

U & I Together

August 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Aug. 3, 2023

Thursday Evening
Zoom Chat



Aug. 15, 2023

Newsletter deadline



Sept. 12, 2023

September to Remember



Sept. 30, 2023

Western Zone Fall Rally
Good Shepherd, Boise

Quarterly

Mites Report

Central Zone — \$3,246.66
Western Zone — \$2,763.29
Utah Zone — \$1,170.57
Yellowstone Zone — \$514.26

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



Seek the Glory of Christ

Pastor Triplett

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him (John 12:16).

Isn't this encouraging? Let me suggest that it is not. You see, the disciples had not yet seen the ascension of Christ and had not yet received the Holy Spirit. They were limited in their ability to understand. Yet, we see a key idea in this passage. "when Jesus was glorified." This indicates that all understanding stems from the glory of Christ.

When we don't understand something, it is imperative that we look for the glory of Christ. It is self-preservation to believe we need to understand everything. The Spirit is leading us to the place of Christ's glorification. When we seek the glory of Jesus, all things find their perspective and proper place. May we seek the glory of Jesus in all we do.



2023 September to Remember



LWML "Giving Tuesday" will be on September 12, 2023. Gifts received during this campaign will go towards the Mission Goal. You can give online at lwml.org or you may mail your donations to: LWML; 801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010; St. Louis, MO 63105 PLEASE NOTE ON MEMO LINE: "September to Remember"



Light Typing

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region (Acts 13: 48-49).

Lutheran Women in Mission finished their 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee at the end of June. While women Celebrated the Lord of the Nations in the expansive convention center, there was another celebration taking place in Milwaukee; the QWERTYFEST.

Milwaukee has a number of claims to fame like beer, music festivals, Harley Davidson and Arthur Fonzerelli but unbeknownst to most, Milwaukee is also the birthplace of the typewriter. Although patented by Christopher Latham Sholes 150 years ago in 1873, the former newspaper man had never been widely celebrated for his contribution. However on June 24, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson declared "QWERTY MKE Day" following National Typewriter day on June 23 to rectify this oversight.*

Once typewriter production became widespread, women poured into the workforce to use them. Men apparently thought early typewriters looked too much like sewing machines and avoided typing jobs, reports typewriter poet Monica Thomas in her "Women's Complicated History." It is admirable that women forged forward with the new word document producer.

Lutheran Women in Mission also have taken up the mantle of spreading the Word. With a 2023-2025 mission goal of \$2,350,000, over 3,500 women witnessed the adoption of 31 mission grants. The missions address issues and ministries from A - Z; A Healing Space for At-Risk Children to Zoes' Home Support and everything in between. These funds will facilitate spreading the Word of God around the world thanks to the men and women who work in God's Kingdom for His purpose. The complete list is found at lwml.org.

Sometimes we steer away from new things because we do not think they are meant for us but God often presents us with opportunities that we never imagined. The Gentiles in Acts 13 never knew what they were missing until they were presented with the hope of eternal life.

QWERTYFEST may have had a typewriter orchestra to celebrate their 150 year anniversary, but the LWML celebrated with singing and worship for an eternal God who knows and loves us intimately. Let us thank God for giving us both old and new ways to spread His Word to all generations.

Terri Bentley, President

*How Milwaukee Is Celebrating the Typewriter's Long, Local History - Atlas Obscura



DO YOU WONDER ... ?

Lois Anderson, U-I District Nominating Committee

... how you can use your talents to serve in God's Kingdom? He is opening doors for you through the LWML and the Utah-Idaho District. The District Board is seeking willing and talented women to submit their names for various offices. Look over the duties and match one with your talents or with those of someone you know. These documents may also be found on the website at utahidaholwml.org/2024-ut-id-district-convention. You are invited to ask questions of the outgoing officers listed below and to hear their story of how they used their gifts to the glory of God.

VP of Gospel Outreach

Jeannie Barrette – wbarrette1@msn.com

VP of Organizational Resources

Tonya Barber – tonyalwml@gmail.com

VP of Communication

Caryn Elliott – lwml.carynellott@gmail.com

Secretary

Linda Maul – linda@eklparkers.com

Financial Secretary

Kathy Carlson – krcar69@yahoo.com

To submit your name or to nominate a servant worker for one of these offices, complete the Nomination for Utah-Idaho District Office form found at utahidaholwml.org/uploads/9/8/1/7/9817262/nominating_form_fillable.pdf. Then send it to your Zone Representative listed below. She will make the contact and seek permission for her name to be on the ballot.

