



# U & I Together

June 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**June 15, 2023**

Newsletter deadline



**June 22-25, 2023**

National Convention  
Milwaukee, WI



**July 14-16, 2023**

LWML Camp Perkins  
Retreat

### Quarterly

#### Mites Report

Central Zone - \$3,974.21

Western Zone - \$3,038.10

Utah Zone - \$986.25

Yellowstone Zone - \$1,306.37

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



## The Power from the Spirit

Pastor Tripplett, Pastoral Counselor

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).*

Do you feel powerful? Sometimes and sometimes not. I would venture to say that we struggle feeling the power of Christ in our lives. May I suggest that we are focused on the wrong source of power. Jesus expresses that he gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Christ. Though the Spirit helps us live a godly life, the main purpose of the Spirit is to give us power to proclaim Christ to a lost and broken world. The power from the Spirit is expressed in the proclamation of the gospel. Therefore, it is imperative we seek the opportunity to share the love of Christ with others.

Acts 4:33 explains that "*with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*" This is a beautiful picture of the desire that God has for his church. We find that the Spirit brings us great power through the testimony of the church. When we gather together, we ought to be intent on encouraging one another to proclaim the testimony of God in Christ. This is where we are assured the power of God to be, in the testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Again, we feel powerless because we are not testifying of the resurrection, for ourselves, and for others. This requires the active willingness of us asking the Spirit to shift our focus from ourselves and to Christ. May the Lord give you the power to proclaim the resurrected Christ.

## The Send Off

**Sherrie Prien** — This past month we celebrated the life and Christian service of Sherrie Prien. She held many offices in the LWML. She was LWML Utah-Idaho district president from 2002-2006 and most recently led the Western Zone as president as well. Her endearing humor and infectious laugh warmed everyone to her immediately. Sherrie's wise counsel and leadership made her a mentor and friend to women everywhere.

The last correspondence I had with Sherrie was a Facebook one. I posted one of those autofill lists with your friends about different aspects of church. Sherrie was assigned "Praise Worshipper." She responded, "Church is going to be hilarious!". I am sure the Lord is getting a good laugh with Sherrie right now as He enjoys her wonderful self. The sea of ladies in purple at her memorial demonstrated how much we LWML ladies loved Sherrie too.

**Milwaukee Convention** — If there are members in your congregation who are traveling to Milwaukee for convention, include them in a send-off during your church worship service. There is a **Blessing of Convention Participants** on the Convention Central Tab that you can give your pastor for this. [2023-Blessing-of-the-Convention-Participants.pdf](#) It is a nice way to recognize our LWML servants.

There are also **pre-convention and post-convention** devotions on the Convention Central page you can read and/or download. Everyone can focus on the mission of the LWML as we gather together in Milwaukee. If you are feeling left out because you are not able to travel to Milwaukee to join all those sisters in Christ gathered there, think about watching the live streaming of many of the events. You may even want to create your own gathering and have a watch party. (Link will become available nearer to convention time.)

Don't forget to collect your pledges for the **Mission Walk**. If no one asked you to pledge a donation, you can mail a check for your donations payable to LWML. Send donations to:

LWML

801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010

St. Louis, MO 63105.

Write "**Walk**" on the memo line. Please send donations to the LWML office by July 10, 2023.

Together, we can all Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!  
Terri Bentley, President



Roberta Trinkle, Sherrie Prien, & Jill Link.  
Western Zone officers (March 2022)



## The Smiling Light of Kalli

The LWML Utah-Idaho has the privilege of introducing Miss Kalli Hancock to the national LWML readership this month. Many of you have met her at Camp Perkins the past couple years and know how her cheerfulness is infectious. She had us all laughing during our evening sketch. Even though she has some mental challenges, you can find this teen smiling and willing to try most anything. This summer, you can read more about Kalli and the story of her infectious smile in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. This amazing journey led her to represent Idaho in the national Miss Amazing program twice. Be sure to read all about it and if you see her at convention, she will gladly autograph it for you. (I bought her a special glitter pen for that.)

