



# U & I Together

March 2023



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Mar. 4, 2023**

Central Zone Event  
Immanuel, Twin Falls



**Mar. 15, 2023**

Newsletter deadline



**Mar. 22, 2023**

Utah-Idaho Apparel  
Order Deadline



**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.

## Walking The Talk

Cindy Wilson, VP Christian Life

Time was short. My deadline for this U & I article was looming. What would I write? What would I submit? I was the Vice President of Christian Life! I was under pressure!

I had scanned President Terri's Bible verse suggestions on our continuing theme of light and darkness. The focus, of course, was on Christ, who brings us out of the darkness in which we all have lived and into the mercy, forgiveness and the grace of His love and light.

I grabbed my Concordance. SO many verses with light and darkness in them! Thankfully, our Lord led me to Ephesians 5:8 **"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."** Yes! That was it.

I was taught early in life to read for context, so I read Ephesians 4 and 5. Was it a surprise that the Lord led me to the scriptures marked INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING as the topic heading in my Bible for Eph 4:17 thru Eph 5:20?

Perfect! I, the Vice President of Christian Life was saved! I could now rest, knowing I could write my article. MIC drop!

Not so fast, Cindy. God brought to mind that **HE**, not me, was the focus. **HE led** me to the Ephesians passage. Not me again. **HE**, not me, was the essence of Christian living. **HE** did remind me that **HE** does want something from me. **HE** wants me to APPLY these words to and in my life! How about yours?

I love many things about our Lord Jesus. In my life, when He wants me to apply His Word, He gives me almost immediate Real Life APPLICATION Training. *Continued on page 3 ...*



## Light the Way to Milwaukee!

Preparations are in full swing for the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee. I had the privilege of touring the grand downtown convention facility. Many of the convention hotels can be seen through the convention windows; they are that close. If you are still contemplating whether to attend, remember registration fees go up March 15. To help you get the word out, use the *Bulletin bytes* for publicity (find them at [lwml.org/2023-convention](http://lwml.org/2023-convention)).

The city of Milwaukee is so excited about hosting the LWML that they have added a special page to their tourism website for us. ([www.visitmilwaukee.org/lwml/](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/lwml/)) As the convention draws nearer, you will find coupons, deals, and promotions for convention-goers. You may want to investigate some of the festival activities Milwaukee hosts too.

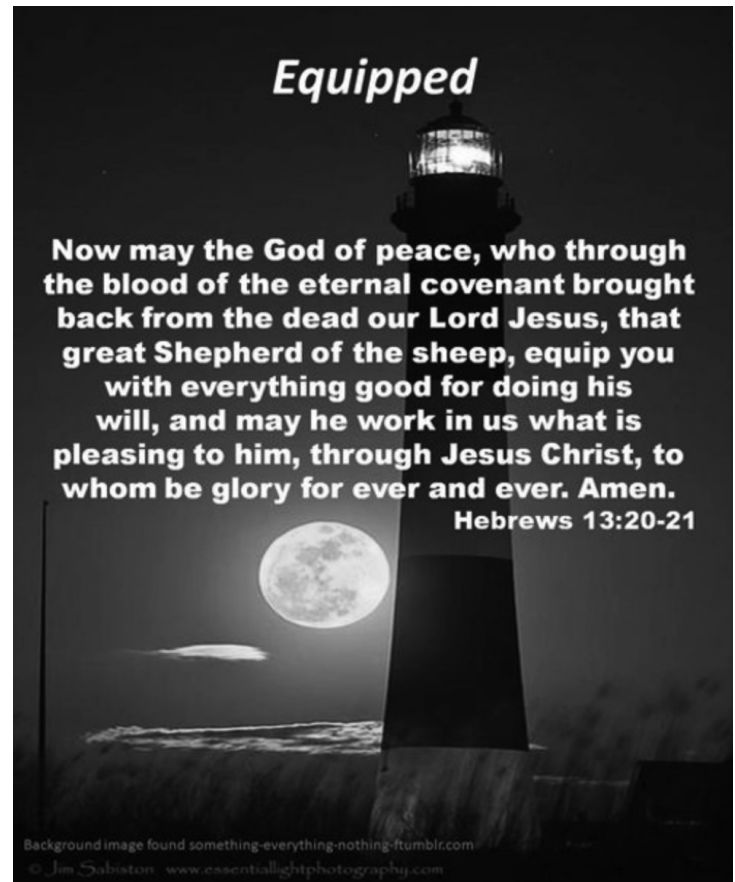
Each Utah-Idaho LWML zone is sending a delegate to convention so you will have a representative at convention if you are not able to attend. Mission grant voting will be completed online prior to convention like was done in Lexington and the list of mission options will be out soon. When they are publicized, let your zone delegate know which missions you or your group favors so she can vote accordingly. The zone delegates are:

