



U & I Together

April 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Apr. 15, 2023
Newsletter deadline



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



Apr. 22, 2023
Western Zone Event
Christ, Meridian



Apr. 29, 2023
Yellowstone Zone Event
Faith Lutheran, Pocatello



May 4, 2023
Virtual Chat



Jesus Heals to Reveal

Pastor Kirk Triplett, Utah-Idaho Pastoral Counselor

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. (John 9:35-38)

Jesus heals to reveal. He opens our eyes, and he asks us if we believe in him. This is the same question that Jesus asks the disciples in the gospels, "Who do you say that I am"? Who we say Jesus is, is the most important question in one's life. How we answer this question determines our eternal destiny. Jesus is either your Lord or not. The proof is in what follows our response to who Jesus is. Do we worship or carry on with our normal life? A life that confesses Jesus as Lord pursues ways to continually worship him. The Spirit constantly draws us to fix our lives upon Christ and worship. Recall the moment that Jesus revealed himself to you and you realized that your sins were forgiven. At that moment you were completely healed and that healing lasts for eternity. Though this world fades away and these bodies decay, the hope of the resurrection is sure. I pray that our response to who Jesus is would be made known by Spirit-filled worship and service to Christ.

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.

www.utahidaholwml.org



Following the Light

Some of you may have heard this joke:

Through the pitch-black night, a proud captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course 10 degree east."

The light signals back: "Change yours, 10 degrees west."

Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."

Now the captain is furious. "I'm in a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

There is one last reply. "I'm in a lighthouse. Your call."

Sometimes I feel like I should be calling the shots instead of listening to the steady, fixed light of the Gospel. It is difficult to change course when I think I know how to best reach my destination. Preparing for my first national convention as a district president sometimes does not feel like I am on course to get there with all the positions filled, seminar representatives assigned, or documents filed. There is a daily barrage of emails, texts, and requests that I often do not know how to address without research. How do I stay on course?

Every morning, I start by reading scripture. I use the Read Through the Bible in One Year calendar shared on the lwml.org. **[Read Through the Bible in One Year - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(360unite.com\)](https://www.360unite.com)** I journal and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me through whatever the day brings. Even though I stumble often, I know where to find my strength and light.

Thankfully, when I leave it all to God, he reveals the most amazing people to accompany me on the journey. After much prayer, the district received applications from two **Young Women Representatives** who will travel with us to Milwaukee. **Jordan Timian** and **Grace Stults** are both faithful Grace Lutheran teachers in Pocatello. I am overjoyed to welcome them to their first national convention.

One of the ways you can add some light to your journey is to attend your Spring Zone Event. The Assembly of Leaders team (pictured here) attended the Central Zone Event in March and will be presenting the same training in each of the other zones in April. We will help shed some light about the mission of the LWML with you.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

When I turn over my captain duties to the true guiding light, we will not walk in darkness but follow Jesus together.

Terri Bentley, President

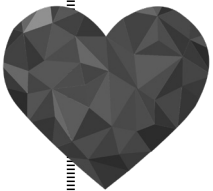


Ramona Sailor (Central Zone President). AOL Team: Terri Bentley, Kim Mein, Shelby Von Busch, Madison Elliott, Rev. Kirk Triplett.

Dear LWML members,

It is time to shine our light on our dear district pastoral counselor, Kirk Triplett, and his wife, Lara. Lara was diagnosed with a rare form of colorectal cancer. She will be going through chemo treatments every two weeks for the next six months and there will be mounting medical expenses that are not covered by insurance.

When one of us suffers, we all ache and want to reach out and ease the pain in any way we can. The members of the LWML Utah-Idaho district have set up a way for you to contribute to the Triplett's needs. Whether you collect funds in your groups, your zones, or as an individual, you can send your financial gifts to our district financial secretary, Kathy Carlson. **Be sure to mark Triplett Fund on the check** so the money is not confused with mites. She will gather the funds and send the first combined check from the LWML Utah-Idaho District on **May 15, 2023**.



Send financial contributions for the Triplett's to:

Kathy Carlson
221 Red Rock Trail
Kimberly, Idaho 83341

The LWML Utah-Idaho district website also has a way to donate online.

I know your heart goes out to the Triplett family and they will be in your prayers throughout this journey.

Blessings,
Terri Bentley, president



Mission Grant Applications Due September 15, 2023

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**LWML Camp Perkins Retreat
July 14-16, 2023**

"Walking in the Light"

Mission Service Activities

Ways we can demonstrate God's Love

These ideas and more can be found at lwml.org/gospel-outreach



Thank you First Responder Kits

Many of these workers are volunteers... We can show our love and care by lifting them up in our prayers and gifting them with Thank You Kits.



