



U & I Together

October 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Oct. 1, 2022

Western Zone Event
Beautiful Savior



Oct. 2, 2022

Central Zone Event
Peace Lutheran Church,
Filer, Idaho



Oct. 6, 2022

Thursday Evening Chat



Oct. 15, 2022

Newsletter deadline



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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By the Mercies of God

Pastor Kirk Triplet

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:1-2).

When we live our lives in ever awareness of the mercies of God, we cannot help but respond with our lives on the altar of sacrifice. To present ourselves as a living sacrifice, in light of the mercies of God, is simply our only reasonable or logical response. The problem is that we forget how merciful and gracious our loving God is and squirm off the altar to pursue those things that satisfy the flesh. The Spirit is leading us to live under the weight of God's mercy. As we respond in sacrifice, we recognize the need to know God and to love God. This occurs as we spend time in his Word, in fellowship, in gathering for worship. Know that the world, the flesh, and the enemy of our souls, are all tempting us to reject time with God's Word and time with other believers. Take the time to ask the Spirit to search your heart and see what prevents you from actively being engaged in Christian activity and community. Then ask the Spirit to lead you in the way everlasting.



To Be Enlightened

My husband and I recently returned from an Alaskan vacation. At our stop in Stika, we enjoyed watching some of the dances of the Tlingit tribe. The costumed dancers dipped and swayed to the drum beats and chanted ancient songs. And although the dancers knew the chants, the speaker mentioned that many of them could not be translated because no one could interpret the language anymore. In fact our tour driver was Tlingit and she said there were few native speakers anymore and no one in her family spoke it.



This made me consider how many things we “know” but do not fully “understand.” We know that our TV or computer works when we turn them on but do we really know how they work? Do we know how we can call up dozens of cable channels or surf untold internet sites at our fingertips?

As a child, I remember saying the Lutheran Confession in church. When it came to the part about being sorry for our sins, my version was “I am **hardly** sorry for them” rather than the approved “I am **heartily** sorry for them.” It was not until I was old enough to read that I realized my mistake, although my rendition may have been more accurate as a kid.



Adventures in
**EQUIPPING
LEADERS**
Hebrews 13:20-21

This month the Utah-Idaho District LWML is sending Pastor Kirk Triplett, Madison Elliott, Kim Mein, Shelby VonBusch, and me to an Assembly of Leaders training in St. Louis. The theme, *Adventures in Equipping Leaders*, will provide multiple opportunities for each of us to be more enlightened about ways to serve the Lord through the LWML. We will

return with these insights and share them with each of you as we are able. Pray we fully understand the mission before us and not participate in a dance without interpretation as my Tlingit friends found themselves doing.

Blessings,
President Terri



Thank You for Sharing the Treasures of Your Hearts!

LWML's Giving Tuesday — **Including a \$10,000 matching gift, donations totaling \$46,851 were given to His glory!** *give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you (Luke 6:38).*

**Mites in Action:
District Mission Grant Spotlight
Mission Grant #4—Utah/Idaho LWML
District 2022-2024 Biennium
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.



Seasons Change

Madison Elliott, VP of Special Focus Ministry

The verse, Isaiah 40:8 reads, *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."* This verse reminds us that God is a constant in all of our lives. The weather may be changing, life challenges may arise and new opportunities may arise for us; however, God remains constant. Recent experiences with COVID-19 have left all of us constantly anticipating our next adaptation or next new change. During the past two years, we have become very resilient and adaptable. Some of us may have grown closer to God more than ever during this time.

When the seasons change, I am inspired by the resilience of those around me to adapt to new conditions and ways of life. We begin to dress accordingly, drive accordingly and adjust our hobbies to coordinate with the conditions. Humans are an adaptive species; however, we cannot acknowledge humans' capacities for resilience without acknowledging God's hand and creation. God has prepared each of

us for what's next because he already knows the ending. He provides us challenges that we can handle and reminds us of our capabilities daily. Something that brings me comfort during tough times is the quote, "I trust the next chapter because I know the author."

