



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 1, 2022

Thursday Evening Chat



Sept. 15, 2022

Newsletter 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



Oct. 15, 2022

Yellowstone Zone Event
Faith Lutheran, Pocatello

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

September 2022



Moveable Light

Cindy Wilson, VP Christian Life

I collect lighthouses. Lots of lighthouses. Lighthouse pictures, candles, books, throws, calendars, wooden lighthouses, metal lighthouses, crystal lighthouses, lighthouse jewelry....well, you get the picture. I didn't intend to be a collector of anything, but there was something that drew me to the "idea of a lighthouse" and the purpose for which lighthouses were made.

Psalm 27:1-2 says "The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" This Psalm and the purpose of a lighthouse seem to have a strong connection.

I have climbed to the top of several lighthouses and viewed the oceans they overlooked. I saw rocky shores, dangerous reefs and dark coastlines with no other visible lights. This was their purpose. They were there to warn ships against these unseen things. I imagined the comfort and safety these sentinels brought to the ships' captains and sailors as they looked to the lighthouses to keep them from danger and death.

Psalm 27 tells us that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ does the same for us. He is our light to guide us, not only away from danger but His light also draws us to Him to be our "stronghold" and our "salvation." Jesus keeps us on course for our heavenly destination. He saves us from our sinful selves by the power of His saving grace. As sailors looked to lighthouses hoping to be saved, we look to the cross of Jesus for assurance of our salvation through faith.

I visited a lighthouse aboard a ship in Astoria, Oregon, named the Columbia. This flagship had been a "moveable" lighthouse used to guide mariners eight miles off the shore of the dangerous Columbia bar. She wasn't a lighthouse meant to stay in one place. The Columbia was meant **to move and go to the place** where she could shine her saving light.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a "moveable" lighthouse? You are filled with the light of Christ shining in and from you. When people see Christ's light in you, they are drawn to their Savior through you!

You can shine Christ's light into others' sad, lonely, sick and needy lives. You can be the beacon that shows them the way to their Savior, Jesus Christ. So, *polish your lens so your light shines brightly and move it out into the world.* Then sail into your neighborhood, your place of work, your own home. Take your "moveable light" to family and friends. Show them **Jesus** who is "The Way, The Truth and The Life" and the only way to the Father in Heaven. (John 14:6)

To Be Announced (TBA)

Does the TBA in an announcement make you wonder in anticipation about what else to expect from an event? You may receive a 'save the date' announcement about an upcoming wedding, yet the venue or reception is TBA. You want to attend a conference but the keynote speaker is TBA. A surprise guest is proclaimed for a concert but all you know is TBA.

I attended a church some time back that used the TBA designation whenever they did not have someone to read the scripture on a given Sunday. I'd often open my bulletin, see the TBA and promptly volunteer my services to read for the day. It happened so often, that one Sunday, I walked to the lectern and said "Yes, you saw it in the bulletin, it's Terri Bentley Again. I figured that was what TBA must mean these days."

To build anticipation for upcoming events is nothing new. The Old Testament prophets promised a Messiah but the event was TBA for hundreds of years. Those fortunate to meet Jesus were promised his return and like us, it is TBA.

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Matthew 24:42-44).

One of the wonderful benefits of being part of the LWML is that we help each other stay awake and watch for the return of Christ. It is like being part of a gigantic watch party. Last month, I hosted a small retreat of LWML women at my mountain cabin. We studied God's Word, we prayed, we fellowshiped, and we held each other up in the Spirit.

This next month has many LWML events happening in our district. Each zone president has gathered her team together for a zone event late September or early October. LWML Sunday materials are available for each society to use in their own congregation. [LWML Sunday - Lutheran Women's Missionary League](#). A prayer service is also available online for your use at [Prayer Service - Lutheran Women's Missionary League](#). If you are grasping for ideas, take a look at the [Creative LWML Events - Lutheran Women's Missionary League](#) page. Regardless of the level of your involvement, I hope you are watching for the Announcement of Christ in your circle of women.