Sew eyeglass cases to support MOST Ministries eyeglass ministry

Make MOST Ministries eye glass cases. Plan a sewing day or days to make eyeglass cases.



My Cup Overflows

Support and encourage shut-ins or those who feel alone... Let them know that they are loved by God, by their church family, and are being lifted in prayer.

Central Zone Update

Ramona Sailor, Central Zone President

The Central Zone LWML held it's spring event March 4 at Immanuel Lutheran church. We were privileged to hear about "Equipping to Proclaim" by the Assembly of Leaders team. I would highly encourage everyone to come to their presentation in the other three zones. It was inspiring and educational. There was also a Bible study by Pastor Sedlmayr and a business meeting. A salad lunch was served by the Immanuel ladies.

Utah Zone Update

Cheryl Brunson, Utah Zone President

Join us at St Paul, Ogden, on Saturday, April 15, for our Spring Event. We will have a Bible study, a short business meeting, and four breakout sessions presented by U&I District officers on "Equipping to Proclaim." We will finish with lunch. Our ingathering is for non-perishable food to benefit local Ogden food pantries. See you there!

Western Zone Update

Karolyn Rippy, Western Zone President

Greetings and blessings from the Western Zone. We are busy planning our Spring Event. The Western Zone officers met March 18 to work out the details.

Our Spring Rally will be held April 22 at Christ Lutheran Church in Meridian. It begins at 9:00 am. We are looking forward to the four breakout sessions on equipping leaders. Also, we always enjoy our Bible Study from Pastor Dan Jones.

The ingathering will be for the Boise Rescue Mission.

We have many ladies preparing to attend the National Convention and we will cover them with prayers for a mountain experience and for God to keep them in His protection. Our banner is finished and I thank God for our talented ladies who finished it so quickly.

Yellowstone Zone Update

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Happy Spring, ladies of the Utah-Idaho LWML. At least, I think spring is near since I've seen a few robins here and there – even with snow flurries flying. Otherwise, I hope each of you is able to enjoy your favorite warm beverage a bit longer – until it becomes summer overnight and cool/cold beverages are preferred. The ladies of Yellowstone Zone continue to serve and prepare. Grace LWMLers (Pocatello) held their group meeting regarding the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (held March 14) and discussed those traveling to convention – including women still being encouraged to attend for the first time. Hope Lutheran (Idaho Falls) continues with plans for their May get together – amidst other activities as the weather advances towards warmer climes. May all of you be blessed as Lent proceeds and we come together to worship the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour on Easter. He is Risen!!

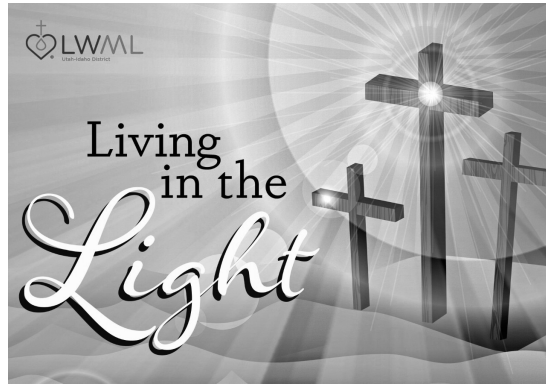


Returning God's Blessings

Gifts of Love

Lois Anderson

We can discover great joy by thinking of the benefit that will come from the gifts we give from our estates. Your emotional connection with a current mission activity of your favorite ministry may blind you to the practicality of providing financially for it in the future. A typewriter repair fund set up thirty years ago would no longer make sense. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you work through your thoughts to make gifts that will be sound for the future. Contact Lois Anderson at loisandersonlwml@gmail.com.



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT
2022-2024 BIENNIUM VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship from 6:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

*For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6*

AN EVENING OF ZOOM CHAT

*Your LWML Utah-Idaho District officers
invite you to join them for an evening of
fellowship and prayer*

- Devotion with Rev. Kirk Triplett, Pastoral Counselor
- Bible Study with Lindsey Hausch, Christian Author
- Introduction and chat with a Church Worker
- Biennium update with President Terri

ZoomLink:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311753610?pwd=dVNxbjJ2eUYwVHFFRk5YSkNieEVVUT9>

We look forward to seeing you on zoom! For questions or assistance with Zoom link please

Contact: Caryn at (208)221-3243 or lwml.carynellott@gmail.com.

Yes, even on the evening of the event.

LWML
UTAH-IDAHO
DISTRICT
CAMP PERKINS
RETREAT
JULY 14-16, 2023



“Walking in the Light”

*for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8*

COST:

Cabin: (limit 10)
\$150 by June 28
\$160 after June 28

Retreat Center:
\$180 by June 28
\$190 after June 28

Saturday only:
\$70 by June 28
\$80 after June 28
(includes 2 meals)

BIBLE STUDY WITH
Erinn Schrader

Come and join your LWML sisters at Camp Perkins meditating on God’s Word, singing and visiting. Enjoy the scenery by *sunlight, moonlight, and starlight*. Let’s not forget the *light* of the campfire.