Proud Grandma Terri

## Mission Grant Update:

Jeannie Barrette, VP Gospel Outreach

Grant Name	Amount Granted	Funded
<b>Let it Snow Van. Get the track and watch the mission Grow.</b> Camp Perkins Outdoor Ministries, Hailey, Idaho	\$5,000	Paid
<b>Joyful Noise Learning Center,</b> Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, Buhl, Idaho	\$2,000	Paid
<b>Worship Anew—Open Arms in Mission</b> Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho	\$5,000	Paid
<b>Living by Faith, Not by Sight.</b> Lutheran Braille Workers, Idaho Falls, Idaho	\$5,000	Paid
<b>Comfort Dog Ministry,</b> Trinity Lutheran Church and School Hicksville, New York	\$2,500	Paid
<b>Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families</b> LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces St. Louis, Missouri	\$3,000	Paid
<b>Environmental Play Place</b> Concordia Learning Center Holy Trinity, Riverton, Utah	\$2,000	Paid
<b>Sowing in our School</b> Hope Lutheran Church and School Idaho Falls, Idaho	\$2,000	Paid
<b>Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually</b> Trinity Hope, Mount Juliet, Tennessee	\$3,000	Paid
<b>Two (2) year old Pre-school</b> Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sandy, Utah	\$2,000	Paid
<b>Different Languages, Same Savior, Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World</b> Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan	\$3,000	
<b>Making Immanuel Lutheran Child Development</b> Center more Lutheran Immanuel Lutheran CDC, Twin Falls Idaho	\$2,000	
<b>Jesus' Love Transforms Lives in the Good Shepherd (Group) Home in the Dominican Republic,</b> Hogares Luterano el Buen Pastor, St. Louis, Missouri	\$2,500	
<b>In Every Language Funding Translators</b> MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan	\$2,500	
<b>XrossWay Disciple Makers Conference</b> XcrossWay Lutheran Ministries, Twin Falls, Idaho	\$2,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	

Please continue to pray for our Mission Grants Heavenly Father, we give You thanks today for the physical, spiritual, and emotional blessings You shower upon us. Lead us to return a part of these gifts to You. Bless all these mission grant recipients so that Your kingdom on earth, as well as in heaven, may continue to grow. In Jesus' name. Amen!



## 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](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.

## REGISTER NOW!

### LWML Camp Perkins Retreat

July 14–16, 2023

### "Walking in the Light"

Join your LWML sisters at Camp Perkins!

A joyful time spent in the Word, in nature, and together. Bible study will be lead by Erinn Schrader.

See details, including costs and ingathering items on page 6. Fill out and send in your registration form, on page 7, today!

[Click here to access the Camp Wish List](#)

## Community Outreach

In February 2023 Hope Lutheran Church – Idaho Falls LWML President Betty Oloff was seeking a unique way to celebrate the 176th anniversary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

She decided to challenge the congregation to provide 176 “Wish List” items to two local pregnancy centers: Birthright of Idaho Falls and The Shepherd’s Inn.

This goal dovetailed with a recent request from the Southern Idaho Chapter of Lutherans for Life that Idaho congregations be aware of and support local pregnancy centers.

Both organizations were contacted by Sandra Biermann and tours provided. This was an opportunity to see the facilities, obtain information and brochures as well as “Wish Lists.” This information was then shared with the congregation via a display set up in the church narthex, information placed in the church bulletins and on the webpage as well as regular announcements during services.

In mid-February a Thrivent Action Team request was submitted and approved for funding. The funds were used to fill in items from the “Wish Lists” that were either

not donated or to increase the number of particular items – think diapers.

Anita Taylor, Hope’s Outreach Chair, spoke to her physician employer and staff who donated formula and other items. She also spoke with a local hospital representative, which resulted in the hospital pledging a monetary donation to both organizations.

