



U & I Together

November 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nov. 3, 2022

Thursday Evening Chat



Nov. 15, 2022

Newsletter deadline



The Light

Cindy Wilson, VP Christian Life

Glancing up in my closet, I noticed all my “Christmas” totes. Filled with shiny Christmas baubles, sleighs and snowmen, nativities, advent calendars, and strings and strings of multicolored lights, they would soon be coming down. The Christmas season would be upon us in no time. By my calendar, Advent is just 48 days away!

Past Christmas memories would work their way into the opening and unloading of these totes. Special memories of family gatherings, Christmas Eve programs, and yummy food would come to mind.

For me, I remember that Advents and Christmases were resplendent with “**lights**” — beautifully lit Christmas trees, candles glowing in windows and on altars, houses drenched in thousands of lights. The world seemed to be aglow more than at any other season. I remember staring at the lights till my vision blurred into one huge glow of luminous beauty.

I fondly remember the “luminaries” set out for night services. As a child I was in awe that small sacks with sand and lighted candles could show my path to the church door. (On a cold, dark night, **light** is very important to a child! And, also an adult, I found out.) I couldn’t know then that my last grandson would be named Lumen (Latin for light), and he would light up my heart with joy and love. I have my very own Lumen-ary!

Psalms 119:105 tells us about the **most important light** of all and for all. *Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.* Of course, the Psalmist speaks of **JESUS**. As a child and later as an adult, Jesus was showing me His light, and the path I was to take. Every time I entered His house, I would hear The Word of His birth, death, resurrection, and His promise to return for me and all believers. He did the same for every hearer and doer of His Word. That is what I call **ILLUMINATION!**

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Quarterly

Mites Report

Central Zone - \$2,725.06

Western Zone - \$2,061.56

Utah Zone - \$1,579.88

Yellowstone Zone - \$637.02

For a total of - \$7,003.52

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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In Jesus' Name

Every Sunday School child knows that the answer to most every question is "Jesus." The name of Jesus is important to us. In the song, "What a Beautiful Name It Is," part of the lyrics combine the importance of Jesus' name and the fact that His incarnation created a bond that cannot be broken.

*What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

The LWML Sunday and Bible Study materials from Romans 8:31–39 reminds us of all the things that cannot separate us from the love of God.

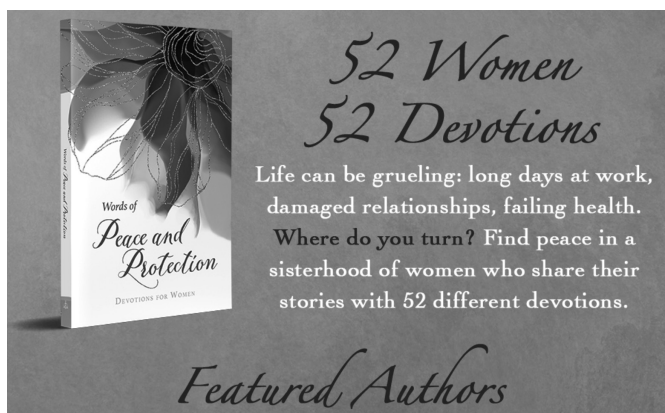
...For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (38–39).

Did you count the ways? Death. Life, present, future, powers, heights, depth, nor anything else in all creation! That about covers it, doesn't it?

When seasons change, the world changes, families change, our surroundings change, it is a comfort to know Jesus' love for us never changes. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8).

Hold tight to His Name and live in His light and your circumstances will never cast you into complete darkness. *"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."* John 12:36. In another month, we celebrate the incarnation of the Light of the World. Be sure to join us on our monthly Zoom chats for fellowship and inspiration.

Blessings,
Terri Bentley, President



Life can be grueling. Long days at work and damaged relationships can push you into stress and anxiety. Where do you turn when life gets hectic? Who is your rock and your comfort?

52 different women share 52 different devotions to wrap you in God's refuge. Their words will help you see how He guides you through even the most difficult times in your life. Following the words of Psalm 91, each individual author brings their unique voice and perspective to their inspiring devotions. These devotions are perfect for individual reflection, an introduction to Bible studies, or as a shared women's devotional time.

When life is hostile, hunker down in the words of peace and protection you are given in Psalm 91.

