



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 15, 2023
Newsletter deadline



Mar. 4, 2023
Central Zone Event
Immanuel, Twin Falls



Apr. 15, 2023
Utah Zone Event
St. Paul, Ogden



Apr. 22, 2023
Western Zone Event
Christ, Meridian



Apr. 29, 2023
Yellowstone Zone Event
Hope, Idaho Falls

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

February 2023



The Light of Christ

Pastor Kirk Triplett

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God (John 3:19-21).

When we consider the reality that we are light in the Lord, it is no wonder that some people we come in contact with find unease present. The light of Christ exposes the dark deeds of the flesh and those that are still in darkness shirk away from the light. This can cause moments of awkwardness and nervousness between us and those we love and know that are not in the light. The uncomfortableness caused by the light shining in the darkness, though unnerving, is a gift from God who beckons all to receive the forgiveness of sins and become light in the Lord. The next time you sense a person being uneasy because of the presence of Christ in you, rejoice for the Spirit is working and the plans of God are being carried out. May we recognize that we shine brightly so that the works of God may be made known.

Quarterly Mites Report

Kathy Carlson, Financial Secretary

Central Zone - \$3,655.33
Western Zone - \$4,620.47
Utah Zone - \$1,230.55
Yellowstone Zone - \$758.83
Total - \$10,265.18

Advent Mission Offering Update

The total received for the Advent Mission Offering was \$1,313.96. Online was \$362.83 and checks were \$951.13.



Love the Light

Now that we are in the second month of a new year, many of us have had a chance to slow down and reflect on where we have been and where we want to go. Maybe you began your year with some new resources like a Bible study, a new devotion regiment, or an adult coloring book with illustrated verses to decorate. You have found places for the Christmas gifts and they are neatly tucked away, but what now?

February is a great time to refocus. The heart calendars with Valentine Day emphasis can remind us of Jesus' commandment of love. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

One of our cherished ways to love one another is through prayer and fellowship. I receive prayer requests daily for those who are struggling with health or other matters. It is important to actually pray for those situations and reach out to others with your gift of love when you can.

Another way to focus on prayer is to join with your sisters in Christ and host a Prayer Service.

Some of you do this annually in your church or as part of a zone event. That is wonderful. If that is not part of your tradition, consider looking at the 2023 LMWL Prayer Service, *My Soul Rejoices*. It was written by former national LWML pastoral counselor, Rev. Mitchell Schuessler.



Don't forget to put your zone events on your calendar too. (See the scheduled dates on Page 1.) Special training is planned for you by the 2022 Assembly of Leaders crew. We have terrific, interactive material that will benefit your ministry.

Online registration is now open for the 2023 Milwaukee Convention if you have not registered yet. There is still time to register; nearby hotels fill up fast and we want you to get the accommodations best for you. I am looking forward to seeing you at your spring events and in Milwaukee.

Walking in His Light of Love,
Terri Bentley, President

National Mission Goal Update

Through the generous women of LWML and all of our benevolent givers, God has allowed us to surpass the \$2,150,000 Mission Goal for the 2021-2023 biennium! *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19).

MISSION GOAL REACHED!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



We Thank and Praise God!!! More Mission Grants Paid.

Jeannie Barrette, VP of Gospel Outreach

What an amazing way to start the New Year. Three more Mission Grants were paid in full in January.

- **Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families—LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces--\$3000.00,**
- **Environmental Play Place Concordia Learning Center—Holy Trinity, Riverton Utah--\$2000.00**
- **Sowing in our School—Hope Lutheran Church and School, Idaho Falls Idaho--\$2000.00.**

Please keep these and all the Mission Grants in your prayers.

For those who will be attending the Convention in Milwaukee, Rev. Craig Muehler, Chaplain, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, will be speaking on Friday at one of the Mission Impact Luncheons. So wonderful that the Utah-Idaho District supports our military and their families.



Mites in Action: Camp Perkins Update

Signe White, Executive Director

We are so thankful for the continued partnership with the Utah-Idaho LWML. For over 65 years Camp Perkins has been a place set apart in the midst of God's Creation for His people to experience fellowship and faith growth. And winter is one of the most special times to spend in God's spectacular Sawtooth sanctuary. The silence of being enveloped in the snow provides even more opportunities to hear God's voice and sing his praises.

