

# U & I Together

November 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Nov. 2, 2023**

Thursday Evening Chat



**Nov. 15, 2023**

Newsletter deadline



**Apr. 26–28, 2024**

District Convention  
Logan, Utah

### **Quarterly Mites Report**

for the months of July,  
August, and September

Central Zone — \$2,245.56

Western Zone — \$1,887.27

Utah Zone — \$874.62

Yellowstone Zone — \$1,669.06

*Thanks for your continued  
generous gifts for the Lord's work.*

### **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.

## **Have You Seen A Rainbow From The Other Side?**

Cindy Wilson, Vice President Christian Life

A man in my church asked me one day, "where do bad rainbows go?" I shook my head and thought to myself "there are no bad rainbows." He pun-fully announced "They go to 'Prism' where they have a 'light' sentence and have time to 'reflect'. Oh, groan!

But that started my mind to thinking. I've never seen the other side of a rainbow. Could there be a less beautiful image on the other side of one? Of course not, we all say. God created rainbows, and whatever God created is always perfect and beautiful.

But I couldn't stop thinking. So, I looked up a somewhat official description and gleaned these insights about rainbows. "Rainbows happen when sunlight is scattered from raindrops into the eyes of an observer. When light enters a water droplet, it slows down and bends as it goes from air to denser water. The light reflects off the inside of the droplet, separating into its component wavelengths or colors. In a Prism effect, the light that enters the drop is reflected from the inside of the drop and is refracted back again as it passes from water to air. An observer standing in the right place will see the dispersed sunlight reflected back towards them. Light scattered by many drops reaching the observer's eye will appear as a colorful rainbow. (Borrowed from Bing) Isn't science more interesting when you know our Omniscient God who created it?

Of course, Genesis 9:1-17 tells us of God's purpose for rainbows. Take a minute and read the story most of us are familiar with. Remember? Did you come to a screeching halt like I did when I read verses 14-16? "Whenever I bring the clouds... and the rainbow appears..., I will remember my covenant...Whenever the rainbow appears....I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures..." Did you see it? There is another side to rainbows! It is God's side. Rainbows can be seen from more than one side! God doesn't need a reminder, but He carefully makes sure Noah knew, and we know, that any covenant, any promise God makes, not only will He not forget them, He will make sure He fulfills them.

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## Our Lights Shine Bright!

I have a dear friend on the national LWML board who always signs her correspondence:

Shine On!

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

I cannot rule out her influence for our biennium theme of "Living in the Light." She has been an example of a shining LWML light in my life for several years now. So you can imagine my delight to hear that this same wonderful lady has been named the national LWML representative to the LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention in Logan. The shining light of Vice President of Christian Life, Susan Brunkow, will be joining us as we continue "Living in the Light" next April and I will be able to introduce you all to my dear friend.

The executive board had a chance to meet at the Springhill Suites in Logan, Utah, convention site in October. This was my first time in Logan and everyone left saying, "We must be sure to let the ladies know how nice this place is." Spacious rooms, lobby areas with fireplaces, outdoor patios, and a peaceful river flowing only feet away will create the perfect environment for us to let our light shine through worship, servant events, Mites in Action speakers, and much more. All is being readied for us so mark your calendars for April 26-28, 2024, select your delegates, and watch for more details as they become available.

Shine On!

Terri Bentley, President



## SEEKING SERVANT LEADERS

The District has opportunities for talented and willing leaders to step forward and say "Here I am, Lord." Is He calling you to step forward to develop and maintain a mission consciousness within our District? This is the task of Lutheran Women in Mission!

The following offices are open for nominations:

**VP of Communication**

**VP of Gospel Outreach**

**VP of Organizational Resources**

**Secretary**

**Financial Secretary**

**Pastoral Counselor**

If you would like to serve or know of someone who has the talent to fulfill the duties of these offices, please submit the names to me and I will contact them with more information. The officer duties can also be found on the District's website [HERE](#). The Nominating Committee is thankful for members who have expressed their willingness to have their names added to the 2024 convention ballot. The deadline for nominations is December 15. Thank you for your prayers asking God to bring forth leaders in our District.