Utah - Carole Wolf  
Central - Toni Champlin  
Yellowstone - Nan Mueller  
Western - Tina Bentley

Hopefully, you will have a chance to visit with these ladies at the Spring Zone Events near you. Other voting for candidates and bylaws will take place during the convention.

It will be great to Celebrate the Lord of the Nations with all our LWML friends in Milwaukee. We will light up the city with the love of Christ. I hope you will join us.

Terri Bentley, President



### Equipping to Proclaim – Spring Zone Events

The Proclaim Series Breakout Sessions

1. Joining Church Workers in Their Journey - Pastor Triplett & Madison Elliott
2. Treasure Hunt for LWML Resources - Terri Bentley & Mary Smith (Western only)
3. Mission Adventure - Sharing God's Love & What's Your Why - Kim Mein
4. Venturing Out of Your Comfort Zone - Shelby Von Busch

Prayer Walk for Mission Grants.

## WELCOME TO NEW CHURCH WORKERS

Lucy Leader writes: "Professional church workers and LWML women have so much in common. We are all firmly rooted in God's Word and want to share Jesus' love with others."

The LWML Utah-Idaho District is encouraged to welcome new church workers within our district. A selection of documents has been created to welcome new church workers. These documents include a welcome letter template from District President Terri, a list of the current District grants, and a Church Workers Welcome Brochure. The brochure has a link to LWML.org for downloadable items available for church workers.

The printed documents can be placed in a PURPLE folder along with a current U&I, Mite Box, LWML Brochure, LWML Mission Grants bookmark (new one available after Milwaukee Convention), and an LWML gift such as a packet of Mustard Seeds or Mustard Seed Devotional book.

Documents are available by clicking CHURCH WORKER WELCOME PACKET button on Utah-Idaho LWML website home page. Lucy Leader concludes with: "...engage your local church workers in conversation about what LWML can do for them in their ministry and how they may share in the mission of LWML."

Link for webpage [www.utahidaholwml.org/forms](http://www.utahidaholwml.org/forms)



### Church Worker Grant Applications Open:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Utah-Idaho District, is offering grant money for anyone accepting his/her first call to full-time church work in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod this year. **The application deadline is May 31, 2023.**

Please contact Tonya Barber, District Vice President of Organizational Resources, at [tonyaLWML@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaLWML@gmail.com) for more details.

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He knew of someone I could encourage who was in a dark place. I didn't know this person, but Jesus did. He just had me cross paths with her. He gave me all the words she needed to hear. It showed me that applying Ephesians 5:15-16 is an integral starting point. **"Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."**

Ask Jesus for those real life opportunities in application training. All who apply will be accepted. Pray for wisdom and grace and courage. You will need those. Pray for His direction and resources. You will need those. He can and will equip you to share Him with others, even complete strangers. Thank you for *applying*. You will be hearing from God soon!