Central Zone

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Cheryl Brunson – chiggerb@msn.com

Western Zone

Karolyn Rippy – kakay5love@gmail.com

Yellowstone Zone

Betty Oloff – bcoloff@yahoo.com

Thank you for your prayerful time and diligent effort dedicated to this important task.

CAMP PERKINS PHOTOS

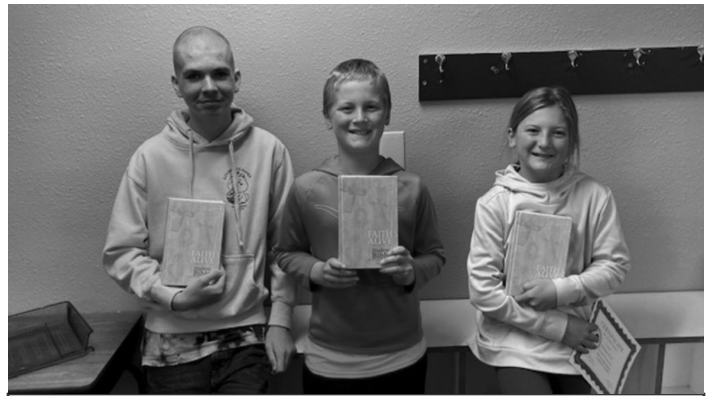




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In Every Language Funding
Translators, MOST Ministries,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

MOST mission projects require a translator when serving different countries at each station such as, vision testing, dispensing of eyeglasses or fitting. The goal for this grant is to cover the cost of translators for 2-4 mission teams each year of the biennium. The funds would be used exclusively for paying translators.

It is not often a Mission Grant check can be hand delivered! At the LWML convention in Milwaukee I had the great honor to represent you and present the Mission Grant check in the amount of \$2500.00 to Kelly Bone and Marty Moro from Most Ministries. Kelly and Marty attended our caucus so all the ladies in our district could witness this special moment. Praising God for His goodness.



Mites in Action!!!!

Dear Ladies of the Utah/Idaho LWML, Thanks so much for fulfilling our grant request to Sow Seeds in our School! At Hope Lutheran Classical Academy we are not only teaching kids how to think, we are also teaching them the wonderful truths of God's Work and His Love in creation and in Jesus! With your help we were able to give out over a dozen story book bibles to our little lambs here at Hope, as well as (pictured) three Bibles to our graduating 6th graders. We pray God would bless the Word — it does not return empty! We, additionally, have funds left over to do the same thing for the coming years. Thanks again and God's richest blessings on your ministry.

Pastor Garen Pay
Hope Lutheran Church and School
Idaho Falls, Idaho



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 utahidahlwml.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.

The Afterglow Of Camp Perkins

Cindy Wilson, VP Christian Life

The 2023 Utah-Idaho Women in Mission Camp Perkins Retreat was over. I had barely written the July newsletter article with memories of going to Camp Perkins, and now, the time had come and gone. It was over for another year. Two short days filled with a mountain-top experience, meaningful Bible study, reconnecting with LWML sisters and church family and friends around a beautiful lake in a beautiful scenic part of God's creation in Idaho was over. I was a little sad.

40 plus Christian sisters gathered together to be spiritually lifted up with God's word, joyful songs, fellowship, and fun. Some ladies might even have gotten some rest and relaxation!

The Retreat Center (RC for short) was abuzz with voices, laughter and activity as Linda, Julie, Barb, Kim and I arrived to check in, get our packets and room assignments. Shortly after putting our luggage in our rooms, the dinner bell clanged and we headed down the hill to the Lodge. Eileen, the Camp Hostess, met us and gave our group and the Single Parent-Children's group needed information and directions for our stay.

After enjoying a yummy dinner (which I didn't have to cook-yeah!) we returned to the RC for the first of three Bible study sessions given by Erinn Schrader from Utah. She focused on the theme "Walking In The Light" from *"for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"* (Ephesians 5:8).

Erinn began by telling us that "Light" is used 433 times in the Bible (within 13 different translations). She shared, light was necessary for growing food and for mental and emotional well-being. Besides the sun that God created to be helpful for these things, God sent Jesus to us to be the Light to show us the way for our feet to stay on the path to Him. Later God sent us the Holy Spirit to be the light for our eyes and knowledge to see who God and Jesus are more clearly. Both the Sun and the SON are necessary for life.