As we prepare for the holiday season, I would challenge each of you to reach out to someone who has not yet experienced the Word of God or the comforting presence of God during a difficult time. If you are aware of someone in your congregation or community who may benefit from God's Word, invite them to a bible study or send them a text message with a bible verse or prayer included. Or, if you prefer a face-to-face communication, write them a heartfelt card and hand deliver it to them. All it takes is one trustworthy person to inspire someone to learn more about God's loving presence.

No matter the time of year, God is with us. He loves us, he accepts us and he knows our capabilities.

Utah-Idaho District Monthly Chats

Cheryl Orme, Monthly Chats Chairperson

Welcome to the internet world, I tell myself this daily. One of the easy steps is joining our UT-ID ZOOM monthly chats. Grab your favorite beverage and snack the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (or 6:45 to visit) log on, and you can choose to have your video on or not. The members of this Special Task Force are Cheryl Orme, Madison Elliott, and Shelby Von Busch. We have several published authors leading Bible studies on the upcoming agendas, and some how to's on our special talents. Meet our many church workers within our district; they are working so hard to share God's Word with us. President Terri will keep us up to date on happenings within the national arena. Pastor Triplett has some great devotions for us. The best part is we can relax at home and still fellowship with our group of wonderful ladies. As we learned in our last chat "God, what are you inviting me into today."

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

Utah Zone Update

Cheryl Brunson, Utah Zone President

The Utah Zone Fall Rally, scheduled for September 17 at Grace, Sandy, was canceled. So many of the regulars that always come to LWML were not able to come due to illness or out of town travel. We gathered diapers for Prolife Utah or our local Pregnancy Crisis Centers. We will meet in the Spring for our Spring Event and hopefully hear from ladies who went on a mission trip to the Bahamas, sponsored in part by LWML district grants.

Yellowstone Zone Update

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Happy Fall, ladies of the Utah-Idaho LWML. Or maybe it is Happy 2nd (or 3rd?) Summer. Whichever it may be, the ladies of the Yellowstone Zone hope you are doing well in His care and having fun with or preparing for your upcoming events and activities.

Several of us in the Yellowstone Zone were blessed to be able to enjoy the LWML Camp Perkins retreat in July and start our planning for the remainder of the year, including the Fall Zone Event, in October. This autumn, we are blessed to have Faith Lutheran (Pocatello) helping to host the Event, with Grace Lutheran (Pocatello). Please see our flyer for our October 15th event if you'd like to join us for some time in the Word with Pastor Simmons.

May all of you continue to be blessed by our Heavenly Father for the rest of the fall (or summer) – and we'll catch up with you again next month.



Central Zone Update

Ramona Sailor, Central Zone President

The Central Zone LWML will be holding its Fall Rally on October 2, 2022 at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. The Clover LWML will be the hosts. We wish to thank Peace Lutheran church for the use of their facility. Clover is getting ready for their Octoberfest and is unable to have gatherings at this time. The theme is "For US and With Us." There will be a Bible study, business meeting and a guest speaker. The speaker will be Emma Swenson from "Clothes Helper" in Jerome. A light supper will be served. Each other society that attends is asked to bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing you there. Ramona Sailor, Central Zone President



Yellowstone Zone LWML Fall Event

Called By Name

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. *Isaiah 43:1b*

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Registration 8:45-9:00

Grace Lutheran Church

1350 Baldy Ave. Pocatello, ID

Lunch will be served

Rev. Chris Simmons
Grace Lutheran Church,
Pocatello, ID
Bible Study Leader

Ingathering:
Gloves, Scarves, Hats
for local
Elementary Students

Bring used glasses and cases for MOST Ministries

Contact Person: Nan Mueller 785-341-2238



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Let it Snow Van...

Get the tracks and watch the mission GROW!!

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Amount \$2,000

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Two (2) Year Old Preschool

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Amount \$2,000

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League
40th Biennial Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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Psalm 33:12-13



June 22-25, 2023

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Invites you to the

40th Biennial Convention

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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.