Graciously serving Him with you,  
Lois Anderson, Chairman  
District Nominating Committee

# Another Mission Grant has been paid. God Is Good All the Time!!!

## Making Immanuel Lutheran Child Development Center (CDC) More Lutheran Amount \$2,000

Immanuel Lutheran CDC, Twin Falls, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to purchase Christian flags, wooden crosses, Bibles and vinyl Bible verses for the walls. Additional funds would be used to purchase CPH religious curriculum and instruments for each of the classrooms. This would allow us to focus on God’s Word and teaching of the Gospel.

Thank you to Lois Anderson and Vicki Schmidt who presented a check to Tiffany Eden, Director of Immanuel Lutheran CDC.



## National Mission Grant News 2023-2025 Mission Grant No. 1

### Orphan Grain Train Servant Center Orphan Grain Train | \$100,000

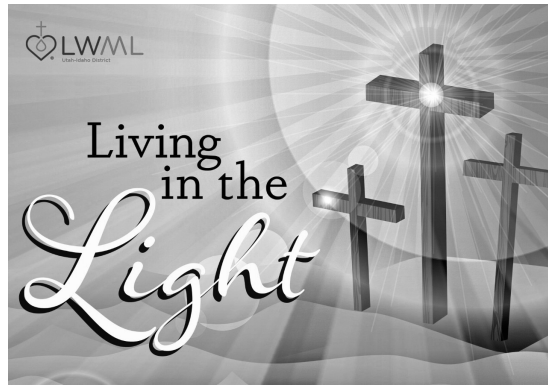
Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, is the recipient of a \$100,000 LWML mission grant. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to the U.S. and 70 other countries. The Gospel is shared as gifts are distributed. The grant will help fund the update and expansion of the warehouse facility in Norfolk. To learn more, visit [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) or ask an LWML member.



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As I was reflecting on how a rainbow comes to be through God’s creation of sun and rain, I saw how we also can be used by God to bend His “Light” towards the world so they can see the beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus. They can see that all God’s promises and covenants are for real. God can use us for His prisms, to reflect His love for all the world.

We pray:  
Let me be your rainbow today  
So all can see  
God’s Son Jesus  
Reflecting through me



LWML UTAH-IDAHO DISTRICT  
2022-2024 BIENNIUM VIRTUAL EVENT  
Thursday, November 2, 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 Karol Selle, LWML Vice President of Special Focus Ministries and Christian author
- Biennium update with President Terri

**ZoomLink:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311753610?pwd=dVNhbjJ2eUYwVHFFRk5YSkNieEVVUT9>

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](mailto:lwml.carynellott@gmail.com).

Yes, even on the evening of the event.

## Mite Challenge Calendar



**The Lord is your safeguard, be thankful:** *Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield (Psalms 33:20).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Thank a church worker. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	6 Read 2 Corinthians 9:11. <b>Donate 45¢</b>	7 Donate to a local food pantry. <b>Donate 20¢</b>	8 Pray for a Seminarian. <b>Donate 10¢</b>	9 Sing LSB 837, "Lift High the Cross." <b>Donate 60¢</b>	10 Hang an American Flag. <b>Donate 55¢</b>	11 Thank a Veteran for his/her service. <b>Donate 25¢</b>
12 Sing LSB 662, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." <b>Donate 45¢</b>	13 Pray for Mission Grants. <b>Donate 15¢</b>	14 Make a gratitude list. <b>Donate 40¢</b>	15 Give the gift of a meal, donate a grocery card. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	16 Read 1 Timothy 4:4-5. <b>Donate 15¢</b>	17 Visit a local pet shelter; donate! <b>Donate 30¢</b>	18 Help make Thanksgiving Donation Baskets. <b>Donate 20¢</b>
19 Thank your pastor. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	20 Invite a friend over for a meal. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	21 Bake a pie to enjoy with family. <b>Donate 50¢</b>	22 Read Psalm 69:30. <b>Donate 30¢</b>	23 Thanksgiving Day. <b>Donate 15¢ per person visiting.</b>	24 Sing LSB 717, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." <b>Donate 75¢</b>	25 Send a support card to a missionary. <b>Donate 20¢</b>
26 First Day of Advent. Read Isaiah 2:1-5. <b>Donate 20¢</b>	27 Sing LSB 817, "Earth and all Stars!" <b>Donate 25¢</b>	28 Send a thankful note to someone. <b>Donate 60¢</b>	29 Share a new Christmas Craft. <b>Donate 75¢</b>	30 Pray for your Leaders. <b>Donate 45¢</b>		