Soon it was time for singing and skits around the campfire with the camp staff. They provided much laughter as everyone tried to follow the hand-arm movements, jumps, and various contortions that accompanied the songs. (Ladies my age should not shuffle in gravel to the right or the left if they want their knees to carry them back to the RC).

And it was very important to make it back to the RC as more fellowship was planned along with outrageous snacks, games and laughter. It was so hard to choose to stay in one place because every little group of ladies was enjoying the evening and I wanted to see what each group was doing.

Up at 6:30 or so because the wonderful smell of coffee came wafting upstairs. Thank you, wonderful ladies, who faithfully prepared the coffee and early morning snacks. (There was no way anyone could have gone hungry this weekend between the snacks and the good meals prepared by the Camp cooks.)

President Terri shared some details from the Convention in Milwaukee and encouraged our LWML societies, Zones, and District to use Lutheran Women in Mission rather than LWML as it is easier to say and says what we do. (I added the "easier to say" part.)

Was that the lunch gong I heard? Free to grab lunch and spend the afternoon choosing our own activities. Drive into Stanley for the Craft Fair? Take a canoe out on the lake? Take a nap? Wait for the store to open so ice cream bars and DIET COKES (Linda did you get enough?) and Camp Perkins merchandise could be purchased?

Cheerful ladies reconvened after dinner (yummy lasagna) for singing and the last Bible study session where we brainstormed how to GLOW UP in God's light, choose wise ways to live, cut out foolish things from our lives and make the most of every opportunity to go and shine our light on others.

After the campfire, we returned to the RC to have a hilariously fun evening playing games (do you know Christian sisters can be ruthless when they want to win a card game?), chatting in groups, **more snacks** and the thought that this fun and fellowship would end tomorrow. It would be *OVER*.

Morning brought worship in the outdoor Chapel overlooking the lake. Worshipping one last time together in this place in God's beautiful creation. After Brett took our group picture, we made our way to the delicious brunch that would send us on our way. 103 campers would be arriving later, taking our places in the lodge for meals, singing around the camp fire, soaking in all the glory of the Holy Spirit working in this place, finding fun and fellowship. Prayerfully growing in Christ. Prayerfully meeting Christ for the first time!

But it wasn't over! All the happenings of these two days were going home with all the ladies. They would remember something special that struck them in the Bible study, the warm hugs and smiles shared over the time spent here. They would go home, but everyone would have a special memory that would go with them. I will remember the awe of the millions of stars I viewed from my window seat bed. No need for a flashlight. God lit up the night sky with His Glory. His Light is always a perfect memory.

Zone Events

ATTENTION LADIES OF LWML WESTERN ZONE:

Due to scheduling conflicts the LWML Western Zone Fall Event will be **September 30, 2023**. More information will be sent out in late August to the Group Presidents.

LWML Western Zone Fall Rally

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Boise, ID.

UTAH ZONE

Carole Wolf, Utah Zone Delegate

Lord of the Nation

Church services, over 3500 registrants, Bible studies, speakers, recipients of mission grants (plus Lavern & Little Shirley) filled the auditorium with God's grace.

Since 1942 LWML has supported mission grants in 83 countries. 2023-2025 grants total \$2,441,070.62.

As new officers including Pres. Eden Keefe start their positions, let us keep them and missions in our prayers.

Lord of All!

YELLOWSTONE ZONE

Nan Mueller, Yellowstone Zone President

Happy summer, Lutheran Women in Mission of the Utah-Idaho District. We in Yellowstone hope you are keeping cool and enjoying the sunshine, along with the Sonshine, God provides. Presently, activities are at a minimum or are in review, with plans to resume service events and Bible studies in the fall. Grace Lutheran is looking to host our Fall Zone Event on September 30.

Blessings to all of you as you continue to be refreshed in the Word.

