our talents based upon the plan He has for us. For example, my husband is very skilled at Math and I am a psychotherapist. I haven't used Algebra since 2012; however, I know that God has placed me on this path to guide others to healing and peace and my husband was placed upon his path to discover more about Particle Image Velocimetry to educate and inspire others. With regard to the LWML, each woman who participates within their church, district and nationally brings a unique talent to the organization and reminds each of us the importance of serving the Lord with gladness. Our fellowship with one another and love for one another is all a part of His plan. What a blessing!

The word "perseverance" can feel overwhelming, especially when we are dealing with burnout, chronic illness, depression and or other trying situations. When thinking about perseverance, I look to the story of Job. Despite the trials and tribulations he faced, Job remained steadfast and continued to worship God. We can find comfort in difficult times knowing that God hears our prayers and has a plan for us. Sometimes I find that I don't always agree with the plan, simply because I am stubborn, but I trust that He knows what is best for me.

## Trinity Rupert and Zion Burley 80 Challenge

Trinity Rupert and Zion Burley VBS collected more than 160 items for our local food pantry—more than 2 sets of 80!



## Utah Zone Update

The Utah Zone Fall Rally will be Saturday, Sept 17 at Grace in Sandy. We will have an ingathering for Pro Life Utah, collecting 80 packs of diapers to celebrate LWML's "What's Your 80?", and Bible study. We will learn about the recent mission trip to the Bahamas, supported by a mission grant from the U-I District, that was taken by several of our local LWML members. We also plan to be able to zoom it, to help everyone feel safe. Hope to see you there! Cheryl Brunson, Utah Zone President

## 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!



## DID YOU KNOW? Now you can make Utah-Idaho District donations ONLINE!

Can't find your checkbook? Fear not! We've made it easy for you to make your mite donations online. You can also make a donation to the Heritage of Love Endowment Fund.

Simply click the link below or click "online giving opportunities" under the giving tab of our website.

[https://www.utahidaholwml.org/store/c3/Online\\_Giving\\_Opportunities.html](https://www.utahidaholwml.org/store/c3/Online_Giving_Opportunities.html)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
*40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention*  
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Psalm 33:12-13



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Invites you to the

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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.