The “Wish Lists” donation deadline was set as April 26 and the first week of May all donations were delivered amid grateful smiles and thanks.

Betty’s goal was greatly exceeded as 243 items were delivered! Praise the Lord.



## Yellowstone Zone Update

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Happy summer, ladies of Utah-Idaho LWML. We in the Yellowstone Zone succeeded in completing a few planned activities. Hope Lutheran enjoyed hosting a brunch for ladies with a Quarterly Bible study, “Six Weeks of Love,” to aid in reaching out to others and keeping connection with them and God. Grace Lutheran's group completed a prayer shawl project for Camp Perkins staff. Now we have the summer to look forward to contemplating more ideas and activities which we'll share when we reconvene our groups in the fall – after having some fun at Camp Perkins at the LWML retreat.

## Livestreaming in Milwaukee

Lutheran Women in Mission will, once again, livestream all convention sessions in the Wisconsin Convention Center. For those watching the convention at home, make plans to have a livestreaming party and invite the women in your congregation to watch it together. You will be able to participate in the convention’s Bible study, hear the grateful and inspiring mission grant speakers, and be there when the new biennium’s mission goal and mission grants are announced. Watch for information and directions coming soon to the LWML website.

Here is the link for the convention offerings. [2023-Convention-Offering-for-Website-final](#)

## Meet Your YWRs

Madison Elliott, VP of Special Focus Ministries

Being a YWR is a phenomenal, life-changing experience that allows young women to meet sisters in Christ, helping them shape their faith and connecting them to a ministry that has been making a significant impact for over eighty years.

The Utah-Idaho District is fortunate to have two wonderful young women representing our district at the national convention in Milwaukee, WI. As they prepare for their upcoming experience as YWRs, we ask for your continued prayers that this experience will not only allow them to grow in their faith as Lutherans, but to allow them to help others grow in their faith, also.

**Miss Jordan Timian** is an elementary school teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Pocatello, Idaho. She has a true servant heart and is involved in several ministries at Grace Lutheran Church. The youth of the congregation look up to her as a leader and as a teacher. She is a talented musician and an amazing singer. Members of Grace Lutheran Church are blessed during contemporary worship to hear her beautiful voice singing the praises of our Savior. She is a joyful, kind woman of faith and a light to all who know her. She was previously a YWR for the district in 2022. Jordan will be a wonderful asset to our district and will represent Utah-Idaho with her kindness, love and strong testament to our Lord and Savior.

**Miss Grace Stults** is a fifth-grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Pocatello, Idaho. She joyfully serves the Grace Lutheran Church congregation by lending her beautiful voice to the Grace Lutheran Church choir and is a phenomenal mentor to the children at the school and involved within youth groups. She enjoys participating in Sunday School teaching, leads a small Life group and participates in small group studies. Serving the Lord has been a fundamental part of her life since she was young. Her mother is also a member of the LWML and she is very familiar with mites, meetings and quilt making times. As a youth, she participated in 4H and is passionate about helping others feel comfortable and accepted. She enjoys being in God's creation with those she loves and while mentoring young children. Grace will be a great asset to our district and will represent our district with her kindness, gentleness and loving personality – not to mention her strong faith.

Both women are interested in learning more about the LWML. I pray that those of you attending convention will continue to pray for them and their new experience at convention. Both of these ladies are eager to meet you and understand more about how the organization works. During my experience as a YWR, I met many mentors who made a significant impact upon my life. I pray that one of you may be the mentor that makes a significant impact upon theirs.



### Gifts from the Heart at Convention

Preparing your packing list for Milwaukee? Don't forget to leave room to bring items for the Gifts from the Heart at Convention. Check out the list of items being collected in the Gifts from the Heart flyer in Convention Central. These items will be gathered to benefit Phil's Friends, A Place of Refuge, MOST Ministries, and/or Orphan Grain Train.