A devotion by our own President Terri is included! For more information or to order a copy visit <https://www.amazon.com/Words-Peace-Protection-Devotions-Women/dp/0758670451>



Mites in Action:

Your Mite offerings are making a difference. Two more mission grants have been **PAID IN FULL!!!!**

**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.

**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.

Thank You for all your prayers and mites.
Jeannie Barrette, VP of Gospel Outreach



District Board Meeting

The District Board met via Zoom on October 29, 2022. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- The Living in the Light logo fashioned by Nichelle Dykema will be on forthcoming correspondence for the District. Be watching for it.
- If you have any LWML events you want celebrated on Social Media, be sure to send the post to Caryn Elliott in order to share the word.
- Monthly Zoom Chats will evolve into Quarterly Chats in 2023. Many great Bible Study leaders are already lined up to visit with us virtually. Don't miss upcoming dates.
- A Utah-Idaho District banner is being designed for re-use that represents our District rather than a specific convention theme. Thank you Western Zone for agreeing to make it.



**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.utahidahlwml.org/store/c3/Online_Giving_Opportunities.html

Young Women in Mission

Madison Elliott, VP Special Focus Ministries

Are you familiar with the term, "YWR?" More specifically, are you familiar with what the YWRs do for the LWML? The term YWR stands for Young Woman Representative and the YWRs have a special place in fulfilling the four primary foci of the LWML.

First, the YWRs proclaim Christ by being active in their LWML societies, sharing the Word of God with fellow members and sharing joy. Second, YWRs support missions through their collection of mites, promotion of mites and the missions grants the LWML funds through spreading knowledge amongst one another. YWRs can share the grace, service and giving of the Lutheran Women in Mission and influence their peers to not only donate their mites as well, but also get involved in the LWML. Third, YWRs are equipped with the ability to do good to do His will. Through fellowship with one another, spending time in the Word and possessing a joyous nature to share in their congregations and in their communities. Moreover, YWRs may be more likely to share the good word of Christ and the LWML on social media platforms, drawing more potential members into the LWML. Finally, YWRs serve others through assisting in planning and participating in LWML society, zone and district events. YWRs are eager to get involved and share their perspectives to influence the future of the LWML and enhance the experiences of other young women in the future.

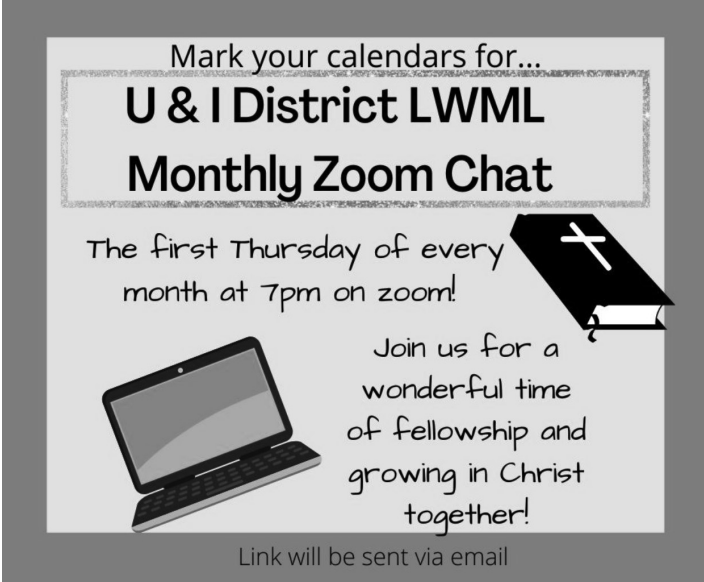
The LWML National Website (2018) states that, "The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness."

I would encourage each of you to prayerfully consider sending a YWR to the National Convention. The 2023 National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 22

through June 25. The criteria for sending a YWR shall be as follows: she shall be a young woman, aged 22-35. If you are prayerfully considering a woman slightly outside of this age range, that is permissible, also. Further, a YWR should have a deep love and connection to the Lord, have some knowledge of the LWML and should be eager to serve her local society, zone and district with convention experience and delight others with her talents. Moreover, the YWRs are expected to attend all sessions of the convention, report on her zone experience orally or in a written manner with the society, zone or district who nominated her. Lastly, a YWR shall also be invested in her LWML society and encourage other young women to become involved. If you are aware of a potential YWR, please encourage her to pray about the opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness as a member of the LWML. More information about the YWR program can be found on the district webpage or on the national webpage.