The 2022 Mission Grant of \$5,000 to the ministry of Camp Perkins helped make it possible for us to provide more winter opportunities to His people and move forward with the purchase of a new 4-wheel drive, 15-passenger van and outfit it with Mattracks for use as a Snow Coach. These important tools allow us to safely and comfortably transport God's people into this amazing space set aside to grow in their Christian faith. Thank you, ladies. Your mighty mites have made the ministry move forward in new ways for Camp Perkins.



Call for Mission Grant Applications

It is time to start the process of **"Call for District Mission Grant Proposals."**

To see the Grant criteria, application form and proposal deadline please visit utahidaholwml.org.

You can also email Jeannie Barrette at wbarrette1@msn.com if you have any questions.

Please keep the Grant Committee in your prayers as we start this process.



Yellowstone Zone Update

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Blessed New Year to the ladies of the Utah-Idaho LWML. Yellowstone is starting off the year with plans to do more for the LORD. Hope Lutheran Idaho Falls held their first meeting recently – and continued making plans for the upcoming Spring Event in April in conjunction with Faith Lutheran Pocatello. Grace Lutheran Pocatello also had ladies coming together – using the “odd” months to share the resources of the LWML website (in January, by having a Visual Bible study) and the “even” months will be focused on service (February we'll be helping with Braille books at St John Idaho Falls).

May all of you stay warm – and held lovingly in His care.

Utah Zone Update

Cheryl Brunson, Utah Zone President

The Utah Zone Spring Event will be held April 15, 2023, at St. Paul, Ogden. The program will be presented by district officers, "Equipping to Proclaim." We are looking forward to seeing you there! The ingathering will be nonperishable food items for Ogden area food pantries.

Central Zone Update

Ramona Sailor, Central Zone President

The Central Zone LWML will hold its Spring Event on March 4, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a cost of \$5.00. The Assembly of Leaders from the Utah-Idaho District will be presenting the program. It is entitled "Equipping to Proclaim." There will be lunch by the Immanuel ladies, a Bible study and meeting. An ingathering will benefit the Adult and Teen Challenge program.



SAVE THE DATE

LWML CAMP PERKINS RETREAT

JULY 14-16, 2023

“Walking in the Light”

Mark your calendars now to come and join your LWML sisters at Camp Perkins meditating on God's Word. Enjoy the scenery by *sunlight, moonlight, and starlight*. Let's not forget the *light* of the campfire.

Retreat Center: \$180 Cabin: \$150 Saturday only: \$70

Look for registration forms in the May and June U&I.

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

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.





February 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



THEY SHALL SEE GOD: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8)."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>List five names or attributes of God!</p> <p>Donate 95¢</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Read Mark 8:18</p> <p>Donate 35¢</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Look through your favorite photo album.</p> <p>Donate 60¢</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Look out the window. Do you see His sunshine?</p> <p>Donate 30¢</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Clean your eyeglasses.</p> <p>Donate 90¢</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bring a new picture book to a small child.</p> <p>Donate 20¢</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Visit shut-ins and bring them valentines.</p> <p>Donate 85¢</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Play "Peek a Boo" with a baby.</p> <p>Donate 50¢</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Thank God for the people you see around you!</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>	<p>14</p> <p>What is the color of the eyes of someone you love?</p> <p>Donate 95¢</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Read Genesis 9:13-17.</p> <p>Donate 40¢</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read the first chapter of a new book.</p> <p>Donate 50¢</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Day. Help a friend.</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bake your favorite recipe. Share it with a friend.</p> <p>Donate 80¢</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Share your favorite Gospel story with a child.</p> <p>Donate 55¢</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Read about God's work through the LCMS missionaries.</p> <p>Donate 40¢</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bring a cup of 'eye opening' coffee to a friend.</p> <p>Donate 60¢</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday! Read an LWML Lent devotion.</p> <p>Donate 45¢</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Read Matthew 5:16.</p> <p>Donate 20¢</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read about the upcoming 2023 LWML Convention!</p> <p>Donate 75¢</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sew an eyeglass case for Most Ministries.</p> <p>Donate 25¢</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Offer a prayer for your congregation.</p> <p>Donate 65¢</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Eat an eye healthy dinner.</p> <p>Donate 35¢</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read Matthew 13:16.</p> <p>Donate 55¢</p>				