Blessings,
President Terri



Mites in Action: National Mission Grant Spotlight

2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #15 The Littlest and Least of These — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy — \$42,000

With its experienced teachers, small classes, safe educational environment, devotional focus, excellent nutrition, and developmental play, St. Paul Christian Academy offers a program that enhances the cognitive and socio-emotional development of children. It does this while engaging parents and caregivers to better relate to and understand key child development issues. These factors are necessary during those crucial first five years of child development, when ninety percent of brain growth occurs, to enable these children to start elementary school on an equal footing with other children. By renovating the fellowship hall, St. Paul Christian Academy gains more space for classes and after school activities. Christ centered teaching in a safe, nurturing, and creative environment provides the necessary building blocks for vulnerable children to realize their God-given potential, and to receive an outpouring of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information about St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy go to: mystpauldallas.org



Teacher Jonesia Hickman works with preschoolers Nola and Saint Arvie at St. Paul Lutheran Church, which turned Sunday School classrooms into innovative and creative learning spaces for little ones.

Church Workers Grant Recipients

Tonya Barber, VP Organizational Resources

Each year we offer grants to district members who receive their first call to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The Utah/Idaho District has had the pleasure and blessing to award three graduates Church Worker Grants. The recipients are Colby Howell, Bryan Northcutt, and Nick Whitney.

Colby Howell is a native to Boise and will be taking the call a pastor in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Bryan Northcutt is a member of Hope Lutheran Church and received a call to serve as lead teacher at Hope Lutheran Church and School Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Nick Whitney is from Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa, Idaho. He is taking a call as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst, Nebraska.

Please join me in keeping these men in your prayers. May God richly provide for them, and the fruits of their labor be to the glory of God.



Colby Howell receives a grant.



Nick Whitney receives a grant.



Bryan Northcutt receives a grant.

Praising God!!! Two More Grants Paid in Full

Jeannie Barrette, VP Gospel Outreach

The Utah/Idaho LWML District paid:

Joyful Noise Learning Center, Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, Buhl, Idaho \$2000

Worship Anew—Open Arms in Mission, Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho \$5000

Once again, thank you for all your prayers and giving hearts.



Giving Tuesday: September 13

Giving Tuesday—a day of giving—is celebrated by many organizations on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The LWML is celebrating this event on September 13, 2022 — our own September to Remember. This year, we will focus on “Treasures of Your Heart.”

Watch for daily posts on the home page of the LWML website during the first two weeks of September as LWML shares stories of “Treasures of Your Heart.” Then on September 13, we encourage donations to the LWML Mission Goal as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.



Mark your calendars for...

U & I District LWML Monthly Zoom Chat

The first Thursday of every month at 7pm on zoom!



Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and growing in Christ together!

Link will be sent via email



WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

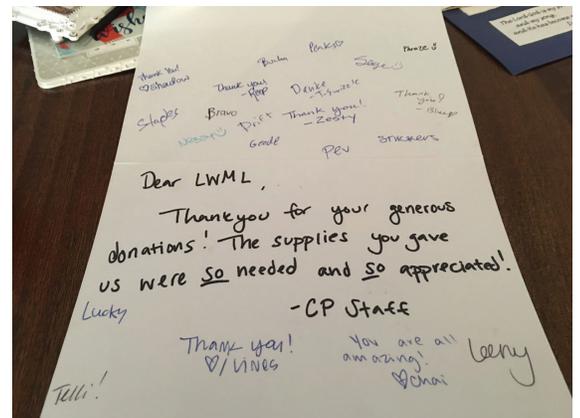
What's your 80?

During the month of May the ladies of Concordia Circle, Grace Lutheran Church, Caldwell, ID sponsored a fundraiser for Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Nampa, ID. In honor of LWML's 80th Anniversary the ladies had available 80 “Change for Life” bottles for members of the congregation to take home and fill with their loose change, cash, and checks. Over \$4,000 was raised for Lifeline Pregnancy Center.



Thank you!