References:

Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (2018) YWR Selection Criteria. <https://www.lwml.org/posts/young-women-resources/ywr-selection-guidelines>.



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

Western Zone Update

Karolyn Rippy, Western Zone President

In October the Western Zone held its Fall Rally at Beautiful Savior in Boise. The hosting congregation did an outstanding job and we thank them for their gracious hospitality. We also thank Pastor Dan Jones from Christ Lutheran in Meridian for the wonderful Bible Study. The societies are currently working on their collections of 80 things.

Yellowstone Zone Update

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Happy November, ladies of the Utah-Idaho District. We ladies of the Yellowstone send you blessings during this month of giving thanks for all He has given us. Fourteen ladies enjoyed our Fall Zone Event recently. God enlightened us through Pastor Simmons' study about Mary of Magdala in how she was "Called By Name" – including at the foot of the cross, the tomb, and Christ's resurrection. President Terri graced us with her presence and updated us on various points within the District. Looking forward, Grace is gathering gloves/mittens, scarves, and hats for elementary school children in need within Pocatello for the month of November. The ladies of Hope Lutheran in Idaho Falls have several projects in the works. May all the ladies of the Utah-Idaho District have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Central Zone Update

Ramona Sailor, Central Zone President

On October 2, the Central Zone LWML held its fall rally at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. The Clover ladies were the host. Pastor Gullidge led a Bible study. Our guest speaker was Emma Swensen. She runs the Jerome Clothes Helpers. Many people have been assisted by her with clothes. Our ingathering of good used clothing was graciously received by her. A business meeting followed. We were privileged to have Terri Bentley, the LWML District President give us a report. A supper was hosted by Clover.

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As a prophet, Isaiah had many "Word Lamps" to share with you. (Feel free to read all 66 chapters.) For now, read Isaiah 9:1-7, 49:6, and 60:1-3, where Isaiah speaks of **the light**. What will this light do? To whom will it be given? All were in need of this light. Isaiah was foretelling others just WHO the light was and for the purpose for which it would come. (You might hear more from Isaiah as Advent and Christmas approach.)

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus told the multitudes on the mount that they (and we) are the light of the world and the purpose is to show it to the world, not hide it, and give glory to the Father in heaven by our good works. We get to be luminaries ourselves! It is all for God's glory and praise.

He was our light before the world began, and he will forever be the only luminary we will ever need. Revelation 22:3-5 says *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.*

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

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.



November 2022

Mite Challenge Calendar



GIVE THANKS AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever (1 Chronicles 16:34)!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day! Remember someone special. Donate 30¢	2 Start a gratitude journal or jar. Donate 15¢	3 Sing "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655. Donate 20¢	4 Plan a lunch with a friend. Donate 50¢	5 Book Lovers Day. Share your favorite book with a friend. Donate 25¢
6 Thank your pastor for his faithful service. Donate 45¢	7 Send a card to a seminary student. Donate 10¢	8 Take a scenic walk. Donate 35¢	9 Donate to your local pet shelter. Donate 25¢	10 Hang an American flag. Donate 55¢	11 Veteran's Day! Thank a member of the armed services. Donate 35¢	12 Decorate for Thanksgiving. Donate 10¢
13 Thank a church volunteer. Donate 65¢	14 National Pickle Day! Enjoy a pickle. Donate 5¢	15 Share your favorite Christmas craft. Donate 40¢	16 Read Colossians 4:2. Donate 60¢	17 Give a friend or neighbor a hug. Donate 15¢	18 Pray for the hungry. Donate 25¢	19 Clean the Fridge Day! Donate 80¢
20 Thank a First Responder. Donate 30¢	21 Pray for Mission Grants 21 and 22. Donate 45¢	22 Bake a treat for Thanksgiving. Donate 75¢	23 Sing "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394. Donate 20¢	24 Thanksgiving! Donate 10¢ per family member visiting.	25 Buy a surprise gift for someone. Donate 15¢	26 Toast marshmallows, inside or outdoors. Donate 35¢
27 First Day of Advent. Read Matthew 21:1-11. Donate 25¢	28 Surprise someone with kindness. Donate 30¢	29 Send a thank you note. Donate 20¢	30 Read Psalm 106:1. Donate 40¢			