Greetings from Yellowstone Zone's National Lutheran Women in Mission Milwaukee delegate. There was much to see and participate in. The opening prayer service was held in the foyer of the convention building Thursday AM, with about 50+ people in attendance, including President Debbie Larson and lead by Pastor Kris Whitby. Servant events (quilt tying for Phil's Friends, postcards and coloring cards for several programs, along with M.O.S.T. Ministries bracelets and octopi) were then available, along with getting us delegates informed on voting and other business activities, holding district caucuses, getting group photos taken, and "Celebrating the Nations" with worship and singing. Friday and Saturday provided early AM Bible studies, then back to the business of banner processions and voting – including for our new president, Eden Keefe. A light blue "river" of us Lutheran women (and men) flowed for Mission mites in our Riverwalk in Milwaukee. Our evenings allowed us to enjoy a festival of fun in the convention exhibit hall (Friday PM, with corn hole and karaoke for braver souls) and The Lutheran Ladies Lounge presented live (Saturday PM – normally in a podcast through LWML). Sunday found us finishing our final business, welcoming our new president, and closing with another wonderful worship service in His Word, and a final wish for all of you to join the national convention in 2025 — in Omaha, Nebraska!!

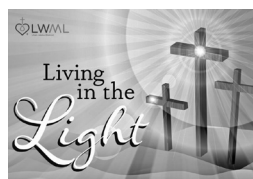
SAVE THE DATE: LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT CONVENTION

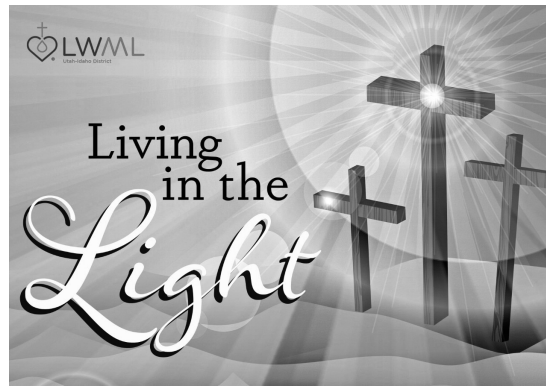
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Riverwoods Conference
Center SpringHill Suites, Logan, Utah

We are excited to have Beth Foreman as our Bible study leader for the weekend. Beth has served on the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly staff and has written numerous Bible studies for LWML. She will be releasing her first novel soon. Of course, the best part is that she used to be one of us in the Utah-Idaho district.

Our keynote speaker will be Christina Hergenrader, a well-known LCMS women's author from Texas. Christina began her career as an award-winning teacher, writing devotionals for her class. She was inspired by the feedback to submit her writing for publication and is now the author of ten titles for both teens and adults. Her novel, Last Summer at Eden, was nominated for a Christy Award.





LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT 2022-2024 BIENNIUM VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, August 3, 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 Margo Dupre, Christian Author
- Introduction and chat with Rev. Chris Simmons,
Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello
- Biennium update with President Terri

ZoomLink:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311753610?pwd=dVNhXbjI2eUYwVHFFRk5YSkIieEVVUT9>

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.

August 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



DIRECT MY PATH: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Make & enjoy root beer floats with a friend. Donate 20¢	7 Pray for teachers and administrators. Donate 60¢	1 Have a water balloon fight on a hot day. Donate 45¢	2 Enjoy an ice cream sandwich with a friend. Donate 15¢	3 Make a watermelon salad mixed with other fruit. Donate 30¢	4 Memorize Psalm 119:105. Donate 10¢	5 Visit the zoo with family. Donate 75¢
13 Write Psalm 119:105 with non-dominant hand. Donate 10¢	14 Meditate on Sunday's Bible readings. Donate 45¢	8 Go to the library. Donate 10¢	9 Share homemade pizza. Donate 25¢	10 Play mini-golf with friends. Donate 35¢	11 Attend an outdoor concert. Donate 55¢	12 Go fishing with a friend. Donate 15¢
20 Plan meals for the week. Donate 80¢	21 Write out your "bucket list". Donate 25¢	15 Pray for college students leaving home. Donate 20¢	16 Tell your favorite joke. Donate 35¢	17 Watch the sunset. Donate 55¢	18 Take a power nap. Donate 75¢	19 Plan a family/friend game night. Donate 20¢
27 Choose a favorite hymn, and memorize one verse. Donate 40¢	28 Volunteer to teach/sub for Sunday School. Donate 35¢	22 Join the church choir. Donate 40¢	23 Pray for all pregnant women. Donate 90¢	24 Visit lcms.org/missionary-podcast . Donate 30¢	25 Journal about your favorite Bible verse. Donate 50¢	26 Teach a child or grandchild a card game. Donate 15¢
		29 Pray for missionaries. Donate 75¢	30 Become a pen pal with a college student. Donate 15¢	31 Check out lwml.org for information on new items. Donate 60¢		