### ORDER NOW! Utah-Idaho District Logo Shirts

Don't miss this opportunity to have your own Utah-Idaho District shirt! Now available to order: T-shirt, full-zip hoodie, sweatshirt, and denim button-up shirt. Place your order by March 22. **See order form on page 5.**

## Mission Grant Update: God's grace through Your offerings two more Grants paid

Jeannie Barrette, VP of Gospel Outreach

### Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually Amount \$3,000

Trinity HOPE, Mount Juliet, Tennessee

We give with a joyful heart. Therefore, the goal of this grant would be used at Haitian Lutheran School to sponsor the feeding program. This will help provide noon meals to children, teachers and cooks. We work with Lutheran churches in and throughout Haiti to proclaim Christ and feed children both physically and spiritually.

### Two (2) Year Old Preschool Amount \$2,000 Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sandy, Utah

The goal for this grant is to purchase Lutheran books, devotions, family information and religion class curriculum. Funds would also be used to fund scholarships for families who need financial help with daycare needs.

## 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. We will be treated to a presentation by the Assembly of Leaders on "Equipping to Proclaim."

The lists of what each society is to bring for the lunch and the ingathering was sent to each president. Our ingathering will go to the Adult and Teen Challenge program.



## 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](http://utahidaholwml.org).

You can also email Jeannie Barrette at [wbarrette1@msn.com](mailto:wbarrette1@msn.com) if you have any questions.

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

LIMITED TIME  
**OFFER**  
2/27-3/15 ONLY



**NEW LWML Apparel Shop**  
open for a limited time! Check your eNews for details or **click here** to see these fun new looks for spring!



## 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.

## District LWML SHIRT ORDER FORM

| Style  | Sm-Xl | XXl  | XXXL |
|--|-------|------|------|
| T-shirt w/<br>screenprinted logo                       | \$15  | \$17 | \$19 |
| Hoodie w/<br>embroidered logo                          | \$30  | \$32 | \$34 |
| 3/4 neck Sweatshirt<br>w/ screenprinted logo           | \$62  | \$64 | \$66 |
| Denim Long Sleeve<br>w/embroidered logo<br>left pocket | \$62  | \$64 | \$66 |



Orders  
Due  
March 22!

Tax is included in prices

**Delivery: Please note you have a choice for home delivery or zone pick-up.**

Mail to Home Please add \$5 per shirt

Zone Pickup

Central Zone Pick-up Ramona Sailor

Utah Zone Pick-up Jeannie Barrette

Yellowstone Zone Pick-up Nan Mueller

Western Zone Pick-up Betty Reimann

**Expected Delivery or Pick-up End of April**

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Name:    | ZONE:  |
| Address: |        |
| PH. No:  | Email: |

| Shirt Style  | SIZE | PRICE   | QTY | Mailing \$5 per shirt<br>direct to home | TOTAL |
|--|------|---|-----|---|-------|
| T-shirt w/<br>screenprinted logo                       |      |   |     |   |       |
| Hoodie w/<br>screenprinted logo                        |      |   |     |   |       |
| 3/4 neck Sweatshirt<br>w/screenprinted logo            |      |   |     |   |       |
| Denim Long Sleeve<br>w/embroidered logo<br>left pocket |      |   |     |   |       |
| SUBTOTAL   |      |   |     |   |       |
| TOTAL  |      |   |     |   |       |
| <b>Make check payable and Mailed to:</b>               |      | GLC-LWML c/o Rhonda Johnson<br>743 Wayne Ave<br>Pocatello, ID 83201 |     |   |       |



*Adventures in*  
**EQUIPPING  
LEADERS**

Hebrews 13:20-21

**LWML Central Zone Spring Event**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**2055 Filer Ave.**

**Twin Falls, ID**

**Registration: 9:00-9:30 Suggested Donation \$5  
Lunch Provided**

**Bible Study Leader: Rev. Sedlmayr**

**Equipping to Proclaim  
Series Breakout Sessions with District Officers:**

- **Joining Church Workers in Their Journey**
- **Treasure Hunt for LWML Resources**
- **Mission Adventure - Sharing God's Love & What's Your Why**
- **Venturing Out of Your Comfort Zone**