Check out this thank you note from Camp Perkins:



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
40th 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

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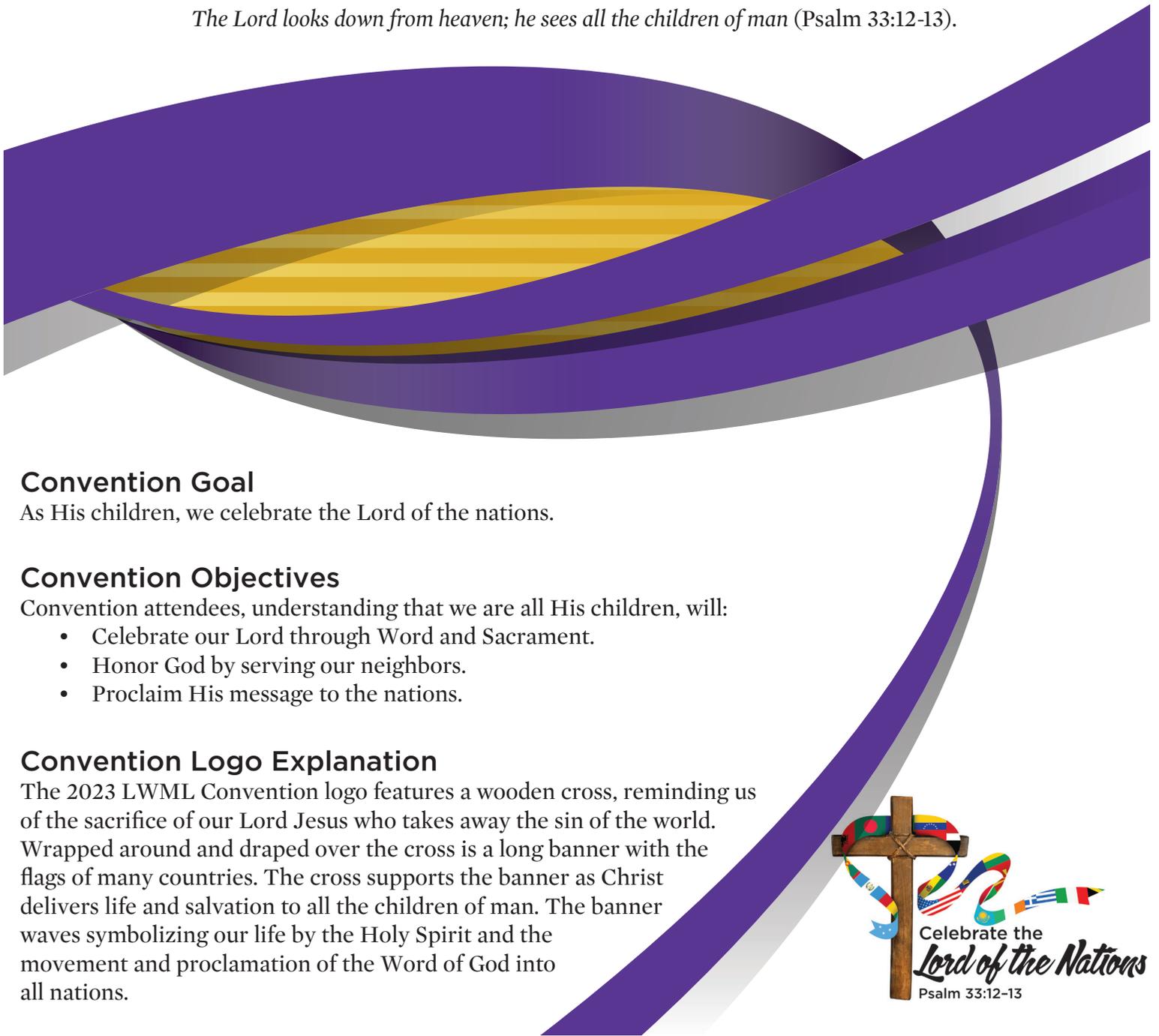
June 22-25, 2023

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.