Not going to convention this time? Find a friend who is going and ask if you can send some items with them. Gift cards are easy to send with a friend!

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](http://utahidaholwml.org), or from your group president.

**CONTACT:**

Jeannie Barrette (801)528-8899  
[wbarrette1@msn.com](mailto: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](http://Amazon.com)



**LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT  
CAMP PERKINS RETREAT  
JULY 14-16, 2023  
“Walking in the Light”**

**CHECK IN** begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 14, 2023

**COST** includes lodging and 5 meals (dinner Friday, three on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday)

**BRING**

- Bible, paper
- Flashlight, toiletries, insect repellent, sunscreen, clothes for warm & cool weather, bottle for water
- For cabins: sleeping bag and pillow, towel. Bedding and towels are provided in the Retreat Center

**INGATHERING: Colorful masking tape, sharpies, colored paper, 8.5 inch scissors, paper products, disposable nitrile gloves (small and medium), Zip-lock bags (all sizes)**

**Also see the “wish list” on Amazon.com**

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**-REGISTRATION FORM**

Make your **check payable to Holy Trinity LWML** and mail it along with the information below to:  
Carole Wolf, Retreat Treasurer 1172 E. Wayside Dr., Sandy, UT 84094  
Questions: **Jeannie Barrette (801)528-8899 wbarrette1@msn.com**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Confirmation will be sent by email. If you do not have email, may we send the confirmation to a friend of yours?) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred roommates and other information we should be aware of, such as allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have enclosed:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin: \$150 if postmarked by June 28, \$160 after June 28  
(cabin space is only available for the first 10 registrants)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Retreat Center: \$180 if postmarked by June 28, \$190 after June 28
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only (includes 2 meals): \$70 if postmarked by June 28, \$80 after June 28
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I am registering as a teen (15+ years old).

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.



## Mite Challenge Calendar



**LOVE IS:** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:4–7).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Give an encouraging card to the choir director. <b>Donate 25¢</b>	5 Read Matthew 22:37. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	6 Pray for the Mission Grants, that the love of Christ is shared. <b>Donate 15¢</b>	7 Sing LSB 588 "Jesus Loves Me". <b>Donate 80¢</b>	8 Give a "Mustard Seed" to a wait staff. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	9 Share a knock-knock joke with a child. <b>Donate 70¢</b>	10 Donate food to the food pantry. <b>Donate 45¢</b>
11 National Children's Day! Bake goodies for Sunday School. <b>Donate 70¢</b>	12 Review the Gospel Outreach resources on the website. <b>Donate 65¢</b>	13 Phone or email a distant friend to "catch up". <b>Donate 40¢</b>	14 Flag Day. Show love for your country. <b>Donate 95¢</b>	15 Give a hug. <b>Donate 20¢</b>	16 Color an LWML "We are His" bookmark. <b>Donate 85¢</b>	17 Read John 13:34–35. <b>Donate 90¢</b>
18 Father's Day! Take a dad's car to the car wash. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	19 Write down your "Faith Story". <b>Donate 90¢</b>	20 Remind your neighbor that God loves him or her. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	21 Take a new LWML Bible study to church to share. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	22 Recite Luke 10:27. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	23 Watch the LWML Convention online. <b>Donate 80¢</b>	24 Bring old blankets and towels to the animal shelter! <b>Donate 25¢</b>
25 Take a walk in the sun. Feel God's presence and love. <b>Donate 80¢</b>	26 Read about the work of one of the LCMS missionaries. <b>Donate 35¢</b>	27 Do a chore for a friend or family member. <b>Donate 70¢</b>	28 Sing LSB 544 "O Love, How Deep". <b>Donate 65¢</b>	29 Invite a loved one to dinner! <b>Donate 40¢</b>	30 Print out next month's Mite Challenge Calendar! <b>Donate 95¢</b>	