**Prayer Walk for Mission Grants**

**Ingathering to Benefit:  
Adult and Teen Challenge**

For more information contact: Ramona Sailor (208)961-0661

# **2023 LWML SPRING EVENT**

**Saturday April 15, 2023**

**9:00** (registration &  
refreshments)-**1pm**

**At : St. Paul Lutheran**  
3329 Harrison Blvd , Ogden

**Cost \$7**

**Light lunch provided**

**Questions? Text or call Dixie**

**@ (385)288-9016**

**Bible Study**  
**Leader : Pastor Rob**  
**Bennett**

**Ingathering for**  
**Ogden area**  
**food pantries:**

**Nonperishable Food**  
**Items**

**Program**  
**presented by**  
**U&I District**  
**Leaders—**  
**Equipping to**  
**Proclaim**

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
*40<sup>th</sup> 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

## *40<sup>th</sup> 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.





# March 2023

## Mite Challenge Calendar

**BE COURAGEOUS:** *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6).*



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  | 1<br>Color an LWML encouragement notecard.<br><b>Donate 20¢</b>             | 2<br>Read Psalm 27:1.<br><b>Donate 40¢</b>                              | 3<br>Did you have fish for dinner?<br><b>Donate 35¢</b>                 | 4<br>Pray for our church leaders.<br><b>Donate 60¢</b>          |
| 5<br>Serve coffee during fellowship time.<br><b>Donate 10¢</b>               | 6<br>Read a story to a child.<br><b>Donate 25¢</b>                   | 7<br>Alexander Graham Bell Day! Do you have a headline?<br><b>Donate 15¢</b> | 8<br>Pray for hospital workers.<br><b>Donate 60¢</b>                        | 9<br>Donate to your local food pantry.<br><b>Donate 35¢</b>             | 10<br>Have lunch with a friend.<br><b>Donate 45¢</b>                    | 11<br>Sing LSB hymn #595—O Blessed Spring.<br><b>Donate 25¢</b> |
| 12<br>Remember to spring your clocks forward!<br><b>Donate 50¢</b>           | 13<br>Pray for paramedics.<br><b>Donate 20¢</b>                      | 14<br>Pi Day! Enjoy your favorite slice of pie!<br><b>Donate 35¢</b>         | 15<br>Pay it forward! Buy a cup of coffee for someone!<br><b>Donate 55¢</b> | 16<br>Post your favorite LWML picture.<br><b>Donate 75¢</b>             | 17<br>Sing LSB hymn #604 I Bind Myself Unto Thee<br><b>Donate 40¢</b>   | 18<br>Make cookies for a fire station.<br><b>Donate 60¢</b>     |
| 19<br>Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.<br><b>Donate 25¢</b>                         | 20<br>Count the flower buds in your garden!<br><b>Donate 1¢ each</b> | 21<br>Take a spring walk.<br><b>Donate 65¢</b>                               | 22<br>Pray for firefighters.<br><b>Donate 45¢</b>                           | 23<br>Get your green thumb going; Plant something.<br><b>Donate 15¢</b> | 24<br>Sing LSB hymn #763—When Peace, Like a River.<br><b>Donate 50¢</b> | 25<br>Pray for your pastor.<br><b>Donate 45¢</b>                |
| 26<br>Sing LSB hymn #850—God of Grace and God of Glory.<br><b>Donate 75¢</b> | 27<br>Put water out for the mailman.<br><b>Donate 60¢</b>            | 28<br>Pray for your local precinct.<br><b>Donate 10¢</b>                     | 29<br>Read Joshua 1:9.<br><b>Donate 35¢</b>                                 | 30<br>Donate a book to the library.<br><b>Donate 30¢</b>                | 31<br>Pray for your church staff.<br><b>Donate 60¢</b>                  |   |