REGISTRATION:

Forms available in the May & June *U&I*,
at utahidaholwml.org,
or from your group president.

CONTACT:

Jeannie Barrette (801)528-8899
wbarrette1@msn.com

INGATHERING:

Colorful masking tape, sharpies, colored paper, 8.5 inch scissors, paper products, disposable nitrile gloves (small and medium), Ziploc® bags (all sizes)
Also see the “wish list” on Amazon.com

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



Adventures in
**EQUIPPING
LEADERS**

Hebrews 13:20-21

LWML Western Zone Spring Event

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church

1406 W. Cherry Lane

Meridian, ID

**Registration: 9:00-9:30 Suggested Donation \$3
Lunch Provided**

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Dan Jones

**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 items for Boise Rescue Mission:

Canned protein/meats, bath towels/washcloths (not white), twin sheets/blankets, men's underwear and white T-shirts, snack size bags, batteries (all sizes), Walmart Gift cards.

For additional information contact: Karolyn Rippy (208)454-0535

"LWML, Its Mission, and YOU"

LWML Yellowstone Zone Spring Event

hosted at:

Faith Lutheran Church

856 W. Eldredge Road, Pocatello, Idaho

Saturday April 29, 2023

Registration 8:45-9AM, with light breakfast

Suggested donation \$5 and lunch provided

Devotion leader, Melody Rosenwinkel

"Equipping to Proclaim" breakout sessions

and Prayer Walk for Mission Grants

Ingathering - National LWML Convention items for

Gifts from the Heart programs:

Phil's Friends, A Place of Refuge (South Wisconsin),

Orphan Grain Train, and MOST Ministries

Items:

Puzzle books • Journals • Playing cards (regular) • Fuzzy socks • Hats
(knit, crochet, or baseball) • Walmart, Target, or Kohl's gift cards (any
denomination) • Quilts, blankets, or comforters (all sizes) • Recycled
new and like-new eyeglasses

(See page M of printed Quarterly or

National LWML Convention Central pdf for more information)

RSVP to: Nan Mueller (785-341-2238) or Betty Oloff (208- 520-6305)

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.





April 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS: *I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing (Ezekiel 34:26b).*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | ¹ Is this your birthday month? Donate 50¢ |
| ² Palm Sunday, wave a palm branch. Donate 25¢ | ³ Read the Passion story, John 18:1-19:42. Donate 82¢ | ⁴ Pray that all will know and love Jesus. Donate 40¢ | ⁵ Explore walking/hiking trails. Donate 25¢ | ⁶ Maundy Thursday, attend Holy Communion. Donate 60¢ | ⁷ Good Friday! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice. Donate 75¢ | ⁸ Memorize LSB 461 vs 1, I Know That My Redeemer Lives. Donate 30¢ |
| ⁹ Easter Sunday, wear a hat to church. Donate 50¢ | ¹⁰ Dance with joy in the Resurrection. Donate 20¢ | ¹¹ Thank Jesus for all the blessings in your life. Donate 15¢ | ¹² Enjoy grilled cheese sandwiches with friends. Donate 25¢ | ¹³ Put a puzzle together with a friend. Donate 45¢ | ¹⁴ Learn how to scan pictures. Donate 10¢ | ¹⁵ Paint rocks with children. Donate 20¢ |
| ¹⁶ FaceTime with your family. Donate 85¢ | ¹⁷ Hide painted rocks around your neighborhood. Donate 35¢ | ¹⁸ Have a karaoke night with friends. Donate 15¢ | ¹⁹ Bike ride outside or use a stationary bike inside. Donate 65¢ | ²⁰ Cook/bake something new. Donate 10¢ | ²¹ Babysit for a Pastor or a Church Worker. Donate 20¢ | ²² Earth Day! Plant flowers. Donate 45¢ |
| ²³ Thank God for the blessing of His creation. Donate 75¢ | ²⁴ Take or paint a sunset picture. Donate 25¢ | ²⁵ Invite family/friends for an indoor picnic. Donate 40¢ | ²⁶ Pretzel Day! Learn how to make or just eat pretzels. Donate 10¢ | ²⁷ Meditate on God's blessings. Donate 30¢ | ²⁸ Arbor Day! Visit a park or plant a memory tree. Donate 55¢ | ²⁹ Look for new things on the LWML website. Donate 15¢ |
| ³⁰ Open the windows (if possible). Donate 45¢ | | | | | | |